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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

May 18, 1942

(It was Monday)

Primary election returns show

Charles L. McNary leading Ar-
thur M. Geary, 108,224 to 25,192In Republican senatorial contest,
Edward C. Kelly, Medford Dem-
ocrat, and Earl T. Newberry, Tal-
ent Republican, ahead in state
senatorial contests.From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Analysis of
the primary election vote by the
heavy thinkers is now underway.
Inexpert opinion holds that too
many voted for some candidates
and not enough for others.

20 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1922

(It was Wednesday)

David Lowry elected student
body president of Medford high
school; Russell Hogue named
treasurer.Handbills containing sena-
tional charges concerning pri-
mary election candidates appear
in rural districts.

30 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1922

(It was Thursday)

Self Denial week at Jackson
school, during which pupils gave
up candy, ice cream, moving pic-
tures and gum, nets \$45 for re-
lief of starving Armenians.The Passing Show, stage pro-
duction starring Willie and Eu-
gene Howard, scheduled for per-
formances in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1912

(It was Saturday)

Detroit in uproar as American
league President Ban Johnson
suspends baseball star Ty Cobb
for assaulting spectator; Detroit
team goes out on strike and
break up of major leagues
threatened.Shipment of Hupmobile Full-
Stroke "32" automobiles arrive
here; feature oil pumped by fly-
wheel, 40 horsepower size trans-
mission and "full-floating" axle.

Wall Street

New York — (U.P.) — Prices
made another poor showing on
the Stock Exchange Saturday in
one of the duller Saturday trad-
ing sessions in more than two
years.Changes throughout the main
list were very narrow with a
number of pivots holding at
their previous close. A number
of stocks failed to trade in the
abbreviated trading session.Dow-Jones closing stock av-
erages: 30 Industrials 259.88 up
0.06; 20 Railroads 93.59 up 0.03;
15 Utilities 49.11 off 0.05; and
65 Stocks 100.13 unchanged.Sales Saturday approximated
270,000 shares—the lowest since
230,000 shares changed hands
on May 21, 1949 — compared
with 310,000 shares traded last
Saturday.

AIR FORCE PLANE LOST

Reykjavik, Iceland — (U.P.) —
Rescue squads searched the cen-
tral and south coast of this is-
land Saturday for an American
Army Air Force amphibian
plane lost Friday while on a
rescue mission.Francisco de Haro was the
first alcalde (mayor) of Yerba
Buena (San Francisco).

Congratulations to the GOP!

AND MANY of them.
NOT to the "Big-Shots," NOT to the Upper-Brack-
eteers, not to the Board of Directors—but to the small
—very small—stockholders, the plain, untailored
rank-and-file, in this community and surrounding
territory.

THE editorials below were written on Friday morn-
ing as is our custom for Sunday, and when the
writer was as sure Nunley would be beaten as he was
the sun would come up over Roxy Anne, and as he
was Truman would be beaten 4 years ago. (If anyone
wishes convincing evidence of both statements same
could be supplied).

AND our belief was based, not only upon our strong
conviction that advertising pays—ESPECIALLY
in THIS paper!—but our knowledge of how much the
upper echelon LEADERSHIP of the Republican party
determines its policies, and how great a power money
is—and always has been.

Without mentioning the Wall Street menace we
are quite sure the above will be greeted with raised-
eyebrows and the scathing sneer of "WHAT dema-
goguary!"

WELL, IF demagoguery is to praise and render
thanks to those members of the Grand Old Party
who didn't fall for the propaganda—who when they
saw the basic issue in this D.A. contest clearly—did
not hesitate or indulge in any rationalizing sophistry
about the greater merits or demerits of one candidate
over the other professionally; but in an instinctive,
unquestioning sort of way, repeated the familiar say-
ing "THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR INTEGRITY
IN PUBLIC OFFICE," and put their party in this com-
munity on record to that effect.

