

# The Oregon Statesman

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## Municipal Election

Quite overshadowed by national and state contests the municipal election Friday is nevertheless important. In several of these there is no competition. Facing no opposition are R. L. Elfstrom, mayor, Paul H. Hauser, treasurer, James H. Nicholson, councilman first ward, Claude Jorgenson, councilman third ward and David O'Hara, councilman, fifth ward.

In the seventh ward Howard Maple, incumbent, is opposed by Alvin C. Tungate. The Statesman recommends Maple who has been a hard-working member of the council, serving both under the new and under the old form of government.

There are four candidates for municipal judge: W. W. McKinney, Salem attorney who set up the first municipal court and has given quite satisfactory service.

W. H. Crawford, widely experienced in public and private work, who has served as deputy municipal judge.

Perry T. Buren, Salem attorney, war veteran, several years experience as federal employe in Washington.

Elmer M. Amundson, Salem attorney, member Toastmasters club.

We believe that McKinney and Buren are best qualified to serve in this office.

## Shifting Allegiance

An American army sergeant employed in our Moscow embassy fell for a Russian dame and thereupon repudiated the USA and said he would stay on in Russia. Well, luck to him; but we'll not be surprised to see him try to get back home some day.

Of greater meaning is the resignation of the Hungarian envoy to this country, Rusem Vambery, who was appointed after the communist take-over in Hungary. He quits because of the antics of his home government in its attacks on the USA. And he's not going back to Hungary. He intends to apply for American citizenship.

One way to get out of a communist-controlled state is to get a foreign appointment. Here if people want to migrate to Russia the exit gate is always open — but how few even of the reds take advantage of the privilege to go and live in the Stalin paradise.

## Judicial Elections

Assured of reelection are the three justices of the supreme court whose terms expire next January. No one has filed against them, so the favorable vote Friday will elect Justices Harry H. Belt, Percy R. Kelly and James T. Brand. They are experienced, conscientious jurists; and the state does not want to lose their services.

The same is true of Circuit Judges E. M. Page and George R. Duncan. Their work has been eminently satisfactory, so no opposition appeared and they will be reelected Friday.

In the 21st (Linn-Benton) district Judge Victor Olliver, who was appointed to succeed the late Judge Guy Lewelling, is opposed by Fred McHenry of Corvallis. Judge Olliver deserves to be elected on the basis of his record as lawyer, former justice of the peace and circuit judge. He has a fine judicial presence and temperament; and is highly respected as a citizen.

## Democratic Candidates

Five have filed as candidates for the democratic nomination for state representative in Marion county. They are: Arthur L. Davis, Salem, war veteran, law student.

Charles W. Fantz, Silverton, logging contractor, formerly active in CIO affairs; home owner.

Raymond R. Knight, Salem, president of Oregon truckowners' league, dump-truck contractor; opposes present truck law.

Mrs. Josephine Albert Spaulding, Salem, of prominent pioneer family; generous with her splendid vocal talent.

Antone M. Vistica, berry-grower of McKee district; active in community affairs.

Certainly Mrs. Spaulding should be nominated. Of the others frankly we do not know enough to justify any recommendation.

## Norblad Should Be Returned

Walter Norblad is so strongly entrenched in favor of republicans in the first district that the opposition to his renomination is insignificant. John T. Hensley of Columbia county has filed against him, but he will get only a small parcel of votes.

Norblad is certainly diligent in attending to the interests of the first district and trying conscientiously to represent the people here. He holds place on the very important armed services committee. A war veteran himself he is well equipped to serve on this committee.

He is unable because congress is in session to come out to his district to campaign; but that is wholly unnecessary. His friends will take care of his cause here.

## No Competition!

Because Mrs. Agnes Booth is running on the nonpartisan ballot and has no opposition for reelection as county school superintendent we almost forgot about her. The fact that she is unopposed is a tribute to the fine record she is making in this important office whose labors have been greatly increased under recent legislation.

While she has no competition we want to express our praise for her service to the county school system and to suggest that voters be sure to put a cross in front of her name as a testimonial of their appreciation of her.

Also on the municipal ballot are two propositions. One would authorize the issuance of \$815,000 in bonds to construct sewers and sewage disposal plant. This is part of the program for financing this long needed installation. While the bonds would be general obligation bonds the plan is to service this debt out of receipts from the surcharge of water bills. The Statesman strongly urges approval of this bond issue. We have pressed for this program for years and must not delay it much longer.

The other proposition is for the annexation of a small tract adjacent to the city at the southeast boundary. It should be approved.

