

Lake County Man Named Oregon Grassman Of Year

PORTLAND — "Grassman of the Year" for Oregon, Washington, and Idaho were picked by the Portland Chamber of Commerce Friday.

They are Rube Long, Fort Rock, Ore.; W. F. Larsen, Kelso, Wash., and Marvin Branch, Midvale, Idaho. From the three will be chosen the Pacific Northwest "Grassman of the Year." Selection will be made Nov. 22 at a luncheon honoring them.

Long, a cattleman, owns 8,000 acres and has grazing rights on 37,760 acres of public land in northern Lake County. James M. Coon, chairman of the chamber's grassland committee, said he revived native grass rangelands abandoned by homesteaders as worthless "through deferred grazing, fencing, reseeding and by drilling 10 wells to provide water for his expanding beef cattle operation."

Oregon Key State In Makeup Of Congress For Next Year, Political Experts Forecast

(This is the third of six stories about the candidates and issues in Oregon's general election campaign. This is about the U. S. Senate race.)

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — Oregon very easily could be the state that decides whether President Eisenhower has a hostile Senate during the next two years.

A national magazine (Fortune) predicted that the Senate would have 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans, and Oregon's independent Sen. Wayne Morse. This would give Morse the deciding vote, and he already has announced he will vote with the Democrats in organizing the Senate.

This poll assumes that Republican Sen. Guy Cordon, a veteran of 10 years, will win over Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic state senator and nationally known writer.

While the Democrats are highly confident over Neuberger's chances, the Republicans are hoping Cordon will win out by a narrow margin in the most hard-fought senatorial election in many years.

Oregon is one of seven or eight key states where the Republicans are going all out to try to win. Just look at the top-ranking Republicans who are coming or have come to Oregon to convince the voters they ought to re-elect Guy Cordon: President Eisenhower himself, Vice President Nixon, Senate Majority Leader Knowland, Interior Secy. Douglas McKay, and numerous other high officials.

On the other hand, the Democrats

are helped by Sen. Morse, former Interior Secy, Oscar Chapman, Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee, and Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana.

Both parties are putting all their chips down, and the central issue in the campaign is Secretary McKay and his policies.

Neuberger, a hard-hitting campaigner, charges that McKay wants to give away the power, timber, tidelands, the national parks, the Indian reservations and the other natural resources. But, he says, or how to get 'em, is the main bone of contention.

McKay supports the Eisenhower administration's partnership program, under which the federal government, private power companies and local public power agencies would all help build the power dams that are so badly needed the Northwest.

Cordon goes along with this plan, and has been defending it vigorously. He says that it is impossible to get the money to provide the two billions or so of dollars that would be needed to build the dams. He points to his chairmanship of the Senate Interior Committee as giving him far more influence than a newcomer to Congress would have.

Neuberger, however, claims that federal development of the Columbia Basin is the answer. He accuses the Republicans of scuttling the Democratic power program, although Cordon says he's responsible for getting the appropriations that kept construction of the present big dam projects on schedule.

There are other issues, too, but they haven't drawn much public attention. Morse accused Cordon of being too sympathetic with Sen. Joseph McCarthy, but McCarthy isn't an issue any more. Morse and Neuberger also claim Cordon is an isolationist, but that doesn't seem to have caused much of a stir.

In fact, nothing seems to be stirring the voters up very much. The speakers have drawn small crowds, and this heartens the Republicans. They figure that the voters don't lose a man out of office unless they are disturbed.

The registration figures, which normally don't mean very much, don't indicate any marked trend toward the Democrats. True, the Democrats gained a little over the Republicans, but not enough to show the voters are sore about anything.

Despite the record amount of campaign oratory, the polls show that there are a lot of voters who don't know anything about the campaign issues.

In touring the state, I found that the Republican leaders are working their heads off trying to get the precinct workers to work. Republicans are so in the habit of winning elections that they get apathetic.

In fact, that's why Secy. McKay was brought out here to campaign for four days. He tried to convince the Republican precinct workers they have to get on the ball.

While the Republicans have been taking life rather easy and a little gloomily, the Democrats have found a new enthusiasm. In county after county, I find Democrats out beating the brush for votes.

One political writer, in Lane County, said he believes that the Republicans have hurt themselves by being too gloomy about their chances. He said he believes that some Republican precinct workers have given up.

Cordon, who has been elected twice, never has had to campaign before. Now he faces the battle of his life.

Neuberger, who got his campaign started long before Cordon got under way, was a heavy favorite, but he isn't now. Both parties now are confident they will win in a close one.

The Democrats are banking on the appeal of "cheap federal power" to carry them to victory over Cordon. But the Republicans expect that enough of President Eisenhower's popularity will rub off on Cordon to see him through.

(Monday: The governorship race.)

