

Observations and Opinions Offered in Summary of County, State Primary Candidates

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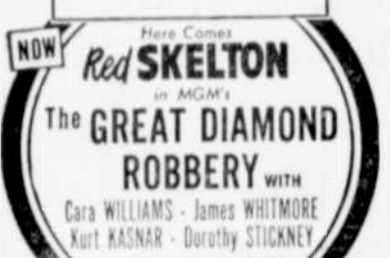


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The following article pertains to all candidates who will appear on the Republican and Democratic ballots at the primary election May 21. The Journal does not pretend to be an expert political analyst like either of the two extremists, Drew Pearson and Westbrook Pegler, whose chief delight is to "get something" on those they wish to see defeated. The summary contains information gleaned from campaign literature, opinions of individuals throughout the county and the editors own opinions.

None of the comments is a prediction of who will be nominated and may or may not express the editorial views of this newspaper.

Republican Ticket

The only candidate on the GOP ticket for state representative is Charles W. Swan, Vale attorney and incumbent district attorney, who has demonstrated that he is conscientious about his obligations as a public official. There have been complaints of a tendency to procrastinate, but one might make allowances for such a trait, if it actually exists, by pointing out that a district attorney must maintain a private law practice and fulfill his duties as a county attorney on the side. Perhaps the same reasons have caused Swan to be somewhat indifferent to all sections of Malheur county except his home stomping grounds at Vale. He has demonstrated an ambitious desire to reduce crime, but circumstances have played havoc with many of his plans and near-commitments made in speeches at public gatherings.

E. Otis Smith of Ontario will be the Republican nominee for district attorney and probably will be elected to that office in November, since he has no competition in the primaries and there have been no filings on the Democratic ticket. Like hundreds of others in the Nyssa community,

ity, the Journal cannot pass judgment since the Ontario man has neglected to circulate in this area and little or no campaign information has been circulated in his home town.

The Big Race for Judge

On the Republican ticket there are four candidates for the nomination for county judge—one of the most important posts in the county. Taking the candidates alphabetically, George Carlson of Vale heads the list with the slogan, "An open door policy and a practical economy program." Carlson served as a state industrial accident inspector until early in 1952 when he resigned to file on the Republican ticket for the nomination for county assessor. Carlson is politically conscious and is inclined to split hairs insofar as "the law" is concerned. He is blunt, which may or may not be an attribute for an officeholder, and is extremely conscious of the powers invested in a public office, whether elective or appointive.

G. Y. "Red" Chester has served eight months as county judge, having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Sewell Stanton. He had served as county road superintendent for two and one-half years prior to his appointment and had operated a general store at Harper prior to that. Extremely economy-minded and a fluent conversationalist, Chester has antagonized some groups by questioning the advisability of county expenditures, particularly requests for budget increases. However, he has proved himself open to suggestion by compromising his attitude in several instances following explanations. Bringing controversial county issues into the open has no doubt been beneficial to the county, but might prove to be detrimental to Chester himself.

John C. Elfering is probably the best known of the four candidates. Having served as sheriff throughout Malheur county, both as the chief law enforcement officer and tax collector, Elfering knows the laws governing his and other county offices and is not hesitant to quote the law when points of disagreement arise.

A. O. Eubanks is a farmer and stockman of the Vale community and is stressing independent road districts throughout the county, patterned after Nyssa Road Improvement district No. 2. He is facing the favorite subject—taxes—with logic by avoiding a promise of tax reduction and pointing out that services requested must be paid for, but that careful consideration to expenditures can help give value received.

Two For Commissioner

The two GOP candidates for county commissioner apparently give the voters a chance to choose between two men of contrasting thought. Amel Claude of Ontario hasn't thoroughly covered the Nyssa area in his campaign, but his ambitious announcement of "improvement of the school system in Malheur county . . . and reduction of taxes" leaves some voters with the question of whether they have available a genius or an author of promises. Alva P. Goodell of the Nyssa community is the incumbent commissioner seeking re-election. His record has been good with a conscientious effort to give taxpayers their money's worth. He

has not been hesitant to give constructive criticism about county operations, including his own department, and has made a determined and successful effort to improve situations that needed correction. Probably his greatest attribute is his work along these lines without fanfare.

A Personal Battle

The race for the nomination for county coroner is a behind-the-scenes personal battle between George C. Beecher and R. A. Tacke. Beecher defeated Tacke, an Ontario laboratory technician, four years ago after the latter had served as coroner for several years. Both of them take their jobs seriously to the point of open bluntness and neither one hesitates to wield the weight of the coroner's office which is as powerful as any in the county, general opinion to the contrary.