If—CONGRATULATIONS to them. Congratulations
to just the plain, straight-shooting honest-to-God
guy—and his wife and family—who go to the polls
and vote for the right as they see the right, regardless
of what their neighbors, their papers, or their super-
lors may say.

If to praise and support them is demagoguery,
then we know a lot of demagogues in the country and
gladly join them! In our judgment they saved the
good name of the party in this community and that
devotion to principle may well save the country!
—R.W.R.

The "Frenzied Editor"

One of the most amusing charges made in the
recent primary was that "Ye Editor" in advocating
law-enforcement in the county, was reenacting the
role of a "frenzied newspaper publisher" who shot
and killed the late and lamented Constable George
Prescott.

It is only one of many illustrations of how, in the
excitement and turmoil of a local political campaign,
otherwise sane and reasonably rational citizens can
emotionally, go completely berserk.

NOT only was this charge untrue, but of course, the
exact reverse of the truth. And ANYONE with the
slightest knowledge of the local situations during the
L. A. Banks uprising and today would confirm this.

Yet the principal purveyor of this 100% whang-
doodle, apparently believed it,—at the time—and we
can testify that certain supporters of his cause, saw
nothing ridiculous in it. In fact, one of them, soberly
informed the writer, the speech in which the allega-
tion was made, was to him, a very eloquent and con-
vincing one!

"Angels and Ministers of Grace defend us"—what
NEXT?

WE SELDOM refer to the past course of this news-
paper, to justify any present one, but under the
circumstances feel that a few facts concerning the
former should be resurrected.

For example:
Twenty years ago The Mail Tribune adopted the
same policy it adopted a few weeks ago. And that
was only a continuation of the policy it adopted and
carried out twenty years before that.

In all 3 cases the fundamental policy was simply
"law enforcement," and if any one including our elo-
quent opponent doubts this, we have the files of this
publication to prove it.

WE OPPOSED the Ku Klux Klan because it ad-
vocated lawlessness—it carried the theory of
this community being a government NOT of laws, but
of MEN—to its logical conclusion—mob-rule.

The "Good Government Congress" program was
essentially the same. Under the guise of local reform,
it advocated lawlessness, violence and revolution—
which also was carried to its logical conclusion—the
burning of ballot-boxes and murder.

IN ALL three cases The Mail Tribune was bitterly
opposed by thousands of its readers. In No. 1 the
paper came, as a result, close to bankruptcy — far
closer than anyone at the time, (except the manage-
ment) realized.

And also in all three, many good citizens—some
of the most highly regarded, and most influential (we
could name some, but won't), fought the Tribune
tooth and nail, and, believe it or not, a few never over-
came their secret and deep-seated hostility toward it.

BUT that's all in the day's work, and water over the
dam.

The only point we wish to make now is this:
The Mail Tribune's fundamental policy has un-

der the present management never changed and we
certainly hope it never does.

If the same issue comes up again—as it probably
will—of upholding the law or breaking it, we will
be just where we were in the recent campaign and
in all former ones.

AND that—"Brethren and Sisters"—is NOT to
assume the role of a "frenzied editor" with an
elephant-gun across his knees, lying in wait for an in-
offensive city-constable, guilty of no transgression
other than that of conscientiously performing his duty
as a LAW-ENFORCEMENT officer!—R.W.R.

History Repeats Itself

While on this subject, there is another interesting
feature that might, with profit—and to some, consol-
ation—be recalled.

That is this:
In every instance above noted, the campaigns
conducted by The Mail Tribune were not, at the out-
set, popular. In fact, quite the reverse as an inspec-
tion of the correspondence files, as well as the news-
paper files, would demonstrate. Also the roll call of
the members in the two organizations.

WE DON'T mean The Mail Tribune was without
any support. But, that support was far less ap-
parent, and even FARTHER less vocal, than the op-
position. And in between was a vast area of just plain
apathy, the great majority being bored by all the noise
and fury, and wishing both sides would shut their
big mouths.

