

# DEMOCRATS START CHAMBERLAIN BOOM

## Senator's Name to Be Written on Ballots as Choice for Vice-President.

### COMPLETE TICKET PLANNED

R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, to Oppose W. C. Hawley as Candidate for Representative—Tom Word Mentioned for Sheriff.

### VOTERS REGISTERING FASTER.

Registration took a faster spurt yesterday, 342 voters signing the rolls before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The books remained open until 9 o'clock at night as usual and as will be the case until they close on April 9, 10 days before the primary election. The total registration is now 34,213. Republicans number 19,000, Democrats 15,200 and miscellaneous 1,000.

Oregon Democrats have initiated a concerted movement all over the state for writing the name of United States Senator Chamberlain on their primary election ballots as the party's candidate for Vice-President.

A similar movement has been started in the First Congressional District, where, by the same method, Democrats expect to nominate R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, as their candidate for Representative in Congress to contest for this office in the general election next November. R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, has no opponent for the Republican nomination.

In proposing the candidacies of Senator Chamberlain and Representative Smith, the Democrats are striving as nearly as possible to have a complete ticket in the field for all offices to be elected this year. The fact is that the minority party this year has more nearly a full complement of candidates than in any other election in its history.

### Three Vacancies on the Ticket.

The only vacancies on the state and national tickets are for the offices of Railroad Commissioner from the First Congressional District, Dairy and Food Commissioner and Justice of the Supreme Court. As to the latter office, however, many Democrats will write the name of R. J. Slater, of Pendleton, on their ballots.

Although the Chamberlain boom for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket may not prove very contagious, the Democrats of this state have decided to give him a complimentary nomination, and at least get him in the running for possible consideration at the Baltimore convention.

In selecting Mr. Smith, who, by the way, is Mayor of Grants Pass, the Democrats feel that it is picking its most formidable candidate to oppose Representative Hawley in the primary election. Mr. Smith was the opponent of Mr. Hawley two years ago for the same office, but he carried only two counties in the entire district. They were Josephine, Smith's home county, and Jackson, an adjoining county on the south.

### Candidates So Far Named.

The Democratic state and national tickets, so far as candidates have offered themselves, follow:

United States Senator—O. P. Coshow, of Roseburg; Dr. Harry Lane, of Portland; Milton A. Miller, of Lebanon, and Walter M. Pierce, of Hot Lake.

Representatives in Congress—First District, R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass; Second, James H. Graham, of Baker, and Claude C. Covey, of Warm Springs; Third, M. G. Munly, of Portland.

Presidential electors—F. C. Whitten and D. M. Watson, of Portland; Will M. Peterson, of Pendleton; Hugh McClain, of Marshfield, and John M. Wall, of Hillsboro.

Delegates to National Convention (19 to elect)—Victor P. Moses, Corvallis; A. S. Bennett, The Dalles; Emil T. Radant, Siletz; Leon R. Edmondson, Eugene; Charles W. Sherman, Sr., Dairy; J. W. Maloney, Pendleton; Daniel W. Sherman, Enterprise; John D. Goss, Marshfield; Stephen Jewell, Grants Pass; J. E. Godfrey, Salem; T. C. Burke, Baker; Mark Holmes, Rickreall; John W. Peterson, Astoria; John J. Goss, Marshfield; Laddie Wilhelm, A. D. Gudge, A. A. Kaddery, W. R. King, F. V. Holman, Bartlett Cole and Frank H. Reynolds, all of Clatsop, and Secretary of State—John R. Ryan, Portland.

### Railroad Commissioner (Second District)—Law Anderson, Portland.

### Complete Ticket Predicted.

H. R. Van Duzer, chairman of the Democratic county central committee, is satisfied the party will have a complete county ticket in the primary election "with the possible exception of candidates for Sheriff and Treasurer. It is known that in the absence of a formal candidate for the office of sheriff, many members of the party intend to give that nomination to Tom Word by writing his name on the ballot. The time for filing for county offices does not expire until April 2, and by that time the indications are that, with the exceptions noted, the Democrats will have one or more candidates in the field for every office to be nominated.

