

It Seems to Me
by
HEYWOOD BROWN

CLEVELAND, June 13.—It is a pity that Reinald Werrenrath, the most interesting performer at the Republican convention, did not sing "The Road to Mandalay" at the end of the session rather than at the beginning. In that event he might have used the logically revised version which runs, "Ship me somewhere east of Suez where the best is like the worst, where there ain't no Ten Commandments and our ticket's Hearst and Hearst."

Before the conclave opened I suggested that in common gratitude Mr. Hearst deserved a place on the national ticket. But I had no idea that he would get both. It will be necessary at the moment to suggest that San Simeon may have carried more weight than Topeka in bringing about the nomination of Alf Mossman Landon. The case of Col. Knox is something else again. To some extent the good gray colonel owes his choice to the spirit of sportsmanship in the Republican Party. There was no crowding or pushing around the door of the lions' den. On the contrary, all the candidates, even the small fry, were eager to get up and withdraw in "the interest of hominy."

In the final session the race to avoid the laurel became a panicky rout. All the eligibles except Col. Knox seemed to regard the vice presidential wreath as so much poison ivy.

Hearst Not Mentioned

NEVERTHELESS, all previous new lows were shattered on the final morning sessions of the Republican national convention. Whenever the lightning seemed about to strike a potential vice presidential candidate he promptly ducked under the bed. That is, all but one. Frank, the most telling argument advanced in favor of his candidacy was that "he followed Teddy Roosevelt up San Juan Hill." In the light of yesterday's events it would seem that Frank was a fool ever to come down again. But having pursued Theodore Roosevelt up the hill, Col. Knox must indubitably get down. Indeed he came down suddenly to gain the post of general manager for all the publicity of William Randolph Hearst. By some oversight this was not mentioned in any of the nominating or the seconding speeches for Frank Knox. In fact, the good taste of San Simeon's squire was 100 per cent throughout the Republican convention. Not once did he send any direct orders to the delegates and his name was never mentioned.

This was no convention in which the decisions were reached in a small and smoke-filled room. On the contrary, the issues were decided in a large California chateau within a huge room constructed in rough imitation of Westminster Abbey.

"That's All for Today"

THIS time the Harding technique was completely reversed. John Hamilton, the small town slicker who has been hailed rather prematurely as a new political genius, would get off in a halfway somewhere with William Allen White and a few others to decide the problems of high strategy. But when they came up for air they would discover that the whole thing had been settled elsewhere and elsewhere without their knowledge. Thus, in the final session, while John Hamilton was out in the corridor armily convinced that Vandenberg had been drafted something went on in the twinkling of an eye and he found Frank Knox sitting in his lap about as welcome as a Morgan midget.

When the choice of the Chicago publisher became official the din of the demonstration was so terrific that one could scarcely hear the booming of a but-terfly. A young soprano tried to stampee the delegates and visitors by singing that excellent ditty, "As the Caissons Go Rolling Along." You remember it, "in and out roundabout." "Keep 'em rolling," sang the little lady as if her throat would break. They just wouldn't roll. But in far-off California an elderly gentleman put down the telephone, smiled pleasantly to his secretary and said, "That will be all for today."

My Day

BY MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

FORT WORTH, Tex., Friday.—Such a changeable day! Bright sun this morning, and I never saw a prettier sight than the stadium in the Dallas fair-ground. Dresses and hats and every color we may see anywhere in summer. However, here we had parades of varied hue to make the whole stadium look more like a garden of flowers in full bloom.

One incident marred the morning for me. Out in the heat stood detachments from the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps. Suddenly a few boys being almost carried out to a car on the sidelines by their comrades. I knew how badly he would feel at dropping out, but I was even more afraid he might be really ill. My husband stopped long enough on the way out to ascertain that he was feeling better.

After lunch we started out for Fort Worth. Soon the clouds began to gather and then we had wind and quite a heavy rain. This was a great disappointment to many people. I know, but through still lined the sidewalks and cheered the President. I only hope no one is the worse for a drenching. At least it is deliciously cool now.

We are about to go out and spend the night with our son, Elliott, and his wife and baby. It is rather pleasant to have a family dotted around in various places, for one always had an added interest in the locality where a child is living.

In this case I have seen Elliott's home before, but his father has never been here and I know Elliott will want to show him everything. Since I was here last autumn he has made certain improvements—and then grandchildren do grow so rapidly I expect I will hardly know Chandler.

Every one seems to think that my husband will be too tired to really enjoy this short interlude in an official trip, but I think he really thrives on the feeling that he is seeing an improvement in conditions wherever we go. He certainly shows no sign of fatigue.

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New Books

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS—

KIMI-SAN, a beautiful Japanese girl, is sold into bondage to the Yoshiwara by her starving family. Rescued by a Christian army officer and teacher, she falls in love with one of his university students, Shigeo, the son of a rich merchant whose mistress she has been. Forbidden to marry by old family traditions, Kimi and Shigeo find their only possible solution in shinju—love suicide.

