

Delegates to Convention Should Abide by People's Will—McKay

Salem —(U.P.)— Gov. Douglas McKay believes Oregon delegates to the national conventions should abide by the will of the people as expressed at the primary polls and he vigorously takes to task a small group who have filed by petition instead of declaration with the reported intention of voting for Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for Republican presidential nominee.

Taft Not on Ballot

The name of Sen. Taft will not appear in the Oregon primary. But eight Portlanders, including Lowell Padgett and former State Sen. Irving Stand have filed by petition instead of declaration and hence are not legally bound to abide by the people's expressed choice although, Gov. McKay implied, they are morally bound.

The governor said: "It is possible that on May 16th the Republican voters of this state may overwhelmingly endorse the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower; at the same time, Oregon may send delegates to the Republican convention who will vote for an opposition candidate on the very first ballot. The reason for this possibility is important to every citizen of the state."

Direct Preference Expressed

"We think of Oregon as having a presidential primary in which the people directly express their preference for President and choose convention delegates legally bound to work in the convention for the choice of the people."

"This Oregon system of a presidential primary was set up by a law enacted in 1915. This law specifically requires that all candidates for delegates sign an affidavit that they will, in the convention, work for the candidate for president who receives the largest number of votes in the primary. Of the candidates for delegate to the Republican convention, 77 candidates have filed under the 1915 law. They are therefore legally bound to support the choice of Oregon voters. In the past 30 years, no candidate to a Republican convention has been elected who has not accepted this binding obligation."

Oversight in Law

"When the 1915 law was enacted, the legislature, through an oversight, failed to repeal that part of a 1905 law which had permitted candidates for delegate to file by the petition of 500 qualified electors. Under this 1905 law no affidavit was required for candidates that they would support the choice of the people."

"There is a legal question as to whether the 1915 law did not by implication repeal the conflicting provisions of the 1905 act. That question is for the courts. The important fact for us is that certain candidates this year found this questionable loophole in our presidential primary law. They propose to take advantage of it irrespective of the results to the state."

Gov. McKay said the eight candidates who filed by petition are not legally bound to support the choice of the voters for president. He said: "I will not assume to appraise

Political Thinking Will Be Shown At Mock GOP Meet

Ashland—An indication of political thinking by Oregon Republicans will be aired next Friday and Saturday when a mock Republican national convention is held at Willamette university. Robert J. Hilliard, Seattle, senior student in teacher education at Southern Oregon college is chairman of the mock national committee planning the program.

Representatives of 12 state colleges and universities will take part in the program, which is patterned after the regular nominating sessions. The Salem meeting will be the first of its type held in the west coast and will be similar to the program held Saturday at Oberlin college in Ohio.

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Delegates from each of the schools to be represented at the meeting have been assigned several of the 48 states which they will represent and whose political commitments they will respect. Fifteen students from Southern Oregon will take part and will be divided into groups representing the states of Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Prior to the climactic nominating session Saturday night, the 241 delegates will be addressed by several Republican leaders. Sen. Frank Carlson (R. Kans.), campaigning on behalf of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, will deliver the keynote address. Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R. Ore.) will act as honorary chairman of the final meeting.

their motive in making use of this supposed loophole in the law to avoid such a proper legal commitment. But I think that we may fairly draw a conclusion in our own minds from the fact that this procedure was urged by the chairman of the state committee for Sen. Robert A. Taft. The state Taft chairman, himself (Paget) filed as a candidate for delegate under this 1905 law."

Denver Court Bows To Wishes of Women

Denver — (U.P.) — Denver's District Court finally has given in to the ladies.

Jury Commissioner Joseph Horgan said women have objected to having their ages made a matter of public record on jury panel lists.

So, from now on the lists will show name, address, sex and occupation—but not age.

Superior, Neb. — (U.P.) — George King, 85, bought advertising space in the Superior Express to tell "the city and the rest of the cockeyed world that as a water diver competing with modern well-digging crews I can still find water without drilling the earth full of holes."

State Librarians To Meet in Ashland

Ashland — Members of the Oregon Library association will meet here next Friday and Saturday, according to Miss Cora Mason, Ashland librarian. The conference will open with a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Elks temple dining room.

Mrs. Pauline C. Howard, acting librarian of Reed college, Portland, will act as toastmistress for the dining meeting. Speakers on the program will include Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook, a member of the association executive board; Dr. Lawrence Tomlinson, Portland, Lewis and Clark college librarian; Dr. Arthur Kreisman, Ashland, Southern Oregon college professor of English, and Miss Lesley Heathcote, president of the Pacific Northwest Library association and librarian at Montana State college.

Persons desiring to attend the meeting are requested to make reservations by calling Ashland 6561 through Tuesday.

THAT MEAN THIEF AGAIN

Jacksonville, Fla. — (U.P.) — A mean thief broke into a grammar school here and stole a Swiss watch brought to class by one of the young pupils for an exhibit on Switzerland.

Rehabilitation Plan For Woman Told

Mrs. Maxine Doney, 26, Central Point, will be taken to Portland on Monday afternoon for training at Good Samaritan hospital under the program of the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Doney, who suffered a fractured back in an auto accident last December and is bedridden at Sacred Heart hospital, will be taken north by the Buck air ambulance. The Portland service reportedly is making its first flight.

Don D. Davis, rehabilitation counselor here for the division, said that Mrs. Doney will be under the care of specialists and will be trained in order that she may perform at least the duties of a housewife. She probably will need leg and back braces, a wheel chair and crutches, he said. Surgery, if necessary, will be performed.

When physically able, Davis stated, Mrs. Doney will be given training in some vocation.

Jacksonville Pioneer Woman Dies Thursday

Portland—Molly Louise Kubli, 79, a native of Jacksonville and widow of the late K. K. Kubli, died at her Campbell Court hotel apartment here Thursday. She had been in declining health for a year.

Born May 10, 1872, at Jacksonville, she was the daughter of John and Mary Miller, who came to southern Oregon across the plains in 1851.

Her late husband, who died in 1943, was a former speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, and was a senior member of the Portland printing and stationery firm of Kubli, Howell and Company.

Funeral services will be conducted at the J. P. Finley and Son mortuary.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Norman L. Robinson, Portland, and Mrs. Richard C. Gordon, San Francisco, and two grandchildren.

New Jersey Officials Oppose "One for Road"

South Amboy, N.J. — (U.P.) — A state official let it be known that the old alcoholic tradition of having "one for the road" won't be honored on the New Jersey turnpike.

Acting Alcoholic Beverage Commissioner Edward J. Borton ordered a tavern near the super-highway to take down a sign which reminded motorists: "Last bar before the turnpike."

McCarthy Has Comment On Truman Statement

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Sen. Joseph McCarthy had a terse comment on President Truman's remark that "political gangsters" are making irresponsible attacks on government employees.

"I would prefer not to talk about the dead."

Omaha — (U.P.) — The Omaha Optimist Club used a hearse to transport citizens free of charge to the courthouse to register for the spring primary. Said a spokesman: "An unregistered citizen is a dead citizen."



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