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GOP VOTE

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with occasional showers; little change in temperature.

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Lewis Battles Charge of Contempt

Miners' Chief, Union on Trial In U. S. Court

Lewis Denies Ordering Strike, Declares Miners Quit on Own Volition

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers today pleaded innocent of contempt of court in the coal strike.

Their formal plea of "not guilty" was made after District Judge T. Alan Goldsborough overruled a motion by Welly K. Hopkins, Lewis' attorney, to dismiss the contempt citation.

Fourteen minutes before the trial hour, Lewis walked into the court room accompanied by eight attorneys and several United Mine Workers officials.

Hopkins cited the telegrams Lewis sent to idle miners Monday telling them to go back to work.

He argued they showed Lewis had complied with a court order served April 5 to call off the strike.

Lewis has insisted that he never called a strike—that it was a "voluntary cessation" of work. Immediately after Lewis pleaded "not guilty," the government began presenting evidence.

The walkout was the result of a dispute over payment of pensions from the welfare fund. The fund comes from a 10 cents a ton royalty on coal mined.

Lewis' back-to-work order of Monday followed an agreement granting \$100 monthly pensions to miners over age of 62. The

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you want further testimony on the disturbed and uncertain kind of world we're living in, take a look at Bogota, Colombia, South America.

Something provocatively interesting is going on there. Just what it is, this writer doesn't know. As these words are written, this is about all that meets the eye:

We are holding a unite-the-Americans - against - Communism meeting. On the surface, all seemed rosy. Everybody was against Communism. Nobody wanted any Czechoslovakia in the Western Hemisphere. Everybody said so—in ringing words.

Then—
Wham!

There was a revolution on the doorstep.

ALL night, a gun battle raged in the streets of Bogota. A dispatch (obviously pretty heavily censored) says of the next mornings:

"As dawn came, gangs still roamed the streets, setting new fires. Shooting broke out sporadically, but by 6 a.m. (it was getting light by then, and such affairs

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Council's Accomplishments, Proposed New Projects Told By Mayor Flegel to Kiwanis

Credit for the Roseburg city council's accomplishments the past year should not be given to that group alone, but to individuals in and out of the council who have devoted long hours of hard work in achieving these aims, Mayor Albert G. Flegel told Kiwanis Club members at the weekly luncheon Tuesday noon in the Umpqua Hotel.

In looking back over the past year's record, not a great deal of work actually initiated by the council has been accomplished but many projects launched by former administration have been completed, the mayor said.

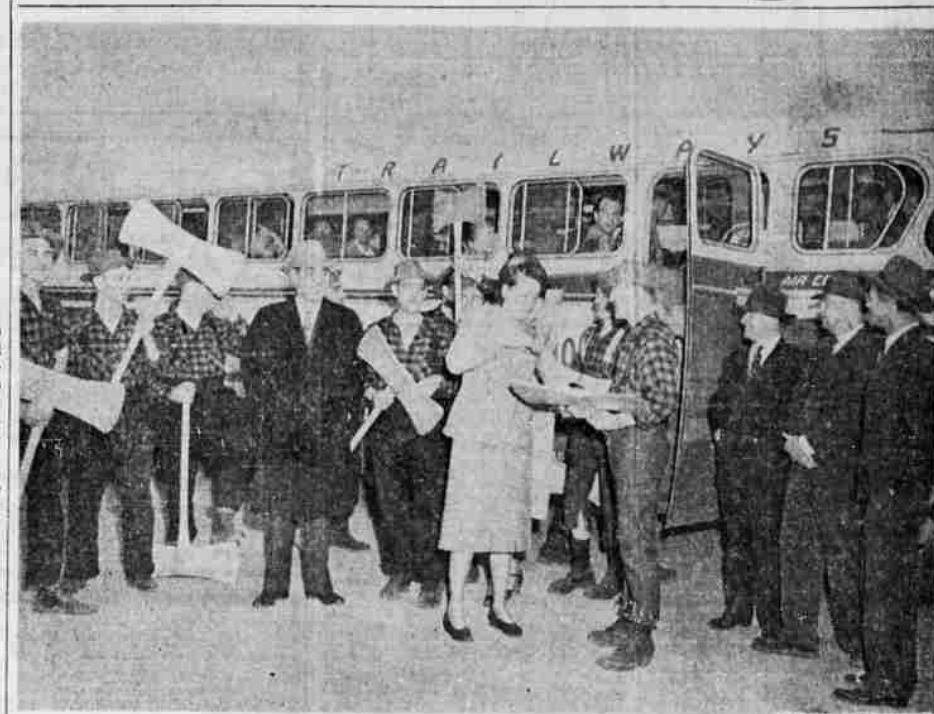
He listed achievements of the past year and outlined coming city needs. The city this coming fiscal year will need money above the six per cent tax limitation, and the people will be asked to approve the increased budget prepared after long hours of work by the budget committee, he said.

