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EASY DOES IT

The papers and magazines are full of stories about what the Republicans are going to do when they get into power on January 20.

Most of it is malarkey. The Republicans don't even know themselves. And of a certainty, a reporter could get any answer he wanted by interviewing selected Republicans because there are members of that party who advocated almost anything. As individuals that is.

However, the men who were selected by the voters to lead the nation and who are thereby leaders of the party look like a bunch of citizens who will do nothing very drastic or radical. They appear to have more respect for a dollar than the outgoing administration leaders; they seem somewhat more concerned with America and less with Europe than their predecessors; they do not have a background of profitable politics, which is a change.

It is not indicated from the history of the party or the leaders that they will chain workmen to their machines, pay the English war debt, give the Fort Knox gold to Russia, or even pass a sales tax to harass the prosperous peasantry and get it out of debt.

We see no cause for alarm about prospects of a Republican administration and people are not inclined to excitement about it. Those who opposed Republicans in October are not all recovered from the effect of their own threats. You remember, there were dire prophecies about what Republicans would do to that nation. And those who voiced such threats would have gained more votes had they talked about their own case instead of voicing absurd prophecies about the opposition.

There is no reason why we should not assume that Eisenhower will surround himself with a cabinet of normal size and ability which will therefore be a couple steps ahead of what we have grown used to. The debt will not be paid but it will be reduced; taxes will be cut slightly but not much; there will be an effort toward efficiency. Nothing very dramatic about that, just some hard work of government. As far as we are concerned we could dispense with drama in government.

HOW WEAK CAN YOU GET?

A story in the papers stated that eastern Oregon county assessors in meeting at Bend agreed to put off the assessment of livestock until February and that the state tax commission had acquiesced to the deal. Later inquiry confirmed the story.

Actually assessors have no legal authority to delay the assessment of anything and the state tax commission has no authority to permit it.

As a matter of principle it is extremely dangerous to endeavor to assess any kind of property at a time considered most favorable to the owners thereof. Stockmen face a falling market but it may well be that prices in February will be as high or higher than in January, when the law says assessments shall be made.

Stockmen have been very nicely treated by assessors and should not crowd their luck. Cattle, for instance, are assessed at \$51.40 in this county. This includes all kinds, of course, that were alive and assessed last January 1. It includes purebreds and grades. It is not as high an assessment in relation to value as land at \$21.22 average, nor stocks of goods about which the tax commission were so concerned. The quality of assessments will always be a matter of contention. That is sure. But public confidence in assessment will not be aided by assessors giving in to special groups with the consent of the tax commission.



MEAT PRICES

It is doubtful that T-bone steaks will be selling for six bits or that a pork roast can be bought for 30 cents a pound in the immediate future although the Portland market did take a big drop Monday.

The nation had 88 million cattle this spring and that apparently is enough or maybe a few too many. Good beef still brings a good price but there isn't much of it. That's why it rates at the top.

Feeders have been afraid to buy this fall because of indications of a price drop. Many of them lost money last year. It is getting late and growers will have to sell. Under such conditions the price will drop.

The more cattle are sold now the fewer will be on the market in the spring. In any case there will be fewer pounds of beef for sale next spring if feeders do not buy now. And there is another angle. If feeders buy neither feeder steers nor feed grains the price of both will drop until there will be money in the business again. And probably cheaper meat.

Meat would be cheaper now if it wasn't for the slowness and ignorance of the OPS. It doesn't look as if prices of meat animals are going to collapse but that, like many other commodities they will reach a lower and more realistic level.

SOLUTION TO OLD PROBLEM

The decision of Attorney General George Neuner that truckers will have to pay the increased truck tax from January 1, 1952 which was the effective date of the act the truckers took to the people will very likely go to the supreme court before final opinion.

Whatever the effect of the decision of the truckers, and we think it may be taken care of easily by them, future legislatures have accidentally found a means of reducing the danger of indiscriminate referendum action against bills. By putting an exact date on that date if upheld by the voters at a subsequent election. It will surely stop the filing of initiative petitions against measures in order to save a few dollars whether the election is won or not—and that is what it looked like the truckers were doing.

J. S. Newcomb went to The Dalles Wednesday and brought Mrs. Newcomb home from the hospital where she spent five days for medical attention.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, November 25 at the court house between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Wasco News

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

Friday, November 14, Marilyn Smith celebrated her 11th birthday with a party at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith. Guests were Lynn Rathbun, Judy Watkins, Rebecca Rhinehart, Shirley Watkins, Darlene Gochbauer and Jeanette Belshee. After several games Marilyn opened her gifts and then refreshments were served by her mother.

The Sam Gordon bridge club met with Mrs. B. Estrella Hailey Thursday November 13. A desert luncheon was served on a table with a Thanksgiving centerpiece. Two guests were present Mrs. Augusta Huckin and Mrs. Marcella Hilderbrand. High score for the club was won by Mrs. Leona Smith and for the guest by Marcella Hilderbrand.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rosalee White on December 11.

