

# Haines Represents Nothing in the Present Campaign in Idaho

The Spokane Spokesman-Review in a recent issue, discussing the Idaho primary law and the need for amendments, takes occasion to declare that John M. Haines, the Republican nominee for governor, is merely a figure. "Personally he represents nothing," says that paper, "he is simply the Republican nominee." But it declares that Paul Clagstone, counted out of the nomination, will grow in the esteem of the people of this state as the years go by. The Spokesman-Review article is as follows:

One thing the people of Idaho will demand of the next legislature is an amendment, or probably several amendments to the direct primary law of that state. During the primary campaign the need of some amendments was emphasized. One fault in particular was that the primary date, July 30, was a bad time. It caught the farmers in the middle of their busy season, when many could not go to the polls to vote.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties in their platforms have promised certain changes. The Democrats would extend the primary to include presidential electors and would provide that delegates to the platform conventions be elected by direct vote. The only amendment the Republicans promise is a provision that when voters register they make their party declaration, so as to prevent Democrats voting Republican ballots and vice versa.

But more important than all of these, even more important than the changing of the date of the primary election, which neither old party promises to do, is the need of some amendment that will safeguard the primary in its essential purpose, the selection of the candidate who is the people's choice.

This necessity was emphasized in the case of Paul Clagstone, who, on the face of the returns, was defeated for the Republican nomination by 15 votes.

There is little room for doubt but that Clagstone was counted out of the nomination; perhaps not maliciously or fraudulently, but counted out nevertheless. And this fact does not hinge alone on the failure to count second-choice votes. Affidavits were secured in southern counties showing that enough second-choice votes, favoring Clagstone, were not counted to have changed the result.

But more recently have come other reports from southern Idaho counties of "errors" in the election count. In Blaine county, in particular, it is reported that many Democrats who voted a Democratic ballot, but marked the name of Hawley and marked in the name of Haines. It was also the case that a number of Republican ballots in the southern counties showed the names of all four Republican gubernatorial candidates were scratched and the name of Hawley written in.

The first instance had a direct bearing on the result of the Republican primary. Under the law these ballots, in

so far as the vote for governor was concerned, should have been thrown out.

It is manifestly evident that votes for John M. Haines, on the Democratic primary ballot, could not be counted for John M. Haines, the Republican candidate. The election officials might have reported these as so many votes for John M. Haines for the Democratic nomination for governor.

They had no right under the law to add these votes to Haines' vote for the Republican nomination. But this they did.

But with all these irregularities, even with the sworn affidavits of election officials that such mistakes were made, the friends of Paul Clagstone could not secure a recount. It was found that the law is so loose that a recount could only be secured with the consent of the other candidates.

Haines, nominated on the face of the returns, refused to consent to a recount, and attorneys advised Clagstone's friends that there was no use proceeding.

There is no argument about the unfairness of such a condition. That precinct election officials, so often chosen for political reward alone and without regard to qualifications or understanding of the election laws, should have the power to count a candidate out of the administration; to thwart the will of the people, regardless of whether it is intentional or through ignorance, is rather appalling.

But such a condition seems to exist. Paul Clagstone played the man. He had ample reason to protest against such conditions, and being refused a protest through the courts in the way of a recount, there was pressure of all kinds brought to bear on Clagstone to get him to carry the protest to the people directly by running for governor on the Progressive ticket. No one but Mr. Clagstone's friends will ever know the tremendous influence wielded to get Clagstone to make the race on the third ticket.

Most men, and strong men, would have consented under the condition that existed. But Clagstone stood firm in his determination. Clagstone, counted out of the nomination, is one of the biggest men in Idaho. People who opposed him in the primary are praising his manly position. Haines, counted in for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, is but little more than a figure. Personally he represents nothing to the people. He is simply the Republican nominee. When that period is passed Haines will be forgotten. But Clagstone will grow. The people were for him, and they admire a man of his character.

But as to the fault if the primary law; the people of Idaho will not forget. Such a condition of affairs should not be allowed to repeat itself. If the legislature listens to the people, it will never occur again.

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## News Notes From Arrow Rock

(Capital News Special Service.)  
Arrow Rock, Oct. 5.—Mrs. E. Hull has returned from a fortnight's visit with relatives at Payette and Nampa.

