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DEMOCRATS ARE GAINING GROUND

Wave Sweeping Over County With Telling Results

ELECTION OF SEVERAL CONCEDED

Standard Qualities and Square Deal Apparent Features that will Bring Gratifying Results at the Polls.

Each day as the time draws nearer, when the voters of Clackamas County shall express their wishes as to who shall represent them in the various offices of the county, there appears more strongly the feeling that men shall be selected that are the best qualified to fill the offices, party hack-bone has weakened and the bud of judicious selection that has so long been held back by the cold and chilling rains, the party lash, is beginning to blossom forth in the warm sunshine of unity of purpose, when we may expect in the management of the business of the county, men who have been elected to the various offices without regard to party favoritism. In our county affairs it should be thus, and more and more we see the fact growing upon us much to our satisfaction.

In the selection of the various candidates for the election that will on June 1st, take place, the Democrats of Clackamas county studied the above situation from every standpoint and the good choice, founded originally on merit of the men, is having a telling effect on the sentiment of the voters, until at this time there is a most strong indication that Democracy will be most thoroughly represented, officially in the county affairs, and we do not say this with any idle boast, it seems to be a most apparent fact and is just as surely gaining strength with each day. Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists are with one accord for the judicious management of our county's business and they alike see in the Democratic candidates men of ability, honesty and fairness, while there is stamped on their

countenances the standard qualities of live and let live, and much more than a candle-beam of honesty in this world of lax notions, not merely the honesty of expediency or of that honesty which disdains any compromise with conscience, but a pointed show of fairness and straightforwardness of conduct that has prevailed in the every-day dealings with their fellow men.

County Chairman J. J. Cooke and Secretary O. D. Eby have had charge of the campaign for the Democratic candidates and are in very close touch with the various affairs politically as bearing on the chances of electing the various candidates, and have also expressed their candid opinion that there is a very apparent wave sweeping over the whole county, of such proportions that it is impossible to foretell its exact results, but which means the election of a major portion of the Democratic ticket.

The Fleet at the Grand.

A special attraction is on at the Grand this week. The fleet, consisting of 15 battleships will be shown, and those who have not had the privilege of seeing this great sight, should not fail to go to the Grand, opposite the Masonic building on Thursday, and Friday, both afternoon and evenings. "The Good Old U. S. A." is the illustrated song for these performances.



SHERIFF R. B. BEATIE, Whose Re-election to the Office is Generally Conceded

The Sheriff of Clackamas County, Robert B. Beatie, is so well known that to attempt to say very much that the people do not already know would be rather futile, for his qualifications for the office are so apparent. In this connection the feature of expenditures of the office as compared to former years form very interesting reading, and have been obtained for the benefit of our readers that they may see what has been and is being done in the Sheriff's office. For the year following January 1st, 1905, the expenses of the office were \$3002.97—this was before Mr. Beatie took charge of the Sheriff's affairs, while the expenses of the office for the year following January 1, 1907, were but \$2766.49, during which year Sheriff Beatie had charge of the Constable's office for eight months, and the additional expense of this work is included in the latter item. This is indeed a most flattering showing, and for such reasons and for the satisfactory manner in which the office has been conducted, the taxpayers of words of praise for the very efficient manner in which the county affairs have been managed in the sheriff's office. It has been the custom to return the Sheriff for the second term and we predict an overwhelming vote for Mr. Beatie at the June election.

A. F. PARKER FOR JUSTICE.

The office of Justice of the Peace is a most important office, not only to the incumbent, but should be considered so by the people of the county, and the selection of a man whose honesty and integrity can be vouched for at all times. It is very essential that the justice should be free from any ties that might at any time prejudice his opinion and in this connection A. F. Parker stands notably as a man of strong character and power and his opinion in matters brought before him for settlement could be counted on as honest, impartial, unbiased and with no regard to person or party, but would have the marks of Justice plainly written across the pages of his opinion.

Mr. Parker is the Democratic candidate for Justice of the Peace for the precincts in and about Oregon City, and the voters should take many facts into consideration before voting, which if are so weighed will give Mr. Parker a good majority.

Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters at the post office at Oregon City, Oregon, for the week ending May 23, 1908.
Woman's List—Brown, Miss Margaret; Hoover, Mrs. Ruby; Himsch, Mrs. Geo. J.; Wharton, Mrs. G. B.
Men's List—Ferguson, W. H. (4); Lenske, B.H.; Wood, L. A.

A GOOD DEMOCRAT.

W. F. Young, Democratic candidate for representative for Clackamas county, was born in the State of Missouri, is the son of W. S. Young, deceased, who came to Oregon in 1865, and settled in Pleasant Hill precinct, Clackamas County, in 1867, where W. F. Young received a common school education, and afterwards attended school at Monmouth. He then took up school teaching, which he followed for six years. By that time his father not being able to run the farm, he felt it his duty to come home and take care of his parents, which he did until their death, and now he is successfully running the farm formerly owned by his father.

He has never before aspired to any office, but always felt it a duty to fill any office that the people might elect him to. He has held the office of school clerk for fifteen years or more in his own district. Has been director for a number of years, and secretary for two years of the Hop Growers' Fire Relief Association, of Butteville, Oregon. In all positions he ever held he has filled them satisfactorily to all parties, and credit to himself.

