

Oregon's Political History

In this display case, contains almost 80 years of Oregon political history.

Starting at the left is a scattering of American Presidential political memorabilia from various campaigns that have touched down in Oregon over the decades; from the 1950s with Ike Eisenhower to the 2004 presidential contest with John Kerry and George W. Bush.

Going to the right will take you through the exciting campaigns for statewide officeholders. Including the oldest buttons in the exhibit from the 1930s featuring Julius L. Meier, the only Independent candidate to hold the governorship elected in 1930 earning 54% of the vote. The other buttons include Charles Martin, Henry Hess, and Charles Sprauge. From the Governorship, to State Treasurer are found in this corner of the display.

Continuing around the display are local political items from races to mayor, to the State Senate. City Council, County, many of these are from the Portland area. Note the Neil Goldschmit for Mayor button and Frank Ivancie for Mayor. Both eventually became Mayor of Portland, and would continue a long rivalry between the two.

The last section includes the wide range of federal office seekers from Oregon Congress and the United States Senate. Some of Oregon's greatest leaders have come from the halls of Congress. Mark Hatfield, Wayne Morse, John Dellenback, Edith Green, Les AuCoin...and many many more can be found in this collection.