

G.O. Leader Is Optimistic

Prank to Devote Full Time; Hamilton Visit to State Awaited

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Weak spot he sees for Landon in the state is in the wheat districts in eastern Oregon. There AAA checks in hard times were life savers and while wheat growers realize they must repay the money, compounded in due time, the handouts were appreciated when received and P. A. Hill finds strength for the democratic organization because of them.

Leader Is Pleased With Central Group

The re-elected state chairman says Walter Toole, who was one of the candidates for election, will be a valuable assistant as vice chairman and is particularly pleased that Lars Bladine of McMinnville, also a newspaperman, will be secretary of the state organization.

The keynote of Prank's attitude is optimism and aggressiveness; the hang-dog days of the party in Oregon are forgotten, he avers, and a victory is in prospect. Incidentally the chairman says his own reelection was assured before the party met at the Portland meeting Monday and that one factor which worked in his behalf was the widespread feeling that other candidates were aligned with the "Four Horsemen" in Portland whose alleged control of the party was unpopular.

Although five months remain before the opening of the next legislative session, candidates for the important posts of senate president and speaker of the house are numerous and aggressive. Foremost in the field is Senator Frank M. Franciscovich of Astoria who announced his intention of seeking the senate presidency to friends at the 1935 special session. For the past week Franciscovich has deserted his Clatsop county law business and has auto-cruised the state, interviewing holders of offices in the senate and prospective choices at the November 3 vote, seeking their support. At the last count the Clatsop county man had 12 votes, a healthy minority for the 1937 senate—which is extremely unlikely—some of the 12 pledged votes will withdraw since Franciscovich has told democrats they would not be bound to support him if one of their own men should go after the presidency with a democratic majority in the senate behind him.

Walker and Duncan Would Like Position

Without active opposition for the presidency, Franciscovich is the probable choice, coming Jan. 11, 1937. Senator Dean Walker of Independence, who is another capable younger member of the upper house, would like the senate presidency but will not make a state-wide campaign for it and is not eager to take the field against Franciscovich with whom he has always been friendly. Harry Corbett, twice senate president, does not plan to run for the senate in 1937. If Franciscovich could not get a majority, if there were a fight between other rivals for the honor, Corbett would consent to being drafted. Senator Robert M. Duncan of Burns is willing to make the post—in fact planned last session to make a campaign for the presidency, urging that eastern Oregon was entitled to the place. Duncan had a hot fight in the primary nomination campaign and was unable to spend any time before then on the presidency campaign. He will probably win more handsily in November than May 16, but authentic reports from the sagebrush country are that Duncan has only two votes pledged.

Senator Walter Pearson of Portland, who has a prosperous insurance business and considers politics only a sideline, would seek the election as senate president if the democratic party should control the next upper house in Oregon. Otherwise he will probably support Franciscovich.

Earl Hill Leading For Speakership

Out in front in the race for speaker of the house is Earl Hill, veteran legislator from Cushman, Lane county. Hill would have won the honor in 1935 had not a democratic landslide in the fall elections of 1934 swept that party into control. Hill has attained statewide attention by his sensible proposals for improving legislative procedure. He would make a capable speaker. His democratic colleague, C. F. Hyde of Eugene, is receptive to the speakership and will make a strong bid for the job if the house of 1937 is under democratic control. Hyde is reputedly behind some anti-Hill publicity circulated through Lane county in the past week, figuring that Hill will be most easily defeated for the speakership if he can be defeated at the Lane county general election November 3.

Some of the younger republicans are talking an eastern Oregon man for the speakership. Earnest, intelligent but comparatively inexperienced Ernest Patland of Clatsop is talked. Robert Farrell of Portland and John Hall, also a Portlander and a member of the 1935 legislature, would support Patland. Frank Loneragan, who took a bye and did not seek election to the last legislature, is open-minded on the speakership if he is elected this fall, which is probable. Loneragan's friends are talking him for the post which he held so successfully before Earl Snell won statewide attention for his speakership management. From a mid-summer viewpoint, Hill is the most probable selection.

