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Legislative Contest

WITH four men running for two offices, the legislative race is the most complicated to be decided by Klamath voters exclusively at the election November 5. There is talk of "single-shotting" certain candidates, and there of course is certain to be crossing of party lines on this race. In case there is anyone who doesn't know, Klamath county has two seats in the lower house of the legislature, and the two highest legislative candidates in the general election win those seats.

Re-nominated by the democrats are Harry Boivin, prominent attorney, and Henry Semon, leading potato farmer. These men have had long experience in the legislature, are widely known locally over the state, and have the nomination of the majority party in their district.

Semon is the one candidate among the four who comes from the farm districts, a fact in his favor in view of the importance of agricultural welfare to the community he seeks to serve in the legislature. He has been chairman of the agricultural and the ways and means committees in the house and generally has been regarded as one of the most valuable and hardest working members of the legislature. He has not received the support of certain labor interests. The farmer-legislator does little to push himself forward in a campaign, adhering to the theory that the job should seek the man.

Boivin is a former speaker of the lower house, has served as chairman or member of several important committees and is a good campaigner. He was attacked from the bench here last spring by Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst, who said he made the attack in behalf of railroad labor, but despite that fact state and local rail labor organizations have endorsed Boivin. In the primary, shortly after the attack, Boivin led both his legislative ticket and contest for delegate to the democratic national convention. In the course of his legislative years, Boivin has incurred displeasure in certain quarters. Neither he nor Semon received the endorsement of the central labor council here ostensibly because of their "labor score card" voting record.

That organization gave its exclusive support to F. Walter Webster, local oil distributor, who shares the republican nominations with Paul Landry, Klamath insurance agent. Webster and Landry are both successful business men. They comprise the strongest ticket the republicans have put forth for the legislature in many years, the GOP in one biennial election actually letting the legislative jobs go by default to Boivin and Semon.

Webster by long odds has done the hardest work in the current campaign. Although without a legislative record, he succeeded in getting the endorsement of the state railroad brotherhood legislative league and local railroad groups. The central labor council endorsed no one else for the legislative posts, openly suggesting to its members that they "single shot" Webster. The labor council said Webster had appeared before the council and "morally obligated himself" to vote in behalf of union labor. Webster makes an excellent appearance and by hard work has steadily widened his acquaintance.

Landry led the republican ticket in the spring primary. He has been in business here for many years and is widely known, especially through his activities in fraternal and civic circles. He has a wide state acquaintance. His appearance creates confidence and he makes a good speech. When inquiry was made of local AFL labor leaders as to what consideration was given Landry when central council endorsements were made, the reply was that he had not asked for endorsement. He has done a little campaigning, but not nearly so much as the other republican on the ballot.

Both Landry and Webster have the advantage of being new to the legislative race, and unlike the incumbents have not been forced to vote on controversial measures where a vote on either side is certain to displease somebody. Semon and Boivin, on the other hand, have the publicity and experience advantage of incumbency. It is noteworthy that all four candidates are successful men and make up a strong field. Their individual contests for the two legislative posts is one of the interesting features of the campaign and forthcoming general election.

DEFENSE PROGRAM SEEN AS ALASKAN TURNING POINT

JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 23 (UP) The national defense program is the turning-point for Alaska, Gov. Ernest H. Gruening declared here Tuesday night on his return from a survey of the interior.

He predicted defense projects throughout the territory would stabilize industrial progress and settlement, replacing the "boom" and "ghost" towns of the gold rush and subsequent years.

Gruening said construction of air bases in Alaska was progressing ahead of schedule and that he was "pleased" with the defense situation in the territory.

Harkness Brothers Returned to Jail In Washington

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 22 (UP)—Sheriff Rush Blankenship of Kitsap county Tuesday returned the Harkness brothers—Lyle, 43, and Rex, 40—to the state penitentiary. They escaped from him nine months ago at Port Orchard before beginning their terms.

The brothers were arrested last week by Klamath Falls, Ore. officers. Rex was sentenced to life imprisonment as a habitual criminal, Lyle to 20 years for illegal procurement of narcotics.

DRAFT NUMBERS OVER 4000 WON'T AFFECT OREGON

SALEM, Oct. 23 (AP) — Any numbers over 4000 that are drawn next Tuesday in the draft lottery in Washington, D. C., won't affect any Oregon registrants because the state's largest board area contains only about 4000 registrants, state selective service headquarters said Tuesday.

The largest board probably will be Klamath county board No. 2, but no definite figures will be available for a few days.

