



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

Freedom of the Press

When The Oregonian recently continued in their policy to print the truth without favor or bias one of their largest advertisers felt that the prestige of their advertising should allow them to control the paper's editorial policy.

Press organizations from coast to coast and the alarmed public arose to denounce such a policy practiced by Meler & Frank company in Portland. The public was quick to realize the potential infringement on the nation's Constitution that allows "Freedom of the Press". One dreads to vision the newspaper that dances on the puppet strings of the advertisers.

The Enterprise strongly urges its subscribers to patronize its advertisers. While it is true that some may not be in full agreement with all of the editorial policies of the paper their strong belief in free enterprise and a free press is no less than commendable. It is such people and such heritage that has made America strong.

It is unfortunate that one merchant after unsuccessfully trying to dictate the policy of the paper withdrew his advertising in an attempt to bring this paper in line with his command. That such a policy is in diametrical opposition to our nation's free enterprise and harbors dictatorial attitudes is more than obvious. A free people will determine the fate of the dictators.

Again we say support those who support our inherent rights among which freedom of the press is rightly placed.

Elder Statesman Backs Flegel

Oregon's elder statesman, 89-year-old Walter Pierce, former governor and congressman, tonight re-entered the political arena with a plea to Oregon Democrats to unite behind the candidacy of Austin F. Flegel, candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in the Friday primaries.

Pierce, who will vote in his 67th Oregon primary election this year, praised Flegel for championing the

cause of Columbia Valley administration legislation, asserting that with CVA, "this region will become the most favored in the land."

Lashing out at special privilege groups and gambling syndicates, Pierce, with vigor reminiscent of another era in Oregon politics, asserted that "I rejoice that I am alive to fight by the side of Austin Flegel" in the primary election campaign.

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Why Imagine Your Own Plots? Real Life Offers Them Gratis

By BILLY ROSE

In Battle Creek, Michigan, on July 30, 1949, a Mrs. Zilpha Perske asked her husband for a hundred dollars, and when he wanted to know what it was for she refused to tell him. One word led to a thousand others, and finally the hysterical housewife ran into the bedroom, took a rifle from the closet and shot herself.

Mrs. Perske hung on for two days, and during that time her husband not only gave his blood to keep her going but persuaded friends to do the same. A few minutes before she died, he learned what she had wanted the hundred dollars for—to surprise him on his birthday with a new hunting rifle.

One night in the Spring of 1924, in the middle of the Illinois flatlands, the engineer and fireman of a fast mail train found themselves looking into the barrels of a couple of guns. The men behind the guns told them to stop the train and back it up to a crossing they had just passed.



Billy Rose

At the crossing, four men wearing gas masks stepped out of a sedan. After shooting the glass out of the mail-car window, they tossed a tear bomb inside, and when the mail clerks came out the bandits went in. When they drove off, they took with them 60 bags of registered mail which contained two million dollars in cash, jewels and negotiable securities.

The case was assigned to Bill Fahy, the post office department's ace inspector, and in a matter of hours, road blocks were set up, suspects were being questioned, and detectives from New York to San Francisco were on a 24-hour shift.

Two days after this historic heist, one of the army of dicks working on the case got a phone call from an underworld character who offered to give him the name of the man who had masterminded the stick-up. His motive for squealing, he said, was revenge, and when his yarn was checked the man he named was arrested and convicted and most of the two million re-couped.

The thief, as corny and contrived as it may seem, was Inspector Bill

Fahy, and when he planned the hold-up, he was certain he'd get away with it because he knew he'd be assigned to track himself down. The thing he didn't figure on was the resentment of the underworld because he was muscling in on its racket.

ON AN EARLY morning broadcast out of Berlin a few weeks ago, Bill Downs of CBS relayed the following:

Shortly after the war, a German Hausfrau was notified that her soldier husband had died in a Russian prison camp. After the usual formalities, the Berlin authorities issued a certificate of death, and a few months later the woman re-married.

Last month she was informed by the commandant of the prison camp that her husband was alive and would arrive by train on a certain date.

The woman showed husband No. 2 the notice, and the couple decided that the sensible thing was for the three of them to sit down at a table and talk the matter out.

When the train pulled in a few days later, however, husband No. 1 didn't get off. The Russian officer in charge informed the wife that the excitement of the homecoming had been too much for the ex-prisoner, and he had died of a heart attack the night before.

When the woman got back to her flat, she found her second husband had committed suicide. A note explained that, under the circumstances, it was the only decent thing to do.

Editor's Letter Box:

To The Editor: It is hard for me to realize at times that there is a democracy. Last Thursday evening I attended the PTA meeting and heard the discussion on the activities of the school board. I was afraid to say anything.

Maybe it's not being very courageous but you see I have lived in this town since Mr. Hammond ran it years ago. Mr. Peterson, I know the people, I believe far better than you. I know the hidden politics that controls the town and the family cliques that have control over much of it.

I was afraid to say anything because I have children in grade school. The superintendent, perhaps you didn't know, is related to the school board chairman. I was afraid to say anything because I owe some money to the bank. I was afraid to say anything because the city judge is also the chairman of the school board. It may sound silly to you but I know what will happen to any of the leaders in this movement should they commit some minor offense.

Do you see why I am afraid? If money is needed to clean this town up just say so. I and many others will gladly help. Do you see now why I'm afraid to have my name printed. Sincerely yours, J.M., Mill City, Ore.

Editor's Note: Any contributions may be placed in an envelope and addressed to Citizen's Committee, 50 Mill City Enterprise, Box 348, Mill City, Ore., and they will be turned over to the committee for its expenses.

Dear Sir:—Please add my name to your mailing list. I once lived in Mill City, and my son Ollie mailed



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ELKHORN

By ELSIE MYERS

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers were Mrs. Rose Metzger and Bob Exley of Gresham and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Exley Jr. and son Gerry of Portland.

Mrs. Mary Patrick was the guest last weekend of Mrs. Jennie Moe of Mehama.

Mrs. Bill Bickett took the Elkhorn teacher Mrs. Mary Patrick and the children to Mill City Friday afternoon where several of the children took part in the track meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett attended a family reunion on Mother's Day, at the home of Mrs. Bickett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Billington in Scio. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Billington and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newsome, Betty and Patsy, Mrs. Velma Emerson and LeRoy, and Rodger Kindred all of Mill City. Also Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Billington and family of Sweet Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers spent several days in central Oregon last week where they visited friends in Bend, Redmond and Prineville.

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