

## KEEN INTEREST TAKEN IN ELECTION

### Close approach of Primaries Finds Politicians Here Active--Only Three Nominations in County to Be Contested--Sheriff, Commissioner and Surveyor--Two Local Candidates for Legislature Get Strong Support--On National Ticket Taft and Selling Are Popular Candidates, While Close Fight Between Ellis and Sinnott for Congress Is Anticipated--General Ticket Outlined.

With the primary election only two days away, political aspirants and their representatives in this county have been busy putting in a few last "licks" during the week. Representatives of several of the Presidential candidates including President Taft, Senator LaFollette and Champ Clark have been here within the past few days, while local candidates who are opposed in their several contests have also been using up a few final rounds of ammunition.

Interest centers more particularly upon the National issues, as the Republican primaries in this county will be, to a large extent, uncontested. In fact only three nominations had more than one candidate in the field. These involve the offices of county commissioner, county surveyor and sheriff.

Three are in the race for county commissioner and this contest is probably exciting the most local interest. These candidates are F. P. Friday of the Odell district and John R. Putnam and George M. Wishart of the Upper Valley. G. A. McCurdy holds over as a member of the board of county commissioners, while O. H. Rhodes of the Upper Valley is the retiring member of the board.

Two candidates are in the field for the nomination as sheriff. Thomas F. Johnson is out for re-election and Frank Chandler is also in the ring for the office.

The third contest is between Murray Kay, the present county surveyor, and I. A. Henderson of the firm of Reed & Henderson.

In the district Hood River has been modest in putting forth candidates, only three from here being in the field. These include Attorney Ernest C. Smith for district attorney and C. H. Stranahan and J. M. Schmeltzer for representatives in the legislature. Mr. Smith is opposed by two candidates, both hailing from

The Dalles. They are W. A. Bell and Carlton L. Pepper. Mr. Smith, on account of his high standing in this county, will no doubt receive a practically solid vote here. He also has considerable strength in Crook county and will obtain some votes in Wasco. The vote in the latter county will naturally be split between its two candidates and Mr. Smith's chances for election appear bright.

Three aspiring politicians from Wasco county oppose Messrs. Stranahan and Schmeltzer in the fight for the nomination as representative. The Wasco aspirants include J. H. Moores and J. E. Anderson of The Dalles and George Brodie of Dufur. All three entered the campaign late and in view of the fact that Hood River county is not asking much this time, so far as the district is concerned, as well as in view of the extensive qualifications of both the local candidates, it is believed that they will poll a heavy vote throughout the district.

R. R. Butler of The Dalles looks like a safe bet for state senator, as he is an experienced politician and has able support. He is opposed by D. J. Cooper, also of The Dalles. Mr. Cooper has a large number of friends here and is personally popular, but it appears doubtful whether he will be able to obtain a vote equal to that which will be polled for Judge Butler throughout the district.

Passing to the larger field of National politics, there is a four-cornered fight on for representative in Congress. Three of the four are running on a "progressive" platform. They are Nick Sinnott of The Dalles, George T. Cochran of La Grande and John P. Rusk of Pendleton. Mr. Rusk has been speaker of the state legislature and secured some following, particularly in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Cochran has been making a thorough campaign and as he is a

man of considerable weight, politically speaking, he will probably split the Eastern Oregon vote with Rusk, Sinnott is the popular candidate in this vicinity. He has made a record in both public and private life as an upright, energetic and capable representative of the people's interests and will probably poll a heavy vote in this district. Ex-Congressman W. H. Ellis, who is also a candidate, has the advantage of having had considerable legislative experience in Washington and his friends put forward the argument that he has formed important connections which would make it possible for him to perform a great service for Oregon. The fight probably lies between Ellis and Sinnott.

As between Bourne and Selling, candidates for the U. S. Senate, local opinion appears to be strongly in favor of Selling. Bourne has made no campaign, except through the mails, and insists in his pamphlet that it is the people, not he, who are on trial. Mr. Bourne's reputation in this state has a distinctly unsavory odor in the nostrils of those who look to see a politician's deeds measure up in some degree at least to policies of political reform which he advocates. Mr. Selling, on the contrary, has made an enviable record as a public spirited business man and philanthropist in Portland.

So far as this county is concerned predictions are being freely made that President Taft will receive a large majority of the votes. In this city sentiment appears to be overwhelmingly in his favor. It is said that in some sections of the valley Roosevelt may obtain a fair number of votes and quite a number will probably find their way to the LaFollette column. Taft, however, is expected to prove the popular candidate.

## 18 WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Eighteen High School students will receive their diplomas next month unless unforeseen circumstances reduce the ranks of those who at present appear certain of successfully passing the goal. The class includes the following: Elsie McLucas, Elsie Wells, Margery Pineo, Viola Nickelsen, Lempi Hukari, Edith Fernald, Elizabeth Thomas, Alma Hurlichs, Ruth Morton, Ruth Morrison, Marshall Pineo, John Coshow, Walter Shay, William Sheppard, Glen Corey, Orland Morse, Edward Struck and Emmett Thomas.

