

POLL OF PUBLISHERS SHOWS WOOD FIRST

McAdoo Favorite Among Democratic Papers.

LOWDEN SECOND CHOICE

General Sentiment of Communities as Well as Personal Preferences Canvassed.

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know of no man better able to handle the situation."

"As for my personal preference," says A. D. Moe of the Hood River Glader, "while I have designated Hoover as my first choice, I believe that General Wood would take the helm of governmental affairs with equal honor to himself and work for just as substantial public good. I would prefer the nomination of Hoover, however, at the Chicago convention, because his election, in my mind, would be sure. General Wood will make an exceptionally strong man, but his election will require far more of a fight. While a large element of Hood River county is anti-Japanese, it is interesting to note that propaganda put forth in the interest of Johnson on that score fails to gain him strength here."

War Memories Hurting Wood. "Wood can hardly expect many votes from ex-service men, as the war is too recent and memory of army discipline will hurt him," is the belief of E. A. Reaser of the Central Oregon Enterprise, Prineville. "Johnson is too much of a politician, even more so than Poindexter, and such better known. Lowden has demonstrated his ability as governor of Illinois, but is still too far east to get the Pacific coast due consideration. Hoover is the broad-minded business man whose war work shows his ability and as for being an 'internationalist' the west wants a man who can see farther than the Mississippi."

Other comments favorable to Hoover follow: "I favor Herbert Hoover because I believe he is best qualified for the most difficult job an American president has ever faced. It is not a job for a politician; it is a job for a business man, a man of organizing and executive skill, of native resource, a man who will base his actions upon knowledge rather than upon what is essentially just, rather than upon what is immediately expedient; above all, a man who automatically will clean up the political rubbish and red tape that clutters things at Washington, and give us an administration based upon common sense and a matter-of-fact efficiency. The republican party, in my opinion, should be for him, because he is the one candidate who can be depended upon to secure support of both the east and west, unite the party and at the same time represent the republicanism of the ship—Robert W. Ruhl, Medford Mail-Tribune."

Of all political aspirants seeking the nomination for president, we believe, Herbert C. Hoover is first in the minds of the republican voters of northern and central Oregon. He is a self-made man and his knowledge of foreign countries and its peoples should be considered when a president is to be selected at this particular time. He graduated from Stanford university as a mining engineer, and has tackled some mighty big problems and has always "made good." He is without question better fitted for president of the United States than any of his opponents.—L. B. Charles, Silver Lake Leader.

Women Sentiment for Hoover. The most thorough canvass in this county for any one candidate has been for Wood, clubs having been organized at McMinnville and Sheridan. It is believed there is a strong Hoover sentiment among the women voters, because they realize more acutely than the men the great work Hoover did for suffering humanity during the war, and the self-sacrificing manner in which he did it. They believe here that he is best prepared from his knowledge of other countries and their conditions to put forth as president the most reconstructive programs, which would carry out the purposes for which the war was fought. Those who think America can go it alone are for Johnson, and they are in favor of the devil "taking the hindmost."—John G. Eckman, McMinnville Telephone Register.

The presidential choice is somewhat difficult to ascertain here, as most republicans seem to be expressing their choice, though several are outspoken for Hoover and some for Wood. Most women favor Hoover. I believe there are more democratic favorables to Hoover than for any other candidate. There is but little Johnson sentiment. However, republicans will accept the Chicago choice, providing he stands for the league of nations. W. C. McAdoo will be satisfactory to democrats, as Hoover is impossible as the San Francisco nominee.—F. L. Dugger, Scio Tribune.

Concerning the republican presidential outlook in this section, there is absolutely no question about the sentiment of the people in this part of the country. The popular vote would show a 75 per cent plurality in favor of Hoover, with the remainder of the votes scattered between Wood, Johnson and Lowden. Poindexter hardly getting a look-in. If a poll were made of business and professional men, the Hoover sentiment would not be found nearly so strong, some very good men supporting Lowden, and others strongly favoring Wood.—Guy Lafollette, Prineville Journal.

Two of the five editors whose first choice is Johnson supplemented their vote with an endorsement of the California senator in positive terms. "I think the time is at hand when the people should choose an active (not passive) man for president," comments A. E. Vatch of the Rainier Review. "Such a man is Johnson (with no 'pro' attached to him—but all American). Johnson is the true heir to Teddy Roosevelt, and is today the greatest living American, as well as the greatest vote-getter. No other man enthuses the people even as much as Roosevelt," says John G. Eckman (than Roosevelt) as does Johnson. We need him in the president's chair to clean house and get the country on its feet. We do not want a 'passive' president who will let matters drift, but we want a man of action."

