

Thoughts on the Election

This paper does not presume to make specific recommendations for the primary election, coming Tuesday, but perhaps a few thoughts and impressions are in order.

This is an unusual presidential year, and Oregon's primary is a key election in setting the national trend again. The three candidates on the Democratic ballot (with one—Johnson—not now a true candidate but the one listed as a vice-presidential candidate—Humphrey—now a presidential candidate) give an almost unprecedented choice for the party. The Republicans have two on the ballot, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, and Nelson Rockefeller, who was late in making up his mind, is a written candidate. As of this writing, Kennedy may have the edge in the Democratic free-for-all, and Nixon seems to be pulling away on the GOP ballot.

Another top interest-getter is the U. S. Senate race. If we were a Democrat, we'd vote for Senator Morse, although he is often unpopular with the press and is one of the most severely criticized men in public office. Through the years, however, Sen. Morse, in our opinion, has been scrupulously attentive to the needs of his constituency and has responded to "calls for help" from the "small people." His is a strong voice, and although one may often disagree with him, he does not equivocate and is not afraid to let his position be known. This is a quality needed in politics today. On the practical side, Sen. Morse has seniority in the Senate. Should Robert Duncan win, and Duncan undoubtedly is a high caliber man, Oregon would have two senators with little seniority. Phil McAlmond is giving it a real try but seems to be making little headway.

On the Republican ticket, Robert Packwood, a state representative from Multnomah county, seeks the Senate nomination and his opponent is John S. Boyd of Medford. Packwood carries considerable respect as a young, resourceful and energetic man and should win the nomination.

For Congress, 2nd district, Al Ullman is again unopposed on the Democratic ticket, and he seems to be getting stronger with every term he serves. With his position on the Ways and Means committee and the place of respect he enjoys among his associates, Ullman has been called one of the most influential men in Congress.

Three Republicans seek the 2nd district nomination on the primary ballot. Gaining ground fast is Marv Root of Madras who could develop into a strong challenger for U. S. representative, William Quigley of Baker, which is also Ullman's home town, has been conducting an active campaign, visiting in Heppner last week. Running again, despite two previous defeats, is Everett Thoren of Elgin. Root would seem to have the upper hand in this race.

Generating considerable attention in Morrow county is the contest for secretary of state with focus being on the F. F. Montgomery-Clay Myers battle on the GOP ticket. Both have strong followings. One thing the voter should think about is that in Oregon the Secretary of State position has almost traditionally been the stepping stone for governor. Our tendency at this moment—despite the fact that we disagree with Montgomery on some matters (such as the sales tax)—is that he might be a stronger man in this important office and would lend strength to the board of control. Myers, the incumbent, has been criticized (and some will say unjustly so) for inefficiency and lack of organization in some of the departments under his jurisdiction. Montgomery has been criticized harshly, too, for the legislature's failure to accomplish action on the tax matter. He takes the brunt because he was Speaker of the House.

However, Democrats have a very strong candidate in George Van Hoomissen, Multnomah county district attorney. He is expected to be a rather easy winner over M. A. (Cap) Yegge for the Demo secretary of state nomination, and the campaign against the Republican winner in the fall election should be a great contest.

On the purely local level, there is only the contest between Bert Corbin and John Mollahan, Democrats, for sheriff. This was a very quiet campaign until late, but has intensified in the past few days. Voters here know them both well and will weigh their respective merits in making a decision. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, the veteran office holder, is without opposition on the Republican ticket.

Bill Weatherford added some interest late in the campaign by tossing his hat in the ring for state senator, Democratic ticket. His, of course, is a written campaign, since there is no candidate on the ballot. He could well generate the interest to get the nomination and this would assure a race in the fall against Kenneth Jernstedt, Republican, of Hood River. The latter is not well known here, but he is said to be well qualified. Perhaps his lack of opposition has made him a little too confident, since there is no announcement in the Voters Pamphlet and not even a ballot slogan beside his name to help acquaint the voter with him. Morrow county has rather suffered from an "absentee" representation in the State Senate. Sen. Ben Musa seldom came to this county. It is hoped that this will not be true in the future.

Consideration should be given to those who hold the bulk of space on the ballots—the candidates for the national conventions. Demos have the job of picking 25 at large and two from the second district. They have a wide choice—83 running at large and six from the second district. The GOP has 42 candidates for ten at-large positions (they don't have as many delegates at their national convention) and 13 for two 2nd district openings.

We think Irvin Mann deserves support in seeking a 2nd district delegate position. He is our representative in the legislature and has attained a veteran's ranking in two sessions there. He well represents Eastern Oregon's interests and is a logical person to elect to help in choosing a presidential candidate. Rep. Mann has his work cut out because only two are chosen from 13. Those from this part of the state will need to give him their full support to get him to the convention.

