

Reminiscences Of A Pioneer Who Heard Democrat Convention

A pioneer lady, who has lived in the Coquille valley nearly, if not all of her life and is now a resident of Coquille, handed the Sentinel this week the thoughts which came to her last week as she listened to the broadcast of the Democratic convention when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was nominated for a Fourth term as president of the United States and Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri was nominated for vice-president.

As I sit and listen to the broadcasting of the many speeches being sent out over the ether, my soul is stirred with the great swelling words that proclaim such wonderful men and women in our grand old republic, although I judged such ones to belong to the democratic party.

Noticed some of the speakers were more tolerant of their republican brothers, poor, deluded, misguided mortals. It takes all kinds of people to make up a world and it's the people who make the country.

How much I realize how we have progressed since the first presidential campaign I can remember, that of Grover Cleveland and James G. Blaine, both fine and brilliant men. The political issue, as I remember, was protective tariff: to be or not to be.

I think of my father, always of a political turn of mind and how he would have enjoyed the radio, listening to the political convention. The news at that time was by weekly newspapers and, if you were miles from the postoffice, you didn't get your news weekly.

I also judge by what I am listening to, that the most of the progress has been made by the democratic administration. Well, so let it be. But as I look back down the years, I wonder if my mind serves me correctly.

I hear them now decrying the terrible time that brought many to the starving point during the Hoover administration. But my mind flows backward down the years to Cleveland's last administration when eggs were ten to fifteen cents per dozen; hogs sold for one and one-half to three cents on foot and two and three-year old beavers were ten and twelve dollars a head if you could sell at all.

Do I hear someone saying, "I wish I knew where I could get beef like that now. We surely would have our winter's supply of meat." Well, we have progressed, thank goodness. We progressed at one time so far that farmers were paid for not raising their increase.

Perhaps the times may not have struck so on the eastern coast as it did here at that time. During the last depression I heard people say, who had come out from the east, that we people on this coast didn't know what hard times were.

Well, at the close of Cleveland's administration the slogan was, "Give us a full dinner pail."

Guess they must have got the full dinner pail for we all seemed quite satisfied for the next twelve or sixteen years. Then all of a sudden we heard, "Vote for Wilson and keep out of war." How that took! We voted for him and kept out of war a month and two days.

In such a democracy as ours can a man say I will do this and so? This isn't a one-man government, yet, believe we were assured up to the last minute we would not become involved in this war but seemed decreed that we should.

After the first world war it unfortunately fell to the lot of a republican administration to pull the ship

of State out of the awful depression which seems always to follow war. It was a long, hard struggle but the national debt did not increase.

While Mr. Hoover is being patted from all sides during this campaign, I am wondering if they have forgotten that Mr. Hoover was working alone. If my memory serves me correctly, his hands were tied by a democratic congress who turned thumbs down on everything he wanted, even to the present banking system. When he tried to put it through it was "no, sir."

Now my understanding is, the president can recommend or veto, but laws are made by congress. So if the president pulls one way and congress the other, their team work doesn't go over. Now when our present president came into office the congress said, according to newspaper—"Here we are hands down; you give the orders and we will see that they are put through."

Among other things, the president seemed to think the change that Mr. Hoover had suggested for the banking system was good, so the change was made. Who got the credit? Why F.D.R. So one says that another may reap.

Strange, but this last world war, the greatest war in history, also the greatest national debt, has fallen under a democratic administration. Wonder who will pull us out of the next depression that always follows a war. Has a democratic president ever done so? May be F.D.R. will be a good soldier and stay by his post, if every fibre of his being does not cry too hard to go home. He certainly should not leave his post until that 200,000,000,000 dollars debt, which by the way isn't all war debt, begins to be whittled down. It might take longer to put it back into the treasury than it did to take it out.

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Marriage Licenses

July 19—Edmond Samuel Harbeck, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Jean A. Lunceford, of Marshfield. They were married at the bay last Friday by Rev. G. H. Newland at his home.

July 20—Robert Joe Cartie, of Marshfield, and Esther Leola Morin, of Allegany. They were also married by Rev. G. H. Newland at his home on Thursday.

July 21—Bert A. Painter and Bertha E. Tate, both of Reedport.

July 22—Gail R. Peterson, of Portland, and Martha Jean Gardner, of Bandon. They were married at the Presbyterian church in Bandon last Saturday by Rev. E. E. Rosenkilde.

June 22—J. H. Peden and Letha Sutphin, both of Vida, Ore.

June 23—Robert Walton Mast and Faye Gill, both of Coquille. They were married by Rev. Chas. G. Brown at the Methodist parsonage here on Saturday.

July 24—William Fredericks, of Lancaster, N. Y., and LeOra R. Simmons, of Marshfield.

July 26—David H. Donaldson, of Corning, Iowa, and Thelma Irene Balthorn, of Lenox, Iowa.