IT TOOK a hanging in the Siskiyou to wake up the
people to the REAL dangers of the Ku Klux Klan.
The victim wasn't hung by the neck until he was dead,
but he was so near dead with fright, that he died a
short time later.

Then there was a great hulabaloo and the KKK
dwindled fast and furiously with the "Great Ex-
hausted Rooster" and the Chief-of-Police shedding
their nightgowns and leading the retreat!

AS INDICATED above, it took two major crimes—
burning of ballots and murder, to wake up the
rank-and-file in the second outburst of lawlessness.

And again, there was that wide area of public
apathy. For example, quote:

"What's all the shooting about, can't you give your
subscribers a rest and quit advertising this peaceful and
law-abiding community as a sink hole of violence, iniquity
and vice?"

Yes history does at times repeat itself.
And then what had been feared, and The Mail
Tribune tried without success to prevent, happened
and—

All was transformed overnight! It had been a
great crusade for the cause of law, order and right-
eousness from the outset, but those shouting "Halle-
lujah" loudest had, before the crime, kept their mouths
shut!

WE ARE not trying to maintain, or implying for a
moment, that the recent campaign could, in its
real dangers and threatening aspects, be placed in
the same category with the other two mentioned. By
comparison, this last was just a flash-in-the-pan—a
tremor, not an earthquake.

But we are maintaining—what, we think, should
be evident to any objective observer—that ESSEN-
TIALY the same basic principle, WAS involved and
there is some reason to hope that eventually there
will be the same result.—R.W.R.

The "Yes-But" Campaign Type

As another post-operative campaign item, we be-
lieve a new type of politician should be isolated and
clinically classified.

Off hand we would call it the "Yes-BUT" type.
They are very plentiful, not only in Oregon, but
all all over the country, and they will, no doubt, in-
crease as the presidential campaign warms up.

THE last 3 weeks in this community they have been
swarming all over the town-site.

Were they for law-enforcement, or non law-en-
forcement?

That was an easy one! They were 100% for law-
enforcement, BUT—!

So our old friend Robert Alonzo Taft: is he for the
League of Nations or against it? He is for it, of course,
BUT—

And the barefoot political illiterate from the Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania: is he "for" or "against" Sena-
tor McCarthy and "McCarthyism"?

Another easy one—(depending upon who is ask-
ing him, of course) — the answer is something like
this—

"Oh, I am AGAINST McCarthyism, BUT — !"
Then there is Congressman Ellsworth—
But what's the use, the "BUTS" have it—for the
moment at least.—R.W.R.

Editorial Comment

New Route to the Coast
The Medford Mail-Tribune
proposes a toll road to the sea. It
suggests a route:

Such a road, taking off here,
or at Jacksonville which is al-
most directly west of here,
could run west and south to
Williams, and via the Caves
road to Cave Junction, thence
on the present highway to
Crescent City, or striking more
directly west, it could hit the
coast near Brookings.

Such a highway would be
many miles shorter than the
present circuitous route via
Grants Pass which takes mot-
orists far north before point-
ing west and south.

Such a road would be of tre-
mendous value for both ends of
the route and for the intervening
country. It would give the inter-
ior of Southern Oregon ready
access to the lovely Oregon
coast. Residents of Lakeview
and Klamath and the Rogue
River valley could have beach
cottages as do residents of the
Willamette Valley along the
north coast of the state. The in-
flux would help Curry County.
The road would open up a wil-
derness country offering better
transportation for its forest pro-
ducts, minerals, etc. We doubt
however if it could pay as a
toll road. — Oregon (Salem)
Statesman.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear
the name and address of the writer,
although under certain circum-
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 consen-
sation. Letters submitted for pub-
lication must not exceed 400 words.

"The Kiss of Death"

To the Editor: Heartiest con-
gratulations on your splendid
victory Friday.

Entirely aside from the per-
sonalities in the case, I don't
even know Mr. Nunley when I
see him, your victory has special
significance to me because it re-
dedicates my belief that a news-
paper editor can still be a power-
ful and good influence in any
community if he deserves to be.

