N. J. REPUBLICANS SEE 50,000 VICTORY

Predict G. O. P. Nominee for Governor Will Sweep State. Bugbee Leading Candidate

NUGENT MAY OPPOSE HIM

By a Staff Correspondent

Trenton, July 11.—The preliminary work of the gubernatorial campaign in New Jersey is in full swing, with well-informed Republicans claiming that they will win by from 30,000 to 75,000 majority.

These widely divergent figures represent the extremes of Republican pessimism and optimism over the political outlook in the governorship fight. Leaders seem to be agreed that the figures probably will come between the two or about 50,000 majority.

Assurance of a winning fight is based principally on the thoroughness with which the preliminary work is being done. The Republican state committee, according to those who know, has refused absolutely to get into wrangles over which candidate is to be indorsed.

There are three principal contenders for the nomination, and under the law no political organization is permitted to indorse a candidate in advance of the primaries. This does not, of course, prevent a great deal of canvassing by individuals for their favorites, but the canvassing is of a sort that does not endanger party harmony when the time comes to get together and work for the party's candidate.

Bugbee Is Favored Man

The men most frequently mentioned for the Republican nomination for the governorship this fall are William Runyon, who is filling the remaining months of the term vacated by Governor Edge, when he became a member of the United States Senate; Thomas Raymond, former mayor of Newark, and Newton A. K. Bugbee, Trenton business man and present state comptroller.

As things are shaping up now it looks as though "Newt" Bugbee would get the Republican nomination.

Raymond is looked upon as the most "liberal" of the candidates. Acting Governor Runyon is a strong prohibitionist. Comptroller Bugbee was associated with the prohibition movement last year. Whether or not the prohibition issue will figure in the choice of a Republican nominee the leaders do not pretend to know.

Comptroller Bugbee, as his platform, has indorsed the declaration of principles recently made at the convention here of the New Jersey State League of Republican Clubs. One of these principles had indirectly to do with prohibition, in so far as it related to the method of amending the constitution of the United States.

This section reads:

"The constitution of the United States has been proclaimed by eminent statesmen as the greatest instrument ever emanating from the brain of man. Under it the experiment of free government has finally succeeded. In 130 years of wonderful progress and growth in territory and population it had but five fundamental changes. An instrument so effective should not be thoughtlessly changed. It is the people's law and the palladium of the people's safety and liberty.

"Any changes therein should, therefore, be by the people's consent, and we recommend that all amendments to our national constitution should be referred to a specific referendum vote of the people of each state for their advice prior to its ratification or rejection by the state Legislature thereof. This procedure and principle would be similar to that of the advisory senatorial primary law in force in many of the states before the adoption of the amendment electing United States senators by direct vote of the people."

Democratic Boss in Ring

Opposed to the Republican who will be selected as candidate for governor probably will be one of the following three Democrats: Former Congressman Thomas J. Scully, of Middlesex; Edward I. Edwards, Jersey City banker, and "Jim" Nugent, of Newark, Democratic boss of the state.

Just now the Democrats are having a fine row over which one of the three shall be chosen as the Democratic party's candidate. For some time Edwards was regarded generally as leading the field. This was before Nugent became a candidate—when he was, in fact, supporting Edwards's candidacy.

The story going the rounds in Republican circles here a story over which there has been many a hearty laugh—is to the effect that Edwards received a quiet tip from Washington to disassociate himself from his backer and party "boss." His attempt to carry out the admonition, so the story goes, not only lost him Nugent's support, but won in its place the Newark leader's active opposition and rival candidacy for the nomination.

Credited With "Making" Wilson

Nugent is a power in New Jersey politics. He is both strong and outspoken. His services to the administration in the past, and particularly to President Wilson, have been considerable. With former United States Senator James Smith, Nugent is credited with having "made" President Wilson politically.

The Republican leaders of the state are confident that they will carry the governorship against any candidate that the Democrats can put up. They are even more certain that New Jersey will go Republican by a big majority in the presidential election of 1920.

As much interest at least is being taken in the presidential possibilities of next year as in the gubernatorial fight. The sentiment is emphatically against President Wilson, according to men who have been in active political canvassing throughout New Jersey. This unpopularity is no new thing. It is most outspoken in Trenton, where President Wilson's frequent absences from the State House on political campaigning trips throughout the country created a feeling that he was neglecting his state to advance his own political ambitions. The Republicans claim that the issue is clear-cut against President Wilson, and that in the matter of how New Jersey will vote nationally there is only one answer—the most overwhelmingly Republican majority that the state has seen in years.

The governorship fight is a good deal more complicated, and not quite so certain, although the least optimistic of the Republican leaders are confident that the Republican candidate—whoever he is—will be elected by a strong majority.

Some of this uncertainty arises out of the prohibition issue. New Jersey, in spite of the fact that it was one of the first abiding places in the country of the local-option idea, is regarded as a naturally "wet" state.

The return of the soldiers from overseas likewise has helped create a strong feeling in favor of more liberal views in regard to the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. The wisest of the Republican leaders fear that a good many Jerseymen will register a punitive vote against any politician, irrespective of party, who has strongly espoused prohibition.

Then, too, there is the question of Sunday amusements. New Jersey, with its great coast resorts and its tremendous annual influx of summer visitors from New York, Philadelphia and a dozen other big cities of the East, is inclined to lean toward a somewhat liberal view in regard to Sunday amusements.

