

YOUTHFUL ROBBER SHOOTS GEO. M. DENTON

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Democratic Convention Opens

Truman Bloc Controls But Battle Looms

Selection of Candidate For Vice-President Top Job Facing Delegates

By JACK BELL
CONVENTION HALL, Philadelphia, July 12.—(AP)—Justice William O. Douglas took himself out of the vice presidential picture today as the Democrats opened their convention, wrangling over naming President Truman to head their ticket and over their platform.

While delegates were still struggling into this hall for the first session, party leaders announced downtown that Douglas had given what they regarded as an "absolute refusal" to be considered for the No. 2 spot on the party's ticket.

John Redding, Democratic publicity chief, made the announcement. There had been reports earlier that President Truman, in a long distance telephone conversation, had personally asked Douglas to give consent for his name to go before the convention. Douglas is vacationing in Oregon.

With Douglas out of consideration, talk of vice presidential possibilities centered on Gov. William Preston Lane Jr., of Maryland, and Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

Truman's forces are in complete control of the convention and apparently able to write their own platform and name the vice presidential candidate, as well as hand the ticket-topping nomination to the President.

But plenty of fireworks were in prospect. Die-hard critics of the President are determined he shall not have the nomination without a gesture of opposition on the convention floor. Dixie rebels settled on Gov. Ben Laney of Arkansas as the man they will back. And Senator Claude Pepper of Florida declared himself a candidate.

At least part of Alabama's delegation was ready to walk out if Truman is nominated or if the platform doesn't please them. This group won control of the delegation in a re-session caucus. But

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
UP in Spokane a few days ago, four sharpers were convicted of conspiring to defraud investors in connection with an "atomic process of gold recovery." Three of them have been sentenced and taken to McNeil Island federal penitentiary, and the fourth is to be sentenced soon.

Comment? Here it is:
Where there is fat, juicy flesh, there will be sharp teeth to find it.

THE sucker is a fat, flabby fish. It has little, if any, brain power. Hence the term "sucker" as applied to people who fall for sharper schemes to get other people's hard-earned cash.

SUCKERS who fall for a scheme to get rich quick by getting in on the ground floor of a process for "atomic recovery of gold" are particularly fat and flabby in the head.
Presumably, "atomic recovery" of gold would be accomplished by recombining the molecules of

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Oakland Budget Provides For Street Improvement; Sewer, City Hall Projects Studied

Oakland voters recently adopted a city budget of \$20,000, with approximately half the amount in excess of the constitutional six percent tax limitation, said Mayor John Edwards of that city. The vote cast was 12 to 1, he added.

The increased tax levy was found to be necessary this year, he explained, because of street improvements and maintenance work scheduled in the coming months. Although the city's official population is 583, an estimated 1,200 people use the streets and benefit from municipal services.

Oakland is considering the construction of a new city hall, out of definite plans have been adopted. The hall would be located

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HIGHWAY JOB PROGRESSING—Here is a shovel at work on the North Umpqua Road, between Roseburg and Dixonville, where the route is being straightened and will be paved. E. 2nd Ave. S. in Roseburg is a link in the project. Leonard and Slate are the contractors. A portion of the existing highway is seen at the right.

Proposed Civil Rights Plank, Framed to Fit Truman's Ideas, Faces Attack by Dixie Group

Phony Time Bomb Gives Couple Severe Scar

PORTLAND, July 12.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr are still shaking over that time bomb that was left on their front porch. The Carrs were awakened by a doorbell ring Saturday night. They went out to see a threatening device composed of alarm clock, a condenser tube and cell batteries, wired up with what appeared to be three red-wrapped dynamite sticks.

They took one look, slammed the door, and called police. A patrolman carried the bomb gingerly to the yard, disconnected the wires.

Then he took the disarmed object to the police station. It was not until laboratory experts started an examination that it was discovered the "dynamite sticks" were pieces of broom handle and wrapping paper.

The prankster still hasn't been found.

Three New Methodist Bishops Consecrated

SEATTLE, July 12.—(AP)—Three newly-elected bishops of the Methodist Church were consecrated at a solemn ceremony here yesterday.

The trio included Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, 40, one of the youngest men ever to be named to a bishopric by the church. He will direct Methodist activities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

Bishop Kennedy has been pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church at Lincoln, Nebraska. Also consecrated at the service were Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips, Denver area, and Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, San Francisco area. Bishop James C. Baker was renamed to the Los Angeles area.

