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Our Candidate for President  
**JOSEPH BENSON FORAKER**  
Of Ohio

**EDITORIAL**  
**THE LABOR VOTE.**

There is a good deal of talk about the "labor vote" which is estimated by politicians at a good deal more than it is worth in every campaign, for it cannot be held together, except perhaps, in very rare cases. There are laboring men of all sorts of opinions, the same as other men. Some of them are anarchists, a larger number are socialists, some stick to one or the other of the old parties and on election day and primary day, their votes scatter. The colored men's vote is or may be of more importance in a large town for they are almost unanimously republicans, but if they get together to vote against one or more republican nominees, every vote practically counts two, and they may hold the balance of power.

It is said that a certain democrat is holding off in the matter of running against Mayor Lane in the primaries to see if he can be assured of the labor vote. This he never can be assured of, and if he could get it and thereby beat Lane for the nomination it would be a bad thing for him, for any republican whatever would beat him overwhelmingly. His candidacy would be a travesty. Lane is the only man that the democrats have the slightest possible chance of electing, and this is a very slim one. But, however, that may be the "labor vote" is not what it has been cracked up to be.

Mr. Coffey has been put forward by some of the labor unions, but there are mutterings of great dissatisfaction among other unions. Mr. Devlin is no doubt quietly courting the labor vote—and so are others—but it is a weak reed to rely upon. Possibly a man who would come out flatfooted against so-called union tyranny would stand as good a chance as the one who struggles and smiles and bows and scrapes to please the laboring man during a campaign.

**THE MAYOR WILL RUN**

Mayor Lane, much to the disappointment of a few ambitious but unwise democrats, has announced his candidacy for a second term, but on a platform that is not agreeable to said democrats, who think he should have appointed only democrats to positions. But by whose votes was he elected? By those of more republicans than democrats. Then did not the republicans who elected him have a right to some recognition? What sort of treatment would it have been after receiving the votes of thousands of republicans to say that under no circumstances could any republican hold an office or get a job of any kind under his administration? This is what these few democrats demanded that he should do, and if he had no democrat would probably have ever had the slightest "smell" in this city for years. The democrats in this city and county cast about one-fourth or less than one-third of the votes, and they ought to be mighty thankful to get nine-tenths, or two-thirds, or even one-half of the jobs. If it had not been for republican votes they might not have had one at all—for a majority mayor is under no such obligation to the other side as one of a small minority party.

The mayor may be credited with sincerity about serving the people, and yet recognized in his letter to the democrats as playing for republican support again. No doubt he will get some, but a good deal that he got two years ago he may not get

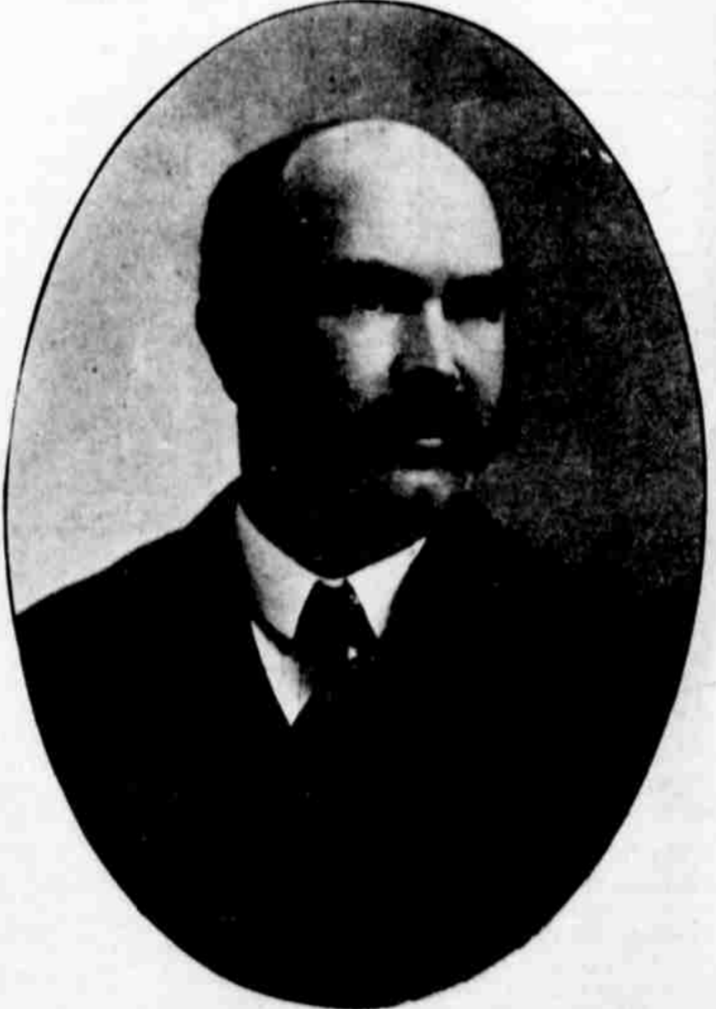
next June, and will not if the republicans should choose the right kind of a man.

