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REAPPORTIONMENT

For voters of rural Oregon the most important bill on the November ballot is the reapportionment bill. This is an initiative measure proposed by young Republicans, young Democrats, and the League of Women Voters. All sponsors are with city background.

It is in effect HB 117, the bill that the house defeated by a good margin in the last legislative session. It should be defeated as decisively by the voters as it was by the house members.

Effect of the bill would be to take away from rural Oregon some of its legislative voting power; and to concentrate that power, not only in Portland, but in the lower Willamette valley. In fact, that part of the state between Portland and Eugene would have a clear majority in both house and senate. Not many think that the majority of wisdom is to be found there.

The 22nd representative district of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties would have one representative under the proposed bill. It now has two. The 18th senatorial district of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties would be consolidated and Wasco, Hood River and Morrow counties added to make a district which would have one senator.

That would mean that the 22nd representative district which includes more than a sixth of the state's tillable land would have one-sixtieth of the representation in the house and somewhat less than that in the senate.

It would mean that the state would be dominated by the city and adjoining populous districts. Rural people often understand city people much better than city people understand rural problems. Reasons: rural voters read city papers and get city viewpoint; rural voters often visit the city. City voters do not understand the problems of raising wheat, cutting timber, growing cattle, nor do they visit rural scenes often enough to become acquainted.

The development of the state depends on the development of the rural portion of it. The city develops after the country; it establishes businesses to handle rural production; it starts banks to handle rural money; it manufactures to utilize rural crops. New rural development means new city growth. Cities do not grow except by using something produced outside it.

The electric development of Oregon is centered along the Columbia river and the cheaper transportation that the dams will bring will help build the cities as well as helping the country. Unless as much of the electricity is used locally as possible there will be greater concentration in the city, where it is not desired, either socially or economically.

The matter should be decided on what is best for the entire state. But very likely it will be decided in a city versus county vote inasmuch as city voters started the whole matter.

If it were decided on a matter of good government the bill would be defeated because the forefathers of the country in writing the United States constitution determined that people and area should be represented equally in the congress of the United States. That decision has made the growth of the United States possible for over 160 years. Concentration of power into the cities leads to the kind of government practiced in Asia where cities control nations, agriculture is poor, people are ill-fed, graft is rampant.

There should not be a single vote for this measure in Sherman county, nor in any rural Oregon county.

COUNTY FAIRS

Along in August they begin in this state. And they continue into October although the sunshine of late August and early September is favored by most of the fair managers. Then it is warm for the sleek cattle, the

dancing race horses, the stiff legged bronc busters. The county fair is an American institution. Other fairs are more of a commercial venture, as all fairs were at one time. Here the management gives money away in the form of premiums.

A fair in America is a place where the big pumpkins, the fatted calves, the neatest embroidery can be brought to compete against similar products to determine which is better. It is a competitive meeting, as is a horse race, and is truly American therefore.

The Sherman County Fair is the show place of Sherman county products. If they are not there the fair loses some of its value. It is not like other fairs, just as other people's children are not like our children. They may be prettier, better dressed, better mannered. But they are not ours. And in fairs as in children, we like our own. This is our fair. If we want it better we can make it better.

It is a most satisfying fair. The neighbor's boy is out there showing his calf; a cousin's daughter is demonstrating how to bake a cake; another neighbor has a horse in the half mile. Friends of present and past drift by to say a friendly word. The products of the county should be well represented and, if so, worth seeing, for it is a prodigious county, an quality, that is rich in fertility, responsive to careful tillage.

And it is ours. Ours to watch the sun warm in April, ours to herald the harvest in July, ours to scent the odor of mature October, ours to see white and somnolent in January.

WELL DRILLING

We recall one time in the far long ago a neighbor was having a well drilled on his ranch. He didn't have much money. No one did in those days. Whenever he went to town or left his place for any reason he always pulled rapidly into his garage and hounded out of his car to inquire breathlessly if the driller had struck water.

That went on for months until the poor man was as exhausted as his bank account. When he finally hit water he was too worn out to enjoy it.

Somewhat the same experience has been had by the members of the Moro council. They were directed by the vote of the people to drill for water. They hired a driller and had to wait until he could begin. Water witches, in whom few profess to believe, but nearly all utilize, picked a spot where certainly water could be had in profusion in a matter of sixty feet.

It wasn't a question; it was certainty. The switches had said so. So the driller drilled and he drilled and he drilled. He found a little water, enough to prove that the earth wasn't dust clear through. He hit hard rock in which he made a few inches a day; he hit clay that swelled into the hole; clay that broke loose and fell into the hole; blue clay, yellow clay, brown clay; more rock; more hard rock. The well was dynamited, concreted; tools lost and recovered.

Now the indications are that there may be enough water. Councilmen may wonder what they will worry about now.

Mr and Mrs Richard Skiles Walk Between Ribbon Holders To Hhuse After Ceremony.



Newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skiles returning from the part of the wedding. Scene is the held ceremony through the lines of yard of the L. E. Kaseberg farm

The wedding of Miss Patricia Ann Kaseberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg of Wasco, to Richard Lee Skiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollis Skiles of Portland on Sunday afternoon, August 24, at the bride's home was, in addition, a very pretty lawn party for some 300 guests.

