

# The COOS GUARDIAN

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## SAMSON-DUPONT PRE-PRIMARY SELL OUT

We were sorry last year to see the Republican party in Berlin admit defeat at a time when Coulombe could have been dislodged by a proper campaign because of his unpopularity with Labor. The G. O. P. suffered a stroke of demoralization. This year, however, inspired by the activities of Labor, the Republicans began overhauling their machine for the Spring Election.

At a committee meeting it was decided to put a ticket in the field and stage a campaign; several avenues of procedure were open. There was the possibility of fusion with the Labor ticket, but men acting on strict principles cannot always come to terms with others who are solely reacting to political opportunities. The fusion being eliminated, there remained the possibility of endorsing O. J. Coulombe's machine. That to any honest Republican is distasteful although it may be preferable to a Labor administration in the City of Berlin. We fail to see the reason why.

Arthur Dupont was the champion of the "endorse Coulombe" movement favored by Paul Burbank and Jos. Vaillancourt. The proposition was that the Democratic ticket should be endorsed providing Coulombe would guarantee the Republicans victory for Burbank and Vaillancourt and "to hell with the rest." A nice little political manoeuvre familiar to all those who are familiar with politics. This scheme the committee to its credit voted down.

Mr. Dupont, not being able to sell out to Coulombe completely, put forth the proposal that the Republicans have no campaign again this spring. He is reported to have made the statement that 90% of the Republicans are satisfied with Coulombe and did not want any campaign this year. If such is the situation why did Mr. Dupont favor the kind of campaign stated above? Why the proposition of saving Burbank and Vaillancourt? We do not believe that 90% of the Republicans are satisfied with Coulombe, and in (Continued on Page 3)

## Two-Platoon System for Fire Fighters

By WORKER

Fire has, from time immemorial, been that particular force of Nature which Man has striven most ardently to conquer: it was only after centuries of hard struggle that the primitive man finally succeeded in placing it under his domination, yet not even to this day has he been able to keep it under complete check, and often times it breaks out rampant with destruction, striking fear into the heart of Man, and threatening to consume all that lies in its path.

Wherever Man has banded with his fellows and established settlements, be it in the most advanced civilization or in the wildest jungle, he has devised methods to do battle with his arch-enemy; savages and barbarians fight the destruction of their humble huts by the primitive method of relaying water from the nearby brook in buckets passed from hand to hand; we moderns combat the same enemy with the most effective apparatus that can be devised by advanced engineering and chemistry.

The fire fighters have become in all communities as inherent to the welfare of such communities as its (Continued on Page 4)

## C. C. W. C. vs. C. L. M.

Coos County Workers' Club versus "Coulombe, Larocque, and Marcoux" over the hiring of men for C. W. A. projects through irregular channels is what we mean by the initials above.

That business we now understand was settled once and for all in favor of right and justice instead of political fence building, by Mrs. Wilder during her visit here recently. We now have the following confirmation of the Workers' Club victory in the form of a letter from Mrs. Wilder.

In addition to this she stated in Concord recently, to a member of the Berlin Re-employment Committee, that, due to the efforts of the Coos County Workers' Club, all skilled workers in the entire State who work at skilled labor on C. W. A. jobs will be paid skilled rates for all the back time so worked. This matter was first brought to her attention here in Berlin at the Workers' Club meeting.

We therefore recommend all those unemployed to register as the law requires with the re-employment office where all applications will be considered on the basis of their merits and needs solely, and not on the test of political affiliations and favoritism. (Continued on Page 4)

## C. W. A. Resumes Work

WESTERN UNION

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To MR SHARPLES BERLIN NHAMP

The following instructions have been received from Deputy Administrator CWA all projects which were operative week ending February fifteenth may be continued with same regulations as were heretofore in force regarding hours but with wage rates reduced to forty cents per hour for laborers the prevailing local rates for semiskilled and skilled labor and eighty cents for labor foremen Stop The same personnel must be employed no replacements may be made and there must be no increase in number of employees or trucks Stop Trucks to continue on contracts in effect February fifteenth Stop Please note no replacements and also statement regarding same personnel there will be additional instructions soon but for the present this notice is sufficient for your needs.

