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Salem Scene

Corrupt Practices Act Sited for Reformation

Oregon's so-called "Corrupt Practices Act" has been in the news again and the election law will receive even more attention during the 56th session of the State Legislature.

Three bills—already scheduled for introduction when lawmakers convened Monday, could result in the most sweeping overhaul of Oregon election procedures since 1908. Present election law was substantially revised in 1957 but subsequent Legislature have approved only technical amendments.

Upcoming potential changes are largely the result of between-sessions deliberations by the Elections Subcommittee of the Joint Interim Committee on Rules and Resolutions. Most of the changes are designed to streamline and modernize campaign regulations in view of current conditions and in response to charges and counter-charges following recent elections.

Oregon's reputation for "clean politics" often has been attributed to what many have called a model election law. But this reputation failed to deter interim committee members from "improving" the statute. Exerting particular influence on drafters of the proposed revisions were Portland Attorney John Faust, representative of news media and Secretary of State Clay Myers.

Vast bulk of the changes are included in Senate Bill 20. It revises 82 sections of the present law, repealing 21 regulations and amending 51 more.

Most significant changes involve appointment of a single political treasurer, through whom all contributions are received and expenditures made.

and the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures both before and after voters go to the polls.

Appointment of a single campaign treasurer—and it could be a self-appointment by the candidate himself, is aimed at better control and record-keeping of funds received and expended. During the pre-election report an estimate must be given detailing the amounts expected to be received and spent during the remaining days before the election. Exceeding this amount by more than a specified percentage would constitute a violation. The latter provision is designed to control and possibly limit excessive last-minute spending.

SB 20 also attempts to regulate the funneling of out-of-state contributions to candidates and contests involving measures. The law would require campaign treasurers to refuse such contributions unless accompanied by a list of contributors providing \$25 or more of the total.

On the local level itemizing contributors would be a little easier. The amounts of campaign contributions that must be attributed to individual donors would rise from \$5 to \$25. And pre-election statements would permit lump sum expenditure reporting.

The Secretary of State would preside over this reporting service, assisted where feasible by duly authorized county officials.

Repealed from present law would be the restriction against electioneering on the day voters go to the polls.

A companion bill SB 21, was drafted to give legislators a little more stature among Oregon's elected officials. Presently the filing fee for State Senator and Representative is only \$10. That fee would be raised to \$25.

A third bill, prepared by the League of Women Voters, would update and expand material that must be submitted by candidates for publication in the Voters' Pamphlet. It calls for a photograph—not more than three years old, and the requirement that the candidate's statement shall include age, present occupation, education, business or professional experience and prior government experience.

Throughout meetings and hearings by the interim subcommittee were references to recent cases involving alleged election irregularities. Most frequent references were to the 1968 contest between Robt. Y. Thornton and Lee Johnson for Attorney General. SB 20 likely would prevent a defeated incumbent from remaining in office by more discretion in such cases to presiding judges.

Much time was spent discussing a "name" for the revised election statutes. Because the term "corrupt practice" occurs repeatedly in present law, Oregon's election regulations have been dubbed the Corrupt Practices Act. No direct action was taken by the subcommittee on an official new name. But the references to "corruption" have been modified by new language and a consensus favored a more positive nickname—such as Fair Elections Law.

Circumventing new election regulations may be no more difficult than at present for the really corrupt. But a more positive nickname does seem in order—if only in recognition of interim Legislators who toiled diligently at lily gilding Oregon's election statutes to keep them among the best and most progressive in the land.



IOOF OFFICERS FOR 1971: from left, Bill Lowe, Durwood Tash, Jack Sumner and Bob Lowe.



SANS SOUCI REBEKAH LODGE officers for 1971: from left, Jo Huston, Opal Cook, Alta Stevens, Betty Rood, Mary McMurtry, Adelle LaTrace, Fern Wright, Altha Kirk.

IOOF Installation

Following an enjoyable ham dinner chaired by Elsa Leathers, Opal Cook and Alta Stevens, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held their joint installation Saturday evening at the Lodge Hall.

