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McCall Sticking to State Issues

When Tom McCall, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, appeared in Heppner Tuesday night, he emphasized his intention of sticking to state issues throughout his campaign. This he is doing despite efforts of his Democratic opponent, Sen. Alfred Corbett, to draw him into embroilments of the national presidential campaign.

From our point of view, McCall's decision is sound policy. It is logical to assume that voters are more interested in choosing a man on the basis of his qualifications for the office he seeks than in his party involvement or his agility at political maneuvering.

One can detect a weariness on the part of the rank and file of the people towards political manipulations. There is a higher echelon of those politically sagacious who have mastered the mechanics of politics so that they know what strings must be pulled, what strong candidates must be endorsed, and whose coalitions must be clung to in order to get the most votes.

But the ordinary voter gets tired of all this. Listen to the derisive comments from television viewers whose home entertainment diet is limited to the national conventions during the times they are in progress—Republican and Democratic alike.

Is it too naive to believe that the voter wants a man who is going to do the most good in the job he seeks? Even those men who approach the stature of statesmanship often degenerate to some degree of pseudo-sincerity at their party conventions. Gov. Mark Hatfield delivered an excellent keynote address at the Republican convention, marking him as a man of great stature, but he slipped into the pitfall when he indulged in such phrases as "sweeping the hi-fi set under the rug" (or similar words, referring to the Bobby Baker case). Sen. John Pastore did a fine job for the Democrats, too, but he indulged in the same tactics when he chided Gov. Hatfield for "writing his speech for Rockefeller, delivering it for Scranton" and added that the Oregon governor wound up being stuck with Goldwater.

Maybe our society is such now that this is a necessary part of the Big Political Game. Maybe the voter is a pawn to be enticed by tactics of sarcasm and innuendo.

But it is refreshing when an earnest office-seeker steps out with a straightforward attitude and a strong program to present. Tom McCall impresses one with his positive approach. For instance, he spoke Tuesday night of the alarming increase in the rate of crime, now accelerating in the proportion of 5 to 1 over the rate of population increase. As a member of the state board of control, the secretary of state has a responsibility with state institutions. McCall has some definite proposals to offer in meeting the crime increase, among them the establishment of a "Halfway House" as a work-study center for youngsters whose behavior patterns seem to destine them for difficulty. This state now offers little for youngsters headed for trouble short of Hillcrest School for Girls and MacLaren School for Boys.

McCall has a rare background of public concern and humanitarian work. This led to his receiving the Brotherhood Award of the Oregon Regional Conference of Christians and Jews earlier this year. He was chairman of the Portland-Multnomah county Metropolitan Youth Commission; he settled a sitdown strike at the Oregon State Penitentiary in 1950, negotiating with a 14-man inmate committee; he served as executive secretary of legislative interim committees on Indian affairs, welfare public employees retirement, legislative procedure, and sex offenses; he co-authored the report of the legislature's labor-management interim committee of 1959-60.

McCall served two terms as president of the Oregon Prison association, two terms as president of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, was a trustee of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and was secretary of the Urban League of Portland. He is a member of the advisory committee to the State Division of Mental Health, the boards of the Oregon Historical Society and the United Nations association, the Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency, the Portland Interfaith commission, and the Portland school district committee on race and education. McCall is also on the public relations committee of the Greater Portland Council of Churches.

This gives some idea of the scope of his activities. His experience includes that of being administrative assistant to Gov. Douglas McKay, and, of course, he achieved wide recognition for his work on television and in radio and newspaper work prior to that.

Tom McCall strikes one as a man of boundless energy, exceptional capacity, keen concern, striking sincerity and outstanding ability.

His policy of a state candidate holding to state issues is a commendable one. As he puts it, in the places where state government falls short, "Big Brother," the federal government, steps in, adding to the ever-increasing centralization of government.

Fortunately, in men like Governor Hatfield, Secretary of State Howell Appling and State Treasurer Howard Belton, Oregon has had men of genuine motivation and sincere purpose as leaders. McCall shows promise of distinguished public service with a singleness of purpose to the job at hand. Voters have the opportunity to scrutinize his qualifications in the two months ahead.

The Fair—Evidence of the Bountiful

As one considers the amount of volunteer work that goes into the staging of a county fair, he might wonder what motivates these good people. Much of the work is of the drab and wearying kind—setting up booths, cleaning the quarters, preparing the barns, taking care of livestock, handling the tremendous amount of paper work necessary in keeping entries straight and recording premium winners.

At the Morrow county fair, many of our workers and committeemen serve year after year. Of their number, the majority get very little recognition—not so much even as getting their names in the paper.

During fair week they are virtually confined to the grounds and their own home schedules are sacrificed.

