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Legislators' Pay

ONE of the measures on the November ballot, of course, provides for an increase in the pay of legislators. Oregon people have turned down such proposals many times. This time, the measure appears under the heading of Legislators' Compensation Constitutional Amendment and is the first state measure on the ballot. It was proposed by the last legislature and referred to the people as is required of all constitutional amendments.

This measure would raise the pay of legislators to \$8 a day for 50 days, or \$400 per session. The present pay is \$3 for 40 days, or \$120 a session.

The effort to get more pay for the lawmakers has been well organized this time. Endorsements have been obtained from many organizations and a committee of citizens, headed by the president of Linfield college, has been formed to sponsor the movement.

Support of the pay increase is based on the contention that the present wage does not even meet the living expenses of the legislator in Salem, let alone compensate him for loss of time from his work or business. Thus, it is argued, the field of candidates for the legislature is narrowed to those who can afford to be out of pocket for legislative service or to persons who are willing to accept support from some outside source.

Now, the cry in the press and among organizations for a pay increase for the lawmakers is so universal that a negative argument is a voice in a wilderness of affirmatives. But there are two sides to every question, and we are going to say something on the other side. After all, people have been turning down pay increases for legislators for a long time, and they must have had reasons.

For one thing, it cannot be said that Oregon has had poor legislators because of niggardly pay. In fact, the record shows pretty conclusively that Oregon legislatures have been above the average in sound and constructive action. The states' business in Oregon is in remarkably good shape, and it shines in comparison with some other states which pay their legislators more generously.

Good legislation is the first objective, and Oregon seems to have done quite well in getting together generally able lawmakers. We do not believe the calibre of the legislature would be raised one whit by raising the pay.

Nor do we believe that there are more dishonest legislators in Oregon than there are in states which pay generously. In fact, we suspect that the reverse is true. There will be just as many dishonest legislators at \$8 a day as there are at \$3 a day.

There are, as we have said, two sides to the question.

OUT OF THE WOODS

The Bull of the Woods . . . In any logging concern of a size to rank as an industrial operation there is an individual of prime importance known by tradition as "the Bull of the Woods." In the head office he may be listed as "Superintendent" or "Logging Manager," but even in these times of college loggers such formal titles are seldom applied to him in the woods. When he heads into the bush he leaves the like behind him, along with his garters.

The term is widely defined, and Hollywood and the story writers have taken it far afield from its common meaning, which applies to one who is in direct charge of all the operations of a logging outfit. The bull of the woods is cock of the walk from standing timber to sorting booms—he is the Works.

Sometimes the foreman of a camp is called the Bull, although the traditional designation for this personage is "the Push." It is curious to note that the range boss of a cattle outfit is commonly called "the Ramrod." Both terms probably have a common source, the idea of a foreman being a driver of men.

When Bulls Were Manseaters . . . Stewart Holbrook, the timber historian, tells that in one year, 1905, a certain woods bull was arrested no less than three times in the then rugged community of Aberdeen on three distinct charges of assault and battery. Twice he was released "on his own recognizance," but the third time he was jailed because he led a bunch of his boys down Heron street, lambasting everybody on the sidewalk and throwing slabs through store windows.

In those days, as in the earlier times of the Bangor and Saginaw pinetops, it was imperative that the boss of loggers be a master at the applied arts of chewing wars, gnawing noses, gouging eyes, and the method of attack with caked boots known as "the Kallispell hop."

Such man-handling is now an ill but forgotten glory of the past. But the real business, the lally problems, of the bull of the woods remain essentially the same. Such things happen in his

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—Brigadier General Brehon Somervell has stepped on a couple of important toes which happen to be sensitive, those of War Production Director Donald Nelson and Man-Power Director Paul McNutt.

It seems that General Somervell's old tangle with Mr. Nelson on the distribution of war materials, and the various intricacies of unresolved conflict powers between the war department and WPB, has been followed by a tangle with Mr. McNutt over the man-power draft policies.



As a matter of fact, Mr. McNutt was none too assertive in his appearance before the senate committee on the man-power problem. Very significantly, he said that he would only present a report to the president, and broadly suggested that he did not propose to speak for the administration.

His strong views for an arbitrary draft have never been approved by any other authority in the government, and there is every indication that Mr. Roosevelt will recommend another course, in which case both General Somervell and Mr. McNutt might find their current argument purely academic.

