



Small Worlds Around Us

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She's Contented: We Haven't Invented a Milk Machine Yet
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Most students of the modern viewpoint agree that the extinction of the world's large, wild animals is a foregone conclusion. Africa, the last great stronghold of wild creatures, is already in the phase of development which eliminated the bison from the American scene. The range and jungle creatures now face the inevitable end. Final oblivion awaits them at tomorrow's waterhole.

That unhappy time soon may come when many domestic animals will have outlived their usefulness. We keep dogs today mostly for pets. A few places in the world find them still useful, but even there, the tasks they once performed can be done better and cheaper by machine; the once indispensable sled-dog tires quicker and runs slower than a motor driven machine.

Horses, Cats, Sheep
The horse is all but finished; the cat's job is taken care of by thousands of inventors all trying to make a better mouse trap. The poor old sheep, who has had a front seat for a long time, is sitting farther back in the hall now and may soon be pushed out the back door and forgotten.

Rayon, nylon and a countless number of other synthetic materials have put a deep crimp in the wool market. Once, a wool blanket kept a man warm on a cold night. Today, a cotton blanket with a series of wires that heat up when the button is pushed, makes a wool blanket an article that takes up room in a clothes closet and tempts clothes moths to move indoors. Further discoveries in fabrics may make the sheep unnecessary, aside from a source of lamb chops.

Of course, nothing much tastes like roast pig, so the hog is destined to have a prominent place in the barnyard until that unfortunate day comes, if it ever does, when we will eat a handful of tablets or swallow a capsule and kid ourselves into thinking we have had a satisfying and filling meal.

Scientists have been looking for meat substitutes for a long time, and may come up with something that will

make pork chops and beefsteak as obsolete as the dodo bird. And when that happens, you are going to be told "this is progress."

More Cows Than Bison

As of right now, there are more cows in America than there were bison back three-quarters of a century ago. More milk and milk products are available, but the boys with the test-tubes and the retorts would like to come up with a machine that would furnish unlimited quantities of milk, and do it cheaper and quicker than a cow can turn forage into liquid.

The component parts of milk can be written down, and they look a little silly. Water forms about 85 per cent of milk, and the rest is fat, protein, sugar, ash and salts.

Taken all together, milk is simply a whitish fluid secreted by female mammals for the nourishment of their young. Sounds rather matter-of-fact and everyday-ish. But mixed up in the fluid somewhere is a certain something that defies imitation and puts milk in a class by itself.

As smart as we are, or think we are, it will take some doing to invent a machine that can produce milk. In the meantime, back in the barnyard, the cow wears a pretty contented look. She is still contented, still confident that her secret and her future usefulness is assured; she operates a pretty complex machine herself.

Caves Resort Has Underground Chapel

Stanton, Mo. (UPI)—Tourists who want to get married under unusual circumstances are doing so at Meramec caverns here. The Cave management supplies a Justice of the Peace and an underground chapel. "People like to get married on the rocks and head for happiness after," said Cave director Lester B. Dill.

ARRIVES IN ROME
Rome (UPI)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, arrived Sunday night from Paris to take part in a meeting of the coordination commission for the Ecumenical Council. Spellman accompanied a group of American pilgrims to the Lourdes shrine in France over the week end.

Electric Rates in Area Are Reduced

Electric rate reductions totaling \$1-million annually for Pacific Power and Light company's customers in five southern Oregon counties became effective Friday.

Residential service meter readings made Friday and hereafter will reflect savings estimated at \$14 annually for the average household use in the area, according to the company's district manager, Frank Benesh.

The first electric service bills based on the adjustments will begin coming to PP&L's customers in about a week, he reported. The reductions, averaging 5.6 per cent, will mean savings of \$534,000 for residential customers and \$500,000 for commercial and industrial consumers in southern Oregon.

DESIGN APPROVED

Washington (UPI)—The chief of Army Engineers has approved the design for the Yaquina Bay and Harbor project near Newport, Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) announced Friday.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mrs. I. J.—We can only see our grandchild "by appointment!"

Regina J.—I can only handle one grandmother at a time.

Mrs. I. J.—If it hadn't been for us, Jim and Regina would be in real trouble now. They fell in love while freshmen at college, and to be on the safe side both fathers agreed to subsidize them through marriage, so that they could be together and still finish their education. But a baby was soon on the way. Regina quit her studies, and now the expenses are really squeezing us. We try not to complain, however, because there's no choice if we want our son to stay in college.

The only bright ray for us is the brand new grandson who arrived 4 months ago. However, Regina rations our visits so strictly you'd think we had measles! And she scolds us if we pick him up.

Regina J.—I admit things haven't been easy for anyone since I was forced to leave school. That wasn't the original plan. But I'd like to keep one person's life smooth and unruffled — our baby's. And

Important Aspects of Proposed Revised Constitution Reviewed

(This is the first of a series of articles about the revised Constitution proposed by the Oregon Constitutional Revision commission. The articles were written by Hans A. Linde, professor of constitutional law at the University of Oregon and a member of the Commission.)

The first joint resolution to be introduced in the newly convened Oregon House of Representatives Assembly, on Jan. 18, 1963, was no ordinary piece of legislation. The opening clause of House Joint Resolution 1 reads: "Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, two-thirds of all the members of each house concurring: (1) The following revised Constitution of the State of Oregon of 1859, as amended, which is repealed."

