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ARE WE IN REVERSE?

By Charles V. Stanton

The Democratic convention has been a thriller. It has maintained the traditional practice of the party to get itself involved in weird fights. It has, as usual, fought the Civil War all over again. It has elevated demagoguery to the nth degree, in keeping with party custom. It has screamed, yelled, demonstrated, engaged in fistfights, set the hall on fire and otherwise conducted itself in a perfectly normal manner.

Republicans, at their convention, acted almost like Democrats, but they couldn't compete with the show we've had this week.

Behind all the horseplay, propaganda and demagoguery we find a hard-working convention, sincerely devoted to party welfare. It has been a convention filled with factionalism, pressures, strategy and crosscurrents, but through it all has run the thread of dominant rule by the people.

For too long the Democratic party has been under the thumb of one-man leadership. It has voluntarily subjected itself to dictation from the top. This year's convention reversed that trend. Delegates proved they were back in the saddle. They exhibited resentment at railroading tactics. They refused to be pushed around by would-be big-wigs.

It is possible that this year may spell the end of 20 years of administration control by the Democratic party. But, regardless of whether the party wins or loses in the November election, its 1952 convention has demonstrated that it is a stronger party than ever — a party of the people and not a dictator's tool as it has been for so many years.

Is The Pendulum Swinging?

Is the Democratic party, following capture by its Socialist faction, throwing off its shackles and turning back toward constitutional principles? Is it veering from the extreme left, toward which it has been heading for the past 20 years, and swinging back toward more conservative policies and actions? Has the pendulum reached the "liberal" extreme, and is it now starting in the other direction? Events at the convention might be construed to indicate a withdrawal from the extremes to which Socialism has led us.

The party platform would cause us to believe that the Democrats lean toward more and more Socialism. It makes promises far more radical and extreme than anything experienced to date in the Socialistic program. Action by delegates, however, lead to contrary interpretation.

The so-called "liberal" faction of the party was beaten in every move. The left-wing strategists lost every battle. Leaders, representing the more conservative group, succeeded in steering the convention away from the course set by the liberals.

We are inclined to discount party platforms. They are designed, we believe, more for propaganda effect than as patterns for party procedure. We feel that actions of the delegates, and the results of their deliberations, provide better indication of trends than words put down on paper to entice votes.

Cause For Wonderment?

We expect demagoguery at any political convention. We expect every candidate for office to be presented as a paragon of perfection; to combine all the talents and qualities the country needs for leadership. We expect the opposition to be reviled, disparaged, ridiculed and condemned. We expect opposition candidates to be mocked and derided. We expect satire and sarcasm in all reference to opposition policy. That's the way we play the game of politics. But we're wondering!

Settlement of the steel strike was wonderfully timed. Was it mere coincidence that this settlement came in the midst of the Democratic convention? Was it simply happenstance that the timing was such that the administration can use the settlement to "point with pride?"

If the President was able by the sheer weight of personality and office to bring this dispute to an end at this particular time, was it not possible for him to have ended the most costly dispute at an earlier date by the same method?

It causes us to wonder! The Truman administration has been guilty of many reprehensible acts. If the nation's industry, its working men, its farmers — facing crop losses — have been "sold down the river" for the sake of political expediency, it is one of the most culpable acts of history. It casts disrepute upon what otherwise has been a good convention.

Scraps From the **MENDING BASKET**

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When we were in Klamath Falls the other day we were reminded of the wonderful work the Conservation forces are doing for wildlife preservation by reclaiming their marsh habitat of thousands of acres dried out in recent years. We noticed, too, the great numbers of birds: indeed, the pelican, the white pelican, has become a kind of civic symbol over there. The Oregon Game Commission Bulletin had a fine article, with pictures.