It is gratifying because there
were those who said, and you
know the element "oh, well, no-
body pays any attention to Ruhl
any more. He's gone nuts. His
support is the kiss-of-death." That
was, of course, when you were
upholding statements and ac-
tions of Senator Morse and Mr.
Acheson.

A newspaper justifies its ex-
istence, and it will exert tremen-
dous influence through its edi-
torial page, when the editorial
page becomes aroused to cor-
rect wrongs and to adjust re-
dresses, as compared to an edi-
torial page that stays aroused to
increase circulation, or takes dic-
tation from the business office.

This is strictly my personal
opinion, but I believe that if you
had started slugging 25 years
ago as you have been during the
past few years, that the name
Ruhl would be right there be-
side that of William Allen
White.

Again, congratulations—
Moore Hamilton,
Postmaster, Medford.

Warning To Builders

To the Editor: I don't want
the people of the Rogue River
valley to think that I am spon-
soring any one concern or busi-
ness house, but (pause for iden-
tification) as I am on my 24th
year in business as a building
contractor here, and if I didn't
like the locality I would get out
— I want to advise old timers as
well as new to "know your
dealers."

Deal with a competent busi-
ness firm, with a reputable
recommendation from your
chamber of commerce.

The reason I make these state-
ments is, there are a few con-
cerns which put high-powered
sales talk up to you and promise
you such and such, and they do
not live up to their promises and
they are not to be depended
upon. Some of these concerns
are in the building material
business. So beware. Consult
your chamber of commerce.

Fred Powers,
1722 West 11th St.,
Medford, Ore.

Anti-Vivisection

To the Editor: Vivisection (the
use of living, and often con-
scious, animals for medical and
surgical research and experi-
mentation) represents needless
barbaric suffering and agony to
"man's best friend," his dog.

It is unnecessary to the physi-
cal welfare of the human race
(according to certain eminent
medical authorities). It has made
little or no contribution to medi-
cal and surgical science . . .
that could not have been better
accomplished through other
means (as also attested by these
medical authorities).

The vivisectionists prefer not
to admit that they have been
wrong . . . persist in this abuse
of our pets.

The laws of some states and
cities force dog pounds to turn
over all dogs in their possession
(your pets) to medical research
laboratories and medical schools
for vivisection. These laws were
passed under the pressure of
medical groups under the guise
of "essential to medical research
for human welfare"—these laws
have since proven erroneous by
these very institutions them-
selves, by way of failure to sub-
stantiate their claims.

Furthermore, officials of these
institutions maintain that these
animals in most cases are given
the same pre and post operative
care in sanitation and pain pre-
vention as is given humans.
However, when the "iron cur-
tain" of secrecy in these labora-
tories has been broken through
by those of us interested in this
work—much evidence has been
revealed to prove the unsani-
tary, sometimes filthy, condi-
tions to which these unfortunate
animals are subjected before,
during and after operations and
experiments of the most heinous
nature.

Many of the tests and experi-
ments, all needless and without
justifiable results, would make
the torture chambers of some of
the world's worst war lords look
mild indeed!

Few, if any, of these experi-
ments have resulted in the ad-
vancement of medical and surgi-
cal science—yet they are me-
thodically repeated, over and
over again, on other helpless
animals.

The comparatively few discov-
eries that may have proven of
value to man could have been
faster and better achieved
through other means and with-
out resorting to such barbaric
torture (certain eminent medical
authorities themselves, have tes-
tified to this, in fact are ashamed
of this blot on their profession).

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I wanted a motorcycle and the family wanted me to have my
bike fixed. So the scooter is a compromise."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart AlsopTRUMAN OPENS
THE WOUNDS

Washington—The signs sud-
denly suggest that the Democrats
are heading for an even bigger,
louder, angrier convention-time
row than the Republicans. The
reason is the President's abrupt
but clearly apparent decision to
fight it out on the Fair Deal line
if the proceedings in Chicago go
on all summer.