Johnson More Successful. Equally enthusiastic in his endorsement of the Californian is M. C. Maloney of the Coos Bay Times, who says: "Senator Johnson is the only real successor to Theodore Roosevelt. He represents sane conservatism and safe progressiveness. In the primary campaign he has proved himself a brilliant campaigner, and, carrying his message direct to the people, has won their confidence and approval. If he is the Republican nominee there is

not a man in all the Democrat ranks who can stop him." Aside from the four avowed republican candidates, ex-President Taft finds strongest favor among the newspaper publishers. "I believe Taft is the best presidential timber the republican party has," declares C. E. Trombley of the Tillamook Herald. "Social and economic conditions today suggest that tomorrow we shall need in the White House a man with General Wood's firmness and administrative ability," observes Hugh Hume of the Spectator. "Senator Johnson has willingly renounced himself with those who have created the disturbing conditions. Mr. Taft's steadfast Americanism amid all the welter of partyism has stood closer to him all his life, and won him many new friends; more than any other he represents the name of American."

Other comment, favorable to Mr. Taft, follows: "While Taft is out of the running in Oregon, many republicans sound his name first. This is so, too, of any number of democrats who admit that they would like to cast their vote for him. Lowden will undoubtedly lead here, with a guess as to who will come second, but it will not be Johnson. The republicans of this section are, generally speaking, republicans.—M. D. Morgan of the Harrisburg Bulletin.

Taft Has Many Friends. My personal choice if the country were normal and he was willing to accept, would be W. H. Taft, whom I consider is the ablest statesman of any mentioned for president. But it seems he is not available unless as a dark horse, but owing to the unrest and responsible labor element, discipline rather than statesmanship seems to be the main requirement, and so I favor General Wood first. Failing him, Hoover or Lowden would suit me as both would be businesslike and strong in action.—Lipton H. Gibbs, Eastern Clackamas News.

Wood seems to be the favorite candidate in this section, though many of the ladies favor Hoover. Personally I think Wood can't get a majority. To avoid a deadlock a dark horse will be necessary. Why not Taft as such. He is the most level-headed and competent man of the bunch.—H. C. Hooper, Antelope Herald.

Hughes or Taft as a compromise candidate is proposed by Herbert L. Gill, Woodburn Independent. "It depends to a certain extent what the platform issued by the republican convention will be to fully determine the best man for nominee of the party, yet personality will appeal to thousands of voters regardless of the principles enunciated," argues Mr. Gill. "Hughes or Taft would make the best compromise candidate, and the selection of either would leave fewer sore spots than if any of the present active aspirants are chosen. Hoover will doubtless carry Oregon and would be the logical nominee of the Chicago convention if it were not that he is opposed by certain big and influential interests that are afraid of such a man as president."

E. M. Reagan, editor of the Albany Herald, also favors Hughes, although he would be satisfied with either Lowden or Wood. He says: "Since the government has not functioned to the satisfaction and for the wellbeing of the masses of the American people during the past several years, it is the belief of the Herald that sentiment of the nation is overwhelmingly for the republicans and the republican of the standing of Hughes, Lowden, Wood and others, if nominated, can get the solid support of the republicans of all classes in every section of the nation and also carry a large vote among the best informed democrats. The preliminary campaigns and primaries have shown that the republicans will not be divided on the league issue, which appears to be the main plank in the platform of the opposite party, while the democrats will be. The unusual industrial disturbance which has grown rapidly in this country since the armistice is one of the many indications of a lack of government functioning and will cause business men of the democratic party to support any progressive republican presidential candidate as a means of preventing \$5 shoes from going from \$15 to \$30."

