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

The Peop'e Will Be Choosy

From Pendleton East-Oregonian
 This newspaper is ready to support the right republican. We emphasize the word RIGHT. We will support him because the nation desperately needs a change of administration. For that reason we will support him against a Democrat of equal ability. But we will not support a republican candidate who fits only the well tailored measurements of the isolationists and reactionaries within his party.

We have been chided often for not making known our choice for the presidency. We have written this editorial in order that there may be no further misunderstanding as to where this newspaper stands in this crucial year of decision. Whom we support for the presidency rests with the Republican convention. And we say with assurance that our thinking is that of the majority of the Independents.

Many editors have decided this is the most critical year in the nation's history for the reason that four more years of a Democratic administration would be almost fatal to the nation's economy. This editor believes there have been few times in history that a change in administration was more urgent. The change would not only benefit the nation but it would be good for the Democratic party. The nation is suffering from 20 years of unbroken control by that party and there is new evidence almost every day that that party is falling apart from top to bottom from internal strife.

However, this editor cannot join those who rest on the flat statement that a Republican must be elected president. We have some qualifications and as a registered Independent we believe these qualifications can be stated for most Independents. There are some Republican candidates who absolutely will not be acceptable to the majority of voters and particularly to the Independents, whose vote will determine who lives in the White House the next four years. Every public opinion poll substantiates that statement.

THE INDEPENDENTS WILL NOT ACCEPT TAFT OR STASSEN. THEY WOULD APPROVE EISENHOWER OR WARREN.

There is real danger that the Republicans will, at Chicago, fall in the trap that is baited for their greatest weakness. They are prone to follow a process of agreeing that a candidate fits their requirements, slapping themselves on the back for having made a good choice, and departing the meeting with assurance all around that victory is sure. No consideration is given to what anyone outside the Republican party might think of that candidate.

We say to the Republicans that they absolutely must not do it. They have a tremendous responsibility to all citizens to come out of their Chicago convention with a man who will be supported by the Independents. Those Republicans who are saying that any Republican can defeat any Democrat this year are blind. They have been sitting too long in plush chairs at the Union League club hearing what they want to hear, and no more.

The Democrats have some good men. And with President Truman out of the picture, there is good reason to believe they will nominate a strong candidate.

A capable Republican candidate will defeat him because of the overwhelming sentiment for a change in administration. A reactionary, isolationist Republican will not.

Our Responsibility

Soon now voters of Ashland and Jackson county will gather at the polls for one of the most important primary elections in our history. Despite the group of would-be delegates in the state who, well-exposed by now, would ignore the will of the people and support their personal choice if he received not a single vote, we suspect that the man chosen in the Republican primary in Oregon will be the man the state delegation will support in Chicago in July. Consequently, your vote may well help determine the next president of the United States.

In times like these, the responsibility the individual voter must assume is tremendous. It is the responsibility of every citizen not only to vote, but to vote after carefully weighing the capabilities and ideas of each candidate. A vote out of prejudice or frustration, or a vote cast because of something a neighbor has said about a candidate — or what one has read in an occasional newspaper story about a candidate — is, in our opinion, worse than no vote at all.

This is an important election — and a dangerous election — we are soon to be faced with. It is important for obvious reasons; it is dangerous because the temptation is so great for many of us to vote because we are AGAINST something rather than FOR something.

Our Town

NEWSPAPERMEN have long had a reputation for being wacky, but if the movies and radio thrillers and newspaper adventure tales have done much to keep the idea alive, we suspect that the reputation was once, at least deserved. As a matter of fact, in these days of relative sobriety in the newsroom, of the school of journalism — even the graduate school of journalism — of a new dignity and quite often a splendid lack of imagination in the young men and women who now toil in the profession, there is still occasional kittenish goings-on in any city room large enough to house more than one member of the estate. But perhaps there isn't as much as in the old days. A look at memoirs of some of the oldsters in the game would indicate this.

THE BEST BOOK on the newspaper office as it once was that we know about is by H. L. Mencken and is called "Newspaper Days," but it is hard to capture the flavor of that book because the tales that at least pass for fact in it are long and Mencken's style, such an important ingredient, is beyond our feeble talents. There is another recently called to our attention, which, while it hasn't the stamp of genius on it as has H.L.M.'s, is nevertheless an interesting and at times vastly amusing piece of writing for anybody even vaguely interested in this business, or, indeed, for anybody interested in the oddities who inhabit this mortal coil.

The work we refer to is "Such Interesting People," a tome composed by an old hand at the game in Chicago, Robert J. Casey. Mr. Casey begins his book with the old story about the young reporter who, for some reason, was sipping tea with a society matron at her elegant home, and who, in the course of the rather strained conversation, said, "It must be fascinating to be a journalist. You meet such interesting people."

