

speeches from other Northwest States that followed close upon the tour. Very satisfactory reports are coming in from New York, and Senator Mowbray's victory at the primary in New York is being taken as an omen of complete success.

Approx of California Senator Hiram Johnson begins his speaking campaign for Harding next Wednesday, the same home city, Dayton, to make his first speech of the campaign. This week means, therefore, that the Republican batteries East and West will be aligned for continuous bombardment of the enemy throughout the week.

This week the campaign enters a new stage. Republican momentum has been gathered slowly, partly from the necessity which had to do with delicate and dangerous primary contests, and partly from the view that it would be folly to weary the people too early in the contest. From now on the big guns will be used. The period of real fighting has come.

His optimism is not impelling him to sit down under a shade tree, for as a matter of fact, right here in Marion, he is working harder than most men in America, and has less privacy than most. But he will do even more for the sake of holding what the Republicans have got, and that in the opinion of himself and his advisers is all that is required. To do that he will not shrink the momentary labor of four days, especially as it may be of great assistance to his embattled senatorial colleagues.

Harding to Help Wadsworth. For Harding is as much concerned about maintaining the Republican majority in the Senate as he is about his own election, and for that reason he can be expected to go into New York and speak for Wadsworth, into Maryland and speak for Weller, into Kentucky and speak for Keating, into Indiana and speak for Watson, into Missouri and speak for Spencer, and into numerous other States where it might be folly to sit back in stolid indifference that victory will be won anyhow.

When Harding does take to the road a great many persons are going to be astonished. They will find a man whose powers of effective speaking and whose attractive personality are singularly underrated. There isn't an ounce of flamboyance in a ton of his oratory, but there is a vast deal of forcefulness in his way of presenting matters in which the public are interested. It is noticeable every time he addresses an audience that he holds its attention steadfastly. They pay attention to what the man says.

As regards Harding's personality, it is the simple truth to state that he has a knack of making friends at the spot. Wherever he goes he has not been greeted by any man of recent times, and possibly not equalled by any except Theodore Roosevelt.

If the Democratic strategists are right, the Democratic straggle will be the fiercest in the history of the party. Harding will injure himself if he takes to the road, they are in for a shocking disappointment. Newspapers, who have followed him, have seen, Taft and Wilson on their campaigns are agreed that Harding is not the least of them as a campaigner. He possesses that indefinable quality which "takes." His dignity is not of the sour and repellent sort that chills approach. On the contrary, it is the easy and natural dignity that imbues with friendly grace without conscious effort.

The railroad men of Marion will visit the front porch to-morrow, and on Tuesday the Senator will make a speech to a business platform from California. The men from the coast will arrive to-morrow evening.

TRAVELLERS TO VISIT HARDING ON SEPT. 25

Thousands Will Hear Remedy for Business Conditions.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—What is expected to be the most important pronouncement to date of the Harding campaign will be given at the last front porch speech of the Senator on September 25. Senator Harding will address a delegation of travelling men representing every part of the country, and it is then that the Senator will set forth his business platform.

Special trains from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and every large city in Ohio have been arranged for. There will be big delegations from Pittsburgh, Detroit, Indianapolis, Wheeling, W. Va., and St. Paul.

This particular front porch speech will be delivered to representatives of the travelling men in the morning, the strong sentiment for the Republican ticket evident among the rank and file of commercial travellers. The Harding and Coolidge Travelling Men's League, which is making arrangements for the convalescence at Marion, already has enrolled 10,000 travelling men, with hundreds of enrolments pouring in every day at the national headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. It is expected that there will be 100,000 in the league by September 28.

