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POLITICAL PLATFORMS

By Charles V. Stanton.

POLITICS will vie in interest with the war as the national conventions of the major parties occupy center stage at Chicago during the next few weeks. The tom-toms will beat, mud will fly, the smear buckets will dump their contents and, all-in-all, the American public will be treated to a political exhibition such as could occur only in the United States.

The late Irvin Cobb once said, in effect, that arguments are won by the man who can yell the loudest, and it seems we apply much the same philosophy to our elections.

We speak of political parties by names—Republicans and Democrats—but, actually, the two parties are the "ins" and the "outs." Neither has much resemblance to its original form.

The party now in power has, in its administrative record, violated practically every tenet upon which the democratic party was created. Its structure of top-heavy bureaucracy and centralized government is a far cry from the principles which marked the beginnings of the democratic party.

The elephant, which symbolizes the G. O. P., to properly represent the party as it is today, should be pictured as one of those museum skeletons.

The Republicans have been given some good advice recently by outstanding political advisers. This advice is to bring forth a positive and constructive platform, rather than taking a negative attitude which offers only criticism of the New Deal.

There has been manifest a decided turn in the political tide recently, the current running against the party in power. Many Republicans, in their over-optimism, believe the force of accumulated hatred of the New Deal will carry any G. O. P. candidate into office. If the party, as a whole, adopts such an attitude, it is not deserving of victory. The Republican party owes it to the people of the United States to bring forth a platform which would, if approved by the voters, assure restoration of constitutional government, respect for states' rights, an international policy pledged to permanent peace and a program for bringing order out of existing domestic chaos. The party's stand on political issues should be clear-cut. The platform should contain no mumbo-jumbo or double-talk.

We have heard much criticism leveled at Governor Dewey, who from all present appearances will be the Republican candidate, because of his failure to make a declaration of policy. We cannot join in that criticism. It is foolhardy to risk exposure to snipers before the attack. A candidate is supposed to represent the party and the party platform. Until the platform is prepared and adopted there is, technically, no policy upon which a candidate rightfully can present himself to the voters. We may well be sure, if Dewey is the candidate, the platform will adequately express his views.

In our opinion, the Republican party can be successful only if it casts off reactionary tendencies and places before the people a candidate and program in which the public can have complete confidence.

We had a long talk recently with a soldier just back from one of the major battlefronts. We questioned him concerning the attitude of the men in active service on the soldier vote question. He replied he had heard the matter freely discussed by his comrades, and the consensus of opinion was "let the people at home do the voting and we'll do the fighting."

That attitude places the responsibility squarely up to the voters at home. It makes it doubly important that the major parties be honest with those who must make the decision.

Disregarding the frills, horseplay, ballyhoo and specious oratory that will probably clutter proceedings, the Republicans, at their coming national convention, must frame and offer a platform of constructive policies if they are to expect—and deserve—victory in November. The New Deal need not be so particular. We already know the administration's policy, or lack thereof, and we know it has never yet kept an election promise, so it needs no platform. In fact, as a platform it needs only one word—"Roosevelt."

being to clear the Leningrad-Murmansk railroad (see map). Swedish reports say the Finns have reformed their cabinet and are now in a position to ask Moscow for an armistice. There have been two factions in Finland—pro-German and anti-German. Mannerheim, the Finn general, has been generally regarded as pro-Nazi in his sympathies and training.

OUR heavy American bombing hit the German robot-launching area as many as FOUR times in one day. At night the British heavies take over. On the Cherbourg peninsula, we've captured some of the robot-launching equipment, thus enabling us to figure out better ways to combat the new German weapon.

THE Russians, on the third anniversary of the German invasion of Russia, assert that in these bloody three years 7,800,000 Germans have been killed or captured as against 5,300,000 Russians killed, missing or wounded. (The German figures on missing and wounded are obviously unavailable to the Russians.)

ANOTHER slightly interesting sidelight: Jap CIVILIANS are coming through our lines on Saipan island and GIVING THEMSELVES UP.

The suicide complex doesn't seem to include the Jap civilian.

In these days of world-shattering war news, let's not overlook an outstanding scoop on the home front:

Governor Arraol, of Georgia, comes away from a White House conference and announces that FDR is going to be a candidate for a fourth term!

SHE TELLS 'EM
 NEW YORK—PFC Emilee Shepard of the marine corps women's reserve of Danbury, Conn., reporting for duty after completing boot training, entered headquarters, peered intently about the room where eight marines sat at desks.

Snapping to attention: "Sir," she said, "I joined the marines to free a man to fight. Who's leaving?"

