

OLD PARTIES FIGHT TO CONTROL IDAHO

Republicans Direct Guns on Non-Partisan League as Campaign Starts.

BITTER BATTLE IN SIGHT

Chairmen of Political Factions Open Headquarters and Lay Plans for Vigorous Contest in All Parts of State.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Political decks have been cleared in this state for the general campaign. The parties have named their respective chairmen and opened headquarters, and all signs point to one of the most interesting campaigns in Idaho's history.

It is clear that the men heading the Republican ticket will direct their fire on the Non-partisan element in the Democratic party. In answering attacks made on him by a representative of the league in his home country, Frank E. Gooding, Republican candidate for short-term Senator, makes this evident. The loyalty of the leaders and workers of the league, is to be seriously questioned.

It is likely that the Democratic party will try to elect its Congressional delegation and other regulars, but is uncertain as to the remainder of the ticket, which is Non-partisan.

Two Moves Deemed Significant.
The action of the Democratic State Central committee in electing Jerome J. Day, of Moscow, state chairman to succeed W. R. Hamilton, is regarded in political circles as a direct slap at the Non-partisan League, which is seeking to elect its candidates on the Democratic ticket. Apparently, while the Democratic party lost practically all of its state nominees to the league, it is still in control of the party machinery.

League leaders admit that the selection of Chairman Day is not particularly to their liking. It is well known in political circles that both Harry L. Day and Chairman Day are opposed to the league and its programme. Prior to the primaries Mr. Day was outspoken in his opposition to H. F. Samuels, the league candidate for Governor, who was successful at the primary in defeating E. A. Van Sicklin and Frank Martin, regular Democrats. The backers of both Van Sicklin and Samuel tried to induce the candidate opposed to their favorite to give the latter a clear field. Both remained in the race and Samuels was successful in seizing the nomination.

Day Is Political Leader.
Chairman Day is well known in Idaho politics. He served several terms in the state Senate from Latah County. Two years ago he would have made the race for National committeeman if a preferential vote could have been had, but the opposition then in control stood out against him and he refused to enter the race.

The Republicans met and organized without conflict. Stephen D. Taylor, former State Auditor, was elected to succeed himself as state chairman. Paul Davis was named secretary. Davis was formerly identified with the Progressive party. The candidates met and named a committee of seven to assist the state chairman as the executive committee.

Both chairmen have opened headquarters in Boise preparatory to starting a vigorous campaign. Timothy Reagan, of Boise, was named treasurer of the Democratic committee.

Ex-Governor Frank E. Gooding, Republican nominee for short term United States Senator, has directed his guns on the Non-Partisan League, indicating the fight on that organization is going to be a heated one before the campaign closes. The ire of Mr. Gooding was aroused by the appearance in his home county of Horace Mann, a league organizer, who is alleged by his statements to be in sympathy with William Hayward, recently sent to prison for sedition utterances, who figured as the principal defendant in the dynamite trials with Moyer and Pettibone.

Gooding to Wage Fight.
Gooding was Governor of the state during the same trials. His opponent on the Democratic ticket who has the endorsement of the league, Senator John F. Nugent, was associate counsel for Moyer-Haywood and Pettibone.

Idaho is to be visited by the "Prison Special" to wage a vigorous campaign on behalf of the woman suffrage amendment. On the special will be 20 women who have served jail sentences for making demonstrations in front of the White House on behalf and in support of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Some of the women, prominent in the women's party, will appear in prison costume. They will tour through Idaho, Montana, Kansas, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming. The object of including Idaho in the itinerary is to array votes against both Senators Borah and Nugent.

The alleged shortage reported by State Auditor Clarence VanDusen of \$284,786.81 in the irreducible trust funds of the state may have an important bearing politically before the present campaign is over. This shortage will have to be made good by the state and probably the next Legislature will be called upon to take action along that line. The last Legislature authorized him to audit the land department books and records from 1885 up to July 31, 1918. The task is not as yet completed. The State Auditor declares that other reports he will file will show that thousands of dollars have been lost to the state through the under-Appraisal of lands, and the disposal of lands at much less than their real value.

COLLEGE MEN IN SERVICE

Graduates of Pacific University Now Engaged on Foreign Soil.

NEWBERG, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Of the men who have graduated from Pacific College since 1911 almost two-thirds are known to be engaged in some form of the war service. The other third is equally divided among teachers, farmers and ministers, with one foreign missionary.

Of the men included in last year's college student body, half are already in war work. The other half are planning to go on with their education or are engaged in agricultural work.

Monmouth Loses Principal.
MONMOUTH, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—R. W. Tavener, who expected to start work September 30 as principal of the Monmouth High School, was been compelled to resign, having been drafted by the Government for special service in connection with the organization of the new Army to be raised through the registration of last week. Mr. Tavener tried to enlist twice last year, but was rejected because of defective eyesight. Miss Arniida Dougity, long a teacher in the local school, has been named as high school principal.



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The site of Columbia University in the Peninsula district has been suggested among others as ideal for the proposed Government Army reconstruction hospital John H. Burgard, member of the committee selected by Mayor Baker to work in Portland's behalf in securing the location of the hospital in this city, has made the suggestion.

Mr. Burgard says that much vacant land surrounds the university property which probably can be secured on a leasing basis and the general location, with streetcar service and paved streets, makes the tract ideal. In addition several large buildings used by the university might be utilized by the Government.

The next meeting of the reconstruction hospital committee has been called for Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. At this time the sub-committee headed by City Commissioner Barbur to list property which they deem as suitable, will report. In addition definite word from Washington on the specifications for the hospital are expected to be in Mayor Baker's hands.

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