

A CLEAN TICKET.

Sketches of Candidates on the Independent Citizens Ticket.

On Tuesday, April 8th, the largest convention ever held in Clackamas county convened in Oregon City and nominated the county ticket shown at the head of our editorial columns.

GEORGE W. GRACE,

The nominee for state senator on the citizens ticket, was born in Coles county, Ill., February 26, 1854, and moved when a boy with his father to Missouri.

remained three years graduating in 1892. In the fall of that year he entered Yale University and four years afterward graduated with B. A. degree.



In 1896 he was elected sheriff on the populist ticket, defeating Eli Maddock by nearly 1000 majority, but, not desiring a second term refused to allow his name to go before the convention.

Mr. Grace enjoys the well merited esteem of his fellowmen to a greater extent than most men. The nomination of Mr. Grace for senator was a case of the office seeking the men.

bright career of Mr. Hodges forced him to the front both professionally and politically and in 1900 he was elected on citizens ticket to represent this county in the state legislature, being the only one of his party candidates for the legislature elected.

O. W. EASTHAM,

Candidate for representative, is a native Oregonian, having been brought up on Butte Creek, 20 miles south of Oregon City. For two years he studied law under Judge Moreland and then attended the law department of the University of California for two years more, when he was admitted to the bar of California.



RICHARD SCOTT,

Candidate for joint senator with Multnomah, is a prominent dairyman and farmer of Milwaukie, and has lived there for a great many years. He has twice served as county commissioner and has always been a republican.

To show how he is appreciated in his home precinct he has served seventeen years as school director out of the nineteen he has lived in Milwaukie, and is chairman of the board at the present time.

CHARLES F. CLARK,

Candidate for representative, is a native of Missouri, and was born in 1858. He came to the coast in 1874, and to Clackamas county in 1875, and has been a resident of this county ever since with the exception of three years in Willamette University, where he received the



degree of B. S., and one year in the merchandise business in Marion county. The balance of the time he has been a resident of Clackamas, where he successfully conducts a large farm. He has never been a candidate for office, and it was only on the earnest solicitation of his friends and the unanimous sentiment of the convention that caused him to accept the nomination. This is the kind of men we want to elect. He is an able man and a good orator and is in every way qualified for the position.

GILBERT L. HEDGES,

Candidate for representative, is a native son of Clackamas county, having been born in Canemah in 1874. When 15 years of age he was sent to Phillips Academy of Andover, Mass., where he

ELMER DIXON,



Candidate for county judge, is a native of Ohio, and was raised and educated in the schools and colleges of Galesburg, Ill. He came to Oregon in 1881, and located on a farm in the Robert Canfield D. L. C. and has resided there and at Ely ever since. Mr. Dixon was elected justice of Oregon City precinct two consecutive terms and in 1896, was elected clerk by the largest majority (over 1900) ever given a candidate in the history of the county and was reelected in 1898, and filled the office to the entire satisfaction of every taxpayer.

CHARLES W. RISLEY,

Candidate for commissioner, was born in Clackamas county, across the river from Oswego, in 1858, and has lived in the county ever since, except the eight years he spent in Portland at school. With the exception of three years sawmilling at Clackamas he has pursued farming on the place of his birth and on adjoining farm on which he now resides. He has never held office excepting road supervisor, school director, etc. He is qualified in every way and has the necessary backbone and energy so essential to a commissioner but which has been so often lacking.



J. E. JACK,

Candidate for sheriff, is one of the most prominent young men of Clackamas county. He was born, reared and educated in this county and is therefore a strictly home production a native son of Marquam, where he was born in 1860. His father was a pioneer of '47 coming across the plains with an ox team and settling near Butte Creek. Until 25 years of age, Mr. Jack followed farming, when he accepted a position with Butte Creek Grange general merchandise store. He was one of the promoters of the Butte Creek fair which held its first exhibition in 1885, and which is the only



fair in county. He held a position as secretary of the association for four years. In 1898 he came within four votes of receiving the nomination for sheriff when J. J. Cooke was nominated. After Mr. Cooke's election Mr. Jack was made deputy, a position he held for four years to the entire satisfaction of everybody, and is entitled and every way qualified to act as sheriff of Clackamas after June 2d. The Enterprise and the republican speakers have stated that Mr. Jack was not qualified for the position and this in face of the fact that he has given complete satisfaction during his four years as chief deputy.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,

Candidate for assessor on the citizens ticket, is a native of Clackamas county, having been born at Damascus, August 17, 1864. After he received his education he followed farming until 1887, when he opened a general merchandise store at Gresham and was postmaster at that place for six years. He has since been engaged with his father, Boone Johnson, in the lumber and ship-timber



business at Damascus. He has good business ability and is a good penman and book-keeper and qualified in every way to assess the county in an equitable manner. He is young enough to have the requisite energy and old enough to have good judgment.