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 13 Ireland
 13 Crucifix
 15 Eccentric
 16 Tale
 17 Notion
 18 Great Lake
 19 Exist
 20 On account
 21 Missouri
 22 And (Latin)
 24 Iniquity
 25 Donkey
 28 Print measure
 30 Compass point
 31 Musical note
 32 Rough lava
 34 Orchestra
 35 Current events
 36 British (abbr.)
 37 Indian army
 39 Paid notice
 40 Exclamation
 41 Light brown
 42 Psalm (abbr.)
 44 Tellurium
 45 Accomplish
 47 Old Testament
 48 Per
 50 Destruction
 52 Sketched
 55 Journey
 57 On the sheltered side
 58 College official

VERTICAL
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 4 Tavern
 5 Operatic solo
 6 American
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 8 Frozen water
 9 Nostrils
 10 Leave out
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 23 Far Eastern
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 28 Recede
 29 Spoil
 32 Reverential
 33 Kind of tree
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 47 Possesses
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 50 Sheep's bleat
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 53 Things
 54 Each (abbr.)
 55 Three (comb. form)

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 43 Concerning 56 Bright color

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

SATURDAY
 8:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air Symphony.
SUNDAY
 10:30—Hockey Hall.
 2:30—The Mysterious Traveler.
 3:00—Roosty of the AAF.
 5:00—Mediation Board.
 6:50—American Home Hour.
 6:30—California Melodies.
 7:30—Boys Town.
 8:00—Pre-Convention Program.
 9:30—Human Adventure.
MONDAY
 9:30—Opening Session Republican Convention.
 11:45—Kellogg Musical Library.
 1:30—Music for a Half Hour.
 3:15—Dusty Records.
 6:15—Screen Test.
 7:00—Night Session Republican Convention.
 8:30—Point Sublime.
 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY
 8:00—Downbeat Derby, Union Oil Co.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.
 9:30—Frankie Master's Orchestra.
 9:45—Music for the Night.
 10:00—Sign off.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1944
 8:00—Wesley Radio League.
 8:30—Voice of Prophecy.
 9:00—Lutheran Hour.
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 10:15—Romance of the Highways, Greyhound.
 10:30—Hockey Hall, Chooz.
 11:00—Baptist Church Services.
 12:00—This is Fort Dix.
 12:15—Voice of the Dairy Farmer, American Dairy Assn.
 12:30—Dr. Floyd Johnson.
 1:00—T. B. A.
 1:30—Young People's Church of the Air (Feed KOOS).
 2:00—Gospel Messages, Church of Christ.
 2:15—The Songmakers.
 2:30—The Mysterious Traveler.
 3:00—Roosty of the AAF.
 3:30—Upton Close.
 3:45—Mickie Albert's Orchestra.
 4:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
 5:00—Mediation Board.
 5:45—Gabriel Heatter, Barbasol.
 6:00—American Home Hour.
 6:30—California Melodies.
 7:00—Cedric Foster, Employers Group Ins.
 7:15—Treasury Salute.
 7:30—Boys Town.
 8:00—Pre-Convention Program from the Republican National Convention.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Stardust Serenade.
 9:30—Human Adventure.
 10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
 11:00—Sign off.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1944
 6:45—Reveille Roundup.
 7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.
 7:15—Stuff and Nonsense.
 7:25—AP's Roseburg Auction.
 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
 7:35—Judd Furniture Store.
 7:40—Thapsody in Wax.
 8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles Bible Institute (Feed KOOS).
 8:30—Service Salute, E. G. High.
 8:45—Easy Listening.
 9:00—Bonnie Carter.
 9:15—Man About Town.
 9:30—Opening Session of Republican National Convention.
 11:00—Wheel of Fortune.
 11:45—Kellogg Musical Library, Kellogg's Cornflakes.

12:00—Musical Interlude.
 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
 12:15—Treasury Song for Today.
 12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.
 12:25—Rhythm at Random.
 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.
 12:45—News-Review of the Air.
 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett.
 1:00—Walter Compton.
 1:15—Salvation Army.
 1:30—Music for a Half Hour.
 2:00—Treasury Salute.
 2:15—Musical Hi-Jinks.
 2:30—Western Serenade.
 2:45—Radio Tour.
 3:00—Griffin Reporting.
 3:15—Dusty Records, Hennings Martz.
 3:45—Johnson Family.
 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
 4:15—Merry Moons.
 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
 4:45—Music Off the Record.
 5:00—Moods in Music.
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep.
 5:30—Tom Mix and His Straight Shooters.
 5:45—Gordon Burke with the News, Studebaker.
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Krem.
 6:15—Screen Test, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.
 6:30—Dinner Concert.
 7:00—Night Session of the Republican National Convention.
 8:30—Point Sublime, Union Oil Co.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store.
 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 9:45—The Eagles Speak, Justice Is Done.
 10:00—Sign Off.