### SELLING FAVORED IN CLATSOP

Warrenton Resident Says He Is Sure to Carry County.

"Clatsop County Republicans were very eager for W. Fulton to become a candidate again for United States Representative," said C. F. Lester, of Warrenton, and holder of Senator from that county, at the annual meeting yesterday. Clatsop Republicans were somewhat disappointed when he announced his refusal to make the race. Personally I felt the same way and told Mr. Selling how I felt. I have not seen him since that time.

"Now I am for Mr. Selling and am working in his interests in every way that I can. The same is true of the great mass of the Republicans of the county and that he will carry Clatsop is assured. Senator Bourne we have no reason to like. When it was thought Mr. Fulton might be a candidate the candidacy of Mr. Selling was not taken with much interest in Clatsop, but now when it comes to decide between Mr. Selling and Mr. Bourne, there is a pronounced sentiment in Mr. Selling's favor."

### Taft Regarded as Winner.

"Southwestern Washington is strong for the re-election of President Taft."

said Henry S. McGowan, of McGowan, an ex-State Senator from Pacific and Wanklam counties, at the Imperial Hotel yesterday. "In other parts of the state Roosevelt has a large following as well as La Follette and if the latter makes a series of speeches in the state he will poll a large vote. Whether he will draw from Taft or Roosevelt will determine who will get the delegation to the Chicago convention. Taft, however, has far the best of the race and that he will win now looks certain."

### Evans to Address Voters.

Walter H. Evans, Republican candidate for District Attorney, will hold the first of a series of meetings he has planned for the outlying districts, at Gresham tomorrow night. Members of the Evans Good Government Club, representing the Fourth Ward, have organized for active participation in the campaign by electing E. L. Brown ward captain. The organization consists of one or more active workers in each precinct in the ward. Similar organizations are being formed in other wards.

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Houser, stating that Senator La Follette had released his friends; and Mr. Record made an announcement to this effect at a public meeting where he was presiding.

### Second Announcement Substituted.

"The typewritten announcement exhibited at La Follette's headquarters during the afternoon was not, in fact, made public, but another announcement was substituted which Mr. Houser told Senator La Follette's friends should be interpreted as a release.

"During all this period Mr. Houser made no secret of his opinion that Senator La Follette was entirely out of the race, and that Roosevelt was the only candidate who could advance the progressive cause. It was after La Follette's friends had been thus assured by Mr. Houser that they joined the movement to secure the nomination and election of Colonel Roosevelt."

### Statements Held Inconsistent.

"I do not wish to appear to question the veracity of the gentleman sending the telegram," said Mr. McCusker, "but the facts set forth therein are entirely inconsistent with the facts as they were reported to me by Senator La Follette, Mr. Houser and others at the time of La Follette's illness.

"The fact is that on the very date of the alleged conference when Mr. Houser is charged with having presented a typewritten announcement of the withdrawal of Mr. La Follette as a candidate, Mr. La Follette was conducting a vigorous campaign in the East. The very effective campaign, the Wisconsin man was conducting in Ohio was such as to cause even the friends of President Taft to feel concerned for the result in that state.

"The situation in Ohio was that serious, so far as Taft was concerned, that the President canceled his Supreme Court dinner engagement in order to go to that state personally to look after his political interests.

"When La Follette temporarily abandoned his energetic campaign on account of sickness, reports from the state having the Presidential primary, including Oregon and California, were that he would carry every state by a two-to-one vote.

### Prospects Never Brighter.

"The prospects for La Follette's success never were brighter than then. Both La Follette and Houser were in touch with the situation and knew of the flattering reports from the different states. Certainly it was not a time for either La Follette or Houser to think of quitting the fight.

"On the contrary, there was every reason why they should continue the contest with increased vigor. In the personal telegram I have received from La Follette and his manager, at the time of his alleged withdrawal, before and since, neither has given the slightest intimation of doing other than remaining in the contest for the nomination to the finish.