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By MRS. G. B. FOX

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Return Home

Mrs. Cecily Lowe and Mrs. Aran Thomas and daughter, Lois Jean, returned recently from a two-week visit in Tennessee.

Bob Bruce of Redwood City is in Glendale taking Walt Vonderhyde's place while he is on vacation. Mrs. Bruce accompanied Bruce here but returned after visiting friends.

A Douglas County maintenance crew is working on the Glendale

road, cleaning out drainage ditches at the sides and hauling the dirt away. Dirt is being dumped at present by the Cow Creek bridge near Capitol Hill.

Forest Fire Season Will End November 1

SALEM — Oregon's forest fire season probably will be ended officially Nov. 1, since all of the forests now are damp, the State Forestry Department said Friday.

After that date, it won't be necessary to get burning permits. The department has reported 564 fires this year on state and private lands. They burned 2,217 acres, with negligible loss to timber.

The fire loss this year has been the smallest since 1913.

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Public Utility Given Authority

EPHRATA, Wash. — The Grant County Public Utility District has received an official "go ahead" for preliminary studies for the Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia River.

The PUD received a wire over the signature of Leon Fuqua, secretary of the Federal Power Commission.

The first word of the commission decision came Wednesday afternoon from Sen. Magnuson. There still was no official announcement Thursday from the PUD in Washington.

The preliminary permit gives

the PUD a clear field for two years to proceed with studies and tests for the project, estimated to cost more than 350 million dollars. The preliminary permit does not involve the right to actually build the proposed dam. The FPC must decide later whether the PUD or some other agency should get a license for construction.

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with the type of campaigning being carried on by the Democratic "big guns" and "little guns" says

Charles A. Sprague

Noted Liberal Editor of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oct. 12, 1954

It's time we got some sense in this campaigning. Democratic big guns and little guns are laying down such a barrage on "give-away" that an utterly fantastic portrait of Republicans of known integrity is being fashioned. They picture these public servants as giving away the natural resources of the country, shamelessly and recklessly. They dress up Guy Cordon in a pirate suit and Douglas McKay too, virtually classifying them as veggas out to plunder the public domain. Those who know these men know they are men of high character, conscientious in the performance of their public duty, not subject to ulterior influence.

Here is Oscar Chapman, former Secretary of the Interior, who says the Republicans have given the country an administration by "gift, grab and golf." Richard Neuberger, trying to grab Cordon's seat, says the senior senator evidently "plans to turn over the National forests and national parks to big-timber monopolies." And Senator Morse pursuing his vendetta against his colleague and McKay, brands them as virtual traitors to the public interest. It is propaganda, which gravely distorts the careers of these officials.

The major "crime" alleged is the transfer of title to offshore oil lands to the states. Historically the states had utilized these resources for decades with no question as to their authority. Later the Supreme Court did vest title in the hands of the federal government, but Congress felt in view of the history of state utilization and the terms on which Texas was annexed that the states should be restored to the authority they had exercised. The Statesman preferred to have them retained by the government with generous share of royalties going to the adjacent states. But the divested resources still are in public hands, and are administered for the use and benefit of the people of the coastal states.

These critics of Cordon do not abuse him for his work on the O & C lands, which extends over a long term of years. Perhaps that is a "giveaway" too, with the counties being cut in for 75% of the proceeds. Cordon and Ellsworth finally obtained a settlement on the controverted lands question—and again the counties are to share 75% of proceeds from these lands which never had been on the tax rolls, and on which the counties had not the slightest legal claim. These vocal Democratic spokesmen are singularly silent about this "giveaway." (While counties had no legal claim on the controverted lands they are put to heavy expense in maintaining roads which service them and so are entitled to compensatory payments from the government.)

Voters might well remember this, that Cordon was a chief architect of the 1937 bill which set up the administration of O & C lands. That bill carries as an essential provision a requirement for the management of those lands on a sustained yield basis. That insures to the O & C counties in perpetuity a substantial annual income which now amounts to over \$6,000,000 a year. He has labored steadily to protect the interest of the people of Oregon in these lands. He has worked also to obtain funds for access roads needed to bring the timber to market at prices fixed by competitive selling.

As far as giveaways are concerned the whole New Deal and Fair Deal record was one of giveaway, from paying farmer for plowing under the pigs to subsidies for silver and boondoggling and "gentle rain of checks."

Like Amos and Andy "we's regusted" with this type of campaigning. Cordon and McKay are not pirates and not dumb tools of special interests. They are trying to serve the public interest in all honesty and prudence. As the Oregonian said the other day in pointing out the fraud of the "Stop, Thief" attacks: "These attempts to make blackguards and looters of the public domain out of respected officials insults the intelligence and competence of the people who voted them in before."

Differences in judgment on how resources should be managed should not be exaggerated into imputing evil design in the making of decisions.

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