

MANY PLANKS IN UPTON'S PLATFORM

Bend Attorney In Race For Governor on Republican Ticket.

Jay H. Upton of Bend announces his candidacy for Governor in the following platform:

"I am forty-six years old. I am a Republican. I expect to win, but if I should not, I will support the man who can defeat me at the Republican primaries.

I will give the people a dignified, efficient and economical business administration. I will be Governor of all the people of Oregon.

As President of the Senate in 1923, I appointed a Ways and Means committee who cut appropriations below the demands of the budget makers and saved the taxpayers more than one million dollars. Expenses can be cut if those in authority have nerve enough to cut them. There has been too much slackness. I will put a stop to junket trips by those who hold office under me and will endeavor to stop that practice in other departments. The way to economize is to stop spending.

Abolish Emergency Board.

While a special fund should be provided to meet actual emergencies caused by the act of God, the so-called Emergency Board should be abolished. If the various departments knew that they would have to close up shop if they did not keep within the appropriations made for them, they would do so. The State needs a head with firmness and common sense.

Law Enforcement Urged.

All laws must be enforced and observed. Law observance is the duty of every citizen and is as important as law enforcement. The people must cooperate with the officers before laws can be successfully enforced. Respect of law should be taught in every school, church, lodge and civic organization. Criticism of citizens who violate the law will be more useful than criticism of officials who are finding their efforts impeded because of lack of civic conscience. Citizens will not respect the law unless officers themselves obey the law and constitution. Ex-jail birds, bootleggers and stool pigeons will most certainly not be appropriate to enforce law. No officer will be retained who himself violates the law, but honest and efficient men will be appointed to cooperate with local authorities and to diligently enforce the law without favor or partiality.

Fewer Laws and Better Enforcement.

We have too much regulation and inspection. New criminal laws should be passed with the greatest caution. Let us get acquainted with the penalties already provided before harassing the people with new ones.

Harmony Between Executive and Legislative Departments.

The Governor cannot pass new laws, but he can cooperate with the legislature and bring about needed reforms by intelligent leadership. For years, there has been no harmony between the executive and legislative branches. I have always worked with and among the leaders of the legislature. The men who comprise the legislature are honest and earnest men who want to abolish needless bureaus and over-lapping agencies that eat up the taxpayers' money, but with no intelligent leadership from the Governor, it has been impossible to effect necessary relief. The first step is to secure such leadership and cooperation.

Reduce Auto License.

We are strangling the automobile owner with high licenses and burdensome regulations. The automobile has built our good roads. Each year we have added to its burden. There is a limit to the burden it can bear. We have passed that limit and are about to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. We can reduce license costs at least half a million dollars annually now, and more as the number of automobiles and tourist travel increase.

Registering of automobile titles

with the Secretary of State, which was passed in the belief that it would not be an expense to the tax-payer but which has resulted in increased tax burdens and great annoyance to automobile owners, should be repealed. The farmer who uses a truck to haul his own crop and a few loads for his neighbor, should not be compelled to pay the same charges and conform to the same regulations as the freight truck regularly using our highways.

Roads and Highways.

The designated highways, which still remain unimproved, should be graded and macadamized with all due speed. It is now of primary importance to build the road beds on these so-called highways. The major work in the past has been the building of paved roads. The major work in the future should be to build those roads that yet remain untouched. As fast as the principal road bonds are paid, additional bonds to the same amount should be issued to improve the roads in the localities that have patiently waited until the more populous sections have secured their pavements.

Re-Adjustment of Taxation and Assessment.

The present unintelligible method by which the tax commission attempts to equalize assessments by the so-called ratio system should be abolished and the tax commission given authority to supervise assessments of county assessors and to harmonize assessments in the entire state, a thing the law requires to be done but which is avoided by subterfuge. This would display to the world the true per capita wealth of the state, reduce the tax millage one half and by a great advertisement of prosperity to encourage settlement and development of Oregon, and furnish necessary funds for the University of Oregon, Agricultural College and Normal Schools, but the millage for those institutions should be readjusted so that excess income would be returned to the general fund.

No Tax Exempt Bonds.

No municipal bond should be exempt from taxation. If bonds were not so attractive an investment for the tax dodger, there would not be so many bonds issued and sold for ultimate payment by the tax payer.

Preserve Forests—Reforestation.

Oregon should continue to be the foremost forest state, yielding its people for all time the revenue and advantages its phenomenal forest-growing capacity can and should provide. Private and public agencies alike must do their share to assure this, both by protecting and wisely using the old forest and by growing the new. Taxation of suitable land devoted to reforestation should be re-adjusted, without subsidy but dependably, so the public burden may be lessened through encouraging private enterprise to keep this land productive and a source of tax revenue forever.

Against Federal Game Control.

