



BIOGRAPHY OF J. C. HENRY

Republican Candidate for Nomination for County Judge of Union County.

J. C. Henry, candidate before the Republican nominating convention for the office of County Judge of Union county, was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1849, of German parents. At the age of fourteen he enlisted as a private in the 184th Pennsylvania regiment, and served until July 18, 1865, under Gen. Hancock, and was honorably discharged as first lieutenant. After the war was over he learned the carpenter and cabinet maker's trade, which occupation he followed for several years.

In 1871 he was married to Miss Anna Tutt, of South Bend, Indiana. In 1876 he came west, arriving in La Grande on May 21 of that year, with only \$1.50 in his pocket. During the first two years after his arrival here he followed his trade as carpenter, both in La Grande and at the Camp Carson mines, which were at that time under the management of the late J. M. Church; after which he accepted a position in the general merchandise business with W. J. Snodgrass. Being a man of much natural ability, honest, energetic and faithful, he was soon made manager of the business, which position he held for fourteen years.

In 1892 he started in the furniture and undertaking business for himself, which under his management has become one of the leading firms in Eastern Oregon, and he is today one of the heavy tax payers of Union county, and he has held many offices of trust within the gift of the people; was captain of Company K, of the third regiment of the Oregon National Guards; for nine years was director of the La Grande city schools. He served for eight years as a member of the city council; was mayor of the City of La Grande, and was treasurer of the La Grande Building and Loan Association during its existence.

He served three consecutive terms as coroner for Union county, which office he now holds; is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, also of the B. P. O. E., I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. lodges, is reliable, efficient and trustworthy, and if nominated and elected, will give the people of Union county a clean, economical, honest and business-like administration.

J. T. WILLIAMSON

Republican Candidate for Nomination for County Judge of Union County.

J. T. Williamson the subject of this sketch has announced himself as candidate for the office of County Judge on the Republican Ticket. He came to this valley when a boy and has virtually grown up with the country, he was raised on a farm and got his education in the public schools and at Monmouth, Oregon, and is a graduate of the National Business College of Portland, Oregon.

He is thoroughly acquainted with every portion of this county having had several years experience as first deputy in the Sheriff's office and in the Assessor's office, and has been in a position to be closely in touch with the government and requirements of the county and neighboring counties and is therefore well advised to enable him to look after the welfare of the county.

Some years ago Mr. Williamson passed an examination and was admitted to practice as Attorney before the Interior Department and at the present time, and for some years past, has been in the abstract business and has made a speciality of land practice.

On the subject of assessment and taxation a few men are as well advised, and he is a firm believer in just and equal taxation. It is a well known fact by the assessors that there is considerable land taken up in this county, for speculation by outside parties, under the timber and stone act, and more particularly lands that have been scripted for speculation with soldiers additional, forest reserve and various other kinds of land script, and afterwards approved and patented to the owners giving the assessor no opportunity of finding such lands without incurring a great expense to the county, as it would require a thorough search of the land office records from the beginning.

Mr. Morton, the present assessor, has advocated having this done and has laid the matter before the county court, but the court did not sanction it because of the great expense.

Mr. Williamson in his present business has a complete set of abstract maps of

every township in this county, as well as the whole of the La Grande land district, showing every tract of land that is patented and is subject to taxation, and to whom patented, as well as vacant land. These maps are taken from the land office records and are kept corrected. As Mr. Williamson already has this information compiled he assures the tax payers of this county that the assessor can have this information free of charge, and can correct his plats up to the present date, so that every acre of land subject to taxation can be found by the assessor.

Mr. Williamson assures the tax payers that if elected, the strictest economy will be required in the transaction of all county business.

At this time of the year the matter of good roads is prominently brought before every citizen. Mr. Williamson is an advocate of good roads, bridges and culverts, and what can be done to be done permanently and at the right time, as an ounce of prevention is always worth a pound of cure. Mr. Williamson has had much experience in the matter of road building and his judgment on such matters would not be theoretical but practical.



ROBERT H. LLOYD

Republican Candidate for Nomination for County Judge of Union County.

Robert H. Lloyd, of Elgin, has been a resident of the County of Union for the past twenty-five years, and is well known throughout the entire community. For a number of years he was a resident of North Powder, and for a number of years following was a resident of Union. At Union he was employed as a clerk in the law office of the late Hon. J. M. Carroll. While in the employ of Mr. Carroll he studied law, and was admitted to the bar of this state. Since his admission he has been engaged in the practice of law at Elgin, Oregon, where he enjoys a good practice and a host of friends.

