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E. L. SMITH FOR SENATOR.

Roseburg (Douglas Co. Spokesman). The senatorial candidates are pressing their claims before the Republican primaries through the newspapers. These are to be duly considered. They present the point of view of the candidate as to his own interests.

But after all the real question is the people's question. The candidates' interests are only subordinate. The people will very likely examine the question from their own point of view. We do not mean to censure any candidate for making his claims before the public in the newspapers in any manner that he may see fit to use. It is his privilege and it is entirely proper that he announce the principles that seem to him most important. But for the high office of United States Senator the best criterion is the man himself, his record and life, and not what he, himself says, or his friends say for him. For that office, since he is to be named by the people, a man known to the people is the only man eligible. He ought to know the state, and all of its needs and industries, and the people ought to know him. That is the reason why we think that Mr. Smith, of Hood River, is a good candidate.

Mr. Smith's view has always been a large view in political matters. His party has always been to him as the great instrument of public good, and not merely a machine for the satisfaction of private ambition. He has always been faithful to it, and faithful in that very large sense that his influence has been in the party councils toward the highest ideals. But his influence is not limited to his party activity. From one end of the state to the other Mr. Smith has been foremost in matters and things affecting the material interests of the state. He has, therefore, come in contact with every section of the state, and is thus able to look upon Oregon as a great state, and not a mere arena for petty controversies; as a field of varied industries and enterprises, and not of special or narrow interests. Mr. Smith has a knowledge wide enough and a character broad enough to take in all interests, all enterprises and all classes. The commercial interests will not suffer from him because he is a man of affairs. The agricultural interests will be taken care of, because he has an intimate acquaintance with agriculture and horticulture. He understands the relation of transportation to commerce and of commerce to production, and so is able to see wisely and decide justly in matters affecting the whole body of the people, and of each and every part thereof. The character and person of Mr. Smith are such as to command attention in any deliberative body whatever. His presence is forceful, his judgment sound, and his integrity beyond question.

We think he ought to be elected by the people in order that the state of Oregon, which is entitled to numerical representation in the United States Senate with the other states of the Union, shall also be equally represented in character, influence, ability and power. We believe if the people will consult their own interest and that of the state in general, Mr. Smith would receive the almost entire vote of the state. A good man, a clean man, free from factions, earnest and above reproach, he deserves the nomination and the state needs him.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

Madras (Crook Co.) Pioneer. Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, whose friends throughout the state urged him to run for the gubernatorial nomination because they believed that he was pre-eminently the man to lead the Republican forces to victory, is going to prove an equally strong candidate for which office he has announced himself. No man in the state has been more closely identified with the state's development during the past 30 years, and none knows better than he her present needs. In his capacity as president of the Oregon Development League, Mr. Smith has been closely in touch with the forces now directed toward the exploitation and development of the country "where rolls the Oregon." His election to the Senate would not only be a just reward to a man who has given a good many of the best efforts of his life to the advancement of his state's interests, but it would place him in a position where he could continue those efforts to the greatest advantage of his state. There would be less

"politics" and more good business sense in the election of E. L. Smith to the United States Senate than any other candidate who has yet been named.

A POPULAR CANDIDATE.

Jewish Tribune, Portland.

Hon. E. L. Smith's candidacy for the U. S. Senatorship, although late in announcement, makes prompt appeal to the voters of the state. He has been so prominent, not only in the councils of his party, but in many public enterprises affecting the people at large, that he has small need of introduction. From one end of the state to the other he is known for his energy in what pertains to the public welfare. In these matters, his activity and prominence have had no relation to political preferment. He has long appreciated the importance of the Columbia waterway, hence his efforts and influence have been urgent and potent in direction of that improvement. He perceived the capabilities of Oregon as a producer of fruit and has contributed greatly to the development of that great industry. Irrigation of arid lands is another vast field to which he has devoted his energies. These activities, important in themselves, are more important still in showing that innate and invincible public spirit which ought to characterize every aspirant to so important a position as the Senatorship. The office would enlarge his field of operations, and give scope to the energy and judgment that have signalized his private efforts. The people need the kind of man he is in the upper house of Congress. He is wise in affairs, of solid judgment, and of ability and address to reflect credit upon this state. We think the people are to be congratulated that he has consented to accept the nomination, and will do themselves both credit and service in nominating and electing him.

