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Democracy Is A Gamble

Because there is much emphasis on the political maneuvering so consistent with this year of presidential choice, national affairs seem to more and more take on the attributes of a no-limit game of chance.

The naked imprint of political strategy leaves no doubt that almost all the public servants in government office as well as would be public figures outside office are predominantly occupied with the game of chance and political effect.

Like many another game of chance, there is undoubtedly a lot of bluffing in today's political jousting. And the ancient art of trying to correctly assess the hole-card has more than passing importance in the days of government to come.

The United States government is not, in fact, an efficient government. The spirit of chance is woven so deeply into its basic structure, there is no planned relation between what the nation should achieve through national election and the desired achievement itself.

History, too, proves this for fact. Many national figures have been raised to the high presidential honor because their misrepresentations successfully wooed votes and then were quickly repudiated when the "pot" of national leadership and incumbency in the top nest of national government made possible a different course of action than promised.

Many an otherwise worthy candidate for high office, probably better qualified but short in ability to gain popular backing, has fallen into tragic oblivion, before one who played his cards better. Since history cannot be erased, since no phase of life can be turned back for a re-take, the value of such lost leadership can only be guessed.

There have been many attempts, from the nation's start to its present day, at pointing out the basis of America's strength. Critics, with justification, point out the rampart sectionalism that finds the South different from the North, the East different from the West. From a basic language, even the accents and the laughter as well as the values are not on a common level. How, they ask, can the United States be so great, with all its blunderings?

One answer to the problem might be that Americans of all sections and all social levels are partisans of chance as well as skill.

Who doesn't like to gamble? Certainly not the people who find relaxation and excitement in a lodge bingo game. Nor the multitude of people who respond to an appeal with "I like So and So because—" in twenty-five words or less. Nor the people who will take a chance on anything, in a raffle for instance, where one chance might mean a prize of great value.

Likewise, people reluctant to take a chance would hardly have elected such an amazingly different line-up of public servants as even now hold forth, the nation across.

Things might well be different, if our government were more efficient; if there were some examination of all representations made by a candidate for any public office. Yes, going a step further, the entire national picture would doubtlessly change if such an idea, in the name of efficiency, were extended to representations made by advertisers, making stringent examination of all such representation the rule.

But America, with her promise would hardly have that promise if her people had less optimism, less willingness to take a chance in everything attempted.

By all the rules of logic and theory in government, a scientific rule would make government a consistent, dependable quantity. If government were to run coldly and by reasoned plan, surely there should be less waste.

But, considering the United States as it is, where the basic assumption of chance is that anyone has a chance to be president, we can only say, "Thank God, a Democracy is a gamble!"

— W. K.

Tom Ramsdell For Action and Less Promises

Although T. M. Ramsdell Jr., candidate for Washington county commissioner in the Republican nominating primaries of May 21,



has taken an active part in various youth sports activity in the county, he feels there is also a place for his energies in the field of county government service. A long-time resident of the county, now retired, Ramsdell declares that the political picture would do much better with a little more action and a whole lot less of promises.

Opposed to needless taxes and unnecessary spending of county funds, Ramsdell is nevertheless committed to the idea of good roads for the whole county, with proper drainage.

A veteran of World War I and resident in Washington county for 27 years, he declares that, if nominated and elected, he will serve honestly and fairly.

Candidate Says U. S. Puts On Most Decent Showing

To the Editor:

The Chinese are given the credit for a proverb which says, in effect, "If defeat is inevitable, relax and enjoy it."

But who can tell when defeat is inevitable? Of the greatest victories have been achieved when defeat seemed inevitable.

Whenever I hear a new philosophy I like to know the source of it and what effect it has had on the element from which it originated. Take, for instance, the Chinese proverbs. Some of them sound exceedingly plausible; but what effect have the Chinese philosophers had on the Chinese people? Look at China as a nation and answer that one yourself.

By and large, the philosophies which come out of the United States should be the most impressive in the world; for the reason that the United States is undoubtedly the most impressive nation in the world and is a fine example of what a nation should be. Of course there is plenty of room for improvement in the behavior of the United States as a nation, and of its people as individuals. But the good old U. S. A. and its people are putting on the most decent performance of any nation and of any people.

