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REAPPORTIONMENT

Someone on the Oregonian appropriately put quote marks around the word "dead" in the headline over its editorial calling the federal plan of legislative apportionment dead. It is not dead. Upstate readers will find it a little pitiful that the Oregonian insists on being merely the Multnomah County Journal when, with its title, it indicates a statewide interest. But there are other papers with the name of Oregonian.

The editorial in question raises the old argument against federal apportionment that a county is not a state. In the concept of the founding fathers of this country, a state isn't a state either since they have given away their responsibilities, but let that pass. A county is a unit of government and so is a state. Both have been formed by approval of higher government.

Certainly our form of government under the federal constitution is not so limited that it could apply to no other relationship than that between federal government and states. It is the contention of the sponsors of the federal plan that it would work in Oregon and that it is a more sensible concept than that it would not.

There is certainly a difference in population of counties just as there is a difference in the population of states. The compromise that made the federal constitution acceptable, and that has made the development of the west possible, was that one house of the congress should be based on population and one on area. Other republics have found it workable. Oregon would also find it workable.

The Oregonian's editorial writer fears that the city would not be able to get what it required if rural people had equal representation in the legislature. That we deny. Upstate people are much better informed about the problems of the city than city people are of the problems of the country. That is not difficult to understand because upstate people read the Oregonian or the Oregon Journal, and certainly get the city viewpoint from that reading.

The contention of the federal plan advocates is that development of the state of Oregon will be from its natural resources. Those resources are timber, power, land, fish. All are upstate. When they are developed Portland will profit but the upstate will have to have enough authority in the legislature to insist on development or it will not happen.

The group that is interested in putting the federal plan on the ballot is interested in all of Oregon, not just the city which is but the part that does the service work for the producers. The services the city performs are important; it ships, it banks, it wholesales. But it is the producing upstate that is most important for without that there would be nothing to ship or bank or wholesale.

PORK BARREL BILL

The public works bill recently passed by congress is sure to delight many Americans, especially those who have been working for appropriations for some pet project for years. Nearly every project previously conceived has been given some money.

At the risk of looking a gift horse in the mouth we hereby give it as our opinion that it is a bad bill, conceived in political trading, and a local raid on the public treasury. Political ability isn't needed to go to a legislature or a congress and trade and trade until everyone has something. All that is required for that is a weakness of will and a lack of principle. The kind of a legislator worth his salt is one who can get something without giving too much away. The state of Oregon had better build its own dams than to pay the federal taxes on such bills as this one.

Included in the bill is the Ice Harbor dam on the Snake which was probably the price of Senator Magnuson's vote. It has been kept off the list for years, thanks partly to Guy Cordon in our opinion. It endangers the salmon fishing on the whole Columbia and will not furnish power for the general power pool; power will go to Hanford.

There was once a theory of government that great public works

should be planned as soon as possible so they could be built in times of economic recession. Now we have one of the largest bills for public construction ever in the most prosperous year in our history. Some of the items included have not even been approved for construction.

Disregarding the fact that we think the John Day should be started (a smaller appropriation would suffice) and overlooking the fact that some other work should be done and not forgetting that some good dam sites were left out, we believe that this is a bad bill. A bad bill because it contains too many projects, costs too much money, and has been passed on the basis of trading of votes, log-rolling. It is the old pork barrel.

These Things We Note

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cessful buying out some of the others and enlarging business until it employs thousands. Others have gone to work as employees. Even the grocery business is now mainly in the hands of chain operators. Manufacturing is big business, transportation is big business, retailing is big business. Labor unions have organized workers to keep worker income up.

Whether all this is good or bad, it has reduced the middle class. T T W N
Here in Washington one gets the impression that this country is too big to be governed from one place. Newspapers are full of the actions of the men on the hill, committee hearings, witness statements, etc. and many of them indicate that information is entirely too scanty to base decisions on.

It may well be that it was an error to elect all of our legislators by the people. It brought more government to Washington whereas if the senate still represented the states more government would naturally be done in the states.

Here there are so many things legislated on that no one knows much about other than a few who live in the area concerned. That makes party control more necessary and more important and political parties are interested in control primarily. Therefore the propriety of many actions is based on something far removed from the original reasons for them.

T T W N
The July 1 crop report shows that for the 1955 crop the government gave a quota of 55 million acres and because of leniency 57.5 million acres were sown. Crop abandonment reduced this to 47 million acres which is the smallest since 1934.

One might think that this year would give us a fine chance to reduce the huge surplus. It is now expected that the surplus will drop 15 million bushels if we can export 270 million bushels which we may not do.

This should be conclusive evidence that federal acreage controls have not worked and will not work. It may be that a price control would.

Of course, eventually, the crops will be reduced if we keep building storage houses on tillable land.

T T W N
Government is getting so big that even the men in it get no opportunity to express their ideas. Oregon has sent some fine men to Washington to help out the federal government and they are on the treadmill just like the millions of others, with little chance to express their ideas—which were the reason they got the call for Washington—and no time to do anything other than routine work.