Average length of life today is much longer than ever before since accurate records have been kept.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23—The sly nazi trans-ocean news service of Manfried Zapp is in reality a secret agency of the German foreign office — which means Herr Hitler himself.

Convincing indications of this have been established by government investigators prowling behind the announced contention that the outfit is owned by private Berlin bankers. The organization is shown to have been set up some years ago by the Von Ribbentrop headquarters in Berlin, to burrow deeper into the realms of international propaganda than the official German News agency, DNB—Goebels outfit—could dare to go in view of its official position. DNB handles the open German news propaganda; Trans-Ocean the underslung work.

This explains why Zapp, the New York organizer of Trans-Ocean in this country, received orders from German diplomatic officials in this country.

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IN SOUTH AMERICA

How Zapp directly poisoned news against the United States in South America is another phase of the ever widening case (see columns published October 15 and 16) which has just been uncovered by the diplomatic authorities of this government.

This government has learned that Zapp's Trans-Ocean is fed daily to scores of papers throughout South America, mostly to numerous small provincial papers outside the largest cities. It subsidizes these struggling sheets, which cannot afford the rigid sense of honor and ethics of the American press, by furnishing the service free, in some instances paying the papers to use it, by buying typewriters, by inducing German advertisers to purchase advertising space in them. Similarly its strongest hold is in Colombia, the nation nearest the Panama canal, where it is working in opposition to the existing Colombian government.

Through the subterranean labyrinth, Zapp has circulated such news inventions as a story that United States troops had been sent into Mexico. It was called an unconfirmed report, but it had the effect of arousing the Latin fear of American imperialism. That bogey of imperialism seems to be Zapp's chief stock in the Latin trade. His Trans-Ocean highly over-dramatized the arrest of an American tourist for taking pictures in Mexico as "an American spy plot."

Intimations have likewise been carried through his machine suggesting the United States was responsible for the crash of the airplane which killed the president of Paraguay and the suicide of the president of Chile (published in Il Pampero, and Crisol, Buenos Aires papers having close connections with the Trans-Ocean.)

The gravity of this activity, the part which inflames American diplomats, is the direct indication that Berlin itself and the top official diplomatic department in Berlin apparently must bear the initial responsibility.

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Herr Zapp did not get very far with his news poisoning in the United States. An editor in a small southern town is ready to testify of the approach which Zapp used with him. The nazi news dispenser did not offer to buy any typewriter, but on two occasions offered his service to the newspaper free. Both invitations were sharply rejected.

There is no evidence whatever that Zapp succeeded in merchandising his wares free or otherwise to any newspaper in the United States except a few German language papers, most all of which have severed their connections since the true implication of Trans-Ocean became apparent. Zapp may have succeeded, however, in slipping something over on one or two radio news programs.

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NOT SAME

The Germans have always contended that the circulation of their news propaganda in this country could be justified as an offset to the British propaganda. There may be some valid ground for that argument. But the British have no counterpart of Trans-Ocean News agency. Their obvious news propaganda is circulated above ground along the lines of DNB.

Prime difference between the Zapps and the British news propagandists is that the British have never been caught seeking to tear down respect for the government of the United States—with a hidden official hand.

One firm in Phoenix, Ariz., makes and sells sun stoves, which cook meals by the heat of the sun.

SIDE GLANCES

"Tell him you'll have to charge him the price of two suits, but be diplomatic about it!"

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions, following these rules, are warmly welcome.

DEFENDING IMMIGRANTS

ASHLAND, Ore., (To the Editor) — In regards to a letter by Linda W. Brown in your column "Telling the Editor" of October 10, 1940, I should like to tell a little story about the aliens referred to by Mrs. Brown.

This story begins in the late 18 and early 19 hundreds when the European immigrant was not only wanted but was actually begged to come to this country and they came.

Hundreds and thousands of them, Belgians, Englishmen, Dutchmen, Swedes, Greeks, Italians, etc., they all came to land of promise, a new land, where one could work and live. Escape poverty ridden Europe. They were not princes, counts or nobility. They were the little people whose fate we deplore in the hands of the totalitarian rulers today. They, by their hard work with low wage scale of those days, made possible the transcontinental railways, the miles of highways, the huge power projects, etc., that make us the ablest and richest country on Earth. However they had tremendous handicaps, the language barrier. Because of a native inability to pronounce the English tongue they were classed as dolts and fools.

That barrier and others of race and customs placed the aliens in the unenviable position of one who is barely tolerated by the whose grandfather, instead of himself was an immigrant. Now, if we are to follow the dictates of red, white and blue Americans, we are no longer even to tolerate them. It seems to me that this has some slight resemblance to the attitude of some dictator.