Valuation Boost Cited

What the city gets depends entirely upon how badly the people want it, he summarized. But in view of the increased needs of the city, he expressed the opinion that the people will not feel

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AD CLUBBERS GREETED—A group of Roseburg Paul Bunyans are shown here greeting the Oregon Advertising Club's "tourist host" group during a brief stop at Coos Junction yesterday afternoon. The party proceeded from Coos Bay to Grants Pass over an all-day tour of the Oregon coast. Welcomed here are Tour Director Del Milne (in black overcoat), assistant manager of the Multnomah Hotel, and Evelyn Grier, Portland Chamber of Commerce.

ARMY CHIEF ASKS FOR 12 DIVISIONS, SUPPORTED BY 6 IN NATIONAL GUARD

Touring Ad Group Skips Roseburg

Following a "tight" schedule which allowed only brief stops on route, the Oregon Advertising Club's "barnstorming" tourist host group dropped Roseburg from its itinerary yesterday. The party proceeded directly from Coos Bay to Grants Pass, but was intercepted at Coos Junction in the late afternoon by the Roseburg Paul Bunyans.

Made up of Chamber of Commerce representatives from several Western Oregon cities, the group had started the tour at 5:30 yesterday morning at Dorchester House on the coast. Stops were made at cities en route, in order to acquaint the party with the tourist attractions of each area visited.

The Paul Bunyans here had planned to escort the party to Roseburg from Coos Junction. Included in the reception committee were L. J. Fullerton, president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce; Bruce C. Elliott, chairman of the chamber's public relations committee; Lawrence Henninger, Frank Bodin, and Harold J. Hickerson, chamber secretary.

A further disappointment for Roseburg's welcoming committee was that Jo Ann Amodeo of Sutherlin, "Miss Oregon-1947", was not in the party. It had been announced that she would be. Del Milne, director of the tour, said Jo Ann's schedule at the University of Oregon, where she is a coed, had conflicted.

Bradley's Urge Rivals Demands Of Air Secretary

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—An army ground force of 12 regular combat divisions was recommended today by General Omar N. Bradley as the smallest the nation can safely afford.

The Chief of Staff said the 12 divisions should be backed up by six more from the National Guard and organized reserves.

He testified before the House Armed Services Committee on a draft bill which would boost the army's total strength from 542,000 men to 782,000.

Bradley, who commanded in Europe the largest American armies of history, took issue with testimony given yesterday by Air Secretary Symington.

In response to questions, Symington said he regards an air force of 70 combat groups as more important to the nation's security than universal training.

"There is no relationship between the 70-group program and UMT," Bradley said. "The al-

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Fire Razes Home At Camas Valley

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson at Camas Valley Monday afternoon, but neighbors saved the bathtub, kitchen sink, range, and other fixtures, Wilson reported.

Loss was placed at almost \$7,000. Cause of the fire was undetermined. Wilson told insurance company representatives in Roseburg he believed the fire was started by defective wiring. The home was located near the Camas Valley store.

Five neighbor men, Wilson said, lifted the bathtub, gave it a heave to break plumbing connections, then walked out with it. Likewise, the kitchen sink and the wood burning range, connected by pipe coils with the hot water heater, were saved from the fire.

"They just got a hold of them and walked out," Wilson reported.

Rates Boost Granted Oregon Motor Stages

SALEM, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—Oregon Motor Stages, which operates in the northern Willamette Valley, won a rate increase today on its intercity service.

Rescue Pilot Safe Following Crash

PORTLAND, April 14.—(AP)—Search continued today for a missing Oregon National Guard plane while a pilot who crashed in the hunt was back at McChord Field.

Lt. Edward J. Kahoun, rescued yesterday from the icy northeast side of towering Mount Hood where his liaison plane had crashed Monday, said "I was just lucky."

Telling of being caught in a violent downdraft while searching for the A-26 which disappeared Friday en route from McChord to Portland, Kahoun said, "I gave her full throttle to try to pull her nose up but she was going down 1500 feet a minute."

When he regained consciousness a short time later, he had a cut tongue, four teeth missing, a knee cut and bruises. The light plane was being skidded about by the wind, he said, so because of that and the cold, he headed for timber. When he got there he built a fire and tried to stay awake, but slept a few hours.