Installing officers were Mrs. John Bergstrom and Cornett Green, Grand Marshals and Ralph Beamer, District Deputy Noble Grand for IOOF and Ruth Robinson, District Deputy president for the Rebekah Assembly.

New officers for Willows Lodge IOOF No. 66 for the year are: Noble Grand, Jack Sumner; vice grand, Robert Lowe; secretary, D. E. Tash; treasurer, Leon Ball; warden, L.N. Nash; conductor, C.J.D. Bauman; inside guardian, Bill Lowe; outside guardian, Marion Hayden; RSN, Randall Peterson; LSN, Cornett Green; chaplain, Herman Green; LSVG, Ralph Beamer and ESVG R. G. (Pete) McMurtry.

Officers to serve this year for Sams Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33 are Noble Grand, Mary McMurtry; vice grand, Alta Stevens; recording secretary, Adelle LaTrace; financial secretary, Jo Huston; treasurer, Betty Rood; warden, Bernice Nash; conductor, Mildred Padberg; RSN, Altha Kirk; LSN, Letha Archer; chaplain, Opal Cook; musician, Shirley Connor; color bearer, Ola Ruggles; LSVG, Velva Bechtoldt; RSVG, Evelyn Farrrens; inside guardian, Pearl Wright; outside guardian, Mary Bailey.

Ware Leave For Army

Brent Ware, Spanish and Modern Problems instructor at Hepper High and his wife, Kathi will be leaving Hepper on Jan. 15. Mr. Ware has been drafted.

On Jan. 15, Mr. Ware must report to his Selective Service Board for induction. His last day of school will be Jan. 15 as he will be replaced by a substitute teacher from California.

Mrs. Ware will accompany him to Los Angeles for induction and then go to Provo, Utah to reside with her mother until she can join her husband. It is undetermined where Mr. Ware will take basic training as yet.

The Wares came to Hepper from Utah in September after accepting the teaching position at the high school. Mr. Ware is a graduate from BYU at Provo, majoring in Spanish.

SON ARRIVES

A boy, Steven Daryl, was born Jan. 6, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hasel of Coquille. He weighed 8 lb., 12 oz. He has two sisters, Dawna and Heidi. Mrs. Hasel is the former Ruth Peterson of Hepper. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morin of Portland and Mrs. Lucy Peterson of Hepper.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clark and their two year old son, David, came up from Corvallis during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket. One evening while they were here they got together with a group of former school friends for a grab fest. Dick is in a manager training program for First National and Mrs. Clark is working at the college.

Against Natural Law!

The processes of government show no indication of growing more efficient with the passage of time. According to new reports, the U. S. government paid claims totaling \$371,695 for sheep lost when nerve gas accidentally leaked from an Army plane at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. Investigation of the loss, however, cost the taxpayers \$64,850.

Congressional investigations have become big business. Whether they give full value for taxes spent is doubtful. Perhaps there should be an investigation of investigators. But persuading government to investigate itself is about like trying to make water run uphill.

Another Knowledge Gap

At one time, most people were farmers. This, of course, has changed. One modern agri-businessman farmer, today, produces on the average enough to feed more than 40 people. Nowhere has there been a greater revolution than in the technology of agriculture. And, no revolution has brought greater benefits to more people. From the standpoint of the farmer, however, it has been a mixed blessing.

As more and more people have lost touch with the facts of life on the farm, public understanding of agricultural matters has declined. We hear a lot about high meat prices, for example. Yet, through technology and greater producing and handling efficiency, meat is a better buy today than ever before. A publication of the National Live Stock and Meat Board has observed, "For no more of their after-tax income than it took 20 years ago, Americans are getting 40 more pounds of meat per capita . . . including a whopping 66 percent more beef . . . In the same period, the average disposable income in the U. S. has jumped by more than 50 percent." The publication also notes that a pound of beef, or pork, or lamb in the retail counter, ounce-for-ounce, is an improved protein product.

Agriculture has become another of those basic industries that has little direct contact with consumers. Probably not one consumer in a hundred has the remotest idea of the "blood, sweat and tears" required, from the range to the retail counter, to place a meal on the family dinner table. One of the biggest jobs of agriculture is to try to close this knowledge gap.

