

TUESDAY PRIMARIES WON'T SHOW CHOICE

No Republican Delegates-at-Large Will Be Instructed as to Voters' Candidate

SPROUL POPULAR DEMAND

Political observers stationed at Washington and other strategic points in readiness for the advance on the Republican national convention at Chicago will not be able to learn much about the presidential situation as a result of the state-wide primaries to be held next Tuesday.

With the Pennsylvania primaries, in which a big block of seventy-six national delegates is to be elected, only five days off, as much is known today of the influence of the powerful Keystone delegation to the Republican convention as will be known when the votes have been counted.

The plan, shared in by all the potential elements in the state organization, is to elect uninstructed delegates. Of course it is understood that Governor Sproul will be the early rallying point of the delegates in the event that his suggested candidacy for President meets with any favor. For example, not a single one of the Republican candidates for delegate-at-large is running with instructions. Here and there candidates for district delegates, going on the assumption that Governor Sproul would be a candidate for the presidential preference vote, are running with instructions to support the popular choice. Charles B. Hall and John J. McKinley, councilmen and Vares leaders, as candidates for district delegates, promise to support the popular choice. Mr. Hall and Mr. McKinley mean that they are for the Governor.

Business Man Candidate
But the Governor does not appear as a candidate for the preferential vote. The only such candidate whose name is printed on the Republican ballot is Edward Randolph Wood, a Philadelphia business man, whose aspirations are not taken seriously by the leaders and certainly not by Councilmen Hall and McKinley. As Mr. Wood is the sole candidate for the preference, he may easily become the technical "popular choice" merely by default and by reason of a comparatively few votes. The obligation to support Mr. Wood in that event, however, is only a moral obligation, and in the circumstances, Mr. Hall and Mr. McKinley would not greatly concern themselves with Mr. Wood's vote. Further, it will be quite possible for Councilmen Hall and other

Vare leaders, it was pointed out, to have their ward organizations write in no effort to have the general name written in as a candidate for the Republican preference. Hoover leaders have publicly announced that they will not interfere with Governor Sproul as the first choice of the delegates elected. Nevertheless, there will undoubtedly be sporadic attempts here and there throughout the state to write in the names of such candidates as Senators Knox and Johnson, General Wood, Governor Sproul, Herbert Hoover and others. But as no organized or concerted effort will be made along those lines by any of the prominent candidates and as the writing in of names is a difficult matter, more or less, the Republican presidential primaries in this state will tell the country nothing that it does not now know about Pennsylvania and the plans of the state leaders. The delegation, no matter who is selected, will be, to all intents and purposes, uninstructed and will then be subject to the play of interests between the rival leaders. Governor Sproul will have delegates who would like to stick to him as a presidential factor from dinner to breakfast. Senator Penrose favors the Governor, Knox, and the Vares have a friendly eye on the General Wood movement.

Palmer's Name on Ballot
The Democratic ballot, on the other hand, supplies the basis for a real insight into Democratic national politics. A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general and leader of the Democratic state organization, is a candidate for the Democratic preferential vote for President. He is the sole candidate whose name appears printed on the Democratic ballot. His friends, running as candidates for delegates to the San Francisco convention, promise to support the popular choice. The Palmer candidacy is being vigorously opposed by the "wet" forces, led by Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, of the Philadelphia Municipal Court. The judge has called on his supporters to combat the Palmer candidacy by writing in the name of William G. McAdoo,

former secretary of the treasury and son-in-law of President Wilson. Paradoxically, however, the Bonniwell-McAdoo candidates for delegates do not promise to support the popular choice. Thus, according to some speculation, Mr. McAdoo "might beat Palmer, and the McAdoo delegates would not be pledged to support him in the convention."
However, the real issue in the Democratic primaries is whether or not the attorney general will carry his home state safely and more so, over the Bonniwell opposition, he will be considered to have been eliminated from the race for the Democratic nomination. The fact that Mr. McAdoo's supporters will be obliged to write in his name gives Mr. Palmer all the advantages there is in that, to start with, in short, Mr. Palmer will have easier going in the race for the preferential vote than he will have in the fight for control of the delegation. The result of the Democratic primaries will be closely studied by Democrats and political observers all over the country. The liquor question figures in the

Democratic state situation in more ways than one. The Palmer leadership is being opposed by the so-called "wets," but the latter are complaining that they have been "double-crossed" in some fashion which will help Mr. Palmer with liquor dealers. Observers say that the Palmer managers have "taken the thunder" of the Bonniwell cohorts.
Voters, next Tuesday, will also nominate candidates for the Supreme and Superior Courts and for officers

from United States senator down to state representatives and also elect members of the state and ward committees. In the Democratic primaries, these nominations afford outlets for the rivalry between the Palmer and Bonniwell men and in the Republican primaries, in Philadelphia, between the Moore and Vares leaderships. On the Republican state ticket, the

only real contests will be for the congress-at-large nominations and for election as delegates-at-large. In Philadelphia the outstanding contests will be the fight between administration leaders and the Vares for the nominations for Congress in the Third district, the Mayor's old district, and for state senator in the Fifth district. The administration candidates are

Charles Delany and John R. McLean, respectively; the Vares candidates, Harry C. Ransley and Max Aron. The only contest on the nonpartisan ballot is between Judges Kunkel and Sadler for the Supreme Court nomination.

Rival candidates appear right straight through the Democratic ballot for state nominations. One of the high points in the Democratic primaries will be the fight for election as national committeeman between Judge Bonniwell and Joseph F. Guffey, the Palmer choice.

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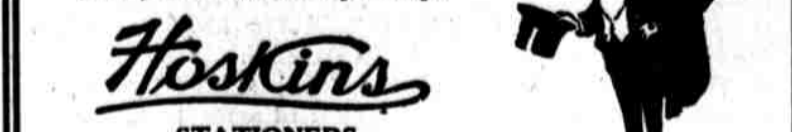
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