DUNCAN-DILL RACE CREATES INTEREST

Second Place in Senatorial Contest Aim of Both.

KEEN RIVALRY DEVELOPS

Political Observers Watch Trend of Campaign and Speculate on How Men Will Finish.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 28.—With the efforts of republican state leaders, concentrated on bringing out the party vote, which means sweeping party success, the attention of sideline political observers is turned to the more speculative problem of whether Dill will lead Duncan or Duncan lead Dill for second place in the senatorial contest to terminate November 7.

Thus far in the campaign, the force of republican oratory has been directed chiefly against ex-Representative Dill, the democratic senatorial candidate. Lately the belief has been spreading that James A. Duncan, farmer-labor nominee, is quite as much of a factor in the fight as Dill. For the ten days remaining of the campaign period it is probable that Duncan will come in for a larger portion of unfriendly notice than he has been getting from the republicans.

Duncan Making Headway.

There is no doubt that Duncan has been making headway, but it appears to be in the direction of taking votes from Dill rather than from Senator Poindexter. Dill made much the earlier start as a declared candidate for the senate, but Duncan long has had a well-defined following ready to respond to his call for support at any time and for any office. Rivalry between the two men has been keen in the quest for the so-called organized labor vote.

To the very limited extent that organized labor may be considered as a compact voting element, the result of this rivalry has been a wide-open split. Dill claims a big share of the "labor" vote, especially of that located at railroad centers, such as Spokane, Pasco, Tacoma and Auburn. The more radical wing undoubtedly is with Duncan as usual and this brings along with it much of the non-partisan league element.

1920 Vote Gives Comfort.

Duncan also derives encouragement by reference to the vote of 1920, when the farmer-labor candidates for governor and senator, though far behind the successful republicans, ran 31,000 and 55,000 ahead of their democratic competitors. The 1920 figures, however, are not very useful in application to this year's situation. The farmer-labor ticket profited that year by the general revolt against the democratic party, and also by the practically united support of the labor politicians. There was no such split among labor politicians in 1920 as is now apparent. The farmer-labor vote this year will fall far short of the 1920 figures, and the anti-republican division will be more nearly equal.

Dill is pinning great faith to the support of William M. Short, the pugnacious president of the state federation of labor. In federation policies and in labor politics generally, Short always has been arrayed against Duncan.

Short Declares Hostility.

This year Short has openly declared his opposition to Duncan and the farmer-labor programme. He says he will vote for Dill, but will otherwise keep his hands off the campaign. Those who know him give no credence to the latter part of this statement. Certainly Dill does not for he is banking heavily on Short's active, though perhaps not very ostentatious, support.

The I. W. W., who this year decided to cast aside the last pretense of non-participation in political campaigns, are lined up solidly behind Duncan. Though he never has admitted that he carried a membership card, Duncan has been a stout champion of the I. W. W., through all the many controversies in which that organization has been involved.

Thousands of the I. W. W. this year have qualified to vote by registration in this state, and not even the attractiveness of possible "martyrdom" in Portland will keep them away from the Washington polls election day.

There are thousands of democrats in the state who don't like Dill. They haven't forgiven him his desertion of the democratic war-time president, and they do not trust him on any account. Naturally such democrats are of a type to whom Duncan would be even less acceptable. They either will refrain from voting on senator, or they will vote for Poindexter.

While the conflict of interests between Duncan and Dill have been getting sharper as the campaign progresses, the republicans have been hammering straight ahead. Senator Poindexter's campaign has been aggressive from the start, and will be to the finish. Not much time have been wasted in useless discussion of the accusations brought by the opposition.

MERCHANTS ARE UNITED

The Dalles Chapter of State Organization Is Formed.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 28.—Almost every retail business in this city was represented at a dinner meeting in the Hotel Dalles here Thursday at which the Dalles Chapter of the Oregon State Retail Merchants' association was organized.

By-laws were adopted and F. M. Sextno, W. F. Doak and H. R. Fancher were chosen as a nominating committee for the election of officers in the first regular meeting which was fixed for Monday, November 13.

Speakers at the meeting included L. L. Thomas of Marshfield, president of the State Merchants' association; W. W. Hill of Portland, chairman of the association's executive board; Dr. W. J. Hindley of Seattle, secretary of the Washington State Retailers' association, and Edward A. MacLean of Portland, secretary of the Oregon state association.

PRISONERS TO FIX ROAD

Hoquam Mayor Plans to Put Jailbirds to Work.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—As a result of the accident in which an automobile rolled off the Riverdale road and Claude Garrison, J. Brown and Frank Berry of Aberdeen, employes of the Woodlawn shingle mill here, narrowly escaped death, prisoners in the city jail hereafter will be put to work, Mayor H. B. Fisher announced yesterday. Mayor Fisher under the commission form of government, is commissioner of safety.

