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COST OF LEGISLATION

Now comes that biennial period when citizens, newspapers and radio announcers are concerned about the problem of getting persons sufficiently informed to run for the legislature. Next January, it may be mentioned here, will begin a period of public castigation of those who do run and are elected. It is being said that some way must be found to shorten the sessions so the individual members will not be out so much of time and money. Both are a serious drain on men who are normally occupied at some business or profession. The last session lasted 116 days; the next one will probably take 140 days. Hopes of shortening the sessions have never become realities.

This newspaper—and the opinion comes from some experience—does not think the sessions will grow shorter. Nor does it think they should. In 1937 the budget for the state was some \$17 million; now it is ten times that much. Unemployment compensation, state school funds, retirement program, civil service, relief, many taxes, reforestation, school reorganization have all been added to the list of legislative jobs since 1935.

More time is required to do more things. Probably more time yet should be taken. The turnover of legislators is almost fifty percent and it is not proper to insist that men should pass judgment on public questions until they have had time to become acquainted with them. Legislators have led the ways and means committee do nearly all the budget work in recent years and should do more studying of the budget themselves. More time is needed for that.

Oregon has a sort of amateur legislature. It doesn't get paid anything although there is a contribution made for expenses. It costs money to be a legislator. Probably the average is \$1000 per session, per member although recently costs are more and some members lost as much as \$3000 by serving the state as a legislator in 1951. Oregon citizens probably would not vote to pay for the work done by senators and representatives maybe it should continue to be a largely unremunerative public service.

Complaint is often made that there is no leadership in the Oregon legislature. That is correct. Oregon should boast of it, not complain about it. Leadership means that a few make the decisions. Oregon legislators are usually too independent to be led. More power to them. That is proper representative government.

Oregon has had good legislation as a rule and some of the best men in the state have served at Salem. Those who would reform the procedure should not worry so much about the time taken; it is not so important as the quality of the product.

One thing that might help would be more discussion of public problems by newspapers and radio; more talk about legislation by clubs; more awareness of the state's problems. Then when legislators met they would have more information themselves and questions would be nearer to solution.

KOREA

The mistakes in Korea are coming home to roost. Enemy planes are bombing our airfields which presumably means that enemy fields are being built closer to the front. Our failure to bomb the electric plants on the Yalu has allowed armament to be built in near-by Manchuria.

China has been fighting a free war, risking nothing but troops that could be spared in Korea. It has not even been properly blockaded by sea. We have made little use of Chinese on Formosa.

Because we sold or gave away millions of dollars worth of war material we now have to build at tremendous cost. Desire for

pending for dozens of worthless causes, carelessness in handling public funds, have brought on inflation that endangers our economy.

It is apparent to many Americans that the peace talks are being delayed by an enemy that wants to use the truce and cares nothing for peace. Our talkers in Panmunjom are thwarted by a cagy opponent and an indecisive state department.

There seems to be no chance to win and the question only how much we will lose, not only in men, but also in materials and money and in prestige.

Maybe we have learned that we must either fight a war or stay out of it.

Persons writing to comment on our recent editorial entitled "Democracy" call attention to the fact that this nation is not a democracy; it is a republic. They are correct.

If we had a democracy all the people would meet to make decisions on public matters which would not only be unhandy, but impossible. We have a republic which means that the people are represented by delegates chosen by themselves.

Democracy is a Greek word; Republic is a Latin word; both mean that the people rule although Republic is the proper word for the kind of people's rule we have in this country.

To many people there is a great difference and perhaps when the voters' inattention to things governmental is considered they may be correct. Voters with insufficient background of word usage or education in government may think that we must vote the Democratic ticket in order to have a democracy. Certainly it is improper that either party gain votes through misapprehension or ignorance.

A true democracy would be impossible in a nation so large as ours. We do have a republic. Party names have nothing to do with what the parties believe or the kind of government they desire.

An American political party is a device for obtaining power. Division between them is on questions that are before the nation at the time. The Democratic party has been for free coinage of silver and a low tariff. Solid money was accepted as the best policy until the idea was scuttled entirely in the thirties. Both parties now favor a high tariff, although not all members would admit it.

The Democratic party was traditionally the party of states' rights. Now the Republicans are the champions of the states and smaller divisions of government. Hamilton, a Federalist, forerunner of the Whigs, believed in a strong central government. Jefferson, patron saint of the Democrats, was for states' rights. That position is now reversed.

Issues that will apparently decide the 1952 election are comparatively new. The Democrats will undoubtedly favor money aid to Europe in almost unlimited amounts; they favor the extension of our protection over all nations that ask; they favor huge federal spending; they favor government control over many, if not most, business, social and financial activities of the individual.

Republicans apparently favor giving the people more control over their lives than do the Democrats; while not opposed to foreign aid, they would keep it within the ability of this nation pay, and would not try to exercise so much authority over other nations; they want lower taxes and more power and independence of states.