Arlyn Van Gilder celebrated his eighth birthday November 12. A group of his friends met in the basement of the Christian church after school. Guests were Billy Smith, James Rhinehart, Chester Fields, Dean Rich, Bob Drinkard, Floyd Rathbun, Ronny Weik, Virgil Fields, John Thomas, Murray Turner, Tom Coats and Jack Kellogg. After 16th at 7:30 to speak on his work several games Arlyn opened his gifts and Mrs. Van Gilder assisted by Mrs. Merlin Shields Miss Vivian Trounce were served refreshments from a Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Going... Going... Almost Gone

Granny Robinson put on quite a show the other night at the annual White Elephant auction held at the Women's Club.

Towards the end of the evening, she had the ladies battling for anything she put up. "What am I bid for this woman's lovely black coat here—good as new? Who'll say ten dollars?" she asked.

Granny held the coat up, and commenced describing the coat's lining, sleeves, buttons—really "selling hard." Then, suddenly, she took a close look and blurted out "Land sakes, no more bidding please—this is my own coat!"

From where I sit, what almost happened to Granny was good for a laugh, but sometimes when people "get carried away" with their own talk it's not so funny. I prefer a glass of temperate beer while listening to my favorite radio program—you may like soda pop—or cider. I suggest we hold on to our personal opinions—and believe in them—but take a good close look at them before we try to "sell" them to our neighbor!

Joe Marsh

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How to make good telephone service even better...



telephone tips for talkative teen-agers

Time has a way of slipping by when the youngsters are visiting their friends by telephone. If you have a problem like this around your house, why not tip off the youngsters to the fact that the calls they get are often more important than those they make? And, of course, no one can call them... or you... as long as they have the line tied up with lengthy conversations. That's why, when they remember to leave a few minutes between calls, they won't run the risk of missing an important date because the boy who was calling could get nothing but a busy signal.

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Indian nut cups were given as favors. Arlyn's teacher, Mrs. Boynton, was also a guest. Mrs. Everett Hendricks of Nampa, Idaho is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Anna Lee.

Annie Fulton Chapter No. 124 OES held a stated communication Tuesday night Nov. 11. The past and present Esthers were honored with a story of Esther's life read by the present Esther, Nerine Fields. Past Esthers Inez Sergeant, Milly McDonald, Ethel VanGilder and Betty Thomas were presented a memento from Worthy Matron Helen Bruckert. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Ethel VanGilder and Alice Gochbauer. Past Ruths will be honored at the next meeting Nov. 25 with a movie of Ruth's life.

Wasco cemetery directors held a meeting at the city hall November 10 and decided to drill a well as soon as more money is available. Location of the well is being considered. The next meeting will be held December 8 at which time it is hoped the contract for drilling will be consummated. Interested persons are urged to send in their contributions.

A surprise visit to the Glen Wallace family recently, was made by some old friends from Kansas now living in Weiser, Idaho. The visitors were Mrs. Hugh Steffens, her son, Benny, and son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Albert Shilasko and her father, Willard Harriet and also a friend, Miss Joyce Mackrill.

Dr. Ruth Hopkins of the extension department of education spent Wednesday night as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert.

Paul Bunyon of the McKinley Indian mission was at the Christian church Sunday evening the 16th at 7:30 to speak on his work several games Arlyn opened his gifts and Mrs. Van Gilder assisted by Mrs. Merlin Shields Miss Vivian Trounce were served refreshments from a Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson of Goldendale spent a couple days this week with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent. Mrs. Anderson is the former Nellie Sorber and a former resident here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson are at Medford visiting their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson Jr. and a daughter. They plan to go on to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ted Proudfoot near Can Francisco after which the Johnsons and Proudfoots, will come back to Medford to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Johnson from Walla Walla, Wn., for Thanksgiving dinner. The Johnsons will then return home with their son.

The Wasco WSCS will hold its annual bazaar and dinner December 13 afternoon and evening in the M.E. church basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews report a very enjoyable hunting trip in the Blue mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson, and son Alfred and Miss Evelyn

Camavitch of Vancouver, B. C. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid. They all drove up to Mt. Hood Monday before the visitors departure Tuesday morning. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson and children Ryan and Lola drove to Portland on business.

Mrs. Alfred Merritt and Miss Clema Allen left Friday for Bend to attend the McKay-McKensie wedding. They expect to be gone several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hines are going to Arlington Sunday for a dinner with their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin West. The dinner is a farewell for their grandson, Jimmy who leaves next week for the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Brown of Tacoma, Wn., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Steve McMillin recently. They have just returned from a Mediterranean cruise.

Mrs. Norman Gochbauer has taken over the Avon products for this territory.

Mrs. Jennie Hearing returned last week from a six weeks va-

vacation. She visited a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lud Conrath at Yuba, California her son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown at Glen Ellen, California, Mrs. Bert Porter at Klamath Falls and two daughters in Portland.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Thomas M. Garrett, deceased by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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PEARL GARRETT Administratrix

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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. 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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