ABBY I. WILDER

State Director Reemployment.

This is the basis of the message read in churches last Sunday. We have the following comments to offer to clarify any political capitalization that might be attempted.

The politicians are always looking with anxious eyes toward Washington as the spot from which all blessings in the shape of funds flow. They are looking for a resumption of the C. W. A. program that will put many men back to work, and help their families to maintain themselves without the necessity of going through the farce of so-called relief. When this money is available, Berlin is to receive its share; this share is the amount allotted to this city by Washington, and not the amount that any local politician may be able to secure by clever maneuver- (Continued on Page 2)

## Political Notice

All members of the Workers' Club who have automobiles now registered, or that will be registered on March 13, 1934, are requested to communicate with the Club's Political Committee by phoning 577, or calling in person at the Guarantee Trust Building.

It is the Club's purpose to secure the use of as many automobiles as possible for Election Day to transport women and other voters who cannot attend to their duty of voting unless transported. We trust everyone will do what they possibly can to assure the victory of the Labor Ticket.

## Streeter and Coulombe to Oppose Feindal

At the caucuses, held Monday, February 19, the Republicans and the Democrats nominated their candidates for mayor and selected their respective slates. The vote of both parties proved light, and all the candidates were nominated with slight opposition.

Follows the Republican slate: Mayor, Albion Streeter; Councilmen: Ward I, Joseph Vaillancourt; Ward II, Edward Chaloux; Ward III, Paul Burbank; and Ward IV, Emile Bouchard. Joseph Vaillancourt and Paul Burbank are seeking re-election. Edward Chaloux will seek entry to the City Council for the second time, having been defeated for that office, by a close vote, in 1930.

Mayor O. J. Coulombe will lead the Democratic forces once again, and will be supported by George Gagne, in Ward I; Andrew Malloy in Ward II; Henry Delorge Jr., in Ward III; and Guy Fortier, in Ward IV. Henry Chase will seek the office of Library Trustee. The mayor and the councilman from Ward IV are the only candidates seeking re-election on this ticket.

## SAMSON-DUPONT FAIL TO PUSH SELL-OUT

Ed. Note:—We suppose that after word got around of the attempted sell-out by the above mentioned gentlemen, their proposition failed to materialize. Or it may be, that they decided not to put the effort and possibly the money necessary to the accomplishment of their stunt. Anyway, all was quiet on the Republican front Monday night.

We surmise that the plan was primarily aimed at the Labor ticket. In a three-cornered fight the odds are in favor of the Labor ticket, while Coulombe would have been assured of victory had he been endorsed by the Republicans.

At any rate the attempt fell through and to no great honor to its sponsors, in our estimation.

## Along the Main Stem

With Dr. B. U. L. Connor

(With apologies to O. O. MacIntyre)

We have been watching with interest the progress of the Berlin High lads who evolve on the frozen surface. Our junior stick wielders certainly swing a mean stick; their victories over the Berlin Hockey Club, Bridgton Academy, and Hebron Academy certainly disprove any contrary claims that may be laid to their accomplishment, as (Continued on Page 4)





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## VOTE THE LABOR TICKET

Labor is entering the political field in this city, this spring, with the view of establishing a permanent independent third party. Labor in this country has been indifferent to an independent party of its own and has suffered the consequences. Compensation, pension, old age, unemployment insurance laws, and the like have lagged behind to the detriment of Labor. The depression has brought forth among the laboring class unnecessary and undue suffering that is not yet relieved. There is much dispute as to who and what caused this depression, but as yet no one has blamed Labor for it. Yet the class of people who had the least to do with bringing about the depression nevertheless has to suffer the most, simply because they are not in control of the government. The depression is far from ended. There is a whole lot of suffering ahead. The Relief authorities are already looking ahead to next winter's fuel wood and the same men will most likely have to swing an axe next winter. Labor can better itself no end if it will only attempt political control. For unified Labor to attempt is to win.