Mr. Lloyd is a candidate for the nomination for the office of county judge on the Republican ticket. He has always been a Republican and has aided in a material way, in the past, in the success of the Republican party.

Mr. Lloyd is peculiarly fitted for the duties of the office to which he aspires. He will bring to the performance of the duties incumbent upon him, if chosen, a thorough knowledge of the laws of the state; a complete understanding of the needs of the various parts of the county, and promises, if elected, to give his entire time to the performance of the duties and obligations of this office.

The county judge must be more than a financier; and while economy and frugality in public affairs is an absolute necessity, yet the county judge is the probate court as well. He is called upon to supervise the administration of a vast number of estates of decedents and minors; he should have a thorough knowledge of the law of wills, and the control of executors, administrators and guardians; he is also called upon to try questions touching the liberties of our citizens under habeas corpus proceedings, and the granting of temporary injunctions as well as the authorization of the publication of summons in civil actions; so it will be observed how greatly important it is for the well being of the office that the incumbent possess, as does Mr. Lloyd, a thorough and complete knowledge of the law.

Upon those great public questions affecting the administration of county affairs Mr. Lloyd has taken an advanced stand; he believes that good roads lessen the expense of the farmer in removing his crops. That a speedy recovery from the enormous county debt will lower the taxes of the property owner, and that rigid economy in the general affairs of the county will more nearly and surely bring us to that position so far as our public finances are concerned that is greatly to be desired by every citizen and taxpayer.

The President's well known saying which means so much and is stated so briefly, is the precise position of Mr. Lloyd. He certainly stands for "Strict Economy, Good Roads and a Square Deal."

FARMERS

Now is the time to do your fencing, you need fenceposts, we have them for sale. Our post were cut from green fur and tamarack trees and are thoroughly dry. We have about 5000 of them which we must dispose of this spring. We will exchange them for live stock, hay, grain, eggs, potatoes or other produce. Leave orders at The Golden Rule or at No. 1606 Sixth Street. Also dry cord-wood for sale in any quantity.

J. ANTHONY



WILLIAM B. SARGENT

Nomination for County Judge, on the Republican Ticket.

Mr. Sargent comes before the Republican Voters of Union County, with the following Platform.

"If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office, endeavor to reduce the indebtedness of Union County, and use every effort from an economical standpoint to improve the public highways thereof, and comply strictly with all the requirements of the Statutes in the conduct of the affairs of the office."

He has been a resident of Union County for sixteen years, and has during that time established a reputation for honesty and integrity, which has made for him a host of loyal friends, and it was at the earnest solicitation of a large number of these friends that he consented to become a candidate for the nomination for County Judge at the hands of the Republican Electors, as those who know him, know that he will stand squarely upon any platform that he would submit to the voters for their consideration.

He stands for a "SQUARE DEAL" rich and poor alike; an up to date business administration; GOOD ROADS; personal supervision over all county business; JUST and EQUAL TAXATION justice to all, special privileges to none.

He believes that our roads should be made permanently good, as rapidly as it is possible to do so.

He is a heavy tax payer, one of the leading attorneys of Union County, as well as one of its most successful business men, and is peculiarly fitted to fill the office to the satisfaction of the taxpayers of Union County and with credit and honor to himself.

He has always been identified with the Republican party, casting his first vote for Benjamin Harrison, and for the past four years has been the Secretary of the Republican Central Committee for Union County. This is the first political office of any importance that he has sought.

HARVEY C. RINEHART

Republican Candidate for Nomination for County Judge.

