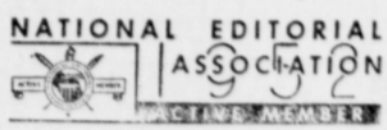


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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

## Bargain of the Week

"I'd rather lose with Taft than win with Eisenhower."

That was the reaction of a member of the Old Guard in Texas the other day, just before his faction literally stole the state convention from Ike's backers, who were far and away the more numerous.

There is a chance that he will get his wish; that he will have the dubious distinction of losing with Taft this autumn. If he does, we sincerely believe that it will be in spite of the millions of Republicans, Independents, and regenerate Democrats who want to vote for Ike, but who may be foiled by the politicians like our Texas friend, who may be able to railroad the so-called "Mr. Republican" in and thereby lost another election.

If there is still any doubt that the majority of the people in this country want Eisenhower, there is a very simple and inexpensive way of dispelling that doubt.

What if the Ashland organization for Eisenhower pledged themselves to send individually-signed postcards to the National Convention in Chicago, beginning a week before the convention opened and continuing until the first day of the convention, reading simply "I want Ike!"?

And what if the Ashland organization wrote every similar organization in the state, suggesting the same plan? What if the plan was publicized so that every organization for Eisenhower in the country heard of it and followed suit?

The result would be a deluge of mail, numbering the millions for Eisenhower multiplied by seven; the cost would be exactly 14 cents to every citizen who would like to see Eisenhower president.

The result, if not effective, would certainly show where to place the blame of putting another Democratic administration in Washington.

## Welcome

By the time this editorial is read by anyone other than the staff, the first of Ashland's annual "summer citizens" will be in town, finding places to live and eat cheaply, and preparing themselves for auditions at the Shakespearean Festival theatre next Monday and Tuesday. Some of them will be disappointed in not getting the big parts they have their hearts set on, and a few of these will go away — go back home to nurse their wounds or go take a look at other pastures. Most of those who appear, however, even the disappointed ones, will stay to make a pleasant summer for a large number of us here and bring more fame to our town.

Every year the same question is asked over and over by many interested persons in Ashland. Why do they come? It's a good question. Almost all the talented young people who come here to act in the plays are certainly capable of doing professional work in their own chosen field; still they come here, often to eat more lightly than they would wish, and many to play minor roles when they could play major roles elsewhere.

There are many explanations, of course, but the staff at the Festival, knowing actors and knowing their medium, have what is perhaps the best answer. Nowhere else can these young people, all of whom would rather act than eat, find such a unique and challenging program in which to participate.

Shakespearean roles are always regarded as absolute "tops" by members of the acting fraternity. Shakespearean acting on a stage such as ours, where the actor must carry the great load and not depend on such artificial aids as elaborate settings, is even more enticing, and Shakespearean acting on an Elizabethan stage in repertory a tremendous inducement.

But there are also other important explanations, all of which citizens of Ashland may be justly proud. One of the most important is the prestige which the Festival now enjoys all over; another is the friendliness and courtesy so many Ashland people have shown the young people who came in summers past.

We were shown a letter to a local citizen not directly connected with the Festival the other day, from a member of last year's company from a distant city.

"It will be wonderful," the young actor said, "to get back to my summer home again."

We think that sentence goes a long way toward answering the question of why these young people come every summer.

Their contribution to Ashland is a great one. Let's show them we appreciate it.

The man who spends less than he makes is independent; the man who spends more than he makes is a slave.

When the citizens of a community are not concerned with its growth, why should anyone else take an interest in it?

## Our Town

**IDENTICAL TWINS**, stars on the University of Southern California baseball team, have been signed to contracts by the New York Yankees, we see by the papers. The story is interesting in any case, but we immediately saw implications of one of the biggest rubarbs in the history of the game, should the men, now with a Yankee farm team, hit the big time a few years from now.

The boys are really identical, we are told. Their coach at USC says that he can tell them apart by a very obvious method. One is older than the other — by twenty minutes.

Making things perfect for this potential rubarb is the fact that one of the players is, as they say in professional circles, "good field, no hit," and the other is "good hit, no field."

