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Ballot Measures

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Measures number eight and nine are important measures, but are more "housekeeping" measures than anything else.

Number eight would authorize the Legislature to alter, reduce, enlarge or terminate the use or purpose of any state institution located outside Marion County any time after 10 years from date of election which located the institution.

At present the Constitution provides that all public institutions of this state shall be located in Marion County; except that the Legislature may order the local of a public institution outside Marion County if such act is ratified by a majority of the voters at a general election.

It is pointed out that at present it is necessary to get a vote of the people to build a public institution outside Marion County anyway, and this portion would not be materially changed.

The net effect of the measure, if approved, would be to give the Legislature the power to determine future status of all public institutions outside Marion County, and to terminate or alter them as they chose.

The only argument against this is that a capricious Legislature would have the latitude to do some damage. Also, the net result, if strictly interpreted would be to eventually have all public institutions located inside Marion County. That's an issue that has also been hotly debated across the state.

Measure number nine is to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint temporary judges to the Supreme Court and the lower courts and to assign lower court judges to temporary duty outside their districts. Purpose of this measure would be to speed up the handling of court cases.

A tremendous backlog faces not only the Supreme Court but almost every other court, and the authority to appoint temporary judges as needed would materially assist court case handling.

This procedure is already being used in the cases of temporary duty outside their district for certain judges, but it recently was challenged and some question cast on the constitutionality of such procedures.

The measure is designed to change the Constitution and remove all doubt of the constitutionality of such moves, and as such is merely a "housekeeping" measure.

Number 10, the state power measure, is a highly important measure and one deserving of very careful study.

Purpose of the measure is to empower the state to acquire and develop water, thermal and nuclear power generating facilities. The state may develop energy for transmission and sale on wholesale basis or directly to industries using 10,000 kilowatts or more.

The measure would amend the constitution in three ways: (1) It would enlarge the authority of the state in this activity by permitting the development of thermal and nuclear power, as well as water power. (2) Increase the amount of debt which could be incurred from the six per cent of assessed valuation limit to 10 per cent of assessed valuation or approximately 383 million dollars. (3) It would limit the sale by the state to a wholesale basis and allow direct contracts with industries using 10,000 kilowatts or more.

The measure is highly controversial and would result in the state going heavily in debt.

It has also some other ramifications locally that should be brought out. Suppose, for instance, the state decided to purchase Coxy here in the Klamath area. They could under the proposed measure.

Then, suppose they develop and sell the energy. What would happen to the property taxes paid by such concerns? How about the franchise tax? Currently pays the city of Klamath Falls for instance, a tax that gives the city a considerable sum?

And there is always the question that it will open the door for another Tennessee Valley Authority in the state of Oregon.

There appear to be a great number of problems in the measure that have not been thoroughly considered or thought out.

Mine Disasters
By NELSON REED

Mine disasters in the papers of late bring back memories of my youth when I lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the heart of the soft coal country. Each spring and fall the papers would have the same heart-rending pictures and stories of mothers, wives and sweethearts waiting patiently at the top of the

shaft, hoping against hope that "their man" had escaped the explosion and the "black damp."

Like hurricanes and tornadoes, the equinoctial weather, both spring and fall, seemed to bring on mine disasters. Something in the changing temperatures caused the air in the mines to become more subject to explosions. Of course, with modern safety devices and better operating conditions, largely developed by the Bureau of Mines, disasters are far less frequent. The old miner's lamp became electrified and ventilation in the underground workings was much improved.

Once when I took some samples of diatomaceous earth from here back to the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories in hopes that it might contain aluminum — it did, but it also contained silica, which was too expensive to get out of it — I learned an unusual use that was being made of diatomaceous earth. The Bureau of Mines ground it up into a very fine powder. Then they put it up in thin tissue paper sacks and placed the sacks over the entrances of all the underground workings in the coal mines. If an explosion occurred, the concussion would rupture the sacks, releasing a fine dust into the air. This dust upset combustion and prevented the spread of fire through the mine.

When I was in the Army at Camp Lee in the "old man's war," I learned some more about mines and miners. We had a number of Polish miners in our outfit. When the rest of us organized drives to kill off the rats that swarmed around camp, the Poles would have no part of it. Seems rats in a mine can smell coal gas long before a man can. They squeal and run around in a panic, warning the miners to get out quick.

Coal mining has always been a back-breaking, dirty, dangerous job, but no honest to goodness miner will ever work at anything else. It is their whole life as it was that of their fathers and their grandfathers before them in many cases.