In the love story TO THE MOUNTAIN (Bobbs-Merrill, \$2.50) Bradford Smith, a university professor in Tokyo, has intervened the problems of modern Japan, with its conflict of Oriental and Western ideas, of Christianity and Shintoism, with its political upheaval, Communism and Manchurian warfare. Especially enlightening are his pictures of the various classes in Japan—the destitute, the merchant, the farmer, and the student.

"We are never bored," says Patience. Neither will any reader be as he follows the adventures of the three delightful children of James E. Abbe, international photographer, and Polly Platt, his beautiful wife, formerly an actress. The entertaining and hilarious account of their travels, is recounted chiefly by the 11-year-old daughter, "Patience," in "ABOUT THE WORLD IN ELEVEN YEARS" (Scribner, \$2). Co-authors are her brothers, Richard and John. They write of life in France and Germany, give a vivid touch to their sojourn in Russia; take the family to America via England and land them finally on a ranch near Denver.

Their reactions to the people and the life in each place they lived is told with a youthful frankness that is sometimes breath-taking to an adult; yet their naive and original observations are often pointed and very wise.

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'SCHOOL'S OUT' FOR THE TEACHER

Mary Brigham Has Decided to Build Some New Homes

This is the last of a series of articles on Indianapolis school teachers who retired this month.

BY ELIZABETH CARR

"I NEVER thought of doing anything else."

That's Miss Mary K. Brigham's explanation of a teaching career that ended this month after 33 years.

"My mother taught and I just naturally followed in her footsteps," she said.

Not so her brothers and sisters, however. In the Brigham family, which made its home in Howell, Mich., there were two boys and three girls. One boy became a farmer, and one a railroad man; one girl is a housewife, one a teacher and one a doctor, "because," explains Miss Brigham, "she didn't want to be a teacher."

But if Miss Brigham had to live the last 33 years over again, she would still be a teacher.

The first of next week will find her in her car and headed for Michigan and home. And by home she means a real home, for she's going to build it herself. Real estate, her one-time hobby soon is to be her profession.

SHE owns seven lots in Michigan which she purchased during "boom" times and she thinks now is the time to build. She confessed that if she didn't own the lots she probably would travel, but she can't let seven lots go to waste, she explained.

Her family? It's opposed to the venture, but Miss Brigham isn't discouraged.

She intends to build a small house, Cape Cod style, live in it until sold and then build another. They're to be landscaped personally by Miss Brigham, for gardening has been one of her hobbies.

Her interest in building first was aroused in 1917 when she was designing and supervising the erection of a summer cottage at Whitmore Lake, 10 miles from Ann Arbor, Mich. She and other members of the family lived in it for four summers. Then it was sold.

Fire trees, lake breezes, and the happy hours spent at the cottage were recalled. Although she likes fish, she admitted she wouldn't have anything to do with catching them.

MISS BRIGHAM started teaching at Livingsstone, Mich., remaining there six years. The next two years were spent in



Miss Mary K. Brigham ... teaching came natural.

'BEST TICKET UNDER CONDITIONS,' SAYS MARK SULLIVAN

CLEVELAND, June 13.—Under the conditions, it is extremely close to the best ticket the Republicans could have nominated.

I say, "under the conditions." One of the conditions is that the candidates must be young—youth, that is, in a sense which includes being new in national politics. Few realized until we came here how thoroughly Republican voters throughout the country were in a mood of looking for new leadership. It was not that they had any feeling against the old leaders. On the contrary most of the old leaders were respected.

It was more like the commonest process of nature, a new generation growing up, passing out of the tutelage of elders, evolving new ideas of their own and proceeding to function, to take over the world and its institutions as new generations must. What happened at Cleveland was not a revolution; there was no violence or heat in it. It was precisely like the orderly succession of generations—one group reaching the age of senescence and retirement, another reaching maturity and dominance.

force in politics, and he was one of the 10 or 12 men closest to Theodore Roosevelt when the latter, in 1912, made his Progressive fight for what, meant, then and still, new ideas in politics and public life.

AS for the head of the ticket, Gov. Landon, he completely represents the new. And he was literally the best possibility for the presidential nomination. The nomination had to go to the new, and Gov. Landon was the best of the new. It is self-evident that the older group of Republican leaders contains men more experienced and better-known to the public. But the convention, and the country as a whole, was determined to turn to the new. It was not in hostility; it just had to be; it was the course of nature.

Nothing could better illustrate the mood of the convention than what attended Mr. Hoover's speech. He received far the greatest ovation the convention gave anybody. Rarely has such a tribute of pride and affection been given any one. The convention endorsed 100 per cent the ideas in Mr. Hoover's address, and these ideas are basically the ideas of the convention and of the Republican Party in this campaign.

