

IDAHO BANKER IS IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR

D. W. Davis, American Falls, Off Mentioned in Councils in Republican Primaries.

SLATE - MAKING SCOUTED

Congressional Representative Likely to Go to North if Agreement Can Be Reached on Some Candidate—Justice to Be Named.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 9.—(Special).—The Republican gubernatorial race of this state this week greeted another aspirant for the post of chief executive in David W. Davis, of American Falls.

For months the name of the American Falls banker has been bandied about, first as a prospective candidate for gubernatorial honors. Now the announcement can be given out with assurance that he is in the race to stay. And he may live up to his name of Biblical fame.

Those here familiar with the political situation and the records of men of his prominence are said to have been warty laugh at the idea of Mr. Davis being a slate candidate. His public acts, his record in the state senate and his activities as an orator and a leader, disprove any such accusation.

Leaders Scout Reports of Slate. He is an ardent supporter of the principle of the direct primary law.

Because of his long record from small gatherings of Republican leaders at both Pocatello and Portland, where candidates are said to have been discussed, the impression has gained ground that slates have been made and a ticket selected to be put up at the next primary election. Were it not for the fact Idaho has a stringent primary election law, such reports would have more effect probably than they do, say party leaders here.

The days of slate-making in politics in this state appear to have passed. Yet because of these attempts enemies of the primary law have seized them as arguments against the act, declaring a few handfuls of men have set themselves up to act for the masses in selecting their choice of candidates.

Attempted slates have failed before under the primary in this state. It would not be at all surprising to see them fail again.

National Situation May Be Involved. Idaho's situation, politically, is peculiar. At least it is peculiar insofar as the Republican party and future success is concerned.

Party leaders realize now that to inspire confidence only men against whose character no attack can be made can be put in the running for office. No one realizes more than Republican party leaders that to defeat the present Democratic Governor, Moses L. Anderson, the highest type of citizenship must be produced.

It is very probable that the Presidential situation will have no influence on the men who are elected to high state office. Party leaders here realize that many things may happen nationally before the election, and few of them are inclined to make predictions now as to what the outcome will be.

Two Davises May Divide Contest. With David Davis in the Republican gubernatorial race a somewhat interesting situation develops, for there is another David in the race.

He is E. H. Dewey, of Boise, a retired United States Army Captain, ex-secretary of the Republican state central committee and until recently assistant attorney-general. He made his announcement early and since has been actively engaged building his political connections.

It is barely possible that the Republican may split on the nomination of Governor. E. H. Dewey, of Nampa, is not now considered a possibility, and while such men as Charles L. Heitman, of Bathurst, and C. W. Crain, of Lewiston, are mentioned, few politicians here expect to see them in the race. The friends of Mr. Davison declare that he will enter later.

North Asked to Back One. The Governorship to go south and one Representative in Congress from the north, as well as a possible change on the Supreme Court bench, seems to be a pretty well mapped-out program in the Republican situation.

To secure a Representative the north will be silently requested to get behind one man. That man may be Senator E. E. Elliott, of Bonanza Ferry. While not an announced candidate, Senator Elliott is considered here as offering strong Congressional timber. The north has other timber in O. H. Fells, of Coeur d'Alene; Miles Burton, of Lewiston; and possibly Burton L. French. In fact Mr. French is the one who appears to be the most feared. He entered the Senatorial race while Representative and was defeated. For three years now Mr. French, who was succeeded by Robert M. McCracken, has been absent from Idaho. Little is known about his location. He is in Chicago, where recently he gave lectures in the Chicago University.

Justice Sullivan to Meet Opposition. The possibility that Mr. French may return to his home at Moscow and ask the electors of the state to send him to Congress would throw the Congressional situation into more uncertainty than it is now.

Mr. French, however, is not as strong a possibility as he was prior to his defeat for the Senatorial nomination. This time, it is said, will be well satisfied for the time being if it can secure one Representative. It was announced some time ago that Chief Justice Isaac N. Sullivan will be a candidate to succeed himself on the Supreme bench. It was believed then he would meet opposition in the non-partisan race. Now it appears that efforts will be put forth to bring out a strong man against him like Judge Edward M. Walters, of Twin Falls.

