

## SPECULATION ENDS IN IDAHO POLITICS

Pre-Convention Lineup Takes Active Shape.

DAVIS, PATCH ARE OUT

Positive Announcement of Candidates for Governor and Senator Are Made.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The pre-convention lineup of congressional and state nominees in the republican party is beginning to take definite shape. The positive announcements of Governor D. W. Davis and Lieutenant-Colonel I. V. Patch that they would be candidates for governor and United States senator respectively, clarified the situation. There was much doubt and no little speculation as to whether the governor would run to succeed himself or try for the senate and as to what Patch would do, oppose the governor for re-nomination or attempt to go to the senate.

It has been broadly hinted that there is a combination in existence, but this is emphatically denied by both Governor Davis and Colonel Patch. The former says that he is giving way to the urgent demand of his friends and supporters who wish him to lead the state ticket again. Colonel Patch has given it out that he is going into the race for the senatorial nomination free of all ties and combinations and hopes to secure it on his merits.

No Primary This Year. One thing that is likely to be lost sight of as the campaign develops is that there is no statewide primary this year, but instead a convention which will nominate the party candidates. Every effort will be made by the nominees to win the support of the delegates seated in that convention. Those delegates will be elected at the primary which nominates the legislative and county officers, grades and balancing of the ticket to get as nearly geographically correct as possible, will be engaged in when the delegates assemble to make the ticket successful. It will have to be representative of all sections of the state.

That these sectional demands are not only quite possible but probable is even this early indicated. Northern Idaho, for instance, has but two known candidates at the present time, Congressman Burton L. French, to succeed himself from the First district, and M. A. Kiger, speaker of the house of representatives, who is in the race for governor. Congressman French's nomination is conceded. Kiger has a hard and difficult fight on his hands because Governor Davis is an out-and-out candidate to succeed himself. An effort is even this early being made to bring republicans in the north together. In a recent issue the Spirit Lake Herald, published in Spirit Lake, Kootenai county, had this to say among other things:

Kiger Is Lauded. "The announcement of Speaker Kiger of Kootenai county, that he has decided to become a candidate for the nomination of governor on the republican ticket, gives the northern counties of the state a candidate upon whom they can and should unite. Kiger is an able man. He made an excellent speaker of the house and his experience in public affairs amply equips him for the duties of governor. In practically 40 years of statehood we have had but one governor from north Idaho. Isn't it time the south two-thirds of the state should adopt a fairer course of treatment toward the north? Shouldn't this be a good time to adopt such a policy? Aren't we entitled to have some voice in the administration of the state's affairs other than that of contributing our share of taxes necessary to keep the wheels moving? If the northern counties will unite upon Mr. Kiger as their candidate and go down to the convention as a unit in his support he could no doubt be nominated."

Reports Are Denied. But the north will also have its candidate for United States senator as well as for governor, judging from authentic information that comes from Washington. Captain Albert H. Conner of Sandpoint an overseas veteran wounded in action, who since his return to the United States has been held at Washington assisting in legal work at the provost marshal general's office, has made it known to Washington friends that he will be in the race.

Major H. H. Armstrong, a well-known mining engineer of the northern part of the state, and a close friend of Leonard Wood, has been in Boise for several days endeavoring to straighten out the Wood-for-President organization started in Idaho. Because of the personnel of the club the impression gained headway that it was an anti-Borah organization. Major Armstrong declares that it is not anti-Borah nor is there any desire on the part of the leaders in the movement to start a fight in this state against any candidate or set of candidates.

Republican Post Filled. Over in Bonneville county Oscar Johannessen has been honored by the republican national organization by being selected Idaho campaign director for the ways and means committee. This is considered a responsible post. Robert H. Elder of Coeur d'Alene, democratic national committeeman for Idaho, has gone to Washington and while there will confer with democratic national leaders. Down in Minidoka county a boom has been started for Senator S. P. Albright for governor.

## AMERICAN TACTICS BEST

FOREIGN METHODS OF WARFARE ONLY PASSING VOGUE.

New Field Service Regulations of U. S. Army Differ But Little From Those Before War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Such phrases as "over the top" and "Hail-shed" which were a common part of the parlance of war literature and conversation, are doomed to disappear from American military phraseology and will not be included in the new field service regulations of the United States army and the manuals of the various arms of the service, now being prepared by the general staff, will differ in but minor details from the regulations in force before the world war and will show practically no traces of the passing vogue of foreign methods.

The formulation of a strictly Amer-

ican doctrine of tactics and the establishment of a system of uniform instruction in all military schools is the aim of the training section of the general staff, according to high officers here. So-called "trench warfare" was only a passing episode in military history, in the view of the officers, while the fundamental principles of war are the same as those employed by Napoleon at Jena and by Grant at Gettysburg.

This policy was stated to students of the present class at the army service schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., by Brigadier-General Hugh A. Drum, director of the school, who was chief of staff of the first army overseas.

"Our experiences in the European war have been sufficient and the re-

SALESMAN DIES AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT.



Harry L. Turner.