There are many in the county who appreciate what they do, and yet a large number of others who appear indifferent to this effort.

The question has been in mind recently, "Why do they go to this work and trouble?"

The answer may be in the expression of Giles French of Moro, who came to visit the Morrow county fair Tuesday, and talked of it with enthusiasm later.

"I know after going to a fair that there is going to be something to eat next winter," he said. In stating it that way, one gets a clue to the incentive of those who toil to stage the fair.

"When we prepare the ground properly, we harvest abundantly," said the Sherman County visitor who has a facility

for finding the right words for down-to-earth expression. French, who knows this part of Eastern Oregon as well as any man, said he likes the Morrow fair because he has little interest in fanfare, programs and attractions that are often used to draw crowds.

The fair shows what the county can produce, what its people can do. For those who can appreciate the wonders of this production, the fair has real meaning, and these people who have this appreciation are the richer for it. In a sense, this is a time of thanksgiving that brings feelings of gratitude and well being.

The fair emphasizes the importance of a person's everyday work, whether he is young or old, or whether he is engaged in farming, in industry, in business, or going to school.

French has summed it up simply. Now that the fair has been staged again, and fruits of the county's labor have been on display, we know that "there is going to be something to eat next winter."

And we thank all those who have worked so hard at the fair to make the point clear.

Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

"THAT'S WHAT YOU get when you order hash," declared Herman Green on one of his regular visits to the G.T.

We had just told him that we felt like a flea on a hot stove this week, hopping from one thing to another. It's fair week, rodeo coming up, horse show Friday, back-to-school at hand, politics starting to brew and a good many other things.

Yep, it's hash week, all right, with a good many ingredients mixed in. But hash, properly prepared, can be a mighty tasty dish, and this should be a savory week.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS has blossomed on Main Street in grand style under the engineering of Don Turner, county central committee chairman. Hanging over the building is a big sign proclaiming "Barry and Bill."

Don confides that he was trying to challenge the Demos into opening up a headquarters across the street to stimulate interest. He thinks he has quite a phonetic advantage. "Barry and Bill" is more alliterative than "Lyndon and Hubert" (and as of this moment in Democratic national convention proceedings, it appears that it will be Hubert for v. p.).

Not to discourage Don, but one man stopped the writer on the street and asked who "Bill" is. Looks like the party still has some distance to go.

REPUBLICANS this year have pretty much of a phonetic advantage all the way around. "McCall" is a name that lends itself to slogans—"All for McCall," for instance. It's a little hard to think of something catchy for Corbett.

Irvin Mann is a natural. "Mann's our Man," for instance. His opponent, Martin Buchanan, has a little tougher job in the slogan department.

Can't imagine Giles French spending much time on such a gimmick as a slogan, since he seems to have little time or patience for such things, but he might say, "French speaks English." Ben Musa, the Democratic incumbent for senator, would require a little more thought.

Maybe some of our readers could come up with some ideas for the Demos. It will be interesting to see what can be done with "Lyndon and Hubert" for the campaign buttons.

TURNER got to sloshing the paint so fast on the Republican headquarters that he moved right over and did Turner, Van Marter and Bryant's building front, too. Hope that doesn't set a bad precedent for the party—painting buildings in an attempt to win votes, but we're sure that Don did it purely out of the kindness of his heart.

WHILE ALL this improvement was going on, the Heppner Hotel is blossoming too, under new paint. Lyle Adams at the hotel is a hard worker and has been making all sorts of improvements, both inside and outside. Saw him putting up a new canopy the other day, and the bright new paint followed.

Things are underway by Mr. and Mrs. Heberts in making changes in the Hotel Grill, too. They stayed up till 5 a.m. the other night changing the booths around and putting up curtains. Mrs. Hebert said she had to dye those curtains five times to get them the shade she wanted.

ANYONE WHO happened to be around at the time could have had a good laugh while we were taking pictures at the new rodeo office Monday. We had Secretary Jack Locke, Chairman Floyd Jones and Director Tad Miller that we wanted to catch by the door of the new building.

Trouble was, those big irrigation sprinklers were going to condition the grounds and settle the dust, and they allowed only about 15 second intervals between revolutions, dousing the side of the building with each swipe.

Poor Jack zigged one time when he should have zagged, and he caught it full, thereby becoming a thoroughly soaked bank officer. Well, the three were about as restive as skittish young colts, but we managed to get their pictures between swipes, getting pretty well laundered ourselves in the process.

ONE LADY who deserves a medal from the rodeo is Thelma Smethurst who plays an important part in working out details of drawing, helping keep books on the entrants, assisting with the smooth running of events, and acting as timer. If you can't get an answer to a question from anyone else, odds are good that Mrs. Smethurst can supply it. Her husband, Bill, was on the rodeo board for years.