Judge Walters was for years judge in the Fourth Judicial District Court. He entered the last non-partisan race for Justice of the Supreme Court, but was defeated. Those who believe he would be a more formidable candidate would be in a strong position to put that when he last ran the situation was against him. First, because he was from the south, and a vacancy existing on the Supreme Court bench just before the election resulted in Justice Judge being appointed from the south to succeed Justice Albright, who resigned. This was not advantageous to Judge Walters.

As a southern nominee he was forced to run against Justice William M. Morgan, a northern candidate. The justice appointment having some south strength, Judge Walters and his friends naturally expected there, was given to the northern man. This weakened him. He also lost votes because of the fact that another Walters was on the ballot. T. A. Walters, Democratic candidate for Attorney-General. This confused voters.

Those who have been giving the Justiceship some little attention point out that the time is ripe for another change on the Supreme bench, due to the long service of Chief Justice Sullivan, who has held office several terms and whose colleagues are all younger men. The nomination of a strong Republican candidate against him would, they say, give his opponent an opportunity to split the Republican vote and draw confused voters.

MADE FOR BAKER

Shutting Off Appropriation Spreads Spirit to Co-operate Throughout County.

SUCCESS IS BIGGEST EVER

Attendance Reaches Record Mark and Exhibits Noteworthy—Sum Netted Already Put at \$757. Club Aids in Promotion.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special).—Cooperation among the people of the county will revive the county fair and make it a profitable enterprise, as was a benefit. This was shown when Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker County Fair Board, reported that the People's Fair of Baker County had netted \$757.45 and the amount may go still higher when odds and ends are cleaned up.

The fair was this year conducted by the people as a whole for the first time and records of all kinds were broken. The attendance of every day, the exhibits and the events were greater than have ever been known in the history of the Baker county fairs. Added to this, the profits were larger than had been known for some years when it was conducted by private parties and by the Baker Commercial Club with state and county aid.

People's Interest Brings Success. This year the fair was a people's fair and the people made it possible and then made the profits certain by their interest. Now they are so interested that they want a bigger and better fair.

More than that, they want it to cover all of Eastern Oregon along the same lines as were followed this year. The cause of the people arousing and supporting the fair, which has been branded by so many counties as a thing of by-gone days, was the action of the County Court in refusing to aid the event. Heretofore, the court has given \$2000 toward the fair and \$1000 to the Baker Commercial Club. The club used its funds to support the fair so that when J. B. Mesick became County Judge last January, he really gave the fair a big boost because he said the people did not care for the annual event, despite that a delegation representing the greater amount of taxable property called on him with the request.

Club Leads to Organization. His action so aroused the people that they decided that they would have a fair of their own. As the demand for the Baker Commercial Club took the lead in organizing a people's fair, to be supported by the people, J. B. Mesick, a family ticket to the fair during its season to those who subscribed was suggested by Johnson W. Bond, a rancher near the city. The club allowed every member of the subscriber's family to attend the four days' events and gave a seat in the grand stand to each. So successful was the idea that 343 such tickets were issued throughout the county.

The committee started June 18 to obtain \$2000. The first day out proved the success of the idea, for every person approached subscribed from \$5 to \$20, and \$1500 was raised in a few days. The canvass was continued two months and instead of the \$2000 desired, \$2324.50 was obtained by the committee in a grand stand to each. The canvass was continued two months and instead of the \$2000 desired, \$2324.50 was obtained by the committee in a grand stand to each.

Fair Board is Formed. A fair board was organized, with six members from the county and five from the city, while some of the city members were interested in the future. The board was composed of E. M. Welch, president of the Baker Commercial Club; William Doby, head of the Baker City Packing Co.; E. A. Phillips, cattleman, Baker; Dr. E. T. Notz, veterinarian, Baker; A. S. Shockley, lumberman, Baker, and the following ranchers of different parts of the county: James Kelly, William A. Green, Henry McKinney, J. W. Bond, J. C. Bowen and Henry Bond.

