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Reapportionment Plan Unfair

With the legislative reapportionment measure 334-335 an item of particular interest to residents of this area we are going to quote the following editorial from Giles French's Sherman County Journal which says what we believe in more eloquent words than we are able to muster. It is of particular note also that even though the state Grange recently expressed favor for the measure, the local county Pomona Grange, as well as the Morrow county Farm Bureau and the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce are taking a definite stand against it. They base their stand on the premise that the new measure will not give the rural and sparsely settled areas of the state fair representation. We concur and strongly urge the defeat of the bill.

Editor French says of the measure: "For voters of rural Oregon the most important bill on the November ballot is the reapportionment bill. This is an initiative measure proposed by young Republicans, young Democrats, and the League of Women Voters. All sponsors are with city background.

"Effect of the bill would be to take away from rural Oregon some of its legislative voting power; and to concentrate that power, not only in Portland, but in the lower Willamette valley. In fact, that part of the state between Portland and Eugene would have a clear majority in both house and senate. Not many think that the majority of wisdom is to be found there.

"It would mean that the state would be dominated by the city and adjoining populous districts. Rural people often understand city problems much better than city people understand rural problems. Reasons: rural voters read city papers and get city viewpoint; rural voters often visit the city. City voters do not understand the problems of raising wheat, cutting timber, growing cattle, nor do they visit rural scenes often enough to become acquainted.

"The development of the state depends on the development of the rural portion of it. The city develops after the country; it establishes businesses to handle rural production; it starts banks to handle rural money; it manufactures to utilize rural crops. New rural development means new city growth. Cities do not grow except by using something produced outside it.

"The matter should be decided on what is best for the entire state. But very likely it will be decided in a city versus county vote inasmuch as city voters started the whole matter.

"If it were decided on a matter of good government the bill would be defeated because the forefathers of the country in writing the United States constitution determined that people and area should be represented equally in the congress of the United States. That decision has made the growth of the United States possible for over 160 years."

A Temperance Measure

There is one measure on the November ballot which will be taken by many as an attempt to "open up" Oregon in the matter of liquor. It is the initiative to allow sale of liquor by the drink.

There are groups who are unalterably opposed to the sale of liquor in any form and they will undoubtedly oppose the present measure on the grounds that it will tend to encourage more drinking. We disagree with this thesis on several points. First, a check of consumption in neighboring states where liquor is, and has been, sold by the drink shows the contrary to be true. Both in Idaho, which allows open bars and in Washington, which recently legalized liquor by the drink on a plan very similar to the one proposed for Oregon, consumption is not higher than here—it is lower. Idaho's per capita consumption in 1951 was .96 gallons, Washington's, 1.26, while Oregon residents each consumed 1.33 gallons during the year, according to reliable figures.

Second, we believe the tendency to "carry" a bottle in Oregon is brought on because of the necessity of having to do just that if a person is desirous of having a drink at any of Oregon's night

clubs or restaurant clubs. The state's Knox law was drafted to promote temperance, yet the requirement that liquor be purchased by the bottle only, seems to us to defeat the intent of the law.

There are those who fear the approval of the initiative measure would mean the return of saloons, but again we disagree for the wording of the measure is such as to prevent them, not promote them. To be eligible for a license to sell by the drink, the establishment must be a private club or a place of business where food is cooked and sold. We can't foresee many of Oregon's taverns going to the expense of installing a modern kitchen to be able to serve drinks. The money involved in the installation is too great, in most cases, to make such a move profitable to the tavern operator.

The state of Washington recently enacted a liquor-by-the-drink bill very similar to ours and from available information there has been no difficulty there, nor has there been any rush to convert taverns to restaurants or saloons.

Actually the only change we can see the new bill would make in the present method of drinking in Oregon would be to make it possible for a person to stop at his club for a cocktail or highball without having to carry his bottle in with him. If the measure will curb the tendency (and we feel it will help) for Oregonians to carry a bottle with them, it looks to us as though it has merits.

More On Measures

We are going to express our views briefly on a few of the less controversial measures to appear on the November ballot.

Measure 304-305 is a bill referred by the last legislature calling for the authorization of a domiciliary state hospital for aged mentally ill to be built at Portland and provides for an expenditure of not over \$3 million for its construction.

Both the Pendleton and Salem hospitals are overcrowded and there is not sufficient segregation to allow proper care for these persons. Additional facilities and better care for elderly incompetents is needed. We recommend a 304 X Yes vote.