Biblical history runs through the current news from the Holy Land. As of old the Hebrews are fighting with neighboring "tribes," though the ancient names have changed. The account of how 500 Arab soldiers were drowned and their tanks submerged when impounded waters were released reminds one of how Pharaoh's army and chariots were engulfed in the Red sea. . . . Jerusalem is the scene of battle and Acre, reported captured by Israel's army, was famous in the time of the crusades owing to its long siege. Centuries have passed, but the old warfare is renewed.

The electioneering stops today — but the candidates' placards will grace (?) the telephone poles and barns for many a day.

The UN atomic energy commission has "blown up." All were out of step but Russia.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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## MATTER OF FACT

### Close Dewey, Stassen Contest in Oregon May Be Aid to Vandenberg

By Joseph Aloop  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 19. There is precious little love lost between the rivals in the great struggle for Oregon. Governors Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen are fighting each other here for very survival. Each knows and admits it. Each has mobilized his sharpest operatives and thrown in painfully large amounts of cash in order to win. And as politicians will in these circumstances, each regards the other with the approximate enthusiasm of a man finding a slug in his salad.

Ironically, the always fallible experts expect a very close outcome in this Oregon primary. If this is correct, the chief beneficiary of all the Dewey-Stassen sound and fury is more than ever likely to be Sen. Arthur Vandenberg. Yet if Vandenberg is nominated, it can be said on highest authority that he will serve as president for only one term. Political logic also suggests that he would probably choose either Dewey or Stassen as his running-mate and heir.

In prospects as well as in age, therefore, these two bitter rivals may be taken as standing for the republican future, just as Sen. Robert A. Taft represents the republican past. The present primary has a special interest, as a sort of agitated showcase in which the pair are wily nilly, very much on view together.

The contrast between them begins at the beginning, with the facades they present to the world. Stassen is coolly self-confident, lacking any apparent awareness of an audience, and calmly deliberates in decision and action. Dewey, on the other hand, is always aware of his audience. He plainly calculates his effects. He makes a show of his briskness and decisiveness, which, though real, seem also intended to impress. Stassen, one suspects, has always ruled those around him without effort. Dewey has always had to assert himself in order to dominate his environment.

Dewey Exerts Effort  
It is this visible effort to be master that causes so many people to be put off by Dewey.

Both are exceedingly clever and exceedingly ambitious. Both have the coldness of personality that goes with intense ambition, but Stassen's ambition shows less behind the screen of his greater self-confidence, which is another reason why he is better liked. Dewey is idolized by his entourage, however. And while both have strikingly able men around them, Dewey's group is more impressive in point of all around experience.

Dewey, who is predominantly an administrator, uses his associates as a genuine general staff, admitting them to all his decisions on an almost equal basis. Stassen, on the other hand, is predominantly a political organizer who has accomplished in the past two years, half unnoticed, feats worthy of Mark Hanna. As such men do, he makes up his own mind, and uses his subordinates chiefly to execute his decisions. Stassen's turn of mind is original and experimental; years in office have given Dewey something of the official conventionality of a first class civil servant.

Shall He Be 'Much Better'  
Finally, in the basic realm of ideals, Dewey stands for sensible fact-finding, whether the facts be the implications of Soviet foreign policy, or the great social changes of the Roosevelt years. On the domestic front, he says in effect, "I believe in everything that has been done. But I shall do it much, much better," adding under his breath, "and I shan't make any further innovations unless I have to." This credo, scorned by fools, is in truth the essence of classical conservatism, without which democratic politics could not be carried on. In foreign policy, his approach is much the same — to do better, more rapidly and more firmly just about what is now being done.

It is just in this realm of ideas,

In contrast, that Stassen is most puzzling. Not so very long ago he was advocating qualified world government, and contributing to the General Motors strike fund. Now he has published a book which, as Arthur Schlesinger Jr., remarked, places him in domestic politics slightly to the right of Senator Taft. He is also beating the drum for dropping our own economic iron curtain along the border of the Soviet sphere, and above all, for legal suppression of the communist party.

Impartial observers who have watched Stassen for a long time believe that he is making these appeals to the republican right-wing in the spirit of Henry IV of France, who accepted conversion with the comment, "Paris is well worth a mass." But it cost the French nation nothing to have one man go to church. It will cost this nation more than one can estimate, if hordes of secret police are to be turned loose for purposes of political thought control. And Stassen himself is unable to say at all clearly how else his proposal to suppress the communists is to be carried out in practice. The impression that is left is far from reassuring although he has modified his views somewhat in accepting the Mundt bill.

Stassen Would Develop  
In the realm of ideas, in fact, the advantage must be given to Dewey, who has grown greatly since his own experiments in political expediency in 1940. Yet anyone who watches Stassen in action cannot help but feel that the big, impressive man would develop greatly under the burden of responsibility. It is silly to pretend that either Stassen or Dewey is a "liberal," as both fashionably claim. But with all their enmity, Dewey and Stassen jointly promise a rebirth of intelligent American conservatism, which is already something to be grateful for after the past 16 years.

