

# POLITICAL NEWS

## DAVE FARNSWORTH

One of the political happenings of more than ordinary interests during the past week is the filing of David Farnsworth for the office of County Auditor and Recorder.

Farnsworth was one of the pioneers of Las Vegas and in the early days of Clark county served as county treasurer and also as Auditor and Recorder.

Following the death of Mildred Hardy, who was elected Auditor and Recorder at the 1930 general election, the county commissioners casting about for the most competent man to appoint as her successor chose David Farnsworth. The soundness of their judgment has been confirmed by his record of hard-working efficiency and unflinching courtesy.

## COOPER TO FILE

The latest reports of a political nature from Reno indicate that John A. Cooper, prominent business man and Democrat of the state, will file for the Democratic nomination for governor before the end of the present week.

Mr. Cooper is a man who has a successful business career in the state to recommend him, having developed stores in three of the principal cities of the north, which he afterward sold to the J. C. Penney Co. He is a man of fine personality and is popular with his friends. He is not of the back-slapping, political type of man, but has the strength of character to carry on an efficient administration of the state business and to hold himself free from domination by political cliques. Fortunately for him, he has never been involved on either side of the controversy raging about the closed banks of the north.

If Mr. Cooper decides to make the race for the governorship he will be recognized as a formidable factor, as it is probable that no northern democrat will file against him.

## STATE TREASURER

When a man was sought to fill the office of State Treasurer following defalcation of the former state treasurer, Ed Malley and his political pals, George Russell was chosen. His administration of the treasurer's office and his wise leadership in the financial matters of the state have fully confirmed the wisdom of the choice.

George Russell has opposed vigorously those policies which would increase the cost of state government and has pointed out various means by which the expenses of the state may be reduced. His candidacy for election as state treasurer will, it is believed, meet with little serious opposition.

## U. S. MARSHAL

The untimely death of U. S. Marshal Zeb Ray, places another serious responsibility in the hands of the Clark county Democratic committee, which is charged with the duty of recommending a successor.

It is assumed that Senator Pittman, upon whose recommendation the President appointed the former marshal, will recognize the right of Clark county to this appointment. The Democratic Central committee expects to have its recommendation followed. This in the more certain because, it all probability, any candidate named by the committee will have the endorsement of E. W. Clark, Nevada's member of the Democratic National Committee.

## SILVER

We hear an occasional complaint, especially among the Democrats, directed at Senator Key Pittman, to the effect that he has "done nothing for silver."

This appears to the casual observer an extremely poor issue upon which to base a hope of defeating Nevada's senior senator at this election. If the democratic politicians who have ambitions to step into Senator Pittman's shoes have nothing better than this as a platform, they should save their filing fee.

We saw Senator Borah, Senator Wheeler, Senator Thomas, Senator King and others, jump into the ring and seize the "16 to 1" silver issue in the hope of promoting their political standing through the west. We have seen, also, that their policies received little or no support in administration circles.

On the other hand, we observed that Senator Pittman at the London Economic Conference a year ago, succeeded in having signed by representatives of more than sixty nations, an agreement to promote the further use of silver as a money

metal. Many nations have already ratified that agreement.

Then, the attempt of the more radical of the silver group to force an unwise silver policy upon the country having failed, we have seen Senator Pittman's silver purchase bill passed by congress and signed by the President. Already that bill is having a beneficial effect upon the prices of silver and is stimulating the reopening of mines.

Senator Pittman, because of his closeness to the administration, was able to accomplish much for the silver cause. Whatever has been done is due solely to his efforts. It is not reasonable to expect that the Democrats of Nevada are foolish enough to throw away that splendid advantage the state has by reason of Senator Pittman's seniority in the Senate; his great power over international affairs because of his chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations committee and because of his close personal relations with President Roosevelt.

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# New Vegas Union Name Committees

Ed Wasserback was appointed business agent of Local No. 165, International Beverage Dispensers Alliance at the regular meeting Monday evening.

Wm. J. Wallace, J. J. Murphy and F. K. Shaw were elected to serve as trustees for the next year.

The election of Wm. Wallace as chaplain completed the organization. Other matters of a routine nature were dispensed with and a few new members initiated.

The next business meeting will be held next Monday night at the V. F. W. hall and a large turnout of members is anticipated.

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