"Notwithstanding the fact that we were on our back and taking the count, so to speak, we managed to stay in the ring, and I am confident from the reports we are receiving from every state having the Presidential primary that La Follette will carry every one of them. This would indicate that the Wisconsin man has remarkable recuperative powers."

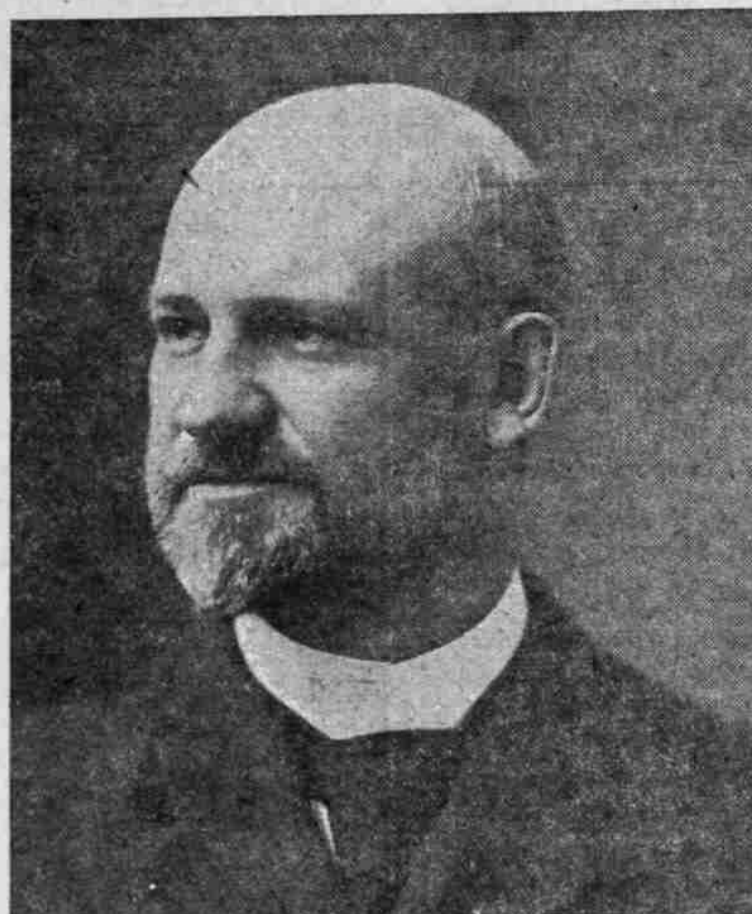
### Roosevelt Cause on the Wane.

"The purpose of the Pinchot telegram to Mr. Kellaher plainly is to bolster up the Roosevelt cause, which is on the wane, not only in Oregon, but throughout the United States. It is to be regretted that the progressives who believe in Roosevelt should allow themselves to be misled to the extent that they will divide the vote of the progressives in Oregon and other states.

"Any sane person must know that any division of the progressive vote is a disaster to the progressive cause. Senator La Follette was first in the field as a progressive when the progressive cause seemed to be a forlorn hope.

"After he had aroused public sentiment and the situation so well in hand that there was little doubt of his nomination, other progressives stepped in. If their purpose in doing so was to defeat the reactionary candidate, I am

# R. G. MORROW



## CIRCUIT JUDGE RE-ELECTION

Candidate for

(Paid Advertisement.)

at a loss to comprehend their view-point."

### BOLO CLUB INDORSSES SEVERAL

Political Organization Names Candidates Favored for Nomination.

After due consideration and investigation, the board of trustees of the Bolo Club of Oregon has given its indorsement to the following candidates for public office to be nominated next month: Representative in Congress (Third District), C. U. Gantenbein; Circuit Judge, Department No. 2, R. G. Morrow; State Senator, District 1, Park; State Representative, J. H. Upson and J. D. Abbott; Sheriff, W. C. North; Clerk, John B. Coffey; Assessor, J. E. Siger; Surveyor, Philo Holbrook; Coroner, Dr. J. C. Hayes; Justices of the Peace, Portland District, J. W. Bell and Joseph Jones; Lents district, O. A. Stevens; Constable, Andy Weinberger.

