

### HARDING PROMISES SOBER BUSINESS ERA

Nominee Would End Financial "Meddling and Bungling."

### WESTERN TOUR PLANNED

Republican Candidate Inclined to Coast-to-Coast Speaking Trip Just Before Election.

MARION, O., Sept. 11.—An end of governmental "meddling and bungling" in the financial world and a return to an era of "sober business" was promised by Senator Harding today in addresses to delegations of business men from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

The democratic administration was charged with prodigal waste in the conduct of the fiscal affairs and dictatorial intrusion in its relations with private enterprise by the senator, who declared it was his purpose to wipe out many wartime government restrictions and to re-establish cooperation between government and business. In reorganization of the government's own financial system, he said, he would seek the advice of the nation's ablest administrators.

**Remedies Are Named.**  
Revision of taxation and of the tariff, curtailment of profiteering, establishment of a federal budget system, reorganization of the postal service and promotion of a merchant marine were among remedies he named. He declared a "conspiracy of perfect accord" between the administration and the democratic nominee was seeking to perpetuate the war powers exercised by the executive over private business.

The senator also touched on the league issue, declaring a discrepancy between the English and French texts of the covenant would have led to complications which, in the practical working of the league, would have meant abandonment of the Monroe doctrine.

**Visitors Cheer Programme.**  
The visitors cheered the nominee as he hit at the business conduct of the Wilson administration and pronounced his own programme of reform.

Tentative plans for speaking trips by the candidate to both coasts have reached the stage, it became known today, where an itinerary is under discussion. As these plans now shape up they would carry the senator into many states and would keep him away from Marion most of the time from late September to election day.

Headquarters officials said a definite decision probably would not be reached for several days, but it was indicated that both the nominee and his managers were inclining toward the coast-to-coast proposal. The senator has taken the position that should he go in the west at all, he must visit every western state in which there is a senatorial contest.

**List of Cities Made Up.**  
The tentative list of cities to be visited is understood to include New York, Boston, Omaha, Philadelphia, Sioux Falls or Pierre, Bismarck or Fargo, Butte, Boise, Salt Lake City, Denver, Reno, Tucson, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Spokane.

The western swing would come first, beginning probably about September 27.

A saxophone quartet helped jazz the programme and a part of the ceremonies at the front porch was a presentation of a candidate to the candidate. "One has to blow his own horn in the world," said the senator, in a speech of thanks, "but I don't like the man who blows his horn too blantly. When I was a member of the band we always had to stick to the tune. In this campaign I want to stick to the tune and I want that tune to be the one that was so beautifully rendered just now—America first."

### OIL ZONES ARE DISPUTED

### MEXICANS DELAY CONTROVERSY SETTLEMENT.

American Corporation Fights Against Preferences Given to Individual Native Interests.

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MEXICO CITY, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Complications and delays in settling the petroleum controversy are due to careless or deliberate misstatements of facts in the local press. The latest instance is an article in the Universal concerning the granting of boring permits in the so-called federal zones, which are strips ten meters wide on both banks of navigable streams. These zones are not generally pri-

vately owned, but under federal jurisdiction. Carranza, in a decree of February last, authorized the granting of concessions to bore for petroleum within these restricted zones. The matter was at once protested, not only by private interests concerned, but also by the American and British governments, which official protests it is understood, have been repeated up to a very recent date.

Nevertheless, according to the Universal, the Mexican government is apparently determined to grant such concessions to certain parties.

It is probable that the petroleum controversy involving the British and American governments and Mexico along with the producing and refining companies of American and British ownership will have three chapters.

The first was the matter of writing off vested rights to subsoil deposits by the Carranza decree authorizing denouncements of oil claims on owned or leased properties by outsiders. The second was the matter of arriving at a fair market valuation of oil as a basis of export tax assessments, which is still pending. And now, this matter of federal zone permits.

### CANDIDATES MUST FILE

MUNICIPAL PETITIONS TO BE IN BY OCTOBER 5.

Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson Presents Opinion at Request of City Council.

Candidates for municipal offices must file nomination petitions and certificates of acceptance not later than October 5 and all measures submitted to the electorate by the city council must be filed with the city auditor by October 2, according to an opinion to be presented to the city council by Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson.

Although the city charter provides that persons filing city offices must file not later than 20 days prior to the date of election, the constitutional amendment adopted by the voters several years ago provides that city elections must be held on the same day as state elections. This constitutional amendment also provides that the legislature shall formulate the procedure of conducting such elections, which was done in the 1919 session of the state legislature.

The state law provides that the city auditor must file all measures to be submitted on the ballot, together with ballot titles, to the county clerk not more than 30 days nor less than 28 days prior to the date of election. It also provides that a list of names of all candidates who have filed nominating petitions must be filed with the city auditor not more than 30 days or less than 28 days prior to the date of election.

The date of the national, state and city election is November 2. Hence the last date allowed candidates in which to file for city offices with the city auditor is October 5. It will be necessary for the city council to prepare and file any measures to be submitted to the people by October 2 in order to allow the city auditor sufficient time in which to prepare necessary papers for filing with the county clerk.

Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson is preparing his opinion upon the request of City Auditor Funk, who desired to clarify the conflict of dates for filing as they exist in the state laws and city ordinances.

### LIGHT REVENUES GROW

TACOMA TO GET \$200,000 MORE NEXT YEAR.

Part of Money to Be Used in Redemption of Bonds and for Improvement of City Plant.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The municipal light department will have a net income of about \$200,000 more in 1921 than for the present year, according to the budget estimate for the next year prepared by Commissioner Davisson.

The operating revenues of the light department for next year are estimated at \$1,129,206 as compared with \$933,300 for the present year. The operating expenses are estimated at \$929,470 for 1921 as compared with \$728,000 for 1920. The net income next year will be \$637,352.33 as compared with \$205,306 this year. It is proposed to use \$156,000 of the net income for the redemption of light and power bonds, \$50,000 for the redemption of light bonds, \$215,400 for plant investment, leaving a total of \$185,952.33 not yet assigned.

The operating revenues of the water department for 1921 are estimated at \$608,000, the operating expenses at \$221,600, and the net income and necessary deductions are made at \$386,400, or about the same as the present year.

**Chemistry Professor Arrives.**  
OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Dr. L. Sherman Davis, professor of chemistry at the University of Indiana, who was recently appointed as-

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sociate professor of chemistry at the college, has arrived in Corvallis.

**Y. W. C. A. Secretary Named.**

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Miss Gladys Taylor, a graduate of the University of Washington, has been appointed Y. W. C. A. secretary at the college to succeed Miss Laura McCann, who resigned because of ill health.

**Astoria Contract Awarded.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU Washington, Sept. 11.—J. L. Burgess of Astoria today was awarded the

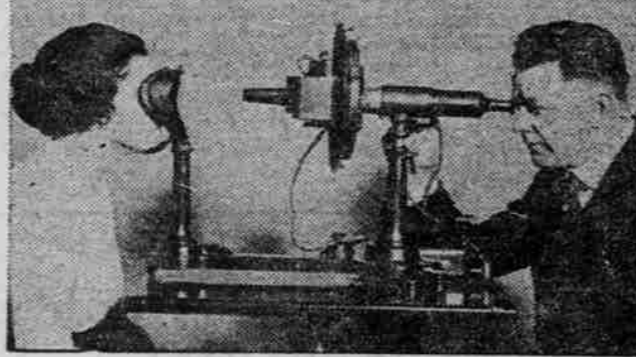
contract for remodeling the Astoria public building for \$11,800.

**Senator McNary at Home.**

SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Senator C. L. McNary returned here last night after a few days passed in Coos county, where he inspected the harbors, rivers and many industries of that section of the state. Although having set no definite date, Senator McNary said he expected to leave soon for Baker and other eastern Oregon points, where he will confer with his constituents.

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