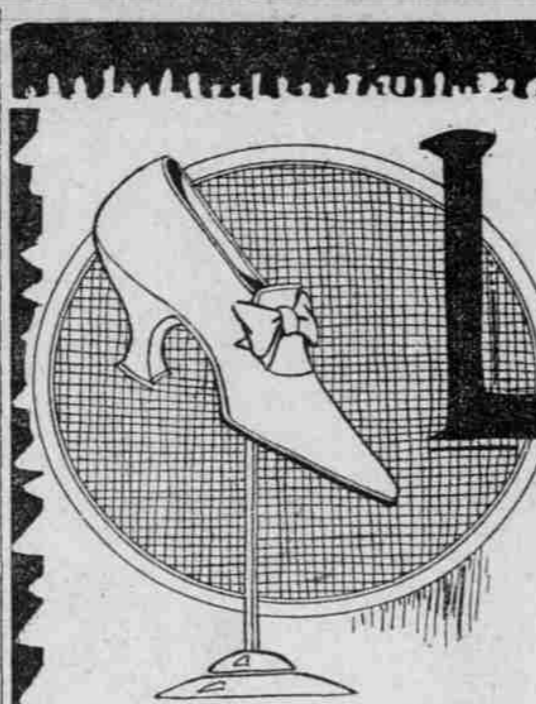
One Editor Expresses No Choice. Of the 50 republican editors participating in the poll, E. H. Flagg, editor of the Warrenton News, is the only one failing to express a choice of candidates for the nomination. Mr. Flagg says his first choice for president will be "the nominee of the convention." Sentiment in his community at this time, however, according to Mr. Flagg, favors Johnson, Lowden, Wood, in the order given.

"I believe the nomination of Hoover would be injudicious, unless we desire to repeat the experience of the past administration and merge all departments into one," explains Mr. Flagg. "The national convention, not the candidate, should decide the platform. Hoover demands that the minds of the delegates should run on lines similar to his own. Three terms of embodied ego is more than we should suffer."

Among the democratic editors, Frank Wood of the Weston Leader, although indicating McAdoo as his first choice, believes that Hoover is the best qualified candidate before the people. Mr. Wood says: "My strong personal conviction is that the most available candidate in either party—in the sense that availability means his particular qualifications to serve the nation at this particular time—is Herbert Hoover. He would be my first choice for the democratic nomination were he a democratic candidate. Since he is not, I will vote for him should he receive the republican nomination. I will, however, vote for McAdoo, Palmer or Cox against any other republican nominee. Hoover is the man who has bodies more than any other one man the quite general desire for a president who will not wear the handcuffs and chains of his party."

Singular is the fact that President Wilson was almost entirely overlooked by Democratic editors. Wilson's name is mentioned only once and then by E. B. Aldrich, editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, who qualifies his choice of McAdoo for the presidency by saying he is for McAdoo "providing Wilson is not a candidate." The only other editor to refer to Wilson in connection with the presidency is George Putnam, editor of the Salem Capital Journal, an independent paper. Mr. Putnam reports that Wilson was third in the popular choice at Salem.

In his championship of McAdoo, Mr. Aldrich of the Pendleton paper says: "Mr. McAdoo would give the country a strong, businesslike administration and would carry out the constructive, fair and just principles of President Wilson as revealed in his support of the league of nations. As a world leader Uncle Sam must get a man or be a mouse. Wilson principles call for the former. Lodgeism for the latter. The Lodge reservation is un-American. They breathe a spirit of national weakness and timidity, a suspicion of others and a desire to kill the league covenant by indirect means. If America is to fill its destined mission as a world leader it must get away from such petty behavior. McAdoo is an exponent of Wilson principles and world confidence in America will be restored by his election."



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Irish sympathizers and will probably nose out Wood at the primaries. Apathy rules the democrats." After explaining that he has "no party affiliation" and indicating Hoover as his choice for president, William H. Wheeler, editor of the Brownsville Times, says: "I expect to see 'dark horses' nominated by both parties unless there is a stampede for Hoover at Chicago, which the leaders will prevent if they can. McAdoo would probably make a good president, if elected."

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George P. Cheney, editor of the Record-Chief, Enterprise, thinks "that on the face of the record of the achievements of the last eight years the democrats are clearly entitled to continued tenure of office. But the people are looking more at the man than at the party label," he adds. However, among the republicans, Mr. Cheney favors Hoover or Taft. He says: "Thinking of the welfare of the na-

tion and not the advancement of a party, we would like to see the republicans nominate Mr. Hoover or Mr. Taft, and the democrats name Mr. McAdoo or Senator Underwood. All Hoover as his choice for president, William H. Wheeler, editor of the Brownsville Times, says: "I expect to see 'dark horses' nominated by both parties unless there is a stampede for Hoover at Chicago, which the leaders will prevent if they can. McAdoo would probably make a good president, if elected."

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