

MR. FRENCH NOW IS MYSTERY IN IDAHO

Part Ex-Representative Will Play in Election Holds Interest of Politicians.

MR. SMITH ROOTED FIRMLY

Many Possible Candidates Named Who May Seek Mr. McCracken's Place if Man From North Is Not Factor in Campaign.

BOISE, Idaho, July 24.—(Special.)—Burton L. French, of Moscow, Representative in Congress, has many Republicans in this state guessing whether he will be a candidate for Congress in 1916, make the race for Governor or remain out of politics altogether.

Unpopular with the ring politicians who, in the last State Convention in 1908, succeeded in defeating him for the nomination, Mr. French showed his strength with the people when, at the following direct primary election, he ran against the field and led his party's ticket.

There is evident anxiety now, however, as to the action he will take. It is admitted that should he enter the Congressional race, he will not only endanger the prospects of other aspirants but he may demonstrate that he can "come back."

When the last session of Congress adjourned Mr. French retired to private life. He had been a candidate in the Fall for United States Senator and was defeated. Mr. French has been in this was the greatest political mistake he could have made.

It is generally conceded even by his most bitter political enemies he could have remained in Congress as long as he desired. He did not develop, however, Senatorial strength. Probably his defeat was due to prevailing belief on the part of the people he should have been content to serve as Representative.

The Congressional situation as it now stands finds Addison T. Smith strongly entrenched as senior Representative and John M. McCracken as junior Representative.

Both are from Southern Idaho. Mr. McCracken is from Boise and Mr. Smith from Twin Falls. Mr. French was from the northern part of the state. The north feels that it is entitled to representation in the lower house. It, therefore, will have several candidates in the field, some of whom are being groomed.

Mr. McCracken Target Early. These aspirants concede that representative Smith's seat is secure but they hope to unseat Mr. McCracken who has trouble on his hands before he has even started.

Left with the field uninvaded by Mr. French, aspirants to Representative McCracken's seat believe they can be successful. They therefore, are even now debating as to whether or not he may decide to come back. If he does there will be a contest.

Mr. French will have the disadvantage of being out of office and not in as close touch with his constituents. But when he was defeated at the last state convention the people did not forget him two years later when they defeated his opponent, Thomas R. Hamer.

Many of these candidates probably will find Mr. McCracken a harder man to defeat than he seems. He has many of the machine politicians, he won last Fall against the field and had votes to spare. If he were defeated at the next election he will be a hard man to unseat once he is on record in Washington. He has many of the vote-getting qualifications of Burton L. French, whom he succeeded.

North May Offer Four. Political gossip here has it that there are three or four prospective candidates in the north. One of them is said to be C. H. Potts, of Kotelona County. Mr. Potts is now State Commissioner from that county as well as a member of the executive committee. He served a term as State Senator and had much to do with drafting the present primary laws.

E. E. Elliott, formerly Senator of Bonner County, now a resident of the new County of Boundary, who represented Bonner County in the House of Representatives during the 12th session and was a member of the Senate during the last session, is also said to have Senatorial ambitions. By many here he is looked upon as the strongest man the north can produce. Senator Elliott is author of the drainage act and a member of the Irrigation and Drainage Commission.

Speaker Conner Suggested. The third prospective Congressional candidate from the north is said to be A. H. Conner, also of Bonner County. Speaker of the House of Representatives and formerly a member of the lower house from Shoshone County. It is here where Mr. Conner's candidacy depends upon the action that Lieutenant-Governor Taylor, also of Sandpoint, will take with regard to the gubernatorial race. Mr. Taylor is strongly spoken of as a prospective candidate for Governor.

Bonner County cannot claim too much. It is said that the Lieutenant-Governor runs for Governor, the Speaker of the House will not be a candidate for Representative in Congress.

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WIFE BLAMED FOR DEATH

Mrs. John Kniesky Held in Spokane on Murder Charges.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Kniesky, who came to Lewis County 18 months ago from Bohemia, is being held in Spokane on a charge of murdering her husband. The couple were married about six months ago after a courtship correspondence. They are said to have had trouble on their honeymoon and she returned to the home of Tom Ruah, a farmer at whose home she had lived for a year after coming to this country. Later a reconciliation was effected and the pair went to Elk, Wash., where the husband was employed. A week ago he died, supposedly of poison, and the wife was arrested as she was preparing to return to the Ruah home.