In 1922 the quota law went into effect, and all aliens who enter the United States are closely examined and inspected so weeded of undesirables.

Now the pre-quota alien is getting along in years. He has lost touch with his homeland, if such it may be called, and if he has not yet become a citizen, he has lived here as an American for 20, 30 and up to 50 years.

As we all know he was not accepted among Americans as an equal, he had a poor understanding of the language. No effort was made those days to encourage naturalization, and naturally after several years of residence in a country one even forgets that he is not a native.

In most cases they came as boys, grew new roots and were as much a part of the country as those whose ancestors came a few years earlier.

Now I can understand Mrs. Brown's reason for wishing preparedness to be a major factor in America. But why, in a letter deploring the state of unpreparedness in this country, must she attack and attempt to uproot these old immigrants, after they have contributed to the growth and general welfare of the country where they belong and fit in the American scheme of things? True, we have foreign agents here and we must give them what they justly deserve, but there is no reason to court-martial a whole regiment because of a squad of bad soldiers.

Mrs. Brown also stated in her letter that none but three generations of Americans may correct her. I must take exception to that.

Your truly,
P. K. ATHANAS,
Naturalized American.
Ashland, Ore.

PROUD OF INFIRMARY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—On Sunday, the 13th of October, I attended the dedication of the county infirmary. I was surprised at the comparatively small attendance because it seemed to indicate an apparent lack of interest in such an important accomplishment of the county.

The Klamath county court deserves a great amount of credit for that wonderful achievement. These buildings have been erected and furnished without the floating of any extra bond issues or the incurrence of any indebtedness to be paid in the far future by ourselves or the generations to come. This resulted in a great economy to the county in interest alone although many other expenses are incurred in the voting of a bond issue.

I understand the plan of this architecture was adopted from the home for the aged provided by the Loyal Order of Moose for their aged members and their wives at Moosehaven, Florida. I have seen county poor farms or infirmaries and none of them are comparable to the Klamath county infirmary.

The buildings are fireproof so that we will not again be faced with a fire loss or its dangers to the aged and helpless. Several of the inhabitants expressed themselves as being thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which this institution is conducted. There are radios in each cottage. The Klamath county library furnishes a wide range of reading material besides many of the public spirited citizens donate magazines and periodicals and daily papers are available to all. One aged resident expressed his sentiments in the words "I don't believe there is a place on God's green earth where there is an institution for the poor that is half as good as the one we have here."

We should be justly proud to live in a county where the spirit of humanitarianism is so well manifested for those who through the force of circumstances are unable to care for themselves during the last years of their lives.

Yours very sincerely,
NELLIE IRENE SHOOK,
3704 Boardman Ave.
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

THREE WORDS

A man tracked a deer down a nearby hill,
But the sight that he saw made him hesitate to kill,
For caught in the antlers was a sign with a thrill—
"Houston for Mayor."

The man caught a turtle up north, near Link river,
The sign on its back set the man's heart a-quiver,
For there were the words in color of liver—
"Houston for Mayor."

And there hopped a rabbit so peppy and smart,
The sign on his back was a nice work of art
In pure white letters on a broad black dart—
"Houston for Mayor."

A doggie now passed with his tail a-waggin,
The signboard so heavy kept his back a-saggin,
And painted thereon these words were a-braggin—
"Houston for Mayor."

Some man with a genius for doing queer things
Caught a white Pelican and wrote on its wings
In flaming red letters to guide us poor things—
"Houston for mayor."

An American eagle flew over the stream,
His great wings flapped in the sun's warm beam,
And these three words he had learned to scream—
"Houston for Mayor."

John's friends all around join in the glad yell
To boost the favorite candidate they know so well
They hasten to fellowmen their choice to tell—
"Houston for Mayor."

We note with delight this name we so admire
That its owner will be elected is our heart's desire,
So we'll boost him to that niche without praise or hire—
"Houston for Mayor."

LA CELE WYNNE.

CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) — I have been a very enthusiastic reader of Frank Jenkins column for some years, and feel that he has been quite fair about political affairs, for a republican, but I object seriously to his column in the October 16 issue.

He implies that our country is becoming class conscious because of the new deal, and that is not true in my case. I was registered as a republican until the Hoover administration, but woke up then to the fact that big business runs the government.

I have read recently that the republicans are already suggesting lower salaries in order to bring about prosperity — that means lower salaries for the workers would bring greater profits for the industrialist. If you think I am "class conscious" the republican party have made me so.

