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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

As far as the Klamath Basin is concerned it is Adlai Stevenson 'way out in front for the Democratic presidential nomination.

No one else, as far as the local people seem to be thinking, can come close to the man from Illinois, despite the entry into the race of the magic name of Roosevelt and the strong bids being made by Harriman and Kerr.

Kefauver, who made such a good personal showing here a few month ago, will make about the same amount of noise that one of his small children would if the child was beating on his father's coonskin cap with a lamb's tail. No one gives the affable Tennessee talker an outside chance for the nomination, or the nod for second spot on the ticket.

Basin Democrats are faintly disgusted with the ruckus their party is stirring up in Chicago, somewhat rueful over all the jeering they did at the Republicans, when they promised that their convention would be different.

There is a great deal of interest in the convention doings, newspapers are scanned eagerly and every available spare moment is spent hanging over a radio listening to some of the thunderous speeches that pour out like water out of a pipe.

About all that is needed now are a few torch light parades, a couple of kegs of whisky set up on trestles in front of the convention hall, a few fist fights and dog fights and it would look like an old fashioned convention.

Talked to a lot of people yesterday and found all but two throwing their money on Stevenson. One of the holdouts was Tony Steyskal from Malin. Tony is betting on Harriman to be the big man this November. The other was Bus Thompson, car salesman (when there are any cars to sell) who thinks that Kefauver will sneak under the wire on the basis of his vigorous campaigning and his anti-crime tactics that first put him in the national limelight.

Emmett Sisemore from Fort Klamath puts his faith in Stevenson, but the main theme of his comments was that he wishes the radios up Fort Klamath way would work better so he could listen to more of the convention. Maybe he ought to get together with Happy Jack Rockwell, of KFJI, who is also betting on Stevenson.

There are a lot of people who fear for the success of Ike Vern Schorigen, for instance, is a Democrat who is swearing he'll vote the Republican nominee this year. But he's afraid that Ike is being ripped to pieces over his reversals on foreign policy.

And plenty of people are still worried that there might be another '48 in the offing. Too much confidence can lead only to defeat.

Anyway, it won't be long now. About six ballots and we'll know who will face the general in the November vote.

If there are any public spirited citizens who are handy with a paint brush, who have a metal boat, a folding stretcher, grappling hooks, first aid equipment or anything along that line they should get in touch with Buster Gordon at the Suburban fire department. He needs a truck painted and equipped as a rescue car.

It all started when Keith O'Hair presented the department with an old Ford hearse that had been retired. So Buster wants to rig it up as a rescue car. Not an ambulance, but an emergency rig to be used in drownings, fires, wrecks, etc.

Farmer's Lumber has already donated the flooring for the rig, the mechanical repairs necessary will be made by the fire laddies themselves, but the rig needs a paint job and the equipment.

If you want to help out call Buster at 7745. He'll appreciate it and so will the many who will be aided by the truck in the future.

CAUGHT In The ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

See by the paper that the city of Tacoma is still without a newspaper. After a 14-week stalemate the management and pressmen settled their difficulties. Before publication could start the thing was snarled up again by the reporters' Guild.

All of which brings to mind conversations with Harry Lynch, the paper's veteran advertising director, late in May . . . and what happens when a town goes without a newspaper.

Harry was telling us, at an ad manager's meeting, how the shutdown had affected business. He promised to keep a record of conditions and send them along to us. The report came in a couple of days ago.

Harry's report, in the form of letters from business leaders, shows that plain old everyday newspaper advertising — like the water when the well goes dry—is missed.

In spite of turning to all the more glamorous and "cheaper" forms of advertising, here are some of the things that happened:

The Retail Trade Bureau abandoned "United Tacoma Days" . . . A Realtor reported that his business dropped 60 per cent . . . Theater attendance "experienced a tremendous drop" . . . Attendance at a dance hall fell one third . . . The florist business received "an awful jolt" and nobody was going to funerals . . . A drug store reported that "this one department shows a $6,000 loss for the week" . . . A food store manager took to circulars but said "I'll always know in the future that newspaper advertising is not expensive" . . . A men's store business dropped 20 per cent . . . A sewing machine center lost $2,000 in two months . . . and so on.

