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FOR NOMINATION OR
ELECTION AT THE

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FOREWORD

This publication is authorized by Section 4116, Oregon Laws.

It contains only the names of those candidates for nomination or election for the various offices to be made at the primary election, May 19, 1922, who have submitted statements and portrait cuts for publication and paid the prescribed charges therefor.

Many candidates have not availed themselves of the use of the pamphlet.

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

As required by law, it is mailed only to registered Democratic voters whose names have been furnished to the Secretary of State by the County Clerks of the several Counties of Oregon.

A complete list of the names of all the Democratic candidates for nomination or election for the several offices will be found on the official primary election ballots of that party.

The official ballots for the several Counties are prepared and printed by the respective County Clerks, who also assign the candidate's ballot number.

SAM. A. KOZER,

Secretary of State.

WILL R. KING
Democrat, Candidate for National Committeeman



Will R. King has been a resident of Oregon since 1872, is still domiciled there and has never voted elsewhere. Was a student of the State Agricultural college for three years; member of Oregon legislature six years; Democratic candidate for Governor, 1898, losing only by a narrow margin; Justice Supreme Court 1907-1911; one of head managers Oregon presidential campaign 1900; National Committeeman for Oregon 1912-1916; Delegate to last three Democratic National Conventions. He was selected by President Wilson as one of the National campaign managers in 1912, and placed in exclusive charge of campaign in Pacific and Intermountain states, all of which went Democratic except Utah. Oregon, to which he gave special attention, went Democratic for President for first and only time in fifty years, by over 10,000 plurality.

He made his first "speech" in favor of the cause of Woman Suffrage in a public meeting near West-

ton, Oregon, when but eleven years of age, always favoring it thereafter. It was largely through his efforts the amendment passed the Oregon State Senate while he was a member of that body.

Will R. King was the first in the United States to propose in any legislative body the Initiative and Referendum system, (Senate Journals 1895 p. 155 and 1897 p. 154).

He is in every respect a progressive Democrat, and expects if elected National Committeeman again to place Oregon and other western states in the Democratic column. His seven years personal contact as Chief Counsel of the United States Reclamation Service, with citizens in the seventeen arid western states, among which, during that period, he traveled more than 100,000 miles in connection with his official duties, gives him an unusual advantage in that direction.

A National Committeeman (unlike the office of State Chairman) is a National political managing official, as much National in character as a Congressional official. Being National in character, makes it important that the National Committeeman have headquarters or office at the National Capital (as does this candidate), where he is in direct touch with the source of National politics, without traveling and other extra expense to party members at home.

This candidate believes in organization and that to maintain organization the party, when in power, should place none but its members on guard; when we win in 1924 we must stay won.

This statement is prepared and signed by the candidate in person, and not by any Committee or group of persons for the reason that he represents no particular group, person or faction. He will, if elected, represent the party, as a whole, with good will towards all and partiality to none.

Respectfully submitted to the careful consideration of all Democratic voters.

WILL R. KING.

(This information furnished by Will R. King)

DR. J. W. MORROW**Democrat, Candidate for National Committeeman**

We, the undersigned Democrats, most earnestly petition you to allow your name to go before the Democratic voters of Oregon for re-election to the office of National Committeeman at the primary election next May. In submitting this request we are doing what we believe will be for the best interest of our party, in that the experience and influence you have gained with the National Committee is a most valuable asset to the Democratic Party of Oregon.

In reviewing your activities we feel that your refusal would be a decided loss to the Democratic organization, both National and State. During your incumbency there has not been a single meeting of the National Committee which you have not attended and which has not felt the influence of your advice and counsel. You were among the first in attendance at the National Convention in San Francisco and rendered splendid service to the Democrats of Oregon, on that occasion gaining for our State an influential place in the National Councils of our party.

We appreciate your more than generous financial and personal service in furthering the party's interest during the campaign of last year. We feel that in view of your ability and effective work and the commanding influence you exercise as a member of the National Committee it would be a distinct loss to the Democratic party of Oregon should you decline to serve our future interests. We, therefore, request that you permit us to place your name before the voters for re-election at the primaries next May.

