

# ... Communications ...

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### Editorial Insulting

To the Editor: As vice-chairman of the Republican Central Committee, I feel that your editorial on our recent meeting needs much clarification. In the first place, it is an insult to the intelligence of our precinct people to state that the one-man recommendation for the Senate seat was due to the "bullheadedness" of the chairman. The issue was

most fully discussed, and vote was 81 to 26 in favor.

Secondly, no written communication from the county court concerning this appointment was ever received by the committee. I believe this is the orderly way to conduct any business to avoid misunderstanding, and it is certainly the method used by the governor in communicating with us. What on earth is the county court fussing about? On one hand, they repeatedly state that they are not bound by our recommendation, and on the other hand, complain loudly when they receive it.

Get off our backs, please E.A. We have our problems in issues and personalities, as does any volunteer organization. And don't forget that we are volunteers, that we spend weeks, months, and sometimes years of our time working for better government through the medium of our party. You have stated many times that people should be interested in their government and work for it. Those of us who have worked hard are feeling bitter tonight at your charge of "partisan politics" by "two-bit amateurs." You just bet we're "two-bit amateurs," and you should be darn glad we are! Back east where I come from, there aren't any amateurs in politics—they're all professionals, expensive professionals, supported by bribery and corruption.

You may disagree with us and our chairman—that's your personal and editorial prerogative, but you have no cause to call for the resignation of a man like Joe Walsh, who has spent months of his time, with no pay, no glory, and the usual run of criticism from the "do-nothings," to lead the Republican party in this county.

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### People Confused

To the Editor: Always more and more, we now days hear anti-this and anti-that as well as every other nation being Communistic.

The people are so confused or stupefied that they run from one thing or another until exhausted, and will partake of most anything in an effort to be on the winning side, right or wrong as they may be.

Many of this nation's subversive "power wielders" seem to be so misled by their would-be loyalty, knowing not that should complete control by Fascists, Nazis or Communists soon come, they would also be placed on a purge list, due to the fact that they are really pleased to have it so remain that they may always in some manner be a passer of judgment rather than a loser of the coercive leadership or power and wealth that would mean so little under direct rulership of a central government abroad.

Those of us, if any, who choose to be "just and right," can not be always backing away from one beast into the maw of another. It is far better to be exterminated by all opponents in a defensive manner than be eliminated likewise, believing soft-soap talk is really cream.

The Rev. A. Gilman,  
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### Dogs

To the Editor: Why can't people realize how nice it's been for a short time, no dog's messy calling cards in our yards, and to bite our children. This muzzling is all so much foolishness. It's so our children can't walk around on the street, even to school, without those darned dogs chasing after them. I know what I would do if a dog bit my child, and if my dog bit a child I wouldn't say a thing if they killed her. But she doesn't run loose like a lot of dogs. I know a black dog which has never had a tag on, or a muzzle, and he runs loose on the street. Why not all keep our dogs in our own yard? They are a menace on the street to the drivers in cars. I know I have nearly had a wreck a time or two trying to miss some stray dog.

I love my dog so I keep her tied up. The rabies are in our county so why not keep the dogs all in the owners yard, not some one else's yard? I say if any one cares enough to own a dog, keep him in a pen, or don't own one, don't turn it loose for some one else to feed. Dog food isn't that high. (Name on File)  
Medford.

Granded To the Editor: That the old West is still with us in various ways was in evidence at the recent cattlemen's get-together in Medford. It was that

through the meeting is about the greatest misrepresentation of the truth I have ever heard you make. I'm glad to hear that the minutes of the meeting will be made public so that this thing will be cleared up for once and for all.

As to your scuttlebutt regarding members of the committee being fed up and behind-the-scenes politicking going on, I'll nail that down to a concrete fact. There are a few malcontents, who have held so-called secret meetings, but about everyone in the county knows by now who they are, where the meetings were held, and all subjects discussed. I know all these people personally, and during the past 2 1/2 years that I've worked here in Republican politics, I've had occasion to ask all of them at one time or other for either financial or physical help to the party. With the exception of three of four, not a single one of the others

When the cattle were split-up, Jesse took the T brand on the left hip (of the cattle), swallow fork in left ear with dew-lap cut down and under-bit on the right ear. Edwin had the T on the critter's right hip, swallow-fork in left ear, under-bit in both ears with dew-lap cut up. But Edwin also had a private brand on the left-hip-cheek, which might explain his rather dim view of hot-iron branding in general.