Five accidents have occurred in the last few weeks on the Riverdale road at the same spot, and it is the mayor's belief that if the brush is taken away and logs or a railing placed for 50 yards or so along the narrowest strip of the road, future accidents will be prevented. When the prisoners are through with that work they are to clean the tourist park. Hoquiam has recently acquired several hundred acres with virgin timber on it from the state for a park, and one of the requirements is that a certain amount of work shall be done each year. Mayor Fisher believes that much of this work can be done by men sentenced to jail, or those who elect to stay in jail rather than pay fines.

TIMBER PRICES ARE FIXED

ALL MILLS DEALT THROUGH ONE HEAD, SAYS EX-CHIEF.

Hearing of Charges of Unfair Competition by Douglas Fir Company Is Continued.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—All lumber mills on the Pacific coast belonging to the Douglas Fir Exploitation & Export company did their exporting through that organization and received the same price for export shipments, according to testimony given here Friday in the federal trade commission investigation into the concern's business practices.

The commission's complaint against the Douglas Fir Exploitation & Export company asserts that it controlled 85 per cent of the lumber business on the coast, including British Columbia, and used unfair methods against outsiders.

A. A. Baxter of San Francisco, ex-general manager of the organization, testified the exporters bought their lumber through the fir company, which fixed a price for each sale and then paid to the lumber mill what was called an equalization price that was the same to all members.

The profit or loss on each sale was absorbed by the fir company, he said, which pro-rated the surplus or deficit at the end of the year among the members.

In reply to the government's charge that the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export company, the West Coast Lumbermen's association and the Pacific lumber inspection bureau were practically identical, Baxter admitted that these associations held meetings in the same quarters on the same day.

D. E. Skinner of Seattle was the leader in organizing the fir concern, according to Baxter, who said that although it was chartered in Washington in 1913 by five lumbermen, it was not active until 1916. Baxter stated that he became its general manager then and offices were opened in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

Thirty-seven mills were in the organization in 1916, Baxter testified, and an entrance fee of $1000 for active mills and $100 for mills not in operation was charged, the fee being paid in installments out of lumber shipments made through the company.

At the outset, Baxter said, he had control over most of the price fixing, although he referred the important questions to an executive committee composed o. E. G. Ames and J. H. Bloedel of Seattle and E. G. Griggs of Tacoma.

Rebates were granted to members on China business only, according to Baxter.

FRUIT SHOW IS DATED

Northwest Exposition to Be Held in Seattle November 11-19.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Fourteen of the largest fruit growing districts in the northwest will be represented in the Pacific Northwest Fruit exposition to be held in Seattle November 11 to 19. These districts represent several thousand growers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. There will also be displays by individuals and firms growing fruit in the three northwest states and British Columbia. The value of the fruit crop in the districts to be represented in the exposition is estimated at about $100,000,000 annually. Indications are that the exposition will have the greatest showing of fruit ever seen in the northwest.

Every interest in Seattle is solidly backing the exposition. Mrs. Winnie Braden, former exhibit agent for the state of Oregon, manager of the fruit show, is receiving the fullest co-operation from virtually every commercial, civic and social organization in Seattle.

Governor Olcott of Oregon has been invited to participate with Governor Hart and other officials of northwest states and British Columbia. The official opening will take place after the California-Washington football game in the University of Washington stadium.

REDS OUST PROSPECTOR

Klondiker Who Lost $1,000,000 Driven Out of Siberia.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 28.—Antone Stander, who cleaned up $1,000,000 in the Klondike and lost it through a divorce and speculation in Seattle, is back from three years spent in Siberia. He says that he found gold, but his camp was burned just as he started to work, and then the bolshevists threatened his life.

Stander made his way to Anadir, where traders gave him clothes and kept him until a vessel arrived. He promised to start prospecting again in the spring and to come home with a fortune yet.

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CAMPAIGN IS WAGED FOR PRIMARY BILLS

Corrections in Present System Are Planned.

MEASURES ARE BACKED

Invasion of Election by Persons Having No Party Affiliation Held Menace.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 28.—An aggressive campaign will be made during the next ten days for referendum bills 14 and 15, which in safeguarding the direct primary law, provide that voters may designate their party affiliations at the time they register; authorize the holding of state conventions, which shall file their platforms with the secretary of state, require candidates to pledge themselves to carry out their party promises and provide for filing declarations of candidacy by precinct committeemen whose names will be printed on the primary ballots.

The two bills were indorsed by the republican state convention and have been approved by many prominent democrats. The bills were drafted by the joint legislative committee on elections and privileges, passed by the last legislature and referred upon a petition filed by William Bouck, deposed manager of the state grange, who signed himself at the time as chairman of the executive committee of the Washington non-partisan league.

