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THE GOVERNORSHIP

Not for many a year have republican voters been so hard pressed to make a decision as to their choice of candidates for the gubernatorial nomination. A field of four candidates is offered, with two outstanding citizens far out in front in the general consideration of the voters.

The four whose hats are in the ring are Gov. John H. Hall; Glenn C. Ackerman, of Portland; State Senator Douglas McKay, of Salem, and John Peyton. Of the four, Gov. Hall and Sen. McKay are conceded to be the only two seriously in the running.

Both are brilliant men with successful records in their own fields of endeavor and in the halls of the Oregon legislature. Gov. Hall has the usual advantage of an incumbent in office, plus the benefit of a half year's experience as the state's administrative head. He is an attorney by vocation, and a good one. He is known politically as a hard fighter who pulls no punches. His record as governor to date has been an excellent one.

Sen. McKay, on the other hand, has made an equally strong record as a legislator, as a supporter of the causes in which he believes and which he thinks are right. He, too, fights without fear and gives no quarter to the enemy. As a legislator since 1935, he has been sufficiently close to the administration of Oregon affairs as to make his experience the equal of that of Hall as governor. In addition, Mr. McKay has the advantage of being a business man, and a highly successful one. That to us is the measure of difference in the two candidates.

During the present upset and unstable times, it seems to us there is a great need for a hard-headed, practical business man in the governor's chair. A man who, like Doug McKay, started out from scratch and has built by his own efforts and business acumen a business which is recognized as one of the largest and finest of its kind, one of the best organized and most efficiently operated of its kind, not alone in Oregon, but in the entire nation.

Oregon currently is beset with growing pains and the multitudinous problems they present. Just about all of our state institutions must be expanded and improved. The need is urgent, but the funds are short. Compromises must be effected now and again. It may even be necessary at times, to provide temporary relief to some institutions.

Millions of dollars in public funds are being spent and millions more must be spent in the next few years. The board of control will play an important part in spending that money and in awarding the many contracts for which it will be spent. The importance of having an experienced business executive, of proven ability sitting as chairman of that board to us seems a fact that can't be too strongly emphasized.

On that basis, we give the nod to Doug McKay, despite a full recognition of John Hall as a man of large ability who would continue to serve his state with honor despite allegations to the contrary.

LEST WE FORGET

Probably not since the Lincoln-Douglas era has there been a head-on political debate that meant more to the presidential candidates involved or more to the electorate of the United States than that of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, and Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, for which arrangements now are in progress. It has focused political thoughts of Oregon voters on the presidential race in the Oregon primary election next week.

Consequently it seems necessary to point out that the tremendous campaigns being waged between Dewey and Stassen have served to put our own state election very much in the subdued light of the background and to all but dismiss the fact that we have contests this year for all major state offices. That's why we titled this comment, "Lest We Forget."

Not for a minute would we attempt to detract from the importance of the presidential primary and the campaigning the two contenders are carrying on in Oregon. But we would remind our readers of the fact that this is an exceptional year in the political history of Oregon when all three posts on the state board of control must be filled by the voters. Normally, only the state Treasurer would be the only member of that all-important state board to be chosen this year. The untimely deaths of Gov. Earl Snell and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., last October makes it incumbent upon the voters to choose men to fill the

balance of their unexpired terms this year. Since the governor and the secretary of state are the other two members of the board of control, that means the entire board must be named this year.

That means, too, that voters must give sober consideration to the qualifications of the men they choose for the job; that we must not be dazzled by the glamour of a presidential campaign extra-ordinary to the extent that we fail to give thought to our own state government and the selection of the men who will head it.

The decisions are not going to be easy to make, since fortune has smiled on the republican party this year and blessed the G.O.P. with a slate of unusually strong contenders for all of these positions in the party primary. In the democratic primary, there are no serious contests, and the indications are that a republican nomination this year will be tantamount to election.

Study the presidential selections well. At the same time remember that your state government is much closer to you and wields an immediate and direct influence over your welfare, and give selection of your state officers the same type of consideration.

UNANDER FOR TREASURER

One of the major state offices for which nominations must be made next week is that of state treasurer. It is an office which carries with it membership on the state board of control and thus has important functions far beyond the mere duties of operating the treasurer's office.

On the republican ticket there are three candidates, Ormand Bean, Sen. Howard Belton and Sig Unander. All are men of strong qualifications, known integrity and considerable experience in public affairs.

