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READY FOR FIREWORKS

By Charles V. Stanton

Next week the Democrats have it. Another knock-down, drag-out convention is in prospect. We have learned to expect that kind of a fracas when the Democrats meet. We found a real chuckle in Hal Boyle's column during the Republican set-to when he said of G.O.P. delegates: "They had a rough week. They are not used to fighting among themselves like Democrats." Democratic conventions, however, have been lacking their usual vigor in late years. This year it appears they will get back into form. The Democratic party has long been one of factions. In recent years an unhealthy condition has developed. Socialists have taken over control of the party machinery and have reduced the opposition to a mere whisper. The Democrats this year are reaping the results of long suppression of political talent. During the many years Franklin Roosevelt was president any potential threat for the job was chased into obscurity. No party member was permitted to get his neck out too far. Today the Democrats have plenty of candidates but none who has been groomed for the job of successor, or heir, to the Truman regime.

Kefauver Has Inside Track

Of the several potential nominees, Senator Kefauver apparently has the inside track. Kefauver came into public prominence through his crime-busting activities as head of the Senate investigating committee. He was one candidate who couldn't be shunted into obscurity, sent as an ambassador to a foreign country, relegated to a job lacking press agents, or otherwise put on a sidetrack. Kefauver has proven his popularity. He has been stumping the country in his own behalf and on his own initiative, taking advantage of the opportunity which came his way because of favorable publicity. He has made a good impression everywhere. The convention will be confronted with heavy pressure from the grass roots to hand the party colors to the senator.

But it is obvious that the Fair Deal crowd doesn't want Kefauver. The five-percenters, who have made mink coats and deep freezers synonymous with Truman administration, will put a lot of money behind a candidate who won't shut them off from their profitable rackets. Kefauver, because of his "purity" campaign, wouldn't dare associate with the present hangers-on. Consequently he'll face some powerful opposition in the convention.

Also to be reckoned with are the Dixiecrats who will be back this time stronger than ever with Senator Russell of Georgia as their candidate. Russell is an old-line Democrat who would probably boot the Socialists a country mile. The Socialists wouldn't like that. Being in control of the machinery, they'll do their best to turn its power against both Kefauver and Russell.

So, some stormy times await the chairman's gavel next week.

Rivalry Good For Country

From all this competition, friction, bickering and fighting in party conventions we see a good omen for the future of our country.

Too long has control rested in one party. Too long has a tight clique held the reins of government. The result has been graft, corruption, extravagance, bureaucracy, and impairment of public morals and spirit of personal independence.

If competition between parties is good for the country, competition from within is good for the parties.

We agree fully with the opinion expressed recently by Frank Jenkins in his column "In The Days News" that we need the best from both parties and a fight that will arouse the interest and participation of every voter in the country, with the outcome in doubt until the last moment.

That kind of an election in November would give this country a needed shot in the arm.

We expect plenty of fireworks from the Democratic convention. We hope it is that kind of a convention. No more one-man control.

Then, with the nominees of both parties squared off for the battle, we'll hope for a struggle all the way.

Scrap MENDING BASKET

From the Scrap by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Something I just read took my thought back many years to the time when our car was stopped at a state border—seems to me it was in Arizona—but the actual place doesn't matter at the moment—and the officer examined the car for any cotton. We assured him we had none but he had a good look anyhow and as he was about to wave us on, he remarked: "Folks say they don't have any cotton, but you would be surprised." Then he told of one carload of tourists who indignantly resented his search, insisting they had no cotton. Well, just as they were about to drive on, one woman remarked laughingly she did have one raw cotton boll in her purse as a souvenir! To her amazement the officer asked to see it. Yes, you guessed it. In the boll was the very pest we've detailed there to prevent crossing the state line. Well, I was just reading a story about what happened in Bermuda, where a visitor brought not tourists dollars but death to the Bermuda cedars. Where, prior to World War II, flowers of hibiscus and bougainvillea flamed against a background of cool, glossy, dark green, now much of the backdrop is the sere brown of dead trees. The cause of the blight, says the

National Geographic Society, is Juniper scale from the United States which slipped through plant quarantines. Famed as the Bermuda cedars the trees are in reality junipers. Removal of almost a million dead and dying cedars and complete reforestation will take years to complete, and in the meantime to keep the beauty of the Bermuda picture and to hold down the light loss, fast growing pines, palms and other trees are being set out. The N.G. story goes on to describe re-planting operations and the first thing is to "remove the scale with the aid of a small beetle, a scale parasite." Finally the new cedars will be planted, grown from seed planted in Jamaica from the few healthy trees not infested. Like islanders everywhere, the Bermudians are fond of the things they have always known and are willing to wait several decades for the new cedars rather than fast-growing substitutes. The men at the quarantine stations are doing faithful work for US, and they don't enjoy rummaging through our personal belongings! Surely they rate our friendly cooperation and appreciation as we remember Bermuda cedars and our fruit fly and boll weevil fights!