WILMOT S. D. ENTERPRISE: "The anatomy of any association or club includes four kinds of bones: (1) wish bones—those who will go along with an idea but want someone else to do the work; (2) jaw bones—who talk a lot but do little else; (3) knuckle bones—who knock everything everyone else does; and (4) back bones—who get behind the wheel and do the work."



We understand from a friend that Ken and Casey Keeling are still pretty much up in the clouds over first grandchildren. Don Keelings had a daughter Dec. 14, then Ken, Jr. and wife had a son Christmas Eve. The Ken Keelings now live in La-Grande but lived in Hepper for many years when he worked as forester for Kinzua Corp. Ken, Sr. and the ole editor attended school together in Pendleton, and the poor ole school there has never recovered.

Sign on a gas station: "Buzz twice for night service. Then keep your shirt on while I get my pants on."

The Oregon Legislature convened Monday. Oh, well, we've survived a lot of other things, too.

We had things turned around last week in regard to Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor's open hours. The justice of the peace court is held in the court house Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Charles is available to everyone at his office in lone at any time he is needed.

"They had to shoot poor old Fido." "Was he mad?" "Well, he wasn't too pleased."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:
Just a few lines to get my paper started again and pay you for the next 12 months.
After I was married Aug. 22, at Crescen, Pa., I was transferred to AC&E School in San Diego. While I was there I played for the base football team. We finished the season with a 7-3 record and were second in the league as 11th Naval District runnersup. I missed all but three of the games due to first a bad knee and then cracked ribs so I really didn't get to play much.
After school which I completed Nov. 6 as second in the class with a 3.71 GPA, I was to report to the USS Bainbridge out of Long Beach, but orders were cancelled and after being home for Thanksgiving and Christmas

I reported back to the USS Enterprise on Dec. 28.
I was home in La Grande for the last three days of elk season and was very lucky as I shot a spike about 8:15 a.m. Wednesday morning the last day of the season.
My wife Susan is staying with my real parents in Portland until March 20, when the ship will complete its trip around the tip of South America to Alameda, Calif.
My new complete address is: John F. Cole MMI 915-03-34 RM-3 Division USS Enterprise CVAN-65 c/o FPO New York, N. Y. 09501
I have a question or request. While I am on the ship and overseas I have trouble getting the Oregon State and Oregon scores. Could you slip them in to the Gazette sometimes for us servicemen.

Pioneer Ponderings
By W. S. CAVERHILL
The Lure of the Tropics
This is the time of year when bright colored brochures are designed to lure us to tropical islands, where warm breezes stir the palm trees, where exotic flowers bloom, and mini skirted beauties infest the beaches. I prefer our environment. I like to listen to the chinook winds whisper to the Ponderosas of life returning; to hear the snow fed streams talking to themselves as they hurry to join a river, to see the profusion of wild flowers (untamed by botanists) cover the hillside, and for the thin clad beauties, we don't need to go to the tropics to see them.

School Lunch Menus
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SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU
Mon., Jan. 18 — Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, buttered corn, carrot stix, cake and fruit, milk.
Tues., Jan. 19 — Mashed potatoes & gravy, cabbage salad, fruit cobbler, rolls, butter, milk.
Wed., Jan. 20 — Fried chicken, buttered peas, celery stix, fruit, rolls, butter, milk.
Thurs., Jan. 21 — Beans and ham, vegetable salad, cinnamon rolls, purple plums, butter, milk.
Fri., Jan. 22 — Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, lettuce wedge, fruit medley, cookie, milk.

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BASKETBALL — JAN. 15
Hepper High vs. Condon, here, 6:30 p.m.
Ione High vs. Echo, at Ione, 6:30 p.m.
Hepper Grade School vs. Umatilla, here, 2:00 p.m.

JAN. 17
Ione Willows Grange Potluck Dinner, 12:30 p.m.
Regular meeting, 2:00 p.m.

JAN. 18
Mothers March Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church
All Women interested in going on the Jan. 28 March are asked to attend.

JAN. 14
Morrow Co. Jr. Rodeo Committee Meets at 7:00 p.m. at Gail McCarty home

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