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Effective Work

MORE comment comes from Washington state on the effectiveness of Senator Charles L. McNary at the national capital, despite his membership in the currently minority party.

The Walla Walla Bulletin calls attention to this situation, as follows:

An experience which officials of the Whitman Centennial recently had in reaching the desired authorities at the national capital is somewhat typical of conditions prevailing many years there. Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, to whom the association directed a request, obtained results promptly, after solons of this state, members of the party in power, had made little headway.

McNary is a republican, and is known as the senate leader of the minority. Every senator and representative from this state is a democrat. Oddly, however, the Oregonian goes on contacting bureaus and officials from the president down, with effective results. He even has time, and the ability, to look after, and get action upon, matters outside his own state.

Senator McNary is thus viewed, outside his state as well as in, as one of the most useful men in congress. Whether it be in an election year or not, reasonable requests for help have always received immediate and effective attention from Senator McNary.

The Political Seers

THE period of questionable political prediction is at hand. Others on both sides of the political fence may be expected soon to emulate Walter Gosslin, Governor Martin's secretary, who returned from a swing over the state to tell how the 10 counties visited were way over in the Roosevelt column.

Such prognostications are common during every political campaign. They are designed to strengthen the morale of workers and influence the bandwagon vote. That's accepted political technique, but at best its not very dependable prediction.

Out on a junket, these political prophets 'contact' a few local 'leaders' who are working for the same cause. They indulge in a lot of 'wish-thinking' and 'wish-talking' and they go on to the next county, marking that just visited as definitely on their side of the fence.

Not even local people know up to election night how most local contests are going to turn out. If they did, there wouldn't be such interest in vote returns as is shown at each election. Yet these political junketeers, after a few hours' visit and after talking to a dozen or so persons who want to make their visit pleasant by rosy reports, tell almost to the vote how a county is going to go.

Recently, there was some loud protest against the Literary Digest poll. It was attacked as a factor that would influence the bandwagon vote, although almost every political worker is trying to do that all the time. And the Digest poll, at least, was based on something more than hotel-room confabs with a few local workers and wish-thinkers.

Still A Chance

DECISION of the city council against going into the health program as recently proposed by the state health officer need not mean that there is no use attempting further to iron out the health problems and develop a unified program.

As we understand it, the chief objection of the city board of health was to the federal feature. It felt, wisely enough, that the responsibility should be kept at home, even at the expense of losing a little federal money.

But if the problems are as serious as were stated by various physicians and other citizens at the meetings held here a month or so ago, there is need for further study and the working out of some plan of action. Possibly there are advantageous features of the federal aid plan that could be embraced in a strictly local program.

If local leadership can be called to the cause, and a careful study made, there may yet be much accomplished in the direction of an improved public health program.

Fellowship of Prayer

Friday, March 13: "Ye know that they who are accounted to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them."....

We are beginning to appreciate the greatness of the medieval culture. It is possible at least to understand the contention of those who stoutly affirm that the 13th century was the greatest century in human history. Think of the Gothic cathedral as a symbol of its power and its aspiration. This civilization was built upon the appeal to authority, authority imposed from without. In politics it meant absolute monarchy. In industry it meant feudalism. In religion it meant the authoritative church or the authoritative book, that is to say, the suppression of freedom of thought and freedom of conscience. In education it meant the training of the few who were destined to exercise authority. However great such a civilization might be, it could not endure. Its foundations were not broad enough nor deep enough.

Prayer: Oh God, kindle our hearts with great resolve so that with the vision of the Kingdom of God in our minds we may enlist for life in the endless warfare against all that degrades and disappoints. Hasten the day when the sun may shed its light upon an unbroken brotherhood of men and of nations. In His name. Amen.

Read Mark 10:35-45.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
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The Inside Story From The Capital
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By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, March 13.—A small group of top business men have already ordered their cigars and begun smoking up for another "smoke-filled room" at the Cleveland republican convention.

They are not going around making speeches about it, but they have an idea they can nominate "another Harding" (their phrase). They have already picked the man.

He is not one of the candidates now being prominently mentioned. The chief argument being advanced for him is that "he looks like a president." Also that he is "safer" than most of those now receiving public attention. He will go into the convention with very few delegates. But if and when a stalemate develops, they hope to bring him out of the darkest of dark horse stalls as the compromise winner.

The advance grooming work so far has been excellent, but it will undoubtedly not work out as planned. One reason is that a more popular choice will probably develop out of the existing contest before the convention. Another is that too many republican authorities believe such a course would be fatal.

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HISTORICAL CORRECTION

Incidentally, Mr. Harding was not nominated in the old smoke-filled hotel room at the Chicago convention, as popularly supposed. He was chosen more than a week before the convention by less than half a dozen of the party bigwigs meeting in another city. They saw the stalemate coming and got together. The widely advertised hotel room meeting was called by them at the proper time to get the minor leaders in on the agreement and to pass the word along.