It would be a pretty hard job to run off the rodeo without Mrs. Smethurst.

WELL, ALL the sad mommas of the community will shed tears this week-end with their children hiking off to school Monday. It will be so sad without their rollicking little voices stirring the households!

IT WON'T be long until traffic will be flowing across the new Main street bridges. Work is just about completed, and it will be good to have the hazards eliminated. Ed Gonty, president of the council, said that the city has been working towards getting a new bridge there for 30 years. He thinks it would be appropriate to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a formal opening.

HAVE A GOOD time at the rodeo shows, the horse show, the dance, the parade, the barbecue, the cowboy breakfast this week-end!

Mrs. Charles Stout left Wednesday for Pendleton, where she intends to spend about one week on business.

Resolution Urges Blalock Route For New Highway

A resolution passed by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting Aug. 17 urged development of the Blalock Island route for the proposed interstate federal highway that will extend from Ellensburg to Pendleton.

The motion was passed after County Judge Oscar Peterson presented the matter. The highway, first proposed a number of years ago, has again become a controversial issue. A group from Washington's Tri-Cities have proposed that it swing to the northeast to include this area for economic reasons.

A Umatilla county group is pressing for a route that would cross the Umatilla bridge to connect with Interstate 80 near Stanfield.

The Blalock Island route would find the highway coming via Yakima through Satus Pass to the river, crossing at the Island to Boardman, where it would connect with Interstate 80.

In passing the motion, Chamber members agreed with Judge Peterson that the Blalock route, which was one originally proposed, is the shortest, least expensive and most feasible. It would provide a more direct route from Seattle to the Boeing industrial site, thereby aiding in that development.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and to the Oregon State Highway Commission.

Judge Peterson said that he had been advised by Forrest Cooper, Oregon State Highway commission, that no determination for the location of the highway has been made as yet and that public hearings will be held for all to have opportunity to give their views.

Another letter from B. M. French, regional engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads, advised the judge that all factors affecting the interests of the States and the nation are being considered.

Floyd Jones, chairman of the rodeo board, and Orville Cuts-

Injuries, Illness Hit Four Relatives

A rash of hospitalizations to relatives has kept Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke in a state of concern.

Carey Hastings, an uncle of Mrs. Buschke, was taken to St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, early this week for minor surgery after he had been in and out of the hospital for about two months with a sciatic condition. His wife, Alice, accompanied him there and telephoned Wednesday that he is improving very well after the operation.

Another uncle, Sam McDaniel of Hardman, a brother of Mrs. Hastings, also is in St. Anthony's recovering from surgery for a blood clot on his leg. He entered the hospital Saturday and now is reported as "coming along fine."

The Buschke's son-in-law, Sam Shippy of Connell, Wn., is to be dismissed from the General hospital at Othello, Wn., after being seriously injured recently after falling from a 35 ft. pole while engaged in construction work. He had been in a near critical condition for a time but is recovering satisfactorily.

A cousin of Mrs. Buschke, Clifford Howell of Monument, was seriously hurt last week when a tree fell on him while he was working for Ross Logging Co. near Dale. He suffered a crushed chest and other injuries and was taken to Pendleton for hospital treatment. Mrs. Buschke said Wednesday that he has been removed to Walla Walla, Wn.

Week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Art Dyck were Dyck's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dyck and their children, Jimmy and Susie, of Cheney, Wn.

forth of the fair board told of plans for the rodeo and fair at the meeting, Jones expressing appreciation for the cooperation of the chamber of commerce and Cutsforth telling of improvements being made to the fairgrounds and buildings.

Garnet Barratt, a guest at the meeting, also spoke briefly upon his visit "back home" from his new home in Arizona.

No Movie This Week

There will be no movie at the American Legion hall Friday of this week because of the fair and rodeo activities, Glen Ward announces.

Tell the advertiser you saw it in the Gazette-Times.



Coming Events

4-H PIG SCRAMBLE AND LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALE
Thurs., Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Outdoor fair arena

HORSE SHOW
Friday, Aug. 28, from 9:00 a.m.
Open Class competition.
Rodeo grounds.

BIG STREET PARADE
Saturday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m.
Lots of fun for everyone.

MORROW COUNTY RODEO
Sat., 1:15 and 7:30 p.m.
Rodeo Dance, 10:00 p.m.
Cowboy Breakfast, Sunday, from 6:30 a.m.
Sunday Rodeo, 1:30 p.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH BARBECUE

All you can eat!
Saturday, August 29
Serving from 5:00 p.m.
All Saints' Episcopal church

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SUPPER SERVED

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AUGUST 29 and 30