Local News

Visiting Parents—Mrs. V. Welt of San Francisco has arrived in Roseburg to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Domenico.

Goes to Portland—Mrs. S. J. Cooper of Roseburg left Thursday for Portland to spend a few days on business.

In Medford—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Parr and son, Donald, of Roseburg, are attending to business and visiting relatives in Medford.

Has Mumps—Marshall Pengra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Pengra, is confined by mumps to his home in Laurelwood.

Arrives From San Francisco—Mrs. Raymond Parslow has returned to her home on East Lane street, following several months in San Francisco.

Back From Eugene—Mrs. Merle Mulholland and Mrs. Irene Fergar have returned to their homes in Roseburg, following a business trip to Eugene.

South Dakota Visitors Here—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hammer of Millbank, S. D., have arrived in Roseburg to visit their nephew, George Hammer, and family, and with Mr. Hammer's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Millett.

Returns To Work—Mrs. Lloyd McElroy, nee Lucille Ellsworth, returned to her work in the U. S. weather bureau office in Roseburg this morning, following an absence since Monday, when she was married to Lloyd McElroy, who has moved here from Harlingen, Texas.

Moving To Portland—Mrs. F. Haynes, a resident of Roseburg for many years, is making plans to move to Portland this week end. Her daughter, Mrs. Ivan B. McKinney, nee Tekka Haynes, of Portland, is here assisting in her moving.

Sewing Room Closed—The Christian Science war relief sewing room in the Pacific building has been closed this week, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Annie L. Russell, chairman. The women of the group will spend the summer months working for the organization in their own homes.

Back From California—Mrs. L. Y. Josse has returned to her home in Roseburg following a trip to Hollywood to see her new grandson, Peter Kay Josse. She was joined in San Francisco and accompanied home by Mrs. Edna Pratt, interior decorator for Jesse's Furniture store, who spent several days in the Bay city on a buying mission for the store.

Will Move to California—Mr. and Mrs. Grogg have sold their place near Melrose and plan to leave within the next few days for Long Beach, Calif., to enter defense work. They will be joined here and accompanied south this week by their son, who is in the U. S. navy and recently left New York for the west coast. He will report at his new base in California.

Back from Portland—Mrs. Art Andrus and daughter, Patsy, returned to their home in Riverside Friday, following a week's stay in Portland visiting relatives and a short stop-over in Corvallis and Eugene to visit. They were accompanied to Portland by Mrs. Andrus' mother, Mrs. J. S. Insko, who went on to Seattle to visit her son, M. J. Insko.

DIAL LOG

By SUSAN

Tonight's Chicago Theatre of the Air Symphony presents the second of a series of dramatic musical productions, this time the story of an American soldier of a tropical island, Downbeat Derby at 8 tonight—no dope on guest stars but good listening just the same. For the next few days you'll probably be missing some of your favorite prog. items because the scheduled broadcasts from the national republican convention will replace quite a few of the shows. Sunday will bring Hookey Hall at 10:30. The Mysterious Traveler at 2:30 and Roosty of the AAF at 3; then at 5 you'll be hearing the American Home Hour. It's the same program they sent us last week—well, just don't miss it. It's the type of program most everyone will like—neither long nor short hair—just a nice, neat coffee, planned up with such tunes as All Through the Night, In My Merry Oldsmobile, Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes and some good orchestra numbers. California Melodies follows at 6:30. Boys Town at 7:30 and the Pre-Con-

DAILY DEVOTIONS
 DR. CHARLES A. ELWARDS
 The American Friends Service Committee has adopted this motto: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." It would be difficult to find a finer statement of the spirit that should characterize a Christian's outlook upon life. Two men found themselves on an unfamiliar mountain trail. Some miles from their destination, when the sun went down, Darkness completely swallowed them up. The trail was difficult, even in daylight, and they feared they would never find their way out had they not seen a feeble light in the distance. Following this they came to a ranch house where the good people offered them a lantern beside giving them simple directions about the way. There are two things they might have done that night. They could have cursed the darkness that overwhelmed them, or they could have lighted the lantern and followed directions which they did. How many are cursing the darkness of the present world conditions at times it looks as if we were in for a total eclipse of high morals and good will, but Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," and our present condition is evidence of moral and spiritual darkness. "Let us light a candle rather than curse the darkness." Amen.

