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Legionnaires in Politics Heavily Now; Roseburg Draws Candidates

Taking Votes Away from Other Party is Main Effort Just Now

By C. A. SPRAGUE
The political center of gravity shifted from Portland and Salem last week to Roseburg where the annual state convention of the American Legion was in session. Even if every Legionnaire no longer carries a banner, the name in his knapsack, it is still true that he carries political ambition within his manly bosom. The Legionnaires know that the next 15 years are their big political moment. One member, Alfred M. Landon, is a candidate for president today, and another, Frank Knox, a candidate for vice-president. There will be more in years ahead. Committee lists of both parties are dotted with names of ex-commanders, national and state.

Senator Frederick Steiwer, Congressman James Mott, Secretary of State Earl Snell responded to, revivifying at the Roseburg convention, greeting old buddies and meeting new ones, just in case... Oregon republicans donned seersucker suits and went to see and to hear John D. M. Hamilton, the talented chairman of the republican national committee, whose brains got most of the credit for the nomination of Gov. Landon. Hamilton talked to party workers in the afternoon; and the burden of his advice was precinct work. In fact the general impression he created was that of a man from the grass roots. He kept his "s" in the right place and met Oregonians on a common level. Marion county party leaders rated him higher as a close-in organizer than as a spell-binder.

Opinion Divided on Lemke's Influence in the party were mulling over the Lemke idea. Some wise heads expressed the hope that Lemke's party would get on the Oregon ballot this fall, believing that his name would draw more from the Roosevelt voters than the Landon voters. Such strategy has no appeal for others interested in Landon success. They contend Lemke would draw about as many Landon as from Roosevelt, on the ground that the Townsend followers for Landon rather than Roosevelt, but might switch to Lemke if he gets on the ballot.

The plan for signing up 14,000 persons for the Union party qualification fixed when the workers struck for higher pay. The workers raised the bar, and encouraged the democrats? Senator Zimmerman, it is reported, will call an assembly at Hillsboro to nominate Lemke as an independent. That will get his name on the ballot but not under the union label. He will keep company with Zimmerman as a candidate, running in Oregon as independent.

E. W. Kirkpatrick, democratic candidate for congress, took a turn around the coast counties last week. He is seeking conservative republican votes as well as those of his own party. Speaking of republican conservatives, one of them who lives in the first district said in Portland Tuesday he would vote for Jim Mott for the first time, because, he said, if Lemke should get a few electoral votes, and the election should go to the democrats, Mott and Mott were elected their two votes would swing Oregon for the republican candidate.

In Oregon the democrats have been busy with campaign set-up, getting a slower start than the republicans. But they have a good organization, headed by Claude McCulloch as state chairman; and are laying plans for an aggressive campaign. They will not be intimidated by the inactivity of the republican conservatives, one of them who lives in the first district said in Portland Tuesday he would vote for Jim Mott for the first time, because, he said, if Lemke should get a few electoral votes, and the election should go to the democrats, Mott and Mott were elected their two votes would swing Oregon for the republican candidate.

Senator McNary is by no means idle. A trip to Clatsop to address a group of farmers is planned for August 17. (Turn to page 5, col. 4)

Bush Grade Building, Leslie Addition to be Ready on Opening Day

Basement, Auditorium of New Elementary School to be Completed After September 14; Junior High's New Equipment to be Outstanding

CLASSROOMS in the new Bush grade school and the additions for Leslie junior high school will be finished in time for use September 14, the scheduled date for the opening of the city schools here. Lee S. Ross, school board accountant, predicted yesterday. A few weeks ago it had appeared that the opening of school in these two buildings might have to be delayed a week.

Finishing of classrooms and the auditorium of the new grade building will be carried on after school opens. The new gymnasium at Leslie junior high will be close to completion at that time but considerable work will remain to be done on the new auditorium, it appears at present.

