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## The Primary

With the big day in Oregon's spring politics coming up next week, it's about time to take a look at the list of aspirants and suggest a little weeding.

It's not going to be an easy matter for any voter, either Republican or Democrat, to step into the voting booth and start down the list unless he has done a little prior examining of the sample ballot, for this year's ballot sets a record for size. The Republicans will be handed a sheet of paper 14 1/2 by 24 inches and the Democrats will receive one but little smaller. Needless to say there is ample opportunity for a wide selection of candidates for nearly every position, in fact, in some cases the selection is so wide as to be confusing. 50 persons aspire for the 10 positions as delegates from the state at large to the Republican national convention, and in the second congressional district there are seven after the two positions.

A little care should be taken by the voters in choosing their delegates, regardless of whether their personal preference might coincide with ours for there are eight on the list of 50 who used an old forgotten state law to file by petition which gives them an opportunity, if elected, to ignore the will of the majority vote of the people of Oregon in their voting at the national convention. Delegates who file by the regular method are bound by state law to support the candidate chosen by the primary ballot.

In actuality, all the eight are reported to be supporters of Senator Taft, whose name is not on the list of presidential candidates. It is conceivable, but very doubtful that Taft could receive the Oregon nod by means of write-in, in which case little harm would be done, yet the election of uninstructed delegates would have a tendency to break down the intent and purpose of the Oregon primary law. One of those filing by petition, Lowell Paget, is Senator Taft's campaign manager for the state. Some, if not all of the others are known to favor the senator.

The eight who are attempting to evade the Oregon "pledged candidate" law are: Lowell Paget, Mrs. Irene H. Gerlinger, John R. Latourette, Jr., Irving Rand, Robert A. Bennett, Phil Metschan, Ernest G. Swigert and U. S. Balentine. It is suggested that they be soundly defeated.

To try to select 10 from the remaining 43, Balentine has filed from the second district, is hard, and we feel, largely unnecessary, though, we personally favor many of those who have declared themselves for General Eisenhower including Governor Douglas McKay, Senator Wayne Morse and others. A careful reading of the ballot statements should aid in selecting able delegates.

From the second district our recommendation is Alfred F. Cunha, Umatilla county and H. H. DeArmond of Bend though all of the others with the exception of Balentine, are able candidates who filed in the regular manner.

In the choice of presidential nominees, we have expressed our choice for Eisenhower on several occasions and we still believe he is the one who can come closer to being able to oversee a general housecleaning in Washington than any other man in either party—he has been quoted as saying such a cleanup is a prime requisite for any incoming president. The faith other nations, especially in Europe, have shown in the General should aid him materially in establishing for this country a foreign policy which will be sound and workable. Problems at home will be many and serious, but like it or not, America will be faced

with growing international crises making it more important than ever that the head of this nation during the next administration be a man who understands them, and a man in whom other nations of the world have faith. We believe the General best fills that need. He is, in our mind, a progressive Republican, while Senator Taft is not.

In the race for representative in congress from this district, we believe Giles French's years of experience and record gives him an edge over the other candidates. He seems to be closer to the Columbia river problems and development project, something that is of vital interest to this area. Were we to vote on the Democratic ticket, we would be inclined to favor John G. Jones of La Grande. Though he lacks any legislative experience, he is capable and is not foreign to the ways of politics and Washington.

Two men of nearly equal stature, Sig Unander and Jack Lynch should run a very close race for state treasurer. Both are well qualified though Lynch seems to have a little better understanding of the scope of the job.

One place we find it hard to choose is in the choice of a Republican candidate for attorney general. Four men, Alex G. Barry, John B. McCourt, both of Portland, Leonard I. Lindas of Clackamas county and E. O. Stadler of Bend are seeking the position. Frankly, our guess is that whoever is elected will run into serious trouble this fall when he comes up against a comparative newcomer in politics, Democrat Robert Y. Thornton of Tillamook. We can't see that any of the four Republicans have any particular strength in vote-getting, though it may help before the general election. Might not be a bad idea to have a Democrat someplace in the statehouse anyway.

In the one contest that comes closer to being a local fight than any other on the ballot, that of electing two representatives from the 22nd district, two men, Charles A. Tom and Collis P. Moore seem to be headed for victory. Though neither they, nor the other two aspirants, R. B. Rands and Jack Steiner, have had past experience in the House, Tom and Moore appear to us as the better qualified. Moore's schooling under Giles French, under whom he served as secretary for one term, has given him an insight into the workings of government, and Tom through his activities on several state committees has gained valuable knowledge of the desires and needs of this area. The other two probably would serve the district well, but we feel the influence Tom and Moore can exert will be greater.