Circuit Court Cases

July 20—Dollie Tucker vs. Amos D. Tucker. Suit for divorce.

July 21—Blythe C. Pellet vs. Bertha L. Pellet. Suit for divorce.

July 21—State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. C. McC. Johnson.

July 24—Bertha B. Parker vs. Geo. L. Parker. Suit for divorce.

If it is insurance, see me.—F. R. Bull.

Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will hold its regular meeting on Friday, July 28, at Guild Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. For the knitters there will be both Army and Navy yarn for sweaters and "beanies," and for the machine sewers, hospital gowns, bed jackets, regulation kit bags, scuff slippers and baby nighties.

The Unit continues to need both wool and cotton yarn, wool material and a small quantity of pale pink and blue wool yarn is wanted to complete a baby afghan.

Mrs. W. F. Laws is thanked for her kindness in accepting Red Cross sewing from time to time, as is Mrs. W. W. Winegar for needles donated and Mrs. Geo. Ulett for used clothing. In the absence of Mesdames A. N. Gould and L. A. Lundquist, cutting work was taken over last week by Mrs. L. P. Fugelson and Mrs. G. B. Howe. Mrs. E. Batty called for yarn for home knitting and Mrs. J. A. Moore was given a lesson in knitting by Mrs. Phil Albora.

The following shipment of completed sewing and knitting was sent to Coos county headquarters last week:

- Knitting
 - 15 Army V-neck Sweaters.
 - 10 Army Beanies.
 - 1 Pr. O. D. Gloves (Army).
- Sewing
 - 20 O. D. Kit Bags (apron style).
 - 11 O. D. Regular Kit Bags.
 - 2 Afghan Laprobes.
 - 2 1/2 Prs. Pajamas.
 - 2 Bed Jackets.
 - 34 Housewives.
 - 45 Hemmed Diapers.
 - 17 Baby "Nighties."
 - 4 Baby Gertrudes.
 - 48 Hospital Wash Cloths (donated)
 - 7 Prs. Scuff Slippers.
 - 25 Fracture Pillows and Pillows Cases and 25 extra cases. These were made and donated by Mrs. W. H. Schroeder.

Coquille people might be interested in knowing that Coquille leads the eight Coos county Red-Cross Units in production, according to Mrs. L. McGeorge, Marshfield, Coos county production chairman. She states further that "because of the high quality and volume of knitting submitted, priority allowances on yarn are now being extended us."

"I am justly proud of this record and I am sure Mrs. J. A. Berg, Mrs. Phil Albora and Mrs. J. R. Bunch join me," says Mrs. D. B. Kesner, local chairman of production, "as this has not been reached by accident but is the result of consistent hard work and plenty of it, on the part of a comparatively small group of patriotic women. In my opinion there can be nothing more important, while our country is at war, than to work to provide necessities and comforts for our servicemen wherever they may be.

"To mention just a few of the things done through the Red Cross: I wonder how many know that one million gallons of blood were collected up to April 1, 1944. That one eleven-pound package of food stuff, medical supplies, cigarettes, etc., is sent each prisoner of war per week, and that the largest shipment made so far to prisoners of war contained 1,320,000 parcels. This was sent via two Swedish ships chartered by the Red Cross earlier this month, and also 13,000 pounds of vegetable and flower seeds were distributed during the month of May to our American prisoners in Germany.

"We realize that the months of July and August, especially, are busy months for the average housewife, with gardens to look after, fruits and vegetables to can or prepare for the lockers, etc., so we cannot and do not expect a normal production during the period but we do hope that our workers will continue to 'carry on'—our boys don't get vacations or 'let-down' periods, and we do sincerely urge new workers to join with us in sewing, knitting or making surgical dressings. We meet once a week at Guild Hall, Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. for sewing, knitting, etc. and Mrs. Bunch now conducts one surgical dressing class each week at her home on Wednesday from 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Each person is asked to bring her own sandwiches and coffee is served there.

"Those women who are working outside their homes and do not have time for Red Cross work might occasionally care to donate yarn, wool material, thread, crochet cotton, etc."

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Mamie Rebekah Lodge Notes

A very successful potluck supper was held by Mamie Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, in the I.O.O.F. dining room on Tuesday evening, July 25. It was the first social event of the fall term. Food was exceedingly plentiful and friendships were enjoyed and furthered. After the supper, Noble Grand Helen Larson opened the regular lodge meeting in due form.

Mrs. Lois Stevens was reported as still being in the hospital but nearly well enough to go home. Mrs. Maud Greene was reported as ill. Mrs. Inez Chase is very much improved. Mrs. Pansy Ross expects to be able to attend the next meeting.

A new finance committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Roberta Trece, Lonnie Clark and Mrs. Elsie Travis.