Charles T. McPherson
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Portland, Oregon.

Pomona Grange Activity Notes

The Home Economics card party at the Grange hall on Saturday evening, April 3 was enjoyed by members and friends who attended. The proceeds are to be used for subscriptions to the National Grange magazine for each grange family. Refreshments were served in the dining hall at the close of the party.

The grange met in all day session April 10 with a good attendance. Warren Erwin of West Slope was a visitor. The dining tables were beautiful with spring flowers and April birthdays were honored with a special cake. A plant and bulb sale was held at noon.

The lecture hour consisted of the song "The Wild Bird" and roll call "my favorite wild tree" by all members.

Miss Grace Funston read an interesting paper on Bible trees and the poem "Trees" was given by Mrs. Isabelle Walker. A history of the Betty Crocker chiffon cake was told by Mrs. Berenice Dobbins, a story "The Brave Old Oak" by Mrs. Elsie Christiansen. Mrs. Vivian Lawrence gave the proper method of planting a tree which was followed by a game entitled "Trees."

Hot dish holders were featured on the display table.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, evening, April 26 at 8 o'clock. At this time third and fourth degrees of the order will be conferred on candidates and potluck refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The Home Economics club met in the hall on Tuesday the 13th, with 12 members present. Potluck luncheon held at noon, with Mrs. Fern Graham acting as hostess. After the business meeting which was called to order by the chairman Mrs. Be Hansen, the members answered roll call with "short cuts in house work."

An exchange of plants was held, a scrap book was completed by Mrs. Alice Funston and the members worked on tea towels and other sewing. The next H.E.C. meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 11 a. m. with pot luck at noon.

Pomona grange meets with Kington grange Wednesday, April 28 at 10 a. m.

Beaverton High Spring Concert By Mixed Chorus

The annual spring concert will be held in the Beaverton high school auditorium, Friday, April 23, at 8 p. m.

This musical evening with the girls' and boys' choruses and high school band is offered under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Duncan and Melvin Wells.

This is the first year that admission has been charged, the proceeds being used to purchase choir robes. Advanced ticket sales will assure seating.

One highlight of the evening will be the mixed choir of more than 100 voices singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Larry Fisher, student director, will lead the mixed choir in "Hark the Vesper Hymn is Stealing."

The freshman chorus, a new addition to Beaverton's music department, will present "Evening Prayer" and "Lil David, Play on Yo' Harp," Mrs. Duncan directing.

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"THE AVAILABILITY OF DIVINE POWER AS REVEALED BY CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

by

James Harry McReynolds, C.S.B. of Dallas, Texas

Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Tuesday, April 27 9 P. M.

in Benson High School Auditorium

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Prayer In Christian Science Is Answered

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"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY AND PROMISE"

by

Richard J. Davis, C.S.B. of San Jose, California

Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Thursday, April 29 8 P. M.

IN THE EDIFICE OF Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist 3505 N. E. Multnomah St. Portland, Oregon

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PTA Co. Council Okays Church In Public Schools

The Washington county council of the PTA held the April meeting at Durham with election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Carl Ott, Forest Grove; first vice president, Mrs. Roland Dustin, Sherwood; second vice president, Mrs. Scott Horny, Beaverton; third vice president, Mrs. Homer Settlemier, Hillsboro; secretary, Mrs. Darl Ewing, Forest Grove; treasurer, Mrs. Arlo Harding, Aloha-Huber. The officers were installed by Mrs. Paul Patterson, state legislative chairman and a past president of the county council.

The by-laws of the Washington county council PTA were revised to approve continuation of spiritual, non-sectarian education in the public schools. The winner of the attendance trophy, based on the percentage attendance of the local unit, was Hazeldeale, one of the newest units to join the county council. J. R. Smurthwaite is the president this year.

R. E. Lieuallen, registrar of Monmouth and chairman of School Education of Oregon Parents and Teachers organization, introduced Miss Emma Henkle, director of intermediate education and head of the reading clinic of the Oregon College of Education of Monmouth. Miss Henkle talked on the new trends in teaching methods in the first grade group. She said children are now taught according to their levels of ability rather than keeping all at one level.

