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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

An Initiative Matter

With the specter of the 1951 citizen's vote which refused to sanction the requested \$21,000 over the 6 per cent increase limitation on the general fund and library accounts hanging over their heads, Ashland's budget committee and city council wielded a heavy hatchet to department estimates for the fiscal year 1952-53 at last Tuesday's meeting.

Before the meeting, the estimated expenditures amounted to \$15,586.56 over the increase limitation set by law. When it came time to adjourn, this total had shrunk to \$4,459.56 with more cuts due at a later meeting or increased revenues found.

Several of our citizens will rejoice at this attitude by the committee and council. Many of our citizens will express some concern. All thoughtful citizens who value better civic government for a growing community will sincerely question whether the \$2326.44 which is the maximum allowable without a special election in the general fund category, which includes the foremost services of our town, namely, police and fire protection, is enough for protection of their persons and property and other fund services.

Last year the council attempted to alleviate some of the shortcomings in these departments but was rebuffed—mostly by lackadaisical voters with an indifferent attitude. This year the budget committee and council are going to place the "budget baby" square in the lap of the citizens who want better government and force them to come forward if they desire more than they are now getting.

Whether such a move is desirable or not, will not be considered here. The point is: it's what's happened in our town. Since the council is not going to take the initiative in seeking needed additions to departments of the general fund, it's up to the other leaders of our community to investigate the situation.

Fire Chief Harry McNair and Police Chief Vern Smith have asked for an additional man in each of their departments. Both requests were scratched off the budget because it would take a special election to grant them. The council, in a word, wants the citizens' support before it has to include any such funds in a special election.

The action now is with the local clubs and organizations to request city officials to speak to them and give reasons why they asked for certain increases. This is now an INITIATIVE matter rather than a referendum. Let's begin initiating today for Ashland's future tomorrow.

OLD TIMERS

Captain Jack Finally Caught

By R. M. DeMILLE

(Conclusion)
Col. Gillem of the 1st U.S. Cavalry narrowly escaped on account of sickness and would no doubt have shared the same fate Gen. Canby and Dr. Thomas did if he hadn't been ill.

It was supposed that the Modocs were aware of what was awaiting them, as they kept still, hiding in their lava fortress. First, the troops flanking the lava beds joined at the lake where the Indians' supply of water was coming from, and cut off the supply. This worked promptly and the Indians had to come out, and a fierce battle raged for three days. The troops were too weak with exhaustion to prevent the Indians from finding another stronghold. Again, they made another definite stand awaiting further developments. Capt. Thomas, of the Fourth U.S. Artillery went forward at his command with five officers, one surgeon, 65 soldiers and 14 Warm Spring Indians. The detachment left in the morning early. It took a good half day to reach their objective. They stopped for a noon hour rest and ate dinner.

While the dinner was in full swing, the savages opened up on the boys in the middle of their meal. The volley of lead came so suddenly that most of the soldiers scattered for cover, except some officers and non-commissioned officers with a few fearless men of the rank-and-file. They made a gallant stand and after a terrible struggle were nearly wiped out. Some Warm Spring Indian scouts who attempted to succor the ambush party, were fired on by the cavalry by mistake. This caused some confusion.

Major Green gathered in an

utmost hurry, with all the available forces, and hastened to the spot. He found five line officers, four of whom were killed, Capt. Thomas, Lt. Cranston, Wright and Howe, and Lt. Harris was mortally wounded. Besides these there were 18 men killed and 17 wounded in that gallant band. When they assembled for the last time there were hardly 50 men left. The surgeon of the party also was wounded. Dr. Semig, escaping death by a miracle, was wounded twice, severely, and lay helpless between two large boulders.

Doctor Saved

As Dr. Semig had lain unconscious for several hours between the two large boulders, he came to before Major Green and his men found him. Major Green had just come in time with his regulars to save Dr. Semig from being scalped by the savages as they were creeping and crawling toward their intended victim — had they not crawled along the ground amid these rocks, they would have exposed themselves to military fire. As the military said, this exposed disaster to their morale, reprisal rose to a high tension.