Sunday Amusements an Issue

Prohibition and Sunday amusements are both likely to stand in the way of a Republican walkover. The Democrats in New Jersey always have been more liberal in their views than the Republicans. Nugent is outspoken in his condemnation of prohibition. The Republicans cannot consistently change what has been their traditional policy in regard to these two issues.

The state problem is further complicated by the conflict of ideal and ideals of the very heterogeneous character of the state's population. There are a whole handful of classes, sharply divided, whose notions about national and domestic questions are as wide as the poles.

There is the old conservative Colonial stock, representing a large proportion of the wealth, education and influence of the state. It is the basic class of the state. Superimposed on this is the great industrial stratum, representing the industrial wealth of the state. New Jersey, of all the states in the Union, comes second in the proportion of wage earners to the general population. Then, to complicate matters still further, there is the great commuter class—a factor few other states have to the extent of New Jersey. The leaders realize that the political opinions of Philadelphia and New York react upon thousands who vote in New Jersey and have their homes there. These are the people who cross the ferries every day into Philadelphia or New York city, who make their living there; who bring home with them in the evening New York or Philadelphia newspapers; who form their opinions largely from what they hear during the day in political discussions with their associates who are not Jerseymen.

Big Foreign Population

And there is one more element which must be reckoned with largely in New Jersey—a very large foreign-born population. Passaic, for instance, has 66 per cent foreign population. Trenton has 26 per cent. Newark, Jersey City, and Hoboken all have large foreign elements.

The leaders in Jersey are paying comparatively little attention, however, to local issues or individual candidates. They realize that the divergent elements in the state's population, with their divergent reactions to the great issues of the day, make it difficult to estimate in advance precisely how the body of Jerseymen will vote in a local election.

Realizing this they are doing what they can to clinch the issue by mending their political fences so that they will be stampede proof.

The leaders aver that the day of the boss is past in New Jersey—in the Republican party at least. They are building up the strongest possible organization of intelligent, well-informed and politically well-schooled voters. They are taking their time about it and doing the job thoroughly. In each locality the best men have been picked out for leadership in the committees. By literature and by word of mouth intelligent reasons are being conveyed to the voters of the Republican faith for supporting whole-heartedly the Republican party and its candidate, whoever he may be, in the coming gubernatorial contest.

The activity of the League of Republican Clubs, under the direction of its secretary, Marvin A. Riley, who is also director of publicity for the Republican state committee, has had much to do with solidifying Republican thought throughout the state. The declaration of principles enunciated at the convention of these clubs was the first attempt made by a Republican state league in the country to put out at least a tentative platform for nation-wide Republicanism in 1920. It is bearing fruit in New Jersey at present, and the leaders expect it to exercise a wide influence on Republican thought the country over.

TEACHERS' PAY ACT PLEASING TO BOARD

Members of Educational Body Say Money Can Be Raised Easily

Members of the Board of Education today expressed satisfaction over the signing of Governor Sproul of the Woodruff bill, providing for increases in salaries of teachers. None seemed to believe that there would be any difficulty in obtaining the required appropriation here.

Henry Edmunds, a member of the board, declared that he was well satisfied with the new increase and believed that no sacrifice would have to be made in any other department in order to raise the money for the increased salaries.

The Woodruff teachers' salary increase bill, was one of the last big measures considered by the Legislature and passed after it had been amended a number of times. The Woodruff bill makes a new minimum salary for all classes of certificates held by public school teachers, provides for increases in salaries of from 10 per cent to 25 per cent over the amounts received for the last school term, and makes a general readjustment in the matter of handling teachers' salaries by boards of education.

The act provides for an increase in salary of 25 per cent for all teachers who received less than $100 a month last year, 20 per cent for all receiving between $100 and $150, 15 per cent for all receiving between $150 and $200, and 10 per cent for all receiving over $200.

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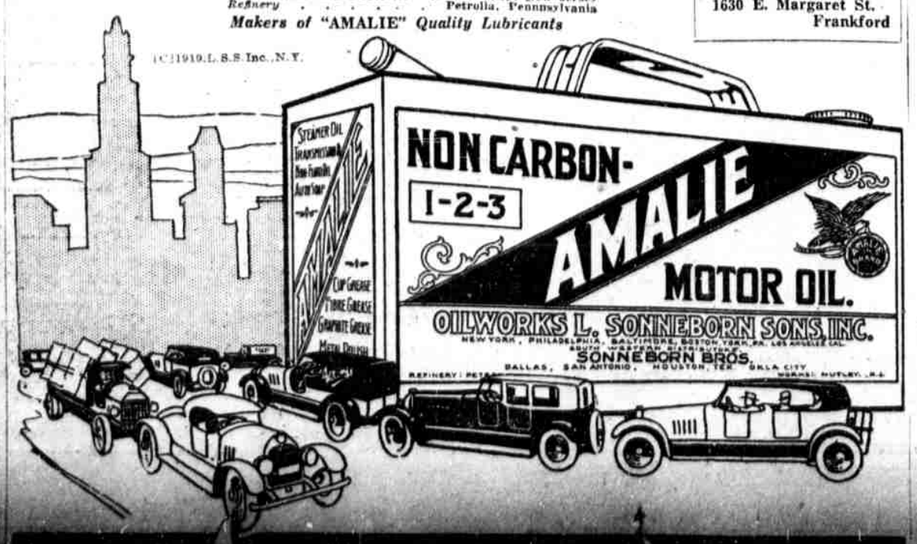

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