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W. V FULLER FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

It is the policy of the Monitor to recommend that when a man has made good in office to return him, most especially in a legislative position. Mr. Fuller has become acquainted with state affairs by reason of his service as representative and if he is returned will start with an acquaintance and experience that will be of benefit to Polk county.

Then again, Mr. Fuller is public spirited, is an enthusiastic and energetic worker in war work. He is chairman of the county defense council and is giving unstintingly, energetically, whole heartedly and honestly his best efforts and time to the work this county has to do in helping to win the war. Such men as Mr. Fuller are the class of men needed for office and are such as you as citizens want in the legislature. He is a busy man and it takes the busy man to accomplish things. The Monitor believes he should have no opposition and discourages any one having the "political bee" buzzing in his bonnet coming out for this position.

MOSER VS OLCOTT.

Under the former management the Monitor was an advocate for Mr. Ben Olcott for governor of Oregon on the Republican ticket. Under the new management the Monitor is favorable to Hon. Gus C. Moser of Portland.

Our readers may wish to know why we have selected Gus Moser as a candidate. Well, there is a reason. The contest to our mind has narrowed down to Gov. Withycombe, Gus C. Moser and Ben W. Olcott. We are not favorable to Withy-

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combe because we believe he is not as firm as he should be. We do not believe he has measured up to the standard Oregon deserves and consequently have looked over the field with an idea of getting the best man to go to the polls as a candidate for the party.

In our study of the situation we can eliminate all the various candidates as probable of success but two, namely, Moser and Olcott.

We believe Moser will carry Eastern Oregon and Portland. We know he will not be dictated to by any of the trusts; we know that when he takes a position in any public question he will stick to it; we believe he will be true to his promises and to the people, and we think he is a big enough man to deal fairly with both labor and capital, and will see that for every dollar expended by the state we shall get a dollars worth of results.

As the contest narrows down to Withycombe on one side and between Moser and Olcott on the other we seek to find who should be eliminated to defeat Gov. Withycombe and we choose Olcott for this reason.

Olcott now has the second highest office in the state that it is possible for the people to give him. He is an efficient officer as Secretary of State. He came before the people two years ago and asked for their votes for that position upon his merits and was given that important trust on their belief in those merits and the people have no fault to find, but why should he use that office as a stepping stone to other political aspirations? He has two years yet to serve. If he is nominated and elected he just changes office rooms and leaves to Gov. Withycombe the appointment of his successor. There is no position in Oregon more important than that of Secretary of State. It carries \$4500 a year salary, only \$500 short of the emoluments of Governor. His duties make him auditor and chief clerical officer of the state. He is a member of the Board of Control which has supervision of all the state institutions, is also a member of the Desert Land Board and State Land Board and many other boards and commissions. He is ex-officio member of the board of regents of the State University, Agricultural College and Normal School, custodian of the seal of the state, compiles the election laws, road laws, the blue book and session laws. He even manages the fiscal affairs of the state. Keeps a record of all appropriations, funds, revenues, expenditures, disbursements and investments. He directs and superintends the collection of all money due the state and keeps a semi-annual check on the State Treasurer.

In the office of Secretary of State Olcott are about twenty-two men and it is Mr. Olcott's duty to supervise and oversee all of the vast duties that keep this immense force of men busy. Consequently we feel that the people of Oregon owe it to themselves to see that Secretary Olcott be not taken from his present position in which he is admittedly efficient and put into a new office, leaving the office of Secretary of State to the appointment of Governor. Mr. Olcott would probably make a good Governor, but the Monitor believes he is a better Secretary of State and we do not want to see the right of the people to vote and elect a Secretary of State be frittered away for political prestige. Our wish is that he be kept where he is and leave Gus C. Moser the field against Withycombe.

Moser was second four years ago when everyone prophesied him fourth and fifth place, and with a big vote from Eastern Oregon going to Moser, a better than even break in Portland, it is up to the Willamette valley to unite on Moser if they wish to win against Withycombe.

FLOYD D. MOORE FOR CLERK.

This week we announce the candidacy of Mr. Floyd D. Moore for the Republican nomination for county clerk of Polk county. Following our policy of stating to our voters who these various candidates are, that you may the better be informed as a voter, we wish to state:

Floyd D. Moore is the son of A. A. Moore who lives in South Monmouth. Mr. Moore has been engaged in educational work for many years and for the past two years has been the rural supervisor of this county. He was born in Nebraska May 4, 1888, on a farm, followed farming until 16 years of age, when he entered high school, moved to Oregon and entered the Ashland Normal, later coming to Monmouth and taking further training at the Normal. He took a business college training at Portland and one year's schooling in law at the Northwest Law School in Portland. Being crippled in playing football, he saw the necessity of a good education to overcome this handicap. Mr. Moore worked his own way through school and is a self made man and has done a great deal of good work in this county in his position in school supervision work.

He is competent and qualified for the office he seeks and deserves your fair consideration as one of the candidates for the office he asks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of recently locating in this Vancouver have disposed of county.

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