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OUR AMBITION

It is the ambition of this newspaper to be to this community all that its name implies. To give the news of Eastern Clackamas county promptly and reliably; to advance, in every legitimate way, the best interest of this splendid section of which we are proud to be a part; to use our best endeavors toward unifying the efforts of the people whom we serve to the end that the greatest progress may be made in the up-building of this district.

To this end we ask the support and cooperation of all. Come in and tell us when and where we can be helpful.

THE ELECTION

Election returns from the various states are now in and tabulated and an analysis of the result seems to bear out the statement made before the election to the effect that the results in practically all of the states would be based on local rather than national issues. From a republican standpoint the outstanding losses in the senatorial contests were in New York and Massachusetts, both of which states ordinarily support the G. O. P. in general elections. But even in these two commonwealths the result was based largely on issues which have but little bearing on national affairs, although one of these issues, that pertaining to the enforcement of the prohibition amendment, promises to become a national political problem in the not distant future.

Practically all of the other senatorial losses sustained by the republicans were in the so-called border states, which are normally democratic especially in off years, and so far as the senatorial contests were concerned, there was a settling down to normalcy after the Harding landslide of six years ago which gave the republicans a number of unexpected senators.

In the republican states of the middle west and the northwest the republicans were generally successful. One noteworthy feature of these republican successes in the west is that they were gained in the main in agricultural regions.

We have heard a great deal in the past few months about the plight of the western farmer and how he was going to take his spite out on the national administration. This reported discontent did not crystallize into democratic votes. The republican losses were sustained in the larger centers of population where local issues were more of a factor.

From a democratic standpoint the outstanding feature so far as 1926 is concerned at least, was the unexpectedly sweeping victory for Governor Al Smith, a victory which carried a democratic senatorship along with it. Governor Smith is now the outstanding democratic figure of the country. He is the big figure in the 1926 democratic victories and looms larger now as a presidential possibility than he did in 1924. Just what his candidacy means to the future of the democratic party, time alone can tell. There is little doubt that, while it will be greeted enthusiastically in the east, by the hosts of the democracy, it will not be regarded as an unminged blessing in the south and west.

Out side of this decisive Smith victory there is little in the 1926 elections which seems to have a bearing on the next presidential campaign. From now on in the democratic party the political students will do well to look out for the Smith Special.

INTELLIGENT ACTION

General Andrews of the prohibition forces has taken summary and highly intelligent action in dismissing four agents who mistook authority granted them as such agents for something very different.

In his order of dismissal he gave the following reason for the action: The agents used drawn revolvers, threatening and insulting language, and methods absolutely without cause or even excuse. They might easily have been mistaken for bandits and, had the occupants of the car been armed, their ridiculous conduct might easily have resulted in a shoot-

ing scrape. They have shown themselves absolutely unworthy to exercise the authority and dignity of federal officers.

Let this be a lesson to them and to all others that the department means business when it directs that its agents shall operate only within the law and in a lawful manner.

The action of General Andrews is well grounded and timely. Reports of high-handed activities on the part of officers have been almost daily occurrences. There have been unwarranted shootings, unwarranted searches by the score, unwarranted actions of various kinds, even to the point of murder by the officers. Oregon has witnessed several recent shootings on the part of prohibition and other officers that have been wholly uncalled for and that have stamped many of those wearing stars as entirely disqualified for their duties.

By weeding out the unfit General Andrews has taken the lead in making law enforcement lawful. His course should be quickly adopted by others, even in Oregon, in charge of law enforcement agencies.

This is still America—not Italy.—Portland Journal.

FRAZIER EXILE MAY BE ENDED

By the Associated Press
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Preliminary skirmishes in the fight that looms over control of the senate in the seventieth congress have begun, although that congress does not meet till March.

Facing the possibility of a situation similar to that of three years ago when republican insurgents joined with democrats in forcing selection of a democrat as chairman of the powerful interstate commerce commission, although all other chairmanships were held by republicans, Senator Borah, Idaho, has suggested that party leaders permit Lynn J. Frazier, North Dakota, to rejoin the republican ranks after two years of wandering in the senate as a lone figure since his banishment from the party councils.

Indications that the republicans will make every effort to organize the new senate, also were found in the appeal made by senator Curtis, Kansas, the party floor leader, to the republicans of Maine to elect one of their number at the special election on November 29 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Bert M. Fernald.

But even if the republicans win that contest, their position at the helm remains precarious because they will have only 47 seats in the new senate with the democrats having the same number and the other two held by Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Labor, Minnesota, and Senator Frazier.

If the latter votes with the republicans that party would need only one more vote to have a clear majority for organization, provided all the insurgents vote as republicans until the senate offices had been filled.

