

Demos Have No Chance To Win State Legislature

(This is the second of four articles about Oregon's general election candidates.)

By PAUL HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — Chances that the Democrats might win control of the 1953 Oregon Legislature are nonexistent.

The Republicans already have the Senate sewed up, and are likely to win the House by a safe margin. Republicans controlled the 1951 Senate by a 21-9 margin, and they showed no signs of wavering in the House 31 to 9. In fact, there hasn't been a two-party system in the Legislature since the depression days.

In the 30-member Senate, the Republicans have 11 holdover members, or those who don't face reelection fights this year, plus five who don't have any opposition. That makes 16, which is a bare majority.

In the 60-member House, all seats are vacant every election. The Republicans have a big head start here, with 14 of their candidates who will win reelection without any opposition. Only two Democrats will win their contests without opponents.

The new Legislature, which meets early in January, will be more experienced than those of recent years, if a large share of

the incumbent candidates are elected as expected.

Besides the 13 holdover members of the Senate, eight senators are seeking reelection. In addition to that, five others are running for the Senate who have had previous legislative experience.

Thirty-six members of the 1951 House are running again, which also is an unusually high percentage. Only six of these are Democrats.

The new president of the Senate probably will be Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville lawyer, who would be the third man who ever served both as speaker of the House and Senate president. He was speaker in 1945, and has been chairman of the top Senate committees.

Marsh is a holdover, so doesn't have to worry about the election. If the Republicans win the House

as expected, the speaker is expected to be Rep. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland, if Wilhelm wins his election contest. Wilhelm, chairman of the important House Tax Committee in 1951, is a Portland warehouse operator.

In the Senate contests, Paul E. Guder, Roseburg lawyer who was voted by legislative news reporters as the best man in the 1951 House of Representatives, is making a try for the Senate. His opponent is William O. Kelsey, Roseburg Democrat, part owner of a sawmill.

The Senate contest in Josephine County is between Gene L. Brown, Grants Pass lawyer and a Republican, and Carl H. Massie, retired Grants Pass postmaster. In the Coos-Curry district, George A. Dietz, Coquille plywood manufacturer, is running against George F. Kronenberg, Bandon, whose name was written in as the Democratic nominee. This is the seat

now held by Sen. William Walsh Coos Bay, a former Senate president who is quitting.

Sen. Paul L. Patterson, Hillsboro Republican who was Senate president in 1951, is unopposed. Ten Portlanders seek the five Multnomah County Senate seats. The Republicans are S. Eugene Allen, labor leader; Milton E. Kahn, retired insurance man; Rep. Graham Killam, real estate man; Rep. Pat Lonergan, life insurance;

and John C. F. Merrifield, also a Democrat in the Multnomah Senate race are Sen. Jack Bain, Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Volney Davis, a labor leader; Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

In the Senate district including Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah Counties former State Rep. Dean Bryson, Portland lawyer and a Republican, opposes Oleg M. Wilson, Portland Democrat. Mrs. Wilson is the widow of former Sen. Manley J. Wilson, and she seeks to succeed her late husband. State Rep. John P. Housell, Hood River Republican, has op-

position in the contest for the Hood River-Wasco Senate seat.

Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls farm equipment dealer, is running for reelection against James F. Rodie, Prineville, whose name was written in on the Democratic ballot.

Sen. Stewart Hardie, Condon Republican, hasn't any opposition. Neither does Lowell Steen, Milton-Freewater rancher who wants the Umatilla County Senate seat.

A man with a hard fight on his hands is Sen. Vernon D. Bull, La Grande Democrat. His Republican opponent is Charles W. Binger, retired La Grande grocery-

man. Sen. Elmo E. Smith, John Day Republican, has no opponent.

Two Tillamook men are running for the Lincoln-Tillamook Senate position. They are Warren A. McMinnie, Republican and former district attorney; and Leonard J. Simmons.

Marine Tells Of Escape

WITH 1st MARINE DIVISION, Korea (AP) — Marine Sgt. Donald Masiak of Cleveland, O., told today how a wounded marine escaped capture by Chinese Reds.

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