The reporter replied to this immediately, "You certainly do, and they're all in the newspaper business."

This story, actually, is the basis of Mr. Casey's book, because he sets out to prove that one does meet interesting people in the business, and that most of them are, indeed, truly IN the business.

ONE OF THE BEST ANECDOTES in the book is the story of a reporter named Clare, who almost became a teetotaler. It was Mr. Clare's misfortune to have a desk beside another reporter who knew how to take a typewriter apart and who did just that to Mr. Clare's one afternoon while that worthy was out on an assignment. When he put it back, it was mechanically perfect but quite different. He had changed the position of a number of type bars without disturbing the keys.

Soon afterwards, Mr. Clare came in, straight from his assignment except for a few minor detours into saloons en route, and sat down to write his story. A fast hunt-and-peck man, he kept his eyes on the keyboard and wrote: "Guns blazed again today on Chicago's West Side and in the thinning smoke of black powder the police discovered the bodies of Tony (The Flea) Raspucci and John (Bowlegs) Iskovitch . . ."

But when he glanced up at his copy, this is what he read: "Uwfu wxfl qswmtr wuwof zgrwn gf Eloewug'l Vtlz Lort

No one can be more in favor of a change in the national government than we are. Yet we realize that change alone is not enough. We would have nothing to gain through the election of an administration as bad, in its own way, as the present one, simply because it represents a change.

As opposed as we are to the present administration, we do not feel that we serve our country as citizens if we vote for someone simply because he is against that administration. What we need is one who will represent the kind of strong leadership for which we have such a crying need, and at the same time will give us something positive in character, capabilities, and philosophy.

That is why we are for Eisenhower. This is no time for party cant and nonsense; this is no time for demagoguery; this is no time for sheer opportunism.

That is why we could not vote, in this primary, for the other leading candidate, Taft, and that is why we would hate to be faced with a choice between him and an administration candidate in November.

What we need is a fighting leader, not a sniper from the rear — and a sniper who seems all too indiscriminate in his choice of targets at times.

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

WELFARE PAY VARIES
 The net receipts of the State Amusement Device Tax Account amounting to \$12,707.46 for the first quarter of this year were distributed to state and county welfare agencies this week. These funds are prorated to the counties on a basis of the amount they spend for old age assistance, says Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

More than \$2,245,000 was expended by Oregon counties for old age assistance during 1951. On a per capita basis there is a great variance in the amounts expended by the various counties. The average is around \$1. Baker county expended \$2.90, Union \$2.70, Josephine, \$2.44, while Benton topped the economic column at 63 cents and Crook 80 cents.

BONUS CHECKS IN JULY
 Long delayed bonus checks will start coming to World War II veterans early in July.

After months of playing hard-to-get a national financial syndicate last week bought \$46,000,000 of World War II veterans' bonus bonds at 1.7099 and within 24 hours resold the entire issue, evidently at a large profit.

The long delay in financing the bonds caused by the federal reserve board and others was not all lost time for the state and the veterans. The State Department of Veterans Affairs took advantage of the lapse by organizing a staff to process applications for the bonus and prepare checks. "We expect to keep ahead of the mushrooming of applications now coming in," said Director W. F. Gaarnestrom of the DVA.

The \$46,000,000 is expected to pay all veterans whose applications have been or will be approved this year. The total bond issue voted by the people will yield \$55,000,000.

The final date for veterans to file applications for a bonus is December 1, 1952.

LIQUOR REBATE—MAYBE
 G. I. Joe may not be the only one to get a bonus this year.

The federal Office of Price Stabilization is toying around with the price of liquor in Oregon. They say they may require the state to rebate customers of the Oregon liquor commission for charging them more than ceiling prices. As a record is kept of all purchases, correct refunding could be made.

The state increased the price of liquor last December. The boost averaged about 25 cents a fifth. A member of the commission said the price mark-ups were made at the request of the legislature to raise more funds for the state.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION HEAVY

There should be a heavy vote at the May 16 primary election according to the compilation of counties made this week. Registrations started earlier than in the past and more registrations are being made per day.

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Mr. Clare showed alarm. He jerked the sheet out of the typewriter and passed it to his neighbor, who knew what story he had been out on. "Look," he said. "Does that make sense?" "Certainly," the repairman said, "It's about Raspucci and Iskovitch. They got shot." Mr. Clare tried it again, had the same result, then ran from the office in panic. "The hooch has got me," he announced hollowly. "I can think swell, but I can't write anything that I can read."

san groups to push registration by canvassing precincts account for a major portion of the increase, county clerks believe.

STUDY INSTITUTIONAL EMPLOYMENT

A survey was ordered this week by the state board of control to find the cost of including state institutional employees in the state civil service program. The survey will be made by William Ryan, state institution coordinator and Vern Young, state budget director who will consult with state institution superintendents.

