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FORD NOT CANDIDATE TODAY, MAYBE TOMORROW

SAYS HE WILL NOT HEAD A THIRD PARTY

Automobile Maker Sets Forth Statement of Principles in Collier Interview

Henry Ford says that he is not a candidate for the presidency. Also he admits that he cannot tell what he may do later. The flier maker, whose name may be placed on the democratic presidential primary ballot in Oregon next year, has given an interview on the ideas in the current issue of Collier's.

"It is as silly to talk of drafting me as it is to try to make me volunteer," said Ford.

As for a third party, organized to do what the present parties cannot do, Ford has no intention of creating one.

The possibility of Ford becoming a candidate, however, is contained in this statement:

"Now, if I wanted to play politics, I would say exactly what I am going to say, anyway. But I am not playing politics. I am not a candidate for anything. I can't imagine myself today accepting any nomination. Of course I can't say, and no intelligent man can say, what I will do tomorrow. There might be a war, or some crisis of the sort, in which legalism and constitutionalism and all that wouldn't figure, and the nation wanted some person who could do things and do them quick. What I would do then I can't say. But there isn't any such situation now. I haven't a political mind, and don't see any sense in my attempting any political leadership."

Ford says he has no fault to find with President Harding and in answer to a question, "What has he done?" the maker of automobiles replied:

"That's just it. Maybe it isn't time to do anything yet. If that's the case, the best man for the job is the man who can be depended upon not to do anything. I know Mr. Harding. He reminds me of a cautious, big elephant who always puts his foot on a plank and tries it before he risks going ahead. That's the type of man to have until the time arrives for rapid change."

And again says Ford:

"Why, everywhere I turn on a job like this, and I see something that ought to be done, I seem to discover some way to do it. But there's Harding. When he sees something that ought to be done, where is he? It seems to me that a man like me ought to stay on this job and a man like him on that. I don't see any more sense in making me president than in making him head of our research laboratory."

In the interview in Collier's Ford enunciates principles which the reporter has placed in the form of planks and presents them as the Ford platform. Here it is:

"All that America needs is the freest possible play of American energy. In the life process, organizations are eliminated as soon as they have ceased to function, in order that better organizations may arrive and function in orderly succession. But since evolution is not under congressional supervision, we wish to assure the American people that they are getting about what's coming to them, and that there won't be much improvement until it is time for it. President Harding is doing as well as can be expected, and congress has not yet marred the design of the universe."

"International relations—International difficulties result from misunderstanding, and the best way to get along with other people is to get acquainted with them and with ourselves. Europe is in a bad way today because Europe doesn't know anything, and therefore isn't working. As soon as Europe discovers that it is Europe, its people are likely to quit being merely nationalists and become Europeans. Then they will in all probability go to work. The United States cannot be of much assistance to Europe in the present crisis, first, because of the narrow nationalism of Europe, and, second, because of the narrow nationalism of the United States. We promise our

FORD PRODUCTION MOUNTS

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1.—Production of the Ford Motor company continues to move up to new records. During the week ending Tuesday, July 17th, domestic assembly plants turned out 40,803 cars and trucks, the Ford News announces.

The new record is 428 better than the previous high mark which was 40,375 for the week ending Tuesday, June 19th.

Fordson tractor production for the week was 1,131.

The Lincoln division of the company also set a new record for the week ending Tuesday with a total of 206 cars.

OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS

The Oregon Irrigation congress will meet at Vale, Oregon, October 3-4. Not less than ten men of national prominence will be present to take part in the discussions on irrigation and drainage. Delegations from every part of the state where irrigation or drainage is of interest are invited and expected to be present.

BASE BALL CLUB SHOWS DEFICIT FOR THE SEASON

Manager Van Marter, of the Heppner ball club, has prepared a report showing the financial condition of the organization at the end of the season as being somewhat in the red. Mr. Van Marter is of the opinion that Heppner cannot afford to hire an outside battery for the season as was done this year and after two seasons' experience as manager he feels as though he is willing to turn the job over to some worthy successor for next season.