E. H. COOPER,

Candidate for reelection as clerk of the courts, is a native of Pennsylvania, where he attended school until 15 years of age when his father moved to Kansas, where he finished his education in Osborne High school and lived till 1880,



when he came to Oregon and settled near Canby. In 1889 he joined the state grange and served as secretary of the Multnomah grange for three years. He was instrumental in organizing Lone Star Lodge of Odd Fellows at Clackamas and was its first noble grand, and is prominently connected with all the leading fraternal organizations of Oregon City. Mr. Cooper was deputy clerk under Elmer Dixon and in 1900 was elected clerk on the citizens ticket, which office he now fills to the entire satisfaction of the taxpayer. He was the unanimous choice of the convention for renomination and will, no doubt, succeed himself. Mr. Cooper's administration of the clerk's office has been one of the most economical in the history of the county, and the republican politicians have in every way possible tried to discredit him but have been unable to find anything against his record as a public official.

A. LUELLING,



Candidate for reelection to office of treasurer, is a native of Indiana and an Oregon pioneer of '47, he having come to the state at the age of 16 years with his father, who brought a lot of nursery stock, planted in wagon boxes with him, the subject of this sketch driving an ox team. They settled near Milwaukie, where Mr. Luelling attended school. In 1866 he was elected commissioner of Washington county and in 1874 and 1876 he was elected clerk of the same county. He returned to this county in 1876 and resided in Milwaukie until 1886 when he was elected recorder. From 1885 to 1900 he was deputy treasurer and in 1900 was elected treasurer on the citizens ticket. Mr. Luelling is a strictly honorable man and was unanimously renominated for the office he now holds. Mr. Luelling has always been a reformer and an influential grenger.

L. E. GRAZER,

Candidate for recorder, is a native Oregonian, having been born in Yamhill county in 1862, and has resided in the state ever since. He was educated in the public schools of Yamhill county and the State University at Eugene. Mr. Grazer worked two years on a newspaper in Lafayette, was deputy sheriff of Wasco county three years and has followed carpentering and farming on his ranch near Canby and Barlow since. He is qualified in every way for the position.



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A. M. KIRCHEN,

Candidate for surveyor, was born in 1864, at Logan, Clackamas county, and educated in public schools of Logan and Oregon City and at Portland Business College. He has worked nine years as assistant and five years as foreman in the salmon canneries of Oregon, Washington and Alaska. For the last six years he worked with the United States



government surveyors on government contracts. He is young and well qualified in every way to fill the position.

DR. J. W. POWELL,

Candidate for coroner, is a native son and was born in the Waldo Hills of Marion county in 1850. After attending Willamette University at Salem he taught school in Marion and Clackamas counties. He graduated from the Louisville Medical College in 1874, and since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession with more than ordinary success. In 1887 he served a term in the Nevada legislature and is now serving his second term as member of the Oregon City council.



JOHN W. LODER,

Candidate for justice of Oregon City and suburban precincts, is a Missourian, reared on an Oregon farm in Yamhill county. He is a graduate and trustee of McMinnville College, also graduate of Columbia University of Law, Washington, D. C. The past six years he has been a resident and practicing attorney at law in Oregon City and in return for his exemplary life, upright character and honest business methods now enjoys a lucrative practice and the good will of the entire community. As a permanent resident and taxpayer of Clackamas county he takes studious interest in all things tending to advertise and to improve the city and county and his especial fitness for the office of justice of Oregon City and suburban precincts merits the vote of the district and should guarantee his unanimous election on June 2nd.



HENRY COOKE,

Candidate for constable of Oregon City precincts, is a native Oregonian. He was associated with his brother, J. J. Cooke, in the livery stable business in Oregon City for some years and afterward in the dray business. He has been on the sound for the past few years and is now special deputy under Sheriff Cooke.

Floral Day, Children's Day.

At the regular meeting of Warner Grange next month, the fourth Saturday, Floral Day, and Children's Day will be celebrated on the Spiritualist camp meeting grounds at New Era. The intention is to make a basket picnic of the celebration, and every one is requested to bring his children and a "full dinner pail." The Grange will spare no pains to make the event a joyous one and those not members of the order are heartily invited to participate for the sake of the children. Bring all the flowers you can pack.

Don't pass us by—call in and get our prices. Red Front Trading Company.

Kozy Kandy Kitchen, up to date on home-made candies and cigars.

Union-Made Shaves, Parker, the barber.

Citizens Platform.