All of this, of course, is a plug for newspaper advertising — that everyday business that you've always known about, and never miss until the well goes dry.

It doesn't mention all the other problems that would confront a community should it suddenly have to do without its newspaper.

This column hopes that the well, here, never goes dry.

Telling the Editor

DEMOCRACY

KLAMATH FALLS — Aristotle gave us the theoretical justification of democratic principles in organizations, in education of people and their general social life in these words: "For the many, of whom each individual is but an ordinary person, when they meet together may very likely be better than the few good, if regarded not individually but collectively . . . For each individual among the many has a share of virtue and prudence, and when they meet together they become in a manner one man, who has many feet, and hands and senses; that is a figure of their mind and disposition. Hence the many are better judges than a single man; for some understand one part, and some another, and among them they understand the whole." The great question before the world today is, are the people going to act upon the proposition that the theory is sound. All other questions are significant only in proportion they are a part of that, the main question.

It is clearly demonstrated that neither the Republican Party or the Democratic Party have upheld the principle supported by Aristotle's theory, either in their internal affairs or in the operation of the government. How they are failing in this, is the most talked about subject in the world.

What are the people voluntarily supporting those organizations, or any other organizations with a similar record, going to do abut it? That is not merely a moral question that confronts them, it is the moral question that history is showing at every organization and every individual.

Of course, the first thing everyone ought to do is to examine the theory itself. History has proven time and time again that the theory is sound, that the opposing theory that the best decisions and the greatest collective virtue develops when a few control things, as argued by Plato and upheld by Cicero Calhoun and Hitler, is unsound. But most of the accounts of history the average person has read have been falsified until they tend to make the theory advanced by Plato seem sound and the one advanced by Aristotle seem unsound. Some people think history is dry and uninteresting, yet here we find that, nearly 2500 years after their time, the world has become divided squarely in the way that is forcing the question upon which Plato and Aristotle were irreconcilably opposed to the forefront until all other questions become merely subsidiary ones. And when these people learn to turn to a careful check of history to learn the answer to social theory and principles they will find it becomes interesting, and that properly searched, it will always yield up the right answer on what must be done.

O. O. Womack

MANNERS AND THE GOP

KLAMATH FALLS — My good friend Bill Jenkins quoted me (Tuesday) as being strongly behind Kefauver. Bill merely asked me whom I thought would win the Democratic nomination, and I replied Kefauver.

Let it be known that I am not a Democrat and that I will vote and support Ike.

The reason for this letter is that some impolite and rude Republican lady called me on the phone and mentioned the item to me, and said she was sending it to Governor McKay; and "that's what we get for voting for a thing like you."

Then, before I could explain she hung up, without the courage to give her name.

I would therefore like to use the editorial column of your paper to set the lady right, and to inform her that I am sorry that a person with her manners belongs to the great and glorious party of the republic.

M. A. Carter

FIRST APPLICATION RELIEVES

ITCHY SKIN

Zemo — a doctor's highly medicated antiseptic — promptly relieves itch, stops scratching and so aids healing of surface skin and scalp irritations. ——→ ZEMO

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Hal Boyle

Editor's Note: "Politics is a mans game," concludes Trellis Mae Peeble, America's average wife, in a letter home to her husband about the National donkey serenade.

CHICAGO (AP) — Dearest Wilbur, If I learn nothing else from the Democratic National Convention, I at least have learned this — politics is really for men. Women had better stick to matrimony, where the rewards are surer and they can be certain of at least one man's ear.

Yes, politics is for men. And men deserve politics—the heartless beasts.

I am boiling mad at all male Democrats for the way they behaved during Ladies' Day in Convention Hall. If I had my way I'd have every woman in America boycott (or should I say girlcott?) both the Republican and Democratic parties, and form a new political party — the "For Women Only Party."

