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JUDGE BIGGS TURNS A CARD OF HIS OWN.

Editor The Journal:—My attention has been called for the second time to some charges contained on the back of cards which Mr. W. A. Bell, republican candidate for county judge, is scattering about the county. These cards have not been used in Prineville, but are sent to the outlying districts to mislead the voters who do not have access to the records. The first time I heard of these cards, Mr. Bell was told if they were permitted to be sent out that a statement of facts would be forthcoming. They have been distributed, consequently Mr. Bell can have no objection to the following answer which I make. I take up those charges against the administration of county affairs in their order, to-wit:

First: The state and not the county tax increased this year which accounts for the additional levy in mills. Part of the county taxation is lower than last year.

Second: We are taxed 24 mills for road purposes because the law provides for that taxation, and because we are building and remodeling bridges built by a republican judge which did not stand a year after being repaired.

Third: There have not been \$12,000 or \$14,000 held in the road fund as quoted. Over half the amount came in this spring and is being used on roads as fast as they can be put in repair.

Fourth: There were between \$5000 and \$6000 in the road fund at the time the bridge was built near Prineville and the law expressly provides that bridges shall be built out of funds not otherwise appropriated. If Mr. Bell intends to build bridges out of the road funds he puts himself on record before the people as saying that he will construe the law to suit himself and not as provided in the statutes.

Fifth: Mr. Bell evidently refers to the matter of building the bridge at the Forest ranch where the people who asked for the bridge offered to help but were never asked to do so by the court. If those people are satisfied, Mr. Bell ought to be. When the bridge was let to the contractor the county had to be responsible for all material put on the ground, outsiders not considered. Mr. Forest and Mr. George O'Neil guaranteed the lumber if the bridge was built and the county accepted the offer. The same proposition was advanced for the bridge across the Deschutes at the Agency, lumber and between \$300 and \$400 in money. This also was accepted.

Sixth: Under the law counties are not allowed to use the road funds to build bridges. If Mr. Bell had been posted on the law there would have been no need for such an assertion. A thorough knowledge of the statutes goes a long way toward helping out a candidate for county judge.

Seventh: During the May term of court \$3100 was appropriated to the road districts, over \$1200 of road machinery was ordered for the county besides several hundred dollars already paid out this year for work done on roads. Over \$1000 have also been promised to different districts to work roads which at certain times of the year are almost impassable.

Eighth: The statement is without truth. The tax levy has never been sufficient to carry out the fiscal year. How would Mr. Bell build so many bridges, repair the roads so well and still have such an unheard of surplus in the treasury?

The card is brought to a close with the statement "for good roads, necessary bridges and an economical administration of county affairs vote for W. A. Bell."

Mr. Bell has taken an underhanded method of attacking the present county court, laying all

blame on the present judge when the tax levy for this year was 1 mill higher than he desired it placed. But nevertheless the present court has transacted its business from one day to a week less than any other court for the 10 years I have been in the county. The county has been saved that additional expense and the best judgment for the good of the county has always been exercised. So there are little grounds for the above proposition of a more economical court. Let Mr. Bell show one instance in which conditions can be bettered or made more economical. It is a fact, however, that when the present court was called away on county duties he did not look pleasantly upon the red and sparkling wine as did our worthy opponent on his official trip some time ago up the Deschutes.

But Mr. Bell has thrown a boomerang. His own actions are not above reproach. He was removed from the office of United States commissioner upon charges preferred by special inspector Linen for exacting illegal fees and for falsifying records and for sending papers back to eastern states for claimants to sign and then certifying to them as being made before him within the jurisdiction of his office. Many people had their claims canceled by these proceedings. One instance was that of Mrs. Maud Carver, wife of the Rev. Augustus Carver, of Brainard, Minn. There were many others, at least 20 of such cases, sidetracked by a clerk in the Lakeview land office to protect Mr. Bell, and when removed from office he claimed to residents here that he had no idea why he was removed.

While holding the office of recorder of the city of Prineville, rather than fulfill the duties of that office as required by law he continued a case brought before him and submitted his resignation to the council.

Mr. Bell now holds the office of deputy district attorney of Crook county, and is by law required to appear and conduct all cases in which the state may be a party. A few days ago when General Prime was arrested on a grave charge, Mr. Bell refused to have anything to do with the case as stated by attorney Barnes in open court.

This is the man who has taken an underhanded way to attack the county court and now asks the people for their suffrage in securing to him a position among the county offices which requires that a man should be straightforward, honest and fair in his dealings with the people. I hold that lacking in those respects in one office a man is unfit for another. The facts are submitted to the voters.

M. R. BIGGS.

Charles A. Gilchrist, republican candidate for county clerk, should receive the vote of every republican in the county who desires a competent and able man to discharge the duties of that office. If he receives the full vote he will be elected by a good majority and it is the duty of every republican and every voter who has the interest of good county government at heart to vote for him. A better qualified man for the office has never before been a candidate and a good majority should show the voter's appreciation of the fact.

Otto Gray is making a good canvas for county treasurer and will be elected by a big majority. The county at present is needing a young man for the office who can always be found when there is business to transact and who is ready and able to transact that business speedily. The day has passed when the office of county treasurer can be looked upon as a position of charity, or one for the oldest man in the county to hold down. To the reverse the position needs a young man and business will be facilitated by electing to the office one who is qualified in age as well as capabilities.