Mrs. A. C. Hodden is the guest of friends in Caldwell.

Miss Margaret Steadman is day operator in the telephone office during the absence of Miss Anna Rhoads, who was called to Denver by the death of a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Witter of Louisville, Kansas, are guests at the home of their niece, Mrs. A. S. Brown.

A baby daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anasate on the first. The father is a Spanish rigger, employed on the dam and the mother arrived from Spain less than a year ago.

James Munn, Jr., who is a sophomore in the Boise high school, came up on his wheel and spent Sunday at home. He was accompanied by a boy friend.

John Marinoff, the Bulgarian who suffered a badly broken leg last winter during the excavation for the diversion tunnel, left last week for a visit at his home in the old country.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Tinker and Mrs. L. E. Workman came up from Boise in an auto on Sunday for a visit with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McFadden.

Mrs. T. E. Bliss left Sunday evening for Beverly, Kansas, in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her brother.

Dwight L. Miller is a guest at the home of his uncle, John S. Hamilton. Allan B. Rinewalt of New York, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wimer for some time, left Saturday for Boise. After a short stay in that city he will continue his sight-seeing journey through the west.

Rapier R. Coghill, government cement chemist, is here from Elephant Butte, New Mexico. His wife and child accompanied him and they are temporarily located in the government guest house.

John A. Beemer, government engineer, has been transferred from the Boise office, and with his family are occupying the Reeve cottage.

R. H. Phipps, who has charge of the meat market, has gone to Caldwell for a two weeks' vacation. L. B. Fuller has bought his place and upon Mr. Phipps' return he expects to build across the river at Dam Junction.

Alfred B. Johnson, foreman of the bridge gang, has moved his family here from Ashton, Idaho, and they are living over on the Elmore county side. Harold E. Clark, stenographer in the office of A. O. Weise, chief clerk, has arranged a large class in shorthand, which will meet three times each week in the writing room at the club house. Moving picture shows at the Arrow Rock club house every Tuesday and Friday evenings attract large crowds. There is no little talent with brush and

pen among the employees at the big dam and the local jokes which are nightly depicted upon the screen are the most popular features of the entertainment. No one escapes and he who laughs loudest at the "good hit" on his neighbor may get what is coming to himself on the next film.

M. B. Watson, the shoemaker, is putting up a new cobbler's shop near Rosse's rooming house and the South Fork Milling company is putting in a lumber yard and drying shed between the shoe shop and the tennis grounds.

The business of the Arrow Rock postoffice has attained such proportions that more room is needed and workmen are engaged in enlarging the building eight feet each way. Lock boxes and a money order window will be installed. The office will be temporarily located in the club house.

A number of new cottages are in course of construction and new families are coming in daily. E. L. Ballard, camp superintendent, and J. S. Hamilton, who has charge of the boot house, are nicely settled in their new homes on "McFadden Heights." A. S. Brown's cottage is nearing completion, while R. D. Williams and Hugh Sands are preparing to build in the same locality.

C. S. Kratz has put up a neat residence in the "Newly Wed" addition and C. E. Hall is building over in "Dana Junction."

The Saturday excursions over the Arrow Rock and Boise railroad continue to be popular with tourists. This is the nicest time of the year for a visit to Arrow Rock, as the days are bright and pleasant without being too warm for the exertion of "seeing the camp."

Seven hundred and twenty-seven employees were reported on the Arrow Rock payroll on the first of the month and more workmen are put on as fast as they put in an appearance. It is said that 1000 men would now be at work if they could be obtained.

The excavation in the big pit is progressing very rapidly and at one point it is expected that bed rock will be reached in another 10 feet. The pumps have been lowered 10 feet from the place of beginning.

The sand cement plant begun operations Wednesday with a crew of 30 men under Foreman L. L. Steadman. This plant is one of the three big sand cement manufacturing plants operated by Uncle Sam on his western irrigation projects. The others are located at Roosevelt, Arizona, and Elephant Butte, New Mexico.

Frost has done but little damage at this altitude and visitors from the valley are surprised to see tomato and other tender vines crisp and green and the brilliant colors of the camp gardens undimmed. The soil here is very fertile and the rapid growth of vegetation has surprised those who ventured small gardens this year.

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