

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE SEEM TO DISREGARD LAW

Judging by Expenditures of Some Candidates Corrupt Practices Act Seems Dead Letter.

RURAL PRESS WIDELY USED

Gus Moser and R. N. Stanfield Are Prosecuting Extensive Publicity Campaign.

Already, with the date of the primary election more than two months distant, it again begins to look as though the corrupt practices act is a dead letter so far as the expenditure of money by

candidates for campaign expenses is concerned. Under the limitations of the corrupt practices act a candidate for nomination to any office may lawfully spend not to exceed 15 per cent of one year's salary attached to the office to which he aspires. The annual salary of the governor is \$5000, and the amount that may be spent by any candidate for that office to advance his nomination is \$750. It is noticeable, however, that Gus Moser, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, is being boosted by paid advertisements in the country papers throughout the state, the publication cost of which, at the normal rates usually charged political candidates, would total far in excess of \$150 permitted by the statute. This, however, does not take into consideration any traveling expenses, other printing, stationery and postage expenses or incidental expenditures which must always be considered. The question, of course, arises whether the candidate himself is paying all these campaign expenses, or whether they are borne, in whole or in part, by others.

The same situation is apparent in the candidacy of R. N. Stanfield for the Republican nomination for United States senator, though on a more extended scale. Country Press Being Largely Used Mr. Stanfield is conducting an extensive and expensive mail campaign, sending printed matter, at more or less regular intervals, to practically every registered Republican voter in the state. The postage charge on this item alone

is very material, while the cost of printing and paper, under present conditions and prices, undoubtedly amounts to a goodly sum with each batch of circulars sent out. In Mr. Stanfield's case, too, as in the other, the country press is being largely used, but Mr. Stanfield does not look with favor upon reading matter run, as the law requires, with the notice attached to it in advertising matter. He is willing to pay the rates charged, provided the notice required by the corrupt practices act is omitted.

Says "Paid Adv." Spoils Value "I fully appreciate the position in which you and all newspapers may be placed through the importuning of candidates for free publicity," Mr. Stanfield states in a recent letter written to the editor of a state paper. "For myself," he continues, "I do not ask any free publicity but, as you know, any and all reading matter such as the platform which I send you which has the appearance of news and to which is tacked the words 'paid adv.' when printed is of no value whatever to the candidate.

"In fact, these two little words rob it of all its value and rather tend to give it an adverse value. Many publishers refuse to print news of that character for which they ought to receive pay unless they are allowed to stick these two little words at the bottom of it.

"Explains His View of Matter "I will tell you just how I feel about it. I am perfectly willing to pay for it if those two words are not inserted at the bottom. I am confident the law did not contemplate anything of this kind

As you will notice, I have already forwarded you an advertisement to be run as such. It is my intention, as you know, to make good use of the advertising columns of the paper. I believe you can readily understand my position from the above statement. For any publicity or advertising you give me, bill will be paid promptly on receipt. Mr. Stanfield, under the corrupt practices act, may lawfully spend \$1125 in campaign expenditures to secure the senatorial nomination. This amount must include all expenditures of every kind, except the cost of printing to be paid the state for any material furnished by him for publication in the voters' pamphlet. At the present apparent rate of disbursements this sum, if not already exceeded, will be far overmatched by the time the primary election day is reached.

Hindenburg Drinks Heavily, Says Woman

New York, March 5.—(U. P.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg drinks beer, wine and whiskey "until he is purple in the face," Mme. Laura Turczonowicz, an American girl, who married a Pole, declared here today. She observed Hindenburg's dissipation when he quartered himself in her house in Poland in 1915.

An imitation wool for filling mattresses and pillows is being made from cork in Spain.

S. P. Trains Delayed Near Cottage Grove

Freight Carrying Lumber Delayed at Early Morning Hour—No One Injared—Seven Cars Leave Tracks. The derailment of an extra freight train at Cottage Grove, a small station nine miles south of Cottage Grove on the main line of the Southern Pacific at 1 o'clock this morning, is delaying traffic north and south of that point. Trains will be delayed about 12 hours, railroad officials say. The freight train was loaded with lumber. Seven cars left the tracks and were badly smashed. The roadbed and tracks were damaged to a considerable extent. No one was injured. The cause of the derailment had not been ascertained by officials of the Southern Pacific this morning. Rumors that the derailment is the result of a pro-German plot are scouted by officials. An investigation is under way, however.

Groceries

Butter, Blue Ribbon, finest quality, freshly churned, 2-lb. roll, \$1.10. Carnation Milk, large cans, case \$5.65, dozen \$1.45, small cans, case \$5.65, dozen \$1.45. Seeded Raisins, Otter, latest crop, best quality, large package 11c. Seedless Raisins, Otter, latest crop, best quality, 2 large packages 25c. Sliced Pineapple, Red Ribbon, dozen \$2.70, three for 70c, large can 24c.