Program from eight until nine Monday morning will bring you the opening session of the convention at 9:30—running through until 11 in the morning, when the Wheel will spin as per usual—only Susan is going vacationing and to have some fun. Yes—and a rest too. So—it's so long for a week—be seeing you.

LETTERS to the Editor

NEGLECTANCE IN VOTER REGISTRATION IS NOTED

Editor News-Review:
 This is a presidential election year and everyone seems to be interested in the election this fall, which is as it should be. But I find, from circulating petitions, that a great many persons who signed petitions believe they are registered voters although a check reveals that their names do not appear on the registration books.
 By making inquiries from some of these parties, I learned they did not vote either in the primaries or the general elections in the last two years, that some have moved from one voting district to another, or have otherwise lost their registration.
 The petitions signed in Douglas county to put the state old-age pension matter on the ballot show nearly 14 per cent of the signers are not registered.
 If a person does not vote in at least one election in a two-year period, the name is taken off the poll books. It is the duty of every citizen to vote and if he or she does not vote, then the individual has no right to complain about any laws that are passed.
 So I would urge every person who has some doubt whether or not he is properly registered, to determine his standing immediately, and would urge every citizen to be prepared to vote, as it is the one privilege we have left.
 A. E. Rutter,
 Roseburg, Ore.

Food Demonstration Scheduled at Kellogg

All homemakers in the Kellogg community are invited to attend the meeting of the Grange Home-ecology Club to be held June 27, beginning at noon with potluck lunch. Miss Vary Vidua Maw, emergency assistant, will give the demonstration on canning preserves, including the use of the pressure cooker following the potluck lunch.

Ike Williams Flattens Shans in Tenth Round

NEW YORK, June 24—(AP)—The lightweight fistic heights had a new boy today—Ike Williams, slugging negro from Trenton, N. J.
 He had punched his way into the picture last night in Madison Square garden with a 10th round technical knockout over Clea Shans of Los Angeles. It was the first time in 79 bouts that Shans failed to finish.
 Shans forced the fighting all the way, trying to get in close where he's a devastating hitter with each hand, but Williams retreated and counter-punched his way to victory.
 Referee Billy Cavanagh didn't even start a count when Shans went down from a right to the jaw after 26 seconds in the tenth, but he could have counted to plenty before Shans regained consciousness.

Many Danish women have "curiosity mirrors" which enable them to look up and down the street from their windows.

Saipan Situation Critical for Japan, Spokesman Admits

(By the Associated Press.)
 Eisuzo Kurihara, chief of the naval press section of Japanese imperial headquarters, declared in a formal statement broadcast by Tokyo today that the "battle situation in the Saipan area is the most critical one since the beginning of the war."

The statement, recorded by the Office of War Information, said a major effort would be necessary to turn back advanced naval elements "centered around more than a dozen battleships with more than 100 transport ships."
 "The enemy's plan of advance is the greatest since the beginning of the war in the strength of the main force and in the fierceness of the enemy's fighting morale," Kurihara's statement said.

He said that Saipan in the Marianas islands is 1,268 nautical miles from Tokyo and 1,500 nautical miles from the Philippines.
 "Therefore, if the enemy succeeds in building a powerful air base here, the influence on our sea and air supremacy in the western Pacific will be extremely great. If the enemy uses large type bombers, the homeland of Japan and the Philippines will be exposed within the bombing sphere of enemy planes."

The statement broadcast on the Japanese home radio as well as abroad acknowledged the Saipan operation as an "advance of the enemy into our inner line." The naval press chief said:
 "By mobilizing the entire strength of the land, sea and air forces in this area, we must exert our efforts for the destruction of the enemy in the future. The battle on Saipan is one of the most difficult for the enemy and the suffering of the enemy is clearly seen in the foreign and war reports from this area."
 "Our officers and men are fighting with indescribable brilliance. Each time we receive a report of their achievements, we feel our blood stirring with excitement."

Mrs. Gertrude Jamieson Passes Away in Portland

Mrs. Gertrude Jamieson, nee Happersett, a former resident of Roseburg for many years, died yesterday, June 23, in Portland. She was the widow of the late W. H. (Baldy) Jamieson, an early day Southern Pacific railway conductor and later operator of the old Monogram Cigar store in Roseburg. He was one of the first exalted rulers of the Roseburg lodge of Elks. Mrs. Jamieson is survived by a son, Lawrence R. Jamieson, of Portland.

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