HON. E. L. SMITH.

Hood River (Wasco Co.) News-Letter.

The name of Hood River's honored citizen stands well at the head of the many honorable and worthy names of Oregon's best citizenship. No man is better known within the borders of our great state, and wherever known his ability, his broad experience, and his unquestioned integrity are fully recognized. For thirty years Mr. Smith has been a resident of Hood River, and during that time his interests have been closely identified with the interests of our city and valley, as well as the state at large. And much of the renown our beautiful valley has been so justly accorded, is attributable to the fact that wherever he has gone in the state, on his numerous trips outside its borders, he has never ceased speaking of its advantages and opportunities.

For a number of years Mr. Smith was president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, and during these years he was indefatigable in his efforts to raise the standard of horticulture. Mr. Smith was president also of the Oregon Development League for the past two years or more, and to his efficient services in that capacity is due much of the progress made by this organization.

Mr. Smith served as representative from Wasco county for one term and on account of his well-known executive ability was elected speaker of that legislative body. In fact, as a presiding officer he stands without a peer in the state. In support of Mr. Smith's candidacy for United States Senator the News-Letter takes especial pride. This paper stands unflinchingly for Hood River, and in no way could it more worthily honor our city and valley than by thus lending its support to one who reflects so great credit upon our community wherever he goes and under whatever circumstances he may be placed.

Oregon holds Mr. Smith in high esteem, the Republican party recognizes fully his adherence to its principles, and the people believe in him and his ability to serve them to the best possible advantage, not in an abstract manner, but definitely and upon a broad gauge of statesmanship.

HON. E. L. SMITH AND THE FARMER.

Northwest Pacific Farmer, Portland. The farmers are just as much interested in the United States Senatorship as any other class of people. While other interests have in the past been looking out for themselves in these matters, the farmers have



HON. E. L. SMITH, Of Hood River For United States Senator

Mr. Smith has been a staunch Republican since he cast his maiden vote in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. He is one of the 16 surviving members of the California legislature of 1864 and 1865. On the recommendation of Hon. William H. Seward he was appointed secretary of Washington territory in 1866, and took part in the deliberations of the council of the territory.

In 1876 Mr. Smith established residence at Hood River, where he still lives. His capacity for business organization soon made itself manifest in Eastern Oregon, and this, together with his devotion to the interests of the community of which he was a member, led the Republicans of Wasco county, in 1888, to nominate him by unanimous vote as representative to the state legislature. He became speaker of the house in the session of 1889. During that session he secured, with the assistance of his colleague, E. O. McCoy, the passage of a bill through the house appropriating \$60,000 for construction of a portage road around the rapids at Cascade Locks.

Fifteen years ago, when the organization called the Columbia River Waterway Association was founded, composed of delegates appointed by mayors and county courts, Mr. Smith was elected as president of the body and served with eminent success for three years. Meetings of this association were held at Portland, Astoria, Vancouver and other principal cities throughout the state. Mr. Smith has always taken a prominent part in national irrigation. He attended the national irrigation congress at Ogden, Utah, and El Paso, Texas, and was chosen along with Governor Pardee, of California, Governor Morrison, of Nevada, and Senator Newlands, of Nevada, to make one of the replies in the formal address of welcome. He was elected one of the vice-presidents at large and as such was instrumental in securing the meeting of the national irrigation congress recently held at Portland, where he was re-elected vice-president.

For the past five years Mr. Smith has been commissioner at large and chairman of the Oregon state board of horticulture. He is also president of the Oregon Development League and the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association, and no one man in the State of Oregon has done more for horticulture in this state than Mr. Smith. He belongs to the staid element of the Republican party, is one of its most aggressive members and eloquent speakers. At the Lincoln Day banquet at Portland, Oregon, April 2 of this year, his address and that of Hon. George H. Williams were especially noteworthy.

Mr. Smith was one of the McKinley presidential electors in 1896, and in the campaign which followed he delivered speeches in behalf of President McKinley throughout the state.

