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## FOREWORD

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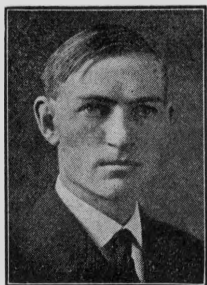
Many candidates have not availed themselves of the use of the pamphlet.

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 to their 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 various County Clerks.

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

BEN W. OLCOTT,  
Secretary of State.

**WILL H. HORNIBROOK****Democrat, Candidate for National Committeeman**

From Benton County Courier, Corvallis: "When the executive officers of the Democratic County Central Committees of Linn, Benton, Lane, Marion, Polk and Coos counties passed resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Will H. Hornibrook they went on record for a man who is 100 per cent for Woodrow Wilson, organization and harmony and who has never been identified with any faction, clique or clan within or without the ranks of the Oregon Democracy."

From the Roseburg Evening Review: "Mr. Hornibrook is a man of National reputation, an able organizer and in full harmony with the administration. The party will make no mistake in electing him."

From the Salem Capital Journal: "Publisher of the Albany Democrat, a prominent party worker and a man of excellent ability and integrity, Mr. Hornibrook should have little difficulty in winning the position."

From the Oregon City Courier: "If President Wilson had sufficient confidence in his ability to appoint him to the important post of United States Minister to Siam, the Oregon Democracy can make no mistake in making him National Committeeman. To take any other course might be regarded as a repudiation of the President."

From Eugene Daily Guard: "He is one of the leading men in his party and one in whom Oregon might well be proud in the supreme council of the nation."

From the Columbia Herald: "His assay brings forth 100 per cent pure Democratic Gold."

From the Dallas Itemizer: "The Itemizer is glad to give Mr. Hornibrook its endorsement."

From the Sutherlin Sun: "He is unquestionably the right man for the position."

From the Jordan Valley Express: "Mr. Hornibrook has served as a member and secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee, has been a faithful supporter of the administration and a consistent nonfactional Democrat always."

From the Jefferson Review: "He is just the man for the place."

From the Scio Tribune: "You will make no mistake in supporting Hornibrook."

Words printed after name on ballot: "I am for Woodrow Wilson, a Thorough Organization and a United Democracy."

W. R. BILYEU.

J. K. WEATHERFORD.

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

I was born on a farm in Illinois in 1861. Commenced life in Oregon as a farmhand in Umatilla County in 1883. Taught school and was elected school superintendent of Umatilla County in 1886. Reelected in 1888. Elected county clerk, Umatilla County in 1890. Reelected in 1892. Elected State Senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties in 1902. Elected State Senator for Union and Wallowa counties in 1916, and have been President of the Taxpayers League since its organization. Regent of Oregon Agricultural College since 1905. Admitted to practice law in the State of Oregon in 1895. Graduated from law department Northwestern University, Chicago, 1896. Practiced law at Pendleton. Am now engaged in farming in Grande Ronde valley and have been for many years last past.

My slogan is:

**"ORGANIZATION OF OREGON  
FOR THE WINNING OF THE  
WAR."**

During my thirty-five years' residence in Oregon, I have taken an active interest in public affairs.

My position upon most public questions is well known and understood. If nominated and elected governor, I pledge my earnest and unqualified support to President Woodrow Wilson and to the great effort he is leading to win the war. In this dark hour of our national life there is nothing else that counts. We must win the war or the principle that all governments "derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," after 140 years of existence, must perish.

I fear our people do not realize the seriousness of the present titanic struggle. It can not be the end of free institutions. We shall win—and not a Prussian peace either, but a peace that will insure for all time the freedom of all nations, great or small.

Every citizen in public or private life should give his loyal aid and assistance to the commander in chief of our army and navy—our president, Woodrow Wilson. This is no time to falsely criticize, find fault or play politics. The Hun, with the dripping blood of murdered millions, is at the door. He would treat our wives and daughters as he has treated the gentlewomen of Belgium and Northern France, if he could. Our boys wearing the navy blue in English waters and our boys in the olive drab somewhere in France are as truly fighting a defensive battle as though they were resisting the advance of the Hun up the Columbia river.