The Outlook advocates the nomination of Sig Unander for a number of reasons. First because we believe his qualifications are equal, if not superior to those of the other candidates, particularly with regard to the work of the board of control. Sig Unander served two years as executive assistant to Charles A. Sprague when he was governor of Oregon. During that period, Mr. Unander made a study, survey and report on state institutions for the governor which ranks as one of the finest bits of work of that kind ever produced in Oregon. From that, he gained an insight into the requirements of state institutions such as few men have had the opportunity to gain.

Second, he is a man with a broad sense of public responsibility and a fine concept of the operation of our republican form of government. He graduated in political science, Sig Unander is so situated in life that he can devote his life to a career in honest, efficient public service without regard to political consequences or economic pressures. It is an ideal situation for such an office as that of state treasurer.

Third, as trustee of several public endowed institutions and projects, Mr. Unander has demonstrated exceptional ability in the field of fiscal policy, an attribute to conducting the affairs of state treasurer.

Last, but by no means least, Sig Unander is the chosen representative of the younger element of the republican party. The element needs, deserves and by all means should have the encouragement to future the work in the interest of the party and of the nation's welfare that the nomination and election of Sig Unander would give.

FLAGG MERITS VOTE

One of the most effective workers in the affairs of the state of Oregon for many years has been George Flagg, currently a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state.

George Flagg has served as deputy secretary of state under three Oregon governors, was the close advisor of the late Gov. Earl Snell, and served with distinction during trying war years as public utilities commissioner. He knows the state as few men do, having lived in just about all sections of it and worked actively and successfully as a newspaper publisher in each of them prior to entering the public service.

Many of the modern practices now current in the office of secretary of state were instituted under Mr. Flagg's supervision when he was deputy in that office. On the basis of qualification alone, Mr. Flagg merits the votes of republicans in a quantity that will make him the party's nominee for the office.

OREGON PAYROLLS STILL GROWING

The Oregon state unemployment compensation commission this week reports that payrolls throughout the state are still growing and establishing new high records from month to month. The report states that all but three of Oregon's 36 counties established new payroll records for the year of 1947.

The commission's reports shows that 16,000 employers paid \$852,089,522 to 301,508 workers in 1947 for a gain of 20.2 percent over 1946 and seven percent of the previous record year of 1944 when war production in Oregon was at its peak.

Last Rites Held For Frank Wolfe

Cherryville Carpenter Passes On at 41 Years

CHERRYVILLE—Funeral services for Frank Joseph Wolfe, 41, who died at his Cherryville home May 6 following a 6-month illness, were held Monday afternoon at Carroll's Funeral Home, Gresham.

Rev. Thyra E. Funk, pastor of the Chapel of the Hills, Cherryville, conducted the services and William Elliott sang. Pallbearers were members of the Eagles lodge. Vault interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery, Gresham.

Born In Iowa

Mr. Wolfe, who was born in 1907 in Alta, Iowa, was married to Eileen Lord, in Bretton, South Dakota, in 1924. They lived for some time in Los Angeles and in 1944 came to Portland. In 1946 they moved to the Cherryville area, where Mr. Wolfe followed the carpenter trade. He was a member of the Chapel of the Hills, at Cherryville, and of the Eagles Lodge No. 2158, Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. Wolfe is survived by his widow, Eileen; daughters, Mrs. Z. J. Rojeski, Mrs. Robert Brewer, and Mrs. S. J. Nuzzo, Portland and Dianne and Lourell Wolfe, Cherryville. His mother, Mrs. John Fields, Los Angeles, and his father, John B. Wolfe, Pipestone, Minnesota, survive, as do a brother, Glenn, Portland, and three sisters, Mrs. E. H. Rohrer, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Dan Grove and Mrs. Frank Forrester, of Iowa.

Bull Run P.T.A. Buys Stove for Hot Lunches

BULL RUN—Bull Run P.T.A. members held their last meeting of the school year at the schoolhouse last Friday evening. A Mother's Day program was presented by the school children and each mother was given a corsage. The "Bull Run Flume Pals" entertained with music.

The P.T.A. decided to purchase an electric stove, eventually to be used to prepare hot lunches.

Next meeting will be at the schoolhouse September 3.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham this week were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McDonald of Exeter, California. Mrs. McDonald is an aunt of Mrs. Bellingham. The McDonalds are on a 3-month auto tour.

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