

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN CANDIDATE FOR TOGA

Executive Indorses Statement No. 1 and Direct Primary Law—Is More in Sympathy with Roosevelt Than Most Members of the Republican Party.

Governor Chamberlain has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for United States senator in the primary election next month. He makes Statement No. 1 his main issue and indorses the direct primary law and the right of the people to nominate candidates for all offices.

In his announcement the governor declares Statement No. 1 is the only issue before the people in the present campaign. In keeping with his "non-partisan" doctrine, he supplements that declaration by saying: "There is no great national issue to be discussed in this campaign."

The full text of Governor Chamberlain's announcement follows:

Governor's Announcement.

"Salem, Or., March 14.—To the people of the state of Oregon: I have been requested by friends of different political parties to become a candidate for United States senator at the approaching primary and general election and have received the indorsement of committees of my own party in several of the counties for the same position. I have given these requests and indorsements my very deliberate consideration, and I now declare my willingness to accept the nomination if it is voluntarily given me by my party and friends at the primary nominating election, and will in such event appeal to the people of all parties for election in June.

"I believe firmly in the direct primary and in the right of the people to nominate candidates for all offices. I believe in the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and to accomplish this that no candidate should be elected to the legislature who does not unqualifiedly sign Statement No. 1, pledging himself to vote for that candidate for United States senator who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election of a senator in congress, without regard to his individual preference.

Taken Statement No. 1.

"Many of the states have declared in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. The lower house of congress has at least five times by resolution voted for such amendment, and each time the senate of the United States has defeated it. It follows, therefore, that there is only one way to bring about the election of senators by direct vote of the people, and that is by proceeding along the lines laid down by the law of Oregon and electing only such candidates to the legislature as are willing to bind themselves to vote for that candidate for United States senator who shall receive the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election preceding the election of such senator, without regard to individual preference.

The people of this state have taken an advanced position on this subject, fully realizing that in no other way is it possible to put an end to such disgraceful and continuously corrupt proceedings as have characterized many sessions of the legislature of this state when it has become necessary to elect a senator. It is for the people to determine in the election soon to take place whether or not they will continue to occupy the advanced position they have taken on this subject, or whether they will recede and again surrender to the corrupt boss and political machine the powers which they have after years of struggle and with difficulty snatched from their hands.

See Only One Issue in Campaign.

"There is practically no other issue before the people in the present campaign. It is one which involves the maintenance of the primary law in its integrity and the right of the people to rule. It is a death struggle between the people of the one side and a corrupt system on the other. No other or better evidence of the truth of this statement is needed than the fight which representatives of the old regime are now making to again retrench themselves in power.

"There is no great national issue to be discussed in this campaign, and yet appeals are being and will be made to petty locality by the representatives of the system and of machine methods. The president of the United States and the democratic and republican masses are in accord on all vital issues. As a result the president has antagonized large numbers of his own party who place patriotism above principle and who are after the spoils of office rather than the common good; he has antagonized the representatives of high finance and special interests, trust mongers and machine politicians through out the country.

Admirer of the President.

"I have been in hearty accord with most of the policies of the president and have not hesitated to express myself in public and in private. I can as much be said by all of those of his own party in this and in other states, both in and out of congress, who have

scorned his recommendations for legislation in behalf of the masses, who denounce him in private and whisper his name in public, and who, nevertheless, in his presence and in the shadow of the white house, hesitate not to 'crook the pregnant hinges of the knee' in the hope that patronage may follow fawning!

"These policies have been indorsed by men without regard to party who place patriotism and principle above partisanship and loyalty to country above loyalty to party.

"If, entertaining these views, my party and the people see fit to nominate me at the primary election for United States senator, I will cheerfully accept the nomination and appeal to the people, irrespective of party, to support me at the general election, reserving to myself, if elected, the right at all times to place country above party, and to support these measures whether of a republican or a democratic administration which my conscience approves as best calculated to promote the best interests of my country and my state."

STUBBS NAMES PRIVATE CAR AFTER ASHLAND

J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, thinks enough of Oregon to name his private car after one of Oregon's prettiest cities. Every where Mr. Stubbs goes over the country on his business or pleasure trips he always rids in his own private car, the "Ashland." It was named after Ashland, Or., the peach town in the

southern part of the state, says the Portland Oregonian.

The naming of the car for Ashland was decided upon two years ago, when the traffic director was making a tour of the Pacific coast. He was just leaving his private car built by the Pullman company and had given no thought to what he would name it. But on the ride over the Sunset route to Portland from San Francisco, Mr. Stubbs fell in love with the city of Ashland, Or. He had passed through it many times before, but it had never appeared so beautiful. It was summer time and California was brown and dusty and the Siskiyou mountains were as splendid as ever, but withal rugged and forbidding. But when Mr. Stubbs rode down into Ashland, where the train stopped some time, he was struck with the quiet beauty of the city, nestling in the mountains.

He took away with him the memory of the restfulness and beauty of Ashland and it struck him that it would be a fine thing to name his private car, just then being finished, after one of the most picturesque and happy cities he had seen in America. So Mr. Stubbs forestalled the Pullman company, which would have placed another of its inane names on the car, and directed that it be called the "Ashland."

Mr. Stubbs left Portland Wednesday night for his home in Chicago in the "Ashland," accompanied by R. B. Miller, head of the traffic department of the Harriman lines in this territory. Mr. Miller accompanied Mr. Stubbs as far east as Huntington.

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