

Local Demos Back Valley Lawyer For Federal Job, Party Officers Take Poll

By HALE SCARBROUGH
A strong pitch to have Edward C. Kelly, Medford attorney, named to the federal bench is being made by local democrats, but a poll of county party leaders all over the state may be the guide-rule in any recommendation for the appointment.

Oregon has two federal judges—James Alger Fee and Claude McCulloch—but probably is in line for a third. Nineteen more judges have been authorized by congress and the Oregon district is asking for one.

Portland papers have indicated several times that a Portlander, Gus Solomon, has the appointment in the bag, but his is only one of a dozen names on a ballot being circulated among party officials in each county.

Selection of the judge will be up to President Truman, with the concurrence of the senate. The appointments are a matter of patronage and this particular judgeship happens to be one of the top jobs Oregon democrats have had to consider in several years.

An agreement in democratic circles leaves the recommendation for

political patronage jobs affecting the state as a whole to the state central committee chairman and vice chairman, in consultation with the state national committeeman and committeewoman.

William Jooslyn, Portland, is chairman of the central committee and Mrs. Joada Leonard of Klamath Falls is vice chairman. They have made no recommendation for a candidate for the judgeship and will make none until the results of the poll are counted in Portland Friday.

Menroe Sweetland and Mrs. Nancy Honeyman Robinson, who are national committeeman and committeewoman respectively, apparently are favoring Solomon but their recommendation does not coincide with the patronage channel agreement of the party.

The state central committee's ballot includes the names of Kelly, Solomon, Hugh L. Biggs of Portland, A. S. Grant of Baker, Allen Hart of Portland, Henry Hess of La Grande, Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City, Hall S. Luck of Salem, William B. Murray of Portland, Bruce Spaulding of Polk county, Orville N. Thompson of Albany, and Robert Wise Thornton of Tillamook.

Since the ballot was printed, Thomas Mahoney of Portland has declared himself a candidate for the appointment.

Frank Sletten, chairman of the Klamath county central committee, and Mrs. Leonard presumably will vote for Kelly. Result of the ballot will not be binding as a recommendation, but will be used as a guide. Some of the persons listed may not want the appointment.

Another factor governing the recommendation is geographical. The recommendation and subsequent appointment probably will go to a resident of the area west of the Cascades, since both Fee and McCulloch were appointed from Eastern Oregon.

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Removal Of Jim Crow Rule To Be Studied By Cemetery Committee; Trucks Talked

Steps to remove a Jim Crow clause from the city's deed to Klamath Memorial park which prohibits burial of anyone not of the white race will be taken soon by the city cemetery committee.

A report by City Attorney Henry Perkins on the clause was heard at Tuesday night's city council session. Perkins said that the ballot title and ordinance make no exception, but the clause, "burial of human dead of the white race, as defined by the United States supreme court, and none other," does appear in the deed.

Perkins' opinion was that the clause was apparently just copied from a previous deed of a private corporation, and no one noticed it in the city's deed. He recommended striking the clause from the deed and also suggested establishing separate sections for interment of whites and colored people.

At the mention of separate sections, Mrs. William Burnett, secretary of the Klamath chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and one of several Negroes in the audi-

ence, told the council that she saw no reason for setting aside separate sections. An individual's financial situation will take care of any segregation, she added.

"Our taxes are the same as anyone else, and we would like the same consideration," she said.

An open meeting of the cemetery committee will be called soon, the city dads decided, to straighten out the situation.

Councilman Darrell Miller suggested that the mayor appoint a highway committee to deal exclusively with city highway problems. He recommended that the committee be formed of five representative men, including the chamber of commerce and other groups vitally interested in highways.

At the mention of Mayor Robert Thompson appointing a committee, Councilman A. F. Caudrey said he is in accord with the idea, but feels that each councilman should appoint a member instead of the mayor appointing the entire committee.

No agreement was reached, but the city fathers decided to think



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used on signs designating the truck route at Esplanade and Spring.

The city audit was awarded to J. P. Matthews. Bids for painting the exterior of the city hall were opened. Two were received and were just one dollar apart. L. P. Brock-

man bid \$1379, and Roper and Roper bid \$1280.

The Roman Emperor Claudius took with him to Britain many elephants, camels and African black men with which his generals defeated the Britons, in 43 B. C.

Political Killing In Japan Eyed

TOKYO, July 6 (AP)—Did President Sadanori Shimoyama of the Japan Railway corporation commit suicide or was he murdered?

That question today brought divided opinion. But most occupation and Japanese authorities felt Shimoyama was slain.

Shimoyama disappeared after ordering the first 30,000 or 90,000 railway workers to be fired. He was following an order issued by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, to ease the cost of the occupation on Americans.

Shimoyama's dismembered body was found scattered along a railroad track. Its condition was such that it was difficult to ascertain whether he had been slain and placed on the track, left there unconscious or had ended his life beneath the wheels of the train.

His would be the first political murder in Japan since the surrender.

Occupation authorities said Shimoyama had received several anonymous threats. These warnings told him to stop discharging railway workers.

Japanese who suspect murder pointed out that most Nipponese who take their own lives leave explanatory notes. They usually take poison or commit hari-kiri.

Shimoyama's widow said he had not given any indication he was contemplating suicide.

Both occupation and Japanese authorities leaning to the murder theory said he could have been slain by rightists or leftists.

If rightists committed the murder they may have wanted to discredit the communists. The reds have been loud in their protests against the wholesale firing of railway workers.

Red murderers may have wanted to frighten the government into softening its worker discharge program.

Budworm War To Continue

SALEM, July 6 (AP)—Three state and federal agencies will begin July 15 on a large-scale research program to fight the spruce budworm, which already has infested more than a million acres of Oregon's forests.

George Spaur, deputy state forester, said his department would be joined in the program by the federal bureau of entomology and plant quarantine, and the U. S. forest service.

Spaur said the new program will be aimed at controlling the insect before damage is done.

"At present, we can only spray this vicious tree killer during a limited 10 to 15-day larval period—and after the damage has been done," Spaur said.

"If this time can be extended from spring to midsummer, it will materially increase the forest acreage that can be sprayed and treated annually. We do not intend to stand idly by and allow the budworm armies to multiply."

Spaur said that unless the insect is controlled, it could do 10 times as much damage as forest fires.

Two Held On Liquor Charges

Two Klamath Indians were picked up Tuesday afternoon and booked in the county jail on liquor charges.

Charles Martin Kalama, 29, Beatty, was charged with illegal possession of liquor, and Harold Lloyd Davis, 23, also of Beatty, was signed up on a drunk in a public place charge.

Davis was sentenced to seven days in jail or a \$15 fine and Kalama received a 10-day sentence or a \$20 fine.

CRASH

COLVILLE, Wash., July 6 (AP)—A light plane carried its pilot and his high school girl companion to death in a crash near here last night.

Warren Houck, 22, pilot, and Patricia Waters, 16, both of Colville, were the victims. The plane struck a telephone pole near the home of D. C. Heberling, then careened off a porch of the residence. Heberling is a relative of the dead girl.

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