This historical correction will be made officially when one of the men who attended the earlier conference publishes his memoirs in the next few years.

Political leaders are not so improvident in these modern days as to let nominations get down to smoke-filled convention rooms. That only happens in political fairy tales.

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REGRET

The lucky candidates in the current melee will be the ones who lose. Only those who have been president or very close to the inside of the White House can realize how the presidency has wrecked many lives. The trials and tribulations, and their effect on health and personal enjoyment, really make the glamor of being a big man in history hardly worth while.

It has never before been published, but the same jovial Mr. Harding, on his inauguration day, long before his real troubles started, regretted his own election. He nudged his secretary, George Christian, as he passed through the senate chamber on his way to the inaugural stand, saying:

"George, being senator was the best job we ever had. God only knows why we gave it up for this."

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DESTINY

The personal pains of great political success were suggested to one of the eminent republican candidates not long ago by a friend. The friend observed that the candidate would never be as contented in the White House as where he then was. The candidate admitted it, but said: "Those things are all beyond us. If I am going to get it, that is my destiny and there is no use running away from it or resisting it."

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HELP?

It is difficult to prove how much there is in the stories going around that the New Dealers are encouraging the Borah republican candidacy. One of the stories is worth telling, however, only as a humorous improbability.

It is related in the senate cloak room that the Idaho republican was calling on Mr. Roosevelt at the White House some weeks ago. The president interrupted the conversation to ask: "Bill, why don't you go into the Illinois primary?"

Borah is supposed to have replied that he was thinking about it. The president reached for a telephone, saying: "I'll call up Chicago and get you some delegates out there."

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Some of these congressmen who have been making speeches for economy have begun to change their tune privately. Letters have been coming in from back home protesting against WPA cuts. Also protests have been piling up against curtailing CCC camps. This situation has already been grapevined down Pennsylvania avenue to the White House.

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PRESSURE

The smart idea of having states come into the supreme court with appeals to uphold the Guffey coal act is supposed to have been arranged by Senator Guffey himself. He passed the word around, far in advance, that the state briefs would be filed.

The idea is more political than legal. Most of the briefs are not legalistic arguments, but merely assertions that the states cannot regulate the industry and that therefore the federal government should do it. A few of the briefs admit that the states could make compacts, but say this is impractical.

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PROWLING

Townsend investigators of the house are already having their inner troubles. One group within the investigating committee wants to emulate Senator Black. It urged the sending of detectives to all sections of the country to learn how the Townsendites are working from the inside. Another group wants to start hearings and develop the evidence from Townsend witnesses.

A compromise is in the making whereby the committee will do a little of both.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark

"The people across the court appear to be very nice, but I can't stand some of their guests."

CAR OVERTURNS GASOLINE PUMP

A gasoline pump at the Richfield service station on Esplanade street was knocked over Thursday evening, when an automobile driven by Mrs. C. E. Terrill crashed into it, according to police, and a report filed by Mrs. Terrill.

She stated that her machine was struck in the rear by a second automobile, and that the impact threw her car into the pump. The accident occurred about 9:00 p. m.

Other minor accidents Thursday were reported by E. L. Durant and Gus Miller, whose machines collided at 2:15 p. m. at the intersection of California avenue and Fourth street.

The South Sixth street viaduct was the scene of a minor crash at 8:00 o'clock Thursday morning. N. O. Taylor and Irma F. Scott were operators of the machines involved.

R. V. Price reported a slight accident which occurred on Main street between Fifth and Sixth streets about 5:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

"In treatment of disease, radio will be used to induce artificial fever." Our first intimation that the one we ran when a politician came on was artificial.

ALLEGED ATTACK TOLD AT TRIAL

Details of an alleged attack on Frank Fenters, railroad man, were described in circuit court Friday morning as Fenters opened his case against Lloyd Mock, A. T. Fenters, Eve Fenters and Elsie Dingler. The plaintiff and defendant A. T. Fenters are brothers.

Taking the witness stand at the opening of his side of the case, Frank Fenters stated that he was attacked and beaten up by A. T. Fenters and Lloyd Mock, when they came to his house on Owens street. Mrs. Alida Fenters, wife of the plaintiff, told a corroborative story, as did C. R. Faust, a plumber who was in the house at the time of the alleged attack.

According to the testimony presented at the morning session, Mock demanded some sort of financial settlement with Frank Fenters. Fenters told him they would settle the following Monday. Witnesses said that shortly thereafter A. T. Fenters pushed Frank Fenters, and that Mock then struck him with some hard substance on his hand, possibly brass knuckles.

Frank Fenters, it was testified, was badly beaten up, and was in bed 12 days recovering from the injuries.

