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A Krazy Cat Performance

POLITICAL conventions may come and go, party platforms may ebb and flow, but keynote speeches go on the SAME forever.

There is an unwritten law never deviated from, by the keynote speaker of the party in power, namely: To deliver the speech with the solemn pomposity of a Decoration Day orator during the Grant administration.

To claim the opposition party can do no RIGHT, the administration party can do no WRONG.

To point to mistakes as achievements, and achievements as evidence of unparalleled administrative genius.

To shout continuously for at least three hours, until the speaker's stiff collar has entirely disappeared, and most of the bored and perspiring delegates have.

To never forget the Civil War, and end on that stirring patriotic note, while the band plays, the gallery clappers function, and the press boys file in after their three hour recess, during which PROFESSIONAL duties were confined to putting the following three words on the wire:

"KEYNOTE SPEECH RELEASED!"

There is the G. O. P. keynote formula, and it is just as sacred an ark in the Republican covenant, as it was half a century ago. Those who can explain WHY, can no doubt also explain, why during such a depression as the present one, the Republican convention should remain in session for a week instead of adjourning in two days!

Why Not Talk Sense!

THE present writer has attended several party conventions in the past and has always wondered what would happen if the keynote speaker should talk sense for half an hour, instead of nonsense for two or three hours.

We know what the reaction would be in the press gallery,—these hard working lads would get up on their hind legs and cheer. But no doubt the more infirm members of the Old Guard would fall over dead,—and it is perhaps in deference to them, and their relatives, that this antiquated ritual is so meticulously adhered to.

WE wonder what would have happened in Chicago today, if Senator Dickinson had devoted a few words to consideration of the prohibition problem, instead of ignoring that issue entirely.

We wonder what would have happened, had he declared the time for lowering the nation's tariff walls HAD COME, instead of lauding the Smoot-Hawley bill, as a bulwark of national prosperity, a protecting wall against the flood of cheap goods from Europe.

We wonder what would have happened, had he admitted that while the formation of the farm board, represented a sincere effort to keep up prices on wheat and cotton and grain, thanks to the law of supply and demand, this effort had failed, and that the problem must be attacked from another angle.

WE wonder what would have happened, had he maintained that President Hoover had done everything in his power to end the depression,—had done more than any other man in his position could have done,—that but for his efforts the depression would undoubtedly have been even more disastrous than it is today,—but the fact remained, business conditions had grown steadily worse instead of better, and that if returned to power the Republican party pledged itself to a program in harmony with the NEW rather than with an OLD economic era.

SUCH a keynote would have been sense instead of nonsense, would have rung true instead of false, would have been realistic, instead of fantastic.

But such a key note has never been delivered in a Republican convention or in a Democratic convention, and probably never will be. The venerable professional politicians who determine the ritual of major party conventions, like the Bourbons, remember nothing and forget nothing. Like Nero they continue to fiddle, while Rome burns.

PERHAPS some day party conventions will be held in an atmosphere of rationalism and common sense. But those who have high hopes in this direction, should not be too sanguine. When all is said and done, party conventions merely represent the level of political consciousness, throughout the country at large.

A long as the rank and file fall for unadulterated whang-doodle, clap-trap and hooey in their local politics, they can expect little better in their national conventions.

HOUSE POSTPONES BALLOT ON BONUS UNTIL WEDNESDAY

(Continued from Page One.)

Senator Vinson, the Democratic leader, told newspapermen "the bonus is licked."

"It will pass the house but there are not enough votes for the necessary two-thirds to pass it over a presidential veto," Rainey said.

Senate leaders continued to claim 55 votes—a majority of the 99 members of that branch—against the legislation. President Hoover has promised a veto if it reaches the White House.

Representative Vinson (D. Ky.) the first speaker for the bill, filed the minority report supporting it from the ways and means committee, which rejected the full payment plan, July 14 to 11.

"Opponents of this measure," Vinson said, "say it will bring us to the brink of havoc and chaos."

"We deny that. We say that throughout this congress the legislation enacted has been a superficial treatment of the disease."

"It is the solemn and sincere hope of its sponsors that this bill goes to the roots of the disease. We believe it is the only measure brought upon the floor that meets the funda-

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Prohibition and Gold. A Lesson, No Cash. The Unknown Speaks. Hanging for Kidnapers.

