

HARDING LEADS ALL IN HIS OWN STATE

Poll Indicates Support Is Almost Unanimous.

WOOD IS SECOND CHOICE

Other Republicans Seem to Figure in but Small Way in State—Cox Is Democrats' Choice.

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NEW YORK, April 6.—Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio seems to be a "blow in the battle" favorite son of that state for the republican nomination for president. In the poll of the county chairmen taken by the Sun and New York Herald he is the first choice by an almost unanimous vote, getting 92.8 per cent of all the first choice ballots cast, to 8.2 per cent for Major-General Leonard Wood and a little over 1.7 per cent for Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois. The second choice of Ohio is General Wood, who, in addition to his first choice votes, was named a second choice on 33 per cent of the ballots returned. Forty-six per cent of the county chairmen declared that Harding was not only their first but also their second choice or else they failed to indicate a second choice. None of the other republican possibilities seem to figure to any great extent in Ohio. Lowden was named as second on 11.6 per cent of the returns, with Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Charles E. Hughes and Governor Calvin Coolidge receiving a few second choice mentions.

Cox Choice of Democrats.
Ohio also has a favorite son on the democratic side of the fence, Governor James M. Cox, who is receiving virtually the united support of the members of his party there, according to reports of the republican chairmen.

The league of nations is to be the burning issue of the campaign, as reported, with democratic mismanagement and inefficiency, Americanism and the labor situation well up in the front of public thought. One man indicated that prohibition might be a red hot issue in Ohio if the democrats should inject it into the campaign.

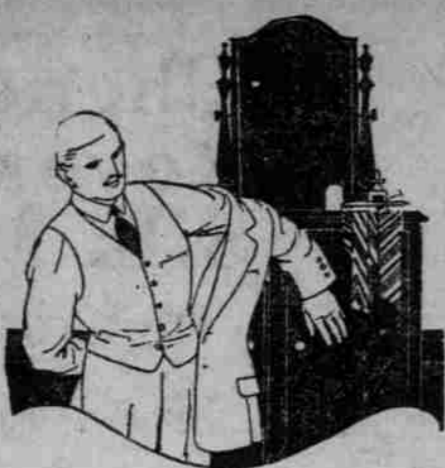
The 48 delegates that Ohio will send to the Chicago convention are to be selected at a presidential preference primary to be held on April 27. At present there is a stinging campaign in progress between the Wood forces, who have bearded the Harding lion in his den, in a supreme effort to capture at least a part of the delegation from the state that has been considered pivotal in republican national struggles for years.

Prior to the primaries General Wood, as well as Senator Harding, will make extensive campaign tours. Senator Hiram W. Johnson, who has been named as the second choice of some of the Harding candidates, will also tour the state, supported by Senator William E. Borah of Idaho. They are expected to attack Wood on the ground of lavish campaign expenditures.

Harding and Wood are the only candidates on the republican preference ballot. No one is contesting with Governor Cox for the democratic preference.

Primary Law Peculiar.
Ohio has a peculiar primary law. It requires that all candidates for delegates must file a statement giving not only their first choice for president, but their second choice as well. As the presidential candidate himself must endorse the candidacy of a candidate pledged to vote for him first, it practically puts his O. K. on the second choice.

Ohio is the home of William C. Procter, the pugnacious head of the Wood movement, who insisted upon making a fight against Harding. At first he asked Harding to make Wood his second choice. When this was denied he put up a set of "pledged to



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Wood" candidates in every congress district except two in Cincinnati, Procter's home. There the Harding candidates named Wood as their second choice, filing statements that they would support in the convention whoever received the preferential vote in the primary. The outcome of the primaries in Ohio is being eagerly watched by managers for all candidates and by leaders throughout the country. The superhuman effort of Wood to break into the strong favorite son sentiment there is considered by many to be a bold stroke on which much is staked. If he should win a considerable number of delegates it would be of incalculable value in other state contests. If he should lose it would inevitably have a bad reaction.

CIVIC AUDITORIUM PLAN

The Dalles Proposal Recommended to Be Left to Voters.

THE DALLES, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Recommendation was made last night to the city council by a committee appointed to investigate that the proposal of building a civic auditorium in this city at a cost of \$125,000 be placed on the ballot at a special election to be called May 12. The auditorium plan includes a spacious theater, rest rooms and a fully equipped gymnasium. The committee consisted of Judge Rorick, Robert Bradshaw and Councilman Manchester.

Dairymen Buy Condenseries.

EVERETT, Wash., April 6.—The Snohomish County Dairymen's association in session here today voted a \$250,000 bond issue to buy two condenseries in this county.

\$139,398 DAMAGE ASKED

ALEXANDER PEARSON SUES TWOHY BROS. AND RAILROAD.

Delay of Nine Months and Hampering of Work Alleged by Contractor in Suit.

Damages of \$139,398.36 are demanded of Twohy Bros. contractors, and the O.-W. R. & N. Co. in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday afternoon by Alexander Pearson, who held contracts for construction of grade crossings over railroad tracks on the east side in Portland.

Nine months' delay in work, an increased cost of earth and gravel from 15 cents a cubic yard to 45 cents and piecemeal construction work were caused by the alleged trespass of Twohy Bros. during the work on the East Sixtieth street crossing in violation of contract agreements. It is asserted, as basis for the heavy claim. Contracts for nine viaducts over O.-W. R. & N. tracks were let by the city of Portland on March 9, 1917, to Pearson. The railroad company in the meantime had employed Twohy Bros. to attend to the regrading necessary under the terms of an agreement with the city. The work of regrading was supposed, under

contract terms, it is asserted, to be done subsequent to the construction work by Pearson.

Before the plaintiff could finish the removal of the water main at East Sixtieth street it is alleged that Twohy Bros. brought dirt trains and steam shovels to excavate along the roadway "in violation of plans and specifications and contractors' rights." Dirt, sand and gravel were loaded on flat cars by the defendant and hauled to Mock's Bottom to be used in filling in and constructing a roadbed for the O.-W. R. & N. Pearson asserts that he was compelled to haul earth and rock from the Columbia river bottom on cars, at a cost of 45 cents a cubic yard. Lack of available earth caused numerous postponements, piecemeal construction and a delay which lengthened into nine months at considerable cost to the contractor.

BI-LINGUAL LAW HELD UP

Injunction Granted Foreign Language Newspapers.

The state's bi-lingual law, decreasing that foreign language newspapers must publish parallel English translations, and which was to become effective April 20, has been stayed by an injunction issued in the federal court in order to permit time for the preparation of pleadings to determine the constitutionality of the law. The temporary injunction was

granted through a suit brought by various foreign language newspapers of Oregon, including the German and Swedish publishing companies of Portland, the Workmen's Publishing company of Astoria and St. Benedict's abbey of Mount Angel.

Vandal wrecks Fire Apparatus.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—It was reported here yesterday that a vandal had cut the hose and otherwise damaged the fire-fighting apparatus of the Lincoln Creek Lumber company's mill at Galvin. It is believed that it was the

work of a person who planned to fire the mill.

Chamber Banquets Tonight.

THE DALLES, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of the chamber of commerce will be held in

the dining room of Hotel Dalles tomorrow night. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Labor Council Boycotted.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Although Centralia local, No.

505, American Federation of Musicians, has never been affiliated with the central labor council, the union went on record Sunday as condemning the recent action of the council in endorsing the verdict of the "labor jury" in the I. W. W. trial at Montesano, and voted not to affiliate with the central organization.



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