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## FOREWORD

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It contains only the names of those candidates for nomination for or election to the various offices to be voted upon at the primary election, May 16, 1930, who have submitted statements and portrait cuts for publication and paid the prescribed charges therefor.

Many candidates have not taken space in the pamphlet.

As required by law, statements of candidates for each office are printed in this pamphlet in the order in which their names are grouped under the title to their offices on the official ballots—that is, alphabetically.

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HAL E. HOSS,  
Secretary of State.

**WALTER M. PIERCE****Democrat, Candidate for National Committeeman**

I believe the Democratic party has the leadership to help to solve the economic and political problems which make the average man today so uncertain of the future and so insecure as to income, and the disposal of his products for a price which leaves a margin of saving. We know we are suffering from political favoritism which affords tariff protection to certain groups at the expense of others, and from the practice of governmental guarantee of dividends to rich corporations which have monopoly of such essentials as electric power and light, telephones, and the transportation of freight. Forced unemployment at intervals or for long periods, low prices for farm products, high interest rates on necessary loans, taxes which take all the margin, tariffs made to benefit the rich eastern manufacturer and to penalize the rest of us by raising the prices of things we must have, the dread of possible wars in a world longing for peace—these are some of the things which men and women suffer unnecessarily, as government can remove such unfair pressure and unjust discrimination

if it is rightly administered. The traditions of the Democratic party are all for justice to the common man, and these traditions can be maintained if we place in political leadership those who have never betrayed the cause of democracy for private gain. I believe my record in public life has proven that I can be trusted at this critical time to help to turn the government back to the people from whom it has been taken by the powerful minority. I, therefore, ask you to vote for me for national committeeman for the Democratic party for the state of Oregon.

**MY PLATFORM**

I believe that the Democratic party can obtain farm relief by lowering interest, taxes and transportation rates; by tariff readjustment, and by abolishing government guaranteed profits to railroads, telephone and power companies. Nation and states should own electric power and distribute at cost.

The proposed Hawley tariff will increase cost of farm necessities and curtail foreign markets for surplus. Unemployment can be relieved by facing economic problems honestly and seeking a political solution dictated by public interest. We suffer from under-consumption and not over-production. Pensions should be provided for aged workers. Secure world peace by preventing war profiteering.

Slogan: "Relieve farmers and unemployment. Abolish special privilege, cut interest, taxes, transportation rates."

**WALTER M. PIERCE.**

**OSWALD WEST****Democrat, Candidate for National Committeeman**

A National Committee has the same relation to a political party that a board of directors has to a corporation—it directs its affairs, usually through a chairman and such other officials as may be chosen for that purpose. Each of our states, territories and island possessions has one representative on such National Committees.

In the past, National Committeemen were chosen by local political organizations but in recent years provision has been made in several states, Oregon included, for their selection by popular vote. I was elected Democratic National Committeeman at the primary election held four years ago, and for a term of four years, dating from time of taking office—July, 1928. I have, therefore, a little over two years yet to serve.

I cherish no political ambitions. I have only a sincere desire to serve the party that so greatly honored me in the past, and for that reason, and that reason only, am I now seeking reelection. Being known to most of the voters of this state I feel that it is needless for me to say that I am strongly imbued with the democracy of Jefferson, Jackson and Wilson and that, as National Committeeman, I will ever strive to keep the party true to its principles in order that it may continue, as in the past, to be the medium through which the plain people of this nation can best find expression.

OSWALD WEST.

**EDWARD F. BAILEY****Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Governor**

Edward F. ("Ed.") Bailey is a native Oregonian and comes from pioneer stock. Born on a farm near Junction City, February 25, 1891. Educated in local district schools, the Eugene high school, and the University of Oregon, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1913. He has always taken a deep interest in athletics, and at the university gained recognition as one of its star football players. He was admitted to the bar in 1915, and commenced the practice of law with J. K. Weatherford and Mark V. Weatherford at Albany. In June, 1917, he enlisted in the U. S. marines and served during the World war. After the war he took up the practice of law at Junction City. The success he has attained in the field of law bears evidence as to his legal ability and the confidence of his neighbors.

Although Lane county is strongly Republican it has twice sent Ed. Bailey to the legislature, once to the house and once to the senate. As a legislator he has served with distinction. Although of the minority party he has gained and held the respect of the majority, and has thus become an important factor in legislative affairs.

Ed. Bailey is a man of high ideals and firm convictions. He is by nature progressive, but believes that only such progress as is tempered by sanity, and is fundamentally sound, will endure.

Having sprung from the plain people he knows their hopes and desires. In political life he has never failed to make their interests his interests. His proven ability, and his honesty, sincerity and fairness in dealing with public questions, are convincing testimonials that he is preeminently qualified to be governor of Oregon.

Ed. Bailey is not only qualified—if nominated he can win.

