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CABINET MEMBERS  
ALREADY

Senator Taft has said that if elected he would put one or two southern Democrats in the cabinet. That is not surprising and is, in fact, heartening. A few years ago it was considered proper for a president to give some places to members of the opposite party.

The Oregonian feels that the alliance between Republicans and southern Democrats is not realistic and should not be recognized by such appointment. And that newspaper raises the point that southern Democrats have not helped Republicans, otherwise they would be in office.

It is true, however, that in many matters southern Democrats and Republicans think alike. If they are divided by party lines and by that loyalty permit new, true, screw-dealers attain power it will not be well with the country.

The platforms of parties are fleeting things, designed for the moment, soon forgotten. Alignment of voters on a basis of ideals is a much more factual way of obtaining division than by party labels. Strength of the do-gooders comes from inherited loyalty of Democrats to the name. The things that party stood for have been forgotten or taken over by Republicans.

To recognize it by appointments of some of the good southern Democrats seems appropriate.

THE PRESIDENT RELAXES

Mr. Truman is again off for Florida there to find relaxation in a submarine station where the inquisitive will not ask him what he is going to do.

Presumably newspaper readers will be regaled with views of his odd shirts and even that is preferable to his odd ideas that come from Washington. He returned from Florida a few weeks ago with the voice of a reformer and after several savage statements appointed McGrath to investigate McGrath, an action that put more fear into the taxpayers than it did into McGrath.

It must be pleasant in Florida at this time of year, the sun should shine and the cool water temper the air. About him there need be none to disagree with his whims, no one to point to the effective foreign policy, no squawks about oppressive taxes, no one to bring up honesty in government, no one to mention other men who boldly volunteer for the hide-tanning job of being president. It is so satisfactory that we are sure a majority would agree to just let Harry stay.

TAX LIMITATION

Several groups of citizens are working to have a few more state legislatures pass a resolution asking for a constitutional amendment which would restrict the federal government to 25 percent in taxes from any income. The campaign has been conducted with much less publicity than would normally attend such a drastic change in our tax laws. Yet 28 states have adopted the resolution. Oregon has refused.

Anyone will agree that a 25 percent bite on incomes is enough and that the federal government could be managed on that amount if the management was efficient and honest, and if the non-governmental functions were discarded. That is, probably, the main appeal the proposal has for citizens and state legislators. So many people feel that it is impossible to get legislators to vote against appropriations and that the only way to hold down taxes is to vote against them, or prevent the levying of them. It is an effective but awkward way. There is little chance that the amendment will be passed. It would make it necessary—unless appropriations were cut severely—to put a heavier tax on the ordinary taxpayer while relieving the big tax payers. The amendment itself exempts war expenditures from the limitation. The very fact that there is such a proposal and that it has been passed by so many states is indication enough that there is great dissatisfaction with the federal tax rates. Prices could be greatly reduced if taxes were cut. Our entire economy is endangered by taxes. The 25 percent limitation is not the best way to reduce them. Cutting governmental functions, reducing the cost of remaining activities, insisting on more efficiency in government offices is a better way. However, unless this is done the people will insist on the one effective method: stop the flow of money.

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This is the 29th day of February, a day that doesn't occur often, every four years to be exact. For the first time in a newspaper history of over 20 years we are publishing a weekly newspaper on February 29. It will be 1980 before it can be done again on Friday. It is a most unusual day for that reason.

One must remain in the weekly newspaper business a long time to have published a paper on every day. It takes seven years to make every usual date—and almost a lifetime to hit February 29.

There should be something slightly remarkable to put in such a paper but one learns that unusual days are not always coincidental with unusual news. This is a time of year that is like the last few moments before the opening of a program or a play. The actors lounge around back stage, the orchestra fiddles with its instruments, the manager rushes hither and thither. But nothing is happening; it is getting ready to.

Farmers are talking quietly on the streets, joking about the weather; the ground is wet and soggy and the sown grain just recovering from the last freeze, cattle are still in the feed lots though longing for the greening hills.

When the curtain goes up the chugging tractors will roll the stubble over day and night, and the grain will respond to the sun's warmth with rapid growth and the play in which men and nature work together will go on stage again for the pleasure of those who are a part of it and the feeding of the vast audience that watches.

DECLINE OF THE HORSE

An estimate from the U. S. Department of Agriculture gives the horse population of Oregon as 54,000, a decrease from 63,000 last year. The decline in horse population has been seven or eight thousand a year since tractors became common on farms. Men are eating some of the surplus horses and feeding some to other animals. This is a temporary situation and used merely as a means of getting rid of present surplus, for it is most unlikely that anyone is going to raise horses for meat.

The horse has lost his economic value to a great extent. They are not kept for power but as an evidence of conspicuous spending. No longer an economic asset, they are a sign of wealth. The same thing has happened to the dog, said to be the beast man first tamed. Dogs are not kept for stock herding nor for guarding property. They are playthings.

Horses used to be essential to man, a way of getting about, a means of earning a living. Farming, transportation, social affairs, some industry depending on horses. Now the horse is a Sunday diversion of the unconstructed few.