The next morning he realized planes were looking for him and he waved to them. One saw him and ground parties were guided to him. He was brought out by snow tractor and was reported in good condition.

Meanwhile search continued for the A-26 which carried three Portlanders. Scattered clues continued to be investigated, the latest being a report that a parachute was seen hanging in a tree near Tum Tum mountain in northeast Clark County, Wash.

Bed Occupant Hurt As Auto Crashes Into House

PORTLAND, April 14.—(AP)—An automobile drove into the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Hotten as they slept there early this morning and crashed into the bed.

Only Hotten was hurt—his knee injured.

The driver, Harry Everett Washburn, 25, Portland, said his brakes failed to hold, and that he skidded across an intersection, up the Hotten's front yard, and through the wall into their bedroom.

Laramie Business Block Devastated by Flames

LARAMIE, Wyo., April 14.—(AP)—A fast spreading fire crackled through an entire business block early today in the downtown section of Laramie, site of the University of Wyoming.

The loss was estimated by Fire Chief Blake Fanning at more than \$1,000,000. No deaths or injuries were reported. Seven structures were destroyed and 10 damaged.

Ohio River Out Of Banks; Dixie Areas Awash

CINCINNATI, April 14.—(AP)—A five-state Ohio River valley area today was the focal point of widespread spring floods which also spilled into some Florida and North Dakota lowlands.

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Ice Jams Dynamited

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City Ballots Disappear, Election Called Off

COLMA, Calif., April 14.—(AP)—They had to call off the city election yesterday—all the ballots disappeared.

Governor Warren said he will set another date. Until then the two candidates for a city council seat—Peter Barsi and John Newton—will just have to wait.

The ballots disappeared a few minutes before the polls were to have opened. City Clerk Ed Walsenberger went to Redwood City, the county seat, to get the official register listing the 129 qualified voters. When he returned, the ballots had disappeared from his office, he told Police Chief Joseph Reynolds.

Russia Cracks Down On Bootleg Booze Racket

MOSCOW, April 14.—(AP)—The Russian government cracked down today on samogon, the Russian word for bootleg booze.

The presidium of the supreme Soviet published a decree authorizing sentences of one to two years for making bootleg liquor for home use and up to seven years for possessing or making it for sale, or the sale of stills. The decree provides for confiscation of liquor and stills.

Persons in other building trades, such as sheet metal workers, plasterers and painters, are invited to tonight's meeting in order that their suggestions may be heard, said Adrian Bowen, representing plumbers.

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Truman Fires Collector Of Internal Revenue

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—President Truman today ordered the removal of Frank W. Kraemer as collector of internal revenue for Connecticut.

Presidential press secretary Ross told reporters that Kraemer was convicted recently of violating the Hatch Act in connection with the collection of political campaign contributions.

Ross added that Kraemer's removal was recommended to Mr. Truman by Secretary of the Treasury Snyder.

Italy to be Told Of Hospital Built In U. S. by Negro

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 14.—(AP)—Italians will be told Saturday how a junk business and a serious illness combined to provide Negroes with a \$431,000 hospital here.

This story will be disclosed on the State Department's "Voice of America" broadcast to prove to Italians that Negroes have opportunities here.

Communists have discounted free enterprise in America in propaganda designed to sway the April 18 Italian elections to their side.

W. J. Edwards, 55-year-old Negro junk dealer, reaped a fortune in the junk business.

His 50-year-old wife was stricken with a serious illness. The only hospital here available to her had only one ward crowded with five other Negro patients.

It was impossible for her to receive treatment under those conditions so she was flown to Mayo Bros., Rochester, Minn.

Sunday, April 18, a 105-bed hospital, patterned after the Mayo Clinic, will be dedicated. On the same day, Italians will vote in their crucial election.

Part of the cost of construction was provided by Uncle Sam—some \$200,000. The Edwards paid the rest. They even took up duties as foremen to speed up construction.

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Codes Plan Slated For Airing Tonight

Free schedules, licensing provisions, and adoption of standard codes will be presented to a joint committee of the City Council and electrical, building, and plumbing trades in a meeting at the City Hall at 7:30 tonight.

The council committee, headed by Councilman Hal Ayotte, will hear the recommendations to be made by groups within the three trades, which have held meetings recently.

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R. W. Remington Given State Purchasing Job

SALEM, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—The State Board of Control today appointed Roy W. Remington, Salem, to fill the vacancy in the state purchasing department created by the death of Samuel B. Gillette.

