

ROBINSON'S ASK VALLEY FOLKS TO VISIT THEM AT CAPITOL; NOMINEE WANTS TO FISH HERE

(BY MARY GRIENER)

"Tell the folks down in Medford we're mighty sorry we can't meet them. And if you ever come to Washington, be sure and look us up." This was the characteristic parting Mrs. Joseph T. Robinson, golden haired, petite wife of the Democratic vice presidential candidate gave a representative of the Mail Tribune, as the Cascade train slid over the junction at Black Butte on its way to Seattle by way of Klamath Falls Friday night.

"The train had stopped an hour and a half earlier at Dunsmuir, where a cheering crowd of some 300 residents were gathered around the railroad station and along the track hoping to get a glimpse of the candidate.

"Shouts of 'We want Robinson,' and 'Hurray for Al Smith,' brought the senator out on the platform, where he was greeted by a committee from the Democratic headquarters of the county.

"I wish that I might have the pleasure of introducing you personally to Governor Alfred E. Smith tonight, because I know you all want to meet him," he said. "But in the absence of the governor, I can make you acquainted with a running mate of mine in a campaign that was even tougher than this one—Mrs. Robinson, my wife."

The crowd applauded and cheered as Mrs. Robinson came forward on the platform next to her husband, and a group of women presented her with a large basket of flowers.

The senator then reviewed in brief order the principal issues of the campaign, giving a short synopsis of Al Smith's accomplishments in the state of New York. His references to the New York governor brought a continual stream of cheering and applause from the crowd.

A crowd of little boys and girls fought their way to the head of the audience and scrambled up to the platform railing to shake hands with the senator and his wife. Standing on each other's shoulders many of them wanted to repeat the process over and over. After several duplications, the senator laughingly suggested they step aside and give him a chance to meet some of the parents.

"You can see there's no race suicide in Dunsmuir senator," a man shouted from the crowd. "For which you're to be congratulated," returned Robinson laughingly. In the midst of a chorused eulogy of Governor Smith from the large number of admirers, a heckler on the outskirts of the audience shouted:

"I wish Herbert Hoover was on that train, I'd like to see him," Robinson smiled and drawled good naturedly. "Well son, if he were, he probably would be too busy to come out and talk to you anyway." The crowd laughed.

The traveling accommodations for the vice presidential candidate's party includes two cars in which are situated the sleeping compartments, a private dining room, a parlor and press car, in which the representatives of the Associated Press and United Press prepare their daily reports.

Aside from Senator and Mrs. Robinson, the special car carried C. K. Lothwell, general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad, in charge of train service and schedules; Donald MacGregor, a former New York newspaper man, and now a representative of the Democratic National committee who is in charge of publicity on the campaign; Mrs. Lawrence Blanks, niece of Mrs. Robinson from Little Rock, Ark., and a group of California friends, who were going only as far as Seattle with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Following his speech at Dunsmuir, the senator and Mrs. Robinson came back into the parlor of the special car, and the conversation among the party took up somewhat the same casual trend it would in a private home. There was considerable bantering about how many "little Joes" the senator had devoured during the day, and of the growing popularity of this particular delicacy on the train.

A "little Joe" the Mail Tribune representative had found out a little earlier in the evening, is a corn griddle cake, the recipe of which was originated by Chef Jim Edmonds, a colored cook the Robinsons brought along from Arkansas. The cakes finding particular favor with Senator Robinson, the press representatives christened them after him.

"It's almost a good thing it's too dark to see this scenery," said Mr. Robinson, "because every time I've gone through here in the past, I've been seized with an irresistible longing to go fishing, and the fishing fever plays havoc, you know, with a political campaign."

The senator said that he had been through the northwestern part of the country several times in the past, and was well acquainted with the fame of Rogue river. To provide a little relaxation on the long journey, the candidate has played golf during a few intervals, and intends to go on one hunting trip near Casper, Wyo.

Mrs. Robinson's part of the campaign is to make a traveling home on board the train for her husband. She watches his food to make sure he gets a properly balanced diet, and looks after his clothes. Loaded down with flowers and fruit at every station, she has kept the parlor car compartments attractively decorated, and has sent the remainder of her gifts to hospitals along the way.

The greatest regret of their long journey, as expressed by both Senator and Mrs. Robinson is the fact that they have not been able to

hear the speeches of Governor Smith.