PLATFORM OF MR. SMITH.

NATIONAL MATTERS.

Mr. Smith's political platform is the Republican platform. As a candidate before the people of the state he is content to be bound by the historical and fundamental principles of his party.

He is in accord with our great Republican president in his purposes: To regulate by appropriate laws corporations doing an interstate business, as well as all others that are within proper federal control.

To regulate railroad rates by an effective law which shall be fair to the shipper and to the railroads.

To regulate injunctions in labor disputes as well as in other disputes, so as to prevent an abuse of that great power by the courts.

To regulate the national revenue system, so as to make it as stable as possible, while adjusting the tariff with regard to the interests of all sections and industries.

To allow unobstructed commerce between this country and the Philippine islands, to the end that our own people as well as the inhabitants of the islands may be benefited by the exchange of trade between them.

He is in favor of the early completion of the Panama canal, as it will be not only of great national importance, but of peculiar benefit to the people of this coast, shortening the route of our commerce by many thousands of miles.

He favors such immigration laws as shall insure now and forever hereafter the maintenance of the standard of American labor, American homes and American citizenship. As he believes that the permanent population of this country ought always to be composed of such native and naturalized citizens as can appreciate and preserve the original principles on which this government is founded, he believes that immigration laws ought to be strictly and fairly and justly enforced, neither excluding those who should be admitted, nor admitting those who should be excluded.

He is in favor of keeping the public service pure by a rigid inspection of the conduct of all public officers and by the swift punishment of all delinquents found guilty of grafting or dishonesty.

STATE MATTERS.

In regard to matters that affect especially the people of Oregon, Mr. Smith's platform is his own personal record. He has been foremost for years in the promotion of large public interests and enterprises of the state, including agriculture, horticulture, irrigation and transportation. He can only promise in the larger field and in a public capacity to use the same knowledge and discretion and energy that have been exemplified heretofore in his private and public career.

generally taken a back seat. For the first time they now have an opportunity to express their choice for the office, which affects the interests of the state perhaps more than any other. There are five candidates for the office in the coming primaries, four of whom are lawyers, and connected with other than agricultural interests. One of them, Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, has been for years prominent in the affairs that affect the agricultural and horticultural interests. He has served for six years as the head of the Board of Horticulture, and has been not merely a nominal head, but has been active in promoting the development and improvement of that great industry. He has also been active in promoting irrigation and other interests. He has an intimate knowledge of the interests of the people at large. His activity in the interests of the people has not been confined to election times. He does not need, really, to make any declaration because his acts and life are his best platform in this respect.

Since he has been of such service to the people in his private capacity, it may be presumed that the office would not afford him wider field for his efforts. We believe that Oregon has had in its whole existence but one Senator who was not a lawyer. Some of them have doubtless been good, and no reflection is meant on them, but it seems to us that it is time for the farmers of Oregon to use this their first opportunity to go to their own class for a Senator.

In political matters, Mr. Smith has always been very prominent, not as an office seeker or office holder, but as a wise leader and adviser. His influence in his party has been exerted on that high plane which has less reference to factional contests and struggles for office than to the use of his party as an instrument for the public good. His modesty kept him out of this field until late, but the demands for him to stand as a candidate have been too urgent for him longer to resist.

We make these remarks in the interests of the people who are our patrons and not in the interest of politics. Mr. Smith's personal character and his public service in a private capacity point to him as the ideal man to represent the material interests of this state.

ELECTION OF SENATOR.

Bend (Crook Co.) Bulletin.

It may be true that the technically legal election of United States Senator will be by the legislature, but it will also be true that the legislature will elect the candidate who receives the heaviest popular vote.

The people are coming into the habit of asserting their powers these days. If old laws and old customs stand in the way, disregard them. The formal phrases, the mere husks, of the law are not to prevent the people from exercising the power that is rightly theirs. If members of the legislature undertake to carry into effect their "superior wisdom" nonsense by choosing a senator in defiance of the popular selection, such legislators will go to political graves. This certainly—not any set statute—is what gives force to statement No. 1. The people will rule.