Since there are one million more voting women than men in the United States, how would all the dirty, nasty, old, cigar-chewing Donkey and Elephant politicians like that? They and their silly old delusions of masculine superiority?

I guess I had better begin from the beginning, honey. Anyway, political conventions are now like baseball parks. They have a "ladies day" just to prove they recognize the existence of two sexes.

The leading female politicians are invited to speak. And Tuesday afternoon the Donkey delegates heard — or, I might say, should have heard Perla Mesta, minister to Luxembourg, Eugenia A. Anderson, ambassador to Denmark, and Georgia Neese Clark, treasurer of the United States.

These ladies just looked simply lovely. I would hate to say how much they must have spent on new hair-dos and gowns. It was the big moment of four years for them—a kind of middle-aged junior prom. And they had worked hard on their speeches and had really interesting things to say—all about how women should take a more active part in politics, and how nice it is we don't have a depression any more, and whither do we go from here?

What happened? The ladies in the gallery applauded nicely. But the men delegates on the floor? They acted more like real donkeys than delegates. You would have thought they were all married to each lady speaker—they way they refused to listen. They just roamed around the floor, laughing and scratching, telling jokes and eating hot dogs. Simply disgusting, Wilbur.

Tuesday night Mrs. India Edwards, the vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was so angry she bawled them out. She threatened to go and sit down if they wouldn't listen to her. But, since they went right on laughing and scratching and eating hot dogs, she just stood there. Now I hope she is nominated vice president and elected. She'll make those men senators listen later!

But I suppose the men delegates finally got ashamed of their lack of chivalry. Because when Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was introduced as "the first lady of the world" they cheered her more than they did anybody else at the convention.

"They ought to," whispered my new friend, the dubious delegate from Texas. "Half the people here got jobs from her husband."

What I would like to do is to organize the women here and have them hiss and boo every time a man gets up to speak. A man will never listen to a woman—but nothing drives him crazier than finding out a woman won't listen to him. Even a Democratic politician couldn't stand that.

Well, Wilbur, I should be coming home soon. It looks like Stevenson is in. I just saw a third discarded coonskin hat hanging from an ashcan.

A big hug and kiss from your very own

Trellis Mae

P.S. Send more money. I am going to get a semi-poodle haircut. Mrs. Roosevelt looked stunning in hers. X-X-X-X-X.

Youth Hurt In Plane Crash

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — An 18-year-old Springfield pilot crash landed a plane in a cucumber patch near here Tuesday afternoon, escaping with only a small cut above one eye.

The youth, Clinton Stuve, is a student at McKenzie Flying Service. Milt Ruberg, operator of the flying school, said Stuve ran out of gasoline. The plane was damaged extensively.

Bruce Biossat

The other day Averell Harriman, in a bit of post-GOP convention politicking, raised the specter of depression as a likely thing if General Eisenhower should be elected next fall. The country will be well served if that argument is never made again. To be sure, it is an old refrain, and the Democrats have been chanting it since 1932.

But politics by fear is not good politics—at any rate, not good for the American citizenry. Actually, campaigning of this sort falls into the category of desperation. It seems to say: "If you can't think of any other effective arguments, scare 'em to death."

The Republican Party is not the party of economic depression, any more than the Democratic Party is the party of war, though the regimes of each have corresponded with those two great catastrophies in the last 20 years.

No responsible Democrat ever blames former President Hoover for the 1930 depression any more, though many naturally insist emphatically that he did not meet that crisis well.

No sober-minded Republican blamed the Democrats for the rise of Hitler, and for the war he launched upon the world. To charge any American political party with seeking to thrust us into war is to lunge toward the extremes of irresponsibility.

Haven't we had enough of scare-campaigning? No one familiar with our traditions expects our political candidates to make their appeals wholly calm and rational. Emotion and exaggeration are inevitably a part of campaign exhortations in this country. But to hold out the prospect of economic or military ruin as the alternative to the triumph of one candidate or the other is unforgivable demagoguery.