Subbing For Boyle
By SAUL PETT

PARIS (AP)—The last time I saw Port Washington, N.Y., the boulevardiers on the 8:05 were leering.

"Going to Paris, I hear," said a fellow commuter on the Long Island Railroad, with a knowing elbow in my ribs.

"Man! Paris! Man, oh man, oh man!" another man groaned.

Thus, long before I took my first walk in the narrow streets of Montmartre, I felt a heavy sense of national obligation, as though it were part of the franchise of American manhood, to be thoroughly wicked in Paris.

Now I know where this national eer comes from. It comes from Paris.

"Are you alone, monsieur?" asked the hotel clerk when I registered.

"I am alone."

"Ah, yes, monsieur, you will enjoy Paris."

On the Rue de la Paix, the lady in the perfume shop refused to believe I wanted perfume for my wife.

"Mats ou monsieur," she said, snickering.

And sure enough, going into the Louvre, I was stopped by a man in a beret who laughed like a muffled hyena. He flashed some postcards; and when I shrugged him off, he laughed again. By the time I got inside the museum even the Mona Lisa's smile seemed unduly familiar.

Coming out of Notre Dame I noticed a funeral on a side street, the mourners walking solemnly behind the hearse. In front of the cathedral another man in a beret tried to sell me postcards.

That night I joined a group of eight American men on an American express bus investigating "Paris by night." We made three stops and at each were served a single glass of champagne, no more, no less.

The first stop, the guide said in Brooklyn-accented English, was "to get us in the mood." This was a tiny Russian restaurant where eight hell-raisers grimly

watched a Russian soprano and a Hungarian guitarist.

They picked up at the second stop, a night club called La Nouvelle Eve, where we saw some strippers. The last stop was Moulin Rouge, full of acrobats, dancers, and pantomime comics. No sex.

Returning to my hotel I was given the big sell by two ladies of the Protect Paris' Reputation for Sin Society. They were waiting on the curb.

Curiously they did not whisper like the postcard salesmen. They shouted, or I felt as if they were shouting, their promise of an interesting nightcap, complete with prices in francs and dollars. I said no thanks—I have witnesses—and kept on going.

The girls laughed, and I thought I heard a few slanders about my manhood.

Inside the hotel clerk seemed amazed I was still alone. Then his expression changed to sadness and finally, to hope.

"Bon nuit, monsieur," he said, handing me my key. "But tomorrow is another day, n'est-ce pas?"

They'll never believe me back on the 8:05.

A Stuck Pig
Klamath Falls (To The Editor)

Two hundred thousand or so hunters who bought hunting licenses, deer tags and duck stamps would like to have a few more men in this Basin just like Nelson Reed to tell 'em. Let's see, I think it was Harry Truman, who said "a stuck pig will squeal."

J. B. Pennington

Phoocy
Klamath Falls (To The Editor)

—Re: The Nelson Reed - Ken McLeod Jr. expressions on your page.

As a native Klamath bird shooter, bird feeder and bird watcher, who has come home cold, wet, exhausted and skunked as well as one who is on record as having exceeded the bag limit, I'd like to say a word on behalf of the guy who owns a shotgun as an excuse to get out alone in the raw to brush the cobwebs of modern civilization from his brain.

McLeod missed Reed's point entirely or ignored it for his own purposes. The point is that the garden variety hunter is getting sick and tired of being forced to financially maintain the empire of the Fish and Wildlife boys for the purpose of having five to seven million birds here (F&W figures) for the sole benefit of a few screwball professional birdwatchers like the "Look" photographer and Writer McLeod and the big California rice growers.

Fish and Wildlife has become so efficient in its stated purpose of keeping ducks and geese within the reserve sanctuaries until after the rice harvest that, without their word of it, we wouldn't know there's a bird in the Basin.

Within the past week I have made the loop up to Crater Lake and back the west side of Klamath Lake, and through Yonka, Poe and Langell valleys without seeing so much as one tiny flock of ducks.

If the reader feels that maintaining the millions of migratory waterfowl should be for the purpose of hunter recreation rather than the way it is, I suggest that he so write his congressman. There's no hope from the dedicated, closed-minded F&W people or from the professional "bird-watchers."

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Legislator Salary
Portland (To The Editor)

As former members of the Oregon Legislature, we would like to urge all of your readers to vote "Yes" on Ballot Measure No. 3, to permit a modest and long-overdue increase in the salaries of Oregon's legislators.

