

Stiff Fight Looms In Ohio Primary As Taft-Stassen Plan Campaigns

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—While republicans in Idaho held a party meeting to pick 11 delegates to the national convention, main political interest centered today on a GOP primary two weeks off.

A stiff fight was shaping up in the May 4 Ohio contest, where Harold E. Stassen and Senator Robert A. Taft are due to lock horns. Taft last night suddenly abandoned a scheduled speaking tour in Vermont to concentrate on the coming battle in his home state.

The Idaho political event was one of two on tap for today. The other was in Kentucky, where democrat John A. Whitaker is unopposed in a special congressional election for the seat of Earle C. Clements, now the state's governor.

Idaho's GOP delegates are expected to go to the Philadelphia nominating convention without instructions. But the Ohio elections may test the strength of the republican hopefuls who have stales entered.

Stassen, who looms large in the nationwide republican race following decisive victories in Wisconsin and Nebraska, has entered contests for 23 of Ohio's 53 delegates.

The Minnesotan was due to fly to Florida today to bid for that state's 16 convention votes. "Things are looking very favorable for us there," he said.

In Cleveland, meanwhile, Taft said almost exactly the same about his prospects in Ohio, where Stassen's supporters are claiming 19 to 12 votes. "Things are generally favorable," the senator said.

At the same time, President Truman, who is being opposed within his own party for the democratic nomination, received a commenda-

tion from the New York state democratic committee.

Though the committee made no effort to instruct the 16 delegates-at-large it selected, its resolution was considered as a sign that the president may get a big share of New York's 88 convention votes.

Mrs. Roosevelt Said Better

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 17 (AP)—Mrs. James Roosevelt was reported recovering today from the effects of mixing headache and sleeping tablets.

She remained at St. Johns hospital in nearby Santa Monica last night, but doctors said she was out of danger.

Her husband, FDR's eldest son, gave this explanation of the mistake which sent Mrs. Roosevelt, 32, to the hospital in a coma.

She had been suffering from severe headaches and the doctor had given her headache tablets. She took some at bedtime, more at about 10 p. m. Thursday.

Then about 3 a. m. yesterday, still suffering, she got up and by mistake took tablets from the wrong bottle. It contained sleeping tablets.

"The doctor tells me the combination was too much for her," added Roosevelt, who is chairman of the California democratic central committee. He said he did not know how many of the two kinds of tablets she took.

Mrs. Roosevelt, said her husband, had been worrying about the illness of two of their three young children, the oldest 29 months.

Boyle's Column

Slow But Sure, The Old Free Lunch Is Coming Back

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—The oldtime "free lunch" is back—at least it has one foot in the bar-room door.

It is coming back the hard way, one street at a time.

Rat cheese and salami sandwiches now bloom again in scattered bars in the shadow of the "el" like spring flowers poking up through old snow. And barflies—excuse me, gentlemen with a dime—are greeting them with glad cries. In the tonier establishments even the pickle is back.

Only a morsel of the new free lunch is the morsel of its old robust self. But its comeback on Third avenue is significant. Why? Because Third avenue is to the elbow-bending gentry what the Aberdeen proving ground is to artillery—a testing field that sets the trend.

In the bars along this noisy thoroughfare where roaring overhead "el" trains make conversation a muscular feat, Park avenue comes to ogie "the characters." "The characters" like to ogie right back.

Fads that become popular here often set the pattern for the town—spread one way by "the characters" and the other by the penthouse "swells." This may spell a new future for the free lunch.

Time was when the free lunch was big enough to give a harvest hand the colic.

Remember? For a nickel beer a hungry citizen of good standing could waddle over to a counter creaking under plates stacked with roast beef, baked ham, boiled ham, oysters, steamed clams, three kinds of cheese, hardboiled eggs, lunch meats, pickles, relish, stacked bread and huge slices of raw white onion, fragrant of Bermuda.

In the classier joints a burly bartender with a "keep off" look stood guard to shoo customers with run-down heels away from the trough.

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What happened to the "free lunch"?

"What happened to it?" said one bartender. "They just ate it all up. Too many people got to thinking saloons were boarding houses."

Prohibition Blow
Others say it was buried with prohibition. It didn't die out entirely, however. It survived in anemic form in the present cocktail hour custom of serving canapés. These one-bite-and-they're-all-gone sandwiches are so tiny that a big man can lose one in a hollow tooth.

These revolting delicacies, consumed more in sorrow than in anger, are blamed by some elderly bartenders as the real cause of increasing jitters among their unsteady clients.