Nobody but a fanatic would consciously strive to plunge this nation into any kind of disaster. Both major parties, it goes without saying are clearly wedded to policies they believe serve the welfare of the United States.

We may argue—we should argue—long and loud which party's policies will really do the job best in the four years ahead. But let no candidate argue that his defeat spells for Americans either death on the battlefield or shivering in a bread line.

America has survived weak presidents in both parties. It needs no saviors. Indeed, it ought to be saved from any man who sees himself as the only barrier to military or economic ruin.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

The courage which some people show puts the rest of us to shame. A correspondent writes that he has spent 30 years in the Marine Corps and is now home from Korea with a condition diagnosed as gout.

He writes: "I am sure you can understand my disappointment to find I have the disease. I would like to continue on the active list."

In response to this writer's request, this column is devoted to a discussion of gout. Gout attacks men much more often than women. It seems to run to some degree in certain families, though this is not always true. While it seems unlikely that such activity has anything to do with gout in the Marine writer, over-indulgence in food is likely to bring on an attack.

In general, those who are heavy meat eaters and drink a good deal of heavy wine are especially liable to this strange disease.

There are many peculiar things about gout. Acute attacks of the disease tend to occur most often in the spring and fall. The pain of the acute form of gout is terrific.

In its typical form, it starts suddenly in the middle of the night with severe pain at the base of one of the big toes. The pain usually wakes the victim from a sound sleep. Some of those who have had an acute attack describe the sensation as that of a red-hot poker prying the toe joint apart.

There is a chronic form of the disease, often called gouty arthritis. In this stage, crystal-like substances called urates made of the products of purines, which are present in some foods, are deposited in or near the joints. Sometimes these deposits reach the size of hen's eggs.

If given at the beginning of an attack, cortisone or ACTH may ward off the development of the pain and the swelling. These substances frequently seem to delay the attack rather than stop it altogether.

Acute gout, however, can be greatly improved by proper supervision, improved diet and attention to living conditions.

Those who have the disease are generally required to refrain from most alcoholic liquors and from foods which contain a high proportion of purines, such as sweetbread liver, kidneys, squab and calves tongue.

Indeed, there are other foods such as pork, beef, veal, sausage, gravy and several kinds of fish which may also be taboo for a victim of gout because of the relatively high amounts of purine that they contain.

There is a question, however, whether our Marine friend can safely resume the active duty he liked so much with complete lack of danger from other attacks of the disease.

Union Labor Ranks Split Over Barkley Candidacy

By DON WHITEHEAD

CHICAGO (AP) — Union labor ranks were ripped apart Wednesday by angry and bitter discord over the sudden dumping of Vice President Alben Barkley as a Democratic presidential candidate.

John L. Lewis—the bushy-browed leader of the United Mine Workers—was in a towering rage against CIO and AFL leaders whom he accused of "small time political intrigue" with some Democratic presidential hopefuls to chop down the Kentuckian, a long-time friend of labor.

But this Lewis anger was only part of a story of backstage manuevers, political coalitions and divisions which have been boiling beneath the surface of this 31st Democratic National Convention.

And it was, in part at least, the story of the struggle between Democratic factions to name the party nominee.

There was some talk the Barkley boom might be revived. But it may be just talk. Barkley will go to the convention hall Wednesday night for the first time and address the delegates.

What effect this address might have on the selection of a nominee, no one could foresee.

The lid was blown off Tuesday night when Lewis scornfully accused union leaders Walter Reuther, George Harrison and Jack Kroll of intrigue to torpedo Barkley on the issue of age. Barkley is 74—just two years older than Lewis.

"The self-anointed political leaders of labor who took it upon themselves to attempt to disqualify him (Barkley) from the presidency by reason of his age obviously were engaged in a small-time political intrigue with other candidates," Lewis said.

Reuther is the young chief of the United Automobile Workers and vice president of the CIO.

Harrison is a member of the executive council of the AFL and president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Kroll is director of the CIO's Political Action Committee.

