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CAPITALISTS' DEFAULT BRINGS LABOR UNREST

To the Editor:

If the leaders of private enterprise, free enterprise capitalism, would put their house in order and keep it in order, they and what they stand for would not be so constantly under fire from those who have schemes for improving our economic conditions.

Nobody would listen to those persons who are advocating socialism, communism and what have you, if the public were satisfied with the way the leaders of our economic system manage our economic system.

Americans, by and large, like their present economic system, and they would not tolerate any change in it if it were being conducted as much for the benefit of the whole people as it is for those who are conducting it.

If the leaders of capitalism would make it a religion to give the public goods and services at the lowest possible cost commensurate with good goods, good services, and good wages, and to stop setting up monopolies, things would work along happily and successfully for all concerned, except the few screwballs who always want to upset whatever it is.

There would be no labor unions today to give leaders of capitalism headaches had those leaders always given labor a square deal.

The laboring people do not like unions. They do not like the tyranny of labor unions. They do not like the tremendous cost of maintaining labor organizations and leaders. They had much rather work along peacefully and cooperatively with leaders of capitalism if leaders of capitalism would work that way.

Human beings nearly always bring their troubles on themselves. If our present economic system becomes radically changed, it will be the fault of those in charge of our present economic system.

If business leaders only knew it, the monopolies they create will, of themselves, bring about the destruction of our present economic system, for as soon as the monopolies reach a certain state of bigness and power the public will demand that the Government take them over and operate them for the benefit of the public.

It is to the interest of the leaders of free enterprise that they keep down monopolies; they are playing directly into the hands of socialists and communists.

The greater the number of independent flourishing free enterprises, the greater will be the opposition to socialism and communism.

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EDITOR'S NOTE.

Though you assert that workers do not like unions, you nevertheless explain with full adequacy the reason for labor unions.

Perhaps, lumping private enterprise, free enterprise and capitalism in one category, you have not too fully explored the possibly conflicting values of small business and large; individual enterprise and corporate.



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Candidates Furnished Own Ballots In 1849 Election

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TERRITORY'S TASK OF NAMING LEGISLATORS

By Hervey S. Robinson
(Continued from last week)

Any reader who has additional information on names, places or events covered by Mr. Robinson are invited to write the newspaper. In this way, a more complete historical series will be possible.

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Immediately upon assuming the duties of his office, Governor Lane consulted some of the early settlers as to persons willing and suitable for the work of taking a census of all residents of the Territory, except Indians, as provided in the Organic Act of August 14, 1848. Then he appointed a corps of special "marshalls" or census-takers, in accordance with their recommendations and with Marshall Joe Meek directing, the task was soon completed.

The governor then apportioned representation among the several counties, according to population and, on April 2, 1849, issued a proclamation of election to be held on the first Monday in June (June 4) 1849 "at the several places appointed by authority of the late Provisional Government of the Territory of Oregon in the several counties—for the purpose of electing one delegate to the Congress of the United States from the Territory of Oregon and for the election of members of the Council and House of Representatives of said Territory."

Champoeg and Clackamas counties, being the most populous, were each allowed three Representatives in the lower house and one Councilman each with an added Councilman for the two counties jointly.

The counties of Tualatin, Yamhill, Benton and Linn were given two Representatives and one councilman each; while the sparsely settled counties of Lewis, Clatsop and Vancouver must be content with one Representative and one Councilman jointly for the three of them.

Three copies of this proclamation were prepared by the county clerks of the several counties and "posted up" by the sheriffs in each voting precinct, one at the house where the election was to be held and the other two at two of the most public places in the vicinity.

There is a copy of this proclamation in the files of the Oregon Historical Society. Probably not the original, as it is not in Governor Lane's handwriting, but apparently one made at the time of issuance as indicated by the age of the paper and condition of the ink. Historians generally give June 6 as the date of this election but the first Monday of June that year fell on the 4th.

By the terms of the Proclamation, "All male white persons, twenty-one years of age and upwards, residing in said Territory on the 14th of August, 1848, citizens of the United States and foreigners who have taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the provisions of the act establishing a territorial government in Oregon are legal voters."

"Said election to be opened by the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon—and continued open for voters until the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon of said day."