That happened a long time ago over on the old Henry Taylor ranch a short half mile east of Hillcrest Orchards, on the South Roxy Ann road. It was a cold wintery morning, Jesse, some 6 years old with younger brother Edwin, had skipped from the quilted warmth of their bed to the much warmer heat of the old round-oak heater. Edwin had a little trouble getting into his breeches and with back to the nearly red-hot stove bent down to get a leg started into a pant-leg, brother Jesse was holding. There came a wild yell of anguish that brought the woman folk hurrying. Edwin had sustained a bad burn on the posterior part of his anatomy. The usual lard and floor was bandaged on. But the brand, TOV stayed on till Edwin was 18 years old. There was not enough space on his small behind to take on the first letter, S, and last letter, E.

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### Run

To the Editor: Vun night ven Aye was camping at Whisky Creek on der old Crater Lake Highway, a bear voke me up in der middle of der night. He was taking der side-curtains off der old Chalmers. Aye didn't have gun, Aye yust run.

Everett Acklin,  
Ashland, Ore.

### A Differing View

To the Editor: In your editorial of Nov. 23, entitled "Partisan Politics," (the title was "Partisan Shenanigans"-Ed.), I find several things pretty hard to swallow, particularly since I was involved, and personally know that your facts are considerably distorted.

If the county court had wanted the Republican Central Committee to select three names, then the proper procedure would have been a written statement to the Republican Central Committee, stating the fact. Chairman Walsh did not try to ram or bullhead anything through the meeting. Here it is step by step: One week before the full committee meeting of last Monday, the Executive Board met and worked out a procedure of selecting a candidate. This procedure was explained in complete detail, discussed at length, and then adopted by the whole committee. This was done with full knowledge of Miller's statement to the Medford Mail Tribune concerning his desire for three names.

To say Walsh bullheaded the selection of one person

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ever came through with one thin dime or 5 minutes help. That they would ever consider "secret" meetings for the purpose of undermining the head of the Republican party in Jackson county, and undermining the good work that has been done by the executive board, and by the whole committee itself, pretty clearly indicates their caliber.

Your intervention into this matter with your statement that Walsh should resign his GOP post before he sticks his foot in his mouth again is as assinine as a statement from me that you resign as editor of the Mail Tribune. Your cry for non-partisanship at this late date leaves me a little cold. If you had had your way about it, we wouldn't have even been meeting last Monday night to select a person to take Dr. Durno's place.

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## Douglas Fir Said Strengthened by Industry Cutbacks

New York - Production cutbacks, the lumber industry's big weapon in its fight against price softness, have not put much starch in plywood tags, but they have strengthened the outlook for Douglas Fir lumber, according to Purchasing Week, McGraw-Hill publication.

Many West Coast sawmills have shut down, steadying Douglas Fir prices. Most dealers feel the downward slide, which brought prices 14 per cent below year-ago levels, has ended. They feel prices could move up in early December.

Others are not so optimistic.

Because of high inventories and low volume of local mill orders, they contend the rise will not come until January, when an expected pickup in home building should be felt.

### Production Cutbacks

The production cutbacks have trimmed industry operations to between 70 and 80 per cent of capacity. But even at that rate, output is more than enough to satisfy present weak demand.

Industry analysts do not expect plywood prices to firm up in the near future. They contend that production cutbacks have not been drastic

enough. At the same time they point out that the industry, despite the present market weakness, is still expanding its capacity, thus creating an additional supply potential that would offset any pickup in demand.

Competition for plywood markets also is intensifying—both from other lumber products (e.g. fiberboard) and from nonwood rivals such as plasterboard, plastics and aluminum sidings and facings.

Despite the current dol-drams, the plywood industry views the future optimistically. Increased home building and modernization, for example, are expected to provide a steadily-growing market.

Lander, Wyo.—John Lichty, a bar owner, believes in safety at all times. Lichty has installed safety belts along the bar and fastens them around the customers when they become unsteady on the stools.

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