With the flurry of the relief committee flareup post, Governor Martin declines most of the responses by letter and telephone to his stand for cutting down relief administrative costs have

been favorable. The state this month will be out only \$100,000 for its portion of the state-wide relief program it is administering, an amount less than the state's profits on its stores and agencies and scarcely more than one-half the net revenue received by the state in June from liquor, taxes and license income included.

The governor will insist that the 1937 legislature resist a growing tendency which he foresees of placing all costs of relief on the state and relieving counties of obligation. Unless the counties bear at least one-half the costs of relief they become reckless in their expenditures, he declares.

In another week, the governor will start a month's vacation. He will not hike to the base of the mountains, but will divide his time between his home in Salem and his daughter's home in Bremerton, Wash. and will be in and out of his office. Next Saturday he goes to Marshfield to lay the cornerstone of the new federal building in that city, but his August schedule is comparatively free of speaking engagements and of official conferences. The governor's office staff will seize the opportunity to get in its own fortnight holiday.

Martin to Support Roosevelt Again

While Governor Martin's views on relief and upon economy in government are closely allied to those of Governor Landon of Kansas, he will nevertheless support President Roosevelt for reelection. Roosevelt should be allowed to run out his New Deal, he avers; four years is not a long enough period for the democratic party to have control. If the republican party should come to power now, it would have to be more left-wing than its conservative group would want and the New Dealers would consider they had been retired in the midst of their program. Governor Martin sees in the present campaign an analogy to the Wilson-Roosevelt fight in 1912; had Wilson been defeated the group which wanted to keep the nation out of war then would not have followed the republican president. By 1920, the nation was ripe for a change in administration. Similarly Governor Martin thinks 1940 is the first time the republican party will have a real chance at national victory. Roosevelt should be allowed to carry out his program—and to do his own thing with expenditures and corraling of radical groups, Governor Martin believes.

The governor will lay a program of an additional state office building and a state library building before the next legislature—without any recommendation. He's assured that they will provide match money for the projects but he is not going to run any risk of trying to force the legislature to adopt any program calling for additional buildings. With the state hospital wanting another structure, the state prison calling for a building for offenders and the Dalles tuberculosis hospital asking for a \$250,000 addition, the governor is worried lest the legislature expend too much money on capital outlay and impair the excellent cash position of the state's general fund.

Repayment Asked On Bank Dividend

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quoted directly, said any dividend he voted had been upon assurances of the officers of the bank that ample surplus was available for the distribution of profits to shareholders.

Numbered among the directors of the First National bank in Salem, were several men who had been directors in the Bank of Commerce in Salem which was acquired by the First National in November, 1929. Spokesmen for this group said yesterday that they would resist the claim for the return of the dividend on the grounds that they were not consulted in the management of the bank and if they approved a dividend, the approval was a routine matter with their entire dependence placed on the officers of the merged institution.

Directors or their legal representatives on whom demands were made are: Mrs. Hattie E. Fry, administratrix of the Dan J. Fry estate; S. B. Elliott; Carl F. Gerlinger, Dallas; W. M. Hamilton; R. M. Hofer, Portland; D. B. Jarman, T. A. Livesley, John H. McVary, W. W. Moore; Dr. H. H. Olinger, J. C. Perry, Custer E. Ross; E. F. Slade, Portland; Mrs. Sarah H. Steeves, administratrix; B. L. Steeves estate; Dr. R. Lee Steiner, H. O. White.

The bank was placed on a restricted basis after the bank holiday in March, 1933. Since it was placed in liquidation all preferred deposits claims have been paid in full, advances from RFC have been retired and depositors have been paid 80 per cent of their claims. An assessment of 50 per cent has been made against all shareholders.

Repair and alteration permits of \$500 or greater estimated cost were as follows:

Delegates To Make Reports

Nelson to Talk Tuesday Night, Refute Claims He Wasn't Seated

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make a report on the convention tomorrow night at the Leslie Methodist church before club No. 2, which sent no delegate. Other Salem delegates to the convention are now on visiting junkets in the east and midwest and probably will not come home for two or three weeks, according to information at Townsend headquarters.