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For the Republican convention, telegraph companies have provided wires and operators enough to transmit 350,000 words an hour. They will be needed, for Americans like many words. A few would suffice for the actual news, enough to tell that President Hoover has been renominated, that another man has, or has not, been chosen to take Vice-President Curtis' place, and that the Republicans have adopted a prohibition plank, to please the wets as much as possible, and offend the dries as little as possible.

The Republican party will demand a plank for the preservation of the gold standard, though the heavens fall, because the gold standard is the only reliable foundation of prosperity. Some may ask: "What KIND of prosperity? This kind, or the 1929 brand?"

The old Republican party, with the sorrow of failure in her heart, will appear at her convention grasping in her arms the little gold fetish, even as a criminal goes to the electric chair having on his person something to represent his particular religion.

The new German government will tell assembled nations at Lausanne that Germany can, and WILL, no longer pay for losing the war.

After that, the French and Italians, and the British, probably, will announce that they will not pay us. Paris announces that the French and English prime ministers have "an understanding" that includes an understanding about the debts.

This country has already reduced ten billions of debt to five billions, and five billions more or less will not "make or break" the United States. The attitude of our foreign friends, which the United States should remember in future wars, is about this.

A man borrows from his friend, and later says: "I regret to tell you that I expected to pay that debt of honor by beating another man and taking the money from him. I have beaten him, and taken a good deal from him, but I can't get any more, so you don't get paid."

We shall not get our money, but we get a lesson that ought to be useful. The next time Europe comes begging, borrowing and sobbing, it will find Uncle Sam with his fingers tightly crossed.

A delegation of veterans, camping in Washington, went to pay tribute to the unknown soldier. It would not have surprised them to hear from the tomb these words: "The country that was supposed to be so grateful doesn't know and doesn't much care who you are. It only wishes you would go home and stay home. It does not know who I am either, and by this time probably does not care much."

Martin Deputis, alias Marshall Dewey, arrested as the leader of a gang that kidnaped a woman in Kansas City, tells detectives: "Boys, you're only wasting your time. I did it. I'm going to get the noose, and I'm not afraid."

Missouri, in which the kidnaping was done, seeks to discourage that crime by punishing it with death. Capital punishment is abhorrent, but if the five men that combined to kidnap the Missouri woman and extort \$75,000 from her were all strung up at once, it might make kidnaping seem less attractive.

The republic of Columbia makes up its mind quickly. Ten days ago it established "partial prohibition," stopping the sale of liquors between 6 in the morning and 6 in the evening on holidays.

The people did not like it and the partial prohibition ceases, by presidential decree. We do not decide so rapidly. We wait until prohibition bootlegging has financed an army of crime that will be dangerous and hard to handle if an end of prohibition cuts off their supplies of money.

Different countries, different troubles. In Turkey, the price of wheat has doubled, Turks are crying for bread, and the government seeks to prevent an increase in the price.

In this country, the price of wheat has gone to almost nothing, the farmers are crying for a chance to make both ends meet, and the price of bread remains as usual.

Ruth Bryan Owens, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, possesses her father's sincerity. She supported the "lame duck" bill for-

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

CURE OF NAVEL HERNIA

My little boy now three years old developed a navel hernia when three months old, writes an eastern correspondent. On the advice of our physician I proceeded with the same method of treatment which you described in your recent talk. It grew worse until after a few weeks it was the size of a large walnut. A surgeon who happened to see the child assured me it would be necessary to operate. He said it was impossible for a hernia as large as that to be cured in any other way. (The surgeon would. Nevertheless plenty of hernias, in children and adults, are being cured nowadays in ways which ever ready operators have yet to learn.)

Despite this, the correspondent continues, I took him to another physician. He instructed me in the method of pinching the muscles together. He agreed that the method I had used would probably not help matters any; that the pressure of the padded coin or disc served merely to keep the muscles of the abdominal wall spread apart. He explained that the better way is to push the protrusion back into place and then pinching the muscles together and strapping securely with adhesive plaster, hold it back in place indefinitely. This I did, as he showed me, for several months, and I am glad to say that the cure is now complete. (Mrs. S. R.)

The muscles of importance in this treatment are the pair of rectus muscles which lie one on either side of the midline and extend straight up and down. With strips of adhesive plaster applied crosswise above and below the navel, one can keep the muscles pulled together.

But adhesive plaster is likely to excoriate the skin and in any case must be freshly applied every few days, and the mother may fail to get it on in such a way as to keep the muscles drawn together.