Plastering of the Leslie auditorium walls was in progress yesterday. A visit to the auditorium today would reveal a spacious structure, with sloping floors to make the stage visible from all seats; an orchestra pit, which will not be included in either the new high school or grade school auditoriums; a large balcony; fireproof motion picture projection room, fireproof stage and dressing rooms. A five-foot rotary blower and large set of (Turn to page 5, col. 2)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Bank reserves capable of expansion into \$15,000,000,000 of credit shrank away today as the federal reserve board's order increasing reserve requirements to prevent "a possible injurious credit expansion" became effective.

Excess bank reserves, the basis of credit throughout the American business world, were pulled from a near peak of some \$3,170,000,000 as reported for the close of business Wednesday, to a point between \$1,700,000,000 and \$1,750,000,000. Means \$1,500,000,000,000. The difference, or roughly \$1,500,000,000, was locked in a federal reserve vault, no longer available to the banks for lending. In banking circles one dollar of reserves is regarded as capable of multiplication into \$10 of credit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—An effort to block the federal reserve system order, effective today, requiring a 50 per cent increase in reserves maintained by member banks, was made here today in a federal court suit by A. E. Nordstrom, Los Angeles publisher and lecturer on economics topics.

Nordstrom asked that the San Francisco bank and its officials be enjoined from putting the order into effect, and asserted it would be destroyed throughout the federal reserve system. \$15,000,000,000 worth of potential banking credit at a time when Americans most need such accommodations.

Bank Night Suit Likely This Week

Special Prosecutor Ralph E. Moody stated before he left Salem for a beach vacation yesterday that he expected an injunction suit would be filed here early this week on behalf of the Elsinore theatre and its bank night. He is expecting bank night attorneys here Monday to discuss the case. Arrangements are being made for them to contact Moody at his vacation residence.

"I am convinced that theatre bank nights are in violation of the lottery statutes," Moody said, "but we might as well obtain an interpretation of the law by the courts."

Palmateer Is Vice-Chief of Oregon Legion

Guy Cordon State Leader for Year; Mrs. Waters Auxiliary Officer

Entire Membership Will Serve Upon Disaster Relief Committee

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Election of Guy Cordon, Roseburg attorney, as state commander of the American Legion and the adoption of a resolution requiring all of Oregon's 12,000 Legionnaires to serve on a state-wide disaster relief committee in time of need climaxed the annual Legion convention here today.

Cordon was named to succeed George Koehn, Portland. The vote was by acclamation after Cordon's only opponent, Kent Shoemaker, Hood River, withdrew.

Officers chosen besides Cordon were O. E. "Mose" Palmateer, Salem, vice-commander; Tom Stoughton, Portland, finance officer, for the 14th year, and P. M. Bieskinsop, Astoria, chaplain.

New district commanders are Harvey Ewan, Oregon City, district No. 1; Roy Davenport, Silverton, No. 2; Tillet Torgerson, Ontario, No. 3; C. J. Clause, Lakeview, No. 4; George Fry, Hood River, No. 5; Ray Dukek, Fossil, No. 6; and Charles Paradis, Nyssa, No. 7.

Coughlin's Union Votes for Lemke

Detroit Priest is Named First President by Noisy Delegates

CLEVELAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The National Union for Social Justice formally named the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit its first president late today and endorsed Representative William Lemke of North Dakota as its new president. Other officers elected were Mae Waters, Salem, vice-president; Polly McInturff, Marshfield, secretary; Dorothy Alken, Dallas, treasurer; and Callie Heider, Sheridan, finance officer.

Clements Backed By Farley, Hint



ROBERT E. CLEMENTS

Clements Blamed For Pension Suit

Townsend Casts Inference At Farley and Deposed Leader of OARP

CLEVELAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dr. F. E. Townsend expressed the opinion today "the inference is pretty strong" that James A. Farley, democratic national chairman, and R. E. Clements, ousted by a union movement secretary, backed a court suit against directors of Old Age Revolving Pensioners, Ltd.

Attorney Charles H. Hubbell, at a deposition hearing, today recounted that Raymond J. Jeffreys, Ohio pension leader, testified several days ago that a suit brought by the Rev. Alfred J. Wright, deposed Townsend national board member, was actuated by Clements who, in turn, was backed by Farley.

