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WHO SHALL BE THE NEXT-GOVERNOR OF OREGON ?

The decision of Governor Benson to not become a candidate for the office which he now holds has started the discussion anew as to who shall be taken up for that office.

Governor Benson, as acting governor, had the first right to be considered if he chose to become a candidate.

He has made a very good governor and has been devoting himself to the details of the duties of that office in a very efficient manner.

He is an educated man, has been long trained in the public service, and possesses the knowledge of state affairs, the legal ability and natural dignity to fill the office.

So the Republicans of the state might have concluded to let well enough alone and in the miscellaneous struggle for the coveted place might have decided to retain Governor Benson.

But now the field is open and the air is cleared of the first inclination of any party—to keep a man in office who makes good.

(Portland Evening Telegram)

With Benson out of the way, the chase for the gubernatorial nomination will grow warmer. The woods are full of aspirants, and there will probably be many more before the campaign opens next summer.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, has been prominently mentioned for governor, and the self-elimination of Benson assists his cause materially.

State Senator Jay Bowerman is a receptive candidate.

J. W. Bailey, the state food and dairy commissioner, wants to be governor, and has been working to this end for many moons.

Other state officers who would like to be governor are Attorney-General A. W. Crawford and Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman.

Dr. J. Withycomb, of Corvallis, who opposed Chamberlain, in the last gubernatorial campaign, is mentioned again, and a petition has been in circulation asking him to run.

Former Representative M. A. Moody, of The Dalles, is talked of, and Grant B. Dimick, of Oregon City, has already opened his campaign.

George J. Cameron, district attorney in Portland, has been boomed by his political followers for the position, and Charles Johns, of Baker City, may make a try.

Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem, would consent to run if he was forced, and the colonel has received statewide advertising from his prayer for rain, which was answered.

Charles H. Carey has had an ambition for years to be governor, and there are others.

The editor of The Capital Journal prints the above from the Portland Telegram for a specific purpose.

He wishes to make the point that under the direct primary law and the corrupt practices act there is no such thing as a man making himself a candidate.

As the only private citizen mentioned in connection with the office of governor the editor of this paper feels considerably swelled up.

Newspaper men in only a few rare instances have been chosen to that office.

If a newspaper is good for anything it steps on the toes of so many people that an editor is not available for office seeking.

The republican party does not owe the editor of this newspaper any such high honor as a nomination for any state office.

He prefers his independence of thought and action to any prize in the way of a public office.

Furthermore, any man who becomes an avowed candidate for an official nomination at the hands of his party should be prepared to support the nominee of the party, and for the office of governor there may be a person named we would not want to support under any circumstances.

Hence we shall seek no nomination for that office at the hands of any party.

The next governor of Oregon should have no bridle in his mouth from any party, nor have his hands tied by any assembly or faction.

He should be ready to veto any bill that a log-rolling legislature might put up to him.

The people of Oregon will support a republican governor doing just about what Governor Chamberlain did in the line of using the big stick, only they want him to do more of it.

Besides, the editor of this paper believes in reform measures like direct legislation, direct nomination, direct election

of United States senators, the imperative mandate and proportional representation.

He believes in the whole progressive people's program and prayer for rain besides when it is needed.

He serves this notice on the professional politicians who are anything to get office that he does not travel in their class.

He believes that there are principles dearer than any office, and would not compromise any of them to get into the governor's chair or any other place where he does not imagine for a moment that he belongs under any circumstances.

EXTENSION OF THE INDEPENDENCE, MONMOUTH, AIRLIE AND SILETZ RAILROAD.

Jos. Hirschberg, the Independence capitalist and banker, has associated with himself David W. Sears, an Independence capitalist, and O. W. Taylor, of Portland, to survey and extend his railroad into the Siletz timber and over to Newport.

Mr. Taylor has been a prominent factor in the organization of the United Railways that is building an electric line from Portland to Nehalem.

Mr. Taylor has also been one of the successful promoters of the Rose City Park properties.

Mr. Hirschberg is extending his railroad operations towards Salem and will probably secure a connection at Derry with the Salem and Falls City line.

The Independence and Monmouth railroad is now hauling logs from Dallas for the Salem mills.

When he makes a connection with the Falls City line at Derry the whole west side country can get into Salem to trade.

But it is the survey to the Siletz and the coast country that Salem is most interested in.

The Hirschberg-Sears-Taylor survey will leave the Monmouth and Airlie railroad at Simpson station.

It may take through the very rich farming country in King's valley, past Hoskins, and up the Big Luckiamute and down Rock creek and the Siletz and run to the coast.

Mr. Hirschberg already has two surveys, but is not satisfied with the grades.

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It means more to Salem than almost any other enterprise than can be started.

The Oregon Electric from Portland, the Dallas and Falls City from the west, and the Independence and Siletz from the south would be three big acquisitions.

COCAINE COMING CURSE OF DIXIE.

Inroads of the cocaine habit, which the Currier commission has found to be the American curse as opium is the curse of China and hemp of India, have suddenly developed into a new and ominous phase of the race problem in the United States, particularly in the south.

"Cocaine now ranks with whiskey as the chief provocative of assaults and consequent lynching bees in the south," declares Charles W. Collins and John Day of the commission in a preliminary report just published in full by the Chicago magazine "Everyday Life."

They add: "Already among the 'fiends' and the policemen who have to deal with them, there is talk of 'the new field.'"

"The phrase, with its commercial suggestion, comes from the dealers in the drugs, retailers and perhaps wholesalers also.

"Every 'fiend,' it should be added, is more than likely to be a peddler of the stuff, taking his commission in the same misery that he distributes.

"This 'new fiend' is among the brutalized negroes of the south, who, denied easy access to liquor by the prohibition movement, are turning to drugs as a substitute."

The commission quotes from Hampton's Magazine an article by Judge Harris Dickson of Vicksburg, Miss., who told of a contractor who ordered a pound of cocaine, to the astonishment of the salesman to whom the order was given who expostulated, saying: "No man on earth can possibly want that much cocaine." The contractor reiterated the order.

"A man who deliberately puts cocaine into a negro is more dangerous than he who would inoculate a dog with hydrophobia," commented Judge Dickson.

"The deadly drug arouses every evil passion, gives the negro superhuman strength, and destroys his sense of fear. Yet the steamboat negro and the levee negro will not work without it. So the levee contractor makes his camp look like a cross section of hell, but he gets his dirt moved."

Arrested for Carrying Weapon.

Lehm Goodman, who has been posing as a detective, was arrested in Albany Saturday by John Catlin for carrying concealed weapons. He was tried in Justice Swan's court and found guilty, being fined \$10 and costs. The young man is being held pending a message from his father, near Harrisburg, who he said would pay his fine.

Reports say he has been in trouble before, having been accused of stealing films from the moving picture show.—Herald.

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