The Salton Sea habitat of the white pelican is exactly the reverse of the Klamath Falls area. There the marshy islands where the pelicans nest, are gradually being submerged by the phenomenal rise of the Salton Sea! It is also odd that a bird habituated to a cool marshy spot for its nest, should settle equally well in the oven-like area of Salton Sea. But it was the migrating ducks and geese stopping off there that first caused Congress in 1930 to establish the Waterfowl refuge which now covers 50 square miles at the

southern end of the lake. "The white pelicans," says the National Geographic Society, "grow to 16-pound adults with nine-foot wing spread. Beautiful in flight, they are awkward afoot. They feed skilfully in gangs, however, beating the water with their wings and herding a school of fish into the shallows. Then they break ranks and scoop their dinners into their foot-long beaks." A bird book (Ashbrook's) reassures us that our eyes did not deceive us as we stared at the huge white birds. They are five feet in length, and the big pouch may be as much as 18 inches long and six inches deep, with an amazing capacity! The pouch is used as a sort of net for small fish as the big bird swims around in the water. Were it not for the Federal Wildlife reservation such as Salton Sea and Klamath Falls area, this wonderful bird would have been extinct by now. Wouldn't that have been a pity! Oh yes, something else I remember about pelicans in the Salt-



Myrtle Creek Board Discusses Use Of School Fund Surplus

What to do with \$9,697.37 left over after the construction of Tri-City Grade School was discussed by the Myrtle Creek School District 19 board Tuesday night. The \$190,000 bond issue was voted to build the new three-room school which is nearly completed now, to pay for a cafeteria addition on the Myrtle Creek school grounds and to make district improvements. The board utilized \$2,112 by accepting the bid of M and S Construction Co. to remodel the administrative head's residence. R. L. McClintic, music instructor,

will occupy the house since Superintendent Al Neet owns his own home. The remaining \$7,585.37 may be used to clear and level land adjacent to the high school. This property is being purchased from Dr. R. E. Williams and Isaac Sanders. Robert Oliver was released from his English and mathematics teaching contract in Myrtle Creek High School to enable him to accept a position in Roseburg. The board also voted against sharing the use of its driver training car with Canyonville.

4-H Youths Go On Livestock Trip

South Willamette Valley livestock will be scrutinized by 18 Douglas County 4-H youths and six adults Monday through Wednesday.

A busy, three-day schedule is planned for the livestock tour participants in the Corvallis-Albany vicinity. On Monday they'll watch a sale and view trench silos and irrigation equipment. Tuesday there's a program of grading, judging, and fitting and showing of various livestock.

Also on the program are tours of the Nebergall Meat Packing plant and Albany Plylock Corporation, both of Albany.

Tourers will camp out in Corvallis' Avery Park. They'll have a recreation and campfire program both Monday and Tuesday. Roseburg youths attending are Dick Brown, Dennis Zuver, Susan Hardick, Joanne Dunn, Don Doyle, Billy Long, DeLane Sherman, Lester Senger, Larry and David Swift, Nancy Esselstrom and Norma Jean Wilcox. Also participating will be Buddy Hagen, Bill Hill and Nolan Tanner. Glendale, Darrel Morganti and Mary Alice Bunch, Elkton; and Ronald Clack, Myrtle Creek.

Accompanying the youths will be Mr. and Mrs. Max Kumer, County 4-H agent; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Binder, Mrs. Allen Esselstrom and Mrs. Lee Brown.

Auto Dealer Hit By Car He Sold Shortly Before

WALLA WALLA — An automobile dealer was struck and injured Thursday by a car he had sold just a short time before.

Harold Jackson, the dealer turned pedestrian, suffered minor bruises. He picked himself up, smiled at the driver, LeRoy Holland of Walla Walla, and continued strolling to his destination.

His destination was a Rotary Club luncheon where a traffic film was shown.

Home Freezing, Parks On Garden Club Ajenda

The Days Creek Garden Club saw a home freezing demonstration and heard a talk on Douglas County parks at its meeting Thursday at the Lavander Grange Hall.

Betty Jane Patterson, County home extension agent, gave the demonstration. Charles Collins of the park bureau spoke.

Miss Patterson also gave a freezing demonstration for the Elkton home extension unit at the home of Mary Beckley Friday.

On Sea area where the heat is like an oven. They don't keep their eggs warm there! They keep them COOL! They dip their breast feathers in water, and take turns in shading their nests with their wet feathers. Evaporation does the trick, the pelican's air-conditioned nursery in a 120-degree heat! Evidently the dry feathers let the heat bounce off the parent birds so they don't become roast pelicans!