Many names on the two ballots for delegates are very well known and some will be complete strangers to voters here. We feel inclined to say one more word for another Eastern Oregonian on the Demo ticket because he is in the same position as Mann. He can give good representation for his party and is prominent in Eastern Oregon. This is C. L. (Buck) Smith of John Day, who has a long record of civic achievement in that city. He is active in seeking the position, has visited here, and should do his party a good job. Smith is on the ballot as a candidate to the Demo convention from the second district.

That's about all the contests of interest on the party ballots. Looming in the fall is a battle between Robert Thornton, incumbent for state attorney-general, Democrat, and Lee Johnson, unopposed on the GOP ticket for the same post. There is little action now, but it will be a battle in the general election.

MEASURES
Three measures are on the nonpartisan ballot, and we plan to vote yes on each of them. Probably the most important is Measure 3, which provides for bonding for state college construction over a long term. Bonding limit is fixed at 3/4 of 1% of the state's true cash value. For each dollar of money spent on buildings from the bonds, a matching dollar must come out of the general funds of the state. We like the "pay as you grow" combined with the state's traditional "pay as you go" policy since students now will help pay back for the educations through the bonding at a time when they become contributors to the state's general funds as productive citizens.

There is some opposition on the interest costs, but the advantages of the plan seem to us to outweigh the disadvantages. Measure No. 1 on the ballot would change the constitution so that state Common School Fund money could be used to improve state lands under its jurisdiction. Long range effect would be to increase principal fund and interest distributed each year. At the present, income can only be distributed and not invested.

Measure 2 would change and stabilize the number of names needed to get initiative and referendum petitions on the ballot. This measure would save money and confusion. It is a sensible step and deserves support.

Mrs. Mary Bailey returned Friday from a two-weeks visit with members of her family. In Portland she was present for the golden wedding anniversary celebration May 5 of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Guy Husbands, held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William E. Hickok. All six sisters in Mrs. Bailey's family were together for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swanson and family are expected to move from Minneapolis, Minn., to Seattle during the coming week, following his transfer to a permanent position with Northwest Orient Airlines. He will begin his schooling June 1 in Seattle, and his family is accompanying him west.

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

DID you ever see such jubilation as that which came this week? The rain was the answer to prayers and upholds again the old adage, "Rain doesn't come when we need it but when we have to have it!"

And it was a dandy! Now who gets the credit? Is it the person who says it always rains when he washes the car? Is it Richard Nixon who is quoted as saying that it was going to rain in Eastern Oregon in five days? Is it the person who said he brought it from Seattle? Is it L. R. Babb who says he brought it up from Arizona? Or is it the Episcopalians who prayed for rain Sunday at their Rogation service and got real quick results?

One of the most likely candidates for credit is Mrs. Walter (Doreen) Jacobs, according to Birdine Tullis. Doreen painted a hex sign designed to bring rain, Mrs. Tullis says. This is in keeping with the superstition of the Pennsylvania Dutch. Mrs. Tullis and son Mark back in 1965 in a dry spell painted a hex sign, and a waterspout came to fill their basement full of water. Mrs. Tullis told Mrs. Jacobs about this and Doreen gave it a try. Seems that she had overwhelming success. By gar, that is pretty strong medicine, Doreen!

CUP OF SOME of our citizens is running over this week. Not only are Millie Evans and her son, Don, enjoying the rain, but they brought in an artesian well on Mrs. Evans' ranch (operated by Don), Roy French of Pendleton dug it. They were pleased with its water production at the start, then decided to go another few feet. This made it come in Saturday as an artesian well. Its true capacity is a little hard to determine for it has been capped.

YES, WE KNOW Kay Corbin is a boy, not a girl. We just do stupid things some times in the heat of battle on the paper. We made the error in writing up the story on Bert Corbin and John Mollahan last week. The Demo contestants for sheriff, The subconscious takes over sometimes, and one of a reporter's problems are those names which can either be a boy or girl—Shirley, Pearl, Cecil, and in this instance, Kay. Sorry, Kay!

SPEAKING of names, this is the time of year that is the moment of truth for high school seniors — when their middle names are announced. We've been real mean this year and used all on Heppner's High grads' middle names under their pictures in section 2. Now we'll batten the windows and bar the doors to keep the brick bats out!

THIS IS sort of an unusual graduation time for the Gazette-Times. It seems as if all our present and former apprentice crew is coming of age at the same time. And we're proud of them! Ricky Gimbel is graduating with honors at Taft and is going to go to the University of Oregon. He got baptized with printer's ink here when he was still in grade school. Kit Anderson is another honor student and another apprentice who became a reporter for us. Kit graduates at Albany High and will go to Oregon State University on a scholarship.

Our present "printer's devil," Randy Stillman, graduates at Heppner High. Randy probably has the longest tenure with us and is a real part of the G-T. He is one of the best athletes ever to work here and was as good a backfield man for Heppner High in 1967 as Greg (Red Dog) Pierce was in the line a few years ago.