H.J.R. 1 is, in fact, a proposed new constitution for the state of Oregon. As such, it is the most important proposal to come before the 1963 Legislature, which has many im-

portant and difficult problems facing it. Others of these problems are urgent, notably the thankless task of finding tax revenues to pay the state's bills for the next two years. But H.J.R. 1 is not a proposal for one biennium. The revised Constitution it proposes may be Oregon's basic charter of government for a century.

Special Committees

Under authority voted by the people in 1960, the Legislature may submit a revised Constitution on the ballot to the voters for their adoption or rejection. To carry out this responsibility, the Legislature has created special committees in the Senate and House to examine and consider the proposed revised Constitution. H.J.R. 1 was introduced by the chairmen of these committees, Senator Walter Pearson of Portland and Representative John Dellenback of Medford.

But the Legislative Assembly cannot itself enact a constitution for Oregon. It can only propose; ultimately the people themselves must dispose.

The purpose of this and the following columns, therefore, is to present the most important aspects of the proposed revised Constitution.

Taken for Granted

To most people, constitutions do not make exciting reading — unless they happen to live in a country without one. The United States Constitution excited the world in 1789, and it still has the power to do so today. But Americans take our constitutions for granted. Many think of them as legal documents, to be understood only by lawyers and courts. If the Oregon Constitution needs revision, why not let legal experts take care of it?

Yet the adoption of a constitution is the ultimate political decision of a self-governing people. "All power is inherent in the people," reads Article 1, section 1, of the present Oregon Constitution, in the words of 1857, and continues: "... and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they think proper." Oregon has been on the way toward such reforms for the past two decades, since the 1960 vote that authorized the process of revision.

Constitutions are, indeed, laws; and much of the proposed revision is of interest only to specialists. These columns will deal with those major principles in the Revised Constitution that are of importance to all the people in whom "all power is inherent," and on whom its final fate depends. They will cover the background and reasons for constitutional revision; proposals for the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government; the Bill of Rights; the continuation of major parts of the present Oregon Constitution; and the present status and prospects of constitutional revision in Oregon.

Alabama Men Are Arrested by Police

Two men from Birmingham, Ala., were arrested by state police Friday night on charges of auto theft and are being held in the Jackson county jail.

Being held on charges of taking a car from Santa Clara, Calif., are John Thomas Colmer alias Robert S. Wagner, 44 and Frenchie Hardy Colmer alias Al Norris, 51.

A state policeman stopped the car on routine patrol when he noticed the trunk lock had been punched out. After considerable interrogation the two men admitted taking the car and renting tape recorders in one town and selling them in the next. One or two tape recorders were recovered state police said.

The Council: Whose rights are right? Grandparents should have them, the baby has them, and Regina and Jim have them. But Regina is exercising her right, with a left hook to the "wishbone" of the dotting grandparents. This period in the annals of the J. family corresponds to — pardon the comparison but it's a valid one — 1775 in American history. That's when Independence was declared, and some temporary ground-rules set up. These were called the Articles of Confederation, and were just a working blue print to serve until 1788 when the Constitution became the law of the land.

So, to comfort Mrs. J. and to soften Regina, let us remind them that this "edict" of Regina's grows out of the newness of the situation. As she relaxes in the parenthood role, as the baby reveals his own personality, as the grandparents settle down from their initial excitement, there'll be a "gentleman's agreement" about visits. Above all, they'll be divorced from the question of financial aid to Regina and Jim. No package deal, no tit for tat — at the infant's expense!

Give-and-take calls will fall into a fair pattern as the relatives share baby-sitting honors. And with all eyes on what's best for the little one, no one should object to "orders" from Regina. She's the one who'll have to stay up with him if his stomach gets upset from too much dandling. She's the one who'll get blamed if he turns into a little tyrant from getting whatever he yells for.

Mrs. J. speaks of her grandchild as the "only" bright ray. Let's hope there'll be more of both grandchildren and bright rays! Meanwhile, she can appreciate this comment by a Molly Goldberg-type mother. Meeting a childless couple she asked, "Tell me, what do you do for aggravation?"

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BACKGROUND FOR REVISION

The whole story of constitutional revision in Oregon would have to reach back more than a decade and do justice to the efforts of many men and women. It can only be briefly sketched here.

In 1951, a proposal to call a constitutional convention was introduced in the Oregon Legislature. Two of its legislative sponsors later became governors of Oregon: Sen. Robert D. Holmes and Rep. Mark O. Hatfield; two became United States Senators: Sen. Richard L. and Rep.

Maurine B. Neuberger. The need for constitutional revision, by a convention or other means, was examined by a legislative interim committee during 1953-54. The committee found much need for revision; a bare majority favored the convention method, but no convention was called. Yet under the existing Constitution, only individual amendments could be submitted to the voters and real reform was impossible.

In 1959, the Legislative Assembly decided to propose that the Legislature itself be authorized to submit major

constitutional revision to the people — assuming, in effect, the powers of a constitutional convention. That authorization was given by the voters in the 1960 election.

Of course, the 1961 Legislature could not at once act on this new authority within the brief span of a busy legislative session. It therefore established the Oregon Constitutional Revision commission to prepare recommendations for constitutional revision for the 1963 session.

It is the revised Constitution prepared by the commission that, in the form of H.J.R.

1, is now before the Legislative Assembly.
(Next: The Commission and its work.)

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