

EAST SIDE MAN SHOULD BE NAMED

When the Republican state central committee meets in Yakima next Saturday in response to a call of a majority of the 78 members it will be empowered and will proceed to name a national committeeman to fill out the term of William Reed, resigned, which runs until the close of the national convention in June.

That office is now represented by Fred Baker, who is acting by virtue of a proxy given him by former National Committeeman William Reed before resigning to enter the Navy. Many state committeemen who signed the call for the Yakima meeting hold that Mr. Baker is disqualified from acting on his proxy or for consideration as successor to Mr. Reed because he is actively engaged in helping organize the campaign of a candidate for the party's presidential nomination.

When the committee makes its choice of a national committeeman it should elect an East Side man. This is not a question of personalities but of proper party representation. Mr. Baker, who has been acting by proxy, is a Seattle resident. The national committeewoman is from the West Side of the state. Yet the preponderant proportion of Republican votes to population is in eastern Washington. At the last election the two eastern Washington congressional districts replaced Democratic with Republican representatives, while three of the four West Side districts reelected Democrats.

Under any circumstances it would be injudicious to name both the national committeeman and national committee woman from one section of the state. Under existing circumstances it would be unwise, unfair and hurtful to party prospects to do so.

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Political Activities -

1916-1918 Chairman, Republican County Central
Committee of Spokane County
1916 Temporary Chairman, Republican State Convention
1920 Delegate, Republican National Convention
1920-1924 Chairman, Republican State Central Committee
1928 Delegate, Republican National Convention
1932 " " " "
1936 " " " "
(and member of the Convention Resolutions
Committee)
1936-1944 Chairman, Spokane County Republican Ways & Means Committee
1943-1944 Member, Finance & Budget Committee of Republican State
Central Committee