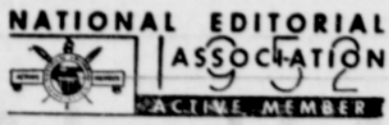


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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

How To Lose Elections

By the time this editorial sees print, it is quite possible that the Republican nominee for the presidency will be known, but no matter who wins, the Republican party has given a splendid demonstration in how to lose elections long before they are held.

We are not saying that the Republicans have already lost in the national election, but certainly they have made it much more difficult for their most able candidate and virtually impossible for their most eager one with their operations lately.

It seems to us that the best chance the GOP had in November was based on a growing distrust for professional politicians among the people who cast the votes. By professional politicians, we don't mean the statesman, the man well acquainted with the problems of government. Rather we mean the party bosses, the selfish, ruthless, often unprincipled politicians whose one aim in public life is to line private pockets.

The scandals within the Truman administration have been part and parcel of the simon-pure professionals' grasp and control of public institutions. The American people have found the whole spectacle revolting.

But we have again and again shouted our belief that there is more than one kind of dishonesty. We can condemn the Caudles and the Vaughns, and the McGraths of Truman's happy little political family as corrupt, but they are no more corrupt, say, than the Republicans' malicious Don Quixote, Joe McCarthy, or than Senator Taft's campaign managers in Texas and Louisiana.

On the other hand, Eisenhower's backers have given notice that they are ready to "rise above principle" if the occasion demands — at least some of them have — and make dishonest compromises.

What it all adds up to, of course, is that this washing of dirty linen in front of the American people will convince the voter that he will be changing one machine for another — with the possibility of this one being even more ruthless and careless of the country's interests than the one we have now.

Should Eisenhower, so far an uncompromising statesman, be nominated, then a great deal of the damage can be repaired. Still, it will be harder for him to be elected because the people will have lost faith, to a great extent, in the party.

If Senator Taft is nominated, then we predict certain defeat for the Grand Old Party once more and the possible end of the two-party system in this country, at least as it now stands. The Senator has arrogantly said in effect that he wants none but the 110 per cent Republicans to vote for him. That is all he will get, and there aren't enough to elect him.

Hats Off Once More

Our plaudits this week go to the ladies of Ashland who rescued the traditional Fourth of July parade just as it was about to be laid among the proverbial mothballs this year. They did such a thorough rescue job, indeed, that it just happened to be the biggest and best ever.

Just goes to show what a little energy and willingness to expand the same can do. This is a nervous age, but not a particularly energetic or optimistic one, it seems to us. The tendency too often is to kiss away those activities that are not absolute necessities, often on grounds that they couldn't be developed or that plans couldn't be worked out or that for some other reason they would be doomed to failure. Thus our pessimistic tendencies and our indolence work hand in hand, one justifying and assuring the existence of the other.

It is difficult, often, to find time to promote Fourth of July parades, or Shakespearean festivals, or other such activities. It is especially difficult to find the desire to promote such things in a world where death and taxes are not simply the only certainties but always so imminent. But the fact that we do have people who are willing to see that our traditional holidays do not go unmarked and our cultural activities do not go by the board while the "practical" takes the day, is our salvation. These are the people who look to the future in everything. These are the people who carry us all forward.

Even a newspaper man hesitates to solve the problems of the universe on the eve of the usual commencement oratory.

Speeding automobiles are increasing threats to life and limb. Careless auto drivers should be punished, even if they live in Ashland.

The man who has an inflated idea of his own importance usually finds that the community has him sized up as he would look after deflation.

Our Town

LAST WEEK WE WROTE, in the editorial columns of this paper, an essay in a more or less serious vein on the spectacles which we are treated to at this time every four years. Since then, we have thought about it a great deal and listened a great deal more to the goings-on in 1952, and we have reached the conclusion that while the contest between candidates has been more exciting, there hasn't been quite the fun, at least thus far, as in 1948.

Of course, we are jumping to conclusions, since the Republicans never seem to have as much real knock-down, bloody fun as the Democrats anyway. But we are still certain this convention summer won't provide as much in the way of entertainment as that summer four years ago did.

In the first place, Henry Wallace and his Progressive party are no longer on the scene. Of course, that isn't quite true; the Pro party is still with us, but it has been relegated to about the same position that the Prohibitionist party or the Bull Moose party occupy. Even in those days, the Progressives couldn't muster many votes, but they certainly made a whale of a lot of noise, and they put on one of the liveliest and most entertaining conventions ever held.