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BRIGHTON MILL RUNS FULL

Water Transportation for Lumber Is Expected Soon.

BRIGHTON, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—The big mill at Brighton is running full time and with a complete crew of men. Logging operations along the Nehalem River have been active in several of the smaller camps in preparation for the resumption of work here and several hundred thousand feet of logs have been cut. Manager Thomas Watt has been to San Francisco to interest shippers to take cargoes of lumber from Brighton and feels that his hope of water transportation for the product of the mill soon will be realized. The work on the south jetty at the Nehalem River will be completed within six weeks and the water conditions are most favorable. In spite of the absence of freshets during the Spring, which usually scour the bar to a considerable depth, the channel this year is deep enough to allow good-sized freight carriers to cross.

CENTRALIA ROLL SMALLER

Annual School Report Shows Decrease From Previous Year.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—J. M. Layh, superintendent of Centralia schools, and George Barner, clerk of the School Board, today issued reports for the last school year. The total enrollment was 1995, a decrease of 93, compared to the previous year. The average daily attendance increased 21 over 1914. The total days absence showed a decrease of 3217. The percentage of attendance for the year was 82 per cent.

Of the 50 teachers employed, all but eight will return next year, two having been elected superintendents, one principal of a high school, three having taken more remunerative positions in other high schools and two having gone to do grade work in large cities.

AURORA WOMAN PASSES

Mother of J. W. Berkeley, Prominent Hopgrower, Dies at 65.

AURORA, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elmer, mother of John W. Berkeley, well-known hop-buyer of this place, died last night at Needy at 65 o'clock. She was about 65 years old. She returned from the east only a few months ago. She is survived by three sons and four daughters. They are: John W. Berkeley, Noah Berkeley, Albert Kilmer, Mrs. John Hamilton, of Molalla; Mrs. Albert J. Smith, of Hubbard; Mrs. Edw. Schenck, of Washington, Wash., and Mrs. Anna Kilmer, of Needy. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

BIG POOL ATTRACTS

Pendleton Formally Opens New \$10,000 Natatorium.

AQUATIC PROGRAMME HELD

Immense Throng Cheers Building Committee at Reception Preceding Presentation of Tank to City.

Donations Finance Building.

PENDLETON, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Pendleton citizens turned out en masse last night to celebrate at Roundup Park the dedication of the new \$10,000 natatorium, built by popular subscription and a \$2000 appropriation by the City Council.

An immense crowd lined the sides of the big tank more than a dozen deep when District Attorney Frederick W. Stewer, on behalf of the special committee of the Commercial Association, which had charge of the natatorium's financing and construction, made the formal presentation of the property to the city. Mayor John Dyer, surrounded by members of the City Council, formally accepted.

A public reception preceded the presentation. The programme included three diving and swimming contests for men, boys and young women for prizes, an exhibition of fancy swimming and diving by Jimmie Fulton, of Portland, and a band concert. Tank Supplied by Overflow. The tank is one of the largest in this section of the country, measuring 50 by 100 feet inside, with a maximum depth of nine feet at one end, running to a depth of three feet at the opposite end. Provision was made for installing steam coils for heating the water. The tank is supplied from the overflow of the city reservoir.

Viewing the finished project last night the coterie of boosters who sponsored the scheme and worked diligently to bring the plan to a successful end, were pardonably proud of the results accomplished, and in this pride the whole city shares, as the enterprise represents an undertaking in which a great many of the people have participated, giving time, money and interest.

Building Committee Cheered. Although a few skeptics remained in the background when the call for boosters was sounded just a few weeks ago, there is none today who would confess to past misgivings as to the ultimate success of the venture. Among those hardest to convince at first that the plan of an open-air natatorium was not too ambitious an undertaking for the town or an impractical scheme have since proved its most ardent supporters, and financial support has been generously and spontaneously given by all.

The committee in charge of the building plans, which was justly cheered last night, was composed of C. M. Bishop, George Hartman, County Judge C. H. Marsh, Leon Cohen, Dr. G. Royden and G. L. LaDon.

