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WAYNE MORSE

Anyone who writes seriously about Wayne Morse must also do it with a feeling of sadness. For the man is so brilliant, so able. Yet, like a motor without a governor he has lost his usefulness for he completely lacks the governor of humility.

Most men can learn from their defeats and eventually come to realize like all other humans they are but mortal clay and subject to error. Such men lie awake at night and wonder if they were right about this action or that and stay headlong impulses. No such doubts exist in Wayne Morse—or do not control him. He is always right; never ready to admit that an opponent may be right or might even be honest and upright in his opposing opinions.

There is none of the saving grace of humility about Morse and to intimate that he might pluck the beam from his own eye instead of harping about the mote in his neighbor's eye brings on a tirade.

Republicans who are aggrieved over his desertion of their party are echoing the words of Browning who wrote of a "Lost Leader", "Just for a handful of silver he left us, Just for riband to stick in his coat."

They note that Republican registration was larger in 1944 when he first ran and is now below that of the Democrats. Factual minded persons find reason in that. Morse, typically, lays his switch to "principle". The man is adept at finding reasons for what he wants to do. And that can be a weakness, a serious fault, for such a man admits no controls outside himself. Such a man insists not only in making his own ideas but on making his own morals as well.

It is a type of abnormality that may lead to dangerous endings. A man who goes into politics without sufficient income to earn him a living outside of politics often comes to the place where he has to do demagogic things to retain his position. Many of the men who boast so ardently that they are for "the people" are merely trying to hold onto a job on which they have come to depend for a living. Their very livelihood comes from their reelection.

Sound government cannot come from men of that kind. We can see no future for Wayne Morse in the United States senate. Neither side can place implicit confidence in him and despite his brilliance he convinces no one. The give and take of legislation is not for him. His bright and alert mind has not been able to overcome the ego of his personality. Perhaps the voters can instill the touch of humility so badly needed.

IT REALLY HAPPENED

The news was enlivened this week by a story from nearby Wheeler county. It seems that some residents of Jefferson and Grant counties asked to be included among the drought counties which would permit the purchase of stock feed at a reduction of approximately \$20 per ton.

Officials complying with the request included Wheeler county which lies between the two. They thought that if Jefferson and Grant were dry Wheeler must also be dry.

Former State Senator W. H. Steiwer objected to inclusion of his county, Wheeler, and the petition has been withdrawn.

The facts must be that neither county is suffering from drought any more than are the western Oregon counties suffering from drought. Inclusion in the drought list was done because by that means feed could be bought cheaper. Who pays the \$20 difference we do not know but presume it is the taxpayer.

What goes on here? Is administration of the law so lax that a county may be called a drought county after the wettest winter in history? Is government so anxious to subsidize that it makes grants without any investigation? Are stockmen so anxious to get a rebate on feed that they would perjure themselves?

THE COLUMBIA

How would you write about a river? It is a problem to those who have written books in the series about American rivers, the latest of them being Stewart Holbrook whose river was the Columbia.

Mr. Holbrook, for all his dour pronouncements about people ruining the country, likes people and writes about them. In his book about the Columbia he writes about the people who lived along it. That is one way of doing it and he is readable. There are not many who could write about a river and make it interesting. The 308 Report was about the Columbia from an engineering standpoint and it has not had general acceptance as a best seller.

For that reason, probably, The Columbia, is about people, not ordinary people but about the flamboyant, the industrious, those who have done extraordinary things along the Columbia. When Mr. Holbrook writes about on old Shay engine taking 200 snoose burning Swedes into the woods for a days logging he does it with information and eloquence; when he writes of the early day entrepreneur who tried to drain the Kootenay into the Columbia he taps the sort of historical oddity he best understands.

So far as the writer is able to judge Holbrook's facts are correct and he makes them understandable which is harder to do than to tell how it should be done. For those who would like to have a better knowledge of the characters who made the northwest what it is The Columbia is a bit of must reading.

TAX CLINIC

Down in Salem on April 6 there is to be what is billed as a tax clinic. Those on its program are the men who have been studying Oregon's taxation for a long time.

Actually they didn't really start the urge for a clinical examination of the state's tax system. A new chamber of commerce secretary at Salem learned a little about Oregon taxes and began to work for some speedy reform. He found himself stopped by the state constitution into which Oregon voters at sundry times have written certain road blocks to tax reform, road blocks which they seem willing to man with fixed bayonets upon the threat of any change by reformers.

Oregon is in a rather bad way tax-wise. During the war money piled up at great rate with new corporations pouring tax money into the excise fund, inflation putting personal incomes above normal until the state coffers budgeted to overflowing. The legislature, prudently, put much of this aside into one kind of fund or another where it wouldn't be seen.

But, of course, some one smelled it out and started a campaign to spend it. The voters, ever anxious to spend some loose money, voted the basic school fund and a veterans' bill and insisted on some other expensive political gadgets that cost much more

than the state's income. Legislators warned that we were living on surplus funds that would not last forever. The people scoffed because while the funds still existed the legislators looked like a bunch of tightwads with proclivities toward hoarding the people's money—a most reprehensible sin.