The matter of a drill captain was discussed. Mrs. Lillian Clark was selected. She then announced that there would be drill practice next Tuesday evening, August 1. Members of the drill team are asked to be sure to remember this practice, as new drills are being planned.

Mrs. Florence Hallock thanked the lodge and members of the Sewing Club for the Past Noble Grand's pin awarded her at the recent installation.

Mrs. Annie Robinson spoke at length in thanking the lodge and Sewing Club for the Past Noble Grand's pin awarded her. She joined the Rebekah lodge here in Coquille forty years ago and she described many of her early day experiences.

The various members who attended the convention gave their personal impression of the work done there. Much help was brought home to the lodge.

The new password for the term was given. Mrs. Myrtle Benham, district deputy president, gave her work before the open lodge as required by regulations.

New committees were appointed as follows: Press, Mrs. Ruth Beyers, chairman; Reception, Mrs. Margaret Stem, Mrs. Ruth Beyers and Mrs. Myrtle Benham; entertainment committee, Miss Margaret Wolgamott, Mrs. Florence Hallock, and E. C. Briner; flower committee, Mrs. Lillian Clark, Mrs. Mary Ellison and Mrs. Elsie Travis.

Mrs. Florence Hallock was installed as musician for the term.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Past Noble Grand's Club will be on Friday evening, August 4, at the J. P. Beyers home.

There Are Millions More Who Have This Thought

A subscriber living down the river writes the Sentinel as follows:

"We surely do like your paper and editorials; also Lenz Leneve's column. Nice someone can slap the New Deal. We hope it gets knocked unconscious on Nov. 7, never to come to life again, and that the soaring first lady gets time to stay home a little and leave the planes for the men fighting the war and that the gasoline she squanders may be used by civilians in going to church or visiting a sick friend. Wouldn't this be wonderful for Americans after all these years of squandering!"

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Navy Enlistment For More 17-Year Olds

Welcome news for Navy-minded 17-year-oldsters was contained in an announcement this week by Chief Specialist Paul Connet of Marshfield Navy recruiting station that an enlarged quota for enlistments from this age group has been opened by the Navy for the immediate future.

The recruiter urged that young men who previously have applied for Naval enlistment but who have not yet been accepted because of quotas in effect recently, visit the Navy recruiting station at once for completion of enlistment procedure.

It is not known, the recruiter pointed out, how long the currently expanded quota for 17-sters will remain in effect. These youth must apply far enough in advance of their 18th birthday to allow for completion of enlistment before they become subject to selective service at the age of 18, after which time they are not eligible for voluntary enlistment in the Navy or any other military service branch.

In announcing the newly enlarged enlistment quota, the recruiter also pointed out that the opportunity for 17-year-olds to qualify for the Navy's radio technician program—a type of training which involves intensive and valuable education in the field of modern high frequency—still is open. He invited young men interested in this opportunity to visit the local station where they may be given a test to determine whether they can qualify for "RT" training. Those who can qualify may be enlisted with the advanced rating of seaman first class. Men of other ages, up to a maximum of 50 1/2 years also may take this test.

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Rosicrucians Propose International Day

A day, to be designated "International Day," which would be observed throughout the world, when, through international radio hookups and through the consuls of various countries, there would be an exchange of ideas of the people of the various countries, exhibits of their work, their native pursuits, their industries and other characteristics, was proposed at the recently concluded International Rosicrucian Convention in San Jose, California.

W. E. Reynolds, 522 East 10th St., Coquille, who has just returned as a delegate from the convention, said that Ralph M. Lewis, Imperator of the Philosophic Order, remarked in his address: "It is generally agreed that the peace of the world will depend upon a mutual understanding of the problems of the peoples of the nations. Such understanding will eliminate suspicion, hatred and unintentional oppression through unreasonable tariffs and economic measures which tend to work hardships upon some nations."

Mr. Reynolds said that it was further proposed that the ideal time for such a day would be March 21, the occasion of the vernal equinox, the symbolic beginning of the new year, the time of the rebirth of nature, the springtime, the time of hope and rejuvenation of life.

The convention, attended by seven hundred delegates, including those from Mexico, Canada and South America, was in favor of the plan. It was suggested that it be immediately brought to the consideration of

the legislative bodies of the various countries which favor a unity of peoples upon a sound foundation of peace.

Geo. P. Laird A Member Insurance Leaders' Club

The Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company announces that George P. Laird has won recognition by being named a member of the company's Leaders' club. Membership in the club is attained by agents who meet their production quota on a volume and premium basis. Twenty-three agents of the company were named leaders in 1944. Mr. Laird is a local representative for the Perry H. Walbridge general agency. In prewar years he and Mrs. Laird would have been invited to a Leaders' club conference at some resort, but due to the war these conventions have been discontinued.

Instead he is being supplied an advanced underwriter service; and because he qualified for membership on a double basis, Mrs. Laird is receiving Irish table linen.

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