Those who say that Labor should not enter in politics are wrong. Control of the government is the quickest and surest way for Labor to improve itself. Just think how different the Relief Office would be under a Labor Government in Concord. At present the watchward of the Relief Administration is economy. Keep the cost down. Make them get along on next to nothing. The shoes that the relief subject has on are always good for another week; we have seen some that had no soles on. Stewed beef and hash is the best they can give them in a land of plenty with overflowing agricultural production. Labor could run the present relief administration without increasing its cost one cent, yet improve the standard of living of those on relief practically 100%. We are not against economy, but we maintain that it can be practised at the wrong place to the detriment of the wrong people.

Perhaps the reason why Labor should enter and stay in politics is best explained in a little poem we have in our scrap book.

Have you ever been to Crazy Land  
Down on the Loony Pike?  
There are the queerest people there—  
You never saw the like.  
The ones that do the useful work  
Are poor as poor can be,  
And those who do no useful work  
All live in luxury.  
They raise so much in Crazy Land  
Of food and clothes and such.  
That those who work don't have enough  
Because they raise too much.  
They're wrong side to in Crazy Land,  
They're upside down with care,  
They walk around upon their heads  
With feet up in the air.

Labor's case is clear. It has trusted other parties less numerous than itself to run this country and they have run the country "on the rocks."

They have made Labor believe that it did not have the ability to run a government. The answer to that is where's their ability. Look at the country today. Could Labor do a worse job? That's not possible. Labor can run the country or anything else and it belongs to Labor as they are the country, producers and consumers both.

Labor should rise here this spring, present a solid front, and show them what it can do. Labor should stand warned that they will use personalities, religion, politics, false promises, money, and everything else to have Labor defeat itself. Labor alone can defeat itself at the polls, for it has the votes. It should not throw its votes away this spring. Vote the straight Labor Ticket.

## Close-ups of The News

By BIJOIE

### "TRUST COLUMBUS"

In an attempt to revive the G. O. P., ex-Senator Moses launched an attack on the Democratic Administration in Washington at a Boston dinner recently. He compared the legislative ventures of Roosevelt to the "aimless voyage of Columbus" in which the country has nothing to do but "trust Columbus."

We think that that is not a happy analogy for Moses to take in attacking the present federal policies. The ex-senator must know that Columbus' "aimless voyage" got somewhere and that if Roosevelt is as successful as Columbus Mr. Moses has nothing to kick about.

### "AIR MAIL"

Graft as appalling as in the Teapot Dome scandal has been discovered by the government in the air mail contracts and subsidies; pending the separation of the sheep from the goats all air mail contracts were cancelled or suspended. Hero Lindbergh set himself in opposition to this procedure of getting the "dirt" to come to the surface in a letter to the government.

If our memory does not fail us, Hero Lindbergh had very much to do with the "rigging" up of some of those lines to get them the juicy subsidies of taxpayers' money. Lindy would make an inspection tour and pronounce the line in fine shape from the technical end of it without any reference and possibly knowledge of its financial standing. Thus did they capitalize on Lindy's popularity in their stock manipulations and contract lobbying. Lindy we understand was also paid handsomely for his services. We are not surprised at all that he is now trying to attract public sympathy for the poor air lines flying high on the taxpayers' money.

### "C. W. A. LABEL"

We see that in Massachusetts they have stopped certain people from running public dances under the C. W. A. label and forbidden anyone from using the name in connection with any amusement undertaking.

We wonder if that applies equally to politicians or whether it is permissible for them to mend their political fences in campaigning with, through, and by means of the C. W. A. Not that anyone in Berlin has done this or even thought of doing it; we simply wonder.

### "THIS MADNESS"

Vienna revolted under the iron suppression of Herr Dolfuss and staged some well groomed riots resulting in considerable bloodshed. The Chancellor appealed to the Socialists to "quit this madness."

