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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County His-
tory from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years
ago.

10 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1942

(It Was Monday)

Army engineers advise land-
owners in Beagle area they must
vacate property by July 1 to al-
low construction of army can-
tonment.From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Rationing
of sugar will start next month.
There will be no reduction of
the amount in pears as rumored.

20 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1922

(It Was Wednesday)

Medford high school Basket-
ball Coach Darwin K. Burgher
awards basketball letters to
George Harrington, Bill Knips,
Tommy White, Alton Lindley,
Max Gilinsky, Wilton White and
Oliver Hughes.

30 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1922

(It Was Thursday)

Federal road bureau awards
\$75,500 contract for paving of
6.4 miles of road from Prospect
to Medford.Boris Karloff appears as the
romantic lead in "The Cave
Girl," moving picture at Med-
ford theater.

40 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1912

(It Was Saturday)

George M. Dunn, Ashland, de-
feats F. E. Merrick, Medford, in
bitterly contested campaign for
Republican nomination as Jack-
son county judge; county sup-
ports Robert M. LaFollette over
Theodore Roosevelt by narrow
margin as GOP presidential nom-
inee.White Star Steamship line of
ficials state 1,635 persons died
following collision of liner Tita-
nic and iceberg.

COMMUNICATIONS

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stances the use of a pen name or
initial for publication is permis-
sible, the Mail Tribune reserves
the right to edit all letters with
view to clarification and concen-
sation. Letters are limited for pub-
lication must not exceed 400 words.

Merchants Praised

To the Editor: Since 1946
when I arrived in this city I have
noticed the constant changes
made on the face of Medford
streets. I believe these improve-
ments point up the fact that the
merchants are not out for pure
profit but for the betterment of
the community.I wonder how many people
have said, "Thank you" for the
improvements made? Probably
too many of us take it for grant-
ed that it is the merchant's duty
to fix his store building in inter-
est of business; but I believe, to
coin a phrase, "that the mer-
chants of Medford have acted
above and beyond the call of
duty."Take a walk downtown today
and look at the improvements
that have been made, such as
the new Allen hotel front, Pen-
neys, Newberry's, the Medical
Center building, Medford Sta-
tionery store, Mann's, and Burei-
son's, and more that are being
made.Speaking for my friends and
myself I say, "Thank you for im-
proving our community."

Mrs. Marcia Brown

421 W. 10th St.

Medford, Oregon

Machine Politics In Oregon

Eight candidates for delegates to the Republican National convention in Chicago have refused to accept a moral and legal obligation to support in the convention the choice of Oregon voters for president and vice president.

The "strategy" utilized by these eight candidates has all the earmarks of imported machine politics. The scheme was promoted by Lowell C. Paget, state chairman for Senator Robert A. Taft.

Faced with the almost certainty that General Dwight D. Eisenhower would win an overwhelming majority in this state, the Taft forces refused to permit Taft's name to go on the ballot in an open and fair contest but instead devised a "slick strategy" by which they hoped to sneak eight delegates into the Oregon delegation who will be in a position to vote for Taft on the first ballot.

AS AN example of the "strategy" employed by this group, there is the well-known name of Phil Metschan who filed by petition. Most people in Oregon will instantly recognize the name as one who had been high in the republican party councils and was a well-known hotel proprietor in Portland for years. But most people may not know that the well-known Phil Metschan died last year, that his widow is an ardent supporter of Eisenhower and the Phil Metschan whose name appears on the Oregon ballot as a candidate for delegate is a nephew of the hotel man.

THESE eight candidates filed for delegates under an obsolete 1905 law which nobody thought to repeal when in 1915 the legislature passed a bill setting up the Oregon presidential primary system whereby the people directly vote their choice for president and vice president and select instructed delegates to carry out their will.

No candidate in thirty years has filed under the obsolete 1905 law until the Taft "strategists" dug up this repudiated method from the political grave. Under the 1915 law and under which all other candidates, 77 of them, each candidate must file a declaration that if elected he will work in the convention for those candidates for president and vice president who receive the largest number of votes in the Oregon primary.

IN ADDITION to Paget the eight candidates who refused to pledge support to the choice of the voters are:

Robert A. Bennett.
Mrs. Irene H. Gerlinger.
John R. Latourette Jr.
Irving Rand, all candidates for delegate-at-large.
U. S. Balentine of Klamath Falls.
Ernest G. Swigert of Portland, both district candidates.