Remington is a veteran of both World Wars, and now is assistant supervisor of state parks. He was an assistant to Gillette from 1924 to 1932 when Gillette was in charge of purchasing for the State Highway Commission. From 1932 to the outbreak of World War II Remington was requisition supervisor for the Highway Commission.

Minnesotan Gains at Least 13 Delegates, Dewey Likely One; Taft's Prestige Gets Hard Blow

By JACK BELL

OMAHA, April 14.—(AP)—Tireless Harold E. Stassen lifted himself into the top rank of Republican presidential candidates today with a sweeping victory in Nebraska's GOP primary.

His clear-cut win clubbed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York into political submission for the second week in a row. Dewey was shut out in the April 6 Wisconsin primary when Stassen won 19 of the state's 27 nominating votes.

The former Minnesota governor's victory bashed the prestige of Senator Robert A. Taft. It built new fires under the good-man-but-can't-win theory that has dogged the Taft campaign.

It all but snuffed out the dying hopes of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's supporters.

But it left intact the darkhorse possibilities of Senator Arthur Vandenberg, secure in fourth place in a race he spurned.

The count in yesterday's free-for-all primary from 1,521 of the state's 2,024 precincts was: Stassen 58,520; Dewey 44,818; Taft 15,079; Vandenberg 5,789; MacArthur 4,936; Gov. Earl Warren of California 1,290, and House Speaker Joseph Martin 606.

This included 118 of 201 precincts in Douglas County (Omaha), which gave Dewey 6,336; Stassen 4,549; Taft 1,743; Vandenberg 892; MacArthur 763; Warren 206 and Martin 120.

Along with his victory in the free for all popularity contest Stassen appeared likely to wrap up as a 41st birthday present the first-ballot support at the Philadelphia convention of at least 13 of the state's 15 delegates.

On the basis of incomplete returns, Dewey had a chance to get one delegate and another possible winner was unpledged.

Of the 13 who said they would vote for the primary winner on the first nominating test at the national convention, five also pledged to support him as long as he has a chance for the nomination. The delegates are not bound by the popular vote in the primary.

Charles Reed, Omaha attorney and Nebraska manager of Vandenberg's unsuccessful presidential campaign in 1940, was leading the list of candidates running in state-wide races for seven of the 15 delegate posts. Reed pledged first ballot support to the primary winner.

These convention delegates were elected in a primary that saw the Democrats choose a 12-vote delegation and give President Truman a pat on the back.

Mr. Truman, running unopposed, polled 24,099 votes in 1,114 precincts in the Democratic popularity contest. Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), running solo for vice presidential endorsement, fell behind with 18,266 votes in 1,043 precincts.

Republicans renominated Senator Kenneth Wherry, acting GOP Senate leader, and Gov. Val Peterson. Democrats gave a long lead to former Rep. Terry Carpenter for their senatorial nomination. Frank Sorrell was unopposed for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

But it was Stassen, the untiring young fellow from Minnesota who rode off with the political glory in a state where he himself had thought the outcome so doubtful he made only cautious pre-vote predictions of victory.

The total vote in the primary seemed unlikely to exceed 210,000. With Republicans casting about 160,000 ballots and Democrats 50,000.

GOP Bosses Take Beating
Stassen sent the Republican

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Dewey Still Leads In List of Pledges

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen, by his victory in yesterday's Nebraska "popularity" primary, has now won two out of three primaries involving contests for the Republican presidential nomination.

He won in Wisconsin last week and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey won a majority in New Hampshire March 9.

Pre-primary promises of Nebraska's 15 delegates moved the Minnesotan that much closer to overtaking Dewey in delegate strength. Dewey's lead so far comes primarily from New York's 90 delegates. They are unpledged but claimed for him.

President Truman is far out in front in Democratic delegates. Republicans have now chosen 402 of their 1,064 national convention delegates.

As far as can be determined from pledges, semi-pledges and uncommitted claims, here's how they line up:

Dewey	111
Stassen	61
Vandenberg	41
Gov. Green, Ills.	18
MacArthur	8
Taft	5
Uninstructed	160
Total	402

Alleged Roseburg Forger Arrested in California

Samuel Everett Malone, held at Stockton, Calif., in connection with the forgery of five payroll checks in Roseburg in December, will be returned here to face charges, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

Entry of the establishment was made through a skylight in the roof of the building, Chief Baird said. Descent was by means of a wooden ladder lowered from the skylight.

The chief said a padlock was pried from the steel door of the firm's walk-in vault. A small amount of cash was taken from a canvas bag in the vault. There were no clues.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

It begins to look as if the only \$64 question in the Republican national convention will be: Who will be the nominee for vice-president?