On the second day of May, Gen. Davis reached the scene with a strong force of troops. Two Modoc squaws, acting as spies for the general's troops, were sent into the lava beds to find out the situation and the whereabouts of the Indians. They returned in three days, saying, "We no could find any Injuns — all gone."

Pursue Savages

After Gen. Davis had received the news that the savages had deserted their stronghold in the lava beds, Gen. Davis immediately took out after the fleeing remnants of Captain Jack's

band. The exhausted savages were weak from hunger and water, and made very slow progress in their flight.

When they learned that the soldiers were in full pursuit, and they were cornered, they turned and gave resistance to the oncoming troops. The latter took the enemy between two lines and soon the situation of the redskins became hopeless, and they finally made a break for freedom. But with the swiftness of the cavalry they soon were upon the Indians again. On May 22, one-half of Captain Jack's band surrendered; and after this, one of Captain Jack's confidantes betrayed the whereabouts of the chief. On June the first, the famous chief and his band were surprised and scattered with many of them being killed and a few captured. But Captain Jack got away. On the third day of June, he and three of his loyal followers were surrounded and surrendered to the troops. Captain Jack told his captors that if it hadn't been for starvation and fatigue he would never have been caught. Practically all the honor and distinction of ending the ruthless destruction of the Modoc War was given to Major John Green.

Ft. Klamath Trial
After the capture of the Modoc warriors, they were all brought to Tulelake on the fifth of June. Captain Jack, Schonchin, Black Jim, Boston Charley, Barcho and Sloluck — six of the leaders — were afterwards tried and convicted by a commission of the military court at Ft. Klamath and found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentences of Barcho and Sloluck were lowered to imprisonment for life, while the other four were hanged at Ft. Klamath on Oct. 3, 1873.

This was practically the end of the Modocs; the remnants of the band were conveyed to a small stretch of land near Baxter Springs, Kansas, where they now offer an illustration of the slowly-dying-out process. Bar-

Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

EYEWASH

Almost everybody in our town (except Taft and Truman supporters) have been keenly interested in the New Hampshire primary.

Like President Truman and Sen. Bob Taft, the boosters of these two have "no comment." And rightly so, for neither group lost much, one way or the other.

On the other side of the fence, every such primary in favor of Estes (coonskin cap) Kefauver and Gen. Eisenhower is another tail on the cap and chevron on the sleeve.

The latter two oppose the strong party machines of both the elephant and donkey. Such opposition means that without popular acclaim they are lost. With it — well, who knows — quien sabel!

Anyhow, both supporters can now point to a record, even though small, as a basis for each successive primary.

Kefauver's margin over Truman of some 4000 votes was certainly gratifying to his supporters who feel that old campaign magic which the "Best of Estes" whipped up to break the political machine in his home state.

This corner thinks his victory was well illustrated in the victor's own words, "My victory was no repudiation for the administration's foreign and domestic policy but rather for a new face and new ideas." In a word, he thought the people wanted some new type-clean blood in Washington.

As for the "I like Ikes," so did 11,000 more people than those who liked Taft in N.H. It's a sure cinch that we will hear the song for Eisenhower sung louder and louder as our own May 16 primary approaches. Although, it's not going to be so much fun without Taft, and likewise without Truman.

Anyhow, it's all going to crowd Gordon McClendon's top-notch baseball broadcasts right off the air as the election year fever is whipped to a high pitch by a coonskin cap with a grass-roots delivery and a distant general with a likable grin. A certain Ohioan and Missourian might possibly get some real knowhow from relative newcomers.

Maybe even primaries will become more than just "eyewash."

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

SCOPE OF MAY BALLOT

From 9 Friday morning until 5 p.m. hundreds of candidates and their cohorts surged in and out of the candidates filing offices and through the corridors of the Capitol. It was much like a legislative session squeezed into seven hours. Some brought the whole family for the momentous occasion of father's filing and camped on chairs in the lobby.