Dr. Frank E. Brundage, Buffalo pediatrician, designed a special belt for this purpose, and when used as he directs it is effective in drawing the muscles together and keeping them together, and it eliminates the un-

bidding members to sit in congress after the election of their successors, and being defeated in the primaries she will resign from congress December 1st, allowing the man elected in her place to take her seat and her salary.

This sincerity sets before other congressmen a good example that will NOT be followed.

It is said that the Republican prohibition plank will make the national government assist with funds and enforcement states that choose to remain dry, in case others go wet. Such states will need much assistance probably. They will become the camping ground of all the highly trained bootleggers and their racketeer hangers on.

It would be difficult for states remaining dry to support the bootlegging industry in the "manner to which it has become accustomed."

Eagle Point

EAGLE POINT, June 14.—(Special)—R. C. Skellenger and Albion Johnson of Trail purchased lumber here June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hoffer, Mike Moran and Miss Dorothy Clark of Portland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffer en route to Crater Lake.

Mrs. Jasper Hanna of Trail shopped here June 8.

Notices are posted for the annual school election June 26, calling for one director for one year and one director for two years to fill the vacancies of A. C. Mittelstaedt, resigning.

Lawrence Winslow, manager of the Faber & Co. store, and H. L. Wright, field representative of a Portland feed firm, visited local turkey and rabbit raisers June 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hurst and daughter, Inogene, visited at the William Hurst home June 8.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Catey of Central Point were dinner guests June 5 of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spencer.

Mrs. B. A. Clark and Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin attended the Rogue River Valley College Women's club meeting June 12 at the Porter J. Neff residence, Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davies left June 13 for Silverton to attend the State Grange. Mrs. W. E. Davies accompanied them to Oakland to visit her mother. The Davies will also visit relatives in Salem.

Eagle Point women attending the singing demonstration June 10 held by Mrs. Mabel Mack, assisted by Mrs. Lathrop, at Mrs. Outerstouff's, were: Mesdames Davis, M. Hixon, Carl Eech, R. T. Seaman, Thomas Riley, Josephine Holmes, P. A. Dinamore, Claude Tesque, Charles Walker, W. H. Young and B. A. Clark.

Bill Miller arrived home from O. S. C. June 10.

Mrs. Lola Hildreth and Mr. Mure of Jacksonville were at the Sunnyside Hotel June 11 and were invited to the Grange entertainment Saturday evening.



WILL ROGERS says:

CHICAGO, June 13.—Well, here I am right at the stage door waiting to see all the actors in this great comedy called "a convention held for no reason at all."

I have the distinction of being the first democratic white child to arrive at the republican fiasco. Breakfast at home Saturday morning, dinner in Kansas City then into Chicago for breakfast Sunday, but disgraced myself by making the last hop on the train, as there was no regular plane. Guess I am getting old and going back. Be taking up golf next.

A newspaper man spoiled my whole convention by asking me if I was an alternate. Now a delegate is bad enough, but an alternate is just a spare tire for a delegate. An alternate is the lowest form of political life there is. He is the parachute in a plane that never leaves the ground. Yours,

Will Rogers

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chapman and children and Mr. and Mrs. David Neville and children were in Medford Sunday.

Mrs. Stewart Ditzworth is a pneumonia patient in the Medford Community Hospital in Medford.

Earl Ulrich is quite ill from an infected boil.

Mrs. Rubie Moore has been ill the past week with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubie Moore and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Chapman and daughter spent Sunday at Brown's cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Chapman and Rubie Moore were Medford shoppers Monday.

Annual school election will be held June 20 in the Prospect gymnasium. Mr. Gobet of Central Point, will be Prospect school principal next year.

Mrs. Frances Pearson will also teach in the high school and Mrs. Morfat, Miss Patmore and Miss Smith will be the grade teachers.

Jenkins' Comment

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for it has cost since the world began. And yet who of us wouldn't go hunting for buried treasure if we had a fairly accurate idea as to where it might be found?

The yearning for romantic adventure aethes in the veins of all of us, and those of us who don't go adventuring merely lack the opportunity—not the desire.

OREGON is rich in legends of lost gold mines. There is the famous Blue Bucket mine, for example, located somewhere in the vast country east of the mountains.

There are many versions of the story, but all agree as to the blue bucket, which was brought back to camp filled with ore of astonishing richness.

Fear of Indiana is supposed to have driven the finders on, after the discovery of the ore and before more of it could be recovered.