This is a completely non-partisan measure. No vote on an issue on the ballot can make a more essential contribution to good government in our state than No. 3. Yes. Oregon legislative pay is now \$800 a year. When considered in connection with the expenses of attending a legislative session, and

the loss of other income during that period, this sum is of course only a token payment. Actually, it means that we expect honest members of the State Senate and Assembly to represent us at a substantial financial sacrifice out of their own pockets. Is this either democratic or consistent with good government?

The pittance Oregon now pays those we elect to govern us is among the lowest in the nation. It is less than that paid in any of our neighboring states. California's legislators, for instance, can be expected to devote year-around attention to their public duties — they receive \$6,000 annually plus per diem while in session. Even Idaho — far less populous and less wealthy than Oregon — provides better for its legislators. A "Yes" vote on Ballot Measure No. 3 this fall would only permit bringing Oregon's scale up to that of Washington state, at \$1,200 a year with the possibility of expenses during the Salem session.

Undoubtedly, opponents of this measure will include some of the same people who, inconsistently, are cynical about "politicians" and downgrade them for being accessible to lobbyists and special interests.

The argument is thoughtlessly made that legislators "know the salary when they run" and thus should be satisfied with it. Yet what of the potential candidates who cannot afford the financial sacrifice at all? There was a time, in the history of parliamentary government, when legislators were not paid at all — and that means, at least not by the public. Certainly, candidates could nevertheless be found, as could private interests, only too glad to support legislators while in office and to make legislative service worth their while. But who today would suggest returning to such a system?

With the widespread concern in these times about lobbying and conflicts of interest, do we not want to bolster the independence of legislators at least to the point where they can break even on the actual costs of their public service?

It would cost about \$54,000 more a year to pay a decent salary to our Legislature, who control a biennial state budget approaching 500 million dollars. Could there be a sounder investment in competent handling of our taxes and governmental affairs of that magnitude?

That is why we urge our fellow voters, of both parties, to vote "Yes" on Ballot Measure 3 on election day.

Richard L. Neuberger,
Maurine B. Neuberger

Independent Voter
Salem (To The Editor)

As a native Oregonian of not too venerable years, and as a now registered Independent voter; having in the past been registered as a voter of both parties; I would like to suggest to the voters of Oregon, that when casting their vote for governor of Oregon on November 4 next, that perhaps now is the time for all good voters to come to their own aid and do some independent thinking before casting their vote for the future governor of Oregon.

I would say that Mark Hatfield meets the requirements to be governor of Oregon in the years ahead when greatly increased population will call for fair and unbiased leadership of all segments of our population.

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Quotes
United Press International

WASHINGTON — AFL-CIO President George Meany charging that political campaign orators this year are using the "big lie" technique to pin a pro-Communist label on organized labor.

"This is an unorgivable and completely unjustifiable trick."

SPRINGHILL, N. S. — Harold Brine, one of 12 trapped miners in a collapsed coal mine, after rescue workers contacted the men by means of a pipe.

"We're all right. The air has been pretty good. Some of us are hurt but not badly. We're awful damn thirsty."

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue "golden girl" Adelaide Darling on criticism of her "wiggling" while doing a hula hula as a drum majorette.

"It seems to be what they want around here. After all, my business is to be a showman."

MINNEAPOLIS — Secretary of Labor James Mitchell in condemning "right-to-work" laws.

"This phony argument that laws which prohibit union shops ARE 'right-to-work' laws leaves me cold."

They'll Do It Every Time

ARNICA AND CHEDDAR'S LOVE WAS CEMENTED BY THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE KEGLING PASTIME ...



By Jimmy Hatlo

WELL...THEY'VE BEEN HITCHED FOR SOME TIME...WHAT ABOUT TOGETHERNESS ON THE ALLEYS NOW?



Ike's Tactics Termed Cruel

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—U.S. Rep. Carl Albert (D-Okla.) told a Tulsa Democratic party rally Wednesday night that political campaigning by President Eisenhower may have caused irreparable harm to America's foreign policy.

Albert, Democratic whip in the House, spoke at a \$10-a-plate party dinner attended by 1,100 persons.

Albert accused Eisenhower of "cruel and unfair tactics" against the Democrats, adding that "in the cold war against communism, it is important that America remain united."

Presidential utterances, designed to cast aspersions upon a large segment of our population," said Albert, "are calculated to divide and not unite our people."

