

VOTERS TELL WHY WOODROW WILSON IS THEIR CHOICE

Progressive Republicans and Voters of Independent Mind Turning to New Jersey Man; Fear Colonel's Ambition.

Progressive Republicans and voters of independent mind are turning to Woodrow Wilson as their leader in the present campaign, in Oregon as in other states. This is shown by a few interviews gathered from men whose political affiliations have been always or usually with the Republican party.

Many business men hesitate to be interviewed, but they privately admit that they are for Wilson. Even among those of "standpat" leaning there is a distinct preference for Wilson as opposed to Roosevelt, and many of those who would vote for Taft if they believed the president had any chance to win, say they will vote for Wilson because they think Roosevelt is stronger than Taft.

The interviews below show how progressive Republicans in Portland are reasoning, and why they are turning to Wilson.

Roosevelt Thought Dangerous.
President W. T. Foster, of Reed College: "I favor the election of Mr. Wilson, first, because I regard Mr. Roosevelt as dangerous to the interests of the plain people whose cause he pretends to champion, a self-seeker to the last ditch, a clever and unreliable politician, well fitted to plunge his country into war by lawless acts and spasms of anger, unfitted for statesmanship, by temperament, by experience, and by political and personal entanglements."

"In all important respects Mr. Wilson is a happy contrast to Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Wilson is singularly free from obligations to the disreputable men of either party. He is fitted by education and character to lift the high office of president from the slough of personal squabbles into which it has fallen. He combines the judicial temperament of Mr. Taft and the executive capacity of Mr. Roosevelt, without the weakness of either. He is a statesman rather than a politician. He is the safest radical of them all."

"Had Mr. Hughes been nominated, Progressive Republicans could have stayed in their party without fear. Had the Democratic party also missed its opportunity, by nominating Mr. Clark, men who believe as I believe, would have had nobody to vote for. As it is, they have many reasons for regarding the nomination of Mr. Wilson as the happiest event in national politics for many a year."

Roosevelt Disgusts Follower.
W. H. Fear, president of the Merchants Savings & Trust company: "I have always been a Republican, but this time I am going to support Woodrow Wilson. I was for a time inclined to favor Roosevelt, but became somewhat disgusted with his course of action. Wilson is first of all a man of exemplary character and a man of ability, as proved by his record as governor of New Jersey. The successful fight in the Baltimore convention made by Bryan decided me. It was a fight for principle, and I believe Wilson is the man to lead the fight."

Seneca Smith, attorney: "My support will be given to Wilson because I believe he is the best representative of the progressive sentiment of the country in this campaign. I distrust Roosevelt as a Progressive. According to my observation, he is Progressive mainly when he is running for office. I was a Republican before 1896, and in late years have not allied myself with any party, registering as an independent."

Wilson of Lincoln Type.
E. F. Cannon, of the Clark-Cannon company, real estate and mortgage brokers: "I think Wilson the first man we have had since Lincoln. I consider him of the same type, one who is above petty politics and jobs. He can be depended on to protect the interests of the people against those interests that have become a menace to the country. I do not believe that Wilson would turn aside from his duty on the request of his best friend for a favor. He is a student of economic questions, who thinks deeply, and I believe he can be depended on to pursue the same clean policy in New Jersey. I will vote for Wilson, for the second time in my life, supporting a Democratic candidate for president."

Oregon is living up to its great and growing fruit reputation.

Lone Woman Only Democratic Candidate Aberdeen Suffragette Has 4 Opponents

Mrs. Margaret M. Ross, former newspaper publisher, who gets back into political game because she sees unscrupulous politicians in field; one of her pet reforms is better roads.



Though a woman, and the only Democratic in a field of five candidates for the state legislature from the Chehalis county, Washington, district, Mrs. Margaret M. Ross, feels quite confident of election, largely because she is a Woodrow Wilson progressive, and because she has a fire in the state of Washington. I am confident that Wilson will carry Washington easily," said Mrs. Ross this morning before her departure for her home at Aberdeen.

Mrs. Ross came west two years ago from South Dakota, where she had been running a newspaper at Sioux Falls, and recently, when she took up her home at Aberdeen it was with the determination that she would cashew the political game altogether. However, in Chehalis county, Mrs. Ross says, there are in the best of regulated communities, and when the call came to her to oppose the candidacy of a man whose official record would not stand investigation, she decided that she would do so. At that time there was but one candidate from Chehalis county. As soon as Mrs. Ross announced her candidacy as a "Woodrow Wilson Progressive Democrat," four others, Republicans declared themselves in the fight.

"I consider that a very great compliment to myself," said Mrs. Ross. "As I am the only Democratic candidate for the place, I am the only woman candidate. This sudden activity on the part of those who would oppose me indicates that they fear the woman, and that being the case there must be some gear in their political machinery that they know needs clearing."

Much Sentiment for Wilson.
"Though ordinarily a strong Republican district, I do not fear the Republican vote very much, because of the wealthy Wilson sentiment that has developed since the nomination of the New Jersey man for the presidency."

