



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

Today's Pioneers

The West has its pioneers. Oregon pays homage to this by setting a golden pioneer atop its capitol building. Axe in hand this huge symbol of the West stands. The North Santiam canyon area has its pioneers also. Many of these have long ago gone to their reward in the great beyond. There can be no doubt that today there are pioneers yet living in the North Santiam canyon area. It is not the purpose of this piece that it enumerate and credit each and every one of these persons. It is the goal of this editorial that the role of a pioneer be examined.

Before the pioneers of this area settled this area, as we understand it, there were Indians of a certain tribe populating the community. Nowhere do we today see the heirs of these first Americans. It could be that they have moved on to more fertile land, but we are informed otherwise. The Indian once common to the shores of the North Santiam river is no more—he was wiped out. It is said that the slovy habits and slovenly ways of this Indian were his undoing. It is also said that the white man's diseases cast him under the sod. Assuming there is more to these reports than just rumor—then what? The North Santiam canyon Indian lost out entirely to the white pioneers who moved in on him in one way or another.

Now these white pioneers carved out their homes, towns and community with work-hardened hands. They had a dream or vision of what they wanted. They worked day after day on making those ambitions come true. There was none of this business of "I like it the way it is." Had this state of mind existed, no homes would have been built—a cave would have been enough or a log cabin. To the person eternally tired, progress is a nasty term. To the pioneer new worlds ready for conquering and homesteading is a challenge. Sure, it is very clear that today we have reached a point in the canyon's development that would amaze the Indians, but what about present day Easterners and mid-Westerners? So much so are present day North Santiam canyon citizens pioneers that they think totally as individuals—not as a vital link or cog in the machinery of a community. The job of building a live and vibrant community falls equally upon each one of its citizens.

It is not the purpose of The Mill City Enterprise to pit one part of the community it serves against another. This newspaper believes in and strives for the general welfare of the entire North Santiam canyon, this state and nation. In a modern community the education of a citizen goes on hourly. The wise can take a hint, but some of us must be hit over the head. We think most of us can see the advantages of progress in this beautiful North Santiam group of communities. A full airing of our problems is a healthy thing—let us have more and more of this mode of pioneering.

Record on "Mr. Republican" and Tafoverism looking gloomier and gloomier—could be that their cause needs a charge or two from their "Black Knight" Joe McCarthy from Wisconsin.

Wonder where that man is now who shouted "I'm gona pay just one-half my income tax" or the woman editor who stands for no ante to Uncle Sam for social security tax for the self-employed person?

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Editorial Comments

IF YOU WANT TO YAP, VOTE

Two fateful events will fall on the same date this year, and we are hopeful of the inevitability of the one may reflect itself as the very general acceptance of the other.

We refer to April 15—the final day for state income tax payments and also the final day to register for the May 16 primaries. It seems appropriate that the two should come together, although it is only by chance—registration closes 30 days before the election; the election is the third Friday in May; it adds up this year to April 15.

Certainly there should be no better reminder of the duty to vote than the coincidental obligation to pay taxes. We have never been able to understand why a bigger proportionate of our public doesn't register and vote. Conversely, we have never been able to work up a major peeve about it because we haven't found a remedy—it lies only within a person's mind and heart.

But we'd like to point out this fact—it is very possible that in the next four years there will be more yapping about taxes, domestic policies, foreign policies, welfare and a myriad of other issues than in the nation's history. You will have no right to yap if you didn't do your part in voting. You can't vote unless you're registered. You can't register after April 15. Period.—From the Statesman.

CHINA FRONTS THE WORLD

Red China today is an unwelcome but massive political fact. It will not be ignored out of existence. It will not be wished or cajoled out of existence. Under the most favorable circumstances it might, in time, be detached from its close alliance with Moscow and transformed in character, but that remains merely a hopeful but distant possibility.

In terms of present actualities there are two extremes of action open to the western world: (1) To attempt to overthrow the Peking regime by force, or (2) to attempt to come to terms with it through compromise. Some Americans favor the first course; most of America's allies the second.

The goal of overthrowing Peking will not be achieved merely by bombing Chinese bases, blockading Chinese ports, or even aiding Chinese guerrillas. If such a statement seems dogmatic, the reader is invited to read carefully the objective series of articles on Red China by Frank Robertson beginning in this paper today. He is also invited to remember the huge Japanese armies which were unable over a period of years to break the resistance of a disunited and almost unaided China.

That is not to say that under certain circumstances bombing, blockade, and guerrilla raids might not bring very great pressure on the Peking government; but it would be a serious mistake to assume such action would be decisive. And under any circumstances it would have to be carefully weighed against the probability that it would consolidate Chinese opinion against the West and drive Peking to a more absolute reliance on Moscow.

