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REGISTER REPUBLICAN

Start with the assumption that the very foundation of American liberties is expressed in the right to vote. With that belief, there can be no honest disagreement.

In Washington county, there are more than 12,000 voters registered as Republicans; more than 9,000 registered as Democrats and on paper it would seem that the county enjoys a two-party system of government in keeping with the beliefs and traditions of the nation that our government should be truly representative.

Yet, in the forthcoming primary elections, there will be approximately 10,000 or more voters of Washington county who are effectively disenfranchised because of the party primary rule in effect statewide.

Are you a Democrat? Then, if you want to keep alive the purposes and intents of a free election, you should register Republican in order to qualify to vote for the men who quite conceivably will serve you in county and state government.

What chance does a Democrat have to exercise a choice in the May 21 primary? Absolutely none.

If no Democrat other than the candidate himself were to vote Democratic, such candidate would be assured of a place on the general election ballot. In no case, on the Democratic ticket, is there a contest. And so, Democrats might as well stay home as to vote in the primary.

But staying at home during any election is seriously habit-forming. Representative government is impossible, in Washington county, if 10,000 or more voters refrain from exercising their responsible franchise.

The way out seems simple. Register Republican, vote in the primaries and, in the general election, vote as you wish, regardless of party.

Republicans are so strongly represented in Washington county and Oregon state as to seriously jeopardize efficient government. The Republican party, by its steadily growing organization, is putting himself in a position to more or less dictate the government which will purport to serve all the people. And Democrats, by and large, must take what the Republicans choose.

In the list of candidates for state and county offices, there are men whose qualifications seem to outshine the qualifications of others. There are Republicans, for instance, who would seem to represent ALL the people more surely than other Republicans. Isn't it the duty of Democrats, who will be as affected by state and county officials, to also help eliminate the less-likely servants?

The day of party primaries should be relegated to the past, where it belongs. In the critical times that face each county, each state and the nation as a whole, political parties show as a fraud and a delusion.

Take the Republican candidates listed for the May 21 primary.

Can anyone with his eyes wide open honestly believe that ALL these Republicans stand for the same thing? Can anyone other than a rabid follower of the party line argue that the election of any Republican candidate will assure the voting public the same caliber of public service? Such an assertion would be sublimely ridiculous.

Judging the pre-election declaration of candidates, party designation has no bearing whatever on the platform or program which serves as a basis for election appeal.

It might be asked, "I registered Democratic already. What good does this all do me?"

The answer is that registration laws of the state permit a registration to be changed at any time, while the registration books remain open. In other words, a Democrat who wants his primary vote to mean something can change his affiliation to Republican at any time before April 20. And such change of affiliation will not affect the important general election vote, come November.

In the interest of a free, representative government and to give all voters a chance to select their government officials, we offer one plea: "Register Republican and make your primary vote count."

— W. K.

Facts Discount Alarms Of Profit Making By Farmers

MOUNTING PRODUCTION COSTS OUTSTRIP HIGHER PRODUCE PRICES; NARROW GAIN

Facts do not bear out charges that Oregon farmers are "profiteering" and taking unfair advantage of consumers during the current period of high prices, states F. L. Ballard, associate director, O. S. C. extension service, who adds that on the basis of current farm costs, prices received by farmers are not out of line with the general price level.

Although prices of farm commodities as well as those of other products have continued to spiral upwards, 1945 was the banner year for farmers, Ballard asserts. Since 1945, farm production costs have climbed even more rapidly than the prices farmers have received for their products. As a result, profit margins are narrower.

The cost of producing farm commodities in Oregon during November 1947—the last month for which figures are available—

was nearly three times as much, 236 percent, as it was during a comparison period 1935 to 1939.

On the expense side of carrying on a farm business, Ballard states that during the comparison month, November 1947, farm workers nationally were receiving just less than three and one-half times as much in wages, 342 percent, as they were getting during the five years starting in 1935. Oregon ranks third in farm wages paid. Last November in Oregon the price of some important farm feedstuffs were at the following percentages compared with the 1935-39 period: Barley, 301; oats, 289; wheat, 357; and hay, 236.