Socialist Column

"Equal Rights to All, Special Privileges to None."
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Crook County Socialist Ticket.

- For County Judge, J. R. McDowell, Haystack.
- For Commissioner, Titos, Axsold, Sisters.
- For Sheriff, W. H. Bunson, Prineville.
- For Clerk, J. F. Caywood, Culver.
- For Treasurer, J. A. Riggs, Prineville.
- For School Superintendent, R. F. Wilbur, Prineville.
- For Assessor, J. R. Benham, Bend.
- For Coroner, D. H. Hill, Bend.

Socialistic plans are coming, fight it ye who may.

The commercial version of the Golden Rule "Get in and do your neighbor before he does you."

Labor creates all wealth. Socialism will give to the laborer all he earns. As it is now, eight tenths goes to the capitalist.

"Money is the root of all evil." The author of that assertion was the first socialist of whom we have record proof. Then why not, when practical, remove that root?

Money is only a medium of exchange in commercial transactions of small amounts; in the large transactions, paper in the form of Checks, bills of exchange, etc. are handier and more economical.

The solution of the liquor traffic will be solved by Socialism. Abolish the profit. Our prohibitive friends have been fighting the whiskey traffic for over fifty years without resultant good. Try the abolishing of the profit and see what the result will be.

Regulate the sources and means of all products, justly and sensibly and the medium of exchange will accommodate itself to the conditions, as surely as water will seek its level. A just assessment of the products of productive industry is one of the pillars of socialism.

A few years ago the issues of "gold standard" and "Sixteen to one" were emitted like the odorous spume of a herd of llamas, by innumerable politicians, solely for the purpose of catching votes, and they were caught. How money could be made the prime issue of a campaign was always a puzzle to me.

It has been reported that "not a name on the Crook county socialist ticket is on the tax roll. While the assertion is false, we'll not go into detail at this time. The man who is reported to have made this assertion was for years placed in a lucrative office by the votes of non-taxpayers, not exclusively, but they swelled his majority, some of whom are now on the socialist ticket and are receiving this insult for favors past rendered.

A large percent of those who voted this insulter into office, who appears on the tax roll, should be in the penitentiary, and no one knows better than this maligner of the honest poor.

A large number of our poor voters were rendered so by hard winters, floods and fires; once down the capitalists keep their noses to the grind stone by imposing bonuses, per cent, rents and small wages. What would these well

headed baskers in broadcloth and plug hats be had it not been for the laborers who produced the wealth? Labor produces all wealth, but the producers must (?) take a back seat and let the produced do the voting and office holding.

J. D. McDowell, socialist candidate for county judge, of Crook county, was born in Ripley county Indiana, on Feb. 2, 1844. Sixty years he has lived, hale, hearty and vigorous, both in body and in mind.

In 1882 he came to Oregon settling at Crawfordsville where he served the people for four years as justice of the peace, making a record for justice and economy of which any man would be proud. In 1899 he came to Prineville and engaged in the butcher business. After being here about a year he moved to the Haystack country where he still resides on his homestead. Farming has been his principle occupation through life.

To show the people what they may expect if elected judge, which we think he will be, we cite you to the record he made in holding the inquest as Justice of the Peace on the body of Sanford Cochran, who was accidentally shot and killed by his youthful son? He put in no bill for his services, he induced the jurors to put in no bills, as well as all others doing service at the inquest. Not a cent did it cost the county. Such a man as he is not often found, and when he becomes known he should be pressed into service of the people.

From the assertion that "not a man on the county socialist ticket appears on the tax roll," we infer that money and not brains should hold office; if that be true, should not dollars vote instead of men? You wealth producers who do not appear on the tax roll, wake up! look to your interests, if not, you will wake up some morning and find your lives disfranchised by a property qualification.

We are told that some big promises of bridge building have been made of late; it is a pity they can't be built before election. Vote for J. R. McDowell for county judge and the people will get justice and consideration of their wants instead of campaign promises.

"Yellow Jacket" Pointers

Editor Watterson seems comparatively happy over the prospect of being miserable through another Democratic campaign.

Mr. Bryan's bad luck seems to come in \$50,000 bunches. It was a \$50,000 salary the boy orator missed in 1896, and again in 1900, and in 1904 it is a \$50,000 legacy.

The scientists have arranged for an exhibit of eighty varieties of mosquitoes at the Worlds Fair. Arrangements have also been made for an exhibit of fully that many varieties of Democrats.

Mr. Bryan declares that money stupefies the conscience, whereupon the Bonnett heirs and the Connecticut court have used every honorable means at their command to protect Mr. Bryan's conscience.

The railroad companies are said to be making extensive additions to their side-tracking facilities at St. Louis. Evidently they are preparing for the accommodation of numerous Democratic presidential boons that will go there next summer to be side tracked.

Senator Teller says that the White House is a monstrosity. That need not bother the long haired Colorado Senator the least bit, for there is not the remotest danger that one of his clan will ever be called upon to eke out a weary existence for four long years within the desolate walls of the said monstrosity.

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