Mrs. Ross has some ideas of her own politically, and above all of them she places the idea that the man should be bigger than the dollar, that there should be no hint of graft or purchase in any man's election. Mrs. Ross is a supporter of Governor Vest's prison policy. She believes that good roads are the pay streaks of a state, and favors state aid in the development of logged-off lands.

"I am not a sentimentalist," said Mrs. Ross, "but I do believe that none but hardened criminals should be kept confined in our prisons. Most of the prison

convicts are young men. I believe that these young men stand a better chance of reformation and development into good and useful citizens if they are given work upon the state roads, and taught something useful, rather than kept in confinement at indoor prison labor, where they are made to work in competition with free labor, and at the same time are taught nothing that will do them any good when they get out of jail."

Favors Many Reforms.
"I think there need be no particular reasons for my belief in the necessity of good roads. It is an open and shut matter. Good roads serve to bring the people of the state closer together. They give the farmer an opportunity to ship his produce into town at a minimum expense, and reaches in the same way in taking travel to farm and the village community. I favor the Columbia bridge road, and if elected I am going to fight for a state highway along the north bank of the Columbia between Spokane and Vancouver."

"Unlimited bond issues to develop logged-off lands and induce settlement on them is another one of my slogans. That may seem like a sweeping statement, but after all it would mean simply that the state would be merely lending money to the settler to give him a start. When he got going good it would be up to him to repay the state the money advanced, together with a little interest. The state would therefore get its money back, and the farmer would still be there to produce and increase the prosperity of the commonwealth indefinitely."

Mrs. Ross has been a Bryan woman since Bryan made his "Cross and Crown" speech. With Bryan not in the running she favored La Follette. With La Follette eliminated Wilson was her next choice, and had it not been Wilson it would have been the next best "Pro-Progressive."

Mrs. Ross plans an energetic campaign in Chehalis county. Mrs. Ross says she expects to win, and that even if she loses everybody in Chehalis county is going to know that she has been in the field.

DELEGATES OFF FOR LAKEVIEW IN AUTOS

Several sections of the long automobile train to the Lakeview meeting of the Oregon Development league have already left Portland. Most of the delegates expect to go Saturday and Sunday.

G. F. Johnson and his family left yesterday morning for Eugene and points in the south Willamette valley. They expect to go on to Lakeview by way of Crater Lake and Klamath Falls, then to return by way of Burns and Bend, taking about two weeks for the journey.

Postmaster C. B. Merrill and N. A. Jeffry, ex-president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, departed by boat yesterday morning for The Dalles, whence they expect to travel south by easy stages, organizing branches of the merchants' association in each town visited. Mr. Merrill has chosen this time to pass a short vacation. He will visit Burns, Lakeview and Klamath Falls with Mr. Jeffry.

Another party departing Tuesday morning consisted of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams, Miss Zula Jones, sister of Mrs. Williams, and J. C. Gilbert. They expect to follow the way, marked out by the pathfinders of the Commercial club on their recent tour.

C. C. Chapman, development manager of the Commercial club, announced this morning: "Road maps will be ready for the Lakeview excursion late this week—in time for departure."

"Weather conditions are ideal at this season in central Oregon—cool, bracing air—no perspiration at any time and no dust, except when meeting another machine or a freighter, and you don't meet much in this vast region."

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Capital Stock Increased.
Salem, Or., Aug. 15.—The capital stock of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company, which has large irrigated tracts at Turner and West Stayton, has been increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

YOUNG BELIEVES ONLY SOLUTION IS IN FRANCHISE

In Statement President of Hill Lines in Oregon Says Not Possible to Get Reasonable Switching Rate From Espee

President Joseph H. Young of the Hill lines in Oregon this morning gave out a statement covering the east side franchise matter, explaining that it appears impossible to get a satisfactory understanding with the Southern Pacific in regard to a switching arrangement on East First street, and therefore the only solution is a franchise along the line of the petition before the council, which was filed upon the urgent requests of shippers and property owners of the east side.

Said President Young: "We will be glad when this matter is definitely settled. We have considerable investment in our terminal property on the east side which is unproductive and we like to put in our tracks and get the property in shape so that it will begin to show some earnings."

Prefer to Do Own Switching.
"We do not care to make any switching arrangement with the Harriman lines. We have never made any proposition to them; to perform any service for us, as we prefer to do our own switching, feeling that we can thereby give the shippers better results. But after our ordinance was introduced in the council, which by the way, was done because the east side shippers and property owners asked us to build into the east side to accommodate the growing shipping district, we were told that our application for a franchise on East First street would result in discommoding the operations of the Southern Pacific on that street, and that if we could arrange with them to do our switching on that street it would obviate the necessity of our building additional tracks there."

"This was agreeable to us provided the Southern Pacific would agree to ship our shippers without discrimination or delay and upon such terms as we could afford to pay. We learned that that company was charging the O. W. R. & N. \$1.50 per car and this rate had been in force for many years. This rate would have been satisfactory to us, but we soon found that we were not to be given the same privileges as our competitors. In other words, we would be required to pay a much higher price for moving our cars. Estimates were made by the Harriman people in which they claim that the cost of this service to them was over \$5 per car. We knew this to be incorrect for the reason that they had been performing the service, as I have said, for many years for \$1.50 and besides we are doing switching for them at Vancouver, Wash., where the service requires the movement of cars over much longer distances for less than that figure."