THEN the lost Dutchmen's mine in the North Umpqua country, which is alleged to have been discovered by three Dutchmen who came out simply loaded down with gold which they peddled all the way from Eugene to Klamath Falls.

They are said to have been killed by irate Indians, whose squaws they had stolen, before they could get back to the scene of their find.

The story of this mine still persists, and efforts are yet made to locate it.

WHAT would YOU do, if a secret map, purporting to show the location of the Blue Bucket mine or the Dutchmen's mine, should come into your possession?

Would you laugh and throw it away, saying to yourself that it was all moonshine and that efforts to find lost mines are silly waste of time?

Probably not—at least if you are a normal person, with a normal streak of romance in your make-up. The chances are you would go adventuring off to have a try at finding the treasure.

We aren't half as humdrum and unromantic, any of us, as we pretend to be.

Operate On Eye Of Princess Beatrice

LONDON, June 14.—(AP)—A preliminary operation for removal of a cataract from the right eye, was performed today on the Princess Beatrice, 75, aunt of King George. Princess Beatrice is the daughter of Queen Victoria and the mother of former Queen Victoria of Spain.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 13, 1922. (It was Thursday) Rainy spell continues.

Marconi declares it will soon be possible to radio around the world. High jinks to be held on Main street tonight as big "feature" of Prosperity Week.

A number of Medford families left the past week on extended auto tours, until school opens in the fall.

Dr. Gitten dehorn a bull at his stable on Fir street, after which the bull staggered to the middle of the street and laid down. All efforts to make the bull arise failed until a cowboy appeared and twisted the bull's tail and led him back to the corral.

Labor shortage in valley continues. Free feed at city park attracts 1000 people.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY June 14, 1912. (It was Friday) Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Miles leave to attend the Rose festival at Portland.

Supporters of Col. Roosevelt in valley grid loins for action if Taft nominated. Rogue river fishing continues poor.

Farmers report shortage of hay in valley. Uniforms arrive for members of Co. 7.

Forty periah in mid-west cyclone. Jackson county tax levy among lowest in state.

Talks To Parents

Playing Princess (By Alice Judson Peale) A mother is distressed because her little girl plays constantly, to the exclusion of all more wholesome, realistic play, a game of make believe in which she is a princess.

As princess she is surrounded by adoring servants and a devoted lady-in-waiting who anticipates her every wish.

She is, of course, the most beautiful creature in the whole wide world. She has long golden hair and she wears dresses of gold and silver sewn with diamonds. She dances so wonderfully that people crowd about the palace gates to catch a glimpse of her.

This kind of make believe goes on day after day for hours together. The dolls, the housekeeping toys, the skates and balls that her mother had hoped would stimulate her to a more natural kind of play either are rejected or pressed into the service of the princess game. Her mother wonders how she can meet this situation.

The difficulty obviously is that this little girl needs so much to enjoy a direct outlet for her self love and her wish for power that the more usual child games make no appeal to her.

An attempt to prevent her from playing the particular fantasy which she has made for herself would not help. Her imagination, her energies would continue to be occupied with it—in secret.

The only real help in such instances is to discover and change those elements in the child's real life which are so profoundly unsatisfactory for herself such unreal pleasures.

Lack of genuine affection from one or both parents, a feeling of inferiority brought about by criticisms or comparisons with other children, especially a brother or sister are among the possible causes.

ITALY CONSIDERING SICILY ISLE BRIDGE

ROME (AP)—A project for spanning the strait of Messina, between Sicily and the Italian mainland, with a huge steel bridge is being considered by the government.

The bridge would be about a mile long and 360 feet above the water. Antonio Calabretta, noted Italian engineer, is in charge of the plan. He has made provisions for arming the bridge against attack.

VATICAN CITY LACKS NAMES FOR STREETS

VATICAN CITY.—(AP)—Following Vatican City finds itself with 13 streets and even squares lacking names.

The pope has appointed a special commission to remedy the lack. It is probable that the old square of St. Martin, which has been enlarged and modernized, will be named after the present pontiff.

Glum Spring in Sweden STOCKHOLM (AP)—Because of the crisis growing out of the Kruger affair, students of the universities of Lund and Uppsala abandoned for this year their annual celebration of the return of spring.

Map Italy's Eating Habits ROME (AP)—A gastronomic map of Italy, showing by varying colors the special dishes of the areas, for which each province of Italy is noted, has been published by the government tourist bureau. "Spaghetti pink" predominates.

Portraits of distraction. The Peasants, opp. Holly theater.