Democratic Ticket

On the Democratic ticket there is only one contest, the nomination for state representative. D. Ivan Fritts of Ontario has such a lengthy platform that the average voter is confused by the time he wades through half of the script. He has avoided issues of a local and state nature and emphasized public power, the working man and farm prices, together with a detailed biography of himself and family.

Emil A. Stunz is a Nyssa business man who has given residents of the city outstanding service as a city councilman and the school district equally efficient service as a former board member. Stunz hasn't promised a thing and is frank in admitting that he will get an education if he goes to Salem. He is enthusiastic about some means of bringing the federal plan for election of state senators and representatives to Oregon to give some voice to less populated areas like the counties of Eastern Oregon.

Murray R. Morton of Ontario has filed for county judge on the Democratic ticket but is a "political unknown" even to members of his own party in the Nyssa area in spite of the fact that he served as assessor for the county a few years ago. He has not waged any campaign in the Nyssa area and details are lacking about his platform other than the slogan, "Eleven years experience in County Administration."

State Candidates

Both Democratic and Republican candidates for U. S. representative are assured of nomination because of no opposition in the primaries. Richard L. Neuberger of Multnomah county is the Democratic candidate and incumbent Guy Gordon of Douglas county is assured of the GOP choice. They are as different as day and night, leaving the voters to decide whether they want extreme liberalism or extreme conservatism as their voice in Washington, D. C.

Neuberger has the ability to make headlines every few days and is an accomplished writer with a ready market in national publications. He has "all the answers to all the problems" and backs them up point by point with never any hesitation to criticize anyone who doesn't see eye-to-eye with him.

Cordon is almost unknown as a personality in Eastern Oregon even though he has served several years as U. S. Senator. Probably the most complimentary thing that can be said of his record is that "he hasn't done us any damage."

Like the U. S. Senatorial post, the Democrat and the Republican are sure of nomination for state representative by their respective parties. Albert C. Ullman, Democrat, of Baker is waging an intensive campaign with a battle already started against his coming GOP opponent for election, incumbent Sam Coon. Ullman is a public power advocate and one difficult to discuss issues with unless it's about Hell's Canyon then it's a one-sided discussion. On a visit to Nyssa a few weeks ago, he did state that he is in favor of all price supports and labeled farmers who oppose those views as either big business monopolists or small time operators who don't know what it's all about.

Sam Coon has been working quietly since his election two years ago. He is a conservative and has avoided smear campaigns against opponents and those who disagree with him. He has gained many friends in Eastern Oregon by being a prompt letter-answerer, together with the fact that his replies indicate he reads his mail. If he says he will do something about a request, the constituent can be assured something will be done. By the same token, he never hesitates to reply with explanations of why the impossible cannot be accomplished.

Two For Governor

Earl T. Newbery has been campaigning ever since he became secretary of state making sure his name appears on all state publications to which he has access. Before his formal announcement as a candidate, Newbery implied that a sales tax might be in order for Oregon, forgetting or not caring, that Eastern Oregon residents have taken a lead several times to vote a sales tax out by referendum. He has been unjustly critical of Incumbent Gov. Paul Patterson and has won himself the title, "The Earl of Newbery" in the Portland area. He is a consistent fault-finder with most public officials except Newbery.

Gov. Patterson has demonstrated efficiency since his appointment last year to succeed Charles McKay, who became secretary of the interior. He is a good politician, as has been demonstrated by his ability to compile and remember individual characteristics of communities and people in all parts of the state.

Tiny Tots to Get Emphasis Next Week At Meeting

Tiny tots in Nyssa are drawing special emphasis of the Nyssa Civic club for their next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 2 p. m. at the Episcopal parish hall.

There will be a baby show of all tiny tots present for the afternoon, a very interesting children's program and favors for all little ones in attendance. Mrs. Gene Grasty, chairman of the May program has announced.

Included in the program will be a variety of numbers by 25 pupils of Mother Goose Activity Land, kindergarten group of Mrs. Fern Cox and Mrs. Dorothea Lewis. The children will present their school song, patriotic numbers and will take the audience on a visit to the farm in clever action songs. From storybook land they will dramatize nursery rhymes and will introduce rhythm in a solo acrobatic number, a comic dance and hymn band numbers. Their part of the program will conclude with two popular songs in action and the singing of God Bless America.

All interested women of the community are extended a cordial invitation to bring their children and attend this special afternoon program honoring the tiny tots of Nyssa.

BAKE SALE ANNOUNCED

Members of the Nyssa Job's Daughters bethel will hold a baked food sale Saturday morning at the Ralph Laurence Insurance office, beginning at 9 a. m.