These three were among the group of labor leaders who had breakfast with Barkley Monday morning.

They informed him they could not support him because of his age. A few hours later, the vice president—deeply hurt and angry—withdrew from the race.

Lewis said in part in his statement dictated from Washington:

"Vice President Barkley has always been a friend of organized labor. He has led a distinguished career, deserving of the eternal gratitude of every man in America who works for a living as well as all other citizens. . . .

"The rank and file of organized labor throughout the United States are grateful to Vice President Barkley for his lifetime record and for his espousal of the interest of the common man. . . ."

Veterinarian Makes Speech

Dr. Harry Leonard, of the Blue Cross Cat and Dog Hospital, addressed a dinner meeting of the 20-30 Club last evening at the Willard Hotel.

Leonard pictured vets' principal role in farming areas as guardians of the livestock industry against crippling diseases.

He told of the difficulty of young men getting into the profession. Out of 300 to 300 entering a freshman class as would-be vets, only about 40 to 50 eventually complete the course, he said.

Prior to Leonard's talk, the 20-30ians named Ed Maurman chairman of the annual "keys in car" campaign and Fred Hadlock chairman of a committee to promote cooperation with the current mobile x-ray program.

EIGHT KILLED

MANILA (AP) — Eight persons were killed and four injured Wednesday when a large truck overturned in a ditch in Tarlac province.

James Marlow

CHICAGO (AP) — "You never had it so good."

That's the battle hymn the Democratic party will sing to the voters in the political wars between now and November.

That was made clear Monday night by the keynote speech Gov. Paul A. Dever made to the Democratic convention.

Since the keynote speech is supposed to set the tone and mood of the party's campaign, Dever spent a lot of time comparing the present with the past, to the credit of the Democrats.

He cited employment figures, corporate profits, earnings in general and social benefits now, compared with the last years of the regime of the GOP, which has been on the outside looking in since 1932.

But, like a man patting himself on the back with one hand while waving away unpleasantness with the other, Dever had to do a double-take.

While praising the Democrats, he had to defend them, too.

In case anyone wondered what effect Republican attacks on the Democrats have had, Dever showed it had made them self-conscious, at least.

But hours before Dever took the platform, Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois addressed the convention.

Douglas' speech was a defense and explanation of the Truman administration's policy in Korea.

That too was an attempt to reply to Republican criticism of the administration, particularly the barbs tossed during the Republican convention.

Dever's theme — "You Never Had It so Good" — is a kind of combination with a slogan of previous years: "Why Change Horses in the Middle of the Stream."

That last slogan wasn't mentioned but what Dever was saying in effect was: "If you never had it so good, why change etc . . . ?"

While the Democrats should be able to benefit from Republican mistakes — through having their convention after the Republicans—it puts them at a disadvantage.

Having first crack at the public's attention, the Republicans can go on the offensive from the start, as they did, by lambasting the Democrats.

Since one convention follows so fast upon the other, the public's memory of the Republican attacks is still vivid when the Democratic convention opens.

This pushes the Democrats into the position of having to defend some of their actions, thus using up time which might otherwise have been used in slam-bang digs at the opposition.

Undoubtedly, as the campaign increases in heat, the Republicans will do more attacking, forcing the Democrats into more defenses.

But the Democrats, as Douglas disclosed, will not spare the heroes in trying to win the election.

Until now the main critics of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who won the Republican nomination from Sen. Robert Taft, were Taft people.

Democrats kept a kind of hands-off attitude, waiting for the Republicans to pick their man.

But now that the two political armies are lined up facing each other, Douglas set the pace for the future by lambasting the Republican standard bearer, Eisenhower.

As time goes on, Eisenhower, who came home a shining figure, will probably get mussed up. He accepted the Republican nomination and, the reaction of the Democrats seems to be, since he's in a political fight he must accept the responsibility and hardship that go with office-seeking.

Douglas' crack about Eisenhower was the statement that the general was chairman of the joint chiefs of staff when it decided, before the Korea War started, that Korea couldn't be defended.

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