So the spending went on, often reaching 20 to 30 millions a biennium more than was taken in.

Now the end has come and the people are howling because they are not only broke but are having to pay a 45 percent surtax on top of their income taxes. It is our opinion that it could have been less had the budget been cut and also our opinion that some economy on the part of state government can make it less for the next biennium. But there will be no economy unless the people want it badly enough to insist on it. In fact, the tax spenders who have had, so large a part in spending the surplus are preparing to ask for more—and more—and more.

Naturally when the taxes are high there is more concern about them and more complaint that some one else, some other group, is not paying enough. For us, we think everyone is paying too much.

Chamber of commerce secretaries who spend their lives trying to attract new business to Oregon (and we need it) worry about the excise tax that keeps it away and about the income tax that keeps investors out, and it is a real worry.

There are several approaches to the problem. One is to raise more money by means of a sales tax. That is politically impossible or not would serve to increase the total tax load. Another approach is to cut some of the spending, reduce the building programs, turn some of the school costs back to local districts, quit trying to be the highest state in welfare.

There is a measure before the people, SJR 4, that would give the legislature the right to pass tax legislation with an emergency clause so it would go into effect immediately and not be subject to referendum until the next election. Unless it can be shown that the intention behind it is NOT to raise more taxes it is apparently doomed.

What to do; what to do; what to do? Is economy so unthinkable? If it is then there must be some new taxes, the old being already at the peak. Must we go on living at the same rate we did on our war-time inheritance?

Or can we quietly go home at the end of the party and put on

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Kent Items

By Nancy and Karen Wilson

A birthday dinner honoring Charles Bothwell was held Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Luther Davis. Dinner guests were Mrs. Laetitia Wilson and Wilbur Haggerty.

P.B.A.M. Butch Helyer returned home from Memphis, Tenn., to spend ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Durward Helyer, Saturday.

Beverly and Judy Helyer were overnight guests of Mrs. Lillian Van Matre of Bend, Saturday. Marquita Koepke of Goldendale was an overnight guest Friday and Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooley.

The Kent Community Bible church was dedicated Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with special services conducted by the Rev. Jim Howard, First Baptist church of Prineville and Rev. Wilbur Junker, local pastor. A large crowd was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker were hosts at a dinner party given for a large group of friends at their home Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cangelton of Paulina, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkadahl and family of Paulina, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eagles and family of Paulina, Mr. and Mrs. John Graves and Mrs. Jesse Graves and daughter of Prineville, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay, Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Campbell of The Dalles, Andy Engberg of Wasco and Mrs. Juanita Johnson and son of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkadahl of Paulina were overnight guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Juanita Johnson and son of Portland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Decker. Frank McKay and Arthur Decker returned Sunday to college at OTI at Klamath Falls.

Easter services will be observed by the Kent Community Bible church with a 6:00 p. m. sunrise service followed by the regular 11:00 a. m. services. In the evening at 7:30 a colored film "God Is My Landlord" produced by the Moody Film company will be shown.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned executors of the estate of Leon V. Moore, deceased, have filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, their final account as such executors, and that the 16th day of April, 1956 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof. Glayds Morrison Cecile Morse Leo V. Moore Executors

C. L. Gavin Attorney for Estate The Dalles, Oregon 19-22c

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION STATE OF OREGON ) ss. County of Sherman )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, on Monday, the 30th day of April, 1956, from 2:00

22-23c O'clock P. M. to 8:00 o'clock P. M., Oregon Standard Time, in the zones and at the polling places hereinafter set forth, at which election the school voters of Sherman County, Oregon, shall vote upon the questions of establishing a county high school district including the entire county and electing a county high school board consisting of five directors.

Nominations for directors of said county high school board shall be made by the filing of written declarations of candidacy with the county clerk not later than fifteen days prior to the date of election, to-wit: April 30, 1956, and such declaration shall state the zone from which the nominee is a candidate. Any school voter who has resided in Sherman County for more than six months prior to the date of election may become a candidate.

For the purposes of said election Sherman County has been divided into five zones by the District Boundary Board, said zones to be known and designated as follows:

Rufus Zone No. 1 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 3, Rufus, and school District No. 1, Biglow. The polling place in Zone No. 1 shall be at the school house in Rufus, Oregon.

Wasco Zone No. 2 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 7, Wasco, and School District No. 4, Emigrant Springs. The polling place in Zone No. 2 shall be in the City Hall in Wasco, Oregon.

Moro Zone No. 3 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 17, Moro. The polling place in Zone 3 shall be at the court house in Moro, Oregon.

Grass Valley Zone No. 4 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 23, Grass Valley. The polling place in Zone No. 4 shall be at the City Hall in Grass Valley, Oregon.

Kent Zone No. 5 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 9 Kent. The polling place for Zone No. 5 shall be at the American Legion Hall in Kent, Oregon.

This election is called by the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon in pursuance of the provisions of 335.710 and 335.715, Oregon Revised Statutes.

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