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Stevenson's Nomination Is Omen

With the popular wishes among Democratic voters going for the nomination of Estes Kefauver, and with him leading on two ballots at the Democratic convention last week, people soon saw that their wishes were for naught, when Harry S. Truman landed in Chicago. On the third ballot Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois became the party nominee, much to the chagrin of millions.

People, it seems, have no more any voice in whom they wish to represent them in national affairs. Popular demand at the Republican convention proved to that party's stalwarts, whom they had to nominate if the party wished to go any distance this November.

Stevenson's nomination, together with the picking of Sparkman as his running mate, does not appease the solid south which has long been against civil rights, and equality with the negro.

Two weeks before, Democrats were making fun of the Republican convention—the Democratic convention came nearer being a party split. It did however, leave wounds which will not likely heal before the coming general election, and only that will enable the G. O. P. to seat the first president of the past 20 years.

G. O. P. Has Big Battle Ahead Of It

Croice of Adlai Stevenson of Illinois as Democratic standard-bearer for the Democratic party last week at the Democratic national convention certainly was not a popular choice of the voters over the country—most of all the Democratic voters.

Estes Kefauver was the logical choice, but he was not a favorite with the powers of the present administration who maneuvered beautifully to put him aside on the third ballot. Harry S. Truman did not want Kefauver, so Kefauver is not the candidate.

The gloating confidence displayed all through the convention, despite the closeness to a party split-up, was something voters must remember, and heed, come next November.

The Democratic Party, after 20 years of power has become quite arrogant with power—just like the Republican were just ahead of them in the past. Graft and corruption is not new in this country. However, the present administration has "enameled" itself with a voting public—those who have access to the public payroll, which can almost assure itself of a majority—at least it has a campaign group with money to swing the favor toward the democratic party.

Not so, you say! Remember in November, 1948, when all the big newspapers, all the polls, all the commentators who said Dewey was the next president and that Harry S. Truman had not a chance.

The Republican party, even with Eisenhower's popularity, has a tremendous task to win the 1952 election—and do not let anyone, even a Republican politician fool you for a moment.

It's Fast Company In S. W. Oregon!

Admission that Southwestern Oregon league is "the toughest in all Oregon" was made in Monday's Oregonian when it gave an account of Drain's win from the strong Archer's Blower Pipe Co. Roy Helsler, ex-Portland Beaver, pitched and batted a win over the most formidable team Portland had to offer.

Fans hereabouts wonder why Brookings has gotten no further in the 1952 season. Perhaps if this area wished to spend at least \$2000 a game to field teams as does Bandon, Coos Bay-North Bend, Drain and others, then Brookings could be among the winners. This is not an alibi—just an explanation of why things are as they are.

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By DEWEY

Last Friday, for the first time since before World War 2, has there been an itinerant linotype machinist passing through the country. He stopped here and inquired if he might look at the Pilot's Linotype, and having been granted the request, sat down and set up a few lines of type. I knew immediately what he was after, as I had seen these fellow before.

One can not question the know-how of these men, at least I have found that to be true. They once held responsible positions, perhaps with some large daily and then something happened. In this particular case which I mention, the fellow had lost two sons in World War II—both pilots, and he and his wife "just couldn't stand" looking at the old home again.

In a matter of a few minutes, no more than a half hour, he made a number of adjustments, replaced a worn part, which a replacement had long since been ordered, but never time enough to install it. Quick, sure, efficient are those old fellows, they know what they are doing. At this particular moment I doubt if I ever saw this old Linotype working any better.

These machinists are few, and becoming more scarce. Wasn't but a few years ago that there was a group known as 'tramp printers' who periodically traveled a certain route, and would pick up a few days work at each place they stopped. These men were not a hobo in the common use of the word, but were dissatisfied men who could stay put but so long.

The last one of these men I remember seeing was in 1929 at Whitefish, Mont. Every May I could expect old "Col. Harvey" to put in his appearance, and to help me for about a month in preparation of the county fair premium list. He was a master printer—an artist in making up books and getting results.

First knew the Colonel at Miles City, Mont. where he once had owned a job printing concern. On losing his wife, the Colonel took to the road. He spent a number of years as printer aboard a liner at sea. Travel was in his blood. He never stopped until the day at Columbia Falls when he fell from a fast-moving train to his death.

I recall the incident for the coroner had called me to ask if a check he had in his possession with my name attached, was bona fide and if he was a friend of mine. That check, together with county funds buried old Colnel Harvey in a small graveyard on the North Fork of the Flathead river, the last tramp printer I remember seeing.

Yes, Colonel was his name. He told me he had been born in Vir-

ginia, one of twins, and his twin brother had been named Lee. His brother had died in his youth, so Colonel went away from home, to get away from the grief, and in the following years, learned to be a master craftsman in the printing trade. Call it irony if you like, this itinerant machinist once knew the colonel, in the mid-west. Both had learned their trades on the Toledo, O., Blade.

We, in this area, become tired of the fog banks which keep the temperatures below sixty degrees. How would all these who may complain like to live at Medford where the mercury has been at or above the 100 mark almost continuously since the Fourth- It may be just too hot for some of these "air-conditioned coasters"

Sunday's temperature at Medford was a degree above the century mark. To us in this area, that would be about thirty degrees too hot for comfort. Even the people of that area lament the fact that the long hot spell is getting quite monotonous. Sundays see many of them on the coast, and telling us how lucky we really are.

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