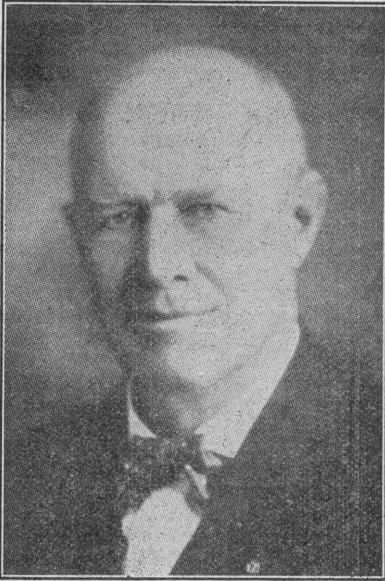
G. Y. Harry, John Van Zante, A. F. Flegel, Mrs. Q. C. English, Oglesby Young, John H. Stevenson, Jno. D. Mann, Will Moore, F. A. Seufert, Mrs. Redmond Marshall, Elton Watkins, Geo. A. Rosenberg, G. F. Alexander, Wm. D. Bennett, Lester W. Humphreys, E. J. Wood, Mrs. W. S. Belt, C. J. Smith, E. T. Hedlund, Portland, Oregon; Thos. H. Crawford, La Grande; J. H. Raley, Pendleton; Walter Hembree, McMinnville; Sam Mothershead, Burns; S. F. Pace, Wallowa County; R. R. Turner, Dallas; Sherman M. Miles, St. Helens; August Huckestein, Salem; Mrs. Wm. Bell, Roseburg; Hugh McLain, Marshfield; J. B. Messick, Baker; J. E. Barkdull, Medford; J. R. Blackaby, Ontario; Miss Celia L. Gavin, The Dalles; Newton W. Borden, Medford; John H. Smith, Astoria; W. H. Malone, Corvallis; Walter M. Pierce, La Grande; Wm. S. Levens, Baker; and Will W. Baldwin, Klamath Falls.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your petition I feel grateful for your expression of confidence and appreciation and if elected will exert every effort to build up the Democratic Party in our State. I shall encourage and insist upon a larger participation in party affairs by the masses of the voters and a greater recognition of the women not only in the work of the party but in the distribution of its honors.

DR. J. W. MORROW.

(This information furnished by Dr. J. W. Morrow)

WALTER M. PIERCE**Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Governor**

I was born on a farm in Illinois, commencing life in Oregon as a farm hand in Umatilla County in 1883; have lived in Union and Umatilla Counties ever since; taught school 7 years; acquired my knowledge of public affairs by serving as School Superintendent, County Clerk and State Senator; am now a farmer and stock raiser in Union county. As State Senator was the author of the present Soldiers' Educational Law, which has given 5000 ex-service men the opportunity of securing a better education and training for life. I was the author of the present Market Road Law. Since its organization have been president of the State Taxpayers League, which initiated the 6 per cent Tax Limitation Amendment.

MY PLATFORM

I hold that a Governor is given the veto power for use and not for ornamental purposes. The conditions under which the Governor is clothed with the veto place on him one-third of the responsibility for legislation,

good or bad. As Governor, I would consider myself bound by my official oath to meet that responsibility by vetoing all appropriations and bills that seemed out of harmony with sound economy and good state policy.

The growing cost of government is partly due to the increasing insistence that we be more and more governed. We have created salaried officials for this and salaried officials for that, until the official class has become a minority so powerful that it largely dictates policies and controls government. Some official is almost constantly at the citizen's elbow. The cost of government can be made less by weeding out the superfluous functionaries and turning out time servers and inefficient. As Governor, I would do all in my power to rid the public payrolls of parasites and political henchmen.

Serious as is the tax situation in Oregon, there is a way to remedy it. It is true that high taxes are causing many people to lose their homes, are robbing farm and many other realty owners of the fruits of their labor and are a heavy handicap on business and industry. That the power to tax is the power to destroy is a truth that should be realized by those placed in control of state, county and municipal government in this state, otherwise the state tax toll which has increased 521 per cent in 10 years threatens to extinguish property rights.

Even at present depressed values there is at least two thousand million dollars worth of property in Oregon. Our total state assessment roll is only one thousand and twenty million; leaving at least one thousand million dollars worth of property in Oregon paying little or no share of the burden of state government.

This untaxed wealth is mostly invested in foreign securities, non-taxable bonds and other income-yielding enterprises.

No state has ever found any form of assessment that can reach this class of property, except through the form of an income tax. No state reaches it today by direct taxation. We cannot experiment in the face of the present serious situation. We must act, if homes are to be saved. Therefore, I favor an income tax that will definitely make net incomes, both personal and corporate, bear one-half of the burdens of state government. Such an income tax should bear more heavily on unearned incomes than upon earned incomes.

The revenues from such a tax would lift a good part of the tax burden off farms and other real property, and cause it to be carried by intangible wealth that now pays little or no taxes. In no case should this new revenue be used in making new expenditures.

I introduced in the Oregon State Senate in 1919 an income tax bill, and secured its passage through that body. But it was defeated in the House. The same thing happened to an income tax bill introduced by me at a former session.

