

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Excerpts from a modern comedy entitled "A Day in Washington."

Act 1:
J. Howard McGrath (U.S. attorney general) PIREN Newbold Morris (senator) and the modern Hercules to clean up the modern Augean stables.

Morris (gets the blue slip goes out in the park, sits on a bench, feeds the pigeons and mutters into his beard):

"I was called because I wouldn't turn my corruption-in-government investigation into a whitewash."

Act 2:
President Truman fires McGrath. McGrath sheds a few tears, then wipes his eyes and issues a statement to the public and a tip to his successor.

His statement to the public: "I'm paying the penalty for doing my duty as I saw it."

His tip to his successor: "Bring a pair of asbestos pants with you when you come." (Guffaw)

Cynical crack from the critics: "When thieves fall out, honest men (may) come into their own."

Idea burgeoning in the public's mind: "The thing to do is to BOUNCE THE WHOLE GANG and start all over new."

Political dispatch:
"Supporters of Taft and Eisenhower maneuvered busily today for DELEGATES in two important Mid-West Republican conventions."

Iowa Republicans meet in Des Moines today to pick 26 delegates to the Chicago convention . . . Informal caucuses left the outlook muddled . . . It appeared from preliminary conversations that Taft and Eisenhower are running neck and neck.

The 3000 Republicans at the Des Moines convention will be asked to support a proposed Republican national farm platform plank.

"In the Michigan convention, the Republicans appeared to be agreed to compromise on DIVIDING THE STATE'S 46-VOTE DELEGATION EQUALLY rather than risk a show-down fight."

Messy?
A little on the wobbly side? Sure! But I wonder if it's any messier than the screwball primary system we now have in about half the states.

Imagine the Wisconsin primary with Taft's name on the ballot but NOT Taft's name on the Nebraska primary with NEITHER Taft's name nor Eisenhower's name on the ballot!

For that matter, imagine Oregon's primary without Taft's name on the ballot.

How are you ever to get a sincere and accurate expression of the people's will under a system like that?

I wonder about this proposed farm plank in the national GOP platform that the Iowa Republican convention will be asked to support.

Will it come out boldly against ALL bondholding and ALL bribing of pressure groups and subsidies and special benefits and privileges?

Or will it seek to out-bondholder and out-bribe the New Dealers?

I'd be afraid to lay a bet now. So far, I haven't seen much evidence of GRIM COURAGE on the part of Republicans anywhere in this campaign. It seems to me that this is a time, if there ever was a time, for grim courage and stout thinking.

Especially on the part of the Republican party.

How about a plank endorsing states rights as opposed to BIG AND MENACING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? It seems to me that next after national solvency that is about the most important issue that confronts us today.

I've heard no mention of it from any Republican candidate or any Republican bigwig.

Big Surplus Fees Hinted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate investigators said Friday they have evidence indicating that Frank Nathan, a key figure in the collection of surplus fees on three deals involving the sale of surplus government property.

Francis F. McGowan, counsel for the Senate investigation subcommittee, disclosed the figures during testimony of Jess Larson about his handling of the government's vast surplus disposal program.

Larson now is head of the General Services Administration, the government's "housekeeping agency."

He was the leadoff witness in an inquiry into the vast surplus program by the Senate Investigations subcommittee headed by Sen. Hoyer (D-N.C.). Larson once headed that program.

Hoyer said in a prepared opening statement that staff investigators who made an audit of Larson's records produced "no evidence" that Larson "received any improper income or received any improper financial gains" during his government service.

He said his subcommittee would continue its study, though, "to develop fully all the facts . . . to determine whether any improprieties occurred."

It has been brought out that Nathan collected \$57,000 in fees in an aluminum property sale Larson approved in 1948.

Larson testified he had "a casual relationship" with Nathan after first meeting him in 1947 but swore he had never had any financial transactions with him, directly or indirectly.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Saturday. High Friday 70. Low Friday night 34. High Saturday 72. High temp Thursday 53. Low last night 29. Precip Thursday 0. Since Oct. 1 14.15. Normal for period 8.44. Period last year 12.58.

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PRINCIPALS in the state convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, National Honor Society for women teachers, opening here tonight are (left above) Velma Tennery, Klamath Falls, General Chairman; (right) Eliza Perry, English department KUHS; Ella Blunk (lower left) Northwest regional director, Delta Kappa Gamma, Vice-Principal, Grand Island High School and Melissa Martin, President, Alpha Rho State, Delta Kappa Gamma, head of foreign language department, OSC.

State Women Gather Here

Teachers of Oregon, members of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor society for women teachers are gathering here today for the annual state convention. Sessions open tonight with a State Executive Board meeting at the Pelican party room. The convocation continues through tomorrow.

Registration of delegates will begin at 8 Saturday morning at Fremont School, Florence. Olman, chairman of this procedure has her assembly line ready with clever identifications tags and other features in keeping with the Western motif.

Coffee will be served at this time and the new guest book will be open for signatures.