General Somervell is an old associate of Harry Hopkins from WPA days in New York, but Mr. Hopkins has not been seen around up front much lately.

Mr. McNutt is the most prominent, if not the only, presidential candidate for 1944 yet in the field, as far as the front pages are concerned. Thus, the fate of two of the most prominent personalities of the administration are involved in the president's impending decision on the critical man-power problem.

ORIENTAL FAN TAN
The Japs seem to be playing some kind of new oriental fan tan with the Tokyo propaganda lately. To turn up publicly with eight prisoners from the Doolittle raid, seven months after they were captured, seemed a strange circumstance in itself, but to announce that these men had confessed they had orders to bomb non-military objectives, such as schools, churches and hospitals, is an absurdity which even the Japanese cannot expect anyone to believe.

Some uninformed civilians might believe these various stories put out by both sides, blatantly and continuously, by Hitler and the Japs, that churches, schools, hospitals and such are being savagely destroyed by us and the British.

But, any thinking person can see that no one carries a bomb into enemy territory at great effort and expense to waste it on such inconsequential (militarily) objectives.

Such objectives may be hit occasionally when they are near railroad tracks, shipyards or oil refineries. But when they are hit, it is a very inefficient and foolish mistake of the pilot. He is just not doing the job he was sent to do.

This is the silliest of all axis propaganda lines, obvious fiction which they only expect the very stupid to believe, and hardly worth the trouble of putting it out. The only mystery is

SIDE GLANCES



"Please be as jolly as you can, Sergeant, when you say goodby to Doris to go back to camp—she has cried so much recently at soldier farewell parties!"

why Tokyo chose to use it at this time.

The whole affair suggests the Japanese people are uneasy at the lack of favorable war news in the past few months, and that Tokyo is forced to resort to digging news out of the past, and flavoring it with fairy tales for home consumption.

POLITICAL GUESS-WORK
The average Washington guess is that the republicans will gain 20 to 22 seats in the house this fall and 5 in the senate. That probably represents a consensus of opinion among congressional and political leaders.

The Dunn Survey, which is respected among business people, predicts a republican gain of 30 to 33 seats, but 52 are needed for a republican majority.

No one, therefore, seems to be predicting a republican house as yet, except a few republican leaders who have gotten together with their pencils and worked out the possibility that they might win by a majority of 10 but most expect about 25 seats will be gained, not enough to give a republican majority.

Some were a little afraid from one aspect they might win as control would place upon them a responsibility apt to be onerous. Uncertainty is involved in even the best political guesses in this particular election, as no one knows how many voters will show up at the polls.

The lack of interest manifest in the primaries indicates an unprecedentedly light vote.

PTA Notes

SUMMERS
The Summers PTA will sponsor a pinocchio party Friday night, October 30, at Summers school, starting at 8 p. m. Parents and friends are invited.

County Council
Mrs. James R. Hall, president of the Klamath county Council of Parents and Teachers, announced this week that Mrs. Frank W. Blum, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, would visit in Klamath Falls early in November, the date to be announced later.

Mrs. Blum is expected to attend a meeting in Lakeview on November 4. Whether she will

be in Klamath Falls before or after that date, officers here have not been advised. During her stay the council plans a half-day meeting and luncheon at Fairview school.

Fremont
A large group of fathers and mothers, as well as children, gathered about the long tables at the Fathers' night dinner and program last Friday evening at the Fremont school. Dinner was served in the gymnasium by the PTA, and a program was held later in the auditorium. Adding to the dinner were the numerous homemade pies, pumpkin predominating, that were donated by mothers of the association.

Those taking part in the program were Clarence Bussman, Walter Bradley, Dickie Douglas, Mary Lou Case, Mrs. Dortha Elliott Reed and students of the third, fourth and fifth grades, under the direction of Augusta Parker, principal.

A business meeting was conducted by Mrs. George Blanas, PTA president, when Mrs. Henrietta Clemens was elected treasurer to take the place of May Phinney, resigned. Mrs. Earhart reported on plans for fingerprinting of school children, a national wartime project. Mrs. Blanas announced that the PTA membership drive is still open, and also that the rummage sale has been postponed until later in the year.

Riverside
Hallowe'en will be observed in Riverside school rooms this Friday with teachers making plans for programs and the festive decorations of their rooms. The youngsters have been doing art work in the lower grades in keeping with the season.