Reports were given by the various units and by the county chairman.

The Durham unit served a hot lunch at noon.

The state convention will be held at Klamath Falls April 27 to 29.

THE OUTLOOK From Cooper Mt.

FIRE IN HOME

Hans Nelsen was suddenly called from his work at Hart's Hatchery Tuesday morning, Apr. 13, to put out a fire in his home at Reedville. It is estimated that about \$200 damage was done by the fire which started in the chimney directly behind the kitchen range. The Beaverton fire truck was called and they had the situation well in hand in a few minutes.

FROM MENLO PARK

Mrs. Emil Wold, Menlo Park, Calif., spent last weekend visiting at the homes of her brother-in-law, Gunlief Wold, Bany road and sister-in-law, Mrs. Laura Clausen, Conner road.

TEACHERS MEET

Mrs. Margaret Dernbach and Mrs. F. Heard, Cooper Mountain teachers, attended a meeting of the Washington county rural teachers in Hillsboro Wednesday, April 14. Mrs. Dernbach is chairman of the organization.

COAST TOUR

Mrs. Aggie Gassner and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bany motored to the coast towns of Tillamook, Netarts and Oceanside April 11. Mrs. Bany also visited her daughter Mrs. Milan Pizer in Tillamook.

YAKIMA VISITORS

Mr and Mrs. W. M. Sarri, Yakima, Wn., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barron April 11. The Sarri are an aunt and uncle of Mrs. Barron.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr and Mrs. Irving Peterson, Portland, and two daughters Janet and Joanne were Sunday dinner guests at the Mary Cavaness home April 18.

ON APRIL 15

Mrs. Julia Stillwell, Tillamook, Mrs. Wilber Whippis, Tillamook, and Mrs. Evelyn Whippis, Portland, were visitors at the O. H. Morris home April 15.

26 CLUB MEMBERS

There were 26 members present at the community club meeting at the school house April 18. Card party committee for next meeting include the Albert Ericksons, the K. Reddings and Mrs. M. O. Hubbell. Next meeting May 21.

Boom In Garlic Notes Start of Dog Race Season

A determined boom in the sales of garlic and horse hamburger marks the preparations, in eastern Washington county, of the 1948 dog racing season, which is pointing to a grand opening on Monday, June 21.

Whether or not because of the historic spot Beaverton had occupied as one of the garlic raising centers of the Pacific Northwest, its environs have truly become racing dog headquarters, over the recent years. And activity, this year, is at a high pitch, with men and their hungry looking, rabbit-yearning greyhounds arriving daily from other sections of the country.

Scholarship For College Tuition

Yvonne Bernard, a senior at St. Mary's of the Valley Academy, Beaverton, Oregon, has been awarded a \$100 scholarship for tuition next year at Maryhurst college, Catholic women's college on the banks of the Willamette river near Portland.

Miss Bernard is one of 15 high school seniors from Oregon, Washington and California who are receiving Maryhurst scholarships on the basis of competitive examinations given last month.

OAK POISONS

Little Raymond Maxiner, Livermore road, is ill with a severe case of poison oak.

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ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.....	\$ 732,786.98
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	2,436,055.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions.....	178,935.48
Corporate stocks (including \$1500.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank).....	1,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$955.75 overdrafts).....	710,574.68
Bank premises owned \$3000.00, furniture and fixtures \$8350.00	11,350.00
Other assets	2,468.36
TOTAL ASSETS	4,073,670.50

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,159,532.41
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,540,234.96
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	44,562.16
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	194,688.63
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	25,755.24
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,964,773.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	3,964,773.40

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	25,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided profits	58,897.10
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	108,897.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	4,073,670.50

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of \$ 25,000.00

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes

I, Jay Gibson, Jr., Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAY GIBSON, JR.

CORRECT—Attest: ERNEST D. HITE
HARRIS H. HANSEN
H. P. DOWNING
Directors.

State of Oregon, County of Washington, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of April, 1948.

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JAY GIBSON,
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