There was considerable doings that was unlabeled.

There were the "friendly enemy" filers from several parts of the state. All day they crouched ready to file and split the vote of any candidate who might file to oppose the candidate of their political machine.

Final filings, made Friday, for the May 1 primary election were:

For President: Republican — Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harold E. Stassen, Earl Warren and Wayne Morse. Democrats — Estes Kefauver, William O. Douglas and Adlai Stevenson.

For U.S. Representative: First District: Republicans — Walter Norblad, Earl E. Fisher, Kenneth E. Brown. Democrat — Robert B. Jones. Second District: Republicans — Giles French, Sam Coon, E. F. Hinkle. Democrats — Ben Musa, J. G. Jones, H. D. Bovin. Third District: Republicans — Homer D. Angel, A. W. Lafferty and John Reichlein. Democrats — H. H. Stallard and Alfred H. Corbett.

Fourth District: Republicans — Harris Ellsworth and Barbara Draper. Democrats — W. A. Swanson and L. A. Wood.

For Secretary of State: Republican — Earl T. Newbry. Democrat — Edith Green.

State Treasurer: Republicans — Fred E. Robinson, Jack Lynch and Sig Unander. Democrats — L. W. Blakeslee and Francis Lambert.

Attorney General: Republicans — John B. McCort, E. O. Stadler, A. G. Berry, John F. Steelhammer and Leonard Lindas. Democrat — Robert Y. Thurston.

KNOW THE ANSWERS?

A cry for help went up from the Oregon Legislature's Interim Committee on Legislative Procedure this week.

They want to know how to shorten the steadily lengthening biennial legislative sessions. The 1951 session was the longest of all, lasting 116 days.

The committee decided to send a questionnaire to all members of the present legislature and to members of recent former sessions, asking if they approve of these suggestions:

Annual sessions instead of having session every two years. Meeting of Ways and Means Committee, which makes appropriations, before the sessions convene.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Maj. Russell C. Dunham, failure to heed traffic signal, bail \$7.50; expired license plates, bail \$5; total bail \$12.50.

Howard C. Martin, failure to heed traffic sign, bail \$5.

Richard D. Akins, improper muffler, bail \$5.

Norman Dubbs, depositing debris on street, bail \$7.50, and cleanup.

E. J. LaMarre, illegal parking, bail \$5.

Glen F. Speece, expired vehicle license, bail \$5.

David Hogan, overtime parking in 5-minute zone, bail \$2.50.

Marshall S. Miller, public intoxication and disorderly conduct, held in jail, posted \$30 bail, forfeited.

Russell I. Delano, violation of basic rule, bail \$22.50.

Harold D. McCord, failure to heed traffic signal, bail \$5.

JUSTICE COURT

Pete Wall, operating motor vehicle while operator's license suspended, cited.

James Wolfork Garrett, no motor vehicle license, fine and costs, \$7.

John Jackson Kime, overweight load, cited.

Howard Elmer Martin, failure to stop at stop sign, cited.

Norman Lee Hudson, killing pheasant in closed season, fine and costs \$29.50, 10 days suspended sentence.

Norman Lee Hudson, carrying weapon capable of being concealed on person, fine and costs \$14.50, 20 days suspended sentence.

Leonard Harold Janousek, killing pheasants closed season, fine and costs, \$29.50, 10 days suspended sentence.

David Rowell Colby, passing without sufficient clearance, fine and costs, \$7.

Barring introduction of bills after the 20th day.

A powerful Rules Committee. Insistence that state departments introduce their bills early.

Leaving afternoons free for committee meetings, thus holding legislative sessions only during the mornings.

Having a voting machine to take house roll calls.

Dispensing with roll calls on minor bills.

Getting assistance from state bar in drafting bills.

STATE SHORT OF FUNDS
Governor Douglas McKay concurs with those who propose the prompt construction of an intermediate penal institution for first offenders but points to the apparent lack of funds that may be used for the purpose.

