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NO NEED FOR ALARM.

In the last issue of the Elgin Recorder Editor Henry in a two column editorial urged the nomination of L. Denham for representative on the Republican ticket, which can be found no fault with whatever for L. Denham is a citizen of Elgin and a high class gentleman worthy of support. But the Recorder views with alarm the possibility of Mr. Sargent's nomination. In this we cannot agree with our neighbor, for the nomination of W. B. Sargent would be far from a calamity. In our opinion this county is to be well represented with either Mr. Sargent or Mr. Denham or Mr. Rusk. But as the Recorder has dwelt so heavily on the desire not to see Mr. Sargent win it is but fair to this man who is well known in Union county to state that for ability and tenacity of purpose Mr. Sargent stands in the fore rank. When he was chosen councilman here, just before the commission form of government was adopted we always found him on the right side. His fights were righteous fights and his ability was apparent in directing the lawmaking body out of the wilderness many times when through parliamentary twisting they would become tied in a knot with no exit.

It was frequently Mr. Sargent who devised ways and means to accomplish things that rendered great relief to the property owner; that helped the city as a whole; and his stand on questions, so far as we have ever seen, was open and above board and could not bring forth honest criticism.

So, we mention this in a spirit of fair play and to call the Recorder's attention to the fact that it would indeed be no calamity to have Mr. Sargent named for representative for Union county. We are sure La Grande people do not feel that way toward Mr. Denham. He stands well,

here just as he is entitled to stand, for Mr. Denham is also an able, clean man.

JUDGE "TOM" CRAWFORD.

When the powers that be in state Democracy decided to advise all voters of that faith to write in the name of Judge Thomas B. Crawford for supreme court justice, they issued a suggestion to the people of Eastern Oregon that was pleasing.

Judge Crawford has not been a candidate for office. As is his usual custom, he is merely helping out the other candidates by permitting his name to be used in order that Democracy may nominate four candidates for the four places to be filled. But the people in this part of the state are inclined to serious view of this nomination and will without doubt do some heavy voting for this highly respected jurist at the November election.

Eliminating politics and looking upon men in their true worth the State of Oregon holds no better man for the Supreme bench than Judge "Tom" Crawford. He has been through every acid test from the frontier days to the present and not a man can ever say he failed to ring true; that he ever fell short of anyone's expectations of him, and on the other hand usually exceeded what was either expected or demanded from him.

Union county has had the honor of furnishing supreme justices that make good. In fact Union county might be termed the mother of Oregon supreme judges, and by furnishing another in the person of Thomas Crawford this county would have reason to be proud of another son whose ability is sought to interpret laws and shape the destinies.

HE IS AN ABLE AND CONSERVATIVE MAN.

One reader of the Observer has addressed a letter to us asking our personal opinion of Charles A. Johns, Republican candidate for the nomination of governor.

It is really a pleasure to give that opinion for the writer happened to live as a neighbor to Charles A. Johns and family for two years. Mr. Johns is not only an able attorney, as his career will prove, but he is a man of worth in every way. He and his wife have been identified with Baker for years before moving to Portland and we do not believe there is anyone in that city who has anything but commendation for either of them. In the heat of political strife in the differences that arise in municipal matters Mr. Johns often lined up many people against him, for he is a positive quantity and stands for

what he believes in, but the lasting hatred against Charlie Johns never existed, largely because as soon as a local question was settled he treated it in that manner, and the man or woman who was opposed to his view was treated with the same cordial friendship as before. He has done a great deal for Baker as mayor, but more in the capacity of school director. Usually when one mentions that a man has been a school director in a gubernatorial campaign, people smile, but we take the opposite view. For the citizen who will be bothered and pestered with school matters for years is interested in his community to a greater extent than any one else. It is a decided honor and a reflection of good citizenship when a man can point to several years service as a school director in his district.

The reader also asks if we believe that Charles A. Johns will fulfill his platform promises. We most certainly do. Mr. Johns is a man with great pride and he would never let it be said of his administration that things were promised and not fulfilled. His ability to fulfill those promises is abundant because his long career in public has taught him how to do things. Mr. Johns, if nominated, will be a hard man to beat for he will be supported by a large per cent. of the business element of the state.

And the Union Stock show committee is on the job this year just the same as usual, with probably a little more enthusiasm if such a thing is possible.

Road Facts Sent Out.

Cove, May 12.—(To the editor Observer)—"In the last issue of the Observer-Star, appeared an article which led the people of Cove to believe that the Stackland Bros. were the 'Main spoke in the wheel' in the road work done on Electric avenue on Better road day. Now such information is in error entirely for the said Stackland Bros., though invited to assist on the day, absolutely refused and worked on another street nearer their home.

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JOHNS IS COMING MAN

CHARLES A. JOHNS, candidate for Governor in the Republican primaries of May 15, has gained ground so rapidly in the last few days of the campaign that his nomination is now conceded. It is predicted by political wiseacres that he will carry Portland and Multnomah County by a large majority.

Mr. Johns is the originator of a platform promising sharp reduction in taxes, a big cut in the expenses of state government, and the abolishing of all useless state boards and commissions, and this slogan has become the campaign cry of several other candidates. His straightforward talks to thousand of voters, his promises of economy and a business administration have won friends and votes for Mr. Johns at every stage of the campaign.

Knowing his untarnished reputation for keeping his promises, clerks and employees of useless state boards and commissions are opposed to his nomination, because his platform means what it says and he stands on his platform.

Mr. Johns has made a clean campaign, free from mudslinging and incriminations. His forceful, convincing addresses at Republican rallies throughout Multnomah county have been the chief drawing card of these meetings.

Republicans throughout Oregon concede that his nomination in May means a Republican victory in November.—Paid Adv.

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