Macaroni, Spaghetti, Noodles, Vermicelli, Porter's dozen \$1.05, large package 9c. White Asparagus, Tips, dozen \$2.70, three cans 70c. California Olive Oil, Purity brand, one of the best, large bottle 79c. Queen Olives, Royal Club, 15-oz. jars, dozen \$2.85, jar 25c. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Warmer Weather Is Thursday Forecast

Overcast weather will prevail during the next 24 hours after Thursday morning, according to Weatherman Wells. His forecast for tonight and Thursday is for fair weather with slowly rising temperature Thursday. He warns, however, not to take the forecast too literally and douse overcoats too prof-

miscuously, for the kiss of spring is a fickle caress. The range of temperature Tuesday was 48 to 53 degrees. A minimum of 34 is expected Thursday morning.

Buy Good, Cheap Meat from Frank L. Smith, 228 Alder street. Sweet, fresh roasts of veal...13c Tenderloin steak and oven roasts...15c Prime rib roast beef and rib steak...15c Pot roasts of fine flavor...12 1/2c Boiling beef and beef stew...10c T-bone steak, buy all you want...15c The real thing porterhouse steak...15c (Adv.)

SOLE PORTLAND AGENTS ACORN GAS RANGES—MAKE YOUR OWN TERMS IN REASON—SIXTH FLOOR

Established 1857 | Sixty-First Anniversary Year | The Quality Store

Help the American Fund For the French Wounded. Patriotic emblems and medals on sale in our Jewelry Shop and Army & Navy Shop, Main Floor—entire proceeds go to above fund. Allied emblem buttons, pins and bar pins 50c. Medals in bronze and sterling silver commemorating the entry of the United States into the War for Democracy 60c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50.

Thrift Stamps. At 25c and War Savings Stamps at \$1.14 on sale at our accommodation Bureau, Basement. Start a book of Thrift Stamps tomorrow.

Meier & Frank Co. THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND. P.O. Box 100, Portland, Ore.

Smileage Books. of tickets for soldiers' use in cantonment theaters on sale at our Army and Navy Shop, Main Floor: Book Shop, Fifth Floor. \$1 and \$5.00.

Six Good Books Fifth Floor. West Is West, by Eugene Manlove Rhodes, \$1.40. Long Live the King, by Mary Roberts Rinehart, \$1.50. The U. P. Trail, by Zane Gray, \$1.50. Red Pepper's Patients, by Grace S. Richmond, \$1.35. His Own Home Town, by Larry Evans, \$1.40. The White Ladies of Worcester, by Florence L. Barclay, \$1.50.

Typical Meier & Frank Values for Men and Women

Great Sale of Men's Underwear. Equally good offerings for the man who wears a union suit and for the man who prefers the two-piece garments and for the woman buying for either. The qualities in this sale are standard. The workmanship and finish all that you associate with highest standard makes. The fit guaranteed satisfactory. Different weights to suit different tastes, mostly the medium weight kind preferred by the average man. The savings—let the prices speak for themselves.

You Must Hurry if You Wish to Enroll for Our Free Course in Gardening. The first talk will be given Friday, March 8, at 3:30. A talk will be given every succeeding Friday at 3:30 until Friday, July 19, inclusive. The course is complete in 20 Lessons--20 Weeks in All.

You'll Enjoy Seeing Our Displays of New Spring Skirts. We present for your inspection and selection tomorrow an authoritative exhibition of new Spring skirts for street, sports and dressy wear. Materials include all the staple fabrics, the latest novelty weaves and a great assortment of fashionable colorings.

Spring Sale of Women's Underwear. It is now high time that you look to all your underwear needs for Spring. And Meier & Frank's is the proper place to supply these needs. Here you will find complete new assortments of light-weight knit underwear, at prices, in some instances, LESS THAN PRESENT WHOLESALE COST, in almost every instance less than replacement costs would warrant.

MEN! Here's a Great Sale for You! The Popular Sewed Cloth Hats \$1.85. THIS PRICE IS CLOSE TO THE PRESENT WHOLESALE. Materials contracted for a year ago, the hats were recently made up to our special order and have just been received.

Waists \$2.98, Waists \$3.49, Petticoats \$2.29, Corsets at \$1.49, Chemise 98c, Gowns \$1.08, Kerchiefs, Girdles 59c, Most Becoming Are These New Arrivals In Millinery For Spring Wear, Men's Shoes, Pair at \$2.98, Women's Shoes, Pr. \$4.35, 4 Good For Men and Boys Specials.

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