Wherever he is known he is looked upon as a person of good judgment; is conscientious, truthful, honest, and his word is as good as his bond. In politics, Mr. Young has always been a Democrat, but believes that the people should elect the man to office who is best qualified to fill the same. He is best qualified to fill the same. He fully believes in Statement No. 1, and that any representative should work to the interest of the majority of the people, and if elected will use his best endeavors to do so.



L. W. ROBBINS, Democratic Candidate for Representative.

L. W. Robbins, Democratic candidate for Representative for Clackamas County, is a native son of Oregon and of Clackamas County, having been born at Molalla in 1876 and is the son of Levi Robbins one of the old settlers of Molalla.

When a mere boy he took a position as clerk in the General Merchandise store then conducted by Robbins & Son at Molalla and filled the position so well that when in 1896 the partnership of Robbins & Co. was dissolved, though only twenty years of age, he was placed in charge of the store which he reorganized under the firm name of Robbins Brothers Company and of which he is still the manager and principal owner.

In politics, Mr. Robbins has always been a consistent Democrat; he has taken an interest in the affairs of his community; it was largely through his efforts that the Mutual Telephone Line was established from Oregon City to Molalla and he has been a persistent worker for its improvement.

Mr. Robbins was married in 1900 and has two children; he has a beautiful home and is respected and honored by all who know him he signed statement Number one without qualification, and as a thorough business man will ably represent Clackamas County in the legislature.



J. W. SMITH, Democratic Candidate for Commissioner.

J. W. Smith, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner was born in the State of Missouri in 1862; he came to Oregon with his parents in 1875 and in 1878 settled on the place which is now his home at Macksburg; he followed the vocation of farming until 1897 when he opened a store and engaged in the merchandise business until 1906, when on account of the health of his family he closed out his store and spent a winter at Los Angeles California, returning to his farm in 1907, where he has since resided.

Mr. Smith has always taken a deep interest in county affairs and especially in road work and in his precinct has held the office of Road Supervisor many terms and is now the Supervisor for Macksburg precinct. He has never held office except Road Supervisor.

In his own business affairs he has been very successful and now owns one of the best and highly improved farms in Clackamas County. A thorough business man in every respect, he will if elected to the office to which he aspires, work for the interest of all of Clackamas County.



J. E. JACK, Democratic Candidate for Assessor.

J. E. Jack, Democratic candidate for county Assessor was born at Marquam in Clackamas county; he served as sheriff Deputy Sheriff during J. J. Cooke's term as Sheriff, afterwards he formed a partnership with Geo. F. Horton and together they conducted the grocery store of Horton & Jack on Seventh Street in Oregon City. Two years ago he bought out the interest of Mr. Horton and is now conducting the business alone.

He is a thorough business man in every respect, and if elected assessor will appoint the very best men he can find in Clackamas county for his deputies, and will endeavor to give a just and equal assessment to all, without favoritism. You will make no mistake by voting for him.

WM. HEERDT FOR RECORDER.

Wm. Heerd, of New Era precinct, is the regular Democratic candidate for Recorder of Conveyances, and is



Wm. Heerd, Democratic Candidate for Recorder of Conveyances, making an excellent campaign with very good prospects of his being elected. Mr. Heerd is of the fine old

German stock, spending his boyhood days in Germany, where he received a college training. About 15 years ago he graduated from Willamette University with honors, since which time he has lived in Clackamas county. Five years having been spent in teaching in the public schools and the ten years just past he has diligently followed the pursuits of farming with marked success, now owning one of the best farms in the section of New Era.

Mr. Heerd as his name implies is a German and will receive a very large vote at the hands of the Germans throughout the county as well as from voters generally, who know the worth of the man. He bears an enviable reputation, has been an honest, upright and diligent citizen and is a gentleman of marked degree of learning. Vote for Wm. Heerd for Recorder and if elected he will not disappoint his backers in the proper handling of affairs in the Recorder's office.

Notice.

All the barber shops will be closed in Oregon City July 4th. Open until 10 p. m., July 3rd, 1908.

Signed:

JOHNSON & STRATTON,
A. F. PARKER,
GRIFFITH & WRIGHT,
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G. F. ANDERSON,
WILLIAM WEST,
JOHN VEGELIUS.

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TOM J. MYERS, Democratic Candidate for Coroner.

Mr. Myers has recently purchased the undertaking business of Shank & Bissel and is in a position to handle the office of Coroner to the satisfaction of the people of Clackamas County. He is the regular Democratic Candidate and is receiving the hearty indorsement of his party with a most flattering backing from the Republicans who believe in passing the office of Coroner around instead of permitting its continuance in the hands of one who has had control for some sixteen years; and it is their expression that there is little consistency in keeping one man in office a length of time covering about 16 years, and turn down others who may have been in some office not to exceed three. Mr. Myers is a young and energetic man, is most capable and well informed in his chosen profession, having spent some time at the business and recently put in about three years with J. P. Finley & Son, undertakers and Embalmers, in Portland.

Mr. Myers is warming up to the political situation and is making a most strenuous canvass which from present indications points to his election for Coroner.