Suppose — just suppose — that in 1955, the Yanks start to play the excellent fielder, giving him, let's say, Number 20. The other boy sits on the bench, wearing Number 21.

Yep, you guessed it — Number 20 runs of the field when his team comes to bat and promptly whacks the ball out of the lot. Did he really hit it, or is the twin batting in his place, after swapping shirts with him in the dugout?

Even if the Yanks play it honest, the opposition will be forever suspecting a trick.

About the only way the situation can be resolved, should the men stay on the same team, will be by posting a special umpire in the dugout.

**SILLY IDEA, YOU SAY?** Maybe not. We know of a similar situation, although it occurred only once and in football, not baseball.

A prep school which we attended back East some years ago, in days before the free substitution rule, had identical twins, both halfbacks, on the roster. One of them was a whale of a runner, but a poor defensive player. The other was poor, period, and played very little, except when the game was already decided one way or the other.

One afternoon, near the end of the final quarter of a game with the school's big rival, the opposition gained control of the ball in their own territory and began a relentless push downfield. The coach of the school with the twins was in a quandry, and with reason. The score was 14-14 at the time, although the other side was such an overwhelming favorite at the outset that a tie would have been a "moral victory." But with the other team in possession of the ball and driving toward his goal steadily, he could see the tie slipping away.

At the time, the good twin was in the game, but as we have said, he was notoriously poor defensively and was missing pass after pass, tackle after tackle in his territory. But if he were taken out, under the rules in those days he couldn't return in the same quarter, and this was the last quarter.

But the harassed coach had to do something, and with the ball in enemy hands on the home team's 20-yard line, he took the twin out and put in a defensive back, who promptly intercepted a pass and ran the ball deep into enemy territory!

Now the home team had a chance to win. But remember, the good twin, the team's only real offensive threat, was on the sidelines.

At this point, of course, the stands were in an uproar and nobody was paying any attention to what was going on on the bench: every eye was on the field.

Meanwhile — and perhaps significantly — the home team was milling around the coach — who was standing — along the sidelines.

Suddenly the "poor" twin ran out of the middle of the mob, onto the field, took the ball and ran for a touchdown as the gun ended the game. The home team won, and in the excitement, no one, not even the rival coach, questioned the incident until the entire home team was in the shower. Then it was too late.

Few will ever know whether an unsung bench-sitter came through in his one big chance, or whether his jersey on the back of an imposter did.

Anyhow, they're still arguing the point in two small towns back East.



KEEP OREGON GREEN

## How to Be Safe in the Water

Y.M.C.A. Rules for Water Safety



## Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

### National Delegates Organize

Seventeen of Oregon's 19 presidential nominating delegates to the Republican National Convention met in Salem last Saturday, elected their top vote garner, Governor Douglas McKay, as chairman, widened a split between the old guard and current Republicans, listened to 80 minutes of "know how" on Chicago weather and hotels proffered by veteran delegate Ralph Cake, retiring national committeeman, and selected committee heads.

U. S. Senator Wayne Morse was the only member of the delegation who was unable to attend the Saturday meeting.

In the primary election Governor McKay led the ticket of delegates-at-large with 168,814 votes, U. S. Senator Wayne Morris was second with 150,657.

The convention will open on Monday, July 7 in Chicago. Cake estimated that the voting would not commence until Thursday afternoon, July 10. He felt certain Eisenhower would be nominated on the first ballot.

The headquarters for the Oregon delegation will be in the Palmer House in Chicago not too far from the stockyards where the convention will be held.

After McKay's election as chairman other officials selected were: Rep. Mark Hatfield, Salem, platform committee; Robert Elliott, Medford, vice chairman; Senator William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, credentials committee; Howard Dent, The Dalles, permanent organization committee; Lamar Tootz, Portland, rules committee and Tommy Luke, Portland florist, looking more than ever like Mr. Churchill, was elected honorary vice-chairman. When Luke promised to have a fresh rose for each delegate every day someone from way down South in Portland piped "make it four roses."

