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Revolutions

Revolutions are failures. They may be necessary to relieve the strain, but it is also necessary that they be failures.

Revolutions come when the ruling class or group becomes so arrogant and overbearing that the majority—the people — revolt and upset the government.

They must be failures because the common people are so common they cannot manage a government and eventually some of the uncommon, the more able, rise to the top and start another period of arrogance.

In no civilization has there been much more than five percent of the citizenry able to conduct the affairs of government in a satisfactory manner. The common people must depend on them or have their government fall into the hands of the inefficient who just plain can't run a government.

Latest major revolution was the Chinese which brought a new bunch of bosses to the patient Chinamen, who have since been starving by the millions. Before that it was the Russians who traded the inefficiencies of the Czars for the oppression of the communists. The French murdered the Bourbons and have had a hard time keeping a permanent government ever since. In America we got rid of the English and formed a new kind of government, which is very much like the English had all along.

Government, especially in the big and complicated nations now existing, requires the abilities of the most competent men. It cannot safely be done by the selfish, the predatory, the dreamers, nor the stolid.

The world is full of revolutions right now. The colored races are in revolt against the whites in an effort to acquire the easy living the whites have developed. It will do them no good to obtain it by force, for it will melt in their hands. It is the result of ability to manage and produce. If and when the uneducated and untrained people of the world learn how to make the things and conditions they desire there will be no need to revolt. They cannot get them for free.

State Finance

Some enterprising citizens of Albany have started to refer the tax bill, just born after long gestation to the legislature. And if successful in getting some 23,000 signatures on petitions may put the poor deformed thing out of its misery early in life.

The threat is so potent that already Portland papers and others who believe in big government are trying to protect the bill and threatening voters with worse.

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forgot what the taxpayers had said back home.

The Ways & Means committee did a pretty good job of keeping the budget below requests, but take a look at some figures. It cut \$4,279,039 from the operations of higher education and raised the building for that purpose by over ten million. A college is not a house.

The department of education in Oregon is one of the most awkward in the whole state, ruled by an empire builder. The governor's recommendation was \$6,399,789 for that department and the legislature upped that by \$2,025,966.

Of course the legislature cost much more money than ever before because there was more talking and less thinking than usual.

The legislature evaded some reasonable settlement of the Basic School problem which is growing like a cancer. If Oregon schools were run by local directors and with local financing there would be less money spent and we doubt if the education would suffer.

The legislature did not curtail the number of interim committees that provide political advantage for members along with a study of the state's geography. Some do good; most do not.

As for us, we think the legislators and the whole government of the state of Oregon might as well learn right now that the taxpayers do not think that an increase of 15 to 17 per cent in expenses is necessary every time the legislature meets. We know of no citizens who can look forward to such an increase.

Therefore we are in sympathy with the citizens of Albany who seem to have a knack of initiating against tax bills. The last one so treated went down by well over three to one. We predict a worse fate for this one.

How Crazy Can You Get?

Local postoffices have been directed to obtain as much publicity as possible for the new ZIP numbers, already assigned to every postoffice. Such things are a product of the computer age when work is done by machines and men languish in bars, drinking up their dole.

Each one of the postoffices in Sherman county have a new ZIP number which is supposed to be on every address. The presumption is that if there are two chances to make a mistake fewer will be made. If some one knows you live in Moro, but has forgotten the ZIP number you will get no word. He could find Moro on the map, but we presume there will be no maps of ZIP numbers.

Something will have to be done about computers. They are taking over the functions of humans. The job of keeping humans classified, recorded, numbered has become too much work for humans so they invent a computer which does the work of so many humans they eventually starve for want of a job.

But we do understand that there is great opposition to the idea of this ruling by the post-office department and that it will not take hold, but be withdrawn shortly. It could not be too soon.

In this battle between men and machines we have been on the side of men; in this particular instance we are decidedly on the side of men and we think they would be better off with poorer machines and better men.

When you leave today's work unfinished, you put a mortgage on tomorrow.

The man or woman who takes himself too seriously seldom finds anyone else who will.

Letter to the Editor . . .

To the Editor:

If you are going to have a 4th of July celebration this year, I thought maybe the old timers would like to hear about an old time celebration that was held in The Dalles, back in 1885 which the old timers used to talk about when we first went up to Sherman county, back in 1895. They used to tell how much money was spent, and how the 2 biggest contests were won by 2 men from Sherman County.

Your Truly,
W. F. Parry

Early days in Sherman County

When we came up to Moro back in 1895, the old timers had a lot of yarns to tell us. One was about the big fourth of July celebration that was held in The Dalles in 1885, when so many people from all over the County came and spent a lot of money. One of the events that they put on was a prize of \$50.00 to any man could ride the bad horse they had, down off the hill back of the town, and across the flat where the town later built. Now they had a hard time finding a man who would try such a hard stunt, till finally they decided if they could get a hold of Billy Gibson who lived out on the John Day east of Moro, and who was considered the best rider east of the Mountains, and had never been thrown from a horse, so they sent a man up there to talk to Billy and bring him back to The Dalles. Well Billy looked the hill over and finally said it would be a dangerous ride, but if they insisted on that kind of an exhibition he would try it the Fourth of July morning. Well the dident fall, and Billy wasnt thrown, but came down off the hill and out across the flat where the town was later built, and when they helped him off the horse, the crowd started throwing money at him, so he received quite a large sum of money in addition to the \$50.00 given by the Town. When the old timers used to tell the story, they would close by saying that that was the greatest ride ever made in the State.