Harvey C. Rinehart, the subject of this sketch, was born in Summerville in 1864, and has since lived in Union county. He is probably the best qualified candidate for the office sought by him that has been



announced from any party. For a number of years he was a member of the firm of J. H. Rinehart & Son which operated a large flouring mill at Summerville. In 1899 this firm dissolved, the flouring mill operated by the firm having been burned. Mr. Rinehart has been during this time, engaged in the farming and stock raising business. While engaged in the milling business, Mr. Rinehart had a practical illustration of the rules of finance and the standard of money in this country. The firm had shipped a consignment of flour to China and the proceeds of this shipment were remitted upon the basis of the silver standard and the flour which would bring \$4.50 under the standard in the United States brought \$9.00 per barrel at the Chinese ports. This fact confirmed Mr. Rinehart's opinions upon the financial question and was the principal cause of his adopting the views of the Republican party in 1894, since which time he has been actively and earnestly advocating its principles. Mr. Rinehart has never been a candidate for a political office and his candidacy for the office at this time is active and aggressive, believing that the conditions con-

fronting the taxpayers today can be met more successfully by the application of the business principles which have made his firm and many others in this county successful.

Mr. Rinehart is probably the most widely known of any of the candidates for the office. He has served for several years as a member of the school board in his district and has always insisted that the schools of the county should have the earnest support of the people.

If nominated and elected, County Judge he promises to handle the affairs of the county solely in the interest of the tax payers. He believes that county affairs can be run in such a manner as will not only result in wiping out the indebtedness of this county but insure future low taxes and the improvement in a permanent way of our county roads and bridges.

He is, at the present time, going about over the county, meeting with people, ascertaining their views and indicating his stand upon public questions. He has no criticism for those who are seeking the nomination for this office as his opponents and is very frank and earnest in saying that if he is not chosen by his party, that the choice of his party will be his choice, and that if the voters at the primary election choose him for their candidate he confidently expects the support of his erstwhile opponents.

JAMES M. MURPHY

Republican Candidate for Nomination for Sheriff of Union County

James M. Murphy candidate before the Republican Primary Nominating Election for the office of sheriff of Union county was born in Portage, Wis., July 28, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of



that place and graduated from the Storey College of Portage, Wis., after which he engaged in the mercantile business for a short time as a salesman. He then entered the railroad service and at the age of twenty was freight conductor on the Great Northern railroad out of Seattle and always made many friends among his fellow employes on the road. He came to La Grande in 1897 and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Wm. Murphy as bookkeeper in the old New York store, corner Adams Avenue and Elm street, in this city.

In 1901 he entered into partnership with his brothers Wm. and Ed. Murphy and purchased the Chicago Store, which is now one of the largest establishments in Eastern Oregon. In June 1905 he leased the Hotel Sommer, of this city, which is today one of the best conducted hotels in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Murphy has been for the past four years one of the directors of the La Grande Commercial Club, is a member of the B. P. O. E., I. O. R. M. and Foresters of America lodges, is a man of exceptional ability has an extensive acquaintance throughout Union county is thoroughly qualified in every particular to fill the office of sheriff and if he should receive the nomination and be elected the people of this county may rest assured that the duties of that office will be administered in a most faithful, straightforward, clean and business like manner.



W. W. RANDALL

W. W. Randall who is a candidate before the Republican primaries for the office of sheriff for Union county, Oregon, was born in Indiana and went from there to Iowa, then came to Oregon with a mixed train of ox and horse teams in 1865, arriving at town of Union, on August 3d, of the same year, since which time he has been a constant resident of Oregon, divided between Willamette and Grande Ronde valley,



GEORGE W. RUCKMAN

George W. Ruckman, the subject of this sketch, is one of the most widely known pioneers of Union County, having settled on the Sandridge, in Grande Ronde Valley in the year 1871. Mr. Ruckman is a candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of State Representative. He was formerly a Democrat, but the contest of issues arising in 1896 caused him to become a believer in, and a strong advocate of those well known doctrines of finance, which were successfully presented to the American people, resulting in the election of President McKinley.

Mr. Ruckman's platform is as follows:—"If nominated and elected I will during my term of office vote for such measures that will insure equality and reduction of taxes, and compel economy in public affairs."

"Inasmuch as I have been in the past a firm believer in the election of a United States Senator by the direct vote of the people, my individual preference has always been that of the people's choice, and I further state to the people of Oregon as well as to the people of my Representative District that during my term of office I will always vote for that Candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress, without regards to my individual preference."