In enrolling under the Harding and Coolidge banners, travelling men are strongly criticizing the "stuffed attempts at optimism" in recent reports on business conditions issued by agencies of the present Administration. These men entering the league, it was stated here to-night, report that many industrial lines have been seriously affected by wholesale cancellations of orders, that failures have been increasing and that the business world needs strong assurances of the future policy of the Government to end "widespread uncertainty" and restore confidence. From these travelling men the following adverse factors operating against business have been brought out strongly:

- 1. Unnecessary continuance of Government interference with business through extension of the war power.
2. Inequalities of taxation and inequalities in the decisions of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.
3. Failure of the Government to stabilize financial conditions and to strengthen the Liberty bond market by funding the foreign war loan, and securing an agreement for payment of interest on these loans.
4. Quarrel tactics of the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice toward business, which have added to the uncertainty of the business world without effective prosecution of violators of the law and correction of existing unfair trade practices.
5. These expressions of apprehension have been made known to Senator Harding and his remedies for these conditions will be set forth in the forthcoming speech.

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Decisive Answer Demanded by People Who Hate All Forms of Evasion.

OREGON WORK IS FUTILE

Governor Borne Down by Party's Handicaps, Fails to Sverve Sturdy Citizens.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12.—Gov. Cox's attempt to brush lightly aside the overwhelming demand for a definite statement on prohibition by setting up with the people of the Great Northwest. They see in the Democratic nominee's declaration that wet and dry is not an issue in the campaign, an effort to dodge a flat-footed position on what to them is much of an issue. The way he is handling this matter is hurting him.

When Gov. Cox arrived in Oregon today he found much the same conditions as on the western coast of Washington, a concentrated drive to smoke him out on prohibition. The Portland Oregonians gave wide display to the Carroll "Coke" which solicited funds for the Cox campaign upon the basis of the nominee's friendship for the brewery interests. Equal prominence was given to the Cox statement in Seattle last night that prohibition is an issue.

There isn't a chance that Gov. Cox, in his speeches to-morrow and early Tuesday, will be able to make a dent in the deep sentiment for Harding and Coolidge. There is a keen suspicion about the Wilson League of Nations and a genuine disapproval of the present Administration. And now comes Gov. Cox, with the people fairly well convinced he was not afraid to take a definite stand on the question, which attitude alone is doing him injury.

Can't Tolerate Shilly-shallying. Out here in the hardy Northwest people are either one thing or the other. They make up their minds on a question and announce themselves. If they are wet they are wet, and if they are dry they are dry. The people of the Northwest feel that Gov. Cox, coming to them to ask for votes to elect him President, has a right to ask him an important question in return and to expect an unqualified answer. Gov. Cox has not answered to the public satisfaction.

Oregon, like Washington, is dry, and had been for a long time before national prohibition took effect. Portland was the last remaining wet spot in the State, and finally, when the city administration insisted public drinking fountains all over town, it fell into line. The sentiment is genuine and there is instant alarm when anyone suggests that the State might relax the dry laws. Within the last week or so, the prohibition candidates have been active hereabout, emphasizing the situation.

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G. O. P.'s \$3,800,000 Aim Worth Only Half on Present Basis of 50 Cent. Dollar.

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MARION, Ohio, Sept. 12.—The largest campaign fund in the history of Presidential campaigns was a Democratic fund, that raised by William C. Whittey, to elect Grover Cleveland. It was \$4,100,000—hundreds of thousands of dollars bigger than the fund that Mark Hanna got together in 1896 for McKinley. With the dollar on the fifty cent basis of the present time, a fund of \$1,900,000 might not be unreasonable on the basis of the Cleveland fund of 1892 and the Mark Hanna fund of 1896, and \$3,800,000 probably went as far as \$7,600,000 would go nowadays.

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In the closing weeks of the campaign of 1904 Alton B. Parker, who was one of the most soundly beaten candidates in history, made charges of corruption against the Republican public funds, but it was proved at the time that the accusations, resembling those being made by Gov. Cox now, were founded on mere guesswork and hearsay. Recent campaign fund figures are as follows:

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Meetings in theatres and halls will stand for the time being, unless the nominee's throat should become worse. A specialist will travel with the Governor for a while.

PROHIBITION ISSUE IN VERMONT FIGHT

Republicans Have Not Pussfooted in Primaries to Be Held Tuesday.