Yet the convention had not the faintest notion of nominating Mr. Hoover for the presidency. It did not occur to them. Inexperienced observers and much of the distant

radio audience may have thought when they heard the ovation to Mr. Hoover, that he might become a possibility for the presidential nomination. The convention made no slightest gesture in that direction, did not give a thought to it. The convention was as certain to turn to the new as a generation reaching maturity is certain to function in its own way.

OF the new, the wholly normal new, the new in the precise sense in which every tomorrow must differ from every today, the old not being overturned but merely taking on an inevitable modification—of the new in that wholesome sense, Governor Landon is the perfect epitome and symbol. He is at once as old as the Bible and the Constitution, and at the same time as new as the radio and the automobile. That is a combination which President Roosevelt's career impudently thinks impossible. But it exists, it is apparent every day, it is inherent in nature, it is the commonest fact of existence—and Gov. Landon represents it.

A fair essence of Gov. Landon's ideas would say: Old principles preserved, new technique adopted. That is the need of the day, and Gov. Landon reflects it. Common imagination likes to call all change by a dramatic name, "revolution." The truth is that ninety-nine hundredths of all change comes in the

Fair Enough
by
WESTBROOK PEGLER

CLEVELAND, June 13.—The hoarse and weary are scattering toward their homes at this writing and the hall where they ratified the instructions received by phone from the hotel rooms is now in the hands of the wreckers and sweepers. From now on the patriots will apply themselves to the task of selling Alf Landon's personality and explaining the state of mind of Kansas and the historical and other influences which have produced it. Mr. Landon is the first nominee from his fork of the creek and although he seems hardly likely to turn the rascals out this time his campaign should serve to acquaint the East with the nature of a hardbitten, horny-handed breed of insurgents who have always been left wing in the Republican Party.

The Kansas of the present has a much more accurate measure of the Eastern American than the Easterner has of him. Kansas goes East, but Easterners never go to Westbrook Pegler Kansas except of necessity.

It has been a long time since there was frontier anywhere in the East, but the grandfathers of the present generation of Kansans were sod-hut people, many of whom were born without the assistance of doctors, and the population still knows by personal experience a number of inconveniences which are only newspaper talk to the East. Blizzards, drought, the scorching heat of summer, cyclones, dust storms and grasshoppers are some that come to mind.

Cow \$5; Steak \$4

A FEW years ago, in Washington, your correspondent discovered on the menu of the hotel a steak listed at \$4 the same day that a letter came from a friend in the town of Soldier, Kas., telling of a Kansas who had just been compelled to sell a whole cow, complete with cowhide in good condition, steaks, tripe, stew meat, liver and one set of horns, for \$5 because there wasn't enough water for her. True, the steak in Washington was a two-passenger steak, but still there was a rather unreasonable markup between the producer and the consumer. Chickens were a nickel a piece in Kansas at the time and chicken salad was \$1.50 in a large hotel in New York.

During the convention your correspondent renewed old friendship with Mr. Jess Harper, the old Notre Dame football coach, who preceded Knute Rockne as Mr. Harper's Kansas farmer and he was all for turning the rascals out of Washington next fall, even though he had been in receipt of certain checks from the United States government for preventing wheat on his acres.

Good Fellow Not Wanted

THERE was another Jess in the sport industry some years ago who faithfully interpreted Kansas to the East and made few friends because he wasn't a good fellow. That was Jess Willard, who made two fortunes in the ring and established a reputation for frugality second only to that of the man who beat him last, Luis Angel Firpo. Mr. Jack Skelley of Yonkers, N. Y., who trained Willard for the fight, reported afterward that his reward has been nothing more than the gloves Willard wore in losing the fight. He thought he should have had more, but Willard's idea of the value of a dollar had been acquired on a Kansas farm and he looked on the task of training an ex-champion as mere recreation.

Willard wasn't a good fellow, but he was a real Kansan. Mr. Landon may not be elected, but he might be and your correspondent therefore hopes he is not a good fellow either.

The champion political good fellows of the present generation have been Jimmy Walker, Warren G. Harding and James A. Farley. The citizens will be paying for their open-handedness for many a year.

Merry-Go-Round

BY DREW PEARSON AND ROBERT S. ALLEN

WASHINGTON, June 13.—All week a pall was on Capitol.

The chambers of oratory were still, the galleries vacant, the elevators idling. Even the Negro barbers, whose free shaves for Senators are immensely popular, lounged around reading the comics.

Cleveland stole the show.

The only voices heard in the building have been the monotonous of Capitol guards, conducting straggling sightseers through the ancient hallways and corridors. The office buildings were still. The monorail subway car between the Capitol and the Senate office building droned back and forth with a single passenger each trip.