If Oregon voters are to keep their privilege of participating directly in the nomination of the country's two top officials, they should defeat these eight by a majority so overwhelming that no one in the future will attempt to rob them of their voting privilege in the presidential primary.

One of the eight candidates for delegates who filed by petition explained the action by saying that it "was in protest to a small political clique in Oregon."

Perhaps this candidate will find on May 16 that if there is any political clique other than that headed by Paget it will be the "clique" of Oregon voters on May 16.—George Putnam, Editor Salem Capital-Journal.

A Challenge To "Purple Ink"

The editorial above should please an anonymous correspondent who always writes in long-hand (with purple ink) usually ending up with "Lay-off-McCarthy-and-Taft, everybody's sick of it!"—or words to that effect.

We can't say for sure, as we don't file anonymous communications, but we have a pious idea that the author of the frequent pro-Taft-and-McCarthy contributions, also sent similar protests when this department was lambasting the Ku Klux Klan and the Good Government Congress, two or three times a week.

At least there was a persistent correspondent then who got awfully tired of our favorite theme-songs, told us time after time to lay-off, that everyone else was fed up, and we did more harm than good by giving the worthy brethren so much "free-advertising."

It was ever thus!

THE above editorial, however, comes from an entirely new source, and while it condemns the Taft-Fadget scheme to defeat the primary—and properly so—it is a product of the former editor of the Mail Tribune (and a very able one) not the present editor.

Moreover no one can accuse Editor Putnam of being a "New Dealer" (but wearing false-whiskers); nor a "Fair Dealer" (posing as a "Bull Moose") nor a Dean Acheson "sycophant"—a few of the favorite epithets of our unknown and untiring Nemesis.

But Putnam is an "Independent"—or used to be—and while "Old-Purple-Ink" doesn't like the breed, he surely can't, in this case, maintain it is only another name for "Communist."—R.W.R.

Will Ike Fall For It

How can a candidate for president decline, in a press conference, to answer questions clearly and positively about his views on the Taft-Hartley act, civil liberties, farm supports, taxes, foreign aid, war in Korea, and all the other issues of the times?—Portland Oregonian.

All the "other issues" of the times takes in a lot of territory!

We can't believe the Oregonian is so naive as not

to see the hook in this juicy bait, which was thrown out immediately after General Eisenhower announced his plan to return to this country—and by whom?

—By SENATOR ROBERT ALONZO TAFT!

IS IT reasonable to suppose that if such a procedure were calculated to aid the General politically the one man in the country, who is staying awake nights thinking up ways to defeat him, would be the originator, and most vehement advocate of it?

Don't be silly!

This sort of demand is in line with the well-known shyster lawyer query—

Have you stopped beating your mother-in-law?
Answer "yes" or "no."

If you answer "yes" you admit, of course, you have been beating her, and if you answer "no," you not only admit that, but that you intend to continue.

"Mother-in-law beating" may not be regarded by anyone as an issue in the forthcoming campaign—if not it will be a rare exception—but don't worry, there will be plenty of Taft newspaper men in these press conferences with similar "poison queries," which if answered "clearly and positively" will not only embarrass the general but lose him votes. AND THEY WILL BE ASKED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND THAT PURPOSE ONLY!

IF GENERAL EISENHOWER falls for this sort of hocus-pocus, he is dumber politically than we have been led to suppose.

Not that he should fail to make his stand on the vital, fundamental issues perfectly clear, but this does not mean that as a candidate, he is under any obligation to take a definite stand on, not only the fundamental issues but "ALL THE OTHERS."

"All the others" would undoubtedly include what any member of his press conference might wish to present as an issue. Such a demand is simply "sucker bait"—and "Mr. Republican" knows it, if the leading Republican newspaper of the Pacific Northwest DOESN'T!—R.W.R.

Judge Carey Didn't

The above reminds the writer of an experience at the Republican convention in Chicago over 30 years ago.

A member of the Oregon delegation declared the night before Senator Harding of Ohio was nominated, that he would be, the day following. It had all been rigged up in that much-advertised smoke-filled room. "RWR" was pretty young then—at any rate YOUNGER—and decidedly unsuspicious. He didn't believe a word of it.

The next day, however, that is what happened and "Ye Editor" was invited to sit in on a meeting of the Oregon delegation to consider subsequent campaign policies—at least listen to them.