In the previous period, when
Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois
was being pressed to become the
Democratic nominee, binding up
the party's wounds was the
White House note. But now the
President is planning on inflam-
ing the old wounds and opening
some new ones, as the following
facts plainly indicate.

Item: Americans for Demo-
cratic Action are the bugbear of
all Southerners and other Con-
servative Democrats. In the past,
not even Harry F. Byrd hated
the A.D.A. more than Harry S.
Truman, since the A.D.A. rather
tacitly suggested that the
President had better not run
again in 1948. Yet Truman has
now consented to give the main
speech at the A.D.A. convention
in Washington this weekend.

Moreover, he is expected to de-
liver what has been described as
"a real rip-snorter," stridently
denouncing any Democratic ten-
dencies toward compromise or
conservatism.

ITEM: The President's choice

for keynoter of the Democratic
National Convention is none
other than Sen. Hubert Hum-
phrey, of Minnesota, another ex-
pet hate of Mr. Truman's. The
reason that the President used
to detest Humphrey so heartily
was that Humphrey defeated
White House plans for a two-
faced civil rights plank, per-
suading the 1948 convention to
give all-out indorsement to the
F.E.P.C. Rather naturally, South-
ern Democrats also waste no love
whatever on Sen. Humphrey.

For this reason, Chairman
Frank McKinney of the Demo-
cratic National Committee de-
sperately tried to persuade Tru-
man to forget about Humphrey
and to keynote the National Con-
vention himself. McKinney failed
utterly, and as of today, the
Presidential choice stands.

Just to make this choice of
Humphrey even more significant
at trouble-inviting, Humphrey is
meanwhile organizing a pro-
F.E.P.C. bloc of Northern states.
The object is to have a ready-
made convention majority which
will automatically repeat the

yet—vivisection. In all its he-
nous barbarism goes on, and on
behind closed doors.

Marilyn Gast,
Upton road,
Central Point, Ore.

Mrs. Kefauver Restricted

Washington — (U.P.) — Mrs.
Nancy Kefauver isn't doing
much campaigning for her hus-
band these days. Three of the
four Kefauver youngsters have
the mumps.

1948 decision against a civil
rights compromise. In addition,
Sen. Humphrey would not be
adverse to the Vice-Presidential
nomination.

Altogether, if the President in-
sists on sending Humphrey to
the convention rostrum as party
keynoter, the riot squads are
likely to be needed to keep the
Southern delegation from com-
mitting mayhem.

Item: W. Averell Harriman,
who is the Presidential candidate
currently favored at the White
House, has been carrying on a
real Fair-Deal-all-the-way cam-
paign. Harriman has made it
plain that he places his chief re-
liance on the support of the la-
bor groups. He has endorsed the
F.E.P.C. without serious qualifi-
cations. He has strongly empha-
sized the half-forgotten Truman
social program. And he has
claimed that he can defeat Gen-
eral of the Army Dwight D.
Eisenhower for the specific re-
ason that he will appeal to left-
wing voting groups, while the
General is expected to take a
rather conservative line on do-
mestic issues.

THERE is more here than meets
the eye. Harriman not only be-
came an avowed candidate with
the President's blessing. He has
also consulted the President
with great regularity since the
announcement of his candidacy.
Thus it may be assumed that
the Harriman strategy has the
President's full approval.

Furthermore, Harriman is
plainly ceasing to be the negli-
gible political factor that he was
when he made his announce-
ment. He has hardly become a
great orator, but he has shown
courage, energy and determina-
tion. This showing has impressed
a good many of the Northern
politicians, and what may be de-
scribed as contingent pledges to
Harriman are being made by
such leaders as Mayor David
Lawrence, of Pittsburgh. Gov.
Stevenson has also promised to
try to hold the Illinois delega-
tion for Harriman, despite the
declaration for Sen. Estes Ka-
fauver by Illinois Sen. Paul
Douglas.

In short, if no movement to
draft Gov. Stevenson material