Other indorsements may be announced later, but in approving the candidates the representatives of the Bolo Club issued the following statement:

"Believing the above-named candidates competent, qualified and worthy of nomination and election to the respective offices to which they aspire, the Bolo Club of Oregon commends them to the consideration of all good

and patriotic citizens in general and to all Spanish War Veterans and other patriotic organizations in particular, as worthy of confidence and support."

### D. C. Lewis Is Candidate.

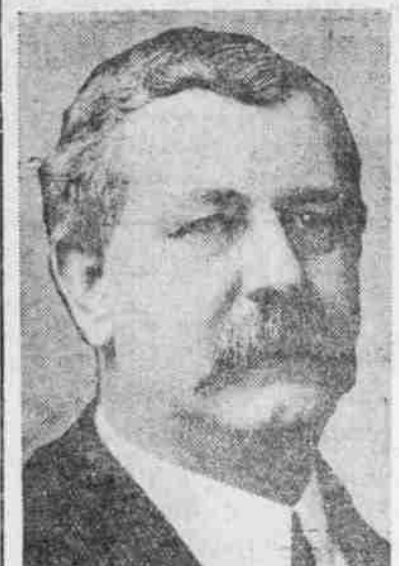
D. C. Lewis, of St. Johns, yesterday announced his candidacy on the Republican ticket for State Representative. He advocates a carefully-drawn income tax and would provide by legislation for a reasonable exemption of personal property from taxation. The slogan he asks to be printed after his name on the ballot is: "Liberty; equal rights; equal laws; equal justice; equal opportunity; less laws and more law."

### J. N. Day Would Be State Senator.

J. N. Day, of 771 Kearney street, filed notice of intention Friday to seek nomination on the Republican ticket for the State Senate. He declares in favor of the direct primary, Statement No. 1, wider jurisdiction of the Port of Portland, good roads, municipal control of rapid transit systems and cheaper books for school children.

Big reduction. Albina Fuel Co. See ad on page 19, section 1.

"Justice and Equity to Every Person."



## W. Y. MASTERS

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Judge of Circuit Court Department No. 4. (Paid Advertisement.)

EQUALITY OF ALL BEFORE THE LAW



## Wm. Reid

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## FOR SHERIFF

WILLIS FISHER Republican. Born, raised and educated in Portland. No promises to deceive. I Will Make Good Mr. Voter, it is up to you. (Paid advertisement.)

# For County Assessor



Henry E. Reed.

I will give personal attention to the office. You will find me on the job all the time. Expenses of the Assessor's office have increased 272 per cent since 1903. I will separate the office from politics, and that will save the taxpayers' money. I will not permit deputy assessors to pass out election cards and campaign literature inclosed in assessment blanks. I will conduct the Assessor's office according to law. No juggling with the assessment rolls. I will make the Assessor's office an open book to the taxpayers. No star-chamber proceedings go with me. Multnomah County assessments have been increased at the rate of nearly 30 per cent a year since 1904. The tax rate was \$1.48 per \$100 of assessed value in 1905, and this year it is \$2.44. Assessments climb year after year, and the tax rate climbs with them. The tax burden falls heavily upon all classes of people, but heaviest upon the little homeowner. I think the time has come to investigate these heavy increases and see what justifies them. What do you think? I believe in economy in public expenses, but not in parsimony. We cannot tax ourselves rich, but we can tax ourselves poor. Therefore, I am opposed to excessive increases in assessments and excessive taxes. If you believe as I do, vote for me in the primaries on April 19. Multnomah County has been my home for 41 years. I pay taxes on land as well as on personal property.

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Republican Candidate (Paid advertisement.)

## A. P. Armstrong

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Experienced in city and country schools, superintendent of Multnomah County from 1896 till 1900, former principal of Portland Business College. Believing myself well qualified for the office, I ask the support of all who favor continuous advancement along broad educational lines. (Paid Advertisement.)