JUDGE CAREY of Portland was the chief spokesman for the delegation and we remember as if it were yesterday, how in his shirt-sleeves and suspenders (the hotel room was not only smoke-filled but the mercury registered close to 100°) he laid down the campaign strategy of what should be followed. It went something like this:

Don't let anyone persuade Harding to follow the Wilson technique and conduct a cross-country all-out campaign. That isn't his line. Make him stay at home and conduct a front-porch campaign, but not on the defensive, on the OFFENSIVE with men like Hays and Childs giving him the ammunition.

That was done, and needless to say it succeeded—100%.

FOR VERY DIFFERENT REASONS, we believe if Judge Carey were here today he would give similar advice to the Eisenhower supporters, concerning this business of the proper strategy to follow before the nomination.

In fact it is our guess the Judge would never have yielded to the pressure-demand that the General quit his post in Europe and enter the rough and tumble question-and-answer period here in the U.S.A. as all his opponents have urged.

JUDGE CAREY was too smart to fall for that sort of "ambush." He was a great judge of men and human nature. He would have realized at once that what the Taft forces were so insistent upon, was the one procedure that should, by all means be avoided.

We grant he would be in the minority today, but the plain truth is he was in a minority at the close of that Chicago convention. But four months later everyone admitted he had been right.

Our prediction is political history will repeat itself, in this respect, before the November election, perhaps in less time than that.—R.W.R.

Small Mt. Vernon Boy Dies Following Blaze

John Day, Ore.—(U.P.)—A two-and-a-half-year old boy died Friday of burns suffered in a fire which destroyed the home of his parents at Mt. Vernon, Ore.

The child, Michael Oip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Oip, died while being rushed to Portland by plane. The youngster was brought to John Day hospital where he was given plasma before being put aboard the plane for the 300-mile flight to Portland. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Good Samaritan hospital.

Three other children and the parents escaped injury in the blaze which broke out about 7 a.m. when an oil stove exploded.

The house, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart of Dayville, was destroyed.

Cinder Removal Case Continued by Judge

Portland — (U.P.) — Hearing of the government's case to prohibit removal of cinders from federal lands near Madras has been continued until 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24.

The hearing was scheduled to open Friday in U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon's court but it was delayed on request of Assistant U. S. District Attorney Don McEwen.

The government is seeking a permanent injunction to prevent Samuel B. Rawson, central Oregon contractor, from removing the cinders which are used in road construction work.

Montana is planning to use part of its state gasoline fund to advertise for tourists.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Why don't you invite your mother for a visit the same week you do your housecleaning—instead of after it's all done?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THE HALFWAY MARK

Washington — With the New Jersey primary, the pre-convention struggle has at least passed the halfway mark — a minor blessing to be thankful for. General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower has rounded the turn with a big surge forward, but it is extremely important to note that Sen. Robert A. Taft is still running steadily and still running hard.

The comparative positions of the two contenders are best judged on the face of the figures. Some weeks ago, Taft headquarters admitted a confidential estimate of the Senator's potential strength at the Republican convention. According to this tabulation, it was hoped that the Ohio Senator would go out to Chicago with a minimum of 653 delegates, overt and concealed.

Certain states, like Michigan, were considered too uncertain for inclusion. Nonetheless, 653 votes on the first ballot would surely be enough to give Sen. Taft the quick victory toward which his strategy has always been aimed. In the weeks since this estimate of his strength was made Sen. Taft, however, has run a much slower race than originally forecast.

The biggest set-back occurred in Maryland, where Taft forces counted on the support of Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, who has now announced for Gen. Eisenhower. Despite the grumbling of the Ohio Senator's friends, there is very little doubt indeed that Gov. McKeldin has the power to take his state's twenty-four votes into the Eisenhower camp. In other states, Sen. Taft has had some ups, as in Nebraska and Illinois, and some downs, as in New Jersey and New Hampshire. Over all, the best estimate now gives Taft 208 delegates, but if he had done as well as previously expected, he would have slightly over 250.

IT IS bad weakness in any race to travel about 20 per cent less than his planned speed. On the other hand, the senator is still a most formidable contender. This is best illustrated, curiously enough, by a somewhat more recent confidential tabulation of Gen. Eisenhower's strength, prepared by the Eisenhower high command.

This Eisenhower forecast shows the General with approximately 520 delegates on the first ballot, with about 350 for Sen. Taft. These figures reflect considerable hope, as well as many solid promises. For example, in the always dubious south, the Eisenhower high command claims substantially larger inroads into normal party strength than one could like to bet on at this writing.

If you adjust the Eisenhower estimate by writing down the more obviously optimistic claims, you reach the conclusion that the General and the Senator are going into the convention with almost equal blocks of delegates. Each block ought to be between 450 and 500, out of the 1,205 total.