For those who liked horses there is a touch of sadness in the change; for those who would draw a comparison or a lesson from the abandonment of the once well-loved horse may indicate that any individual, or any group, or any business that hopes to retain a place in the world must continue to be useful.

TWO PARTY SYSTEM

Some of the recommendations that are being made about changes in our presidential election could result in weakening of the two party system.

That system is not perfect but it does have one virtue that many representative types of government do not. When the voters have voted a decision has been made and one side or the other has a majority. France is an example of a nation with a multiplicity of parties, no one of which ever has a majority.

No individual in a nation of 150 million persons can or should have a great deal to say about policy. Elections give a voter the opportunity to decide between two alternatives, neither of which is often his exact choice. If every one had his own way there would be chaos.



Judy, 11, and Wilbur Jensen, 13, Gold Beach brother and sister musical duo, will appear on a coast-to-coast television show, Royal Showcase, March 9, during National 4-H Club Week. The show, televised in New York City, will salute 4-H clubs. The youngsters were chosen for the New York appearance after performing at National 4-H Club Congress last year in Chicago.

JAY PRICE'S MEMOIRS

I neglected to say when Cornwall died in Buck Hollow, that Jimmy Mackin, a squeaky voiced Irishman, lived there for quite a while. He finally went back to Ireland. In 1864, John Haley started a stage line from The Dalles east, and soon the North Western Stage company had a contract to carry the mail from The Dalles to Kelton, Utah. They also carried passengers and express.

They mostly used the famous Concord coaches, hauled by four horses and driven by skilful drivers. Some of the drivers were Bradley, Carr, Billavou, John Mahan, Jim Cecil, Rufe Markus, Benf Morgan, Charley Black, Charley Gardner, George Shanon, and some others.

They kept a hostler at each station to take care of the horses, and a blacksmith went over the road and shod the stock once each month. Dad had the first station east of The Dalles, the next was at the John Day bridge.

A telegraph line was put up, which followed the stage road. A postoffice was established at Eatons, about 1875 or 76, named Spanish Hollow. Before then the stage left mail at our place for Barnum and Finnegan and others. The Dalles was our postoffice. The stage line was discontinued when the railroad was completed along the river. The first school in that country, was a private school at Eaton's home, the teacher was Jane Byrd, who later married Phillip Michell of The Dalles. We also had school at our house, several winters. Ella Stark was our first teacher. In 1874 Mr. Eaton and Dad built a small house in Mud Hollow, where Fred Blau later located, and the two families had a summer school there. The teacher was Mrs. Morrison of The Dalles. The first public school was in 1881. The school house was built in China Hollow, just below where the road crosses the hollow going from Wasco to Rufus. The teacher was Liza Jory, and the scholars were Martha, Emma, Laura, and Jesse Eaton, Elmer and Elsworth Gibson, Lulu and Ada Gerkin, Joey and Chester Souls, Etta and Ida Medler, Hattie Corson, George Thomas, Mollie and Leda Dunlap, Myra Lauter, Arvilla, Tom and Johnny Peugh, George Bunnell and Jay Price.

The first Christmas tree and program was held in this same school house in 1881 at noon. The windows were blinded with blankets, and it was lighted with lamps and lanterns. C. R. Bone was Santa Claus and he wore a buffalo robe. I wonder how many there are in Sherman county now that were there that day? The first Fourth of July celebration was held in our grove in 1881, the year that Garfield was shot. Again, I wonder how many were there that live there now? To be continued  
—Jay Price

Grass Valley

(By Mrs. A. F. Balzer)

Ted Kelly and children, Karen and John, went to The Dalles Saturday evening to meet Mrs. Kelly who arrived from Grants Pass where she had spent the last four weeks with her father who has been seriously ill but is much improved.

The Sherman county branch of the Oregon Education association met in Grass Valley Wednesday. A fine turn out of teachers and their families enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch dinner. The Grass Valley teachers were host and hostesses at the OEA meeting.

Mrs. Helen Bayer is writing the Grass Valley news for Mrs. Anna Balzer while she is recuperating from an operation.

The P.T.A. of Grass Valley met Friday February 22 at the grade school. The new charter and by-laws were read and approved by those in attendance. A movie was shown and a radio program produced by the NEA was presented. A program of community singing was followed by refreshments which were served in the cafeteria. In spite of poor weather more than thirty parents were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ruggies, Mrs. Orville Ruggies and son, Dean were business shoppers in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mrs. Dolores Alberty was in The Dalles Monday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and daughters were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Sam Albertys.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggies and son, Dean, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Wilbur Brinkert and her mother, Mrs. Alta Crowley spent last week end in Portland on business.

Mrs. Bill Rolfe and daughter Sherrie were in The Dalles Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, Barbara Alley and Carolyn Lemley were in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family were shoppers in The Dalles Tuesday and also took Alfa Jean for medical care.

Mrs. Frank T. Bayer, David Vinton, Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and daughter Julia and Lois Payne were in The Dalles Saturday for dancing lessons and business.