The report of receipts and expenditures, showing a final deficit of \$68.50, follows:

April 1st, Condon	117.00
April 8, Boardman	147.00
April 15, no game	
April 22, Ione	168.00
April 29, Umatilla	82.00
May 13, Arlington	108.00
May 20, Pilot Rock	65.20
July 4, Ione at Ione	100.00
July 1st, Condon	198.00
Dance	41.00
Show	18.05
Show	25.00
Subscriptions	59.50
Dance	30.00
Ione	132.00
Total	\$1291.75
Disbursements:	
Paid Broughton for season	\$350.00
Paid King for season	330.00
Spec Aiken, expense of car fare	15.00
Heppner Hotel, Broughton and King	11.10
Dr. Conder	10.00
Expenses of Jack Clifford	17.50
Expenses to Condon	22.50
Arlington Hotel	7.45
Paid to Umatilla	33.80
Paid to Pilot Rock	60.00
Paid to Condon	40.00
Paid to Boardman	59.00
Expenses erecting backstop	4.70
Paid to J. O. Hager	16.00
Gazette-Times, July 2	13.00
June 1st	14.00
May 1st	17.10
Heppner Herald, April 1st	28.40
May 1st	7.00
April 23	14.00
June 1	15.50
July 1st	10.20
Peoples Hardware Co., April 2	25.35
April 21	12.85
May 27	14.00
June 23	7.25
June 11	11.00
Humphreys Drug Co., May 23	17.25
Louis Allen for season	20.00
Dallas Ward for season	27.50
Ellwood	7.90
Matlock	5.90
E. D. Brown	47.50
Ione Hotel, two games	14.50
Telephone, May 1st	5.75
Heppner Garage, gas	2.50
Peoples Hdw. Co., July 10	21.25
Telephone, June 1st	6.25
Telephone, July 1st	4.60
Distributing bills	4.50
Paid to water and bat boys season	8.00
Total disbursements	\$1359.00
Cash in bank	1.25
Total	\$1359.25
Less receipts	1291.75
Deficit	\$68.50

G. A. MANSFIELD ENTERS RACE FOR U. S. SENATOR

MEDFORD MAN, EX-FARM BUREAU HEADS STATE POLICIES

Will Ask Place on 1924 Democratic Ticket. Says He Favors Progressive Plans

George A. Mansfield, of Medford, and until recently president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, from which position he resigned, has tossed his hat into the political ring with the announcement that he is a candidate for the nomination for United States senator on the Democratic ticket at the coming primaries next year.

Mr. Mansfield has been a visitor in Heppner several times in connection with his work as president of the Farm Bureau and is quite well known here.

He is a native of Arkansas but has lived in Oregon for 13 years and claims to be a real "dirt farmer" on his apple ranch near Medford. He is after the farmer vote and with his wide acquaintance with farmers throughout the state he may make things political both warm and interesting for Milton A. Miller and Will King, who have already announced themselves as candidates for the place and also for Walter Pierce, who is also credited with an ambition to have his postal address changed to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mansfield has issued the following statement regarding his attitude on public questions and his policies should he be nominated and elected:

"I am a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator, subject to the Democratic primaries. I am not a politician, nor am I ambitious for a political career, but my work for the past several years and my experience on the farm, where I now live and where I have spent nearly all my life, has convinced me that the American nation is facing a dangerous crisis. The senate of the United States is the arena where the fight between the reactionary and the progressive will be determined.

I shall ask this nomination upon a broad progressive policy which I feel will meet with the approval of the voters and upon the following special declarations, most of which have received the approval of farmers in both a state and national way:

First, finance—I declare for the passage of a bill by congress, which shall so amend existing laws as to secure to every American citizen an adequate and proper system of financing, which shall be truly national in its character, safe, sound and administered under the direction of an independent and representative board of directors, representing every phase of our political life, so that congress shall not only "coin money and regulate the value thereof," but will carry out the true spirit of the constitution by regulating the expansion and reduction of credit, not with a view of private gain, but in such a way as to protect the interest of all our citizens and secure and promote the public welfare.