The list of committee sessions fell off to three for both House and Senate combined. The only heavy labor done was by the conferees in ironing out the tax bill.

was a concurrent resolution that caused the Capitol to be left like a death house. Since neither the Senate nor the House may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other, both joined in giving consent. The great mace was removed from its marble pillar in the House to be locked up in the office of the sergeant-at-arms. Republicans went to Cleveland. The Democrats went fishing.

But now the banks of the Potomac are beginning to look alive again.

GRIN AND BEAR IT + + by Lichty

A GROUP of Indiana delegates called on Senator Borah at his hotel suite before the nomination and said: "Senator, we want you to come into our state in the campaign and make a speech." "But you are for Landon, aren't you?" he asked. "Yes, but we admire you and want you to make a speech in Indiana." "Well, gentlemen," replied Borah with a smile, "that is very hospitable of you. I shall keep your invitation in mind, but I warn you, I don't think you will like the speech I make."

Practically every delegation in Cleveland made a special plea to Landon managers to send the G. O. P. candidate into their state, promising that if so he would be sure to carry it. Said tall, stately Menalcus Lankford of Norfolk, Va.: "If you need the Old Dominion to win we will not fail you, sir." ... Frank Knox had the largest picture poster at the convention. It stood eight feet high and was six feet wide. ... Headquarters of the Pennsylvania delegation was directly across from Senator Lester Dickinson's campaign offices. One night some of the Pennsylvanians sauntered into the Landon headquarters and spread the report, sotto voce, that they might swing over to him. Immediately the Dickinsonites sent downstairs and rushed up several boxes of good cigars. The Pennsylvanians helped themselves and departed.

SENATOR ARTHUR VANDENBERG is angry at the Michigan newsmen covering the convention. He expected them to rally around him the way the Kansas press did for Landon, but after the first day of his arrival they practically boycotted his headquarters.

Clint W. Hagger, former United States District Attorney from Georgia and one of the state's delegates, had a very embarrassing experience. Attired, only in his shorts he called on H. H. Turner, alternate from Atlanta, who had the room next to him. But when Hagger tried to re-enter his room, he found the door locked. Just then a maid came down the corridor. He appealed to her to open his door. "Sorry," she replied, "how do I know that's your room? You'll have to go to the office."

LET'S EXPLORE YOUR MIND

BY DR. ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM



1. THERE IS no general tendency of this kind but the mere circumstances of sales girls in stores may make it seem so to a good many of them. Sales girls have many men of the wealthy classes come to their counters, with their fine clothes, lordly airs, free spending habits, etc., and no doubt they seem like Prince Charmings to many a weary girl whose boy friends belong to a different world. Probably the men do not even notice the girl but she "falls" for them and it leads her to the very question proposed here. The answer is no, but in these special circumstances it may seem, yes.

2. NOT ABSOLUTELY so, but comparatively so. The story is told of a lighthouse keeper where an automatic gun was fired every five minutes right by his bed. On one occasion it missed fire and he woke with a start and said, "What was that noise?" We ride all day on the train and do not hear its roar until it comes to a sudden stop between stations and the stillness seems louder than the roar. Many men claim that when their wives cease talking—but, perhaps we had better change the subject.

3. THE Children's Aid Society of New York, after studying the replies they received from a questionnaire sent to the 10,000 members of their boys' and girls' clubs as to what radio programs they liked best, found only one so-called children's program that received any large vote—and it was a "thriller." Ninety-two per cent of the boys and 80 per cent of the girls, from 11 to 16 years old, listed adult programs as their favorites. More girls than boys voted for the comedians and more boys voted for programs about "science" and G-men.

Roosevelt Still Is Favored for President by A. F. of L. Head

BY HERBERT LITTLE
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CLEVELAND, June 13.—President William Green of the A. F. of L. still favors Franklin Roosevelt for President.

"There has been no change in my attitude," he said today at the home of his daughter here, when asked if the Landon nomination affected his statement of last month approving Roosevelt's policies and candidacy.

As to the official attitude of the A. F. of L. itself, Mr. Green said no action had been taken. Efforts are being made to check on the labor policies and record of the Kansas Governor.

The indicated plan of the A. F. of L. is to draft a statement comparing the Roosevelt and Landon labor records, and to make it public at the July meeting of the A. F. of L. executive council in Washington.

This is counted upon to guide the four to five million union men and their families in casting their votes.

"We always wait until after the platforms are made," Green pointed out.

HE expressed bitter disappointment, however, over the Republican platform, which failed to include the major recommendations made by Green and his A. F. of L. delegation early this week.

"I think I can say that, as far as labor is directly concerned, the plank does not meet the expectations and hopes of labor," he said. Among the Green proposals rejected were those for the child labor

amendment, a Federal housing program, anti-injunction legislation, and a constitutional amendment to curb the Supreme Court.



"How about a little help, Pietro? This gentleman has to catch a train."