That men will fight and die for their principles is nothing new. The so-called radicals of the day fighting for greater social equality in terms of bread and butter are in exactly the same position as the early Christians who were martyred simply because they were a deter-

mined minority adhering doggedly to their views and who eventually triumphed though often exhorting by Roman authorities "to quit their madness."

### "10 DAYS"

Mr. McCracken who had his papers and files destroyed when ordered by the United States Senate to produce them in connection with the airmails' scandalous graft was given 10 days in jail.

What a farce! A man can defy the United States Senate and obstruct it from finding the truth in a matter involving pilfering public funds and he gets 10 days in jail. What a system! The fellow who steals a loaf of bread is given 30 days. Think of that.

### "RELIEF MONEY"

A press dispatch announced on the fifteenth that the Federal Emergency Relief Administration has allotted a grant of \$250,000 to Rhode Island and a grant of \$176,121 to New Hampshire.

We wonder who will get the credit for Berlin's share of this; but we have some idea who is going to claim it, publicly and at council meetings.

### C. W. A. RESUMES WORK

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ing. The amount is there and regardless of who goes after it Berlin will receive the same amount of money. So do not be misled by extravagant statements that the city could not have obtained this money unless the Administration approved of it or went to Concord and fought for it.

The general idea behind the C. W. A. is to furnish employment for the unemployed. It is a project that is nation-wide in scope, and is being carried out in every city and town in the United States where there is a need for unemployment relief. Berlin is one of the cities in the State that has felt the depression in its worst stage; we have a large number of unemployed and they had to be given work or relief. Consequently Berlin was awarded a large portion of the C. W. A. funds. The new set-up of the C. W. A., as announced, is another project that originated in Washington and cannot be changed one iota by anyone outside of the Capital. It is the will of Congress, the supreme law-making body of the land, and as such must be carried out to the letter of the law. The persons desiring employment must register at the local office of the Re-employment Bureau, registrations at no other place are of any avail. The local manager and his staff are the only ones who are in a position to give those seeking work a job card; any cards issued from other sources are valueless in securing the job. Please bear that in mind!

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**SAMSON-DUPONT PRE-  
PRIMARY SELL OUT**

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our estimation the statement is unfounded as was proven at poll made by an interested party.

The no-campaign proposition was also voted down as it should have been; Mr. T. H. Samson being one of those who expressed themselves in favor of a campaign. The Coulombe Republicans, however, were not completely squelched; they still had strings left.

It appeared later that they proposed to jam the Caucus, defeat Streeter and endorse Coulombe, i. e., the Democrats. Mr. Samson notified Coulombe, we understand, that he was behind him 100%, after pronouncing himself at the committee meeting for a campaign.

When we heard of the proposition made by those people mentioned and by others whom we are not satisfied are not implicated, to steal the Republican endorsement for Coulombe we were not surprised. It was not thought of, because of deep brotherly love for Coulombe or out of hostility to the Republican Party, but rather as marked hostility toward Labor.

We are not publishing this bit of political underhandedness as news because we are indirectly affected.

This publication is 100% behind honest campaigning in political elections. There is nothing to stop us from plotting to capture with Labor votes either one of the two major party caucus and even both. That is not our way of playing the game. We are not politicians and would rather lose "honestly" than win "crookedly." Another reason for giving any attention at all to the backsliding and back-biting tactics of "black sheep" Republicans is that we are affected politically.

Those people are getting at our labor organization and activities indirectly but not unexpectedly. T. H. Samson we can remember was also 100% behind one of the "common people" when he ran for councilman in his ward. When he campaigned for mayor in this city, he again went down to ignominious defeat despite the fact that Arthur Dupont campaigned for him and made a bid for the French votes of this town. Mr. Dupont misjudged the intelligence of these people and layed it on so thick it would not stick. It is also apparent that since then Mr. Samson has been bitter toward the so-called "common people" who in his estimation are so ignorant that they did not elect him after his "splendid" work on the Police Commission. Mr. Samson also took the trouble of telling someone we know that we did not have "the means of bucking the leading citizens of this town." At the time Mr. Samson was "sore" at the labor organization. Another indication that Mr. Samson is not in love with our labor organization was the reception he gave the committee that approached him for an advertisement in the Labor Day celebration program. Again lately his manager admitted that the United Market advertisement in the Guardian was the greatest advertising value he had ever experienced: by Friday his stores were all out of the specials advertised. Yet the advertising sub-

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Notice is hereby given that the subscriber has been appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Coos, Guardian of the person and estate of Dora Larrivee, et al, of Berlin, in said County, minors, under fourteen years of age.