A display of Indian artifacts and crafts will be arranged in the hall. At noon the Western luncheon will be served at the Willard Hotel.

ATMOSPHERE
Ida Edsall is chairman of this affair and has provided an authentic atmosphere in keeping with the Western theme. The birthday celebration under the direction of Eva Burkhalter will highlight the noon hour. At this time all chapter representatives light candles on the festive cake and recount their achievements. Unique and entertaining music will be furnished by a boys' quartet under the supervision of Ruth Lohague. Ella Blunk Northwest Regional Director and a resident of Grand Island Nebraska has chosen a toast with a reminiscing flavor, "Luck and Pluck." Business sessions will be the order of the morning assembly with State President, Melissa Martin in the chair.

Weeks told the afternoon session. The memorial ceremony with the necrology ritual led by Irene Foster will mark the latter program.

At 8 o'clock the seal of the seal assembly at the banquet room for the impressive initiation procedure. Melissa Martin will be in charge and Dorothy Baile will arrange the setting. The central figure will be a large replica of the seal of the state of Oregon.

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Damyankes Rule Waves

ROME (AP) — Four U.S. destroyers admitted Friday the damyankees rule the waves. And they won't fly the Confederate stars and bars no more.

The four ships — destroyers Hyman, Purdy, Beatty and Bristol — in Korea were known as the Dixie Division because their commanding officers all were from the south.

When they sailed from Hong Kong, Korea, home recently, the Bristol hoisted the Confederate flag. Quite a flap in Washington followed.

"We made a mistake, violated Navy regulations and quite properly were called on it," the division commander, Capt. William Groverman of Newport, R.I., said here Friday.

The four ships are now in Naples. Groverman and many crew members are sightseeing in Rome.

Groverman blamed an over-anxious public relations officer for the Bristol's hoisting of anything but the Star and Stripes.

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2 Crewmen Die as G.N. Trains Hit in Montana

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Steel Men Set Strike, Mills Cool

BULLETIN
NEW YORK (AP) — The government succeeded in obtaining new steel talks Friday in a desperate attempt to stave off a strike formally set for Wednesday by 700,000 steelworkers.

David G. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Steelworkers of America, dropped the strike notices in the mail late Thursday night.

He also sent notices to the union's locals.

McDonald said 200 notices were sent to steel companies — several to some companies to cover various contracts and agreements the union had with the managements.

CIO Leader Philip Murray, who also heads the steelworkers union, was to leave for Pittsburgh with McDonald and other union officials who negotiated unsuccessfully here with representatives of major steel companies. After negotiations collapsed Thursday, Murray said he thought a strike would "definitely take place."

The union insisted the industry comply with the wage and other proposals by the Wage Stabilization Board. The industry balked on the ground that the government refused to authorize steel price increases sufficient to meet increased labor costs entailed in the WSB recommendations.

STIPPORT
In Cleveland, Walter P. Reuther's 1,000,000 CIO United Auto Workers pledged "100 per cent support" to the steelworkers. Reuther did not elaborate.

It appeared that only a government seizure or a presidential order for a Taft-Hartley Law injunction could stave off a strike in mills that produce 95 per cent of the country's steel.

The industry said it would resist a seizure. The union said it would fight any move for an injunction. The Taft-Hartley Law provides an 80-day, no-strike injunction under national emergency provisions.

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ALL SMILES—After receiving rewards for finding loot stolen from Oregon Equipment Co., South Riverside, last July are (l to r) Eugene, Edward and David Oviatt, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Oviatt, 535 Lincoln St.

Boys Find Robbery Loot, Get Rewards

By DAVE UNDERHILL
Three boys from St. Paul, Minn., came to the small town (Klamath Falls) last week to win their fortune.

At least you might say a crisp \$5 bill each is a small fortune for three small boys, aged 11, 10 and 8. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Oviatt, 535 Lincoln St.

Oviatt, new superintendent of Great Northern in this district, brought his family from St. Paul the first of this week.

The boys, Eugene, 11; Edward, 10 and David, 8, were playing Wednesday on the lakeshore behind Oregon Equipment Company on S. Riverside.

They came across a pile of knives and kitchenware, part of the loot taken in a burglary from the equipment company last July.

The three bright-eyed youngsters told their father of the find and he informed City Police.

When the Herald and News police beat reporter came across the picture taken of the youngsters.

George W. Hillis, Oregon Equipment Company manager, was so pleased at the boys' find, he gave them each a \$5 bill, and a knife each.

Hillis said the equipment lost in the burglary (about \$1000 worth) was not insured. He estimated the amount found at about \$200. Most of the butcher and kitchen knives were covered with rust, but a great amount of stainless steel knives, forks and spoons were in perfect condition.

The recovered items included 12 dozen forks, six dozen knives, four dozen spoons, five dozen teaspoons, 37 carving knives, two spatulas and two electric mixers.