The officers are: President, E. M. Welch, vice-president, James Kelly; treasurer, Henry McKinney; secretary, Walter E. Meacham. This gives the balance of power to the people living throughout the county. The board was not a mere set of firebrands, for every man loyally did his part and worked from the start until they ended in making the fair a success. The suggestions of those from out of the city were especially valuable in giving a fair that would appeal to the country people. No salaries were paid.

Displays Gathered From Afar. When the fair opened it had back of it the aroused and combined interest of the entire county people. This was shown by the large number of displays that represented practically every part of the county. The livestock display was the largest ever shown here and included cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry. The state fair at Salem, the large subscriptions and the state appropriation of \$1205.62 enabled the fair to order more premiums, and despite that the arts and crafts premiums had been cut off early in the plans, the exhibits there were equal to other years.

The greatest showing was in attendance. The opening day saw the grounds taxed with more than 2000 people, the largest opening day's attendance ever known. The second day saw another record broken, when nearly 4000 packed the grounds and grandstand. The remaining two days brought the total number of admissions to 12000, another record. Farmers who ordinarily came for one day, if at all, passed the entire four days on the grounds and they came in autos, rigs and by train.

Records Broken in Races. The events were unusually successful for the races were the best ever here, several records being broken. Especial interest was in the many local races, including match races between well-known colts of the county, chess relay and county races, which aroused great rivalry between sections and were all highly contested.

The feeling of common cause made the friendship of the city and country and between different sections of the county stronger and when, on the closing day, Announcer S. O. Correll asked for a rising vote as to whether there should be a 1916 fair every person arose amidst cheering and waving of handkerchiefs. The 1916 event promises to be even greater than expected, however, for plans have been started for holding a fair that will interest all of Eastern Oregon. It is planned to conduct here a united fair at which will be shown all the resources of all the counties this side of the Cascades.

It is the intention to assemble all the displays of agriculture, livestock, poultry, mining, lumber and other resources and manufacturers' products and then stage huge amusement attractions that will draw tens of thousands of outsiders here to learn what Eastern Oregon can do and is doing.

The great success of the people's cooperative movement was due to the feeling of the entire people of the county that it was their fair," said Secretary Meacham. "They felt that they were being treated as they should be, that they were supporting a movement that was conscientiously and successfully carried out."

"So anxious are they to continue the fair that some ranchers who subscribed this year have offered to double, some to quadruple, the amount they subscribed this year in order to make the event a bigger and better success than ever. We hope Eastern Oregon Fair idea, which is a big plan, but a most beneficial one, will be carried out to start next year."

HOOD RIVER FOLK DISAPPOINTED AT ROUTE AROUND MOUNT. Inclusion of Elk Meadows by Government Engineers in Plans for Highways is Sought.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special).—People of the Upper Hood River valley express disappointment as to the survey made by the United States forestry service for the proposed connecting link in a loop highway to pass around the east base of Mount Hood and tapping the old Barlow road. Instead of skirting Elk Meadows, said by Upper Valley mountaineers to be one of the most scenic spots in Hood's basin, the line run by the crew of government engineers will pass down the east fork of Hood River. It will cross the forest reserve in the Upper Valley, but at first proposed miles lower down than at first proposed.

"I regret that the engineers have left out the Elk Meadows off the line of the proposed highway," says Homer A. Rogers, who last Summer was guide for the first party of road builders to pass over the route. "I have been in every portion of the scenic district and Elk Meadows, which could be reached on an easy grade as that of the route chosen, gives the traveler a better perspective of the immensity of the glaciers, which can be seen not far away, than any other accessible place around the mountain."

"I do not think the road down the east fork will ever be built," says J. O. Meacham, local County Commissioner. "I think it will prove too expensive. We who are advising the Elk Meadows route are making our efforts to have the road go that way."

PROPOSED ROAD SURVEYED

Highway to Mount Hood Snow Line Considered Highly Important.

ROAD RUSHED AHEAD

Bridge Work Only Remains for Willamette-Pacific.

RAILS 19 MILES APART

Chief Engineer Hood Says Weather Can Have No Effect on Progress, Since Steel is Being Rapidly Assembled for Spans.

CORN SHOW ON TOMORROW

Governor Withycombe to Be Guest at St. Paul.

LEWIS CAMPAIGN TO START

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