

PRESS IS BACK OF MOORES' CAMPAIGN

Practically All Republican Papers in Oregon Against Mr. Olcott.

DEMOCRATS AID LATTER

Portland Man Is Held to Be Highly Qualified for Secretary of State. Present Incumbent's Politics Are Questioned.

Outside of a presidential campaign, Oregon has been an unusually quiet state in the political life of the state as is shown this month in the contest before the Republican primary for the nomination for Secretary of State.

Charles B. Moores, of Multnomah County, and Ben W. Olcott, of Marion County, are the opposing candidates. Both are registered as Republicans and both are asking for the franchise of Democratic voters only. Especially noticeable about it is that there are no candidates for this office to be voted upon in the Democratic primaries.

Viewed from the standpoint of the attitude of the state press, the situation remains much the same. The newspapers of the state, daily and weekly, almost without exception and in great numbers are supporting Mr. Moores with strongest possible words of praise. From the Democratic press, on the other hand, Mr. Olcott receives fulsome flattery and adulation. Here are some of Mr. Olcott's most ardent supporters in the Democratic editorial camp, as described in the *Eugene Register*:

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as a reward for his activities in promoting his brother-in-law's campaign, and the question naturally arises, 'Did he pay too much for his reward?'"

Commenting on Olcott's past political history, the St. Helens Mist says:

"Mr. Olcott may have changed his politics, but not at the occasion, but Republicans should take no chances, but should support Mr. Moores. Who has the best influence and lots of his good money to defend the Republican nominee for the first time in Oregon? The question is, how any voter who claims to be a Republican can support him in the face of these facts."

Replying to an editorial in the Carlton Sentinel, a Democratic paper, the Newberg Graphic (Republican) says:

"Probably the very efficient work Olcott did in the campaign of 1914 had nothing to do with the active interest shown by members of the party in his behalf, although there were no big names among them. Possibly, too, the fact that C. B. Moores' Republicanism is not of the wobbly kind, and never has been, had something to do with this advocacy. With Mr. Olcott's ability to fill the office of Secretary of State has never been called in question, and the Graphic thinks the party will

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OFFICIALS LIKE NEW LAW

Proposal to Pay Officers and Men and Make Troops Available for Foreign Service Regarded as Great Service Stimulant.

Large increase in the Oregon National Guard is indicated by agreement of the House and Senate conferences on the Army bill, as announced in the dispatches yesterday to officials of the state service. Oregon's quota of the proposed National Guard increase will be approximately 2200 men, which will then make already under arms, all the men already under arms, all the state troops it is estimated, to a brigade.

Acceptance by the Senate of the Militia features, including Federalization, will add 125,000 men, regarded as practically the organization of every principle contended for by the National Guard services of the country. It is pointed out that not only will officers and men be paid for their services, but the force will be more than quadrupled.

"A total force of 425,000 will give Oregon at least 4000 men," said Adjutant-General George A. White, yesterday, while at the close of the new legislation upon the Oregon service. "The land forces of the state now total approximately 1800 men; to this a force of 2200 must be added. According to the Army bill, these may be added to those recruited gradually during a period of five years in annual installments."

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"Just what branches of the service will be represented cannot now be said, of course. That is a matter for the War Department to pass upon. However, the first force to be added will be four companies of Coast Artillery, the organization of which already is favored by the War Department, and which will complete the artillery regiment in this state. These companies will be organized as soon as funds and equipment are available for that purpose. The headquarters of the regiment is at Eugene, and the commanding officer is Colonel C. C. Hammond, of that place.

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