Church of God People Convene in Clackamas

Roseburg Church of God members are attending the Church's annual camp meeting and convocation at the Nazarene Camp Ground at Clackamas, July 25 through Aug. 3.

Theme of the meeting is "Honoring Christ Through His Word." Daily features of the meeting are lectures for ministers, children's camps, youth meetings, general worship and prayer meetings.

Main event of the convocation will be "Oregon for Christ Day" on Sunday. This is a rally for expansion of missionary work.

Staff speakers include the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Donchew, missionaries from Africa; the Rev. A. W. Crim, Anderson, Ind., guest preacher; The Rev. Ralph Starr, Middletown, Ohio, song leader; and Daisey Boone and Adam Williams, home missionaries.

Dillard Man Back From Korea Duty

By ROSA HEINBACH
 Word has been received by Mrs. Hubert McEntyre that her husband landed in San Diego Monday from Korea aboard the U.S.S. General Meigs.

He has been in active service in Korea since last October. He plans to arrive in Dillard on Tuesday.

News Briefs

Andy Preston, 20, of Dillard was released from the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville Friday following an appendectomy. Dr. Frederick Bracker of Winston Emergency Hospital performed the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller and son, Danny, of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, Canada, are visiting this week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilton of Brockway. These families are old friends from Canada.

Suzanne and Patricia McLennan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLennan of Brockway, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Broadus in Roseburg for several days last week. The girls, along with their brother, Jack, have just completed a three-week swimming course. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Prowell and children, Dale and Alberta, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Prowell of Brockway, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Broadus in Roseburg for several days last week. The girls, along with their brother, Jack, have just completed a three-week swimming course.

Trucker Nets Charge Of Negligent Homicide

TIGARD — George Howard Edward Smith, 54, Sherwood, Friday was arrested by state police on a charge of negligent homicide growing out of the death July 7 of W.H. (Ted) Holmes.

Holmes, a prominent Oregon businessman, was killed when logs from a truck driven by Smith rolled on top of his car. The mishap occurred after the truck and Holmes' car had collided.

Mail Carrier Heads For Nat'l Conclave

W. H. Scofield, Eugene, national director of the Star Route Mail Carriers for 15 western states, leaves Sunday with his wife for the Carriers' national convention in Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 4 to 9.

Scofield, a resident of Roseburg for seven years, drives the mail route between Eugene and Myrtle Creek daily. Two years ago he was transferred to Eugene.

Mrs. Scofield goes as a delegate from Oregon. She is the state organization's secretary-treasurer.

Canned Food Industry Averts Heavy Disaster

PITTSBURGH — Charles W. York, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Canners Association, said Friday the steel strike ended just in time to prevent a disaster in the country's canned food industry.

York said railroad cars will be waiting at mill gates to load stored tinplate the minute plants open.

"It is still too early to predict how much damage has been done to the canning business. It depends on too many ifs, such as condition of the stored tinplate. How fast it can be delivered to can manufacturers and how quick can deliveries can be made to canners," York said.

York estimated that approximately 10 per cent of the nation's annual canning business already has been lost.

York said Pennsylvania tomato farmers will not suffer as much as farmers in Southern and Western states, adding:

"Cans will be rolling to canners in time to take care of the state's eight million dollar tomato crop."

Asked if the price on canned food will show marked increase because of the canning loss, he said:

"I think not. If at all, it might be on peaches. California lost a great part of their annual canning."

Veteran Editor Sells Two Papers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Elytus Hayes, publisher, Friday announced the sale of the morning San Jose Mercury and the afternoon San Jose News to Northwest Publications, Inc., a member of the Ridder newspaper and radio group.

Hayes, whose Mercury is the second oldest daily newspaper in California, issued this statement: "Having been in the newspaper business in San Jose for more than 50 years, the Hayes family has been torn by conflicting emotions in considering a sale of the Mercury and News."