J. B. GILHAM

James B. Gilham, the Republican candidate for re-election for the office of county clerk, needs no introduction to the citizens of Union county. He has been a resident of this valley for the past twenty one years. Mr. Gilham came to



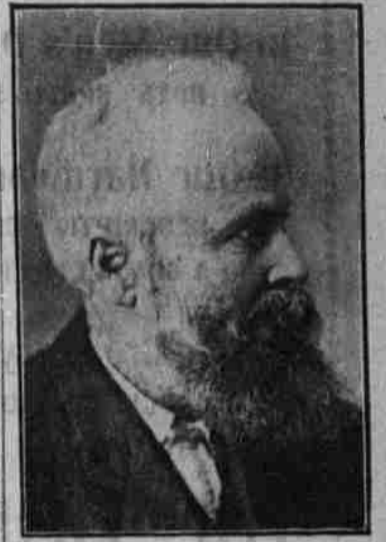
this valley with his parents in 1885 and has resided here since that time, therefore he can rightfully be called a Grande Ronde Valley boy. Soon after coming here, owing to the fact that his father was in ill health, it became necessary for him to assist in the care and maintenance of the family, and as at that time there was little else for the average young man to do other than to turn to the farm, he followed the general ups and downs of a farm hand. Up to the fall of 1894 he followed this line of work educating himself nights and Sundays and whenever possible, taking advantage of every opportunity to fit himself for some occupation which should enable him to increase his earning capacity. In the fall of 1894 he was appointed assistant secretary of the La Grande Commercial Club; which position he held until the fall of 1897 when he accepted the position in the La Grande post office, as assistant postmaster. This position he held with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public until he qualified as County Clerk of Union county, July 7, 1904. During the time he has been in office he has at all times been courteous to the public, making no distinctions between the rich or the poor, believing that all had rights which he was in duty bound to respect, and fully realizing that his was a public office, and should therefore be accessible to the public at all times. It has been his desire to conduct the office of County Clerk in a manner in keeping with the dignity which its importance demands and at the same time be ever mindful of the interests of the tax payers. By his careful and painstaking attention to his duties he has been able to greatly increase the efficiency of the office and has in so many ways systematized the methods of keeping the county records

that the efficiency of the office has been greatly increased and that the county has been saved a considerable expense.

Mr. Gilham is an active member of several of the leading orders and is also a member of the board of managers of the La Grande Commercial Club and takes and active part in all matters of public interest. He owns one of the neatest and most attractive homes in the city over which his mother presides, happy and contented, fully believing that in the future as in the past her son will stand between her and all harm.

S. L. BROOKS

S. L. Brooks, having been a resident of Union county for thirty-three years and have not been an aspirant for office in my life but have on several occasions been requested to accept the nomination at the primaries for county judge or commissioner. I have always declined, but under the present primary law my friends took the privilege to get out my petition for county commissioner while I was gone to Walla Walla, and had it at my home when I returned, for my signature. I considered it an honor by my friends, and accordingly signed it. I consider the county board the most important office in the county, and the voters should not vote for a man to that office that they could not trust to run their own personal business, for the county business



is every tax payer's business, and they should look well to their interest in electing this board. If the voters see fit to nominate me on the democratic ticket for county commissioner on April 20, '06, and if elected in June I will look at the matter as though the board owns Union county in partnership, and will look at it as though it were my own personal business and manage it to the best of my knowledge for the people. I believe in strict economy and the best roads our funds will permit without exorbitant tax, until our present debts are paid and will treat all alike and show favors to none, and will oppose all grafts that come to my knowledge.

D. H. PROCTOR

There are few men so well and favorably known throughout the County as is the present County Recorder, D. H. Proctor.

Mr. Proctor has held the office of County Recorder for the last four years and takes pride in knowing that the office is a self sustaining one, more than paying the expenses of conducting and supplying the necessary stationary, books, etc. The management of the office has a great deal to do with the expenses created and it is to the credit of Mr. Proctor that the expenses have been as light as was possible and yet be able to do good and efficient work.

Mr. Proctor came to this county in 1890, from Wisconsin, and located at



Elgin, being a school teacher by profession and teaching in many of the leading schools of the county he has been able to become acquainted with many people. He followed teaching for about ten years or up to 1900 when he was employed as foreman at the G. W. Buck saw mill near Elgin and it was while in charge of that mill that he met with an accident that cost him the loss of his right hand.

He is now before the Republican voters as a candidate for the nomination and re-election to the office of Recorder of Conveyances of the county of Union, and as he is known to be a capable and an efficient officer as well as courteous and obliging to those whom he meets either on business or otherwise, there seems to be no doubt that he will succeed himself as County Recorder.