In doing this ways and means should be devised by which all the banks of the country shall become members of the federal reserve system, thus enabling banks of small capital serving agricultural interests to secure the benefit of a national system of finance.

Second, transportation—A bill which shall provide for a well-balanced and co-ordinated system of transportation, by rail, by waterways, public highways and upon the high seas, which shall have as its underlying principle the carrying on of our national transportation and commerce, in such a way as to promote prosperity and secure a fair return upon the capital actually employed, but which shall not be founded and operated upon the basis idea of large profits.

Third, marketing—A bill to provide for co-ordinating the activities of the department of agriculture and of the farm organizations and marketing organizations, in such a way as to steadily and efficiently dispose of our agricultural products, in order that the farmers may receive the

RHEA LUPER, HEPPNER BOY, STATE ENGINEER

PERCY CUPPER DROPPED FROM PAYROLL AUGUST 1

New Official, With the Office Since the Year 1909, Was Born in Heppner

Salem, Ore., Aug. 1.—Percy A. Cupper, state engineer since November, 1918, today was dropped from the state payroll. This was the announcement made at the executive department. Mr. Cupper's term expired January 1, of this year. He will be succeeded by Rhea Luper, an assistant in the state engineering department. It was said that Mr. Luper's appointment was not unexpected, and that Mr. Cupper has been making plans for some time to engage in private business.

Mr. Cupper first entered the employ of the state in September, 1905, in the capacity of field worker for the engineer's department. He continued to serve in this capacity until 1907 when he was promoted to assistant state engineer. In 1918, he was appointed state engineer by Governor Withcombe to serve out the unexpired term of John H. Lewis. He was reappointed in January, 1919, by Governor Withcombe, and continued to serve during the Olcott administration.

Before accepting a position with the state engineer's office Mr. Cupper lived in Grant county, and for a time was employed in the United States reclamation service. He is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college.

Mr. Cupper announced today that he will engage in the practice of law and engineering. He has not yet determined definitely whether he will open an office in Portland or Salem.

Mr. Luper, who succeeds Mr. Cupper, has been employed in the state engineer's department since 1909. For several years past he has had charge of water distribution for the state. He is a graduate engineer.

Mr. Cupper tonight issued a statement in which he expressed his appreciation for the helpful co-operation and assistance he has received in handling the department.

"I believe the department has been efficient and feel proud of the work that has been accomplished," said Mr. Cupper's statement. "I also appreciate the many opportunities my opponents have given me to fight for what I considered right and for the best interests of the state and have no criticism to offer even in this last encounter in which I came out second best.

"I am out of politics for good. Everyone who is retired by request from official position. Of course, should the public call, I might feel in duty bound to respond. I sincerely hope, however, that I may never confuse, as many other men have, a desire for office with a call from the public.

Rhea Luper, the new appointee, is a native Heppner boy, the son of James Luper, of Heppner flat. He has been with the state engineers' office for many years and of late years has occupied the place of assistant engineer.

He makes frequent trips to eastern Oregon while looking after his official duties and usually calls at Heppner to visit his father and other relatives and friends. He was here only a few weeks ago but at that time denied any knowledge of the impending changes in the engineer's office.

BEN SWAGGART WAS IN TOWN.

Ben Swaggart, a real pioneer, who raises wheat and oats and barley and race horses and polo ponies and long eared, four-legged mountain canaries, and fruit and flowers and most everything else that grows out of or on the ground, out at Swaggart's Butte, north of Lexington, was in town Friday.

Mr. Swaggart used to be an old line Democrat but he now says "To heck with politics." He says the spread between six-bit wheat and \$2.50 a sack for flour is too wide and the same is true of \$10 shoes and nothing per pound hides. He says he is for any man or party that can lessen the spread between the producer and the consumer and if Henry Ford is the man then he is for Henry.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the kind friends of Heppner, Hardman, and Lexington for the sympathy and love shown us in our great sorrow and also for the many lovely flowers.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. OWEN AND FAMILY.