"In all cases where the County Courts of the several counties have appointed Judges of Election for the precincts or election districts in the several counties, they are required to act as Judges of election, if present, if not present, the electors present shall appoint three qualified electors as Judges."

With the posting of these election notices, the first political campaign in Oregon under the United States Government got under way. There had been several elections under the Provisional Government since 1845 which served as models for the present one. All voting was by ballot but no official ballot was provided as is done today. In some cases electors may have prepared their own ballots but usually "tickets" were made up at Nominating Meetings (we would call them conventions) held in the various counties and these tickets were printed and distributed to voters to be used as ballots at the polls. If there were opposing parties, both got out tickets. J. W. Nesmith, who was elected Supreme Judge under the Provisional Government in 1845, wrote to a friend in the east, "I received the nomination of the Champoeg convention and the unanimous vote of the whole territory, happening to be on all the tickets, two of which I send you enclosed, which were printed for Champoeg county. They are the first tickets

printed in Oregon. You should preserve them as curiosities."

Where were these tickets printed? Not at Oregon City, for the Spectator plant had not yet arrived! Probably on the mission press at Lapwai, on the Clearwater, about four hundred miles distant by the most direct route of that day.

We have been unable to find one of these tickets in any local collection but the writer of this series has one prepared for Clackamas County in the election of 1852, three years later than the one under discussion.

It is headed "People's Union Ticket" and embraces nominees for a Joint Councilman (with Marion county), three Representatives a Sheriff, two Probate Judges, one County Commissioner, a Treasurer, a Clerk, an Assessor, a Coroner, a School Commissioner, three School Examiners and blank spaces for writing in votes for Constable and Justice of the Peace.

In a subsequent installment we shall discuss candidates and issues in this first election.

(Continued next week)



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Educators Date County Workshop Week of Aug. 29

HILLSBORO, Aug. 18—A "Curriculum Workshop" to be held in Hillsboro Aug. 29-Sept. 2 will be attended by approximately 400 Washington county teachers. Only teachers from first class districts and union high schools will attend. The workshop was arranged by a committee of administrators from these schools through the General Extension Division of the State System of Higher Education. Dr. Harold Bernard, professor of education at Reed College, is

coordinator for the workshop, and will be assisted by 15 specialists. The 12-year school program, with emphasis on social studies, will be considered. Two hours of college credit may be earned in the workshop, for which a small fee will be charged.

Similar pre-opening workshops are being held in several other communities of the state. Viron Moore, head of Statewide Classes, General Extension Division, says this type of orientation and instruction for teachers seems to be preferred to the old fashioned institute, as credit may be earned while doing in-service work, and leaders are in many cases more expert.



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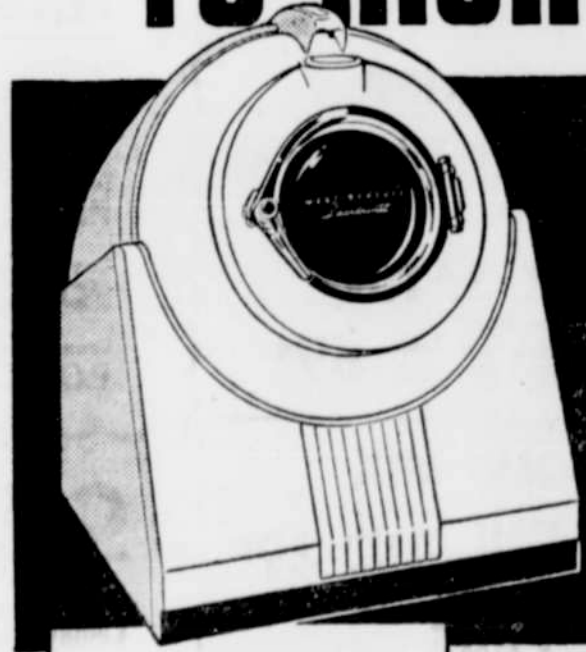
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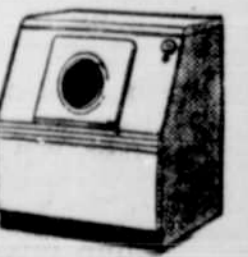
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