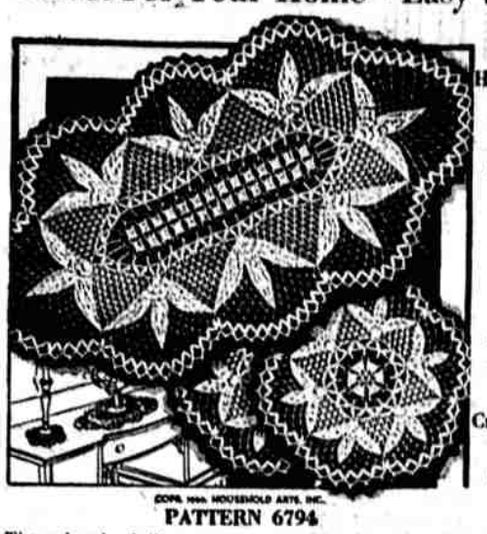
One more thing about the republican party that I think is so very wrong. They are giving out the thought that if you are not a republican you are a communist, and you know that is not true. My belief is based on an editorial in the Oregonian recently, which is a republican mouthpiece. I am a democrat, but just as true to my country as you are.

DEMOCRAT BY CHOICE.

MOWICH, Ore. (To the Editor) — I read in your paper that a Mr. Louis Porter predicts a Willkie victory for Klamath county. As a result of a poll in this particular section, FDR .90, Willkie .10. In this camp of 150 men there are six Willkie men here. Republican victory phooey. No one in their right mind would vote for squawking Willie Willkie.

FRED SIMONSON.

Smart For Your Home—Easy to Do



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To obtain this pattern send ten cents in coin to The Herald and News Household Arts Dept., Klamath Falls, Ore. Be sure to write plainly your NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER.

Courthouse Records

(TUESDAY)

Complaint Filed

Ray Bohannon versus Fannie M. Cheyne, Robert E. Cheyne, et. al. Suit in foreclosure. William Ganong, attorney for plaintiff.

Dismissal

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union No. 190, C. D. Long individually and as business agent of said brotherhood versus City of Merrill, et. al. Suit dismissed on motion of U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff. Case adjusted out of court.

Decree

Freida A. Sinclair versus Lowell D. Sinclair. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Grounds, cruel and inhuman treatment. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

FUNERAL NOTICE

DONALD GERRY SWEARINGEN

Funeral services for little Donald Gerry Swearingen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew V. Swearingen of Chiloquin, who passed away in this city Tuesday, were held in Linkville cemetery Wednesday, October 23, 1940, at 11:30 a. m. with commitment services and interment following. Arrangements were under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

Extreme ugliness will keep you out of the army, which may be an item the War Department overlooks. Scare the enemy to death and save lead costs.

On the McIlhenny estate, Avery, Island, La., one mushroom grew atop another.

OREGON FOUR-H TEAM TOPS DAIRY SHOW COMPETITION

Four Oregon 4-H club members who represented this state at the National Dairy show upheld the previous reputation of Oregon in 4-H club work by winning high honors at Harrisburg, Pa.

Irving Jones and Keith Shepard of Bend, who comprised the state championship dairy production demonstration team, won first honors in competition with seven other teams from the western region and were awarded a $250 college scholarship each by the Kraft Cheese corporation. Their demonstration was on the mixing of concentrate feeds for dairy cows. As there was no national competition between the regional winners this was the highest honor the Deschutes county boys could get

The dairy foods demonstration team composed of Bruce Chenoweth and Gerald Kehrli of Portland, placed second in the western regional competition. Gold watches were awarded the first place winners but no special prizes were provided for runners up. As the only boys' team in this cooking class they drew big stories in the press with their demonstration of dishes made from Oregon cheese.

ALUMNI ELECT OFFICERS AT SOCE MEETING

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Ashland (Special) Oct. 23 — At a meeting of the Alumni association and an alumni banquet at the Lithia hotel Friday night the alumni of the Southern Oregon College of Education elected the following officers for the year 1940-41: President, Lawrence Kaiser of Medford; secretary-treasurer, Melvin Smith of Ashland; first vice-president, Chester Squire of Lakeview; second vice-president, Dorothy Marshall of Klamath Falls; third vice-president, Pauline Riersche of Eugene and fourth vice-president, James Baughman of Marshfield.

Featured speakers of the annual banquet were Dr. Walter Redford, president of the Southern Oregon College of Education and Albie Beck, superintendent of the Jacksonville public schools.