The board feels that the institution employees are not getting sufficient pay. As there is no money available the alternative is to reduce their time to a 40-hour week. They now work 48 hours a week.

POLITICIANS ITINERARY

California's Governor Earl Warren has scheduled a 12-day campaign for Oregon to start May 5.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, national campaign manager of Eisenhower-for-President organization will keynote a big rally in Portland May 5.

CAPITAL SHORTS

Neither pros nor cons brought anything new to the governor's office this week on the daylight saving time Armageddon . . . Records show a slightly lower population in the psychopathic ward at the State Hospital . . . State Supreme Court has been hearing arguments this week in a suit to decide if Portland's anti-punchboard ordinance is legal . . . Latest escapee from Oregon pen was caught Saturday at a Salem golf course . . . An apportionment of more than \$83,000,000 in alcoholic beverage tax revenues will go to counties and cities this week."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of AGNES BERTHA LEWIS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have been appointed by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, as Administrator of the estate of Agnes Bertha Lewis, deceased, and have duly qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers and duly verified, to me at the office of Edward C. Kelly, No. 22 Goldy Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

DATED at Medford, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1952.
 GEORGE LEWIS
 Administrator

No. 52-233-E
 SUIT IN EQUITY FOR

Letter from Washington . . .

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

In the avalanche of words which the Presidential seizure of the steel plants touched off, facts have been obscured and the deadly implications of the act have been generally overlooked. It is the first time in our history that a President has ignored and refused to administer a specific law, choosing instead to issue an executive order based only on undefined "inherent" powers of the President.

When Congress passed the "Labor Management Relations Act of 1947" it anticipated the situation which developed in the steel industry several weeks ago. Section 206 of the act begins: "Whenever in the opinion of the President of the United States, a threatened or actual strike or lock-out affecting an entire industry or a substantial part thereof engaged in trade, commerce, transportation, transmission, or communication among the several States or with foreign nations, or engaged in the production of goods for commerce, will, if permitted to occur or to continue, imperil the national health or safety, he may . . ." and thereafter the full legal procedure for meeting the situation without a work stoppage is carefully spelled out in the law. The President has used these provisions of law successfully at least twelve times previously. He could and should have used this law this time.

DIVORCE SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON
 BERTHA K. ENGELEN, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN W. ENGELEN, Defendant

TO: John W. Engelen, the above named Defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer said Complaint, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her Complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit:

That the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the Plaintiff and Defendant be forever dissolved, set aside and held for naught, and that Plaintiff be divorced from Defendant absolutely.

That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

The date of the Order for Publication of this Summons is the 17th day of April, 1952, and the time prescribed for publication of this Summons is once each week for four successive weeks.

Dated and first published this 24th day of April, 1952.

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Why did Truman go outside the law? That is the serious question. I heard his explanation given in his radio speech but it was no explanation or reason for his action at all. He said in effect that he did not use the law which requires a total of 80 days waiting time because the dispute had already been going on more than 100 days. That fact had nothing to do with the application of the law.

Why, then, DID the President ignore a law passed by Congress and proven by use? Why did he make his own law? I think the obvious answer is that he wants to establish his way AS THE LAW! Proceedings have been started which will test the President's order in the courts. If the Supreme Court upholds his order, the broadest possible powers will be thereby vested in the President — as constitutional. That situation could only be changed by a constitutional amendment. The Congress could not correct it by law. If and when the Court ratifies such broad constitutional powers we will then be in almost exactly the same position Germany and the German Reichstag faced when Hitler became the dictator of Germany by issuing a series of executive orders which the German constitution gave him the power to do.

Am I merely seeing bogies? Am I TOO agitated by the danger presented in the possibilities outlined above? I do not think so, and here is why: Although I was worried by the seizure order, its full meaning did not strike home until a few days later when the President, in reply to a direct question as to whether or not he could seize newspapers and radio stations, clearly indicated that he considered he had such power if, in his opinion such action was necessary for the good of the country. He made this answer in spite of the fact that such an act is specifically barred by the Constitution.

Note the reference to "his opinion." The essence of our free system of government is government by laws written by the elected representatives of the people. We cannot tolerate government by opinion or personal edict. We revolted from that long ago.

The Congress should now act to crack down on the attitude of mind so clearly revealed by Mr. Truman. Such a tendency toward government by men rather than government by law should be dealt with immediately. These are the reasons why I have publicly stated that the Congress should consider impeachment proceedings. Resolutions for this purpose, which I shall support, have been introduced in the House of Representatives.

An old Indian race track is visible along the banks of the John Day river, four miles from the mouth, accessible from Quinton on U.S. Highway 30.

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