**Girls State Under Way**  
The tenth annual Oregon Girls State opened in Salem on Monday and will continue all week. Leaders and councilors arrived last week end.

A full slate of senators and representatives will hold legislative sessions in the Capitol. The annual session is a study in government with 220 high school seniors from all over the state participating, the largest attendance in the history of the event sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Quotes of the Week**  
"Efficiency in government will come when we care enough to work for it." — Dr. John Rade-maker, professor of social science.  
"Mr. Eisenhower is just as impressive an individual as General Eisenhower." — Governor Douglas McKay.

**Wins in Farm Lottery**  
A state tax commission auditor, Anson Ingales, this week won a 120-acre farm unit in the Columbia river basin irrigation project. In a government-conducted lottery Ingales drew the 10th choice of 7500 farms. There were 3,000 applicants.

Water from the Columbia will go on the land next year.

**Old Swindle Reappears**  
Letters received this week and turned over to the postoffice department reveal that the very old "Spanish prisoner" swindle is being attempted in Oregon.

The letters suggest that the recipient contact a confederate who will deliver keys to a trunk containing \$450,000 in U. S. currency belonging to a Spaniard incarcerated in a Mexican prison. He is asked to advance \$10,000 for expenses and told his cut of the alleged sum will be \$100,000.

**School For Deaf Praised**  
Praise from a high national authority was given Oregon's state school for the deaf this week for the third consecutive year.

"Your school has attracted the attention of educators of the nation in this special field," President Byron B. Burness of the National Association of the Deaf, told 400 associate members from three Pacific coast states, meeting for a three-day session in Salem.

**Postmaster General Coming**  
Approximately 500 persons, including Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson and his wife are scheduled to attend the annual convention of National Postmasters in Prineville June 24, 25 and 26th.

Donaldson has been asked to address the convention.

**Ambrose Bierce said:** Deliberation — that's the act of examining one's bread to see which side it is buttered on.

## Letter from Washington . . .

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

As this is written, only some three and one-half working weeks remain before the Congress will recess for the national nominating conventions. Meanwhile, the House of Representatives is more or less marking time waiting for the Senate to act upon the appropriations bills and complete action on some other House-passed legislation.

Earlier this year it was assumed that the major work of this session could and would be completed by convention time. Thus there would be a long summer and fall for campaigning. It seems doubtful now, however, that the money bills will be completed by the Fourth of July. Furthermore, the situation in the steel industry is such that unless the strike is settled and the steel workers have a new contract, members of Congress will only leave Washington long enough to attend the two nominating conventions and then return late in July, so as to be in session if legislation is required to get steel production going.

Several proposals for new laws to deal with the steel strike and similar troubles which may arise in the future have been presented. I have not yet been able to read them all but their general theme seems to be to set up compulsory arbitration, provide for government seizure of plants, and permit wages to be set by executive order.

The President refused to use the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act because that procedure would not empower him to set wages. Had he been able to make his unconstitutional seizure order stick, his power to fix wages and otherwise control our economy would have been almost without limit.

At first, I believe, organized labor thought the seizure order was a good idea because it was almost certain to give the steel workers what they were asking. Lately there has been considerable indication that the more thoughtful labor organization people realize that wage fixing by government means the end of the system of collective bargaining under which labor has made such splendid gains.

Nor can labor possibly gain in the long run if wage fixing is wrapped up in another form and sugar-coated with the label "compulsory arbitration." That

term simply means that a very small group of men be given the power, with all of the force of law back of it, to determine wages and working conditions. If that system is substituted for collective bargaining and the right to strike, then organized labor will suffer a shattering set-back.

The "National Emergency sections of the Taft-Hartley law were carefully thought out and fully debated. They protect the rights of labor to the very final action which is a decision by Congress on the specific case involved, based upon facts and a recommendation by the President. This law should have been used earlier in the steel case. It should be used now.

Most people are inclined to think that a Congressman — a member of the U. S. House of Representatives — is mighty anxious to be reelected and keep the job. That is true, of course, in many cases but it is not by any means the general attitude in this service. This year some 40 members — nearly 10 per cent — are not running for reelection to the House.



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