"Cool Reception"

Rumors are denied. Velled intimations heard among Townsend ranks to the effect that Nelson's reception here may not be altogether friendly were branded yesterday as "just some alarms going around" by Dr. F. S. Schatz, president of the club to which Nelson belongs.

"We have been behind him all the time," Dr. Schatz said of Nelson.

A full-page photograph printed in a special Townsend edition of the Cleveland News was exhibited by Nelson at his home on route seven yesterday afternoon to prove he had been admitted as a delegate. The photo showed the club No. 3 delegate sitting on the main floor of the convention hall, in front of a placard labeled "Oregon".

A part of the Oregon delegation met today before the main business session of the convention, Nelson said he learned, and passed a resolution urging the credentials committee to oust him as a delegate.

"It was supposed to be a sort of punishment for creating a disturbance," Nelson said. "I was told, 'I will quote that resolution in full Tuesday night.'"

Quit to Prevent Trouble, Asserts

The disturbance referred to, Nelson said, was started by the convention's refusal to admit other delegates who objected to his distributing a printed resolution calling for "democratizing and strengthening the Townsend movement."

"If anybody was going to get a black eye if things went much farther so I quit," Nelson said, regarding the incident.

Nelson declined to give his views on the present status of the Townsend movement, saying he was reserving them for his report Tuesday night, but he did produce a mimeographed sheet which proved to be a suggestion that the National Annuity league should become "a part of a new organization that would be devoted solely to the job of bringing about an amendment of the present federal civil service retirement system so as to make liberal pensions available to all worthy citizens of the United States and to put such a system on a defined transaction tax basis."

A tentative name for the new pension organization, according to the sheet, is "U. S. Retirement League." The sheet contained a slap at the present Townsend setup, with its independently owned "Townsend News" paper, in stating that "tentative plans for the new organization contemplate the publication of an official organ to be owned and controlled by the membership of the league, so all profit from it would go into the treasury of the organization from the very beginning."

Nelson indicated he was in sympathy with the annuity league plan. He admitted "there has been some suggestion club No. 3 isn't a Townsend club any more."

"Nobody knows what the Townsend plan is now," Nelson commented. "The convention was nothing else but a drive for a third party. . . . The officers wouldn't let the delegates think . . . We've been misled."

Hospital Site at Silverton Picked

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board at the time its members were completing negotiations for the Mount property, was the gift from Mrs. Myron C. Woodward, formerly of Silverton but now of Portland, providing equipment for the first private room in the new hospital.

Bonneville Fish Row Still Rages

Whether fish were battling through raging waters at Bonneville dam remained a moot question today, with state game officials of Oregon and Washington and the United States engineers still at odds over the proposed reopening of a channel on the Washington shore of the Columbia river.

Harlan B. Holmes, U. S. aquatic biologist stationed at the dam, said, "I think the fish are getting through all right. . . . The fishermen are making fair catches."

A youthful pilot of a launch negotiated the area in question—the swirling waters below the dam—and said, "there were a lot of fish there."

U. S. Engineer T. M. Robins denied a plea of game officials to re-open a channel and said, "if the fish people had their way we'd be allowed to work only between fish. The commercial fishermen are taking fish above the dam and certainly salmon must be getting past."

Polk Prune Men Elect Directors

J. G. Hogg and Harry Webb were elected directors of Oregon Prune Control, Inc., at a district meeting held at Dallas Friday night. L. R. Brice, N. T. Guy and T. A. Dunn were selected for the executive committee.

The growers present voted unanimously to go ahead with the organization. Each member present agreed to bring another member. Similar action was taken at the Salem meeting Thursday night.

Each grower present, who had signed the voluntary agreement with the group, was given the opportunity to withdraw his membership. No one asked to have his name taken off the list.

