

# POLITICAL SCENE SET AS OREGON FILINGS END

## State Once More Key Battleground For Nominations

By William Warren  
Salem, Ore. —(U.P.)— Oregon, the state that stopped the Stassen stampede in 1948, became a key battleground again Saturday for both Republican and Democratic presidential nominations. Some Unwilling  
Some of the candidates are willing. Some are unwilling. Two of the names mentioned most for president—Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for the Republican and President Truman for the Democratic—were not submitted by the filing deadline of 5 p.m. Friday and will not be on Oregon's primary ballot. Under Oregon law, a candidate's consent is not needed for presidential nomination.

**Oregon Significant**  
The timing of Oregon's primary makes it nationally significant. It will be held May 16 and will be the last primary before the national conventions.

And many political observers have expressed belief that this makes the Oregon primary a good last-minute indication of the way the political wind is blowing in the short time before the conventions.

Willing Republican candidates for the Oregon primary vote are Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and Gov. Earl Warren of California. Stassen and Warren were so willing they filed by personally signed petitions.

Unwilling Republican candidates include Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Republican. MacArthur requested, but was denied, permission to withdraw from the Oregon primary. His name was the first formally filed in Oregon for GOP nomination—two days before petitions were filed for Eisenhower. Morse, "Not Candidate"  
Morse, an ardent Eisenhower supporter, said he was not a candidate for nomination and the filing of his name by political opponents was a trick.

The only willing candidate for the Democratic nomination is Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. Unwilling Democrats are U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson. Douglas' name was filed by petition against his will. He sent \$100 to the state election bureau for a full page in the Democratic voters pamphlet to caution Democrats not to waste their votes on him. Both Stassen and Kefauver have promised extensive and vigorous campaigns in Oregon.



STANDING BESIDE COLLEAGUE, Senator Walter G. George (D) Ga., Senator Richard Russell, of Georgia, (right) tells Washington newsmen he will seek Democratic presidential nomination on platform opposing excessive spending, corruption, over-concentration in government. He expects anti-Truman support. (International)

## City Officials of Jackson And Josephine Counties Set Discussion Meeting Here

City officials and civic leaders of cities of Jackson and Josephine counties will meet here Wednesday evening, March 12, to discuss common municipal problems.

The meeting is sponsored jointly by the city of Medford and the League of Oregon Cities and is the third of 23 similar meetings to be held throughout the state this spring, according to Mayor D. L. Flynn, who is in charge of local arrangements for the affair.

**Speakers Listed**  
Participants in the meeting, in addition to local officials and those of neighboring cities, will include Commissioner William A. Bowes, Portland, president of the league; Herman Kehrl, director, Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, University of Oregon and league executive secretary; Arnold M. Westling, bureau planning and public works consultant, and Raymond C. Coulter, former state legislator who recently joined the league staff as field consultant. Commissioner Bowes will open the meeting with a report on "Current Municipal Developments and League Activities." This will be followed by an informal discussion session featuring questions and answers, reports on municipal activities and problems in the cities represented at the meeting, with Kehrl presiding.

**Informal Discussion**  
In writing to city officials of this area Commissioner Bowes stressed the informality of the discussion session to allow fullest opportunity for exchange of ideas on city problems. Problems and developments in city revenues, budget preparation, security and retirement for city employees, personnel and city planning will probably be discussed. The meeting will convene at the Medford hotel at 6:30 p. m. Mayors in Jackson and Josephine counties who have been asked to organize delegations to the meeting are P. H. Stansbury, Ashland; Robert O. Dimmick, Brookings; W. A. Hartlerode,

## Many Candidates For State Jobs Lack Opposition

Salem —(U.P.)— The Oregon primary election May 16 will find a bounty of candidates for president and a scarcity of candidates for some state offices.

Deadline for filing was 5 p.m. Friday. Unopposed  
And Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry finds himself in the happy situation of no primary campaign effort. He is unopposed for the Republican nomination for re-election.

His ultimate opponent in the November general election likewise finds herself without opposition for Democratic nomination. She is Mrs. Edith S. Green of Portland.

The scramble is a bit thicker for state treasurer, a job for which Walter J. Pearson did not seek re-election. Sig Unander and State Sen. Jack Lynch of Portland filed for Republican nomination for state treasurer late Friday.

Fred E. Robinson of Medford has filed for the GOP nod for this post earlier. L. W. Blakeslee and Francis Lambert, both of Portland, filed for Democratic nomination for state treasurer.

In the race for Republican nomination for state attorney general are Leonard Lindas of Oregon City, E. O. Stadter of Bend, John F. Steelhammer of Salem and Alex G. Barry and John B. McCourt of Portland. George Neuner, a Republican, will not seek re-election to the attorney general post he has held for years. Robert Y. Thornton of Tillamook is the lone Democratic aspirant for the job.

State Supreme Court Justice George Rossman is unopposed for re-election on the nonpartisan ballot to be held in connection with the May 16 primary.

Ralph C. Baker, veteran national Republican committeeman for Oregon, did not run for re-election, on doctor's orders. Filing to succeed him were Jesse Gard, Glenn R. Jack, Lowell Paget and Charles L. Paine, all of Portland. Monroe Swetland will be opposed by Mike DeCicco of Portland.

Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls is unopposed for Republican national committeewoman. Mrs. Margaret Canwood and Mrs. Lillian M. Burton will race for Democratic national committeewoman.

Late filings for other offices included: Dr. G. A. Dierdorff, Medford, filed for state representative from Jackson county on the Republican ticket.

Harry D. Boivon, Klamath Falls, filed for congress from the second district on the Democratic ticket.

Louis A. Wood of Eugene filed for congressman from the fourth district on the Democratic ticket.

Carl H. Massie of Grants Pass filed for state senator from Josephine county, Democrat.

Barbara S. Draper, Republican, Albany, congressman fourth district.

## Eisenhower, Taft Leaders File for Committeeman Job

Portland —(U.P.)— Although Sen. Robert A. Taft's name was not entered for the Oregon presidential primary election, he'll be indirectly a party to the battle for GOP leadership in this state.

At the last-minute Friday, the Ohio Republican's Oregon campaign manager, Lowell Paget of Portland, filed for the post of Republican national committeeman.

Paget did so after discovering that Jess J. Gard, Multnomah county chairman of the Oregon for Eisenhower committee, had quietly filed for the same job.

The Taft-Eisenhower "skirmish" followed a disclosure by Ralph C. Baker, Portland, who has held the committeeman job for 12 years, that his doctors had advised him against the campaign.

Two others are in the com-

mitteeman race, Glenn R. Jack, Oregon City attorney, and Charles L. Paine, Portland.

Jack Travis, Hood River publisher who had been circulating petitions for Taft, said his drive fell about 100 signatures short of the 1,000 necessary. Taft supporters had charged the Travis move as "unfriendly."

### Four Plan Campaigns

Salem —(U.P.)— It will be a four-way race to see who succeeds Rep. Lowell Stockman of Pendleton as Oregon's congressional delegate from the second district.

Candidates include two Republicans, State Rep. Giles French of Moro and State Sen. Sam Coon of Baker, and two Democrats, John G. Jones of La Grande and Harry D. Boivon of Klamath Falls.

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