Commencement exercises will be held on Tuesday, May 21. A feature of the commencement events will be a class play, which promises to be a great success. Work is also being done on the "Masco," the Senior Class publication. The editorial staff is an able one and includes the following: Elsie McLucas, editor; Marshall Pineo, business manager; Ruth Morton, reporter; Viola Nickelsen, humorous editor; William Sheppard, athletic editor; John Coshow, advertising manager; Senior Class editor, Edith Fernald; Junior Class, John Fleming; Sophomores, Frances Baker; Freshman, Edna Clapp. Indications are that the publication will be one of the most attractive yet published.

Two handsome pictures were donated to the school the last of the week by the class of 1911. One was of Lincoln and the other of Washington. A silver plate contained the names of the donors and a suitable inscription. Members of the class who were in the city attended the presentation. Earle Spaulding acted as spokesman and others of the class made appropriate remarks.

## CHESTER HUGGINS BREAKS A RECORD

Chester Huggins of this city, who is a student at the University of Oregon, distinguished himself at the Columbia University meet held at Portland Saturday. In covering the mile in the fast time of 4:22.2 he broke the indoor record for that event. The Journal Sunday says:

"The event that created the most interest of all in local circles was the mile run, which was won by Huggins, the Hood River lad now at the University of Oregon. Local followers in athletic circles were backing Wilson, the remarkable miler of Washington City, to win the mile against both McClure and Huggins. McClure did not enter, and the race narrowed itself into a contest between Huggins and Wilson. The Washington lad ran a great race, but Huggins' experience in running proved a good asset and he passed Wilson in the last lap and won by five yards. Wilson showed enough form in yesterday's meet to warrant an excellent chance for a victory in the mile at Berkeley this month. Langley of Jefferson one of the new comers in the distance runs finished third."

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Both Mr. and Mrs. LaFollette impressed the crowd as a very capable and also amiable couple and there were cheers and hand-waving as the train drew out from the station en route to Portland.

## MRS. LAFOLLETTE WINS ONE CONVERT

Nobody else stood any chance with Mrs. LaFollette Sunday morning after Charles Davidson had pressed to the front and presented her with a basket which was lined with Hood River Newtowns and overflowed with beautiful mountain lilies. Mrs. LaFollette was generous with her smiles, but it was upon Mr. Davidson that they were cast with especial abundance. Mr. Davidson also obtained a few words with the millinery senator and took the opportunity to explain that he has been an ardent admirer of "Little 'Bob'" ever since the latter made his famous 19-hour speech in the Senate. Mr. Davidson says that he has at last come to recognize the merits of woman's suffrage and that if Mrs. LaFollette will accept the services of a lifelong Democrat he is here to command.

**A Correction**  
Through an inadvertence and with no intention of conveying a wrong impression, a headline in the News last week over the report of the Union meeting said, "Entire New Board of Directors Is Elected." As a matter of fact four of the nine former directors were re-elected. The meaning which it was intended to convey was that so far as balance of power and policies were concerned a new board had been elected.

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With an ideal day, there was a large crowd out to see the game played here. The feature was the work of Myers, who pitched for the local team. He struck out 13 men and allowed only two hits. The Dalles men failed to connect with the sphere at any stage of the game. The visitors' pitcher, McGinnis, on the other hand, failed to puzzle the local team. The latter did good work with the stick, Baker's heavy hitting being an especial feature.

The Hood River team played as follows: Large, c; Myers p; Waldie, 1st; Chandler, 2nd; Baker, 3rd; Shively, ss; Jost, lf; Moore, center, and Gill, rf; umpire, Fred Tate and Taylor of The Dalles.

The Hood River team made only one error.

The Heights team lost its game with White Salmon due to inability to connect with the sphere at critical times. The local team also made a number of costly errors. Stockton and Keefeler constituted the battery for White Salmon and Hart and Hall for the Heights team. The rest of the latter team played as follows: Koonz, 1st; R. Samuels, 2nd; Gessling, ss; Butterfield, 3rd; B. Samuels, lf; Thompson, cf, and Davis, rf.

The Heights team had not yet rounded into the best form of which it is capable, its admirers state, but it is expected that they will put up a strong game against the downtown team on the local grounds Sunday.

Woman's suffrage meeting at the Commercial Club Friday.

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HOOD RIVER, OREGON

*Peace, Progress, Prosperity—TAFT*

TO THE VOTERS OF HOOD RIVER COUNTY:

The Taft Campaign Committee of Hood River County, in declaring its allegiance to the Republican Party and favoring the re-nomination of President William H. Taft, sends greetings to its fellow Republicans and hereby announces its reasons for its loyalty to the President:

He was designated as Oregon's choice for the Presidency in November, 1908, and nothing has occurred since that endorsement to justify his repudiation by the Republicans of Oregon.

The administration of President Taft has been in accordance with the declarations of the National Convention which nominated him in 1908.

He has, with courage and consistency, urged every effort and influence to carry out the provisions and pledges of the Republican platform of that year.

He has enforced impartially and effectively the anti-trust law.

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Realizing the difficulties of procuring an ideal tariff, President Taft has provided a tariff board, having for its purpose the adjustment and recognition of inequalities of the tariff, due to changing conditions of trade and manufacture, thus removing, in large measure, this important matter from the domain of politics. He has approved a tariff bill that represents a revision on the line of the Republican doctrine of protection to home industries and American labor, keeping steadily in view that one of the purposes of a tariff is to secure fair wages to the American workman and markets to the American farmer. He has never approved a single schedule that raised the rate of duty on a single common food product. Every increase that he approved was made on luxuries and articles other than those of ordinary use.

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