Stamp sales Tuesday totaled \$48.40, according to Verne Speiks, principal. If the weekly purchasing of war stamps continues at this rate, Riverside will gain its \$1000 goal without much difficulty.

The next regular PTA meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17, at which time there will be a fashion show. All mothers are asked to take part by entering made over garments, or garments made from new fabrics, keeping a cost slip on each. Mrs. Lloyd Prock and Mrs. Neal Stewart are in charge and those wishing further information may call either of the chairmen.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 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.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTER
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To The Editor)—Early this year the subject of a new charter was brought before the mayor and common council of your city by Councilman Cantrill, who asked that same be given study, thought and consideration, as the present charter, drawn up in 1913, was now nearly 30 years old and covered about 120 pages. It was contended that we should work toward a streamlined charter that could be readily understood and that the new charter should be so worded and condensed that it would contain few pages and do away with provisions that are now obsolete.

To Walter Wiesendanger, chairman of the judiciary committee, with the help of Councilmen Keller and Bussman, was handed the problem of working out same with a citizen committee named by the mayor and O.K.'d by the council, consisting of Lee Jacobs, Clifton Richmond, Clarence Robertson and Mrs. Nelson Reed.

With the assistance of Orval Etter of the League of Oregon Cities of which the city of Klamath Falls is a member, both committees settled down to the task of drawing up this new charter so that same could be presented to the people of our city on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 3.

Now you will find in the charter of 1913, nearly 30 years old, provisions such as these:
The council is to regulate the plumbing, to provide for the sanitation of the city or any part thereof, of stock yards, slaughterhouses, laundries and dairies and all other offensive trades, occupations or businesses.

To regulate the public dance halls and public dances and skating rinks and to prohibit any person or persons to engage in any immoral dance or dance company known as the Turkey Trot, Rag dance, Midget Waltz, Dip, Slide-over-the-wave, The Walk Back, The Buzzie, Ring and other dances.

To protect the public from injury by runaway or public persons who have horses or other animals in the street without being fastened. To provide the place of the manner in which horses and other animals standing upon the public streets, thoroughfares or in public places should be fastened and secured.

Another example is that people shall not hold up traffic by stopping to talk on the streets or the sidewalks and that no woman or minor should be allowed to sell liquor in the city.

Just a few days enforcement of some of these rulings would prove the need for a more modern charter. The old charter contains many more paragraphs like those above read. In fact it is said that a former mayor of the city said that one time he found a clause in the old charter, wanted to refer to it later and hunted two years without ever finding same.

Federal and state laws, ordinances and amendments have nullified and outmoded our present charter. For instance the election of city officers shall take place on the first Monday in May and the successful candidates shall take their office on the first day of June. For years we have voted for city officers on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November and the electees assume office on the first day of January.

The new city charter defines the duties of the council in one paragraph while the old one goes into detail for some 50 odd pages. The same holds true of the offices of mayor, treasurer and police judge. This new charter which we ask you folks to consider and approve is a streamlined, stripped for action charter containing 13 legal size pages and 41 paragraphs which you saw and perhaps read as printed in the official paper of our city Wednesday night and same will again appear this next Wednesday night.

The reason that you want a new automobile, furniture, heating equipment, etc., is that you want to be up and looking forward to the comforts that make living a pleasure. The same reason applies to your city government. Ask the old timer about the changes in your city in the last 30, 20 or 10 years or up to this present time.

The new city charter respects and continues its honorable obligations. It protects the rights and privileges of you, the voters. Your city officials and citizens committee ask your very earnest consideration, support and approval of this charter as submitted to you voters when you cast your ballot on Tuesday, November 3rd.

By Walter Wiesendanger, Chairman.
A. H. Bussman,
J. J. Keller,
C. S. Robertson,
Lee Jacobs,
Clifton Richmond,
Mrs. Nelson Reed,
Citizens Committee.

CHILDREN IN THE FIELDS
BONANZA, Ore., (To The Editor)—We, the children of Klamath county, in these outlying districts, have this day gone back to school, to study harder than ever the three R's. We left warm beds in the morning, ate our breakfasts hastily, went to the potato fields, girded on a potato belt and picked up potatoes, big and little, sack after sack all day long, in the soft fall sunshine. All with merry smiles,

ANCHOR QUILT FOR AMERICANS



7418
by Alice Brooks

Anchor Aweigh! You're in the navy, now! Snip go your scissors as you cut out the pieces in easy strips. Be first to make this patriotic Anchor Quilt. One block makes a pillow-top. Pattern 7418 contains block chart; accurate pattern pieces; directions for quilt; yardage chart; illustration of quilt.