Senator Borah's proposal was made in a letter to chairman Watson, Indiana, of the republican committee on committees after conference with others of the republican insurgent group, and with Senator Frazier, who now wants the committee standings to which his three years of service entitle him. Senator Frazier was one of the four republicans read out of the party after the Coolidge landslide of 1924 on the ground that they had supported the candidacy of the late Senator Robert M. La Follette for the presidency.

Action on the suggestion probably will be taken soon after the present congress convenes, December 6. The committee on committees then will fill the vacancies on the various committees caused by the deaths of Senator Cummins, Iowa, and Fernald, and by the resignation of Senator George Norris, republican, Nebraska, from the chairmanship of the agricultural committee.

If the republican caucus and committee on committees reinstate Senator Frazier and this action is confirmed by the entire senate, further readjustments would be necessary, with some republicans who have taken their seats since March 4, 1923, placed lower on the lists and so much farther from chairmanships.

Senator Frazier now is a member of the committees on banking and currency, mines and mining, pension and postoffice. From the bottom of each list he would advance toward the top and the desired chairmanships of each.

COMMUNISTS TO STRIKE U. S. THROUGH MEXICO

Communist strategy in cludes operations against the United States through Mexico, declares the National Republic in its current issue, and it is believed that this is partly responsible for the appointment as soviet ambassador to Mexico of Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, who has contact with communist and "lib-

eral" groups in the United States. Mme. Kollontay made a tour of the United States in behalf of communism in 1916 after her expulsion from France for revolutionary activity. She speaks in eight American cities. Her connections in this country will make her especially efficient in intrigue against the United States Government. Mme. Kollontay is a university graduate, daughter of a Communist general. She is known throughout Russia for her unconventional attitude toward matrimony. She has been married several times, and is the creator of a project for a pension fund for illegitimate children to be raised by taxation.

OLD OREGON TRAIL AGAIN TO BE USED

The urge of westward migration did not cease with the covered wagon, according to W. E. Ide, manager of the land settlement work of the State and Portland Chamber of Commerce, who has received word from Arthur Foster, the department's representative in the middlewest, that the Old Oregon Trail and the Pacific Highway will both serve as the route for the families on their way to Oregon.

On Monday three families left Murray county, Minnesota, by automobile, the Peters, Lokhorsta and Van Edens of that county starting on their trip to the farms which Mr. Foster has been instrumental in assisting them to choose in Oregon.

Dozens of other families on whom the field representative has been calling are now arranging their affairs so that they may be free to locate permanently in Oregon.

For the next ten days Mr. Foster will be operating in the farm districts in the neighborhood of St. Paul and Minneapolis, where he has found large groups of families who feel the lure of the northwest and are especially anxious to investigate the opportunities to carry on dairying where there are mild winters free from the long cold periods which they experience in the east.

Further impetus to the effective distribution of settlers upon their arrival was added by the hearty endorsement which this activity received at the semi-annual meeting of the State Association Commercial Organizations' Secretaries in Portland last week. The importance of obtaining the names of new settlers' old friends in the east was also stressed as of vital importance. No better source of names of prospective settlers can be obtained in the opinion of many of the secretaries who find eastern people eager to come where old friends have preceded them.

BIG APPLE CROP TO BOOST U. S. HEALTH

America should have its healthiest year in 1927, if the old adage about apples and health still holds, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The estimated apple crop for this year is more than 224,000,000 bushels, which is the largest crop since 1914 and the third largest in the history of the United States. Because the 1926 production is fully one-third larger

than last year, apple prices have dropped to the lowest point in years and give promise of remaining at a low level throughout the season.

Practically all of the increased production of the commercial apple crop this year was made in the east, the principal apple orchard section of the country, according to the Foundation. Here favorable conditions prevailed throughout the growing season, although some sections reported the crop as maturing later than usual. The crop in the northwest, the only other important commercial apple section in the country, however, suffered severely; from freezing in late September with the result that yields were materially reduced.

The export trade is likely to affect the apple market to some extent. While increased consumption in England, one of the big consumers of American apples, is not expected this year because of the continued unemployment which is keeping the buying power of the country low, Germany another of the big consumers, is taking more American apples than the year before. Improvements in the purchasing power of the German people and reduced apple crops in European countries which compete with the United States in the German apple market are given as the reason for this year's increase in the American apple trade in that country.

George Turner, who was a candidate for constable, says he is glad he got defeated because he couldn't have kept all his campaign promises anyhow.

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Clackamas	2:30	6:50	Eagle Creek	8:15			4:45	8:45
Carver	2:40	7:00	Barton	8:25			4:55	8:55
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Eagle Creek	3:15	7:35	Clackamas	8:55			5:25	9:25
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