There was lots of good saddle horses in the country then, so they also offered \$50.00 to the man who could make the best time from Condon to The Dalles on that Fourth of July day. Now Frank Watkins who lived in Moro, and had the best lot of horses on the range, said he would like to try out his best saddle horse, if they would let him pick out the shortest route he could find over Gilliam, Sherman, and Wasco Counties, because there wasent any fences, and if he swam the John Day and the Deschutes River, he thought he could cut the distance down to around 75 miles, but the rest of the men wanted to drop down and cross the Deschutes on the old wagon bridge near the mouth of the River, which was further, but Frank kept a straight line across the County, going down to the Deschutes on the old ratal snake grade, and swimming the river where they later built the old wagon bridge.

Well after Frank won the contest they asked him to make a speech, and tell the people how he won the contest, and Frank said there was 3 reasons why he won.

First he had the BEST HORSE. Second he made the shortest ride. And third he jumped off and led his horse up those 2 canyons which gave him a chance to get his breath back.

Well when we got up to Moro in 1895, Frank still had that old horse and used to bring him down town once a week, and let the folks look him over, and the old timers would say (there is the best horse that the STATE OF OREGON ever had)

PP&L Crews Share Award For Safety

Local crews of Pacific Power & Light Company shared honors this week with PP&L employees who have been cited by the Edison Electric Institute for achieving an outstanding safety-at-work record throughout the utility's system during the past year.

The national electric utility industry association's award is made to utilities whose employees have reduced the frequency of injuries by 25 percent or more below their average injury - frequency rates of the preceding three years, according to PP&L's district manager, A. M. Thrasher.

Through the end of last month the local crews of the company had maintained a safety record that has been free of time - loss injuries since October of 1959, a total of 228,480 man - hours of safe work.

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Personals

Mrs. Lucille May has been here for several days as a guest of Mrs. Marjorie Marvin, while visiting friends of the days when she and her late husband operated a grocery store here. Mrs. May says that her daughter, Sandra, was married Thanksgiving to Joe Shafer of Eugene who is getting his master's degree from the University this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wily Knighten are here to spend most of the summer in their home as a sort of vacation from living at Heppner and driving to Lexington every school day so Mrs. Knighten can teach school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pagot of Oakland, California, are here to visit her brother, Jack Lawrence and Wednesday spent the day with Mrs. Ted Thompson, Jack's daughter.

Dorothy Moore returned from Denver Monday evening where she attended a Republican meeting.

Kerrone Christianson's daughter Diane Stewart and children from Boise, Idaho are here visiting her for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Toole, one of the PP&L Co. employees who has been here three months on the construction will be leaving Friday for The Dalles area work.

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore are spending several days in Pendleton visiting friends.

Alice Conlee and Karrone Christianson are both suffering with colds which they contracted while on their Alaskan cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson and family of Painesfield, Washington were here over the weekend visiting his parents.

Mrs. Lloyd Johnson motored to Portland to bring Lloyd home Saturday. He is doing very well. He has been allowed to watch television but not to read. He will return to Portland for another checkup July 6.

Leta Tiwater (Eslinger) was here last week to make arrangements to have her furniture moved to her home in Kennewick.

Mildred Eakin will be moving into the apartment just vacated by Mrs. Tiwater. She has been living with the Cooks.

Lorine Hall is being kept very busy this week getting lists of

names in order for the swimming classes which begin July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. DeMoss are still in Washington visiting from Renton to the coast and back to son Bob and family.

Orilu Coons has been burning some mid-night oil in the process of getting all material in order for the Jack Gross trial which got underway Monday.

Loy Cochran, city water master announced the water statements for this time will be his last as he is retiring and going to southern Oregon on an extend vacation to work his mine.

Terry Frakes of Boyd, was here last week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Benson.

Mrs. Ash Martin of Selah, came to visit with her two sisters, the Harry and George Benson families and a brother, Steve Alley and family, Grass Valley.

Bill Hall and Martin Zimmerman were in Pendleton Tuesday afternoon on business.

Sharon Gilman and baby Solange visited the Air Base at Condon for a small pox vaccination for the baby.

Velma McKean and daughter Janie spent Wednesday at the Fair Grounds for the 4-H Horse judging.

Grass Valley Girls Attend Competition Drill Taking Honors

The Gamma Lambda Theta Rho Girls Club No. 84 took part in a competition drill at the Theta Rho Assembly held in Merrill, June 20, 21, 22 and won first place. Friday evening the following girls who took part in the drill were: Mona Eakin, Co. drill captain, Rosalee Eslinger, Co. drill captain, Donna and Glenda Perry, Christine Cantrall, Ann and Pat Brown, Carolyn Johnson, Ruth Alley, Jennifer Hahn, Nancy Crews, Judy Dunlap, Nancy Doolin, Nancy Alberty, Jan-

ice Lemley, Sheri Rolfe, Peggy Riggs and Lorraine Stark.

The Advisors going with the girls were Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. Harold Eakin. Others going along were Mrs. Orville Ruggles, who played for the drill, Mrs. Selma Watkins, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly, Mrs. Earl Oids, vice chairman J.J.Y.C., Alfa Jean Payne, Monya Neal and Harold Eakin.

Judy Dunlap was Right Supporter to the Warden for the 1963 session. Sheri Rolfe was appointed second Gerald by the new president, Nancy Shelton for the session to be held in 1964.

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