Three Go to Hospital When Truck Hits Deer

BEND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—A deer on highway 97 near Lapine in southern Deschutes county caused a two-car crash injuring three persons Saturday. A pickup truck driven by Jess H. Wood, Chiloquin, struck the deer and swerved into the path of a car driven by John R. Panuke. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Panuke were taken to a hospital with minor hurts. The deer was killed.

Failure Foreseen Also for Attempt To Compromise

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—(AP)—Democratic platform framers were reported today to have drawn a preliminary civil rights plank bidding for party unity through a revival of the 1944 race stand.

But there were no immediate signs whether the proposed compromise can stop a convention floor fight—between southerners and self-styled "liberals"—that could determine whether the Democrats will be one party or two in November.

The tentative platform draft, drawn by a seven-man subcommittee and yet to be approved by the 108-member full platform committee and by the convention, was held in secrecy.

But one source said this language was presented by the seven-member platform writing group for the race plank:

"The Democratic party and the Democratic administration are solely responsible for the great gains in recent years made in the continuing effort to reduce and eliminate unfair and illegal discrimination based on race, or creed or color."

"We have implemented our often expressed belief that racial and religious minorities have the right to live, develop and vote equally with all citizens, and to share the rights guaranteed by the constitution."

"We again call on Congress to exert its full authority to the limits of those constitutional powers to protect those rights."

Reception Uncertain

Southerners were said to have lost their fight in the preliminary drafting group for a states' rights plank. Previously Democratic Chairman J. Howard McGrath

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Yeggs Raid 12 Offices, Break Into Three Safes

PORTLAND, July 12.—(AP)—Safes of three of a dozen looted offices were broken open yesterday by three gunmen who herded the gagged watchman along while robbing a midtown building.

Police said a check with tenants indicated the cash taken was not heavy. Safes of loan, insurance and finance firms were cracked. Detective Joseph Blewitt said Watchman Eldon Banks Henderson was not harmed by the gunmen. They bound his hands and gagged him before systematically opening the offices. Before leaving they unbound Henderson but left him gagged.

Income Tax Surplus Ruling May Be Delayed

SALEM, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—There was considerable doubt today whether the state Supreme Court would be able to hand down its decision tomorrow on the question of using \$40,000,000 in income tax surpluses to pay state expenses.

The opinion, which is the court's last big hurdle before taking its summer recess, might be delayed a few days, sources close to the court said. It was not known whether there is a disagreement among the seven justices over the case.

Trapped Arab Force Offers To Surrender

Jews Capture Country's Biggest Airport; Arabs Dive-Bomb Jerusalem

CAIRO, July 12.—(AP)—The twin Arab strongholds of Er Ramet and Lydda surrendered today to the Israeli army, front line dispatches said.

The Israeli victory came after a half-hearted two day fight but brought the armored striking forces of the Trans-Jordan Arab legion down in counter-attacks.

Artillery battles were developing in the craggy Judean hills within sight of the two captured plains towns.

(By the Associated Press)

Israeli troops fighting to open the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road said Arabs surrounded in strategic Er Ramle have offered to surrender. The fall of the town would open the way to a two-way assault on Latrun, the bloody last barrier blocking the road.

In another considerable success in the renewed war for Palestine, the Jews captured Lydda and its airport, the largest in the country.

The Arabs advanced 10 miles along a 12-mile front in the Gili hills between Jenin and Haifa, seizing seven villages. Jerusalem was dive-bombed by two Egyptian planes which seemed to be aiming at a Jewish airport. Tel Aviv and eight Jewish settlements also were raided, the Egyptian air force said.

Both the Jews and Russians criticized Count Folke Bernadotte, the U. N. mediator who brought about the four-weeks' armistice which ended last Friday. The Jews asserted he apologized for Arab aggression and prejudiced the Palestine negotiations.

The Russian newspaper Pravda said Bernadotte had done everything possible "to inflame still

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Sacramento Baseball Plant Razed by Flames

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 12.—(AP)—Edmonds Field, the 26-year-old baseball plant of the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League, was destroyed by fire early today.

The flames spread to a nearby residential area, and two homes were gutted. A third house and two automobiles were damaged.

Four firemen, including Chief Terence Mulligan, and one policeman were injured.

Only the left field bleachers, containing 1,300 seats, were saved of the 11,000-seat stands.