T T W N
We flew home at night most of the way, landing at Salt Lake before the sun rose over the mountains. It was clear over the mid-Columbia and the wheat and barley fields looked ripe and productive. Outside Portland the breeze was blowing and soon the car windows were closed and we were cool again, although the temperature was as high as in the east. Maybe the trouble with eastern air is that one gets too well acquainted with it; out here it moves around too fast for that—and it is dry.

T T W N
Any place we've been the people that think about government and public affairs are concerned about the growth of government and decrease of personal responsibility. The fear seems universal; it is those who do not think about such things who are taking the cash and letting the credit go and unheeding the distant drum. Actually this country comes nearer to being a dictatorship of the proletariat than Russia ever has, so responsive to the "public pulse" are legislators and congressmen who feel that their jobs depend on steadily giving more dollars to more people for less reason. There is only one end to that road.

T T W N
If this meeting at the summit does one percent the good some writers are expecting of it, it will be a wonderful success. It is likely that its greatest success will be in filling newspaper columns.

T T W N
Strictly in the interest of beauty we hope men let women wear the Bermuda shorts.

Kent Items

By Nancy Wilson

Friday a thunder storm swept over the Kent area and threatened the ripening grain crops, but a critical situation was avoided when the Weather Modification Co. overseeded the clouds. Scattered showers fell throughout the community, but no hail was reported.

Roy Harbin is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz where he is helping with the work.

R. L. Johnson of Sacramento, California left Wednesday on a return trip to California after visiting his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and relatives in Portland. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Johnson were callers Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson. Mr. Johnson spent a couple of days visiting at the St. Martin's Hot Springs taking treatments there to help in his recovery from a serious illness he had last winter.

Miss Beverly Helyer was a week end guest in Bend at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Van Matre.

Word was received that Jess Canright fell from a tractor and fractured his hip and will be in the hospital for some time.

Mrs. Leatitia Wilson received word from her son, Private Richard Wilson that he and his wife are settled in Virginia at Fort Belvoir where he will be stationed for the next eight weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Damiani of Portland were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and returned home with their son, Mike, who has spent the past week visiting the McKays.

Mrs. John Decker motored to Portland Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. May Mitchell who is ill and returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxfield and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith were visitors Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay to visit Peggy McKay.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 200 bu. Hopper bottom, steel grain tank. 1947 International KB6 with K7 motor, excellent condition. Trailer hitch and vacuum trailer brakes. 15 ft stock racks. Ernest Eslinger, Moro, Ore. 38c

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3612
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ROOFING

Whether it rains or not the wind is going to blow. If your roof is in bad repair or about to be, see me about—

for I have several kinds of roofing that are well adapted to this country, that will not blow off and that will shed rain for years.

CLARENCE ODELL, WASCO, OREGON

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Neither Rain Nor Hail... Nor Broken Boxes!

Red Fowler, local R.F.D. mailman, got an English car—with a right-hand drive so he can stuff mailboxes from behind the wheel.

"It's great!" Red reports. "But it would work a lot better if all box holders would follow regulations. A mailbox should be 40 inches high, on the right of the road... within reaching distance from a car window. If one is knocked down, the owner should make repairs pronto."

Come to think of it, Red is pretty good about his obligations—delivering packages, supplying

stamps, cashing money orders—saving us trips to the Post Office. Let's fix up those boxes so he can get his chores done fast.

From where I sit, obligation always work both ways. For instance, I figure that I'm obliged to respect your right to enjoy your favorite beverage—be it coffee, tea, beer, buttermilk or whatever. Why? Because I'd expect you to do the same for me. The Golden Rule should be followed "to the letter" by everyone.

Joe Marsh

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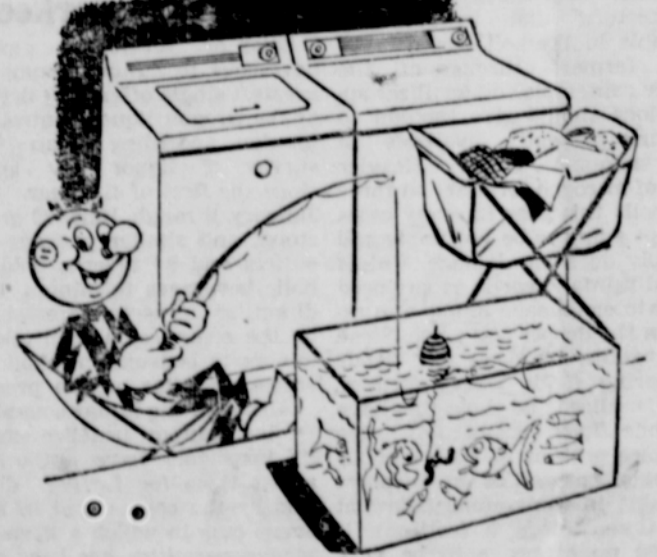
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