At the meeting here Thursday night the growers elected officers in the voluntary group but took action toward asking state intervention to stabilize the prune industry under the Oregon agriculture marketing act.

Bishop Supports Coughlin's Views

ROME, July 25. (P)—Bishop Michael Gallagher of Detroit, unconditionally supporting Father Charles E. Coughlin, asserted tonight the Vatican is without authority to discipline the radio priest for political activities.

The bishop declared he would tell Pope Pius—if the pontiff as supreme head of the Catholic church should inquire about the priest—"Father Coughlin speaks for the people."

The ecclesiastical head of the diocese of Detroit, on his arrival in Rome from Naples, defended Father Coughlin's right to engage in political discussion and also personally endorsed the priest's views.

Father Coughlin is against President Roosevelt, the bishop declared, because the president "did not keep faith with his promises."

Reynolds Rites Monday

SILVERTON, July 25.—Funeral services for Rodney Reynolds will be held at Portland Monday at 2 p. m. Mr. Reynolds died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Johnson at Portland Friday following an illness of four months. Several Silverton people plan to attend the funeral.

Legislative Race Here Is Entered

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manager was left to the executive committee of the county association. Petitions call for the organization of a new political party to be called the Farmer-Labor party. It has closely modeled its organization after the Minnesota Farmer-Labor party, according to the executive committee. It is necessary for the new party to secure the signatures of approximately 100 Marion county voters to secure a place on the ballot.

Among those attending the meeting were Mrs. J. W. Gilmore of Jefferson, Frank Judd of Lib-

New Deal Has Chance, Fails

McNary Explains Attitude on Demo Legislation; Crown Hears Him

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at the speaking exercises. One by one he introduced state officials and republican leaders throughout all counties, while the listeners, scattered along the shade of the tree-fringed lawn, applauded.

Dr. P. O. Riley, president of the Marion County Republican club, with a clever poem, presented Senator McNary with two buggy whips, symbolic of his position as "whip in the senate."

Laughingly accepting the gift, Senator McNary inquired the purpose of the second whip which Dr. Riley declared was "for the use of the senator's wife."

"I appreciate this symbol of the horse and buggy and horse-sense days. I am of that horse-and-buggy period," he said. "My transients were ox-team plowmen."

Father Represents Senator Stelwer.

John Stelwer, father of Senator Frederick W. Stelwer, republican keynoter at Chicago, represented his son at the exercises. The senator left Friday night for Chicago where he will notify Colonel Knox of his nomination as vice-president at formal ceremonies this week.

Congressman W. A. Ekwall responded briefly to an introduction.

Mrs. I. L. Patterson, widow of the late governor of Oregon, led the crowd in the first salute at the opening of the program and was followed by Mrs. E. H. Meyer of Portland who greeted the guests on behalf of the Pro-America organization.

Numerous features enlivened the program. One was a parade of women and misses garbed in costumes of the '90's and representing notable characters of that period: Jennie Lind, Maude Adams, Mme. Patte, Sarah Bernhardt.

The 20-20 band from Salem played several selections while the band and drum corps of the Sons of Italian Veterans came from Portland to present several numbers.

Landon Sunflower Much in Evidence

On the lawn in front of Fircone—the speaking exercises were conducted on the putting greens across the creek from the McNary house—were gaily decorated stands where soft, cold drinks and wieners sandwiches were sold. Hundreds of Landon and Knox buttons were in evidence, deftly pinned on a sunflower field.

Over the lawn were strung gay lanterns and streamers and as the throng of visitors continued to visit the McNary home throughout the afternoon and evening, the Pro-America organization received many dollars for its campaign this fall.

By 3 p. m. state police had tallied nearly 1200 visitors who came through the libel-lined roadway to the McNary home while hundreds of visitors came later in the day to swell the attendance for the horse-and-buggy picnic to 2000.

With this discrepancy in wages, Harkin said, the cannery trucks were in reality operating in direct competition with commercial truckers paying the union scale. On trips to Portland, he asserted, the cannery trucks are usually loaded with supplies for the cannery on the return trip.

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