"They're too small to support a vitamin," said one gloomily. "And what's in 'em—little bitty fish in gel, stuff that looks and tastes like toothpaste, cheese that don't even have a smell, and eggs that come out of a sturgeon instead of a hen. No wonder people get the shakes."

But if the free lunch makes a real comeback the canapés will be cut out—the hors d'oeuvres will have had their hour. This will be true in the homes as well as in the bars.

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Truckers League To Meet April 24
The Southern Oregon Truckers league formed in Medford March 27, will meet at 3 p. m. Saturday, April 24, at the Medford chamber of commerce. All truckers are invited to attend.

The purpose of the league is to work for the best interests of the log, lumber and dump truck operators in Southern Oregon. Action to obtain relief for truckers on some objectional features of the new PUC law will be discussed at the meeting.

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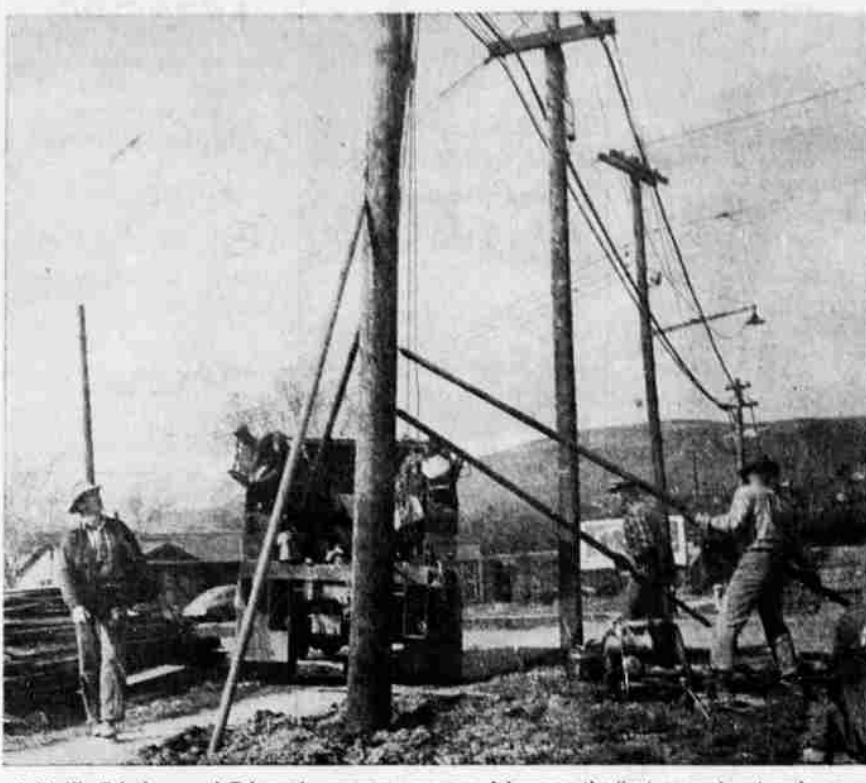
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Some Political Gleanings

By HALE SCARBROUGH

If Klamath county has a population of 50,000 right now, laws of nature would see to it that at least 25,000 persons are of voting age, 21 years or over . . .

A year ago the county showed a registered voting strength of 18,000, and since that time about 5000 names have been cut off the books and probably another 3000 put back on . . . That makes about 18,000 registrants. So about 9000 persons aren't on the lists at all . . .

If they don't register they can't vote . . . If they can't vote they're not full citizens . . . these half-citizens have from now until 5 p. m. next Tuesday to qualify as full Americans . . .

It so happens that three of the 19 candidates for sheriff of Klamath county are connected in one capacity or another with the infrequent professional boxing shows staged at the armory . . . Democrat Wally Moss as referee, Republican Jack Franey as ring announcer and Democrat Larry McCane as trainer and handler of several of the boxers.

May 21 will show whether any of them pack a knockout punch . . .

The multi-candidate sheriff race has focused more attention on Klamath county than any political happening since Willis Mahoney ran for . . . and became . . . mayor on a write-in campaign. It even has the feature writers of the metropolitan papers interested in our doings . . .

Somebody ought to get up a pool on how many write-in votes Lloyd Low is going to get . . . Virtually everyone who drops into the courthouse to see Lloyd asks: "Well, who's going to be elected sheriff?"

The stock reply is: "I don't know, but here's the boy I'd like to see get it . . ." Accompanied, of course, by the business of fishing out a card bearing the name and picture of Pete Verlings . . .

Don't forget that Klamath Falls will have to elect a mayor and a couple of city councilmen next November, along with everything else, and there'll probably be no small number of aspirants to those jobs . . . A few who have already been mentioned for mayor include Walt Wisendanger, Lynn Roycroft, Al Condrey, Paul Landry, W. D. Miller . . .

