

IDAHO REPUBLICANS CLEFT ON A TARIFF

State Central Committee Fails
to Restore Complete
Harmony.

WITHOUT UNION, DEFEAT

United States Senator and Two Con-
gressmen to Be Sent to Wash-
ington in Impending Elec-
tion Forces Issue.

BY C. E. ARNEY.
BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—
That the politicians of the Republican
party, present at the state central com-
mittee meeting in Boise September 20,
agreed that an exaggerated degree of
"harmony" should be heralded forth as
the watchword of the event, is certain.
That insofar as a mutual meeting of
the minds of the leaders of the party
is concerned, the meeting was fruitful
of no material results, is equally cer-
tain.

That no candidate for state office
was assured of the support of the
party for nomination, is generally con-
ceded. That the fundamental principles
for which the Republican party in
Idaho is to stand at the next general
election is still in the air, to be deter-
mined at the party platform conven-
tion to be held next June, is believed.
It has been the general custom in
years gone by for the Washington rep-
resentatives of the party in power to
write into the state platform the ter-
ritorial issues for the guidance of the
party in this state. During the days of
Dubois and Shoup as the Representa-
tives of the Republican party, their
homecoming was awaited, and their
judgment taken as to the things which
Idaho Republicanism should announce
as the standards for the guidance of
the party. When these things were
out, in 1896, there was political tur-
moil, and the party split square in two.

Borah Colored Platform.
After Dubois left the party and
Borah returned to it, the latter be-
came the forceful personage in the
shaping of platform pledges, and no
party platform since 1896 has been
drawn free from the personal views of
the present senior Senator from the Gem
State, Hon. W. E. Borah.

The difference of opinion between
Senator W. E. Borah and Senator
Hayburn have been based chiefly on
the existence in this Nation of a high or
a modified protective tariff, which has
developed two classes of Republicans,
generally styled "Progressive" and "Re-
actionaries." Borah has been un-
iversally classed with the former, Hay-
burn with the latter. Both are conceded to
be sincere. Both are generally recog-
nized as able defenders of their respec-
tive claims.

In the last National platform of the
Republican party there was a pledge
for a modification of the tariff.
Borah understood that the party
pledge meant a modification of the
tariff downward so contended as a Sena-
tor. Hayburn, differed from his col-
league and maintained his political
attitude along these lines throughout
all the sessions of the Senate, in strict
opposition to the position of his col-
league. The difference attracted gen-
eral comment at home, and notoriety
abroad.

Hayburn Exponent of Tariff.
At home and abroad, Senator Hay-
burn is recognized as the highest type
of exponent of the maintenance of a
high protective tariff, of the present
system of election of Senators, of the
old convention plan of nominating of-
ficers, and of hearing up a bitter feel-
ing against the sons and daughters of
the Southern Confederacy.

In contradistinction to these views,
Senator Borah is recognized here and
elsewhere throughout the Nation as an
advocate of a reduction in the tariff
schedule, as the leading exponent of
the election of Senators by a direct
vote of the people, as favorable to the
direct primary plan of nominating of-
ficers and in liberal sympathy with all
classes of citizenry throughout the Na-
tion.

As a result of the impending election
in this state, of which the meeting Sep-
tember 20 was a forerunner, a United
States Senator is to be selected to suc-
ceed Senator Borah and two Congress-
men chosen to represent Idaho in the
House of Representatives.

On pure National political ground,
therefore, it is fair to presume that
both the tariff and the mode of elect-
ing Senators must be made issues in
the Republican contest of 1912. More-
over, there is a state issue further
to muddy the waters of the Republi-
can party and that is the initiative
and referendum. This matter is to be
met in the next general election as an
amendment to the state constitution,
through a resolution passed by the last
session of the Legislature, which was
largely Republican.

The committee was here and it was
surrounded by the leaders of the party
in numbers sufficient to constitute an
adequate advice, had it wished to as-
sert itself on any or all of the funda-
mental principles leading up to the
1912 campaign. That the forceful and
aggressive plan would have to make a
record, there can be no denial. That
the party, as represented by its state
committee, did not see fit to act, is ap-
parent. The committee chose the silent
horn of a dilemma.

Idaho Republicans Divided.
The fact remains that the Republi-
can party of Idaho cannot weather the
conflict of 1912, half insurgent and
half "reactionary." It cannot be "pro-
gressive" and "stand-pat" and win. It
cannot ride two horses in opposite di-
rections at the same time. It must
choose, and in the choosing there must
be a victory and a defeat. It cannot be
that the ideas of Senator Borah can be
cast aside and Senator Hayburn be re-
turned to the United States Senate.

The Republican party of the state is
square up against the proposition of
choosing between the ideas of two
able advocates of party principles.
That is all there is to it. The issue is
clear and must be met. The results are
far reaching for the future. The ac-
ceptance of insurance and Borah, or
the approval of "reactionaryism" and
Hayburn.

While these National issues, and the
initiative and referendum proposed as
an amendment to the state constitution
will have deep and lasting effect on
the Republican party, based on its ac-
ceptance of one or the other plans of
action, there are two other issues of
striking importance to the Republican
party of the state, both of which an-
ticipate the Republican politicians of the
state. These are the local option and
Railway Commission questions.

Prohibition Probably Dominant.
Through the last Republican plat-
form the former issue was considered
along the line of an amendment to the

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memberships in the boys' department
of the Association.

Pearkins Miller Is Dead.
COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. 29.—
(Special.)—Pearkins Miller died Friday
at his home on Mosby Creek, after a
year's illness. The funeral was held at
his home. Mr. Miller was 40 years
of age and left a widow and four chil-
dren, two brothers living at Cottage
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Centennial Mine Works This Winter.
GOLD HILL, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—
Preparations are being made for the
operation the coming Winter of the
Centennial mine on Kanes Creek, one
of the richest and most reliable
placers in this district. The mine was
worked in pioneer days, but was al-
lowed to lie idle for many years, when
it was bought as fruit land by D. P.

Blue and put in successful operation.
It was afterward sold to an Indiana
company, which made an unsuccessful
attempt to work it with an electric
dredge. It will be worked this Winter
under lease by H. L. McMahon and
D. P. Blue, the former owner. They
will use a hydraulic, under which
process the mine has never failed to
pay well. From surface to bedrock,
about 25 feet, the gravel averages 30
cents per yard and the bedrock is
rich in places.

Farmer Currin Carries Off Award.
COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. 30.—
(Special.)—Felix Currin, one of the
most prominent farmers in this part
of the country, living four and one-
half miles east of Cottage Grove, car-
ried off the silver cup given by the
Northern Pacific Railroad for the best
display of grains and grasses at the
Lane County Fair. Mr. Currin's ex-
hibit will be taken to the Omaha Land

Show, where for two weeks it will be
on exhibition.

Willamette Registration Heavy.
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem,
Sept. 30.—The registration of new stu-
dents at Willamette continues. In the
college of liberal arts the enrollment
of the entering class is now almost
double of that on the corresponding
day last year. While the majority of
students are from the State of Oregon,
the entire Northwest is well repre-
sented. There are also several enroll-
ing from the Middle West and East.
While the other departments are not
as yet registering students the appli-
cations received point to a record-
breaking attendance. The departments
of law, medicine and pharmacy open
late the coming week. The fact that
Willamette is drawing very heavily
from the Salem High School this year
is especially noticeable.

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