The Two-Party System, We Fear, Is Here for Good



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — Candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination are all lined up here in Chicago waiting for President Truman to start playing tag.

Since the apparently conclusive withdrawal of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois as a candidate, most of the others are hoping that the President will do his selecting in private. All he has to do, they argue, is to pass the word along to the political bosses on whom he wants as his heir apparent. Most of the candidates are convinced that only a miracle could obtain the nomination for any one of them without the President's endorsement. The reason for their shyness in being named publicly as the President's choice, however, was expressed adequately by Stevenson.

The Illinois Governor decided that a combination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as Republican nominee, and President Truman's public endorsement, would be too big a burden for any Democrat to carry. Stevenson is said to feel that anyone chosen by Mr. Truman assumes—in the public mind, at least—the mantle of the President's blunders and his political philosophy. That is too much to expect of any loyal Democrat, he is reported to have reasoned in bowing out of the contest as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Truman's hesitancy in naming his choice has resulted in a serious case of political itch on the part of some candidates. But a waiting game is the only safe one for the President to play. He just be certain that whoever is named the nomination can be trusted. So far it appears that Mr. Truman has complete faith in only one man, W. Averell Harriman, Mutual Security director, who hasn't been working very hard at the job lately.

The reason Mr. Truman has to be careful is that his wing of the Democratic party can't afford to have the candidate tapped for the nomination, double-cross the Administration. This could be done by tearing into graft and corruption, for instance, in an acceptance speech, or by holding out an olive branch to Southern Democrats after a tough civil rights plank has been rammed down the throats of delegates.

The fact is that hardly a Democrat alive wants to run on Mr. Truman's record. They all agree that there are many adequate campaign issues among the President's accomplishments, but they can't seem to forget the deep freezes, the mink coats and the lush tax favors for known gangsters.

The ideal presidential endorsement would be a quiet word to his political bosses, a public statement that he has no favorite and a quick trip out of Chicago. But most of the candidates feel that this is but a dream. The President and his White House cronies want a "safe" candidate—one who will stick to the President's record, and one gracious enough to reward the right people in event of a Democratic victory in November.

The latter is the overriding issue insofar as Mr. Truman's political pals are concerned. They want another slice of the political pie if a Democratic wins. They would also feel more secure in knowing that many embarrassing documents now locked in the White House would be in safe hands. The very thought, for instance, of having someone in the White House who might be filled with revenge over past political slights is causing many night-

of a speech in the house of commons, he pointed to the reporters' gallery and said: "Yonder sits the Fourth Estate, more important than all the others."

That leads to another quiz question: What (in Burke's day) were the other three estates? They were the three classes of people that made up the States-General of France—the clergy, or the First Estate, the nobility, or the Second Estate, and the common people, or the Third Estate.

The States-General was France's first (quite rudimentary) parliament. It was formed in 1302 and lasted until the French Revolution in 1789.

It didn't meet at regular times. It was called by the king in times of "emergency," when he wanted advice, or MONEY, or moral support. Recalling the character of the King of France of that day, I imagine they called the States-General into session only when they needed an alibi.

I'm beginning to suspect that if congress met ONLY on the call of the President, it would be used in about the same manner today.

What Burke really meant when he referred so flatteringly in the house of commons to the Fourth Estate was this:

By telling the people what is going on and why, the press enables the people to GUARD THEIR LIBERTIES against encroachment by the demagogues, the self-seekers and the ambitious and unscrupulous leaders who reach constantly for more and more POWER.

Knowledge of that fact is what caused our Founding fathers to guarantee freedom of the press in our constitution. Letting the people know is the high and sacred function of the press in a democracy.

Any newspaper that consciously poisons the news it gives to the people is recreant to its trust and betrays the confidence reposed in the press by Burke when he termed it "the Fourth Estate—more important than all the others."

Centennial Princesses Dated For Rodeo Visit

Six of the seven Douglas County Centennial princesses will participate in the Cottage Grove Riding Club Rodeo Saturday.