It has been estimated that the building will cost in excess of \$1,000,000 and it is known that some members of the emergency board believe the approval of such an institution and a similar building to house sex offenders should go before the 1953 legislature which convenes in January.

Persons sponsoring a state institution for sex offenders will ask the legislature to authorize construction and provide funds. They propose that a ward in the Oregon State Hospital be established for sex offenders and used until a special institution is available.

KLONDIKE KATE WARNS

Mrs. Wm. Rockwell Van Duren, better known as "Klondike Kate," announced from her Jefferson home near Salem, that an unidentified man has been using her name to gain money for a proposed development of an Alaskan mining claim of her late husband, John Matson. She says some of her friends have been trapped by the stranger and she does not want any more of them to be taken by what she thinks is a confidence racket.

26 Traffic Deaths Occur in February

Traffic accidents killed 26 people in Oregon last month, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported Friday. The February toll brought the death count for 1952 to 46, slightly lower than for the same period last year.

Nine deaths in one weekend were responsible for boosting the death count higher than any February since 1948, Newbry said. Six of these deaths resulted from two accidents.

With return of good driving weather, Newbry warned that the next few months will bring increased traffic hazards on most Oregon highways. Weekends, particularly Sundays, are extremely dangerous during spring and summer months, but alert, courteous driving can offset these highway hazards, Newbry concluded.

Letter from Washington...

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

Perhaps the real reason why so many votes were cast in favor of sending the Universal Military Training bill back to committee was the parliamentary situation which developed on the floor. A substitute proposal, having to do with military training for high school boys, was adopted in the committee of the whole and the bill came to final passage in that form. When this amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected by a house roll call that left final action on the original UMT bill, reported by the committee, without any amendment whatever. Had several amendments, which were to be offered, been in the bill on final passage it would have been generally more acceptable since those amendments would have made the plan more in line with what most supporters of UMT wanted.

The rules of the house are a bit inflexible regarding an amendment in the nature of a substitute which is approved in what is called the committee of the whole. This subject is a bit technical for full discussion here except to say that when a substitute is passed all action on the original bill ends. That is what happened to the UMT bill in the committee of the whole.

I made a flying trip out to Oregon to speak at a banquet in Portland Saturday night (March 1). Since I wanted to talk with the army engineers there regarding several projects including maintenance work on the harbor at Bandon, completion of the Amazon Creek drainage in Eugene, possibilities of opening the mouth of the Chetco, and to get a progress report on the Willamette Basin flood control work, I stayed over Monday in Portland and took the plane out that night. Then my troubles began. The second leg of the trip to Washington, D.C., which would have landed me here at 10:30 Tuesday morning in ample time to be on the floor when the house convened, was cancelled in Denver. Then I boarded a plane scheduled to arrive here at 12:30 — still in time. This flight also was cancelled, this

time in Chicago where we landed in a blizzard. There was nothing to do then but take the night train, which I did and arrived here Wednesday morning, only to find that the final action on the UMT bill had been taken — and this was not expected until Thursday! The only bright spot in this whole sad story is that a "live" pair was arranged with Congressman Herlong of Florida for me. He would have voted against sending the bill back to committee, I would have voted for returning it to committee — so our two votes cancelled out.

When I was in the district last December, I received information concerning what appeared to be improper handling of the sale of Indian lands, by Indian Bureau officials. Since that time I have been gathering information concerning this matter and now have facts on a number of cases. Recent stories in the Oregon press developed rather fully the details on one case. It seems to me that not only have officials responsible for handling such sales been negligent, but it may be necessary to amend existing law to assure the performance of the public trust by the Indian Bureau.

Indian lands involved were held by the government in trust for the Indian owners who are wards of the government. The obligation of guardianship on the government requires that the Indians get the fair market value of their lands. Obviously this has not been done. It may be necessary to have the house interior sub-committee on Indian Affairs investigate this matter and make recommendations to the congress for changes in the law.



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