

## LOSING FAITH IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

### Seven States Have Repealed Laws for Choosing Presi- dent Candidates

No citizen, one trusts, is so benighted as to suppose that the results of the primary elections just beginning and running through April and May will decide who is going to be either the Democratic or the Republican presidential candidates this year, says Rodney Dutcher, NEA Service writer, in a story from Washington, D.C.

Primaries sometimes have something to do with a nomination, but oftener they don't. Primary results in 1928 strengthened the Hoover candidacy, but hardly decided the issue.

This year their only possible important effect, it would seem, is a strengthening or weakening of the Democratic candidacy of Governor Roosevelt by psychological effect and proof as to his popularity.

### Theory Waning

Their effectiveness as a method of "letting the people rule" in party nominations seems to have waned from campaign to campaign.

The old theory of popular government on which the practice was based has fallen on such evil days that Democratic Executive Chairman Jouett Shouse has publicly urged sending of unpledged, uninstructed delegates to the Chicago convention.

That, in effect, would turn the nomination over to a few party leaders at the convention—which, as everyone knows, is what usually happens anyway.

Hoover has his renomination sewed up, so the primaries mean nothing to the Republican party. If a large number of Republican voters would like to nominate someone else, we will never hear about it because Hoover is without primary opposition, apparently, except in North Dakota.

Roosevelt's only visible opponents in the Democratic primaries seem to be Al Smith and Governor "Bill" Murray of Oklahoma, Speaker Jack Garner and Newton D. Baker, the

strongest possibilities next to Roosevelt, are not entering.

### Seven Repeal Primary Rule

The Democratic convention will have 574 delegates from primary states, just less than a majority. What with the two-thirds rule, it is obvious that these could have no decisive influence even if each one clearly reflected voter sentiment.

Seven states have repealed presidential primary laws since 1916, when half the states had them. Michigan and Indiana have given theirs up since 1928.

Clarence W. Diver, president of the Waukegan township high school board, will be without opposition for re-election in the annual vote on April 9, it developed following the deadline for filing petitions of nomination.

Joe Busch, once proprietor of a resort on Green Bay road just north of Waukegan, last week started serving a 90 day jail sentence here on a charge of violating the prohibitory law. He pleaded guilty in federal court in Chicago.

## Woman Loses in Suit Against Pub. Service Company for Damages

The Public Service company last week was absolved of any blame for alleged injuries to Mrs. Ruth Sutton Ritze, of Lake Marie, who asked \$25,000 from a circuit court jury in Waukegan as damages.

After Mrs. Ritze claimed that the only time she had been injured was when two linemen for the utility company whipped a line wire out of her hand when she tried to force them from her property, Attorney William Morrow, defense counsel, disclosed that she had testified to cruel treatment from her husband when she divorced him in 1921.

Morrow tried to draw the inference that the alleged injuries could have dated back to the marital shipwreck as well as to the dispute with linemen June 26, 1930.

The jurors, after getting the case late in the afternoon, reached the verdict of not guilty shortly after 9 o'clock in the evening.

Efforts to show that she tried to stop the installation of wires because she bore malice toward a neighbor who was to get the service was not permitted in the record by Judge Dady.

By agreement among Waukegan school board members, married women will be banned as teachers in the city and high schools of that city in the future, although those in the employ of the boards at present will be retained, it was reported last week.

Mrs. Rose Hook Turner, a former resident of Grayslake, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Coulson, at Elkhorn, Wis., March 27. Mrs. Turner, the widow of Joseph Turner, who preceded her in death nine years ago, returned from Tulsa, Okla., a week previous to her death.

### HAROLD BERGAN SEEKS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICE

Harold Bergan, the only North Shore District candidate seeking the office of Representative in the General Assembly is running a strong race for the General Assembly nomination on the Democratic ticket and is looked upon by many as the winner in a three cornered fight.

Bergan was born at Winthrop Harbor where he still makes his home. He graduated from the Waukegan Township high school. At present, he is a member of the town board of Benton township and manager of the Oakshore Golf course. On the township board he has proved himself to be a real friend of the taxpayer.

His platform can best be given by quoting a statement made by him in a speech: "Conditions in our state and nation are at a critical stage; I have no promise or pledge other than if successful I will work for honesty, efficiency, economy, and fairness in government because I believe the public is dubious of pre-election promises and are looking for men and not platforms in picking their candidates. And in order that I may not be accused of "riding the fence." I wish to state that I am in favor of repealing the "State Search and Seizure Act."

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