"Would you care to express an opinion" the lawyer asked. "I don't know," Townsend replied. "The inference is pretty strong, however. The present administration spent \$125,000 of the taxpayers' money to discredit our organization."

State Hospital Is Crowded to Limit

The population at the Oregon state hospital was 2,456 yesterday, reported Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent. The institution's capacity is only 2,100, the excess number being taken care of only by crowding. A new unit, to be ready next month, will care for 218, said Dr. Steiner, but there will still be more inmates than rated capacity.

"Before I can make out my budget for next year," said the veteran superintendent, "I need to know what the state plans to do with the increasing number of patients, whether it plans additions here or at Pendleton or a new institution in Portland."

Burglar Tells Warden Wrong Man Convicted

Missouri Inmate Declares Kansas Doctor Didn't Kill His Own Wife

Kansas Life-Termer May Gain Freedom After 6 Years, Prison

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Warden J. M. Sanders announced tonight Charles Bunch, a convict of the Missouri penitentiary, had confessed to the slaying of Mrs. S. O. Netherton of Olathe, Kas., in 1928—a crime for which her husband is serving a life term at the Kansas prison.

Sanders said a written confession had been obtained from Bunch by him and Tom Scott, deputy warden, after they had questioned him yesterday.

Burglar's Gun To be Examined
A gun, which Sanders said had been smuggled to the convict at the prison here and later taken from him, was turned over to Merle Gill, Kansas City ballistic expert, to check against bullets removed from the woman's body in the belief it was the same one that had been used in the killing.

"I am doing this," Sanders quoted Bunch as confessing, "in order that Dr. Netherton, an innocent man, might be vindicated and sent home to his family, as I feel he should be."

Bunch was received at the Missouri prison March 3, 1929, under a 25-year sentence for a Bates county, Missouri, farmhouse robbery.

Twelfth Year is Worst for Married Couples, Revealed

The twelfth year is the toughest to get through, for married couples in Marion county. This and many other significant facts were revealed in a survey made by the Statesman of 100 divorce complaints filed in the Marion county circuit court during 1935.

The analysis showed the average length of marriages which failed was 11.5 years.

Government Survey Boat Grounded but 60-Man Crew Saved

Second Ship Sends Distress Call as Storm Sweeps Westward; Further News of Plight Lacking

All Lighthouses on North Coast of Luzon Reported Destroyed; Is Worst Typhoon in Years

MANILA, P. I., Aug. 16.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The government ship Fathomer, caught in a typhoon which swept northern Luzon island yesterday, was reported fast on a reef at Port San Vicente today, with its crew safe ashore.

A navy radio message received here said the coast and geodetic survey vessel's forecastle, boiler and engine rooms were flooded and its boat railed awash, and the crew of 48 Filipinos and American officers were ashore encamped in tents.

Second Vessel Also Driven Ashore
Nothing further, however, had been heard from the Dewtee, second ship which had sent in a distress call when the typhoon swept westward from the Pacific. Both the Dewtee and the Fathomer had reported being driven aground by the force of the storm.

Advices from the government radio station at Aparri, on the northern coast of Luzon, said all lighthouses in that region had been destroyed by the typhoon. No fatalities were mentioned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Red Cross assistance for American stranded in Spain and abandonment of an important mail passage to that country coincided today with state department efforts to aid American nationals in the revolt-wracked country.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Coast and geodetic survey officials said today that the Fathomer, reported in a storm near Manila, is a 150-foot vessel, manned ordinarily by eight officers and a crew of 35.

The officers act in the dual capacity of survey technicians, and the crew is composed of Philippine natives.

Permanent stationing in the Philippines, the Fathomer has been engaged in charting some lines and sea coasts of the islands.

ELKO, Nev., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A coroner's jury established tonight that the six miners who died in the Mountain City-Copper company mine 80 miles north of here Thursday were accidentally asphyxiated. Testimony at the inquest indicated that two workmen entered the gas area first and that the others died in rescue attempts.

Funeral arrangements for the six victims were under way tonight. June Barr, 25, of Mouth, Ore., will be buried near American Falls, Idaho.