Yubi Separovich, Solon general manager, estimated replacement cost at more than a million dollars. He said the insurance coverage would not run over \$250,000.

The Solons were expected to become a traveling team for the remainder of the Coast League season.

CIGARS BECKON

Gift Arrives For Man Who Aided Stranded Scribe

The News-Review editor has a box of cigars for a Roseburg merchant.

One of Governor Dewey's campaign party was stranded in Roseburg when the governor visited the city during Oregon's primary election campaign. He had gone from the hotel to one of the Roseburg stores to buy some handkerchiefs, and while he was absent the bus rolled out of town.

The Roseburg merchant took the man in his car and set forth in pursuit of the bus which was overtaken a short distance north of Grants Pass. The merchant would accept no remuneration for the drive.

The grateful beneficiary of the hospitable act misplaced the name of the merchant and has forwarded a box of cigars to the News-Review editor, asking that they be delivered to the right party.

As the News-Review editor doesn't smoke cigars, he will attempt to carry out the wishes of the correspondent if the merchant for whom the cigars are intended will step forward and claim them.

M. O. Ream Claimed By Sudden Death

M. O. (Tiny) Ream 51, prominent Roseburg realtor, succumbed to a heart attack Saturday afternoon, while operating a tractor on his Garden Valley farm, a few miles northwest of the city.

Ream came to Roseburg in 1941 from Kingman, Ariz., where he was the long-time publisher of the Mojave County Miner. He served as advertising manager of the Roseburg News-Review for a brief time and later went into the real estate business.

He was married to Margaret Joyce Williams in 1926 at Tucson, Ariz., and lived there until 1933, when they moved to Kingman.

Ream was a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the Order of Eastern Star at Kingman; and of the Scottish Rite at Tucson. He was a past president of the Kingman Rotary Club and of the Tucson Rotary Club. He was a member of the Roseburg Rotary Club and of the Rotary Pioneers.

He was also a member of the International Typographical Printers Union, the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, and of the First Presbyterian Church in Roseburg. He was past president of the Douglas County, Ore., Realty Board.

He was associated in business here with his nephews, Bob Evans, former Flagstaff and Winslow, Ariz., newspaperman, and Joseph Dent of Roseburg.

Surviving are the widow and a daughter, Bet Joyce, both of Roseburg; three sisters, Mrs. W. Evans, Mesa, Ariz.; Mrs. John Service, Portland, and Mrs. Lauren Hoxey, Los Angeles.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home, Dr. Morris Roach, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be in the Masonic Cemetery with graveside services conducted under auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

The body will lie in state at the Roseburg Funeral Home from 4 p.m. today until 12 noon tomorrow. The casket will not be opened during the funeral services.



IN SHOOTING CASE—Top picture shows William Kenneth Downs, 17, of Willits, Calif., with Roseburg Police Chief Calvin Baird while the youth awaits arraignment for his self-confessed shooting of George M. Denton, Roseburg grocer, in a Saturday night holdup. Denton, 72, in lower picture, is in Mercy Hospital with a fracture of the upper left leg, inflicted by a bullet from the youth's revolver.

Sex Murder Confessed By Student

SEATTLE, July 12.—(AP)—A 20-year-old Seattle University sophomore confessed slayer of a drive-in restaurant "car-hop" will be asked to pay with his life for the crime, deputy prosecutor J. Edmund Quigley said today.

The youth, John Russell Gasser, signed a confession that he killed Donna Woodcock, 22, in a fit of rage early Saturday morning, Quigley said.

Police, acting on the tip of a former high school classmate, took Gasser into custody Saturday night while he was eating his dinner.

The girl's nude, slashed body was found lying in a muddy north end vacant lot. She had been criminally assaulted and gagged with her black brassiere.

Describing the student as a "murderer of the coldest, cruelest type," Quigley said:

"The prosecutor's office will insist that Gasser be hanged * * * or the death penalty be taken off the statute books. If ever a crime demanded the death penalty, this is it."

In his confession, Gasser said he strangled the girl while they were sitting in a 1949 sedan he had stolen earlier from a downtown garage. He denied any criminal attack or mutilation.

Two Deer Take Stroll On N. Jackson St. Grass

Two wild deer came out of the woods at the north end of N. Jackson St. shortly after 11 o'clock this morning and walked down the entire length of the street's center parkway, then apparently disappeared into the brush along Deer Creek.