From the very beginning, the Commies were in control of the party, and anyone with any intelligence at all could see it, but the party was also filled with harmless cranks and do-gooders, and a varied assortment of folk singers and other homey entertainers who would sing and dance and prance about at the drop of a hat. They even mustered a comedian or two.

That year we got to the Democrats' shindig, but we had to be content with watching the doings of Henry's party on television. It was held in Shibe park in Philadelphia, but the place was so crowded that one had to sleep there to be assured of a seat. This was not because Henry was so popular but because the Park is in a district heavily populated by poorer families, and papa took mama and all 14 kids to the doings and saved himself considerable in the weekly movie allowance.

As we said before, there were any number of folk singers present. This was quite natural, since the folk singer became quite an institution in the days of the worship of the proletariat, and he hadn't learned as yet that his day was done. Even the vice-presidential hopeful, a forgotten cowboy by the name of Glen Taylor, was a folk singer, come to think of it. Think his wife and kids were singers too.

I don't remember any comedians specifically except the candidates, and they had overtones of tragedy about them.

But out of consideration for us entertainment seekers, we think the Republicans and the Democrats should provide similar treats. The Republicans could solve the comedian-folk song problem easily by having R. Alfonso Taft and his hillbilly campaign boss, J. Carroll Reece sing a good old Tennessee ballad. They can't be sung too badly and nothing would be funnier.

Then the Democrats might stage something more novel — say a pickpocket contest with almost and administration figures as contestants and any random taxpayers as targets.

Stratford-on-Bear Creek

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MUSICALLY SPEAKING: Fine, sensitive piano is played by MIKE ONOFRIO of Yale. With Bills, Bills, Bills DAWKINS, Mike recently recorded 15-minute radio program which will be broadcast over 8 Oregon and California radio stations outside the Rogue Valley. RADIO and SHAKESPEARE occupy STAFFORD THOMAS' time. The SOC student from MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA will appear as the EARL of WARWICK in Henry V. Sunday evenings, Staff does an hour-and-three quarter classical music program on KWIN.

In the Not-Too-Far-Distant Future: is a FISH-FRY — a "Saturday Nite Fish Fry" for sat members this weekend with fish, chips and quips furnished by local sea-food merchant. Such gestures are truly appreciated by everyone concerned with the OS-FA.

Candid Forestry



PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF PENCIL WOOD IN THE NATION IS SOUTHERN OREGON AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. HERE GROWS THE LITTLE KNOWN INCENSE CEDAR. SOUGHT AFTER BY PENCIL MANUFACTURERS, IT IS FOUND SCATTERED IN THE FORESTS OF DOUGLAS FIR AND WESTERN PINE. THE WOOD HAS A STRONG ODRY, CONES OF THE TREE WHEN OPEN LOOK LIKE A DONALD RUCK'S BILL WITH THE TONGUE STICKING OUT.

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

November Ballot Long There will be 18 measures on the November ballot for Oregon voters to pass judgment on, besides the selection of national, state, county and other local officers.

This is the largest number of measures to appear on an Oregon ballot since 1926 when 21 confronted the electorate.

There are six initiative measures that would:

- 1. Repeat the weight per mile tax on trucks created by the 1951 legislature and would substitute a fee based on weight, and a fuel tax based on gallonage. The change is sponsored by the Oregon Highway Council.
2. Continue minimum prices for producers and permit a differential in cost of milk in stores and cost of deliveries made to houses.
3. Reapportion legislative representation.
4. Eliminate horse and greyhound racing.
5. Providing U. S. standard time for Oregon.
6. Permit serving liquor by the drink.
Seven constitutional amendments and two laws referred to the people by the legislature would:

- 1. Allow home and farm loans to Korean veterans.
2. Limit state property taxes to 6 mills.
3. Have Superintendent of Public Instruction selected by State Board of Education instead of elected by the people on a nonpartisan ballot.
4. Allow a \$3,000,000 home for aged mental patients to be built in Portland area.
5. Let local governments fix new tax bases.
6. Wind up the affairs of World War I veterans bonus loans.
7. Let state emergency board make appropriations.
8. Legalize defective titles of laws.
9. Extend terms of legislators over time between their election and opening of legislature.
Three legislative bills put on the ballot by petition would:
1. Increase truck taxes.
2. Tax cigars 3 cents a pack of 20.
3. Create unified school districts.