The Morning Register, published at Eugene, comments editorially as follows:

**"A DEMOCRATIC BEST BET"**

"This Republican newspaper will say that it considers the Democrats of Oregon would be making no mistake if they would nominate Edward F. Bailey of Junction City, for governor. If within the Democratic ranks of Oregon there is another man better qualified than he, we do not know who that man can be. In his private life, in his activities as a state senator, in his labors for the war veterans' welfare his record leaves little for anybody to cavil at. He has kept himself free from factional strife within the party and would draw united party support. What his home county thinks of him is shown by the fact of his election to the state senate as a Democrat in a county normally strongly Republican. It is further exemplified in the fact that his Republican colleagues pay him the unanimous tribute of their respect and esteem.—Mr. Bailey is a Democratic best bet."

Nominate Ed. Bailey—he can win in November.

FRED FISK, Eugene,

S. MOGENSEN, Junction City,

F. L. ARMITAGE, Eugene,

GEO. O. GOODALL, Eugene,

J. A. McLEAN, Eugene,

CARL WIMBERLEY, Roseburg,

A. K. McMAHAN, Albany,

H. E. WALTER, Corvallis.

(This information furnished by Fred Fisk and others.)

**A. C. HOUGH****Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Governor**

I was born in California and have lived in Oregon for 37 years, 32 of them in Grants Pass, where I have practiced law as my profession. I favor the following principles as my platform:

1. A cabinet form of government for the state. Careful selection of the members for honesty and ability.
2. Such state improvements as will furnish labor with employment.
3. Development of the water power resources of Oregon by the government and state for municipal uses.
4. Increase the members of the public service commission to five, three from one dominant party, two from the other, thereby assuring 35,000 investors in Oregon in their securities in public utilities and 50,000 employes in their wages.
5. Amend the constitution to provide for appointment or election of supreme court justices; four from one dominant party, three from the other.
6. The basis for taxation of real property to be upon earnings and income therefrom, other taxes equalized upon that basis.
7. Adherence to an economic budget system.

If nominated and elected, I will undertake to give the state an economical, progressive, and efficient administration, make appointments for honesty, ability and efficiency, and exemplify my slogan, "The governor is the servant of the people who constitute the government."

A. C. HOUGH.

**GEORGE R. WILBUR****Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Governor**

George R. Wilbur, lawyer, of Hood River, was born in Dixon county, Nebraska, in 1879; came to Oregon first in 1905 and has lived continuously for 21 years at Hood River. Educated in the common schools of northeast Nebraska, and graduated at the University of Michigan.

Has been active in irrigation circles of eastern Oregon and the districts which he has served are eminently successful. On behalf of the farmers and irrigationists of the Hood River valley fought to a successful conclusion in the supreme court of the United States the claims of the power interests on the Hood river, making much new law in Oregon in favor of irrigationists.

Served in the state senate during the session of 1917 from which he resigned to enter the World war. Also veteran of the Spanish-American war. Initiated the legislation now written into law which prevents the ownership or leasing of Oregon farm lands by aliens who cannot become naturalized citizens. Is married, father of two grown sons, member

of Congregational church, Masonic and Elks lodges, American Legion, of which he is a past commander for Department of Oregon, United Spanish War Veterans, U. S. Officers Reserve corps, bar associations, and local civic societies.

Following is a brief statement of some of Mr. Wilbur's principles:

Believes that the taxation question presents the problem of a fairer distribution of the burden, and that real estate bears altogether too large a part of taxes. All income should be taxed fairly and justly with proper provision for exemptions and deductions. There are undoubtedly defects in the intangibles and excise laws passed by the last legislature, but these should be remedied and the principle of these laws retained, rather than to repeal the laws themselves.

The original purpose of a public service commission was to protect the public. Utilities have a way of protecting themselves. The Oregon commission has invited by its actions the charge that it is not fulfilling its primary duty to the public. It is in no sense a court or quasi-judicial body. It is there to protect rates and service in the public interest. Mr. Wilbur thoroughly approves of the recent utterance of Governor Roosevelt who said: "The public service commission is the representative of the legislature, and, back of the legislature, the people. It is not dealing between two contestants. It is representing one side, the people of the state, definitely and clearly. It has one function, not a function to choose between the people and the public utilities, but the sole function to see to it that the utilities do two things; first, give adequate service, and second, a reasonable charge." The commission can and

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Carl C. Donough, Chairman; and other officers.)

should be required to perform its functions in accordance with the law, or if the law be insufficient, it must be remedied. Men must be selected for this commission who will accept this definition of their responsibility.

Mr. Wilbur's history in respect to power is a matter of court record. Since 1914 he has waged through the courts the battle of the people of the Hood River valley against the power companies, and saved the people's rights to the waters of that watershed.

The conservative view is that the production and sale of electrical power by private capital is just as legitimate and proper as any other business and that the government should not go into business except when required to do so. However, the power companies with their immense capitalization and consolidation and greediness have brought against them a demand for municipal ownership, sentiment for which is fast growing. And if the power interests desire to retain the business as private enterprise, they must seriously and permanently alter their methods or the people will certainly take into their own hands the ownership and distribution of electrical power.

