

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Six candidates have filed for the United States senate, three serious, Will E. Humphrey, Miles Poindexter and Enoch A. Bryan, either of whom may be nominated, two dummies for other candidates, Spaulding in the interest of Bryan and Durhea in the interest of Miles Poindexter, and one to satisfy a political delusion, with no more chance of winning than an Indian statute, Mrs. Allen, wife of the late Senator John B. Allen. Which two of these to vote for is the question for each voter to settle. It is argued by the local advocates of the three leading candidates that it is right and proper to vote for your real favorite in the fight for first choice and some dummy for second choice. If this practice is followed to any great extent some of the dummies will get a large number of votes, but not enough to make either of them at any time seriously in the race. Every true Seattleite will vote for Humphrey for first choice, and some of them will place their second choice so as to not jeopardize his chances of winning. In other words, they will vote for Mrs. Allen or one of the dummy candidates. Humphrey ought to leave Seattle with a lead over Poindexter and Bryan in first choice votes that would make him hard to catch, however faster than he they may run in other parts of the state, but it is not probable that either he or any other candidate will get the requisite forty per cent, hence he must get a big second choice vote in order to win and there is the rub. Those who vote for Poindexter will not give Humphrey their second choice vote, but those who vote for Bryan for first choice may do so, and if they do Humphrey is certain of election. The most of the men who will vote for Bryan are old line Republicans and under no circumstances will be for Poindexter. However, Bryan may be able to influence them to vote for one of the dummy candidates instead of Humphrey, which would seriously cripple Humphrey's chances of winning the nomination.

Poindexter has a wonderful amount of personal strength among the one-time Progressive vote, for first choice, but hardly enough to give him the requisite forty per cent. In order to win then he, too, must look for second choice votes, and the question with those who are supporting him is, from whom will they come? Poindexter will, it is here predicted, have fewer second choice votes than either of the other two leading candidates and therein lies his great weakness. He is not a Republican according to his own statement, and if re-elected will not vote with the Republicans only when it pleases him to do so. In short, he has no party ties, though he is appealing to the Republicans to re-elect him. Poindexter never has been a Republican and never has affiliated with Republicans only on election day, when he wants Republican votes to elect him to an office.

Enoch A. Bryan is a true blue Republican and has always affiliated with that party, and if elected will work in perfect harmony with the Republican party. He is strong in Eastern Washington among the farmers and in the very locality where Poindexter got the most of his votes when he ran before, he will therefore take from Poindexter a great many votes that he would get were only he and Humphrey pitted against each other.

And now to discuss the above candidates from the view point of a colored citizen for a moment. Poindexter has never been satisfactory to the officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and they have always recommended against him. He has never complied with the wishes of the local branch of the Association when they have appealed to him to vote against measures that have been brought forward by the southern Democrats inimical to the welfare of the colored citizens, but on the other hand voted with the Democrats. No colored citizen can consistently vote for Poindexter.

Enoch A. Bryan in national issues is an unknown quantity, but in local matters he has always been fair to the colored citizens. As president of the state college he never made any discrimination in the school and says he will be

just as fair in Congress as he was in his school work.

Humphrey has always been Johnny-on-the-job, when the colored citizens appealed to him to go to the front for them, and while he refused to be put on the gridiron by the Association, yet he never wavered in Congress and it can be said without fear of successful contradiction that he can be trusted and therefore should receive every first choice vote among the colored voters of the state.

Speaking about Humphrey reminds the editor hereof of a letter which he recently received from him, which is as follows:

Committee on Rivers and Harbors,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
Washington, D. C., August 9, 1916.

Mr. H. R. Cayton,
603 Pacific Block,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Cayton:

There has come to my notice a recent copy of your paper, in which you had some very favorable comments in regard to my candidacy for United States Senate.

You are familiar with my record ever since I came as a young, unknown man to Seattle. You know personally something about my early struggles and vicissitudes. I certainly am pleased to know that this record has met your approval. Few men in the state of Washington, in the years gone by, have been in closer touch with political events than yourself, and few are in a position to speak more authoritatively on the days that are gone.

Assuring you that I appreciate your kindly sentiments, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Humphrey.

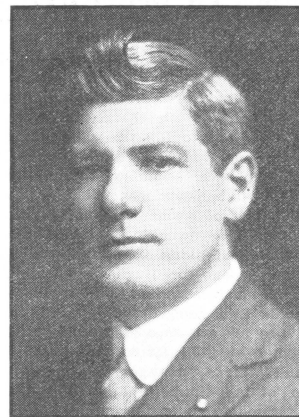


MILO A. ROOT

Milo A. Root, who has filed for one of the nine superior court judges is an able and conscientious man and attorney and will make an ideal judge. Judge Root should receive one of the largest votes of any one in the race and Cayton's Weekly most cheerfully commends his candidacy and recommends him to its readers as one they can vote for and never have cause to regret it.

"John H. Roberts knows the sheriff's game if he will do his duty, and it looks to me very much like that he is the only candidate for sheriff of King County that will do so," said a prominent Seattle man.

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ELMER F. CONNER

Elmer F. Conner, who seeks the nomination for county auditor is peculiarly fitted to fill the position and if nominated and elected he will give the taxpayers one of the best administrations in the history of that office. Mr. Conner was bred and born in "bleeding Kansas" and of a parentage that had Republicanism shot into them, and he inherited it from them.

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