I pledge my most loyal support to all our boys who have entered or may enter the war and who may be called upon to shed their blood, possibly sacrificing their lives for the perpetuity of our free institutions. Thousands of our brightest, bravest and best have gone, and many no doubt will be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice for the triumph of righteousness.

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I pledge myself to labor unceasingly to help alleviate the suffering so far as possible and administer to the comforts of our country's defenders.

I believe Oregon should be organized from top to bottom for the winning of the war. No person's time is his own. Every man and woman ought to labor in some occupation that will help win the war. We should be so organized that farms, shipyards and factories manufacturing war material should not feel the shortage of labor.

We must work together as a united people, with one purpose and one aim—or perish. Wages should be commensurate with the increased cost of living.

With these beliefs firmly fixed, if I were governor, I would ask all state institutions to limit their money demands to the very lowest point possible, so that this state's financial strength may be conserved to be used for our defense and to alleviate the sufferings of our people that must follow this terrible war.

I am in favor of a vigorous good roads program when the dark clouds shall lift and our boys by the thousands come home needing employment. Then will be the time to commence active road work that should cover this state with a network of good roads, with the main lines hard surfaced.

I believe that members of the state highway commission should be given a reasonable salary. I am firmly convinced that no more highway road bonds should be sold, unless it be to build a military road, until the present crisis is past.

I believe the present compensation act of the state should by constitutional amendment be made obligatory in all gainful occupations.

I believe in prison reform so that the unfortunate ones we confine in our penal institutions may return to the walks of life better and not worse by reason of their incarceration.

I have been a laboring man most of my life and deeply sympathize with those who honestly toil, firmly believing that opportunity should be given to all to earn an honest living in some useful occupation.

I shall, if elected governor, at all times try to bring about through legislation and otherwise a more equitable distribution of the fruits of labor, a better understanding and a more healthful and more friendly feeling between labor and capital to the end that each may realize that he has a place in society, and that in friendly cooperation and union there is strength for the nation and prosperity and happiness for all.

My opposition to the American saloon in this state commenced with my arrival here 35 years ago. I rejoice that the saloon in Oregon is gone for good. I believe in the strict enforcement of the law. I favor national prohibition.

I have always favored woman suffrage and am in favor of extending the franchise throughout the nation.

I believe in the people's rule—in the greatest possible participation by the people direct in all the affairs of government compatible with the practical and efficient administration of affairs.

I am a firm believer in the future greatness of Oregon. Portland should be one of the greatest ports of the world. With her inland waterways developed, steamship lines promoted and rural Oregon developed, her future destiny is assured.

I shall do everything in my power, if governor, to promote the business growth and development of our state, never forgetting the necessity for constant work for moral uplift and educational opportunities.

My motto shall be: "Organization of Oregon for the winning of the war."

WALTER M. PIERCE.

**HARVEY G. STARKWEATHER**

Democrat, Candidate for Nomination for Governor.



Harvey G. Starkweather, who seeks the Democratic nomination for Governor, was born on a farm near Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 20, 1868. He was married in 1894 to Alice M. Risley. They have five children.

He has been prominently identified with the educational, industrial and political development of Oregon. He was a member of the Commission which drafted the original Workmen's Compensation Act. He was also a member of the Government Commission which made the Rural Credits' investigation in several European countries. The report of this Commission, United States Senate Document No. 214, of the year 1913, was the basis for the Federal Farm Loan Act.

For a number of years he was actively engaged in public school work and, during that time, he served as County School Superintendent of Clackamas

County and as City Superintendent and Principal of the High School of La Grande, Oregon.

For the past seventeen years he has devoted his attention principally to farming, however he still retains an active interest in the educational affairs of the State. For the past twelve years he has been a member of the School Board in his home district, also a member of the Educational Board for Clackamas County and of the Board of Regents for Normal Schools of the State.

For many years past Mr. Starkweather has served as the Clackamas County member of the Democratic State Central Committee. For the past two years he has been Chairman of the Clackamas County Central Committee, in which position he took an active part in support of President Wilson's campaign.

Mr. Starkweather is seeking the nomination not as a nonpartisan, but as a Democrat.

He says a Democrat is not a nonpartisan and a nonpartisan can not be a Democrat.

His slogan is, "Unite the State's Agricultural, Industrial and Commercial forces to win the war."

E. R. BROWN.

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