

Democratic Registration Gains Spark Political News For Past Week In Oregon

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A steady trend of Democratic registration gains reported to the secretary of state's office April 29-May 5 highlighted that week's political news in Oregon.
Of the first 28 counties reporting final registration figures for the May 18 primary, 18 had Democratic majorities. Three—Curry, Lane and Wasco—were Demo-

cratic for the first time. In 20 out of the first 22 reporting counties, the Democrats made gains.
The whopping 22,000-vote lead for the Democrats in Multnomah County made it probable that the state's registered majority for the first time will be Democratic despite the Republican edge of 10,000 in Marion and the GOP majorities to be expected from such still unreporting counties as Jackson, Polk and Yamhill.

There was considerable active campaigning in the state during the week with Adlai Stevenson here while his write-in opponent, Sen. Estes Kefauver, spent some time in Washington state. Both will be here during election week.
The give-away got a workout. Stevenson at Klamath Falls charged the administration with surrendering or allowing exploitation of resources. In the same city

the night before, Douglas McKay, chief target of the give-away charges, said the charges were just words, wholly false. To buttress this, State Sen. Rex Ellis at Pendleton posted \$1,000 for anyone proving, through proper legal procedures, any fraud or actual give-away of natural resources.
Sen. Wayne Morse was found, in court action, to be legally in the Democratic primary, a thing which his opponent, Woody Smith, had contested. Smith had said Morse was still a Republican, a view which Republicans gener-

ally did not share, nor did the court.
Morse, invited to debate Phil Hitchcock at Willamette University, declined. He suggested Hitchcock should debate McKay since McKay and Hitchcock are contesting for the Republican senatorial nomination. Hitchcock's campaign aide, Robert A. Elliott, said his candidate has been eager to debate. He said McKay has refused to debate Morse and said that was the sort of mistake that cost the Republican Party a senatorial seat when Richard L. Neuberger beat Guy Cordon.

McKay was in the news at Oregon State College when a Democrat showed up at a Republican affair and started to heckle. The Young Democrats later issued a statement saying McKay was rude and ought to apologize. McKay's press chief, Paul F. Ewing, said McKay was not rude and the heckler ought to apologize.
At Eastern Oregon College, McKay won the backing of the college Young Republicans, who concluded he could "most ably represent the people of Oregon." Hitchcock meanwhile kept up his car-and-plane travels and both he and McKay appeared on television to present their views.

Al Richardson, who is on the ballot for Democratic nomination for state treasurer but decided a week ago he wouldn't have time and "withdrew," changed his

mind. He said he was back in the race. His opponent is Wiley W. Smith, Multnomah County assessor.
State Rep. W. W. Chadwick, veteran Marion County legislator, joined the list of state leaders speaking up for a restricted sales tax as an offset to the income tax in low brackets.

J. G. Graham's Half Sister Goes On Drunk Spree

DENVER (AP) — Mrs. Helen Hablutzel, 30, of Spenard, Alaska, half-sister of convicted slayer John Gilbert Graham, was arrested early Saturday on a charge of intoxication.
She was fined \$10 in police court but this was suspended. She left shortly afterward for Glenwood Springs, Colo., where her son has been staying with friends. Mrs. Hablutzel said they would return to Alaska as soon as possible.
Graham was convicted and his penalty set at death by a district court jury Friday night for the murder of Mrs. Daisie E. King, 55, mother of Graham and Mrs. Hablutzel.

She was on her way to visit her daughter last Nov. 1 when an airliner blew apart north of Denver, carrying her and 43 others to their deaths.
Mrs. Hablutzel told a Denver Post reporter she sees no use of an appeal for her half-brother.
"It was a fair trial," she said. "The evidence against him was overwhelming — so overwhelming it would seem he got what he deserves."

After the jury returned its verdict, Mrs. Hablutzel said, she went to the Graham home for her belongings, then drove her car downtown and went to a tavern.
"I'd had nothing to eat all day," she told the reporter. "I had three drinks, but they hit me very hard. At closing, I walked back to the car, got in and went to sleep."
That's where patrolmen Melvin Nicholson and Frank Smith said they found her. They offered to take her home, but said she told them she preferred going to jail.

Benson Hopeful Senate To Frame Improved Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson, voicing objection to two provisions of a House-passed farm bill, says he hopes the Senate will improve the measure.
The House passed the bill Thursday. The Senate Agriculture Committee is expected to start considering it this week.
Benson declined to predict whether President Eisenhower might veto the new bill if present provisions are retained, but expressed hope the bill "can be cleaned up and made workable in the Senate."

Benson said the legislation is "much improved" over the bill Eisenhower vetoed April 16, but he said the administration objects to its provisions for mandatory price supports for livestock feed grains and the addition of grazing lands to the soil bank program.

The bill would require price support on the feed grains—oats, rye, barley and grain sorghums—at five percentage points below the level set for commercial corn.
Benson said the provision would distort price relationships among feed, livestock, and livestock products. It also would bring an additional 100 million acres under federal crop controls, he said.
The provision was contained in the bill Eisenhower vetoed, but the President declined to tell his news conference Friday whether he could accept it in its present form. He said he would wait until it was before him.

Lane Judges Rule Themselves From Conspiracy Probe

EUGENE (AP) — Three Lane County circuit judges have disqualified themselves from any court action which might develop in an investigation of a reported embezzlement conspiracy here.

The three, Frank B. Reid, William Fort and A. T. Goodwin, requested Circuit Judge Dal M. King of Coos County to preside in the case. The first thing to come up will be a motion filed Friday by Dist. Atty. Eugene Venn, who asked the court to have a recently impeached grand jury dismissed. Judge King said he would hear arguments on the motion next Wednesday.

The new grand jury was appointed by Judge Reid April 28, over protests of Venn, after Reid dismissed the previous grand jury.
Gov. Elmo Smith has ordered Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton to investigate reports that Moses Moody, a convict now serving a state prison term, was the victim of an embezzlement plot. Details have not been disclosed.

Air Force Tells Plans For Guided Missile Plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force this week announced plans to construct in California a plant to build an intercontinental guided missile.
The Air Force said it will build the plant jointly with Convair Division of General Dynamics Corp., at Torrance, near San Diego, Calif.
This was the first announcement the Air Force is ready to start actual production of a 5,000-mile range missile.

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