Matters on which both parties seem agreed are the building of armaments to keep this nation strong, aid to agriculture (at least as long as agricultural products are used as an implement in foreign affairs), development of atomic energy. Neither party believes in dishonesty of officials, although both should realize that lax administration and high spending lead to it.

It is not easy to find persons who are in agreement with the political and economic theories of the branch of the Democratic party that has been in power for 20 years. Those who have accepted its gratuities, those who have voted for the party because of the name, and the millions employed by it—together with oft-times inept opposition—have kept it in office. Most Americans prefer to manage their own affairs instead of letting the government do it for them.

Saturday, a week from this one the groundhog is supposed to come out and make his proverbial and presumed test for the advent of spring. Well, we're glad some one else is thinking about it too.



REMEMBER THE LION OF AFRICA? . . . Marshall Rodolfo Graziani was known as the Lion of Africa when Mussolini was posing and roaring during the Fascist regime in Italy. He was commander of the Duce's northern republic at the war's end. Later he was sentenced to prison by the allies. Now he has returned to public life and here addresses a national meeting of the Federation of Republican Veterans in Rome and gives the Fascist salute. He is president of the club.

PRICE TELLS OF ROLLINS

When Dr. Rollins first came to Grass Valley, his son, George, came with him. After he had located, and built a house, he left George there, and returned to California for the family. It was on Sunday, and I was alone at the place when an old stage driver, known as Rebel Tom, drove up with Dr. Rollins and family, and ordered dinner. There was Dr. and Mrs. Rollins, two sons, Ed and Charley, and Eva. Well, I had to get dinner for them. Mother had left some roast beef, and pie and cake, and fruit, and of course plenty of cream and milk. I boiled potatoes, and made coffee, and let them have it.

Mrs. Rollins complimented me, but I thought she did that because she felt sorry for me. It was quite an ordeal for me. Later on she and mother became good friends.

Mother gave her an old fashioned China tea jar, that held about 25 pounds of tea. Had a small neck and flared at the top. Mrs. Rollins had used it and set it out by the well. We had given the boys a hound pup, to investigate put his head in the jar, but could not get it out so the jar had to be broken to rescue the pup.

I think it was the fall of 1881 that Hugh Gibson, a half breed boy broke his leg in the Salt-marsh-ranch in Grass Valley canyon, below the mouth of Hay canyon. His brother Ed went to Grass Valley for the doctor, and learned he had gone to The Dalles, and would be at our place that night. It was after dark when Ed came to our place. We provided a saddle horse for the doctor, he arranged for dad to meet him the next day with his team on the top of Gordon Ridge, they left, Ed leading the doctor's horse. He told us later it was the wildest ride that he ever took. He said he held on to the horn with both hands, and rode in a run most of the way.

Dr. Rollins built a small sod house. They did not live in it. I don't know what it was used for. It had one small window, and a door. There was nothing in it when I saw it.

Soon after the Rollins located there, Jim Harvey and family settled there, and the George Bates family came from California and lived there.

Nena Rollins an older daughter, came and lived at Grass Valley and returned to California later. George move to Baker City. Ed built the Rollins hotel at Seaside, and as you know, Eva married Charley Moore, a splendid man. The last I knew of Charley Rollins he was at Oswego.

And as time moves on the Rollins' family has disappeared, but has left a mark of respect, which is good for the community of Grass Valley and Sherman county.

—Jay Price

SERVICE WORKERS MANY

Striking new evidence that it takes more people—about 40,000 new car dealers and their 725,000 employees—to keep new cars flowing to the American family than it takes to manufacture them was revealed today in a study made public by the National Automobile Dealers Association.

The study throws new light on the role of about 40,000 franchised new car dealers, almost the last independent local business men, engaged in what the survey shows to be "big business", meeting national payroll of 2 1/2 billion dollars every year.

The dealer's employees, nearly three quarters of a million of them, are needed for the vital work of distributing, maintaining and servicing the new cars after the manufacturer's work is done, the survey shows, emphasizing the position of the new car dealer as a vital link in the national economy.

Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

Rufus grange opened in regular session Thursday evening with Roland Johnson, master, in the chair. Harland McDonald and George Fox were installed as overseer and steward by the county deputy, Mrs. Roland Johnson.

Charles Schaefer was balloted for and declared to become a member of Rufus grange by initiation. The members voted to send the lecturer, Mrs. Wm. O'Brien to the lecturer's school held in La Grande the first part of February.

The master has set January 25 at 8:00 p. m. as a time for an officers and committees' meeting.

Home Ec. chairman announced the next meeting would be February 14 at the home of Mrs. Atlee Wilson with Mrs. Harland McDonald as co-hostesses.