Ed Ostendorf, the present mayor, who claims he was just about to retire from everything in 1941 when the war broke out, is seeking greener pastures of the state legislature . . .

Mrs. Wally Moss reports that her husband and democrat candidate for sheriff should be completely recovered from his broken back within a week or so of the primary. Wally is in a hospital at Portland now . . . Mrs. Moss makes a very good pitch for her husband in campaigning . . .

Democrats meeting last night heard Sam Smith say nice things about the mill and a half recreation levy he is backing and voted unanimously to support the city measure to get more money for recreation . . . Smith has very clear ideas of what can be done if he gets the money and what cannot be done if he doesn't . . .

For instance, if the millage levy passes, Smith says he will operate eight playgrounds in Klamath Falls this summer . . . If it doesn't, only one will operate.

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Growers To Name Voters

Klamath potato growers and handlers will nominate members to the potato marketing agreement control committee at a meeting to be held in the Merrill high school at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, April 21.

Inclusion of Jefferson and Lake counties into the marketing agreement area will be discussed. Such an addition to the area, which now consists of Districts No. 1, Crook and Deschutes counties; District No. 2, Klamath county; and District No. 3, Siskiyou and Modoc counties; would require further hearings upon recommendation of the new control committee.

The marketing agreement control committee is composed of two growers and one handler members from each of the three districts.

Nomination meetings are scheduled as follows: District 1, April 20; District 2, April 21; District 3, April 22.

A-Bomb Survivor Wed In Ceremony

HOLLYWOOD, April 17 (AP)—Kay Polchikoff, White Russian survivor of the Hiroshima bombing, was Mrs. Paul Drago of Camden, N. J., today.

Miss Polchikoff, 26, and Drago, 21, were married yesterday in a radio program ceremony. They met in Japan while he was an army private in 1946.

After a Laguna Beach, Calif., honeymoon, the young couple will pick up their \$2500 worth of gifts and go home to Camden.

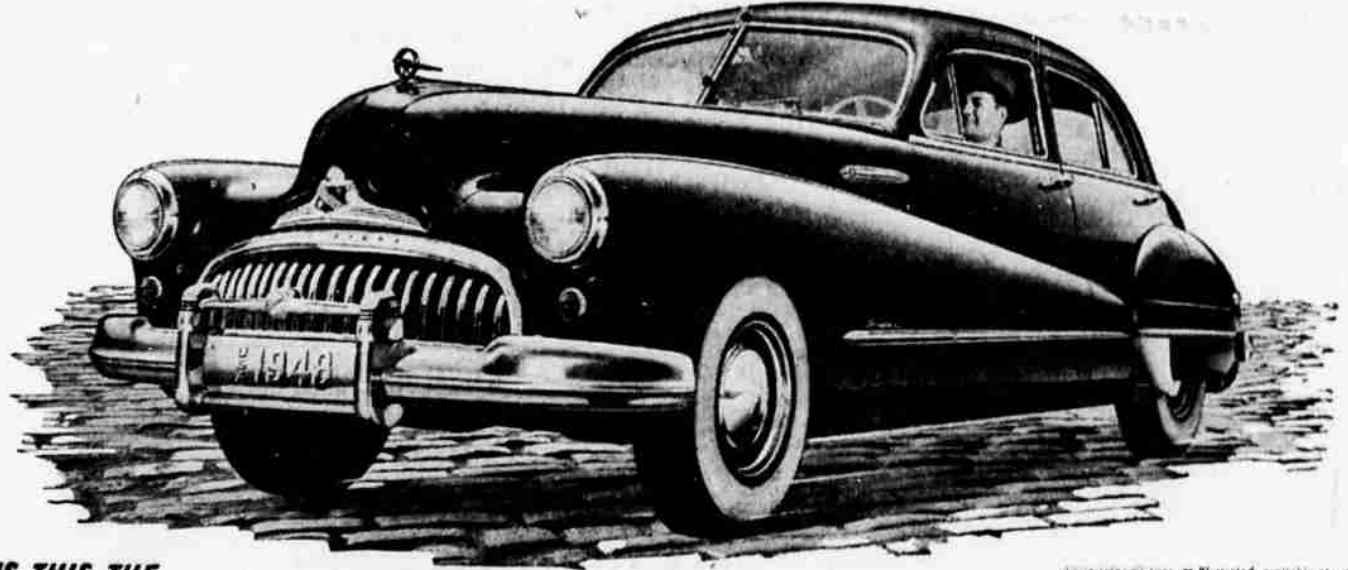
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