The citizens convention of Clackamas county composed of delegates from all the precincts of the county, non-partisan in character, with a sincere and determined purpose to relieve the overburdened taxpayers of the county from the selfish domination of the most corrupt ring that has ever fastened itself upon any people; and at the same time to redeem the once good name of Clackamas county from the further control of a political "boss," who has not hesitated upon proper consideration to barter and to sell his character and reputation to the highest bidder, hereby pledge ourselves to work unitedly together for these great ends, willing to subordinate partisanship to patriotism, and justice already too long delayed may be meted out where due and civic righteousness may again prevail among our people, hereby ask the co-operation and active support of every voter in the county without regard to previous political affiliations for aid in the coming contest.

We further agree and publish the following declarations and statements of facts in regard to the financial status of the county:

First—We demand that the election of United States senator shall be by direct vote of all the people, thereby removing as far as can be occasion for wholesale bribery and corruption with the endless scandals that bring disgrace upon our present mode of selecting a senator.

Second—We are heartily in favor of the "Initiative and Referendum" amendment now pending for adoption by popular vote at the coming election and recommend that our people make special efforts that a majority vote be made in its favor.

Third—We view with alarm the present financial condition of the county. In 1893 after the extraordinary expenses connected with the construction of the court house, the suspension bridge and the Baker's Ferry bridge, amounting to about \$80,000, the county was in debt \$57,925. It was at the next election thereafter that the affairs of the county were practically given over into the hands of the present ring. Since then the indebtedness of the county has been accumulating at the astonishing rate of over \$10,000 per year and careful officials now place the indebtedness of the county at \$150,000 while others equally sincere, fix the amount at \$200,000.

Fourth—By comparison, we note according to the official figures that it costs, exclusive of roads, \$3.54 per capita to pay the running expenses of Clackamas county for a year. For the same service it cost \$1.60 in Washington county; \$1.61 in Marion; \$1.68 in Linn, and \$2.03 in Lane county. While the average expense of the whole state is but \$2.54. The secretary of state reports that if the present rate of expenditures in this county are maintained for the next four years our state tax will then be .0662 instead of .0335 as at present or nearly double the amount now paid. We note also that while Clackamas county is third in population, seventh in assessed valuation, it is second in expenses (exclusive of roads) of all the counties in the state, reaching the total of \$69,535.55 for the year 1901 as against \$39,321.98 for Lane, \$31,304.45 for Linn, and \$44,730.49 for Marion county.

This comparison is the more striking when we remember that the population of Lane is the same as Clackamas county and its assessed valuation over \$1,000,000 more while Marion county has \$,000 more population and an assessed valuation nearly twice as large.

Fifth—We charge the reckless extravagance and waste of the public monies of the county not only upon the present board of county commissioners, but with more point and directness upon the "machine" that has for a period of eight years not hesitated to add to and subvert any and all funds to maintain its political supremacy in Clackamas county.

Sixth—We strongly condemn the practice insisted upon by the machine of all republican road supervisors using the road money apportioned to their respective districts to carry primaries in the interest of and to perpetuate the rule and power of the "boss," and we insist that this vicious policy cease and all residents of the road districts be given an equitable share of the road work irrespective of party.

Seventh—We condemn the lack of system and method in our road work leading, as it does, to inevitable waste and poor results. We demand that a definite, fixed plan of modern road making be adopted by the authorities that has for its ultimate end and purpose the construction and completion of a good road from the various market centers to each principal district in the county; as a help to this end, we urge the necessity of a non-partisan management of the entire road question and that all supervisors be elected on merit only. We further demand that the commissioners' court apportion the road money, once each year among the several road districts, and that all expenses be kept within the apportionment as by law is now required to be done.

Eighth—We condemn what has come to be known as the contingent fund, kept contrary to law, and demand that all county expenses shall be regularly presented to the board of county commissioners, duly audited, and orders drawn on the treasury therefor.

Ninth—We demand that the county printing, and the furnishing of supplies to the court house and all other supplies needed by the county be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Tenth—We insist on the strictest economy in all the offices of the county; that no deputies be appointed except on plain proof of the necessity and that our legislators be instructed to pass a bill providing a flat sum to be paid all county officials.

Eleventh—We condemn the act of the representatives from this county in thwarting the will of the people expressed at the polls, in removing the county judge from his position as chairman of the board of county commissioners, and demand that he be restored at the next session of the legislature. If this is refused we insist that his salary shall be reduced to the sum of \$600.

Twelfth—We demand that the rights of labor, the producer of wealth, be respected and to that end we demand that our representatives in both branches of the legislature give an unprejudiced hearing to the claims of organized labor, and grant them whenever based on justice and right.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. J. Cooke, Elmer Dixon, George Ogie, J. P. Lovett, H. E. Cross.