The bride, on the arm of her father, advanced to the lily pond in one corner of the lawn, between rows of ribbon holders in pink organdy with large velvet bows. They were Mrs. Allan Pinkerton, Mrs. Donald Wilson, Mrs. Harold Melzer, Mrs. V. A. Castagnola, Miss Mary Ann Cushman, Miss Jean McIntyre, Miss Beverly Orton and Miss Betty Gathercoal.

The bride wore a gown of white imported chantilly lace over blush pink tulle with a veil and lace Juliet cap. She carried a bouquet of white roses and bridegroom's gift, a pearl necklace.

Rev. Fletcher Cannell awaited the couple at the lily pool banked with evergreens and flowers, gladioli and chrysanthemums, to carry out the pink color scheme of the decorations.

Maid of honor was Miss Marilyn Wise of Fortuna, California, and bridesmaids were Misses Barbara Kaseberg of Portland, Phyllis Briggs of Portland, Sharon Martin of Kent, Mary Chambers of Corvallis, Janet Hellberg of Portland. All were dressed in pink organdy gowns with bows. Little Sandra Foss was flower girl, Alice Kaseberg was train-bearer, dressed as were the large feminine members of the wedding party. Frederick Hellberg was the ring bearer and he was dressed in the formal white coat and black trousers of the male members of the party.

Ivan Childs of Portland was best man and ushers were Larry Kaseberg, Jack McPhillips of McMinnville, Dick Kaigi and Dick Chadburn of Portland.

Miss Vivian Trounce played the wedding march for the ceremony and accompanied Mrs. Lois Hilderbrand who was soloist for the wedding.

A reception followed the wedding on the grounds around the house. Pouring were Mrs. E. E. Kaseberg of The Dalles and Mrs. J. F. Foss of Moro, grandmothers of the bride, Mrs. Hector Viran and Mrs. William Hamilton of Portland, aunts of the groom, Mrs. G. H. Root of The Dalles and Mrs. A. C. Kaseberg, great aunts of the bride. Miss Janet Sande was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Dorothy Hellberg of Portland, Mrs. Gwen Mattson of Moro, Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie of Crescent and Mrs. John Foss, aunts of the bride, cut the wedding cake after the young couple had cut the traditional first piece.

Serving at the punch bowls at the four serving tables were Mrs. Charles Neville, Mrs. Pete Macnab, Mrs. Pauline Kaseberg, Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand, Mrs. L. P. Haven was in charge of the gift table. Passing the groom's cake and were Miss Jo Wyman of Alsea, Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mrs. George Mitchell, Mrs. Afton McIntyre, Mrs. Earl Fields and Mrs. Collis Moore. Sorority sisters of the bride assisted in the serving.

In general charge of the reception were Mrs. Pauline Kaseberg, Mrs. Wendell Balsiger, Mrs. Paul May, Mrs. Paul Alley, Mrs. A. B. Christianson and Mrs. Floyd Root.

The couple went to the Oregon beaches for a weeks honeymoon and returned to Corvallis September 1 so that he could begin football practice at OSC where he is backfield candidate. The bride is a graduate of OSC this year and the groom will graduate in 1953.

Present from outside the county for the wedding in addition to the members of the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hiller, Mr.

and Mrs. J. T. Skelton, and Joanne, Mrs. A. W. Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Guy, Mrs. L. E. Childs, Mrs. S. M. Chadburn, Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gordh, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powell, Miss Evelyn Noble, Miss Maxine Hartwick, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Jack Kelleway, Orrin Schadewitz, Miss Donna Alfred, Miss Shirley Burt, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Raymond of Helix, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Miller, Miss Alvis Miller and Miss Edna Manning of Salem; Mrs. Tom Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Oveson and children and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Borger of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gathercoal, Miss Sue Morgan of Corvallis Mr. and Mrs. Henry Copeland, Howard Kaseberg and Alfred Kaseberg of Walla Walla; Miss Carol McCleary of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Avery Martin and daughter Beverly of McMinnville; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hill of Nampa, Idaho; Mrs. Martha Foss of Terrebonne; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Entrikin of Culver; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searcy of Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Cushman of Condon; Miss Colleen Kaseberg of Crescent; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and children of Powell Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coates and son, Bill of Odell; Miss Sandra Hamsher of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McKune; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Powell and sons; Mrs. F. L. Lamborn, Miss Gertrude Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Lay Carlisle, Mrs. F. J. Medler, Mrs. Edna Melzer, Mrs. Margaret Blau, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell of The Dalles.

GRASS VALLEY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and children, Gary and Kay of Parkdale spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Parkhurst and son of Roseburg spent from Friday until Monday here visiting relatives.

Miss Shirley Beach returned to her home in Portland after spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Coffey and his sister, Miss Coffey, of Portland spent the Labor day weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May.