Bills Are Indorsed.

That these two bills are in strict accord with the spirit of the original direct primary bill and the intention of its framers is shown by the fact that State Senator Metcalf of Tacoma, who introduced senate bill 34 in 1907, and senate bill 84 in 1909, which are the basis of the present primary law, was a member of the committee which drafted the 1921 statutes, now referred, and he voted for both of them.

Unqualified indorsement of the two referred bills is given by Judge Stephen J. Chadwick, life-long democrat and the first democrat to be elected to state office under the direct primary. He was chosen justice of the supreme court in 1908 under the new law at its first trial. Judge Chadwick says:

"I find no valid objection to the amended primary election law.

"The object is to preserve party organization and party integrity.

"They provide for party registration and for a party vote at the primaries. The voter may still vote as he pleases at the general election. There is no restriction on the freedom of the ballot.

"All sound political economists and statesmen whose opinions have or will survive the hour in which they have lived, from Washington down to the present day, have agreed that political parties are essential adjuncts to representative government. If this be so, party organization must be protected.

"As I understand the bills, they are designed to prevent invasion of party primaries by those who have no party interest.

"An open primary such as we have now has been more destructive of minority parties than majority parties.

"While there may be some objectionable features, as there are in most statutes, I find no vice in the bills and will vote for them."

Corrections Are Planned.

Harold Preston of Seattle, ex-state senator and for years one of the most progressive leaders of the party, author of the workmen's compensation act and many other progressive measures, says:

"Many of us who favored the direct primary law at the time of its adoption have come to realize that its practical workings have developed many undesirable features. One of them is that members of a minority party or parties may enter the primaries of the majority party in an endeavor to obtain the success of a weak candidate. Another is the loss of responsibility of the party for the conduct of its elected officials. Referendum measures Nos. 14 and 15 are (in the main) intended to correct and improve the direct primary law in the particulars above referred to, and for that reason seem well intended and worthy of support."

DRIVE CONTROL PLANNED

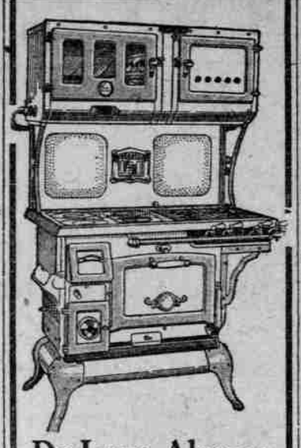
Campaign for Funds to Be Censored in Boise.

BOISE, Ida., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—In the future all drives for funds for the use of charities will be supervised by a drive control committee appointed by Mayor Sherman of this city. This committee is made up of the representatives of the various civic and luncheon organizations in Boise.

Those seeking to solicit for funds for charitable or semi-charitable causes will be required first to submit their plans to the committee which is vested with the power to approve, reduce or disapprove them. Drives are becoming so frequent that Mayor Sherman concluded to place them under some form of control.

Poland to Guard Border.

WARSAW, Oct. 28.—The eastern frontier of Poland will henceforth be protected so thoroughly as to prevent any bands crossing over from the soviet Ukraine, Premier Novak has assured a delegation which came here from Lemberg to protest that the local authorities were not strong enough to cope with the invading bandits.



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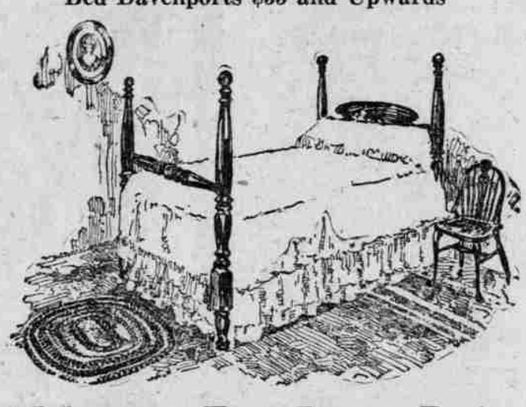

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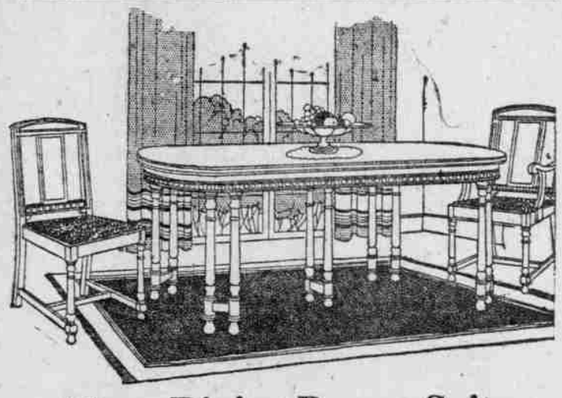

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