There is no contest in the Primaries for any county office and the only one in sight, that for the job as coroner, must await the General election.

It is going to be a big job to vote in this election due to the length of the ballot. The results of Oregon's Primary can have a considerable influence on the rise and fall of some national candidates, and that effect will be felt even more if the number of voters taking the trouble to go to the polls is great. Oregon's voting record in recent elections has been among the worst in the nation, with considerably less than 50 percent of those registered voting. It is to be hoped that this year Oregon will set another record—in the opposite direction.

Sample ballots are available throughout the county and each voter should make it a point to obtain one and study it. To go to the polls and mark a ballot blindly is as bad, if not worse, than not going at all. Whether you follow the suggestions we have made here or not, at least VOTE!



## TWO DEMOCRATS LOOM

Oregon long has been a republican state and habitually. At most elections of this century the democratic party has had a bad time finding willing candidates popular enough to win against a heavy republican majority. Most of the wins the democrats made were when there were splits in the GOP at the primaries. That pattern may follow this year.

Two well-known democrats are gleefully watching hot three-way fights among republicans for two top-ticket primary nominations.

Three good republicans, Jack Lynch and Sigfrid Unander of Portland and Fred E. Robinson of Medford are conducting active and expensive campaigns for the nomination for state treasurer. Each is bound to build up an adamant following that will resent the nomination of anyone but their favorite. All the "united party" announcements and speeches the losers can make will

do little psychic adjusting. The democratic opponents of one of these men will be Francis Lambert, Portland, Multnomah county treasurer for 12 years, who has held many positions of high honor. He is the current state president of the Oregon Historical Society. Here could be our next state treasurer.

A similar situation maintains in the race for Attorney General where John B. McCourt and Alexander G. Barry, both of Portland; E. O. Stadler, Bend and Leonard Lindas, Oregon City are conducting sharp scraps for the republican nomination for attorney general. The democratic candidate doubtless will be Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook, with a war record that made him a lieutenant colonel. For several years he was assistant solicitor in the Department of the Interior and now is a member of the legislature. He is a whirlwind campaigner.

While the republicans are whooping "We Like Ike" the democrats may elect two top state officials.

**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN**  
The wife of a state institution employee asked the state finance department to buy her a deep freeze at wholesale price after Director Harry Dorman refused to buy it for her with state funds. "If state employees, provided with furnished homes by the state, want deep freezes and other

luxurious home equipment, they will have to purchase them in open market at retail prices," Dorman said.

He added that most requests for such deals "come from officials who are best able to pay."

**BIG STATE FAIR DESIGNED**  
Three major decisions were made this week by the Oregon State Fair Commission that will assure Oregon its greatest state fair. Dr. E. B. Stewart, Roseburg, was reelected as chairman of the commission; Leo Spitzbart was selected as fair manager (it will be his 23rd year); and the Saturday before Labor Day was selected as the opening day of the eight-day show. The commission voted to ask the state emergency board for funds to cover costs of improving the fairgrounds stadium, estimated at \$30,000 to \$35,000. The state fire marshal has said that the large building is unsafe for crowds.

**PREVENTIVE MEDICAL SERVICES**  
With the fishing season wide open and the summer picnic blooming out it is again time to warn those who plan to vacation

## Fat Stock Show Entries Increase

THE DALLES (Special)—Major increases in all three classifications of animals—beef, sheep and swine—in both the 4-H and the FFA divisions are foreseen for the sixth annual 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and sale of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, to be held in The Dalles, June 2, 3 and 4, said Eugene Courtney, Show Manager.

Growth of the show has been steady since its inception in the spring of 1947 as an educational program for youth and to demonstrate the importance of wheat rations for livestock. Show rules call for feeding of not less than 50 per cent wheat to all animals shown.

This year boys and girls will enter livestock from five counties not previously represented by entries, advance information indicates. All from western Oregon, they are Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill.

Eastern Oregon counties which will be represented by exhibits include Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Jefferson, Grant, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wasco and Wheeler.

Fewer than 100 boys and girls competed in the first show, in 1947, all in the 4-H division. In 1950 FFA exhibitors were included for the first time.

This year indications are for showing of a record 500 head of livestock, including 133 beef animals, 240 sheep and 128 swine, representing substantial gains for all classifications in both 4-H and FFA divisions.

## Hep-Hi HI LITES

By Eleanor Rice and Don Blake  
John Mollahan has been elected student body president for the 1952-53 year. The other officers are vice president, Roland Taylor; secretary, Pat Albert; treasurer, Marjorie Pierson; sgt. at arms, Jim Green.