Reforestation should be encouraged and assisted. Oregon scenery and recreation places must be protected, not only for our own enjoyment but that they may present an attraction to the stranger. All efforts should be made to encourage tourists, for it is becoming an industry of more and more value, and is a great aid to our required increase of population and wealth.

Agrees with the charge that there is vast room for improvement in court methods and procedure, both criminal and civil, and is heartily in sympathy with all intelligent efforts to bring about such changes as are required to insure speedy and certain justice to law violators and speedy and less expensive settlement of disputes between individuals. Favors the vigorous and persistent enforcement of all prohibition laws.

The Columbia river lies along our northern boundary. Its waters should be harnessed to turn our wheels of industry. It is a feasible undertaking and means wealth for Oregon. While it is primarily a federal activity, Washington never acts in such matters until the states demand and cooperate.

The wild life of our forests and streams need our serious attention lest they disappear. Regulations should permit a fair take but deprive the robber and despoiler of his privilege. And the game and fish guardians kept out of politics.

Favors retaining and continuing the state highway program and maintaining the commission in its present character.

Representative Democrats throughout the state supporting Mr. Wilbur's candidacy include the following: Harvey G. Starkweather, A. J. Derby, Will M. Peterson, Mary Jane Spurlin, Francis V. Galloway, George A. Coddling, M. M. Hill, Mrs. Rosemary Schenck, Samuel M. Garland, George F. Alexander, Frank DeSouza, John H. Young, John Gavin, Mrs. Daisie Stott Bullock, H. F. Meader, George C. Blakeley, Frank McColloch, W. H. Canon, Erwin A. Taft, Mrs. Sarah E. Moore, E. E. Kelley, Sam Van Vactor, Gilbert E. Hamaker, Al. A. Price, George Finley, R. R. Turner, Mrs. Alice Chailan, Alfred M. Bennett, Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Frank G. Dick, Oglesby Young, O. C. Gibbs.

While not a politician, Mr. Wilbur has always been active in public questions. His activities and beliefs indicate he is liberal enough to be progressive, conservative enough to be safe. We submit his candidacy to the Democratic voters of Oregon.

Slogan: "For Oregon's development. Cheaper power. Compel public utilities to serve public interest."

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MRS. CHARLES H. CASTNER, Vice-Chairman,  
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Carl C. Donaugh, Chairman; and other officers.)



**OLIVER P. COSHOW**

**Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court,  
Position No. 5**



Oliver Perry Coshow was born at Brownsville, Oregon, August 14, 1863, his parents being among the vanguard of those sturdy pioneers whose courage and enterprise contributed so much to the development of Oregon and the West. His early training was received in the public and high schools of Oregon at Brownsville and Portland, and a later attendance at the University of Oregon during the years 1882-1885.

The young man's ambition turning toward the law, he entered the law offices of J. K. Weatherford and George E. Chamberlain, of Albany, remaining with them from 1889 until 1892. This training led to his admission to the bar and gave him something far more valuable than a mere theoretical knowledge of the law; it gave him that sound practical foundation and experience which is a prerequisite to success in any profession, particularly the law.

Then followed years of increasing successful practice at Roseburg, Oregon, the inheritance of true pioneer ideals and training, ever leading the young attorney toward the eminent position in which his ability, learning and strict integrity now secure him.

It was in just recognition of these qualities

that Governor Walter M. Pierce on January 15, 1924, appointed him associate justice of the supreme court of Oregon, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Associate Justice Lawrence T. Harris, a choice which was confirmed by the people of Oregon in November, 1924, through his reelection to this office for a term of six years.

His record on the bench has justified the confidence of the governor and electorate, and is in every sense an enviable one. Blessed with a natural judicial temperament, he is enabled to give to every litigant a patient and unbiased hearing and to render a decision that is the result of careful thought and painstaking research, uninfluenced by popular acclaim or political expediency, a decision based solely on the law and facts as he finds them to be. He is in no sense a "yes" man on the bench and does not hesitate to write strong dissenting opinions when the decision of the majority does not coincide with the law and facts in a case as he views it after a careful weighing and study of the same.

Judge Coshow is a splendid executive and organizer and has had a great part in amending the rules and procedure which has enabled the court to speed up its work and take care of the mass of business before it. A glance at the court records will show that Judge Coshow has performed his share of the work of the court and has discharged his duty effectively, ably and honestly. What more can be required?

J. W. HAMILTON,  
DEXTER RICE,  
JOHN W. KASTE,  
G. E. HAMAKER,  
A. E. REAMES,  
E. E. BRAGG,  
E. E. KELLY,

HALL S. LUSK,  
FRANK C. McCULLOCH,  
W. S. LEVENS,  
C. M. O'NEILL,  
WILLARD WIRTZ,  
OSWALD WEST,  
ELTON WATKINS,  
RICHARD W. MONTAGUE,

MILTON A. MILLER,  
MARY JANE SPURLIN,  
THOMAS G. GREENE,  
JOSEPH K. CARSON, JR.,  
BERT E. HANEY,  
JOHN MANNING,  
ROBERT G. SMITH.

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