**SENATOR FORAKER.**

Senator Foraker has announced that he will recommend the holding of primaries in Ohio that shall not only elect members of a state convention but that shall also vote on candidates or choice for senator and for president. Ohio has no primary law like that of Oregon, so the expression as to senator and president would not be binding at all, but it would be significant and impressive, and would indicate whether the voters of Ohio—Roosevelt not being considered—prefer Foraker or Taft for president. Senator Foraker says that in all his public record there is nothing to conceal or apologize for, and as much as intimates that while making no fight against Taft, he would like the Ohio voters to decide between them, apparently confident that he could win. Ohio has a large colored vote, and while there is nothing against Taft, and he is recognized as a fit and able man, this vote would no doubt be mostly thrown to Foraker, partly in consideration of his active efforts in behalf of the mistreated, not to say outraged Brownsville soldiers. The colored people of the country will miss no opportunity to support the man who courageously took the part of their brethren.

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Apparently it doesn't pay for any really big and eminently fit republican to be mayor of this city and of course, as a matter of money, it doesn't. But it is a pity that some such man would not make the necessary sacrifice.

One of the aspirants for an important office who is asking republicans to support him has been a republican only since he took a notion that he might get an office with a fat salary and some side opportunities.

To Mr. Wm. Ladd will be due a large part of the credit for the proposed Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. building.

Ex-Councilman Zimmerman is again mentioned a good deal for the nomination for mayor.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

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**A GOOD MAN FOR MAYOR.**

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The friends of Mr. Zimmerman claim, and it cannot be denied, that he is pre-eminently the strongest man

have it? Mr. Zimmerman believes that a "public office is a public trust," and not a private snap; that the people, who are the employers, are entitled to the conscientious and faithful service of its servants.

Mr. Zimmerman is able, energetic and progressive, and his wide experience in business and municipal affairs admirably fits him for the high office to which his many friends desire him elevated.

Louis Zimmerman is an ideal candidate, and if nominated would be elected.

The mention of some men for mayor in the daily newspapers cause a good many smiles, and cause others who never thought of such a thing before to wonder if they might not as well be "mentioned" too.

Perhaps it might be as well for themselves for the members of the council who go out of office July 1 not to run again. Somehow the people don't seem to be stuck on the present council.

Those mischief makers who came to Portland to stir up trouble among the mill hands owe the city about half a million dollars—but of course they neither can nor will pay anything.

It is being whispered about to quite an extent already that Senator Fulton will not have a walkover by any means in the primaries next year but will encounter strong opposition.

Dr. Brougher would be wiser to confine himself to telling stories and making motions and never attempt anything in the line of argument. His head was not built for that.

Probably Mayor Lane would like to wait and see whom the republicans nominate for mayor, but he can't unless he comes out later as an independent.

The mayor really is not treating the democrats quite right in not saying whether he will run or not. But they may pretty safely assume that he will.

Everybody in office or who have been in office is sure there has never been any grafting in Portland to amount to anything.

Uncle Sam is liberal; he pays Representative Ellis \$7,500 a year just the same as other members of congress.

Mayor Schmitz was a union labor candidate and put a lot of his union labor friends in office.

Mr. Preston will have plenty of opposition in the first ward.

Are there going to be no contests over councilmen-at-large?

Maybe the next mayor has not been "mentioned" yet.

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