Wm. Huck was nominated drill captain. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Galloway for donating a drainboard to the grange kitchen. Mrs. Galloway who recently had the flu was off work for a week. She is reported to be better now. She is depot agent at Biggs.

The master announced the following appointments: Auditing, Curtis Neal, Atlee Wilson and Mrs. Eugene Eaton; Youth, Mrs. Curtis Neal, Mrs. Harry Adams and W. T. Little; Entertainment, Bill Huck, Harland McDonald, Harry Adams, Mrs. Geo. Fox and Mrs. W. T. Little; Membership, Atlee Wilson, Mrs. Grace Medler and Mrs. Harry Adams; Finance, Curtis Neal, Mrs. Harland McDonald and Wm. O'Brien; Relief, Mrs. Roland Johnson, Wm. Huck and Mrs. Sam Brock; Agriculture, George Fox, Fred Dormer and Atlee Wilson; Legislation, Eugene Eaton, Ben Galloway and W. T. Little; Card Party, Atlee Wilson, Mrs. Harland McDonald and Sam Brock. The Home Ec. chairman, Mrs. Roland Johnson.

For the lecturer's program, Mrs. O'Brien gave a reading on dues. Then each family was asked "What have you bought with your dues?" The song "Row, Row, Your Boat" was sung by all. A quiz game in which all took part was won by Wm. Huck and Mrs. Atlee Wilson.

The new password was given out by the master. At the close of the meeting supper was served by the women.

The Rufus grange school basket ball team motored to Grass Valley Friday to take a beating by a score of 21-30. Russell Blake captain of the Rufus team was high point man with 13 points.

The Arlington Honkers took the Rufus Wolves to their first defeat of the season before a full capacity crowd Saturday night. Arlington got the first basket, but all during the game one team was ahead, then there

was a tie, and then the other team took the lead. It was an exciting and well fought game on both sides. At the whistle the score was 46 to 48 in favor of Arlington. Jake Leicht and Ray Brown were referees. After the game Rufus high school gave a party for the Arlington high visitors. Supper was served in the school lunch room. After supper the students enjoyed a sock dance in the school gym with juke box furnishing the music.

Mrs. Dor. Macnab entertained Sunday with a dinner in honor of her husband's birthday. Present to enjoy the day were Mrs. Bee Macnab and Bob Macnab of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington of Dufur and Mr. and Mrs. George Macnab, the honoree guest and two daughters.

The young people's Hobby club met at the Fay Brackett home last Friday night. Initiation was held for those who are not charter members and included Marie Blake, Elaine Eaton, Patty Blackburne and Joan Brackett. Buffet supper was served and later work was started with plywood, making lawn ornaments and weather vanes.

PAYMENT DEMANDED

A minimum payment of \$25.00 will be made to the director of Veterans' Affairs by each veteran upon the completion of any loan. This is to apply toward the cost of appraisal, attorneys fees, and recording the mortgage to the state. It may be paid in cash by the veteran or it may be deducted from the proceeds of the loan.

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NANCY GETS DIVORCE . . . Nancy Sinatra was granted a divorce at Santa Monica, Calif., from crooner Frank Sinatra who plans to wed Ava Gardner. She told judge she had made Frank wait for divorce to be sure he knew what he wanted.

Want Ads

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AUCTION SALE: SATURDAY

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Clyde Gillmor, W. M. H. D. Pinkerton, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Gwen Boss, W. M. Naomi Van Gulder, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. Earl Gentry, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Gladys Morrison, N.G. Helen Martin, Sec.



FREED, RE-ARRESTED . . . Kingpin bookie Frank Erickson was booked in New York a short time after his release from Riker's Island penitentiary where he served a sentence for bookmaking and conspiracy. This arrest was on two gambling counts.

AFTERNOON, JANUARY 19, MORO HIGH SCHOOL GYM. An Auction Sale has been authorized by the School Board of District No. 17 to dispose of miscellaneous War Surplus material including the following: nylon parachutes, blacksmith forge tools, carpenter's chalk, dishes, drill bits, many other items. 10-11c

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Ed Got Red In His Own "Hot Water"
Big Ed started a "Pay-Your-Bill" campaign last week and ended up with a slightly red face. Ed's been our Water Commissioner for ten years, and for ten years now he's been getting riled up over slow payments of bills. So, he finally decided to do something drastic about it. Last week he sent notices that if the slackers didn't pay up by Friday, he'd shut off their water. Naturally, some still didn't square accounts. Ed ordered their water turned off, and 14 homes went without all week end—the Commissioner's among them. Seems Ed forgot to pay his bill. From where I sit, Ed's mistake is one we all make at times. We are too quick to rebuke others while forgetting our own faults. Lots of us do it, for instance, over a difference in taste for a soft drink or a friendly glass of beer. Let's respect each other's preferences and we'll all stay out of "hot water."
Joe Marsh

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