Harry L. Turner died Friday, February 20, from injuries received in an automobile accident near Eugene, Mr. Turner was born in Portland 40 years ago. He worked for many years at the Arlington club and for the Columbia shipyards for three years. At the time of his death he was acting as traveling salesman for a poultry firm. Surviving him are his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Turner; two sisters, Ida Huges of Portland and Mrs. Inez Felner of Chicago, and a brother, Roy Turner, in Chicago. The body is at Skewes' undertaking parlors awaiting the arrival of his sister from Chicago before the date of the funeral will be announced.

suits so creditable." General Drum said, "that we have little or no need to borrow tactical doctrines from a foreign country." General Drum said such terminology as "open," "position," "stabilized" and "trench warfare" would not be recognized or employed, as the same tactical principles apply to all of those so-called classes of warfare.

Just as General Pershing insisted on training the American expeditionary forces for "open" warfare, so at the service schools, General Drum said, "the inculcation of an offensive spirit, which must be the primary object of the course, is best obtained by the study of open warfare offensive situations."

At the same time it is the plan of the general staff to make due allowance for new weapons developed in recent years, especially infantry weapons, such as the one-pounder guns, automatic rifles and machine guns. These weapons have made necessary the creation of several new units and slight modifications of old infantry formation.

Foreign words will be eliminated from the terminology of the manuals. For example, "information" will take the place of "liaison." "Liaison officers," a war product, will be known hereafter as "information officers."

The service schools will compile their own textbooks. General Drum said, and German authorities studied before the war will be discarded. While the use of new weapons has caused some changes in organization, it must not be forgotten, officers emphasize, that infantry remains the principal branch of the army and that other services are auxiliary arms. In this connection it was recalled that General Pershing, in a letter to the chief of the air service commenting upon the functions of airplanes, said that "an air force by itself cannot obtain a decision against forces on the ground."

"An air force," the general added, "acting independently, can of its own account neither win a war at the present time nor, so far as we can tell, at any time in the future."

## WHEAT MEN ORGANIZE

TRI-STATE ASSOCIATION IS PLAN OF GROWERS.

Object of Body to Eliminate Speculation and Improve Conditions of Grain Production.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The wheat growers of Idaho, Washington and Oregon have decided to organize into co-operative marketing associations with a central non-profit exchange through which all of their wheat will be marketed. While the growers in each state will have an organization, they will combine in a tri-state organization as well. For the purpose of organizing Idaho a committee will be active in the north and a second one in the south. The northern committee has been selected and is composed of H. J. Herman of Genesee, chairman; R. R. Pluharty of Culdesac, secretary; J. S. Thompson, Moscow; E. G. Ferdinand and George W. Stevens, Grangeville. Dean Iddings of the University of Idaho has appointed Howard T. Lewis, professor of economics, as his nominee on the organization committee. The form of organization is purely co-operative and non-profit both in principle and practice. The growers who become members of the organization hope to improve their condition and at the same time eliminate speculation in wheat in the northwest, which has caused such a heavy loss to them in the manipulation of the market.

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Whitman Religious Session Ends.

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Read The Oregonian classified ads.

## OPENING OF LANDS STIRS UP INTEREST

Communications Pour Into Roseburg Land Office.

SERVICE CREDIT GIVEN

Veterans Who Exercise Preference Right May Make Final Proof on 7 Months' Residence.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—No county will benefit as much by the opening of the Oregon & California grant lands as Douglas county. When title was reverted to the government approximately 680,000 acres of land were withdrawn from the tax rolls, their valuation being \$6,000,000, or one-fifth of the entire valuation of the county. There was delinquent approximately \$340,000 in taxes, which were subsequently paid by the government, the money being devoted principally to road work.

With the opening of these lands, as authorized by the secretary of the interior, the county can tax homesteads wherever the government releases title, and within a few years it is believed that many thousands of dollars will have been returned to the assessment rolls and the burden of taxation considerably lightened.

Interest Is Keen. The Roseburg land office reports that great interest in the grant lands has been displayed by the ex-service men. Hundreds of communications have been received requesting information and it is evident from the nature of the inquiries and the persistent requests for more detailed data that former soldiers will freely exercise the preference right given them.

Many veterans will be able to select suitable homesteads and to make final proof upon them with only seven months of actual residence. The law provides that ex-service men shall be given credit on their time of residence for the number of months spent in the service. It is required that a residence be established for three years before final proof can be made, but in the case of service men, who have had 50 days' service in the world war or Mexican border operations, the amount of time spent in the army, navy or marine corps or other branches is subtracted, provided, however, that the credit shall not exceed two years. One year's residence is required regardless of military service, and more if the soldier has served less than 24 months.

Absence Is Allowed. The law further provides that on proper notice the ex-service man may absent himself for five months, thus being able to obtain credit for a year's residence by only seven months of actual presence on the homestead. It is stated at the land office that, due to the failure of classification lists to arrive, no definite information is yet obtainable. It is impossible to give correctly the number of acres of agricultural land open to entry and it will not be until this information is received from Washington that those desiring to file applications will be able to learn the classification of the land they desire.

## COMMISSION RULE URGED

Judge Sanford B. Dole Holds Statehood Impossible at Present.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Judge Sanford B. Dole, the first and only president of the Hawaiian republic, in a public communication urges the need for a commission form of government for the Hawaiian islands. He is convinced that statehood is impossible under present and likely future conditions and he believes that future conditions under the present system will also be impossible.

Judge Dole's remarks have found a vehement echo in certain portions of the business circles of the islands.

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