Would Drop Matter.
"After several interviews, however, we finally compromised with them on a \$2.50 charge which we intended to absorb and not charge against the shipper. This was unsatisfactory to us, but evidently the best that could be done, and the mayor and city attorney seemed particularly anxious that we come to this or some other adjustment with the Southern Pacific company. However, after we had had this rate under consideration, it having been proposed to us by the Southern Pacific, we were given to understand that new conditions would be imposed which would not only greatly increase this expense to us, but would also put a premium upon delays to the movement of our cars for our patrons. Under the circumstances, we felt that we could not agree and have said to the mayor and city attorney that we consider the new demand of the Southern Pacific company unreasonable. Now if the city will give us the franchise that we ask for and drop this talk about allowing the Southern Pacific to do our switching we will be glad to go ahead with our work."

MERRILL SAYS HE IS SAVING STATE MONEY
Saslie, Or., Aug. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Will you kindly correct erroneous article and give same publicity as story in Tuesday's Journal. What satisfaction has a game and characterful person to help an unfortunate? Lindsay was not paroled to a road house, never was employed at one. I am not at a road or a club house. I simply informed Judge McGinn that Lindsay would be given a situation on a farm again as long as he conducted himself respectfully, as he certainly did last season while employed on the same farm. Am I to be roasted and misrepresented for saving the county or state a big board bill and helping an unfortunate?

FRED T. MERRILL
[Notwithstanding Merrill's denial as above set forth, Lindsay was formerly employed at the Twelvemile house.]

Dancing at Indian School.
Chemawaw, Or., Aug. 15.—Dancing for a time discontinued at the Indian school, on moral grounds, has been again permitted by the new superintendent, H. E. Wadsworth, and will be one of the popular recreations among teachers and students when the school term opens.

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RURAL PROBLEMS WILL BE STUDIED

O. A. C. Professor Tells of Objects of Conference at Corvallis Next Month.

The most important rural life conference in Oregon is to be held in Corvallis the first three days of September, said Director Ralph D. Hazel of the Oregon Agricultural college extension division, while in Portland yesterday.

National leaders in quickening rural life will attend this conference. Special trains will be run to the college from all over the state for at least one day of the conference.

"All over Oregon there is wonderful approval of the movement to better farm living conditions," said Professor Hazel, "but it is largely disorganized. The conference is not to be merely a discussion. It has as an objective the operative organization of all who have been interested in the development of the state and the making of country homes."

"The rural school will be brought into this scheme. The school has been leaving off just where the need for training for life occupation began. We expect the rural school to tackle this problem in a definite way. Many teachers will attend the conference."

"The rural church will be made a definite factor in improving living conditions in the country. I agree thoroughly with the man who said that if the rural preacher would mention corn 10 times in his sermon he would save 10 times as many souls. If the preacher meets his people on the plane of problems to be solved common to all he will establish a basis of sympathy and interest that he lacks when he deals only with abstruse things. We expect an attendance of rural ministers from every county in Oregon."

"The commercial organizations will be interested in this plan. It will give definite direction to their work and increase their real usefulness."

CROOK COUNTY WILL HOLD "FARMERS' DAY"
The people of Crook county will celebrate "Farmers' Day" next Saturday. "Crops on the Oregon Agricultural demonstration farms at Metolius and Redmond are approaching maturity," reads the announcement, and the gathering is to be held on the demonstration farm near Redmond on Saturday "in order that the farmers and citizens of Crook county may avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the demonstrations before harvest."

The meeting will be held under the auspices of Oregon Agricultural college and the announcement continues: "Dr. James Withycombe, director of state experiment stations; Professor H. D. Scudder, probably President Kerr, and one or two other members of the experiment station, will be with the business men's excursion on the way to the Oregon Development league convention, to be held at Lakeview, and will stop over to visit the irrigation demonstration farm and deliver addresses at the farmers' institute in Redmond the evening of August 17."

The farmers are planning to attend from all over the county.

HARLAN LEFT HIS FAMILY DESTITUTE
Movement on Foot Among Lawyers to Provide for Late Justice's Widow.

Washington, Aug. 15.—A movement is on foot to raise a fund for the widow and daughters of Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the United States supreme court. He left his family practically penniless, his estate totaling less than \$3000.

Justice Harlan sacrificed a fortune by his long service on the bench. His sometime associate, Chief Justice Fuller, died worth upwards of a million, which he had accumulated before assuming the supreme bench.

The members of the bar who practice before the supreme court are getting up a \$40,000 fund. Attached to the circular which has been sent out soliciting subscriptions are the names of leading lawyers, including Senator Root, Joseph H. Choate, Francis L. Stetson, William Nelson Cromwell and John G. Johnson. Each signer of the circular has personally contributed \$5000.

Justice Harlan's widow is an invalid. One daughter, Miss Laura Harlan, has served as social secretary for Mrs. George Wickersham, wife of the attorney general, since her father's death.

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