

SENATOR-ELECT ROBERT N. STANFIELD BUILDS GIGANTIC SHEEP-GROWING INDUSTRY IN STATE OF HIS NATIVITY

Beginning Life in Desolate Stretches of Eastern Oregon, as Son of Pioneer Rancher, Career of "Favorite Son" Has Been All-Western, Amidst Cowboys and Indians, With Longings From Childhood to Serve His Fellows.



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BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN. OLK who dwell in the sage brush have a hunger for the hills. Over eastern Oregon way, when the heat hangs shimmering above green alfalfa fields and interminable stretches of gray and golden plain, they turn their eyes to the Blue mountains of yonder—cool and delightful in the distance. And if with hill hunger one has the botanist's passion—the urge to follow flowers—nothing will avail to still the invitation of the mountains in May.

This is the prelude, a fragment from the spring and other poems to a story of successful service. And while fancy fails to link the first crocus with political preferment, it is narrated that about that season, more than a score of years ago, two boys were talking of politics as they paced on the western flank of the range that watches over Umatilla—butte and prairie and river course. They were botanists on an outing and with the veering pleasure of their teens they had turned from flowers to statecraft.

Botanist Would Be Senator. "A fellow ought to choose his work when he's about our age," said one. "He ought to aspire and work to make it all come true. I'd like to be a United States senator and serve this state in Washington. There isn't any reason why I shouldn't be one. Think of the chances I'd have to develop this very country we're looking at—the chances to make laws that would help everyone."

They were one of the first ranches in the vast domain of eastern Oregon, and its development indicated to an army of pioneers the possibility of a new life in the west. He thought fit only for grazing. There were no wheat or hay fields, and the herds roamed in vast ranges. Practical irrigation was unknown, and when young "Bob" paddled around in Butte creek his course was a lonely green ribbon twisted across the monastic gray of the prairie.

Mr. Stanfield is All-Western. The story of "Bob" Stanfield, senator-elect, is an all-western scenario, with a background of sage and foothills, and no plot at all save an unremitting application to the task at hand, plus the winning of friends and an unconquerable tendency to keep on smiling. And it is susceptible of proof, entirely so, that any number of men have strode into prominence smiling broadly, while the dour and the despondent never glimpsed the gates.

Robert Nelson Stanfield, named for his father, a pioneer of Oregon and California, was born in the town of Umatilla, July 8, 1877, when the upper Columbia river was in the head of navigation, a city of 2500 and justly boastful. It was at Umatilla, where the big stream rushes swiftly down between the sister states, that goods were trans-shipped by ox team and mule caravan to the eastern interior—the booming placer camps of the Boise basin and the North Powder country. The senior Stanfield's activity was in the west—forwarding and commission business and the younger "Bob's" first impressions were clearly swaggering teamsters. Umatilla's timbermen, blanket and wool, and the swaying and creaking wagon trains that moved slowly away to the unknown, vanishing in dusty distance.

Senator-elect Trailmaker. Not only was he the son of a pioneer, but his own younger years were those of the trailmaker, and his task the economic pioneering that quickened the gray plains to productivity. Stanfield Sr., of Illinois birth, joined the gold rush to California in '48, mined in northern California and southern Oregon—near Jacksonville—and chose the Umatilla district, in the early '60s, as the family home.



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son Normal school at Weston, the family budget was closely pinched. But the scholarship had been won in county-wide competition and rigid economy made possible its acceptance. The ambition of young Stanfield was to become a schoolteacher and afterward a country school two miles away, where he spent the winter months with the children of neighboring cattlemen. The Butte creek valley was even more naturally dowered for sheep husbandry than for cattle-raising.

Young Stanfield Learns Ranching. Young "Bob" Stanfield learned the lore of ranching from the grass roots up, his father as mentor, and his summers were spent in the service of the ranch, busied at chores and delegated duties before he reached his teens. There was, for educational needs, a country school two miles away, where he spent the winter months with the children of neighboring cattlemen. The Butte creek valley was even more naturally dowered for sheep husbandry than for cattle-raising.

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Alfalfa Introduced in Oregon. "A wonderful new plant" they called it, back in 1834, when its seeds announced alfalfa to the dubious ranchers. The Stanfield ranch determined upon the experiment, and today the initial impetus of alfalfa-growing in eastern Oregon is generally credited to Robert N. Stanfield Sr. and the old Butte creek ranch. The alfalfa spread in favor as it claims the fields—swiftly and with strong root—and wrought a new era in livestock husbandry. It kept its green promise is huge, unparalleled stocks and with its advent the disastrous losses of stock were eliminated. It was predestined that the wide

hood neighbor, and the two launched a venture with 4000 head. His rise as sheep husbandry was meteoric, and his steadily increasing flocks necessitated the constant extension of his holdings. He was a pioneer in the use of the mule train, and his flocks had grazed their way out of Oregon and into Idaho, Montana and Colorado. He was the foremost of the sheepmen of the west.

With the recurrence of a national free trade policy, when the Wilson administration assumed power, Mr. Stanfield faced the same problem, in a greater measure, as did his father in the gloomy days of '94 and '95. With other sheepmen and with Portland bankers, imbued by the need of a home market for wool, an organization to counteract the drain of foreign competition, Mr. Stanfield was active in the organization in 1914 of the Columbia wool warehouse. And Portland, at one bound, became the second largest wool market in the United States, surpassed only by Boston.

Takes Seat in Legislature. Public duties, as in the organization of the wool warehouse, had forced the young sheepman from his home range. In 1912 he was elected to the Oregon legislature, as representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties, and served in the 1913 session. When J. McArthur, now representative in congress, was speaker of the house, he held the chairman-ship of the committee on agriculture and was a member of other important committees, including taxation and agriculture. During the session the first practical and constructive laws for the regulation of state banks were enacted.

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LEGION PLANS ADOPTED

Americanization Committee of Veteran Organization Acts. TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—At a conference held in Tacoma, recommendations were adopted for the extension of the "Tacoma plan" of Americanization to the American Legion. These recommendations were forwarded to the state executive committee of the legion for approval.

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