"We are a large family and tax problems, together with others arising from the complexities of modern business methods, have forced the decision to sell." The Mercury was founded June 20, 1851, and has been published continuously since. Only the Sacramento Union has a longer record of continuous publication in California.

ANCIENT POTTERY FOUND

KINGSLEY, England — Roman pottery dating back to the first century was recently dug up near here by laborers laying the foundation of a new house. Other finds include a rotary corn-grinding stone, a quartzite pounding stone and several iron pieces dating from 100 to 50 B.C.

PAPERS FILED

Articles of incorporation were filed Friday at Salem by the W. D. Corporation, Drain, listing \$5,000 capital stock. Incorporators were Jim S. and E. G. Whipple and Donald N. Davis.

In the Day's News

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conciliatingly. There was reconciliation in the air. The miracle had happened that (tragically) DIDN'T happen in 1890.

Let's put it another way.

At 6 p.m. PDT yesterday the joint snake that is the Democratic party had suddenly, dramatically, flown apart into its component pieces.

By 8 p.m. PDT it had miraculously come back together.

What wrought the miracle? What cooled the flaming passions? What brought the angrily sundered joints of the snake back together again into a smoothly functioning entity?

This is it:

There came to the mass of fighting, clawing, biting Democrats there on the floor of International auditorium the chilling thought that if we go on with this we'll lose our power, our perquisites and our place in the sun. That thought was like a swift, beating rain dashing down on a roaring fire in the dry prairie grass. It quenched flames. It brought this sobering thought:

If we keep this up THE REPUBLICANS WILL BEAT US. From there on, all was sweetness and light.

Where else, save the Democratic party, could that happen? I ask you. But it DID happen. That is why the Democratic party, for more than a century, has rolled on and on and on. That is why the Democratic party is the top wonder of the world.

How do they do it? If you listened through last night you have the answer. It's SHOWMANSHIP. Democrats, from Jefferson and Jackson on down, have been showmen of the first magnitude. They give the customers their money's worth in the way of a SPECTACLE.

As this is written, they're staging another big spectacle.

Harry is on his way from Washington. He has settled the steel strike. He settled it without recourse to the Taft-Hartley law. It was costly, of course. It idled hundreds of thousands of men. It stopped prices from going down. It started them BACK UP again. It slowed our economy from a gallop to a walk. It could have left us in a bad fix if the Russians had pounced suddenly.

But it all came out right in the end and Harry is on his way to Chicago with the scalps of the big interests hanging at his belt and victory in the bag for the little people. And he'll arrive in Chicago at the psychological moment.

Oh, sure. It means more inflation. But what of that? Inflation's bite won't come until later. This is NOW. And right now is what counts.

Just the same, we Republicans will do well to take a leaf from the century and a quarter old Democratic book. We'd better TALK more (as well as think more) about what's good for the people, and maybe we'd better talk a little less about what's good for business.

After all, what's good for the people as a whole is good for business as a whole. And what's genuinely good for business is genuinely good for the people.

We'd better find a way this year to DRAMATIZE that fact. Everybody loves drama. REALISTIC drama is still drama, and in the past we Republicans have provided too little of it.

The Democrats are masters of the art.

A serious word in conclusion. It is most significant that in this convention, with all their star-spangled oratory, the Democrats have been LOOKING BACKWARD and talking and thinking about the past. About the full stomachs and the fat pocketbooks that have come out of a war economy.

Those of us who believe in Ike are looking forward and are talking and thinking about the future. If we're going to win, we'd better put FIRE and CONVICTION into our talking and our thinking. Fire and conviction provide drama.

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Freezing Demonstration Planned For July 31

A home freezing demonstration will be given at 1:30 p.m., DST, July 31, at the Riverside Grange in Garden Valley for Winston-Dillard, Winchester and East Douglas home extension units.

Demonstrator will be Betty Jane Patterson, County home extension agent. The meeting is open to the public.

NO CHEERS FOR LEE

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO — The name of Robert E. Lee went uncheered at Wednesday night's session of the Democratic convention.

Reason: The hall was so noisy when Permanent Chairman Sam Rayburn mentioned the Confederate hero's name that Southern delegates didn't hear it.

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