Montpelier, Vt., Sept. 12.—Contests among four candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor and three for the nomination in the same party for Congress in the Vermont primaries on Tuesday next. The four men seeking nomination for Chief Executive, which usually is equivalent to election in this State, are Frank W. Agan of Ludlow, Fred H. Babbitt of Rockingham, Curtis E. Emery of Newport and James Hartness of Springfield.

Representative Porter H. Dale is a candidate for renomination in the Second District. He is opposed by Ernest W. Gibbons of the League of Nations, and William P. Dilworth of Barre. Senator William P. Dilworth and Representative Frank I. Linn are unopposed for renomination.

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It is astonishing how slow the political bosses are to learn that they cannot make puppets out of Judges, George W. Wickersham, formerly Attorney General, commented yesterday when he expressed the wish that Justice Lester W. Clark should be continued on the Supreme Court bench in the Second district. The lesson taught "Tammany" last year, when Charles F. Murphy turned down Justice Newburger, seems to have been forgotten by the Brooklyn organization, Mr. Wickersham said.

The age limit has been put forward again as a reason for not renominating Justice Clark. Mr. Wickersham said, as in the Newburger case, and as it was rejected a year ago, it should be rejected now.

MAJOR FISH RUNNING STRONG

Women and Younger Voters Favor Him for Congress.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Sept. 12.—The campaign for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress from the Twenty-sixth district, which includes Orange, Dutchess and Putnam counties, has been very lively. Major Hamilton Fish, Jr., former Attorney General of New York, has the backing of ex-servicemen and the younger element. He will also get a share of the women's vote.

The opposition to Major Fish is divided between two candidates—George F. Gregg of Goheen and Akin S. Tallman of Millbrook. The former is County Clerk of Orange county and the latter was secretary to ex-Representative Platt.

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Are Prominent in West Side Drive to Reelect Him to Senate.

NO TIME FOR REVENGE His Record as Legislator Is Set Forth in Circular to Voters.

A bi-partisan club has been organized by the women of the West Side, including the Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh Assembly districts, to work for the reelection of United States Senator James W. Wadsworth. Circulars are being sent to all the voters in the districts in an effort to reach women outside of the regular Democratic and Republican organizations and make them familiar with the record of Senator Wadsworth.

Miss Mary Newton, associate leader of the Seventh Assembly district and for several years an active suffrage worker, is chairman of the organization. The majority of the women associated with the movement also have taken active parts in the fight for suffrage, and they are particularly desirous of impressing upon the women of the West Side that suffrage is no longer an issue and that they should be good minded enough not to seek revenge upon Senator Wadsworth for his stand on the question.

"Obviously Senator Wadsworth was conscientious in his opposition to this measure," reads a part of a circular which is being sent out. "It was not an hour ago that we all high all the big men of the country were against woman suffrage. But woman suffrage is now an accomplished fact and no man in public life knows better how to accept the will of the majority than this well trained legislator."

Another section of the circular, referring to Senator Wadsworth's record, reads: "Throughout the trying war period and the reconstruction days since the signing of the armistice there has been no better or more faithful worker in the United States Senate than Senator Wadsworth. And every act of his has shown a clear mind, splendid patriotism, real balance, genuine poise and admirable common sense."

ROOT'S APPROVAL OF WADSWORTH STRONG Sends Cable Message to the Senator.

Elihu Root, who is at the Hague attending the establishment of an international tribunal, has approved the candidacy for renomination of Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr.

James R. Sheffield, head of the local Wadsworth committee, made public yesterday the text of a cable message from Mr. Root to Senator Wadsworth. It said: "Seeing American newspapers occasionally, I am just informed that the Republican convention recommended your nomination for Senator. Accept my congratulations."

"No American public servant in recent years has deserved reelection more truly than you have by unselfish devotion to public uprightiness, industry, good temper, courage and superior ability."

"If your patriotic constituents realize how important it is for our country to have the very best character and business employed in the Government, you surely will be elected."

WOMAN HELD FOR DEATH