Two Republican contenders for the gubernatorial nomination give voters a chance to choose between two contrasting men.

Democrat For Governor

Very little is known about Joseph K. Carson, Jr. of Multnomah county, Democratic candidate for governor. His campaign managers haven't yet given much thought to "the sticks" here in Eastern Oregon and some observers believe that Carson might be inclined to be overly conscious of Portland's influence, which has been a sore spot with the rural areas of the state for several years. Carson served as mayor of Portland and reportedly has a good record there, but they don't grow many farm crops within the city limits of the state's largest metropolis.

All that can be discussed about the candidates for labor commissioner are their names and campaign slogans. This is unfortunate, since labor legislation is making some drastic changes in Eastern Oregon and overlooking the law in this part of the state has been the rule, rather than the exception. More and more attention is being paid to Eastern Oregon by this department, but none of the three candidates — two Republicans and one Democrat — seems to be far apart.

S. Eugene Allen of Multnomah county, a GOP candidate, has the slogan, "Promise nothing but fair-hearing, intelligent consideration, honest judgment on public questions." His Republican opponent H. E. Barker of Marion county says, "Fair and impartial administration."

On the Democratic ballot voters will find the name of Norman O. Nilsen of Multnomah county with the statement, "Qualified by experience; successful in working with the public, labor and management."



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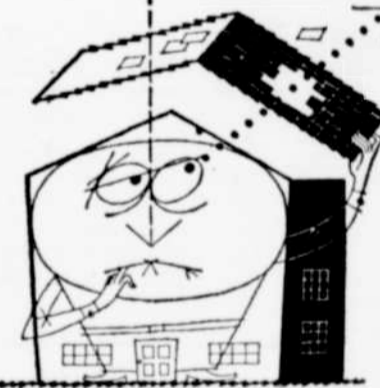
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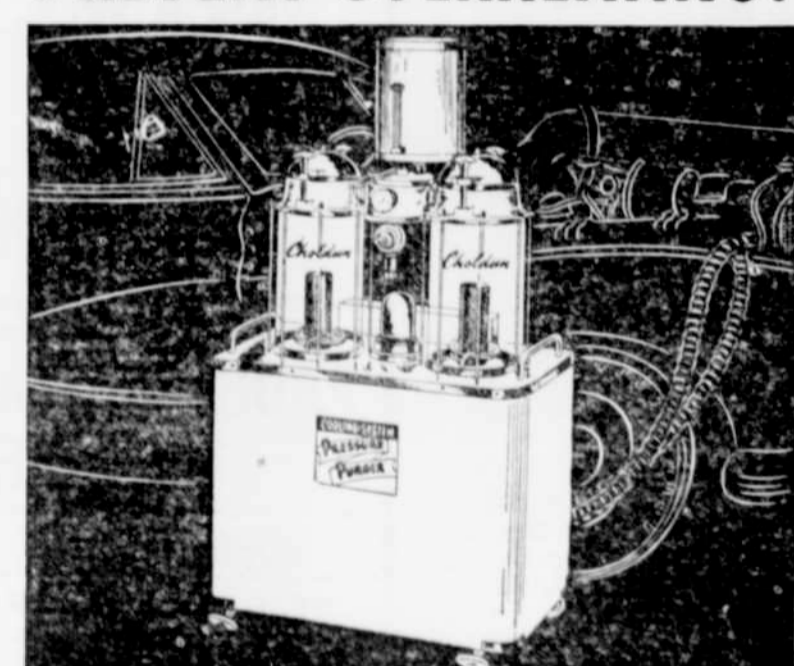
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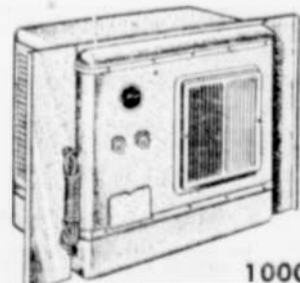


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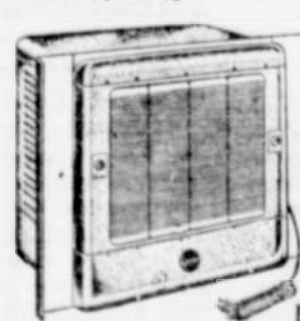


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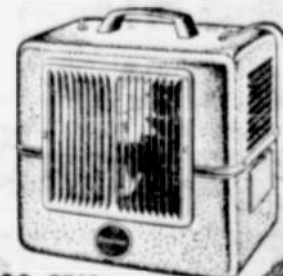


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