HORTICULTURAL AGENT ON TRAIL OF POTATO BUG

J. A. Stansbery, state horticultural inspector, was a visitor in Heppner last Friday and with County Agent Morse visited a number of farms in the neighborhood gathering information about potato bug menace.

To a Herald reporter Mr. Stansbery said that the pest seems to be pretty generally scattered through this section and it is his wish to cooperate with the people in eradicating the pest before it invades more territory.

Mr. Stansbery said that while potatoes are not grown here as a commercial crop, there are sections of the state where the tuber is grown in quantity and the introduction of the beetle in those sections would prove disastrous to an important industry. Arsenate of lead, he says, is the best known treatment for the potato bug and if rightly applied will soon exterminate them.

Mr. Stansbery expects to visit the county again as soon as possible and in the meantime he invites all persons interested in the matter to write him at room 159, court house, Portland, Oregon.

HOTEL HEPPNER DINING ROOM NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Pat Foley, proprietor of Hotel Heppner, was in town Thursday having brought with him from The Dalles Mr. and Mrs. K. Toni who Friday morning took over the kitchen and dining room of the hotel which they will operate in the future.

Mr. Toni has been employed by Mr. Foley as cook at Hotel Dalles for several years and is said to be a competent man in his line.

The change is made primarily to relieve Mr. Fisher of the extra work incident to managing the kitchen and dining room as well as the hotel end of the business.

Mr. Foley says business is fairly good at The Dalles and he expects to see a big improvement in conditions in Heppner this fall.

PRESIDENT HARDING DIES THURSDAY NIGHT

END COMES UNEXPECTEDLY AT SAN FRANCISCO

Recovering From Pneumonia Attack Patient Succumbs to Apoplexy

Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, died last Thursday evening at the Palace Hotel at San Francisco of a stroke of apoplexy. Death came instantaneously and without warning while Mrs. Harding was sitting by his bedside reading to him.

The president became ill while enroute from Seattle to San Francisco after returning from Alaska, suffering from a slight attack of ptomaine poisoning. After reaching San Francisco broncho-pneumonia developed and for a day or two his condition was considered serious but on Thursday his physicians announced that his condition was much improved and his recovery was fully expected.

Mrs. Harding was sitting by his bedside reading to her husband when the end came. A shudder shook the president's frame followed by a short gasp and all was over. Besides Mrs. Harding two nurses were the only occupants of the room. Physicians were summoned but could do nothing.

Mrs. Harding, herself, was the first one to give an alarm. She rushed to the door of the sick room and called for the doctors and in a few moments it was known in the hotel and flashed over the country that the president was dead.

Vice-President Coolidge was aroused from his bed about midnight and apprised of the death of his chief. Mr. Coolidge was spending a vacation at his father's little farm in Vermont, and after the vice-president had been aroused and apprised of the president's death, the elder Coolidge, who is a notary public, administered the oath of office that made his son president of the republic.

The remains of the late chief executive were taken east on the presidential train on which the president and his party had been making their western tour, leaving San Francisco Friday evening. The funeral party expected to reach Washington, D. C., today (Tuesday), the body being taken from the train to the White House where it will remain until Wednesday morning when it will be taken to the capitol where the funeral services will be held Wednesday.

The remains will then be taken to Marion, Ohio, for interment in the Harding family plot in the cemetery near that city.

FORDSON TRACTOR SHOW AT PORTLAND AUG. 20-26

Much interest is being shown in the coming Fordson industrial tractor show which will be held at Portland this month, commencing on the 20th and closing on the 26th.

The show will be what the title implies—an exhibit of what the Fordson tractor can do in the way of industrial work.

FOR SALE—Fifty White Leghorn laying hens.—See J. B. Snyder at Gonty's Shoe Store. 15-24

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