Measure 306-307 is one which will allow any taxing district to set up a new tax base by a majority vote of the voters at any general or primary election. At the present time it is necessary for many taxing district (school districts, cities, etc.) to request a vote of the people each year to approve current operating budgets. Inflation and population increases have made impossible the operation of such districts under the limitation that it can increase its budget only 6% over the levy in any three preceding years. It has caused many hardships and expensive yearly elections.

Under the new law the district can petition to establish a new tax base. From this new base the present 6 percent limitation law will again prevail. We recommend a 306 X Yes vote.

Ballot number 314-315—"Amendatory Act Title Subject Amendment" doesn't make much sense to the average reader without a little investigation. In effect it is a proposal to allow the legislature to amend existing legislation without the necessity of rewriting the entire existing law. It should speed up legislative work and cut some of the legal red tape. It deserves a 314 X Yes vote.

Presidential Timber

President Truman is traveling about shouting that Dwight Eisenhower is not good presidential timber.

Boy! Is Harry one to talk with authority! When he was thrust suddenly into the office he will soon relinquish it was heralded widely that the nation had gotten a common man as head of government.

Well, experience has proved that we did... No. 4 common or worse!—Reprinted from the Stayton Mail.

We can't imagine our senator Morse going as long as he has now—must be nearly three weeks—without making some statement that would cause one party or the other to jump down his neck. Whoever side brought on the silence deserves a vote of thanks.

tam and the Australian Chucker partridge and then re-crossing that bird with a Cornish game hen (the old American fighting cock stock). They were first bred in Paris.

INSURANCE ON PUPILS

In an opinion requested by Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Friday: School districts are empowered to procure liability insurance covering injuries on students that may result from accident in the schools or on the playgrounds.

Such policies may be limited to the payment of medical care resulting from such accidents.

PELTON DAM

The hearing will proceed on the State Hydroelectric Commission's rejection of the Portland General Electric Company's proposal to build a dam in the Deschutes River, it was indicated here Friday when Circuit Judge George R. Duncan of Marion County notified attorneys that he was denying the commission's motion to quash the writ of review.

The electric company which wants to build the power project, petitioned for the review claiming that the commission had failed to hold proper hearings and that it had referred the matter to other agencies for their determination.

GANDHI'S FRIEND HERE

A personal friend of India's Gandhi, K. K. Chandy, will attend the state conference of Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation to be held at the Salem Women's Club, Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

Chandy was brought to this country to deliver the Robert Treat Paine lectures at leading theological schools and seminaries.

Chandy will address the OFR meetings several times during the conference.

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

A general spread of unemployment over the state, with several areas in emphasis, during September resulted in the next highest benefits being paid in any September in the 15-year history of the unemployment insurance law in this state. The exception was September 1949.

The \$544,886 total was 23.3 per cent higher than last September's payments and 0.6 per cent below August 1952, while open fall weather helped employment in some sections it was held responsible for most of the 1,220 job seekers reported from Klamath Falls, where potato picking is awaiting the first frost.

In Ontario, Pendleton, Corvallis and Toledo jobs held near the summer level to top the state.

CALLING ALL POETS

Poetry week in Oregon will start October 15, Governor McKay said Friday but one fervorous bard jumped the gun to lead with this one:

Poetry day or mattress day, Each is acclaimed by Doug Mc-

DID YOU KNOW . . .

By O. M. Yeager

That the very first school house ever built in Heppner is still standing? It was a two room building and is now used as a residence. If you do not know where it is now located you can find out by calling me.

That the very first sheep ever brought into Morrow county was brought here by Pres C. Thompson and Boone Mulkey, partners. There camp was located in Thompson's canyon just east of Heppner. Mr. Thompson was an uncle of Ralph I. Thompson, our county commissioner.

That S. Parker Garigues was the very first county clerk of Morrow county, having been appointed by Governor Moody.

That in the year 1873 Dr. Shobe came to Heppner from Nevada and became the first doctor here. That same year he opened the first drug store. One of our city streets in the northern part of the town was named in honor of the doctor.

That in the year 1877 the Wells Fargo express company opened an office in Heppner and appointed J. L. Morrow as the first express agent here for that company.

That the first dentist to open an office in Heppner was Dr. Ras-

mus, the father of Orve Rasmus who still resides here.

That in 1883 E. Nordyke started a wagon shop here on the corner that is now occupied by Humphrey's Drug store, and the same year came Mr. Shortridge and opened up Heppner's first shoe shop?