The new officers will be installed at the next student body meeting.

The seniors went to Lehman Springs last Friday for their annual "sneak". After a day of swimming and softball the class went to the drive in at Pendleton. The student body has voted to submit John Mollahan's name as a delegate from Region I to be sent to the national convention of Student Councils at Illinois this summer. Names will be submitted from schools in Region I and a board will choose the final delegate.

In Eastern Oregon to visit their physicians for vaccination against Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Although two of the new antibiotics are extremely effective against R. M. spotted fever, the State Board of Health advises that it's a lot better to take a moment to make sure you don't get the disease at all. The board also points out that home gardeners should read insecticide labels carefully before using. Two of them—parathion and tetraethyl pyrophosphate—are highly dangerous if improperly used. Full protective clothing, including face mask, should be worn.

**WOULD BLOCK PELTON DAM**  
The State of Oregon this week filed with the U. S. Court of Appeals to try to stop the Portland General Electric Company from building Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

Control of the stream is given the state by the Desert Lands Act of Congress, according to the petition.

**CAPITAL SHORTS**  
"It costs 2-bits to raise a 6-inch fish", says the state game commission. Oregon state income tax collections in the nine months ended April 1 were an all-time high of \$41,864,408; this total was \$12,500,000 more than the same period a year ago. It will require two years to complete current construction operations at the State Penitentiary. \$1,938,487 has been budgeted for forestry protection during 1952 by the protective division of the state forestry dept.

The first four articles of the constitution have been ratified by the student body. One of the major changes is the limitation on the number of offices one student can hold.

## Heppner Man To Return Here as Air Force Recruiter

S. Sgt. Robert P. Mollahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mollahan of Heppner has recently been assigned from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C. to Spokane Washington for recruiting duty. He is presently assigned to Pendleton and will be in Heppner every Tuesday.

S. Sgt. Mollahan is a graduate of Heppner high school and has served four years in the armed forces.

## Local News In Brief

Week of May 1  
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dougherty moved Monday into the Padberg house on Baltimore street. Their house on Baltimore will be razed to the basement and completely remodeled. This house was the former G. E. Woodson home and is one of the oldest residences of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Moore of Whitebird, Idaho visited briefly in Heppner the last of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Add Moore. The Moores were enroute to their home after a visit in Monument with their new grandchild.

David A. Wilson and daughter, Mrs. Willard Blake drove to Corvallis the last of the week after Mrs. Wilson who has been staying there with another daughter, Mrs. James Barratt for the past few weeks. They returned to Heppner Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson and Mrs. John Bergstrom were in Walla Walla Wednesday to attend a meeting of the committee for the Morrow County Ward of the Veteran's hospital.

Word has been received that Uriah J. (Jack) Stotts is a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton as a result of a fall from a ladder. Mr. Stotts suffered a broken hip and other injuries. He resided in Heppner prior to his moving to Pendleton.

Dick Wightman made a business trip to Hermiston and Pendleton Friday.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 22nd representative district, comprising Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow and Sherman counties subject to the will of the Democratic Voters of Said District. Primary election May 16, 1952.

ROBERT SMITH  
Condon, Oregon  
Paid Adv. 51tc

**FOR COUNTY SHERIFF**  
I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself for the office of Sheriff of Morrow county subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow county at the primary election.

C. J. D. BAUMAN  
(Paid Adv.) 48-9p

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Morrow County Court in the County Judge's office, Heppner, Oregon, at 10 A.M. Friday, May 23, 1952 on the following road projects in Morrow County, Oregon:

Preparation of 3.7 miles of roadbed and construction of 3.7 miles of oil mat wearing surface on the Lexington-Blackhorse county road.

Preparation of 4.5 miles of roadbed and construction of 4.5 miles of oil mat wearing surface on the Ione-Gooseberry county road.

Prequalification of bidders will be required in accordance with provisions of section 98-102 to 98-106 O. C. L. A. inclusive. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of Morrow County Clerk, Heppner, Oregon.

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By Garnet Barratt  
County Judge.

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Pd. Adv. R. G. Lawrence, Chgo., 1025 Year Bldg.



Charles A. Tom

Republican Candidate for Nomination for Legislature 22nd Dist.

—Morrow and Sherman County Farmer—Wheat, Cattle.

—Chairman Land Economics Committee & Taxation Committee, State Agric. Planning Conference.

—Graduate OSC & Cornell Univ., Agricultural Economics.

Veteran Granger  
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