'52 Spud Price Outlook Good
REDMOND (AP) — Good prices can be expected for the 1952 potato crop, Al E. Mercker, Washington, D. C., told growers here.

Mercker, head of the Agriculture Department's Fruit and Vegetable Division, said promotion and advertising programs would increase potato consumption.

In the Northwest to address a series of district grower meetings, Mercker said Oregon growers should "learn to work with Maine growers" in raising promotion funds to sell potatoes.

He said the potato acreage this year probably would increase only about 2 per cent but would go up substantially in 1953.

But he said his ouster "does not disillusion me, for I never had any illusions about Howard McGrath."

Morris said "somebody must have sold the attorney general the idea that I was an easy-going individual" who would sit around and thumb reports and finally "emerge with a statement that I had found nothing wrong in any of the federal agencies."

"As soon as he saw I meant business," Morris said, "his whole attitude changed."

Some Democrats put forward the view that the whole thing had happened for the best.

"Public confidence in the government will be strengthened," said Sen. Lehman (D-Ill.-N.Y.), Morris, a self-styled "Abraham Lincoln Republican" who was president of the New York City Council

Windstorms Lash South, Six Perish

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Six persons were reported killed and at least 19 others injured as a series of small tornadoes and violent windstorms swept across Southern Louisiana and Alabama early Friday.

Four members of one family—the father, mother and two daughters—were reported killed when a small tornado demolished their small Cajun county town 10 miles northeast of Lafayette.

VICTIMS
State Police Captain Jerome Haas said a surviving son in the family identified the dead to him as Alex Oliver, 50; Mrs. Alex Oliver, 48; Shirley, 17; and Pearl, 9.

Haas said the identification was made by C. V. Oliver, 20, who also told him two brothers, Larry, 7, and Donald, 5, were taken to a clinic at Breaux Bridge. Another brother, Earl, 9, was unhurt.

A tornado also struck at Mobile, Ala., 100 miles east of New Orleans. Two persons were injured there and property damage was extensive.

A man identified as Albert Ruiz, about 45, was reported killed when his dwelling on the Mississippi river at Violet in St. Bernard Parish adjacent to New Orleans on the east and south, was blown into the river.

An unidentified Negro woman was also reported to have died of shock at the height of the storm at Bridge City, near New Orleans.

Fourteen people were reported being treated in hospitals in the New Orleans area for injuries and shock.

An unidentified man was reported under treatment at a Lafayette hospital.

DAMAGE
Property damage ran high in all the storm struck areas.

Parts of Southwest Louisiana were cut off from outside communication except by radio.

Eight houses were blown from their foundations in Bridge City. Two were turned over and another was smashed by the wind.

Other hard hit areas of Jefferson Parish were Gretna, the Parish seat, Harahan and Kenner about 15 miles west of New Orleans.

FLOOD
Floodwaters have partly inundated Highway 2 between here and the scene of the wreck.

Pilot Walter Hensley of Havre, flying over the wreck, said it looked like the two engines exploded together.

Saucer News Welcomed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force says it is continuing to check all "flying saucer" reports and welcome them. But checking is done now through "normal staff channels" rather than as a special project.

In most cases, "an Air Force spokesman said, the findings have proved to be weather balloons and natural phenomena."

"There remains, however, a number of reported sightings that cannot be thus explained, and as long as this is true, the Air Force will continue to study the problem."

EUGENE CONFERENCE
EUGENE (AP) — Delegates from six Willamette Valley counties will convene here Friday night for the Mid-Century Area Conference on Children and Youth.

The forum will be particularly timely since OTI has been highlighted in the news the past few weeks because of student protests and resultant action.

Since the protests were made in early March, a series of meetings have resulted in administrative changes being approved by the State Board of Education. As of the moment, the school is stronger than ever before and Read, the Student Body president, says relations between students and the administration are on a new high level of cooperation.

However, some members of a special student committee which first aired the protests in March, were irked yesterday by a report from a special outside committee which investigated their protests.

BASIS
The committee reported to the State Board of Education that the protests appeared to have been caused "by some two or three students for reasons of their own."

Last night, two student committee members vigorously denied this charge. They said the protests stemmed from a large segment of their fellow students.

Liquor Charge Brings Fine
Fine of \$50 on charge of giving liquor to a minor was levied on 24-year-old Bob Turner, 143 Pine St., in District Court Thursday afternoon.

Turner pleaded guilty of giving liquor to Ronald A. Davis, 18-year-old OTI student.

Davis was arrested by State Police on a drunk charge Wednesday night and was fined \$25 on the drunk charge by District Judge M. A. (Nick) Carter.

Mail Flyer Smashes Into Wreck

HAVRE, Mont. (AP) — A westbound mail train on the Great Northern mainline hit another train early Friday, killing two crewmen and seriously injuring three other persons.

Road headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., identified the dead as Engineer James C. Haines, 66 of Havre, and Fireman Henry Brazier, 42, of Glasgow, crew members aboard westbound train No. 27