Our total state tax budget this year is \$9,376,289.11. I can cut this one million four hundred thousand dollars without in any way impairing the efficiency of government. This makes a clean cut of 15 per cent. Then with four million raised from net incomes, the state tax levy will be reduced from 9.4 mills to 4 mills; a saving in the country, outside of cities and special road and school districts, of an average of almost one-third of the present taxes; and in cities and special road and school districts, a saving of 5.4 mills.

If elected Governor of the State of Oregon, I pledge the people that I will do everything in my power to bring about the enactment and enforcement of measures that will bring this relief.

We must not wreck our public school system. Our free public schools are the guarantee of the present and the hope of the future. They should be maintained on a plane of high efficiency, but administered on a basis of rigid economy.

We should retain the principle of the millage tax for higher education. Neither the University, Agricultural College nor Normal School can be **maintained** without the present millage, unless there is an increase in the assessment roll. Seventy-five per cent of the 7000 students in these institutions are wholly, or partially, working their way through school. We must not close opportunity to these worthy young Americans.

If Oregon is saved from bankruptcy we must stop issuing bonds, except where an emergency exists.

We cannot now neglect our extensive highway system. Roads of the future should be so constructed as to eliminate the present extravagant repair bills. By those who know, it is stated that upkeep alone on our present highway system will cost us, in the future, one million dollars a year. This additional burden must not be added to the present property tax.

The market road law must be maintained. If continued in force for a few years, it will make Oregon a state of good country roads. By the end of this year, we will have spent seventy million dollars on our state highway system. Surely, the cities that are benefiting from this great expenditure can continue to contribute for the construction of roads for the farmers to get their products to market. All should remember that the upbuilding and future greatness of the cities depends very largely upon the success and prosperity of the farmers.

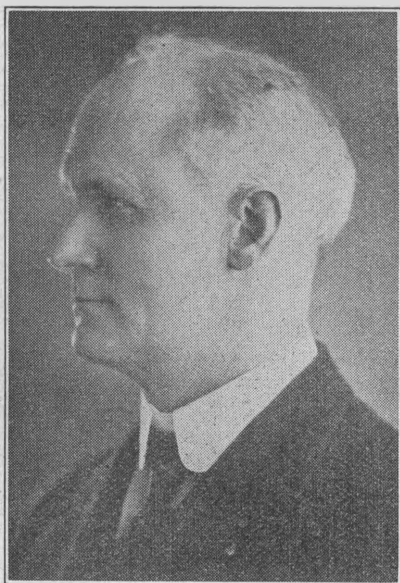
Oregon for Americans. No Oriental land ownership or leasing.

In considering appropriation bills, two questions should be asked—Is it necessary? Can we afford it? If Governor, I will veto every appropriation bill, and every item in every appropriation bill, that does not measure up to these standards.

WALTER M. PIERCE.

(This information furnished by Walter M. Pierce)

HARVEY G. STARKWEATHER
Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Governor



Harvey G. Starkweather was born 53 years ago in Clackamas County near where he now resides.

Though having only the meager advantages afforded by the pioneer schools he became prominent as an educator. For fourteen years he was active in public school work, serving as county superintendent of Clackamas County and also as city superintendent and principal of the high school at La Grande.

At the present time he is a member of the school board in his home district, also of the county educational board for Clackamas County. For six years he was a member of the Board of Regents for the State Normal Schools.

He was a member of the commission which drafted the original Workmen's Compensation Act.

Upon the recommendation of the Oregon State Grange he was appointed a member of the U. S. Rural Credits Commission which visited several European countries

and investigated that subject. The report of this Commission, Senate Document No. 214, of the year 1913, was the basis for the Federal Farm Loan Act.

For several years Mr. Starkweather was the member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Clackamas County. For two years he was the chairman of the Democratic County Committee. In 1918 he was elected chairman of the State Central Committee. At the present time he is president of the Jackson Club, the largest Democratic organization in the state.

At a meeting of the farmers of Clackamas County held during the war, Mr. Starkweather was elected chairman of an organization to cooperate with the county agricultural agent to increase farm production.

Although having lived on a farm practically all his life, his business activities are by no means confined to farming. He has extensive property interests and maintains an office in the Broadway Building in Portland, in which property he is interested.

As president of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, Mr. Starkweather was instrumental in securing a place in the public schools curriculum for the teaching of Oregon history. Mr. Starkweather has always stood for a broad and liberal educational policy, and as one of the original exponents of the millage system of support for the higher educational institutions he would vigorously oppose any discrimination against these institutions in tax reduction.

A man of strong initiative. Every phase of his public life has been characterized by vigorous activity and definite accomplishment.

At this critical period Oregon needs such a man.

His slogan is: Drive the public service corporations out of Oregon politics. Save the home.

DAN J. FRY.

(This information furnished by Dan J. Fry)

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