Fenters asks $2,000 damages and $71 for loss of wages.

F. O. Small is attorney for the plaintiff, and J. C. O'Neill is representing the defendants. Members of the jury are:

Clara Sherman, John C. Yaden, Gladys Shelton, W. O. Smith, James McCluskey, Ivan Cain, C. G. Whitney, A. B. Keenan, Charles Inman, John Manty, John H. Fikes, Dewitt E. Job.

HIT-RUN VICTIM

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13. (AP)—A hit and run automobile killed William Tegart, 83, of Troutdale, as he was crossing the highway near here last night. The sheriff's office reported a late model gunmetal-colored sedan was the death car.

In traffic campaign film, a midwestern mayor acts the role of auto victim. In some cities, the audience might find this less instructive than entertaining.

Ten Years Ago In Klamath

FOLLOWING a meeting held here yesterday attended by approximately 80 people, at which speakers called attention to discriminatory automobile laws, plans were underway here today toward the formation of a permanent body to handle the matter. A committee was scheduled to begin work today. Further announcement will be made next week.

With Lee Crawford selected to bear the grief of being secretary and treasurer for the coming year, baseball fans at a meeting last night got off to a flying start with plans for the coming year.

HOWARD CHAMPION SPELLER OF LODGE

Ralph Howard is the champion speller of the Klamath Elks club. Howard won the annual spelling bee Thursday night.

Ernest McKinney was runner-up and Charles Foulger received the consolation prize as the first "pupil" to be spelled down. Many others went down on the first round.

The spelling contest was conducted by Alex DeSoto. Roberta Blomquist of the high school staff performed as the red-headed "school ma'am."

A Heltonville, Ind., woman, 109, has passed away without ever having heard a radio. Other people look to the next world for their reward.

NOW PLAYING!
A COUPLE OF GYPSIES- -who wouldn't be gyped
LAUREL and HARDY IN "THE Bohemian GIRL"
with THELMA TODD
ALSO
"AUDIOSCOPIKS"
THE SCREEN'S NEW STERIOPTICAL NOVELTY! YOU'LL SCREAM WITH EXCITEMENT — WHEN MICE NIBBLE YOUR NOSE!
NEWS - SCREEN SONG - NOVELTY
CONTINUOUS TODAY!
PINE TREE

ENDS TODAY — "FRONT PAGE WOMAN"
TOMORROW CONTINUOUS SHOW DOORS OPEN 1 P. M.
EFFERVESCENT AS SPARKLING WINE! FRESH AS MORNING!
Claudette COLBERT IN "SHE MARRIED HER BOSS"
with MICHAEL BARTLETT MELVYN DOUGLAS
Columbia Pictures
POPEYE CARTOON RAINBOW LATEST NEWS

SOON! All Had!
FIVE PRINCESSES OF WAILS..! In a romantic comedy drama paying tribute to the valiant country doctor
THE DIONNE QUINTUPLETS' THE COUNTRY DOCTOR
with JEAN HERSHOLT Dorothy PETERSON
PELICAN

LAST TIMES TODAY
Oregon TRAIL
STARTS TOMORROW
HE'S BACK!
AMERICA'S ACE ADVENTURER!
LOVERS CAN'T BE FOOLED...!!
Mystery! Suspense!
The Return of Jimmy VALENTINE
A Republic Hit with ROGER PRYOR Charlotte HENRY Rob't WARWICK
"BROADWAY HIGHLIGHTS"
KRAZY KAT CARTOON
SPORT AND NEWS FLASHES
CONTINUOUS FROM 1 P. M.
New VOX

TONIGHT
SIXTH ANNUAL
• SPRING
• STYLE
• REVUE
★
AND ON THE SCREEN
MEET... a happy, sappy, scrappy family!
THE JONES FAMILY
'EVERY Saturday NIGHT'
with JUNE LANG THOMAS BECK JED PROUTY SPRING BYINGTON
PELICAN

COMING TUESDAY
FRED ASTAIRE GINGER ROGERS
...in that Naughtical Musical Miracle—
FOLLOW THE FLEET
with RANDOLPH SCOTT HARRIET HILLIARD ASTRID ALLWYN
Lyrics and music by IRVING BERLIN
PINE TREE

Starts TOMORROW ★★★★
A musical delight with a rhythmic touch that makes your head go 'round and 'round with joy!
Harry RICHMAN Rochelle HUDSON
"The MUSIC GOES 'Round" with WALTER CONNOLLY
...it was made to make you rave!
COLUMBIA'S HIT
LEON ERROL in "COUNSELITUS" NOVELTY, "WINGED PAGENTRY" and LATEST NEWS FLASHES
CONTINUOUS SHOW SUNDAY DOORS OPEN 1 P. M.
PELICAN