

CANDIDATES ACTIVE IN NORTHERN IDAHO

Section Demanding Larger
Number of Offices.

DELEGATES BEING CHOSEN

State Chairman Appeals to Repub-
lican Organization to Give Square
Deal to All Aspirants.

BOISE, Idaho, March 20.—(Special.)—Northern Idaho is not going to play its inconspicuous part in Idaho politics this year. The north has always considered that it has not had fair representation in either congress or the state government. It has but one member of the congressional delegation, Representative Addison T. Smith, while both senators are from the south. In the state government it has done better. The offices of attorney-general, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction went to the pan-handle.

The north this year will ask for a United States senator, a representative and governor. It will get a representative, for Burton L. French is not likely to have opposition in the first district. Just how it will fare for senator remains to be seen. Its candidate for governor is M. A. Kiger. He is not a novice in political maneuvering, as he quite conclusively proved while he was in the last legislature, where against the opposition of the organization he was elected speaker of the house.

Kiger's main opposition will come from those party leaders who believe that a strong campaign must be conducted to show the electors the many advantages of commission state government over the old form of state government. It was adopted by the legislature at its last session and Governor Davis, who fathered the plan, and is a candidate for re-nomination, will champion it in his campaign. Kiger was not friendly to the proposed change. Since he has come out for the gubernatorial nomination he has stated that he believed the commission plan has been a failure and has not accomplished what was claimed for it.

But Kiger is not the only candidate in the north who is worrying backers of other favorites in the race. Captain A. H. Connor of Sandpoint, who it was announced some time ago would likely be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, seems to be very much in the running. At least the arrival in Idaho this week of a number of statements regarding his prospective candidacy indicates that he has established a press bureau.

Candidate Has Service Record.
These statements come from Washington, where Captain Connor has been located since the signing of the armistice, engaged in work for the legal end of the war department. Connor expects to be discharged within a short time, when he will return to Idaho and actively push his candidacy. The announcements declare that he leaves Washington with the highest recommendations from his superior officers and with a service record that shows he was in the thick of the fighting on the western front and was severely wounded by a bursting shell, which shattered his arm.

There is no doubt an ex-serviceman in the race for the nomination in Colonel L. V. Patch of Payette. Patch expects to resign as adjutant-general of the state on April 1, after which he will devote his time exclusively to his candidacy. He comes from the southwestern part of the state. There is no doubt, but what the Patch supporters look with apprehension upon the entrance of Captain Connor into the race.

The republican state convention is to be held at Coeur d'Alene April 28 to select delegates to the national convention, the machinery of the county organizations is being put into operation. Many of the counties will name their delegations through county-wide primaries. Others will leave it to the county committees, or they may be named at county conventions. The state committee recommended the several ways in which the delegates could be selected, and State Chairman Thomas has just issued a statement on the subject to the various republican county chairmen. He says:

Unity in Party Important.
"Under the provision empowering the county central committee to provide for a convention to elect delegates to the state convention, I take it that the county central committee would not only be acting in accordance with the spirit, but with the intent of the state central committee. This year it is important, if we are to win a republican victory in November, that we have a united party, and it is the hope of the republican state organization, that the republicans, regardless of factions, will be fully consulted in the matter of selection of delegates."

"It is not our idea to tell you to do this, but rather to have you use your own judgment. I trust that you will see that neither snap judgment nor unfair means are used in the selection of delegates, and that all candidates are given a square deal. The campaign is now on and it would please me very much to see a meeting of republicans called in each county where a fair and free discussion could be had relative to the selection of delegates and the campaign as well. In this way it seems to me any friction which might be engendered could be avoided."

The republican state committee is endeavoring to have all counties hold rallies similar to the one that took place at Weiser in Washington county and which was so successful.

DALLES WINS OVER BEND

Debating Team Gains Mid-Columbia Championship.

THE DALLES, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The Dalles high school debating team last night won a victory over the Bend forensic team at Bend, winning the mid-Columbia championship and the right to participate later in the state championship matches to be held at Eugene under the auspices of the University of Oregon. The score was 3 to 1.

The debate was on the question, "Resolved, That the United States should ratify no treaty by which China is despoiled of the Shantung peninsula." The Dalles negative team, composed of Misses Marion Lay and Bessie McCullum, won the winning combination. Miss Laura Rose was forensic coach.

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HITCHCOCK HELD ENEMY

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE TO
WAGE WAR ON SENATOR.

Democratic Leader Says Position
Is Not Understood and That He
Favors Dry Law Change.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The Anti-Saloon league today declared war on Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the league, in a formal statement, said the senator's declaration in favor of an amendment to the prohibition code, permitting light wines and beers "ought to defeat him not only as a candidate at the democratic convention, but for the leadership in the senate."

"To champion a beer and wine amendment is nothing short of an attack on law enforcement," said Mr. Wheeler. "This beer and wine movement is the entering wedge to destroy prohibition." Senator Hitchcock later issued a statement saying that the Anti-Saloon league apparently had not fully understood his position which he set forth as follows: "I stand for an enforcement of prohibition laws. I accept without reservation the constitutional decision of the people which abolishes the American saloon forever and with it strong intoxicating liquors. I believe, however, a lawful way will be found and ought to be found to permit the manufacture and harmless use of light wines and beers. The supreme court has opened the way for this by holding that congress in its enforcement laws may decide what constitutes intoxicating liquors."

"The American people cannot be denied the right to change their laws within constitutional limits and the Volstead act, like any other law, may be changed within those limits."

CRAWFORD CLEW FOUND

Man Wanted at Hood River Is Reported Missing at Minneapolis.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Further trace of R. Clay Crawford, ex-physical director at the Hood River high school, who, having posed as a British and American ace, several weeks ago vanished and was accused of bilking local people to the extent of \$2000, was gained today through a report for a Minneapolis bank, at which Crawford on March 6 had cashed local cashier's checks. Authorities, however, fear that the clew will be of little value in apprehending Crawford, who is wanted on the criminal charge of defrauding high school students.

Sheriff Seeks Re-election.

THE DALLES, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Levi Christman, sheriff of Wasco county, has filed his petition for re-election. Sheriff Christman is

now serving his seventh term and has been in this position for 14 years. He holds the unique position among sheriffs of this state of never having lost a criminal during his tenure of office. Sheriff Christman will run on the republican ticket.

HOT TAR BURNS WORKMAN

Employee at Dalles Plant May Lose
Some Skin.

THE DALLES, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—When a kettle of hot tar bubbled over at the United Construction company's "hot plant" in the east end of the city this morning, Riley Thompson, an employee, was severely burned when the tar, at 250 degrees Fahrenheit, covered his face, neck and right arm. He was taken to the hospital here.

Some of the hot tar had penetrated Thompson's skin so far that the skin may have to be removed. The injured man thinks the water in the feed pipes caused the popping of the tar.

Hood River Pythians on Trip.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—On arrival here today, Portland members of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorrasan, who aboard a special train were en route to The Dalles for a ceremonial, were joined by 50 local Pythian members of the advanced order. Before the arrival of the train a party of candidates, roped together, was marched through the downtown streets.

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