Therefore the popular vote for senator is important, and every voter should consider seriously his vote for this office. Our next senator should be a clean man, a man of experience in affairs, a man of dignity and force of character, and it would be just as well if he should not come from the corporation-ridden city of Portland.

HON. E. L. SMITH, OF WASCO. Oregon Agriculturist and Rural Northwest, Portland.

Under the primary law the people have a new duty, imposed by themselves, to indicate their preferences for United States Senator in Congress. The office is an extremely important one for it not only involves the representation of Oregon in that body where all the states are equally represented, but also comprises the function of advisor to the president concerning all affairs and appointive officers within the state.

It may be assumed that since the people themselves enacted this law, they mean to observe it. There are a number of worthy gentlemen seeking the nomination at the hands of the Republican voters, and one at the hands of the Democratic voters. Some of these candidates are in various ways bringing before the people their merits and asserting their claims. But the object of this article is to present to our readers another view of the question. The law primarily,

as all other laws concerning the filling of offices, is designed for the people's welfare and not for the satisfaction of individual ambitions. The question before the people of this state, therefore, concerns the interests of the state and does not concern, except in a subordinate way perhaps, the particular claims of the candidates. The true question for every voter must necessarily be what man of those who are to be voted for will be best for the State of Oregon. The candidate who shall receive the nomination ought to be the one who is superior in the qualities required. He should have a wide knowledge of his state, its needs and its various industries, of its commerce, and the waterways and transportation lines on which that commerce depends.

He should be a man whose experience has put him closely in touch with the people and their interests so that he, being one of them, shall know as well as they do what those interests are.

He should be a man of presence and commanding ability to make his knowledge effectual, strong and firm, and of discreet and solid judgment. Neither political shrewdness or activity, nor academic or legal learning can fill the requirements of the senator whom the people are to choose.

It is not for us to guide the voters in their choice, but to advise them sincerely that their paramount duty is to themselves and to the state, and to support what we conceive to be the essential qualities of their choice.

Yet, looking the field over and seeking to apply these principles we cannot forbear to say from actual knowledge that Honorable E. L. Smith, of Wasco County, in our judgment, meets the requirements. No man in the state has more intimate knowledge of its needs, none stands higher in the esteem of the people, none can bring more of that actual experience to the duties of the office, none has more of that active force and effective address, which a senator ought to have.

HON. E. L. SMITH FOR SENATOR.

Ione (Morrow Co.) Proclaimer.

The Proclaimer is not in any sense of the word a political organ, believing that the interests of our state can best be subserved by the selection of our best citizens to fill our important offices. And yet, all things being equal, we stand for the principles of the Republican party.

How then can we do otherwise than heartily espouse the cause of Hon. E. L. Smith for U. S. Senator? He is easily the first citizen of Oregon, a Republican to whom his party owes an immense debt, an able and clean man—and if our people do their duty he will be elected.

HON. E. L. SMITH FOR U. S. SENATE.

Antelope (Wasco Co.) Herald.

E. L. Smith, of Hood River, has announced his candidacy for the nomination of U. S. Senator on the Republican ticket. Mr. Smith is one of the strongest men the party could put up, and would well represent Oregon in Congress.

A SENSATIONAL LETTER.

Ione (Morrow Co.) Proclaimer.

A letter was recently received by one of Ione's citizens in substance as follows: "The commercial interests of Portland are desirous that * * * of this city, be elected to the United States Senate. Mr. * * * is the kind of a man Oregon needs at Washington. He has long been identified with the movement for state development and is thoroughly imbued with the Greater Oregon spirit.

"In addition to this Mr. * * * is a staunch Republican, a man of tact, integrity and ability, and we earnestly request that you render him all the assistance in your power at the primaries.

"Yours very truly, "Mark, Levy & Co." This wholesale firm has a right to support whomsoever they may desire and to write any letters they wish, but why is this? Back of it all is something covered up. What is it? Why are the "commercial interests" so deeply interested?

This state wants a man for senator deep enough and broad enough and fair enough that he will not stop at the "commercial interests," but will do justice to "all interests." So far that man who aspires to the nomination on the Republican ticket who possesses this element in a superlative degree is Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River. He is a farmer and fruit man, not a lawyer, nor "commercial man" to look after the "com-