

# CROOK COUNTY JOURNAL--Supplement

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The Review, in its last issue, has a very lame series of excuses for some alleged irregularity in the county clerk's office, and the Review's frenzied article, if boiled down to something definite resolves itself into the mere assertion that some one lies. When the party in question is absent attending to his business affairs and therefore unable to reply to, or refute the Review's statements, it of course is an easy matter to call the gentleman a liar, but there are some pertinent facts that any one reading the Review article should consider. The charges were not made "on the quiet" as the Review claims, but to Mr. Smith in person publicly on the streets of Prineville, and these charges have been made openly ever since Mr. Smith's nomination, which makes it appear very strange that he, or the Review, should have waited until just before election to deny them.

## Vote for J. S. McMeen for sheriff.

The last issue of the Ashwood Prospector has this to say of the candidacy of Judge Wills: "Judge Wills has served the past term most acceptably as County Judge, administering the affairs of the county in a fair and impartial, as well as an economical manner, and his record entitles him to re-election."

## Vote for Mark Powell for commissioner.

Had the advice given by Judge Wills some years ago, been taken we would now have not less than two townships of the best timber land, that is now being taken up, in this county. Taxes will be paid on all of this land next year and we will see a material difference in the assessment, provided that we elect the republican ticket.

## Vote the republican ticket straight.

In a recent speech here, "Butch" said he was opposed to land leasing before Williamson was. That may be so, but no one ever heard of it, while Williamson was hammering away against it in the public press and letters to congressmen for years. It's dollars to doughnuts that the Baker City lawyer never gave the matter a thought until accident made him a candidate for congress.—Fossil Journal.

J. S. McMeen is thoroughly qualified to fill the office of sheriff. He is a successful business man and farmer. His integrity is unquestioned and there is no reason why he should not be elected. Mr. McMeen has been a resident and taxpayer of this county for a number of years and has labored for the advancement of the county as well as his individual interests. Cast your vote for him and you will never regret it.

## Vote for Carey Foster for clerk.

Marshall Clay Aubrey, the Republican candidate for county treasurer, is a pioneer of Crook county as well as of the state. He is a Missourian by birth, religion and education, and received instruction in political ethics from Thomas H. Benton. He is a veteran of the Mexican war and served in the Indian wars, and has faced the storm of leath on many a battle field. In his younger days it is said that he could swim the Columbia river on his back, and was the champion swimmer west of the Rocky mountains. In the early days in Crook county Marsh had money to throw at the birds, but the great "equalizer," the wonder of 1884-5, came along and wiped him out, so to say. He is familiarly known as the Sage of Deschutes and he is going to be elected county treasurer by an overwhelming majority when the sun sinks in his golden grave on the evening of election day. The opposition will have been buried under six feet of snow, with a cold rain failing to make a hard crust.

## Vote for J. R. Whitney for state printer.

Don't forget when you come to the polls that there is a United States Senator to elect this winter and that he should be a republican. In remembering this fact you will then cast your ballot for the republican candidates for the legislature. They are good men and should be elected.

## Vote for Newt Williamson for congress.

Look down the ticket when you come to vote and make your mark between the number and the name of every republican candidate and you will not regret it in the years to come.

The Review in a recent issue says that the record of J. J. Smith as county clerk is above reproach, and denies the accusation that one of his mistakes cost the county \$600. We do not wish to unjustly criticize Mr. Smith, or be understood as saying anything against him personally, when we say that we do not believe his record is above reproach. What we mean by this is his official record in the county clerk's office and not his personal record. We are willing to admit that Mr. Smith is a man of good intentions, yet his fitness for the county clerk's office must be measured not alone by his good intentions, but by his clerical accuracy and business ability as well. Several grave errors have been charged against him during his incumbency of the county clerk's office, among which is the \$600 mistake referred to by the Review. This is the most important one that has so far come to the surface and the most far-reaching in its consequences, and is the blunder made in making up the record in the Casey road matter, upon which the decision of the circuit court turned, and which resulted in the defeat of the county in the suit against W. T. Casey, involving an expense to the taxpayers of several hundred dollars. This was clearly the mistake of the county clerk, though the Review may endeavor to shoulder the blame on some one else. But the fact remains that a mistake was made in the records, and this mistake was in the form and completeness of the order for the view of the road, as well as in the final order declaring the road a public highway. The Review may say that the judge's docket in this case was followed literally, and that it was not the fault of the county clerk because the orders were not in proper form. But this in no wise excuses the county clerk, for the judge's docket in the county court as well as the circuit court is merely a memorandum of business transacted, while the journal, as written up by the clerk, should be full and complete, showing the jurisdiction of the court in all orders made by the court.

## Vote for W. C. Wills for county judge.

With this issue closes the campaign and it is hoped that every republican in the county will do his duty. We have a good ticket and one worthy of support and it should be supported.