Miss Mary McKinney, 1249 N. Jackson St., reported seeing the deer to The News-Review. Two reporters searched the neighborhood but could not find the animals, although two boys at the lower end of N. Jackson St. also said they had seen them.

Brookings Dates Annual Lily Blossom Festival

BROOKINGS, Ore.—The annual Lily Blossom Festival will be held at Brookings Saturday and Sunday July 17 and 18. The program will open Saturday with conducted tours of hundreds of acres of Easter lilies. Sunday there will be a Grand Easter Lily Parade with more than 40 decorated floats using Easter lilies exclusively. The only parade of its kind in the world, it will be screened this year by Fox Movie-tone News.

VERSATILE COPS

BEND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Sometimes it isn't a dog's life in the city pound.
The night police shift put this entry on the blotter: "Goat in city pound. Must be milked in morning."
The day shift took the matter in hand, and added this note: "O. K. four quarts."

Wound Sends Aged Grocer To Hospital

W. K. Downs, Captured in Chase, Admits Deed, Also Desertion From Army

William Kenneth Downs, 17-year-old Willits, Calif., youth was arrested by city police 20 minutes after George M. Denton, 72, had been held up and shot through the leg Saturday evening. The shooting occurred at Denton's store at the southwest corner of Hamilton and Rice Streets, as the grocer was counting the money from his till just prior to closing about 6:30.

City patrolmen Lloyd J. Larson and Charles Long, the latter with the force only two weeks, arrested the youth as he hovered against the steep embankment west of the highway on the outskirts of town. The brief manhunt possessed all the thrills of a "cop-and-robbler" movie.

Downs, following his arrest, signed a complete confession after being questioned by State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell and Police Chief Calvin Baird, the officers reported. They said he had \$87 in cash on him when arrested. Some money remained in Denton's till.

Denton, taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital within a few minutes after the shooting, is reported to have sustained a fractured femur of his upper left leg. The 38-caliber bullet is reported by his physician to have lodged in his leg and it cannot readily be removed. His condition was reported today as serious, but his chances of recovery are good, his physician said. The impact of the bullet shattered the bone, he said.

Youth Seen Loitering
The youth is reported by numerous witnesses to have been loitering about the store most of the afternoon according to the police.

Several persons living in the vicinity reported hearing Denton calling for help.

Denton told police the young man stepped behind the counter and stuck the gun toward him. Denton was wounded, he said, when the gun discharged as he grabbed the barrel.

Denton had dragged himself nearly to the front door when neighbors came to his assistance. Denton resides at 608 South Stephens.

He is said to have stated he would never permit himself to be held up.

Witnesses told the police they saw the youth leave the store and hasten south on Hamilton street. Among the witnesses was E. M. Rice, 915 Hamilton, who lives near the store, who said he had seen the youth around the store, heard the shot, and then saw Downs leave the store and run down the street.

At the south end of Hamilton, Downs is reported to have cut between two houses, through a brushy draw and then come onto the highway near the Pierce Auto Freight terminal. He is reported by police to have gone into Bill's Cafe across the highway to use a phone to call a taxi, then hurried out when he

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Reckless Driver Gets Fine in Drain Court

Clarence Elliott Holmes, Cottage Grove, was arrested by state police and charged with reckless driving, following an accident in which his car sideswiped one driven by Frank Chester Welch, Glendale, near Leona Saturday at 7:40 p.m., State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

Holmes was fined \$29.40 in Justice Court at Drain, according to Justice Court records. Holmes was driving south on the highway. Holmes, going north, came around a corner too fast and was over the yellow line, said the officer.

More British Troops Sent to West Germany

LONDON, July 12.—(AP)—An authoritative source said today Britain has sent considerable numbers of new troops to West Germany because of the tension in blockade Berlin.

The informant said "many" of the reinforcements will be flown into Berlin itself.

The disclosure came as Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British military governor in Germany, conferred here with the chief of staff of the ministry of defense and other service chiefs.

RADEMARK

Mrs. Carl Hinthner of Miller's Addition owns a hen that's working for the Chamber of Commerce. During the past 10 days she has laid three eggs marked with a perfect sun ray. The hen, a New Hampshire red, has been laying such eggs off and on for the past two years.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

The depression at the Democratic National convention indicates that the delegates are in less need of Claude Pepper than for his Old Oscar statuette.