"Only two major animal products which farmers sell, beef cattle and hogs, had reached heights in November over three times the quotations for the base period," Ballard declares. "Beef cattle sold for 314 percent of the 1935-39 base figure. Hogs reached 303 percent."

During the month of November, eggs were selling on the farm at 296 per cent of the base price. Butterfat was bringing the farmer about 81 cents per pound or over two and a half times the base price. Chickens were bringing 178, turkeys 195 and wool 185 percent of the 1935-39 base.

The comparison period, 1935 to 1939, were not particularly flush years for farmers, Ballard adds.

Choir Director Offers Special Music Effects

To appear in the Municipal auditorium, Portland, April 9, 8:30 p. m., the Augustana College choir of Rock Island, Ill., under the direction of Henry Veld, will present to music lovers of the region special musical effects in which good musicianship and carefully trained and controlled voices are featured.

Mr. Veld, whose picture is shown, has become noted at the college for his sound musical values, which do not exploit faddish or sensational departures.

The opening and closing portions of the program present the full choir. The concert begins with Bach's "What Can Life Be But a Shadow," a majestic motet for double choir. "Lead on, O King

Voters May Change Party Tag For Primary Election

COUNTY CLERK TUPPER SAYS LISTED AFFILIATION SET SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL 20

If for any reason whatever a voter wishes to change his designated party affiliation, subject to the May 21 primary election, he may do so without question as long as registration books remain

open, declared W. A. Tupper, Washington county clerk in answer to a question on election procedure.

According to Mr. Tupper, any voter who decides his registration is inaccurate for voting purposes in the coming primaries may change his party affiliation, at any time the books are open.

Such change in party affiliation, however, will have no bearing whatever on the general election in November. General election ballots will include a listing of all candidates, regardless of political party.

The strata of political affiliation in Washington county shows about 12 to 9 proportion in favor of Re-

publican registration. Yet in the filings for office, Democratic candidates who are running for office do not, in any case, face opposition in the primaries.

Prospective politicians who hope to run for office on the Democratic label, sometime in the future, would of course show no interest in such a shift. But the mass of voters who seek to elect the man on his merits, rather than his party label, are expected to give serious consideration to the possibility of making their primary votes effective, by making a change in party choice to Republican, the major political classification by which the Oregon party primaries of May 21 is operated.

TO FIDDLERS' FANCY

The beginning of an annual contest which will prove to a fiddler's fancy has been slated by the Veterans' Living Memorial association, Salem, Oregon, for April 22, 23 and 24, in the Salem high school auditorium.

Art Show Set For July 31 - Aug. 31

The dates of the Fifth All-Oregon No-Jury Exhibition have been announced by the Portland Art Museum for July 31 to August 31, 1948. Entries will be received from July 12 to 17 inclusive.

This exhibition, held in alternate years, is open to artists living or working in Oregon and the communities along the Columbia river. Paintings and sculpture will be eligible, and the museum guarantees to show at least one of the works submitted by each artist.

Special emphasis is placed on the sale of the works exhibited. Ten patrons agree to purchase one exhibit each, and all works must be priced for sale.

Official entry blanks and detailed conditions will be sent out to prospective exhibitors. Additional copies may be obtained on request from the Portland Art Museum, S.W. Park and Madison sts., Portland 5, Oregon.

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Read what Mrs. N. E. Day, of 478 Greenway Drive in Beaverton, says about the cost of heating her attractive 5 room house last winter.

March 17, 1948

Dear Mr. Platt:

You asked the other day if I would look up my oil purchases for the last winter to see what it has cost us to heat our home with your H. C. Little Floor Furnace.

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As you can see by the invoices I am enclosing, the tank was filled on October 11, 1947. On December 16th the oil company delivered 122 gallons. On February 2nd we received another 134 gallons. Today my tank measured 5/8 full showing that we had used about 104 gallons besides. This makes a total of 360 gallons used from October 11, 1947 to March 17, 1948.

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McKay - Whitford PTA SPEAKER

McKay PTA will meet at the school Friday, April 9 at 8 p. m. Guest speaker will be Ormand R. Bean of Portland. Several musical selections will be presented. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.