A realistic settlement with Red China, on the other hand, could hardly rely on Peking's good faith. It would have to rely instead on Peking's recognition that under no circumstances will the West allow it to expand without resistance. While the United States could not undertake to roll back Chinese Communist power from its present limits without the almost certain risk of starting a new world war, neither could it sit by idly and allow the government of Mao Tse-tung to expand aggressively beyond those limits.

It is this fact of uneasy deadlock in the power situation in the Far East—illustrated both in Korea and in Indo-China—which may make a realistic stabilization of power possible. If Red China cannot be allowed to have what it obviously wants in Asia, neither can the United States reasonably expect an Asia drawn according to American specifications. If neither side is satisfied with anything less than total victory, then total war will be the result. What is urgently needed is that combination of flexibility and firmness in western policy which can steer the narrow course between an appeasement and "holy war."

To each side any agreements reached on a balance-of-power basis might have the savor of defeat, for two proud and dynamic forces confront

each other here. Moreover, limited fighting in one area or another might continue to accompany long and exasperating negotiations. But if the limitations of material power necessarily put limits on military aims, the whole field is thereby thrown open to the unlimited demonstration—within the Asian areas still remaining to the free world—of the superiority of the free, independent, and cooperative way of life.

For, in the long run, only moral and mental power is unlimited, and the boundless moral idealism of Americans will find its greatest victory on the idea front. Not even the Iron Curtain in Europe and the Bamboo Curtain in Asia will be proof against the example of a free world proving in ever-increasing measure the truth of its highest professions.—From the Christian Science Monitor

Editor's Letter Box

To the Editor:

Mill City growing apprehensive of the dwindling of her population, due to the nearing completion of the Detroit dam are trying desperately, by bleeding white the school districts of Idanha, Detroit and Gates, of their school pupils by consolidating the districts with Mill City and thus save their schools at the loss of the upper canyon.

That Mill City will be a ghost town in the not too distant future is a foregone conclusion, just as have the construction centers around Parker, Coolidge and Shasta dams, at Shasta as well as the others as many of you who have been through there know, there is not a living sole or building left for 10 miles along the highway, at Shasta it was built up solid just as it has sprung up along the highway at Mill City and Gates, with the tapering off of employment at the Detroit dam these places will vanish one by one, going to The Dalles and other new projects, already this has started. Dave Epps too wise to stay and pickup the small amount of business left has gone to more prosperous locations; Freres Supply have pulled back to Stayton, the electric appliance near the bakery have gone, Manolis restaurant is slowly liquidating, and as business slows up others will follow just as they have at all the other dam projects, at Parker, Coolidge and Shasta, nothing but the concrete floors giving mute evidence of a once thriving community are all that is left, this the mushroom growth of business will go, this is inevitable, those seeing the hand writing on the wall are talking it wherever people congregate, in the stores and on the street.

Mill City people are aware of this and to save their over-sized and expensive schools are trying desperately to pull the school population of Detroit, Idanha and Gates into Mill City and thus save their schools at the expense of our districts.

Mill City since losing their mills the population is dependent on outside sources, whereas Idanha and Detroit having a good thriving industry of saw mills, shingle mill and plywood factory as well as a large logging industry and above all the recreational business to come from the Detroit lake, the Portland Chamber of Commerce predict their will be a minimum of one hundred and thirty-four thousand (134,000) visitors at the lake a year, this along with other business potentialities will make Idanha and Detroit one of the best spots in the northwest.

Quoting The Mill City Enterprise of March 13th "The struggle for survival . . ." end quote, which is all too true but Idanha and Detroit can not sit idly by and let their schools, business and bright future go, that Mill City might survive, in the same editorial The Enterprise says "Where the children have educational facilities", meaning that if they can get our children they can get our business.

People of Idanha and Detroit should be bright enough to see the cleverly devised scheme and cast a unanimous vote to defeat this consolidation of the districts, and build for ourselves a bigger and better school and community, what they can do, we with our facilities can do better.

Already New Detroit has almost a hundred properties bought up by people from Idanha, Detroit, Salem, Portland (Continued on Page 4)



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture

"The kids are piling up the chips—the pulp company down river uses them for wallboard."

DR. MARK

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



It Isn't the Heat—
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Big discussion after the Grange meeting Friday night. Tik Anderson was arguing that hogs were lots more affected by the hot weather than cattle. Skeeter Morgan declared that it wasn't so—that he never saw any hogs bothered by the hot sun like his cows were.

I was glad when Rusty Robinson stepped in.

"Boys," he says, "don't get so riled up. It all depends on what color the livestock are. Hogs or cattle, the ones with light-colored coats absorb less heat from the

sun's rays than animals with dark coats. So you're both right!"

From where I sit, so many use-less arguments could be avoided if a person would remember he doesn't have all the right on his side. Reminds me of folks who insist that coffee, for instance, is the only drink, forgetting that other people have a right to a glass of beer now and then. If we wouldn't get so "het up" about our prejudices—we'd all be better off!

Joe Marsh