Missed the Ballot

There was an unlucky 13 measure that failed to get enough signatures of registered voters to get on the ballot. They would: prohibit barbering on Monday, prohibit commercial fishing in coastal streams, prohibit night fishing on the Columbia River, enact a 2 per cent sales tax on \$100 pensions, repeal the entire milk control law, enact a gross income tax to pay \$100-a-month old-age pensions, repeal laws that give the state prior claim on estates of deceased pensioners and to make relatives responsible for pensioners' support, legalize animal racing, put state on daylight saving time each summer, repeal the soldiers bonus and ban sale of all liquor.

Need Law Clerks

The supreme court wants at least three law clerks to speed up research, that may be able to hand down more opinions.

Increased litigation has put the court far behind regular schedules. Although the court will hear no more cases during July and August, it will hand down opinions in 14 cases that are pending.

Letter from Washington...

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

Around the first of this year there came to light some facts regarding queer and doubtless outright fraudulent transactions in the sale of Indian-owned timber lands in Curry County.

As soon as I could get some facts and some affidavits together on this subject, which clearly proved that there had been several "irregularities," I called the matter to the attention of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. At about the same time I introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to direct the committee to make a full investigation of the matter and report to the House. Due to some complications developing from the fact that another Member had introduced a resolution calling for the investigation of the Indian Bureau for other reasons, House action was delayed. Last week, however, my resolution was passed. The committee will proceed with the investigation.

In a speech I made on the Floor of the House early in March I told the story, as far as we knew it then, of some of the Indian land deals. There were several "queer" deals. For example, in one case the Indian owners received \$135,000 for some land. The purchaser then sold the land for \$165,000 to a "buyer" who immediately gave an option to third parties for \$300,000. The option holder then sought to sell the land, which is a valuable timber property, for a reported \$800,000. Records I have in my possession indicate that bona fide offers from purchasers had been made to the Indian Bureau in amounts of two or three times the price paid for the land to the Indians in the sale mentioned above.

It is a pleasure to note that even under the stress and strain of the closing days of a Congressional session, Members do not

lose their sense of humor, as may be seen from the following quotes:

Congressman Scrivener of Kansas — "Now and then we see a quotation accredited 'anonymous.' Many of these are excellent. One recent 'anonymous' statement was to the effect that: 'The only concern that makes money without advertising is the United States Mint. The Mint makes the money first, and it's up to each of us to make it last.'"

Congressman Curtis of Nebraska — "Government regulations in some of the Washington bureaus require that employees keep detailed records of how they spend their time. Sometimes these reports take several hours to be filled out by the employee, especially if he or she wants to impress the boss. An elevator operator, however, set a record for brevity. His report read this way: Up — 50% Down — 50%."

This is the last "Letter from Washington" for this session of Congress — and perhaps for this year, unless a Special Session is called. I expect to be more or less regularly in my office in Roseburg (1318 Riverside Drive) after the middle of August. My office here in Washington, D. C., will, however, be kept open all the time. While I am in Oregon I shall be visiting all of the seven counties of our Fourth Congressional District. Such travel will mean that replies to letters to me at Roseburg may be delayed. Many things might be handled more quickly if letters are sent to the office here in Washington, D. C.

See the wide range of wedding announcements available at the News Review.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How Nervy Can a "Tenant" Get?

"Harry the Hermit" dropped in to see Judge Cunningham the other day and started complaining about that dilapidated house he lives in over near Greenwood Lake.

"Who's my landlord?" Harry wanted to know. "Whoever you pay rent to," says the Judge. "Don't pay any rent," says Harry. "Moved into that house twelve years ago and nobody ever came to collect."

"Well," says the Judge, looking mystified, "what do you have to complain about?" "Plenty," replies Harry. "Rain's pouring in my living room and if someone doesn't

fix that roof, I'm moving out!" Now Harry was only having a little joke, but from where I sit I've seen people act just about as nervy as this sometimes—seriously. Like those who enjoy all the rights Americans have worked for, and yet would take away some of those freedoms from others—for example, our right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer. I say these "leaks of intolerance" have no place in the "home of liberty."

Joe Marsh

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