

# Friday's Election Offers Many Tough Questions

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 SALEM (AP) — Some 448,000 Oregon voters will mark their ballots Friday for national, state and local offices in the state's most interesting primary in several years.

With interest centered on contests for president, national committeemen, congressmen in Eastern Oregon, treasurer and attorney general, Friday's primary has an unusually large number of contests.

The estimated total vote includes 258,000 Republicans and 190,000 Democrats. It is based on the expectation that two-thirds of the registered Republicans and half the Democrats will cast their ballots.

The Republican vote generally is larger because most of the battling is done in the GOP primary. Most of the Democratic candidates will win their nominations without any opposition.

Most of the interest is in the Presidential primary, but there are some hot races for congressional and state offices.

Three congressmen — Republican Walter Norblad, Astoria; Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, and Homer D. Angell, Portland — all have opposition, which is something new. But all are expected to win re-election.

The other Republican congressman, Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, is retiring this year after 10 years office. There has been a real mid-term campaign going on in Eastern Oregon for nominations to succeed him.

The Republicans after Stockman's job are State Rep. Giles I. French, Moro weekly newspaper publisher; State Sen. Sam

## Child Theater Offers Play

Players of the Childrens Theater are to present "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for members of the church and guests.

The play, presented by local youngsters under direction of Mrs. Jessie Lee Hosford, was first presented at Mills Auditorium last Saturday night.

Mrs. Hosford said it might also be presented at several other locations.

Summer classes of the Childrens Theater are scheduled to begin June 23, and parents desiring to enroll their children for this theatrical training may register or obtain further information by calling Mrs. Hosford at 4731 or at her residence, 2125 Auburn.

Coon, Baker rancher; and Ernest F. Hinkle, The Dalles, a lieutenant in Air Force intelligence. The two Democrats are John G. Jones, La Grande radio man and State Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles accountant.

The Republican contests for treasurer and attorney general have been hard-fought.

For treasurer, the two chief Republican candidates are State Sen. Jack Lynch and Big Unander, both of Portland. Lynch is a veteran legislator who does public relations work for the druggists, and he has strong backing among sportsmen. Unander is well known among Republicans because he was state GOP chairman until recently. The third Republican is Fred E. Robinson, Medford retailer.

Francis Lambert, Multnomah County treasurer, is the favorite to win the Democratic nomination for treasurer. His opponent is little-known L. W. Blakensee, also of Portland.

The November winner will replace State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, who is quitting to run

for his old job in the senate.

Three district attorneys and a former state representative are in the Republican race for attorney general to succeed George Neuner, who is quitting this year. The D. A.'s are John B. McCourt, Portland; E. O. Stadter, Bend; and Leonard I. Linds, Oregon City. The fourth man is Alex G. Barry,

Portland, who had a distinguished record as a legal expert in the legislature.

State Rep. Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for attorney general.

Another unusual feature of the primary is the contest for national committeeman in each party. The

usual custom is for these offices to go to some party leader without opposition.

Four men want to succeed Republican Ralph Cate, Portland, who is retiring because of ill health.

They are Jesse Gard, Portland, former banker and an Eisenhower leader who joined the party in 1944; Lowell Paget, Portland, a long-time Republican wheel horse

who heads the Taft campaign in Oregon; Charles L. Paine, Portland realtor; and Glenn R. Jack, Oregon City lawyer.

The race is between Gard, who is endorsed by Cate, and Paget. The Democrats, split wide open as usual, are divided more sharply than ever over who should be their national committeeman — Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie, who has the job now, or Mike M. De Cicco, Portland tire dealer.

Nominations also will be made for the legislature, with the Republicans certain to keep their huge majority in each house.

Among the contests for local offices, the best known one is the recall election in Portland against City Commissioner J. E. Bennett.

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