To be sure, this is only the outlook as of now. Sen. Taft, for example, may benefit unexpectedly by the withdrawal of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois from the Democratic contest. Stevenson's withdrawal is bound to sow confusion among the Democrats. And the Republican professional politicians, encouraged by the disorders among their enemies, will be more inclined to gamble on naming Sen. Taft.

BY the same token, the whole picture can be radically altered if Gov. John S. Fine, of Pennsylvania, decided to declare himself. Fine controls the largest block of his state's seventy votes, of which Sen. Taft's forces claim forty. If the Pennsylvania Governor plumps for Eisenhower, he could start a bandwagon rush, which would in turn more than substantiate all the Eisenhower claims in the South. In Pennsylvania, where the voting

balance has changed to favor the Democrats in recent years, most grass-root politicians are reported to want Eisenhower, because they think he will help their local nominees. Perhaps for this reason, Gov. Fine, while continuing to make a mystery of his intentions, has recently seemed to incline toward the Eisenhower camp.

In summary, there is no doubt at all that the New Jersey outcome leaves Gen. Eisenhower in an excellent position to win the Republican nomination. But there is equally no doubt that the Eisenhower leaders are crowing very prematurely, when they attempt to discount the chances of Sen. Taft. As of today, it seems most likely that these two leading contenders will go into the convention with rather evenly balanced strength.

The result will then depend on the secondary strength each candidate can develop, from the following of such lesser contenders as Gov. Earl Warren of California. Here Gen. Eisenhower has a much better chance than Sen. Taft. Yet there is always the possibility that the vision of a deadlocked convention and a dark horse nomination, which fascinates owners of small groups of delegates, will somehow upset the plans of the Eisenhower camp.

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90 Per Cent Parity Approval Expected By Senator Mundi

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Karl E. Mundi has predicted that Congress will approve the request of Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan to fix price supports for basic farm crops at 90 per cent of parity.

The South Dakota Republican, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said he believed Congress will take steps to "insure" that producers of these crops get "at least" 90 per cent of the parity figure.

Brannan asked an Agriculture subcommittee Friday to repeal the sliding scale under which support prices can range from 75 to 90 per cent of parity for the basic crops — corn, wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco.

He said supports should be pegged at 90 per cent to insure farmers that they would not suffer losses if they expand production.

IN BAD TOO OFTEN

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Police have arrested Gordon Whittitt 257 times by his own count. The 53-year-old Whittitt, in city court for the second time in two days, figured up his string of arrests and asked the judge for leniency. He drew the maximum fine.

Thousands of prizes are awarded every year to the 6,500 stations on British railways for attractive flower gardens, lawns and hedges.

Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of a series of statements furnished by candidates for local office in the primary election May 16. They are being published by The Mail Tribune as a free service to the candidates, and for the information of readers wishing to inform themselves of candidates' positions relative to their candidacy.

By G. A. DIERDORFF, D. O. Republican
for State Representative

My "hat is in the ring" because I believe that a dutiful citizen cannot always "let somebody else do it" in promoting the principles of good government or in protecting the values he holds most worthy.

I stand for:
The application of Christian principles in government. be-



DR. G. A. DIERDORFF

cause I believe that such is the only completely satisfactory way of establishing equitable and lasting relationships between individuals, communities, and states.

A balanced economy requires that we spend no more than we can earn. Tax loopholes need to be plugged; unworkable or unfair taxes to be revised or abolished; discretion to be maintained in spending.

Free enterprise without unnecessary governmental control. Free enterprise and free competition have accounted for our country's high standards of living, improved methods of operating in every field, and superior health standards. Why change these for methods that are undemocratic or that have failed?

Social improvement without socialism. Possible only through the awareness of further social needs and its accompanied by a vigorous spirit of self-reliance, pride, and individual achievement. As Lincoln put it, "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Your vote appreciated.

4-H Entomology Project Announced

Deadline for 4-H enrollment in the new program on entomology is May 1, according to Rufus Cate Jr., county agent in 4-H work.

"This is a new project this year," Cate said, "and several valuable awards will be offered winners on the county and state level." The county winner will receive a merit medal, and the state champion will be awarded a 17-jewel wrist watch provided by Hercules Powder company, the agent added.

"In the entomology program, 4-Hers study insect pests," Cate pointed out, "and they learn how to protect against destructive insects to insure good crops, keep farm animals productive, and maintain healthy homes and communities."

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