We were delighted when Greg came knocking at our door the other evening. He's another of the G-T boys who spent many hours in the back shop. It was with real gratitude that we saw him return whole and looking fit from 18 months' service in Vietnam. Our thinking is that the NVA and the Viet Cong are as happy to have him out of the war as we are to have him home, judging by the way he used to red dog the opposing football backs for Heppner High.

Also graduating is son Jim who will be heading for college in the fall and leave us without a pressman. He has helped mother and dad ever since he was tall enough to see above a composing stone.

Say, we're proud of this gang of young men who have earned their stripes in a country newspaper and print shop!

WHILE TALKING about being proud, we're proud of the Heppner High Hehisch staff for the excellent rating they got from the Scholastic Press association. It was great! We wish we could print the whole thing. Congratulations to the entire staff and to Mrs. Rachel Dick, advisor.

We're proud of the staff of the lone High paper, The Cardinal. Through the efforts of Janice Snider, editor, primarily, they got out their first printed paper, since 1942, last Thursday. This was a very fine job. Janice really had things organized as if she had been at it for years.

JOHN CEGLIA, about whom we have the story elsewhere this week, made additional news Sunday. He was trucking a load of squashed car bodies to Portland when his truck exhaust ignited one of the bodies that hadn't been burned. The upholstery caught fire. Things were getting really hot by the time he got to Lexington. Firemen and volunteers came to his aid and saved the day, as well as the truck, and John's hide. Don't ever think those old car bodies don't make hot fires.

IN NOTING THAT the Heppner Branch of First National is holding open house today, Harry O'Donnell gave us a Report of Condition of the First National Bank of Heppner as of December 29, 1922, which he found among things at the Abstract and Title Co. Capital was \$100,000, deposits \$646,120, and loans totaled \$628,503. Overdrafts were listed at \$4,750! Quite a far cry from today but a going concern even then. M. S. Corrigan was president.

The Rhyming Philosopher

PUSH

NOW IT'S JUNE, AND GRADUATIONS CALL FOR WARM CONGRATULATIONS SINCE COMMENCEMENT MEANS THAT SOMETHING HAS BEEN FINISHED;

AND THE ENDS ARE JUST BEGINNING, WHILE THE GIST OF THEM IS WINNING, YET THE PROBLEMS UP AHEAD ARE UNDIMINISHED.

IF YOU THINK THIS MEANS CONFUSION, THEN WE'VE REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION, FOR THERE'S NOTHING MORE DECEIVING THAN DIPLOMAS.

NOW THEY'RE CAPPED AND GOWNED IN EARNEST BUT THAT'S ALL THAT HAS BEEN FURNISHED, SINCE THE GAME'S NOT ALWAYS WON BY HITTING HOMERS.

WE CONGRATULATE THE SCHOLARS, WHICH MAKES SENSE BUT HARDLY DOLLARS, FOR A SHEEPSKIN ISN'T PASSPORT TO A PENSION, THEY'RE ALL STARTING SCARED AND SADDER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER

WITH AN AWFUL LOT OF FEAR OR APPREHENSION, SO, REMEMBER, DADS AND MOTHERS, UNCLAS, SISTERS, AUNTS AND BROTHERS,

WHILE YOU PRAISE THEIR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, HERE'S A NOTION:

DON'T JUST WALK AWAY AND LEAVE THEM—THEY'VE GOT GOALS, SO HELP ACHIEVE THEM; CERTAIN ENGINES NEED A PUSH TO GET IN MOTION?

HARRY W. FLETCHER

TO THE EDITOR

On Those Pamphlets

To the Editor:
Last week in your Chaff and Chatter appeared the comment that some Montgomery backers were hoping to blame Clay Myers for the failure of Republicans to get primary voters pamphlets in Morrow county within the twenty-day period preceding the primary election as required by statute. First, let me say that I think our own county clerk was very generous in blaming the entire problem on machine failure, and while this would seem to relieve the secretary of state from responsibility for the error, the fact still remains that Myers' office did call back to get the list of independent and "other" voters which was not included in the first tabulation. In view of this it seems altogether reasonable to conclude that the state office should have noted that Morrow county could not have a total registration of Democrat voters. Further, there were literally thousands of voters throughout the state who received pamphlets late, in clear violation of the statutory requirement.

Don Turner

Favors McCarthy

To the Editor:
One of the disadvantages in living in the "remote" areas of eastern Oregon is the lack of direct contact with some of the important happenings and personalities of our time. But this week Senator Eugene McCarthy came to eastern Oregon. I wish that everyone in this part of the state could have heard him

Frank Gilliam vice president, T. J. Mahoney vice president, W. P. Mahoney cashier, and W. E. Moore assistant cashier. Other directors included J. B. Natter, W. O. Minor and John Kilkenny.

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