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## The Safety Valve LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

### "ALL GOOD MEN AND WOMEN"

To the Editor:  
I believe that we should select a man for an office as we would hire one for a "job"; managing a business or a farm. We are too apt to think "what a fine friendly, good citizen or neighbor he is" and that he is "entitled" or "deserves" the position instead of whether he is qualified to do the job. Just as if the office was for the benefit of the man instead of that the man is hired to do a job for the people.

Have just listened to the Dewey - Stassen debate and receiving cards and pamphlets every mail from the bumper crop of candidates from which to choose. Can hear little else over radios and as always people divided and bewildered about election. Most of us allow prejudice of friendliness to govern our decision as to whom to vote for, instead of good sense and often regret it — too late. Others stay away from the polls and "kick" because "things are not run right" all the time.

The condition of the world and nation right now is such that it is the time for "all good men (and women) to come to the rescue of their country." Incidentally I have been a "Dewey man" ever since he cleaned up N. Y. City and state. He's the man for the job.  
J. E. Putnam  
Salem, Ore.

### NOT GRANGE MEMBER

To the Editor:  
It has been reported to the Macleay Grange that Alfred Zielinski, candidate for county commissioner, has stated that he is a member of our grange. That is not true. Mr. Zielinski is not a member of the Macleay Grange and to the best of our knowledge is not a member of any grange.  
Mrs. Norma D. Boedigher  
Treasurer, Macleay Grange

### "RUBBISH"

To the Editor:  
Since reading the papers lately, I am nonplussed and flabbergasted at the hideous attacks on our very worthy, wholesome and honorable district attorney, Miller Hayden. Words fail me to offset the unfair articles.  
But surely our intelligent public will not take any stock in such rubbish, and will rally to the support of our faithful public servant, Miller Hayden.  
Sincerely,  
Lottie Pound Gilbert

### SUPPORTS ERVIN A. WARD

To the Editor:  
I have been much impressed with the campaign appearance and activities of the candidate Ervin A. Ward, republican candidate for constable.  
Having been a social case worker and a legal secretary before coming to Salem, I know something of the duties of constables.

Having been a teacher of children in Salem for the last nine years I have some knowledge of Mr. Ward's work while working with Mrs. White and juvenile problems.  
I feel sure the voters of Salem would be very wise to vote for Ervin A. Ward. He assures the public of prompt, efficient and courteous service, and will run the office in a business-like manner.  
Yours for better civic government, I am  
G. L. Strong,  
1130 Oak St.

## Macleay Community Central Howell Club Finishes Year's Work

MACLEAY — Last meeting of Macleay Community club featured a program by Macleay school students. "Looking Back," primary grades skit had cast of Sedonia Burton, Mildred Foster, Mary Sue Magar, Peter Wodzowoda, Leonard Bettleyoun, Peter Taylor and Ernest Horsley. Upper grades skit "Goodbye Ghost" had cast of Loretta Horsley, Janice Swartwout, Marjorie Fredrick, Marilyn, Betty and Barbara Pease. Piano solo was by Sedonia Burton. Mrs. Louis Ramus, upper grade teacher presented Danny Miller and Arden Parker with checks won by their American Legion auxiliary poetry posters. Film strips were shown by Mrs. Ramus. New officers will be selected at the October meeting and W. F. Cole is retiring president. Plans were made for school picnic May 28, last day of school.

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## Halls Ferry Pupils Give School Program Friday

HALLS FERRY — An enjoyable music program was given at the schoolhouse Friday. A number of songs were given by the pupils of the school. Solos were sung by Joanne Ficus, Arlene Weaver, Twila Cunningham, Sue Williamson, Mauryne Nichols and Sandra Graham. Gary Barker, Sandra Graham, Glenda Goff, Twila Cunningham, Norman Newton, Clemens Nichol, Donald Phillips and Mauryne Nichol played piano solos. Alma Cunningham, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. B. E. Platt sang two numbers.

## Hamline Coleman Dies in New York

Mrs. Lloyd A. Lee, route 9, has received word of the death of her brother, Hamline Coleman, which occurred Tuesday evening at Schaghticoke, N.Y., where he resided. He was 57 years of age. As a boy, Hamline Coleman lived in Salem when his father, the late Dr. John H. Coleman was president of Willamette university, from 1902 to 1908. He attended public school here and was for many years a rural mail carrier, but was injured in an auto accident two years ago and never fully recovered. He is survived by his widow and the sister here.

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