To obtain this pattern send 11 cents in coin to The Herald and News, Household Arts Dept., Klamath Falls. Do not send this picture, but keep it and the number for reference. Be sure to wrap coin securely, as a loose coin often slips out of the envelope. Requests for patterns should read, "Send pattern No. _____, to _____ followed by your name and address."

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican
October 30, 1902
Complaint is made that two departments of the school—those of Miss Cogswell and Miss Gill—have more pupils than can be well cared for.

The Bonanza bridge will soon be rebuilt. It has put the stages and other passengers to a great inconvenience by its present plight.

T. J. Offield of Lorella was in town Saturday.

From the Evening Herald
October 28, 1932
Nine measures to be on the general election ballot will be explained at a Lions club-chamber of commerce forum tomorrow. Speakers will be Fred Peterson, Mrs. E. A. Geary and H. E. Perkins.

Dense smoke is rising from burning peat beds on Lower Klamath lake.

AFL Official Raps Opposition To Negro Labor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—A high AFL official yesterday protested the Portland metal trades council's opposition to skilled negro help in the Vancouver, Wash., shipyard of Henry J. Kaiser.

John P. Frey, president of the AFL metal trades department advised Portland AFL Officials Tom Ray and Earl Ingram to withdraw a demand that the negroes be limited to common labor.

His telegram said the demand "is contrary to specific declarations against racial discrimination made by the American Federation of Labor and the metal trade department. It is contrary to public policy."

Bend Men Escape Death in Crash

BEND, Oct. 28 (AP)—Walter Hildebrand and E. C. Newton, Bend, escaped death but the bulldog riding in their car wasn't so lucky when the vehicle went off the Tumalo grade Monday and rolled over 12 times.

Hildebrand was hospitalized but Newton suffered only superficial injuries.

MARINE, GUARD, NAVY CASUALTY TOTAL 15,814

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—United States casualties announced thus far in the war total 47,463 killed, wounded and missing. The figures include the 17,800 Americans and 11,000 Philippine scouts of the U. S. army missing in action in the Philippines, many of whom probably were taken prisoner.

Army records showed 1016 killed, 1461 wounded, 611 missing and 61 prisoners of war, in addition to those missing in the Philippines.

They included 194 dead, 142 wounded and 72 missing. Most of these resulted from action with the enemy, but the totals include men lost in accidents at sea and in the air on duty directly connected with wartime operations. In some cases men classified as missing may have been rescued at sea and landed at isolated spots or otherwise made their way to safety at places from which they have had no opportunity to communicate with naval authorities.

The most recent department list, No. 15, brings the total of navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties reported to next-of-kin from December 7, 1941, to October 15, 1942, inclusive, to 15,814.

GAME VIOLATORS GIVEN SENTENCES

Ten game violations and three traffic arrests were reported this weekend by state police who checked hunters in the Bly area. A number of the transgressors appeared in Bly court.

Herman Otis Works, Sprague River, was charged with having an improper hunting license and fined \$16.95, \$8.05 court costs and given a 30-day suspended sentence. Works, officers said, had not lived in Oregon long enough to have a state license.

Frank Frederick Moulton, 5123 Altamont drive, was charged with having an improperly tagged deer in his possession. Officers said he had not punched or signed the tags. He was fined \$16.95, court costs and given a 30-day sentence to be suspended on payment of fine.

Herbert Lester Taylor, 47 Laurel street, Ashland, was fined \$25, court costs and given a suspended sentence following his arrest for having in possession an improperly tagged deer. Merrill Alonza Taylor, same address, was also given the same fine for a similar offense.

Jerome Patrick Hass, 77 Elida street, Ashland, was charged with exceeding the limit of geese. He was fined \$16.95, court costs and given a suspended sentence.

Others arrested on that day included two motorists without operators' licenses and one with a void foreign license.

Travel by passenger autos in 1940 was about 7 times the mileage of all other means of transportation combined.

Some college students spend their time burning midnight oil—others spend it on another flame.

HALLOWE'EN DANCE



Merrill Saturday
Oct. 31st
Dancing 10 Till 3
Music By Baldy's Band
Last Dance of Season