The great forests, lakes, streams and mountains with which we have grown up and love are no longer a heritage of Oregon, but are controlled by bureaus at Washington and dominated by people who do not know the State of Oregon. They are reaching out tentacles now and are trying to control our wild life and game. If I am Governor, all the power of that office will be exerted to prevent further usurpation of our Oregon birthright. We who live close to nature know better how to preserve it than the descendants of those who destroyed their own.

Game License Money Not to Go Into General Fund.

The few women who fish and hunt should not be required to pay a state license. Every dollar that is collected from sportsmen should be used to protect, propagate and preserve the fish and game of Oregon and none of it should be diverted to the general fund of the State.

Aid to Infirm and Orphans.

The infirm and aged; the orphaned and underprivileged child should receive more assistance from the State and society. We have given too much attention to regulating the conduct of grownups and have been too neglectful of the child and the aged.

There should be a reformatory for youths convicted of crime and those first termers whose crimes are of a light character. Such an institution can be built largely by such inmates and at a minimum of expense. Until so constructed the buildings heretofore used for the reform school



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can be utilized.

The parole board should be abolished and management of prisoners put squarely up to the warden. In a penal institution there should not be divided authority or control. Paroles should be given for good behavior only and on recommendation of the warden, and pardons granted only within the spirit of the constitutional authority thereof.

Ability to select competent men for work to be done is the test of failure or success in an executive position. A man who can not gauge other men is not competent to act as Governor.

Prison Management Failure.

The State Prison has been a failure. There have been, in the past, some good men in charge as wardens, and good men are still available. The present heads of the insane asylum and feeble minded home were not selected by the Board of Control but by a former Governor who knew how to select competent men. I will not evade responsibility. A warden will

be selected who will be competent to run the prison and he will be required to do so.

Cooperative Marketing.

I am not a "dirt" farmer, but I own a farm and have faced all the problems that have confronted the other farmers of Oregon. Agriculture is the basis of prosperity, but the farmer cannot be made successful by the mere passing of laws. If it could have been done, they would all have been rich years ago. The farmers do not need nor desire to be pampered. A competent and practical State Market Agent, who would devote the power of his office to the organization and assistance of cooperative marketing agencies, in each particular line of agriculture, so that production, transportation, orderly marketing, standardization and grading of farm products could be intelligently controlled and economically co-ordinated, could help the farmers work out their problems.

Legislatures will be willing to pass necessary enabling laws when a State Market Agent who knows his business and sincerely tries to solve the economic, and not political, problems, can recommend any intelligent plan of operation.

Reclamation.

For more than ten years I have been actively associated with the effort to reclaim the great areas of potential farm land in Oregon; first in trying to induce the Federal Government to return to this state for reclamation development the millions of dollars paid the Reclamation Fund from Oregon, and second, to assist the farmers of Oregon to develop our state by our own efforts.

War prices for construction of irrigation works and deflation of farm values and products have brought bankruptcy to many loyal, hardworking men who have unselfishly tried to develop our State. Therefore, the State should in all honesty and fairness amend its laws so that future development will be required to avoid

repeating the damage already suffered.

The State should aid those projects which were constructed under war conditions where the land cannot carry the existing load. Oregon as a whole cannot permit isolated sections to repudiate obligations to those who have, in good faith, invested their money for honest development. This is not a political, but an economic problem and it is possible for the farmers, financiers and friends of economic development to find a solution that will not only save the farmers, but also protect the investor.

I will appoint a non-political commission to investigate and recommend a feasible and satisfactory plan to save the farmer and protect the good name of the State and will use every suitable influence to have the legislature enact laws that will carry such recommendations into effect.

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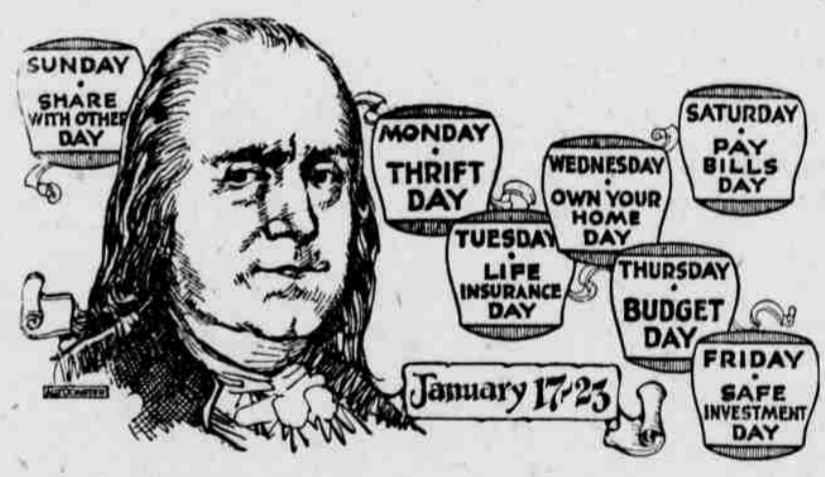
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