Mrs. Alta Crowley and son Charles spent the week end at Monmouth on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds went to The Dalles Saturday to bring Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry home from the hospital where they had spent a few days for medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, Mrs. Owen Eakin and son, Terry, were in The Dalles Saturday for dancing lessons and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rolfe and family spent Sunday in Wasco

visiting at the Al Dormalers. Mrs. Anna Barnett and Mrs. B. O. Stark went to Wasco Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Sam Alberty spent Wednesday in The Dalles. Ocie Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughters, Phyllis and Geraldine, George Smith and daughter, Judy, were in The Dalles Sunday to visit Mrs. Ocie Dugger who is ill in the hospital.

Bill Lutterell of Pendleton is here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alley.

The Grass Valley grade school carnival will be in the school gym Saturday March 1, 8:00 p. m. Bingo, baseball throws and fish pond and other games will be on the agenda. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dick Earl and Sallie Martin took several grade school children to The Dalles Wednesday on business regarding the big carnival to be here March 1.

Mrs. Blanche Pfifer and daughter Marjorie went to Portland Wednesday for medical care and returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Zehner, Mrs. Carrie Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith of The Dalles were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg gave a reception in honor of their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Blagg, Friday, February 22, at the Masonic hall. Friends gathered to wish them lots of happiness in their marriage. The evening was spent in visiting, and a couple of refreshments were given by Julia Bayer and Lois Payne. Refreshments were served later on in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley and daughter Ruth went to Portland Saturday on business.

RUFUS ITEMS

The Rufus Wolves were outplayed Wednesday night when they tangled with the Wasco Warriors in a basketball game. The score was 1st quarter Rufus 10, Wasco 9; 2nd quarter, 23-13;

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All persons having claims against the estate of Cathrine C. Wilke, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Cathrine C. Wilke, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: February 15th, 1952.  
Catherine Andersen  
Geo. G. Updegraff,  
Attorney for Executrix 15-18c

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT

Notice is given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Thomas P. Zimmerman, deceased, has filed his final report with the clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, and that said court has fixed Saturday, the 29th day of March, 1952, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day and the courtroom of the above entitled court in the courthouse in Moro, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing all objections to said report and the settlement thereof.  
Fred C. Zimmerman  
Administrator 17-20c  
Carlton L. Pepper  
Attorney for administrator

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Gwen Ross, W. M.  
Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

3rd quarter tied 32-32; and the final score was 37-40 in Wasco's favor.

The boys game was preceeded by the Rufus girls playing volleyball with the Wasco girls. Wasco was ahead with 35 points to Rufus 31 at the finish.

Mrs. Edith Barager who has been staying with Mrs. Dick Yocum is ill at the hospital in The Dalles.

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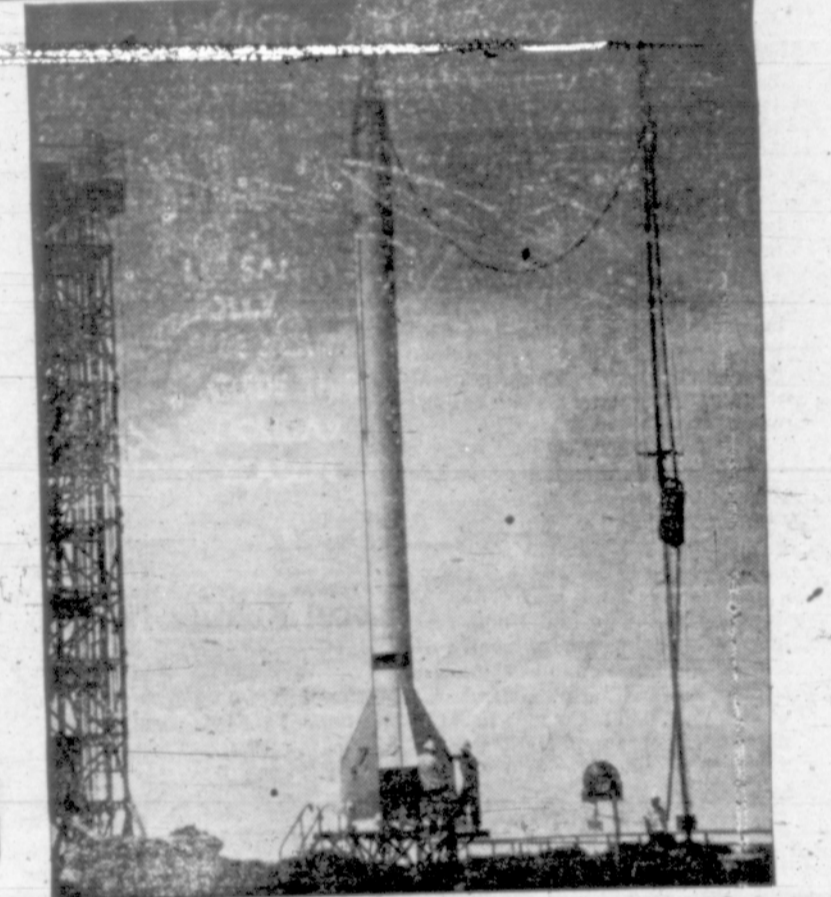
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