PRUNE CROP IS LARGE

YOUNG POLK COUNTY ORCHARDS WILL BEAR THIS YEAR.

Many Formerly Barren Hillside Acres Are Now Producing Wealth for Growers.

RICKREALL, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—Hundreds of acres of young prune orchards will come into bearing in the Falls City, Dallas, Monmouth and Rickreall districts this Fall, swelling the total yield of Polk County to the highest mark yet reached, according to a tentative survey of the leading districts by drying-house men.

The yield in Polk County this year will be normal, the growers claim, but the increased acreage coming into bearing is expected to raise the total yield far above the average.

A heavy foreign market has been developed by Polk County dry fruit concerns. Shipments were made last year to France, Germany and England, while orders from distant parts of the United States have aided in marketing the crop in advance.

Prunes have been brought back to their original grounds by recent land clearing in the country between Falls City and Dallas and in the regions surrounding these towns. Several hills, too barren to raise garden truck or grain crops, have been converted into ideal prune orchards.

The red soil is the best for prunes, as shown by the larger yields from the dark lands in the western sections of the county. This soil compares favorably with the widely known red soils of Yamhill County. In the Falls City district prunes are grown wholly on the red soil.

MANY WANT ROAD BONDS

PROMINENT HOOD RIVER MEN FAVOR BENSON PROPOSAL.

In Addition to State Issue of Ten Million Dollars, County Judge Would Ask National Assistance.

HOOD RIVER, July 24.—(Special.)—The plans that have been suggested by S. Benson and other members of the advisory board of the State Highway Commission have met with astonishing support in Hood River County. Even the conservative element does not hesitate to voice a hearty approval of the proposed \$10,000,000 bond issue.

Of all the men who have discussed the campaign as outlined for submitting the bond issue to a vote of the people in the Fall of 1916, no one is more, emphatic in his commendation than E. O. Blanchard, cashier of the First National Bank. "It is an absolute necessity that we do something of this kind," said Mr. Blanchard.

"I am heartily in favor of the proposed bond issue," said S. A. Mitchell, vice-president and cashier of the Hood River State Bank.

"So far as I have gone into Mr. Benson's plans," says County Judge Stanton, "they meet with my support. The main roads should be built by the state. Furthermore, I believe that the United States should bear a portion of the expense where the highways pass through the forest reserves."

Gus Miller, a rancher of the West Side, declared: "They cannot vote the bond issue any too quickly for me."

Kelso Highway Work Progresses. KELSO, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Ambrose-Burdsal Company commenced Thursday laying macadam at the lower end of their two and a half mile section of the Pacific Highway just south of Kelso, and are working toward town. Wherever possible detour roads have been opened up, but

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LIVESTOCK PRIZES LARGE

\$12,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT LEWISTON EXHIBITION.

Classes for Horses, Cattle, Swine and Sheep Are Extensive, and Many Premiums Are Offered in Each.

LEWISTON, Idaho, July 24.—(Special.)—The Northwest Livestock Association, which will hold its exhibition at Lewiston November 25-December 4, will provide \$12,000 in premiums, suggesting the magnitude of the event, which in four years has grown to rank in standard with the three other great livestock shows of the United States—the Chicago International, the Kansas City Royal and the one at Denver.

Secretary Smith, of the association, has prepared a preliminary statement of the classification and sums to be allotted in all classes. In the horse division are Shires, Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, grades, saddle, driving, standard, Army and thoroughbreds. In each classification six to eight premiums are offered.

In dairy lines the exhibition is to give much prominence with a view of encouraging this industry. Jersey, Holsteins, Guernseys, Ayrshires, grades and with improved breeding and feeding methods the competition promises to be stronger than any past year.

The sheep classification embraces Cotswolds, Lincoln, Shropshires, Oxford, Hampshire and Ramboulets. Advice received by the association show that there is much interest among breeders in the fat cattle, fat swine and fat sheep departments this year, and with improved breeding and feeding methods the competition promises to be stronger than any past year.

The first prize in fat cattle will be \$300, second \$200, third \$100. In swine the first carlot prize will be \$250, second \$150, third \$100. In fat sheep the first prize will be \$250, second \$150, third \$100.

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