He said Democratic leadership in Congress cooperated with Eisenhower, who is the only person who can speak for America in foreign policy.

"We believe politics should stop at the shore line."

Butler told a news conference at West Covina that Democrats who couldn't go along with such a plank should either stay in the party and try to put over their own viewpoint—or support a Republican ticket or a third-party movement or stay home and not vote.

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Custer Prize; Eleventh Girl

PORTLAND (AP)—The world of C. N. Custer of Portland is a woman's world—even more so now.

Custer joyfully accepted word Tuesday night that he was the father of another girl, his 11th daughter. He has no sons.

"The boys at the office say I'm doing a swell job of what I'm doing and that there is no reason to change," he said.

"I made a wagon once when the first one was coming along. Of course that's a toy the girls can use too and they did."

The mother and 9-pound 4-ounce Margaret Eileen were doing fine.

The Custers live in a large three-story frame house with four big bedrooms and a third-floor dormitory. Mrs. Custer details the work, which the girls do.

Custer said his wife sometimes "lets them draw for jobs. . . . We try to keep the jobs moving so that one girl won't have the same job all the time."

Mrs. Custer, speaking from a hospital bed, said, "You take the first two or three and really work them over until they are five years old and then turn the rest of the children over to them."

ELUSIVE MONKEYS
MILWAUKEE (UPI)—Summer may be over as far as people are concerned, but 47 monkeys on the Washington Park Zoo summer island won't accept its demise. Trainers were able to catch only half of the 97 monkeys that inhabit the island, for transfer to winter quarters.



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Nixon In Corn Country On Final Campaign Leg

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vice President Nixon returned to the corn belt today as he headed west on his final bid for election of a Republican Congress in next Tuesday's voting.

Nixon, en route to a weekend of campaigning in Alaska, stopped overnight in Chicago before traveling to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Wichita, Kan., today.

His Friday schedule takes him to Billings, Mont., and Everett, Wash., before he heads for Alaska. Voters of the prospective eighth state will name two U.S. senators and a representative in a special election Nov. 25.

Campaigning in California Wednesday night, Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler renewed his suggestion that Democrats who won't support a civil rights plank in 1960 get out of the party.

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Playwright Dead At 72

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zoe Akins, a playwright and poet who won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1935, died Wednesday night after a three-week illness. She was 72.

Among Miss Akins' successful plays were "The Greeks Had a Word for It," "The Furies" and "Mrs. January and Mr. Ex."

Her poems included "The Hills Grow Smaller." She also wrote novels, one of which was "Forever Young."

Miss Akins won the Pulitzer Prize for her dramatization of "The Old Maid," a story by Edith Wharton.

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The Nixons plan to fly to Fairbanks for a Monday appearance before returning to Washington.

Convention May Hear Ike

SEATTLE (AP)—Colombo Plan delegates meeting here looked forward today to a vigorous statement of future U.S. economic policy toward underdeveloped South and Southeast Asia, possibly from President Eisenhower himself.

A White House announcement that the President hopes to address the opening ministerial meeting of the 10th Colombo Plan session here Nov. 10 aroused both hopes and fears among representatives of 18 nations and three colonial governments gathered here.

There were fears from some delegates that any hard-hitting discussion of the cold war in Southeast Asia would embarrass neutral nations attending the meeting.

At the same time, there were high hopes that the United States would announce magnified efforts to save this densely populated region of 650 million people from economic stagnation.

U.S. officials attending the Colombo Plan meeting expressed certainty that either Eisenhower or Secretary of State Dulles, who also is due to come to preside at the five-day ministerial meeting, would state positive U.S. aims without becoming involved in controversial cold war issues.

President George Meany of the AFL-CIO appeared to hit mostly at Republican campaigners in telling a nationwide radio audience he wanted to "puncture the big labor political scare balloon of 1958."

But he mentioned neither parties nor candidates by name in assailing what he called campaign talk that organized labor is trying to take the nation down the road to socialism. Speaking from Washington, Meany said:

"The hidden purpose behind this cry of socialism, and such phrases as leading America 'down the left lane' is to plant in the minds of the American people the idea that labor is pro-Communist."

"This is an unorgivable and completely unjustified trick."

With the campaign going into its final days, President Eisenhower prepared to wind up his speechmaking with a nationwide radio-television talk in Baltimore Friday night.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Eisenhower will vote Tuesday at Gettysburg, Pa., and then return to Washington to receive the election returns.

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