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Stassen Stock Up

The Republicans are all divided and confused over a selection for the presidential nomination by their party. There are a number of announced, or possible, candidates in the field, some of them strong men. The New Deal Democrats have only Truman.

Right now the giant killer is Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, and an active worker for the nomination for two years. Recently in Nebraska and Wisconsin he showed remarkable strength, and in the latest Gallop poll goes ahead of Dewey and Taft in the popularity vote. The Minnesotan is a progressive, independent candidate who does not bow to the old line Republican alignment. This man Stassen will bear watching, he has a good chance of becoming the Republican nominee.

Locker Meeting Called

A stockholders meeting of the Clinton Electric Freezer and Locker Cooperative has been called by R. F. Lawson, secretary-treasurer, to be held this afternoon (Thursday) at the high school at 3 o'clock. All persons having rental boxes at the plant are invited to attend the meeting.

The Chronicle has been asked a number of questions about the locker plant in recent months we are unable to answer pertaining to its operation, indebtedness, profits or loss, and how its charges compared with other plants. All of this information should be furnished in full to the stockholders today.

We have heard considerable criticism as to some of the policies of the Cooperative. Grocers and market operators are complaining, and rightly so we think, that the locker is in direct competition to them in selling meats, fruits and produce, without paying license. This is unfair competition to the merchants, and as the stockholders understood when the plant was built was not contemplated.

At any rate these questions in the minds of many should be cleared up at today's meeting. Those who make the plant possible should have full information as to its operation.

Extra Session Talk

There is considerable speculation as to whether Governor Thurmond will call an extra session of the legislature this summer to consider the question of fixing the qualifications for voting in primaries. Should it meet and pass new legal regulations requiring Negroes to hold general election registration certificates to vote in Democratic primaries, then it would also have to require white persons to have registration certificates. Under the light of the supreme court decision qualifications fixed for voting must apply to all alike.

An extra session would accomplish little. We will be better off without it and the agitation it will arouse. It would cost the state \$6,000 a day or \$25,000 a week, involving 170 legislators and 125 attaches, and these figures do not include the big printing bill and travel expenses for the members. We say leave the extra session uncalled.

Approve the Amendment

In the November election the people of South Carolina will be given an opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment that will curb clemency powers of the governor. It will be approved overwhelmingly, we think, and certainly it should be to save us of the disgraceful spectacles of pardon abuses we have witnessed in this state the past twenty-five years.

Governor Thurmond, unlike Johnston, Blease, Blackwood and others, has not turned the prison gates wide open for the release of criminals and the brushing aside of jury verdicts and court sentences. He has issued no pardons since assuming office except upon the recommendation of the state pardons and parole board, he states. We read in the press from time to time where criminals are pardoned or paroled by the board. The report will say that a prisoner serving three, five or ten years, has been paroled after serving a short period of his term. The question arises in the minds of the public: Why does the board pick certain cases for recommendations? Do they have spe-

cial pull? How do their cases get before the board when hundreds of others do not? There is too much pardoning and paroling and suspending of sentences, we think. When sentences are given to criminals they should be served.

Understand this. The governor of the state names the state pardons and parole board. And he is still letting people out of the penitentiary, though in small numbers in comparison to some of his predecessors—on the recommendation of the board. It would be wiser for the supreme court or some other group to frame the board rather than the governor, who-ever he may be.

Craving More Power

The recent session of the legislature will go down in history as a record-breaker in spending taxpayers' money. The approved deficiency bill at the last hours of the session was a disgrace and cannot be justified. The treasury was opened wide with appropriations made for everything and everybody, some institutions and agencies receiving even more than they asked for. They set an all-time spending record of \$115,000,000. During the session a number of things were left undone that should have been accomplished, and some of the things done should have been killed before enactment.

During the closing hours the Santee-Cooper monster showed up in the senate with Senators Brown, Jefferies and several of their close buddies as champions for its cause. The senate group tied an amendment to the deficiency bill allowing Santee-Cooper to buy the South Carolina Power company. To the credit of the house it refused to concur, which meant that the high-handed proposal was killed. We congratulate the legislature for stopping this great octopus that is attempting to reach out and take over South Carolina. It would become a political-kilowatt dictator. Where is a business man in the state who has faith in Santee-Cooper or would invest a dollar in this politically dominated enterprise that is making those rich who hold key positions in its operation. It will be a sad day for South Carolina when and if this big monster is allowed to take over and control the power interests of the state.

Lewis Meets His Match

The coal miners are back at work following the stiff fines imposed by Federal Judge Goldsborough. Lewis lost, for which the American people applaud—because this fearless judge had the courage to do his duty.

What will be Lewis' next move? His miners' contract runs out in July. Will he demand a new contract with higher wages, pensions, concessions and shorter hours? Most likely he will, for he is a past-master at getting his demands, of playing one party against the other. With the big presidential election looming ahead, the big boss may be expected to line up with the party he believes he can handle best. Lewis is smart and tricky. In 1936 he put up half a million dollars of his union's money to elect Franklin Roosevelt. Then four years later he was against Roosevelt. He knows how to play both sides.

Whatever may happen, if court proceedings develop it is to be hoped that this same Judge Goldsborough will decide the case. He has shown in the past that he has the courage to lay down the law. He is a tough judge, and the country needs more of his calibre on the bench. We have too many weak-kneed judges. We need men like Goldsborough who can't be tampered with or frightened.

Liquor Advertising

A measure is now before a senate committee in Washington aimed at curbing or banning liquor advertising. As would be expected, The Distilled Spirits Institute is fighting the proposal and may be expected to spend millions on its defeat if necessary. They are attacking the bill as discriminatory and class legislation, the howl that is always heard from the liquor crowd when there is likelihood that their business is to be interfered with by a reduction in their enormous sales and profits that go into the millions. The two measures they are fighting would restrict the scope of liquor advertisements, and

(2) ban such advertising entirely.

Liquor advertisements are misleading and pernicious. They are designed to deceive, the manufacturers making their advertisements attractive and alluring, and refusing always to let their advertising honestly show what intoxicants do for those who drink. It never shows the fellow down and down, which drinking causes, but with beautiful pictures of social gatherings is aimed to attract young people, boys and girls to drinking. The purpose of their advertising is to make sales to those who are not yet drinkers, and to increase sales to those who are already their customers.

The Chronicle does not accept liquor advertising for these reasons, coupled with another, that we have too much respect for our readers to fill our columns with such advertising in the hope of helping increase their sales. The name of The Chronicle can be tied in no way with the liquor traffic.

Laurens Plaque To Honor War Dead

Laurens, April 26.—Definite plans were decided upon Friday night at the monthly meeting of the V. F. W. to go ahead with the campaign to place a bronze plaque in the courthouse corridor honoring the men from Laurens county who made the supreme sacrifice in World Wars I and II, it was announced yesterday by Sheriff C. W. Wier, who was appointed chairman of a committee to activate the campaign.

Decision to go ahead with the pro-

gram, he said, was unanimously endorsed at the meeting, which was presided over by Post Commander David Roper.

The chairman said that he had appointed Dan Briggs, Joe Medlock,

Jack Gilliland and R. A. Martin, all veterans of World War II, a committee to assist him. Others, he said, will be called upon later. The sheriff himself is a veterans of World War I.

The sheriff said that the plaque will cost about \$1,000. Small contributions will be encouraged, he said, so that everybody will have an opportunity to participate in a modest way.

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