W. Woolwine, who spent the summer at the Wallace May ranch left Manday for Richland, Wn., to visit relatives. JW will enter OSC this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells and children, Billy and Janice, of Hermiston spent Saturday visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and family took her mother Mrs. Henry Roth to The Dalles Sunday when she left for her home in Olympia after spending several weeks here with her daughter Mrs. Crews and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer went to Portland Saturday on business and spent the weekend visiting their son Ralph Balzer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley had as dinner guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen and family.

Quite a number of Grass Valley and Kent people went to Tygh Valley Saturday and Sunday to attend the Wasco county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee and nieces Jackie and Sandra Squire returned last Friday from a trip to California returning Mrs. Chandler to her home after spending some time with the Kees.

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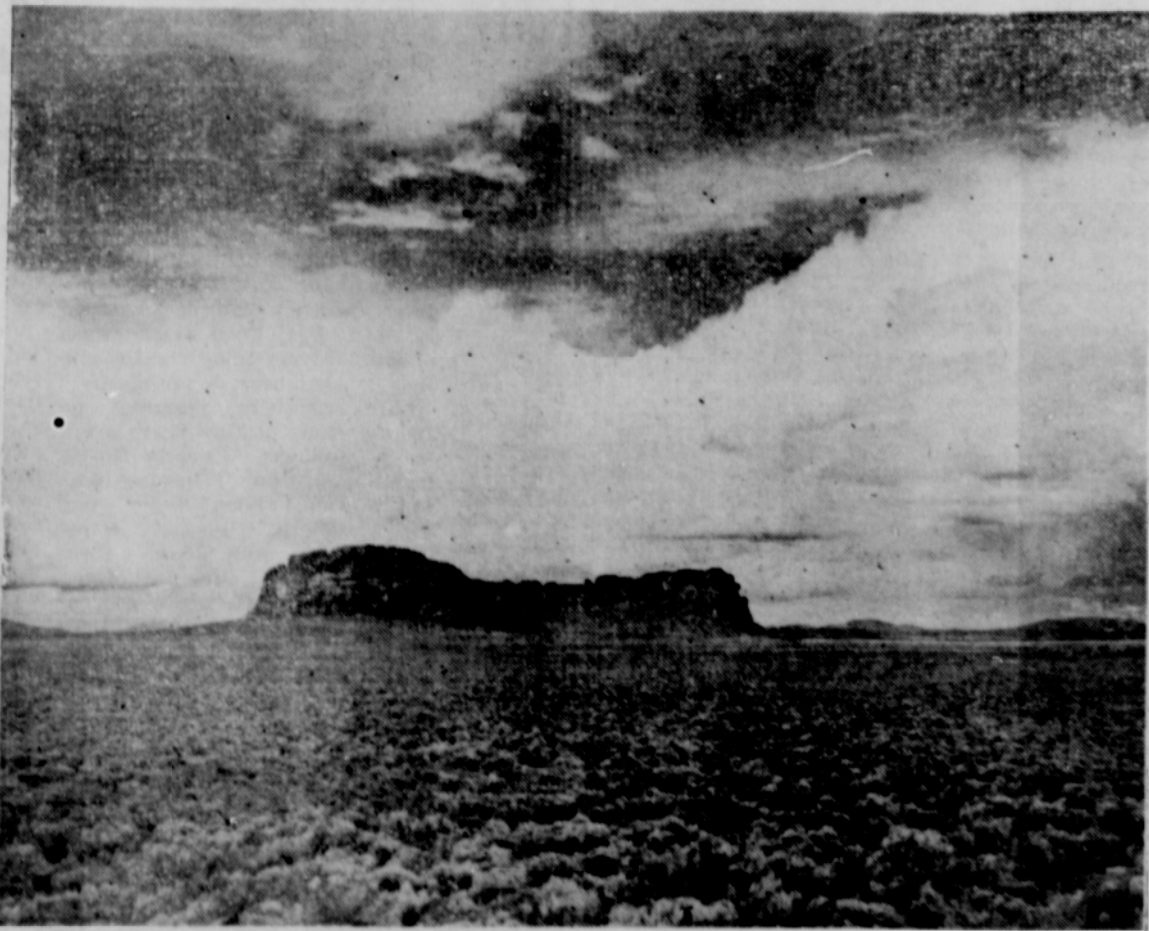
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This Rock Was Old When Christ Was Born



Fort Rock, lonesome citadel of the High Desert southeast of Lapine towered 800 feet above a glacial lake more than 9000 years ago, so geologists tell. That was more than 8,000 years before Cleopatra sailed her gilded barge to woo Marc Antony, before she faced Caesar's command before his throne wrapped in a silken rug and not much else, before she finally bared her bosom to the cuddled asp. Fort Rock is supposed to have thrust its vast bulk up when another volcanic explosion dug Paulina and East lakes; 2,500 years before Mt. Mazama blew its mighty top to leave Crater Lake as a lure for the tourists of today. And, geologists have unearthed ancient sandals and other artifacts from the volcanic strata of a nearby lava cave which tend to show that primitive man resided there, first inhabitant of our America more than 70 centuries before the birth of Christ or Cleopatra's gilded journey.

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 Gillmore, 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 Bonnie May, W. M. Gwen Ross, 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. Floyd Lane, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

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