That the great indian scare occurred in the year 1878, and the fort was built on the corner of May and Chase streets, now occupied by Rosewall's used car lot? Uncle Billie Cowins and Eugene Noble were boys then and were here at that time.

Rainbow Official On Tour Becomes Ill Here

Mrs. Berna Grey, Seaside, a Supreme officer of the Rainbow for Girls, made her official inspection visit here Wednesday October 8.

She became ill Wednesday evening and because of crowded conditions was unable to get in the local hospital. She remained



Kay. From beauty rest to sweet discourse, We seem to go from bed to verse.



PERSONALIZED CHECKS

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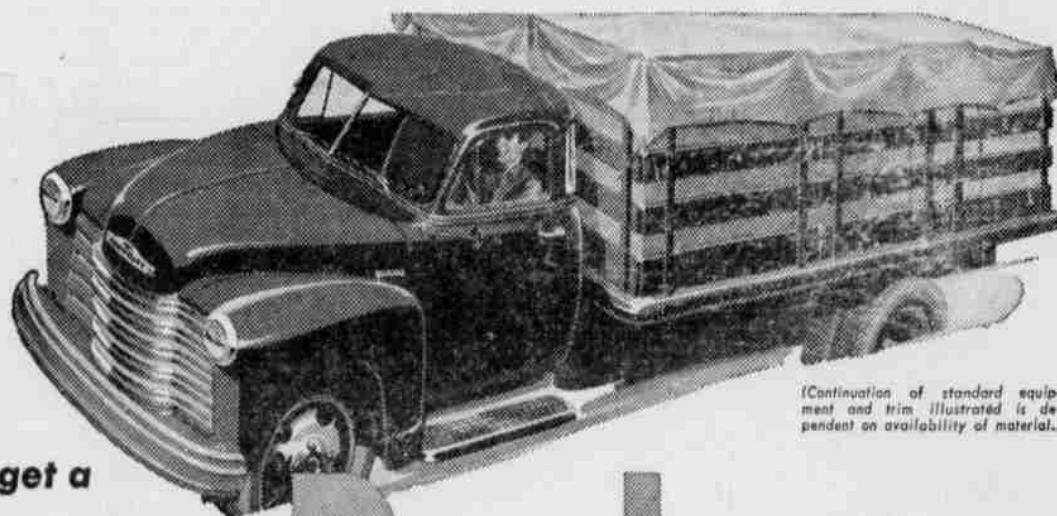
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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of EUGENE C. SMELSER, deceased, has filed his final account with the Probate Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, and said Court has set Monday, the 10th day of November, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the County Court room of the Morrow County Court house as the time and place for hearing on and final settlement of said final account. All persons having objections to said final account are hereby required to file the same with said Court on or before the date set for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 9th day of October, 1952.

O. E. Baker, Administrator 30-34c-T

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament of M. L. Case, deceased, intend to resign as executrix of said estate and any person having objections to such resignation are hereby requested to file the same with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County within four weeks of the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 25th day of September 1952.

MAGGIE CASE
Executrix
28-32c-N

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, the administrator of the estate of OTTO RIETMANN, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned administrator with proper vouchers, duly verified at the law office of Jos. J. Nys at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 9th day of October 1952.

VICTOR RIETMANN,
Administrator
Jos. J. Nys, Attorney 30-34

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Martha Van Scholack, was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow, the executrix of the estate of C. H. Van Scholack, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to said executrix at the law office of P. W. Mahoney, at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 25th day of September, 1952.

Martha Van Scholack
Executrix
P. W. Mahoney
Attorney for Executrix 28-32c-N



MCKAY WIRES STEVENSON

Governor Douglas McKay this week sent a telegram to Adlai Stevenson, Democratic nominee for president, asking that he repudiate a statement by President Truman in his Seattle speech that Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican nominee for president, is controlled by the electric power companies lobby.

Governor McKay declared that all Republicans in this area were working for the Bonneville Dam.

CORNISH GAME HENS

When legislators and attaches arrive in Salem next January they will find something new and very special has been added to the menu at their favorite restaurant.

This week a local hatcheryman received a first shipment of 1000 baby Cornish game hens that had made a trip via plane from Connecticut. These chicks will be ready for market as fryers in eight weeks, weighing about a pound and a quarter, oven-ready. The story is that they are the ultimate in succulent chicken. They are the result of crossing the English ban-