All persons having claims against said minors are requested to exhibit them for adjustment, and all indebted to make payment.

January 31st, A. D. 1934.

ALEXINA LARRIVEE, Guardian.  
By her attorney, Arthur J. Bergeron.

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**

The subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Coos, executor of the last will and testament of Henriette Theriault, late of Berlin, in said County, deceased, testate.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are requested to exhibit them for adjustment, and all indebted to make payment.

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THOMAS FRENETT, Executor.

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scription was canceled apparently against the wishes of the manager who seems to be interested in groceries and not in politics or rancour. We are not endeavoring to get advertising for this paper except on a strictly business basis. We are simply analyzing Mr. Samson's motives for wishing to "endorse" Coulombe.

As to Mr. Dupont he is simply "playing ball" with Mr. Samson instead of with the Republican Party to which he professes to belong. It is such tactics as his that have ruined the Republican Party; the organization should discipline such members and we hope the voters of this city will on proper occasion.

These so-called "big shots" would not be "big" long, without the support of the laboring man though they constantly refuse to recognize their obligation to the man in the street.

We desire to be fair and square. We do nothing that we fear publication of, and do not expect to tolerate anything different in others. We hope the Republican Party as an organization will benefit from such an exposure of things. This article may be answered by anyone and their answers will be published fully in our columns.

The 13-month calendar would meet with approval if they make the extra month a vacation one—Chicago Times.



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**ALONG THE MAIN STEM**

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 was done last week by our "official" local sports reporter. From his dispatch to the Lewiston Sun we quote: "The Berlin High hockey team reinforced by the addition of three of the Berlin Hockey Club's men, Nolet, Fournier and Hamel, defeated the Hockey Club by a score of 4-1." We wish to remark to that hard-working lad who wields the sports pen in our local newspaper that the said men are all schoolboys, now attending the Senior High School; in fact Nolet is president of the senior class.

Through intermediate efforts of their manager, our junior puck-chasers are seeking a game with a Greater Boston High School hockey team, and possibly to compete in the Garden with the Boston All-Scholastic team. It is an ambitious schedule, yet we claim that Berlin High boasts of a hockey team equal, if anything, to that of any high school hockey outfit in the East. We take our hats off to our outstanding champs.

May we wish the best of happiness and success in the venture undertaken, last Wednesday, by Fireladdie Sherman Evans and his pretty bride, Miss Clementine Asselin, who tosses sodas at a local candy emporium.

The Berlin High Mountaineers meet the strong Montpelier Seminary five, on the New Gym Court, this Saturday night. Advance notices claim power and speed for the Vermont five and, with our Mountaineers fresh from an overwhelming victory over Gorham, a thrilling battle may be looked forward to.

In our opening stanza, we took a potshot at a local sports scribe, not because we have been bitterly accused by him on one occasion, but rather to keep the fans well informed as to just what is "going on around here." At any rate we now desire to commend Mr. Clouthier's endeavors in his bid to establish a base ball league to include Berlin, Gorham, Groveton, Lincoln, Lancaster, Littleton, and possibly two other teams.

**C. C. W. C. vs. C. L. M.**

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We publish herewith the letter referred to above in toto for the sake of pertinent paragraphs.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 16, 1934  
 Mr. Harold C. Sullivan,  
 146 Main Street,  
 Berlin, N. H.  
 Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Replying to your letter of Feb. 10th:—

First. Are all men whether employed or not to register on Feb. 15th?