Leaving Saturday morning at 8 a.m. are Marlene Lutey and Valerie Sparks, both of Roseburg; Marjorie White and Marilyn Frontress, both of Myrtle Creek; Janis Dowdy, Winston and Margaret Ann Smith, Scottsburg. They will be escorted by Roseburg Paul Bunyans and chaperoned by Mrs. T. L. Goodwin of Roseburg.

The six princesses, wearing their new Centennial cowboy outfits for the first time in public, will ride in the parade at 10 a.m. Saturday and attend the rodeo at 1:30 p.m.

It is believed that the real surface of Jupiter cannot be seen from the earth, but that men look at clouds or vapors above the surface. Jupiter is slightly less dense than the sun.

You know, it MIGHT have been true. There ARE good people as well as bad people in this world. Personally, I choose to believe that for each bad person there are ten good persons.

But—One has to admit—Whenever some bad person does something bad, and gets caught at it, and it gets into the papers, he comes up with a high-sounding alibi that makes what he did sound good.

As a member of the Fourth Estate, I'm cynically convinced that a whole lot of people don't worry about WHAT THEY DO but WORRY FRIGHTFULLY when they get caught at it.

By the way, who knows, just off-hand, the origin of the term Fourth Estate? It is supposed to have been first used by the great English statesman, Edmund Burke. In the course

Airline Pilots Plan Strike Over Court Decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pilots of Northwest Airlines Thursday planned to strike — but didn't say when — over a federal court ruling that restored David L. Behncke to the presidency of their union. A spokesman said the walkout may spread to other airlines just when there is a heavy demand for air travel to the Democratic convention in Chicago next week.

Judge Walter J. LaBuy ruled in Chicago last week that AFL Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) members violated their own constitution and bylaws in kicking Behncke out of office last year. He ordered Clarence N. Sayen removed from the post and Behncke restored.

Larry Cates, the union's top representative in Washington, was one of a group in the Washington and Chicago offices which resigned from ALPA's staff after the decision.

He told reporters the court decision makes Behncke a dictator since the pilots cannot meet among themselves or deal with their companies without Behncke's approval. Cates said the decision also deprives the pilots of union representation and made legally questionable some 55 contracts the pilots negotiated with airlines during the year Sayen was president.

At Chicago, Sayen said plans were under way for most of the 7,500 ALPA members to secede and form a new union.

While declaring that the strike was basically over the court ruling, Cates said the pilots have accumulated several grievances against Northwest — over grounding or firing of pilots, vacation rights, pay and other matters.

County's Young Democrats Plan Charter Banquet

The newly-organized Douglas County chapter of Young Democrats is planning to make its charter banquet an auspicious affair.

At the second regular meeting of the Club Thursday night in the City Council Chambers, the date of the banquet was tentatively set for Aug. 9.

Also on the tentative list is the major speaker. The Club is reasonably certain of drawing Howard Morgan, Oregon's new Democratic Committee chairman and Candidate Edith S. Green, nominee for secretary of state. The Young Democrats also hope to study the program with additional state executives. High on the programming committee's list are plans to get first-hand information on the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In discussing the convention, Douglas County Democratic Central Committee Chairman Mrs. Christina Micicelli urged the neophyte members at the meeting to wire and write to delegates at the convention. "Demand that they respect the wishes of the Oregon voters," she said. Mrs. Micicelli also reported on her visit last week to the State Central Committee meeting.

A final speaker on the meeting program Thursday was Dick Whitaker, second vice-president of the Lane County Young Democrats and member of the State Central Committee. As a final phase of the meeting program, Avery Thompson ran off films of a trip to the Orient he took on a round-the-world tour for debaters from the University of Oregon in 1927.

Custody Of Son Sought By His Divorced Father

A petition for a writ of habeas corpus for return of a son the petitioner alleges is held by his former wife, has been filed in Circuit Court by Edward Stanley Funderburk.

In the petition, Funderburk asks return of Edward Charles Funderburk, the son whom his former wife agreed to allow him custody of, according to the petition. Funderburk said the boy is "wrongfully restrained" at 673 N. Commercial St. in Salem, by his mother, Nellie Funderburk.

The petitioner claims his former wife was granted custody of the child in a divorce proceeding and the custody was reaffirmed later in a subsequent custody hearing before the court.

Later Mrs. Funderburk agreed to give the custody of the child to the father, Funderburk said. Edward Charles remained with his father for two years.

He was later returned to his mother temporarily, the petition claims, while the father moved his business and equipment to Douglas County.

The mother has refused to allow the child's return to the father.

SUES ON ACCOUNT
G. T. Hauptert, doing business as Tractor Sales and Service, has filed suit in Circuit Court against Earl Bliven for \$975.63 allegedly due on account.

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