"You know, my husband has always been an ardent admirer of Governor Smith, and in the early days they stumped the territory were real friends. Why, I believe they even slept in the same bed upon one or two of their campaign tours," she added laughing.

Mrs. Robinson is a typical southern woman, slender, blue eyed, exceptionally well poised, and warmly hospitable. Her voice has a pleasant southern accent and her laugh is spontaneous. Her admiration for Governor Smith and Mrs. Smith creeps frequently into her conversation. She volunteered a description of the governor's family and home life in her talk with the Mail Tribune reporter.

"Mrs. Smith is one of the most charming hostesses I've ever met. She is modest and retiring, but has a genius for making one feel perfectly at home in her presence. She worships her husband and of course his devotion to her is well known. She rather shrinks from publicity and enjoys appearing in public only in the knowledge that the governor is getting the recognition and adulation he deserves."

"That the Democrats will carry the solid South, was expressed as a certainty by Senator Robinson, and his sentiments were echoed by Donald MacGregor and the remainder of the party in the car. "It's gratifying to read of the reception the governor is receiving down in old Dixie," said the senator as he scanned a number of front page accounts in the several newspapers spread before him. "But then, I've never had much doubt about the south," he added.

Asked concerning the possibility of carrying California, the candidate seemed less certain, but left the impression that he had some hopes of a last minute victory there. He was particularly pleased with the reception he received in San Francisco and northern California.

The senator declined to divulge the nature of his speeches in the Northwest, but said that he had written two speeches that day, one to be delivered in Seattle and one in Boise. He will speak in Portland Monday night, and from there will leave for Boise, then to Ogden and from there east.

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Ye Letter Box

MRS. GRIEVES WRITES

October 13, 1928.

To the Editor: In my published letter of October 11, 1928, I requested Judge Thomas to make public the so-called "partial report" submitted to him by the Chaney grand jury April 25, 1928. That document was signed by me as forewoman, and asked information without which we could not proceed. In that letter I stated that I should have to give the facts to the public if he did not advise them of the nature of the controversy. There has been no response. Hence this letter.

February 15th Judge Thomas called me to his chambers and said that Chaney had outlined to him a report which he would ask the grand jury to make covering his handling of the prohibition fund. He said Chaney had asked him what he thought of it as a political document; that he answered that if the grand jury would make it, it would be the best political document ever issued by a grand jury. He warned me that the grand jury should not make this report. He criticized us for having made the report in November approving Chaney's handling of this fund. He said we should have said that "according to the report of the accountant," it was all right.

He cautioned me that the grand jury should go into the matter carefully. He aroused the first suspicion I had of any irregularity in the handling of the funds. He insisted that we go to the bottom of it and let the chips fall where they would. He said that he would stand back of me throughout the investigation. At this time I had implicit confidence in Judge Thomas. I had always been his supporter, and until his action concerning the so-called partial report, I worked with him and had the utmost confidence in him.

I advised the grand jury as he requested, and this was the beginning of the investigation which not only resulted in the indictments, but which brought forth the so-called "partial report."

The limited space afforded me in the press for this letter compels me to continue the matter in subsequent communications. Perhaps Judge Thomas will in the meantime publish the report so that the public may understand what the discussion is about.

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Miss Evelyn Wold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wold, won the year's scholarship to the Chicago Conservatory of Music, offered the students at the Southern Oregon normal this year by Helma Emandor, music supervisor at the Ashland school, as a result of a final examination and tryout in which more than 50 music students competed last week.

Miss Wold is a graduate in music from St. Mary's Academy here, in the class of last June, and is one of the most talented musicians among the younger people in the city. Whether she will take advantage of her scholarship immediately, or wait until she has completed her first year's work at the normal has not yet been decided.

Miss Emandor, who offered the scholarship is a graduate of the Chicago Musical college, which was founded by Dr. Ziegfeld in 1867. She came to Ashland from the east a year ago.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Arthur Clowe Baez, 40, who told federal officers he was formerly pastor of the First Methodist church, Livingston, Mont., was under arrest here today while charges brought by Irene Frances Dennis, 29, waitress, of Milwaukee, Wis., were investigated.

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Obituary

ZIEBARTH. — Funeral services for Martin Ziebarth will be held from the Catholic church Monday, October 15 at 9 a. m. Rev. Father Black officiating. Burial in Medford. The Perl Funeral Home has charge of the service.

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