All men employed should have been registered long before Feb. 15th and as far as the unemployed men are concerned we cannot go out and force them to register, but if they are not registered they cannot be placed through the re-employment office.

Second. You ask if the men are to be selected by Mr. Sharples or by Messrs. LaRocque and Coulombe.

The answer to this is that all men employed on C. W. A. or P.

W. A. must be registered with and placed through the National Re-employment Survey. Neither LaRocque or the Mayor have anything to say about placements.

I understand that the office has moved and Mrs. Utt has gone up to Berlin to see that it is set up and functioning in the most fitting form. Mrs. Utt is Office Supervisor for the Re-employment Service.

I hope you have taken up with the Re-employment Committee the matter I spoke about when you were here, that is rent, etc.

Very truly yours,  
**ABBY L. WILDER,**  
 State Director of re-employment.

**TWO-PLATOON SYSTEM FOR FIREMEN**

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government itself; the leaders of most municipalities and cities have realized that fact and, while laying down strict disciplinary rules to govern the members of the fire department, they have tried to improve their lot by arranging their time of duty so as to grant them a liberal amount of freedom. This consideration of the unalienable rights of firemen, as of Man in general, has led to the establishment of the Two-Platoon system in cities and towns throughout the land.

Our own community has sadly lagged behind in this respect and, while we see our local political heads drawing large salaries for little or less work, the protectors of our lives and homes work 72 hours without intermission except perhaps a meager hour or so for meals, then have 24 hours off before resuming the harness again for another 72-hour period.

We realize that the lot of a fireman is inherently a hard one, and that he cannot very well be placed on a 40-hour schedule, yet it is possible to give him that amount of freedom enjoyed by his brothers in other cities. It is our contention that the state of affairs for the men in our local fire department is unjust, that they should be granted a hearing in the matter of working hours, in the schedule of time-off, in the rate of their pay, and not have their liberty sacrificed as heretofore by the whims of our City Hall Hitlers.

The Guardian, as the official organ of the Labor Party and of the Coos County Workers' Club, will undoubtedly favor a poll of the members of the B. F. D. in the matter of the establishment of the "Two-Platoon" system, as it would be feasible with slight extra cost to the City, and as it is only just and fair that our firemen should be considered in a matter so inherent to their social welfare. After all, they are the protectors of our lives and homes; if they do not shirk in the accomplishment of their duty, why should not the powers-that-are in Berlin face their obligations?

The money necessary to effect the Two-Platoon system could easily be raised by cutting out waste elsewhere. Economy at the top is worth much more than economy at the bottom.

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**The Veteran**

By A. E. Martel

**RECENT CONCESSION TO VETERANS FAILS TO SOLVE PROBLEM**

The recent granting of an additional 21 million dollars for veteran welfare was a "shrewd political move," Commander A. E. Martel, Post No. 2520, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, stated last night. Addressing the regular semi-monthly meeting of Post No. 2520 Commander Martel declared that the V. F. W. considered the granting of \$21,000,000 as a mere "sop to public demand" and that only a small part of the injustices imposed by the Economy Act of last March were remedied by this appropriation.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States believes that, in granting this \$21,000,000, the administration at Washington hoped to forestall further agitation of the veteran problem," Commander Martel said.

"The average citizen, unacquainted with recent veteran legislation and uninformed as to the bitter privation now being suffered by thousands of disabled veterans of this country, might think, at first glance, than an appropriation of \$21,000,000 would go far towards wiping out injustices.

"But when it is remembered that

the original provisions of the Economy Act took away the sum of \$400,000,000 from the veterans and that even subsequent modifications made necessary by the indignation of the people and the Congress, reduced this sum only to approximately \$335,000,000, the sum of \$21,000,000 now doled out in part atonement seems—and is—relatively unimportant and inadequate."

That the Congress now in session faces the necessity of repealing the Economy Act and completely restoring to veterans the benefits to which they were entitled prior to March 20, 1933, is virtually assured, Commander Martel declared.

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