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Republican State Ticket.

For Representative in Congress—1st District,
BINGER HERMANN, of Douglas county.

For Governor,

W. P. LORD, of Marion county.

For Secretary of State,

H. R. KINCAID, of Lane county.

For State Treasurer,

PHIL. METSCHAN, of Grant county.

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For State Printer,

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For Prosecuting Attorney,

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For Member of Board of Equalization,

G. WINGATE, of Clatsop county.

For Joint Senator for Clackamas and Marion counties,

ALONZO GESNER, of Marion county.

Republican County Ticket.

For State Senator,

GEORGE C. BROWNELL, of Oregon City.

For Representatives,

GEORGE O. RINEARSON, of Abernethy.

F. L. MINTIE, of Oswego.

C. B. SMITH, of Eagle Creek.

For County Judge,

GORDON E. HAYES, of Oregon City.

For County Commissioner,

FRANK JAGGAR, of Beaver Creek.

For Sheriff,

ELI C. MADDOCK, of New Era.

For County Clerk,

GEORGE F. HORTON, of Needy.

For County Recorder,

S. M. RAMSBY, of Molalla.

For County Assessor,

J. C. BRADLEY, of Borings.

For County Treasurer,

M. L. MOORE, of Ely.

For Superintendent of Schools,

H. S. GIBSON, of Eagle Creek.

For County Surveyor,

D. W. KINNAIRD, of Oregon City.

For County Coroner,

E. L. HOLMAN, of Oregon City.

For Justice of the Peace, District No. 4,

J. W. O'CONNELL.

For Constable, District No. 4,

M. F. McCOWN.

Election June 4, 1894.

THE ISSUE.

On Monday next you are going to vote, not merely for men to fill the offices, but upon policies and principles which will redound to the good and upbuilding of the state or drive her with increased speed down the incline which leads to sovereign and individual ruin. Every voter has a choice in this matter and will help to make the verdict. Shall there be a change for the better in Oregon, or will you by your vote help to make times worse and evils greater?

Republican principles are safe, conservative and wise. They have been tried and proven good and beneficent for over thirty years. A vote of endorsement for them is the voice of the people saying to the civilized world, we will be guided by wise policies; we will pay our debts in honest money; we will guarantee to every citizen the protection of law and equal rights. Republican legislation and government may be relied upon to promote the best good of the American people. This will restore confidence, put money in circulation, give employment to labor and do much to make better times.

Populist theories, which are the other alternative offered, have been tried in Kansas and other states and have been found wanting. The success of populism is an announcement to the world that Oregon is committed to all the wild and visionary

theories which will lead them to mistrust us. Following the success of populism money will be drawn from the state, forced collections will be made, mills will close down, prices will be lower, failures will abound and want oppress. No greater calamity could befall the state than the success of populism at the polls. Will you by your suffrage help to save the fair name and honor of the state, or will you vote to bring shame and dishonor?

INCOMPETENT MEN.

The ENTERPRISE has studiously avoided in this campaign anything which might be considered in the line of mud-slinging, and it does not purpose in the last issue before election to resort to any such tactics, but there are some things which the voter should know before he helps to place in office men who for any reason are incompetent or unfit. The office of county recorder is a most important one, as upon the care and neatness exercised in recording deeds and other papers must depend the title to many pieces of property in years to come. Any one who knows Thos. B. Hankins is aware that he is a miserable penman who would if elected both the books of the recorder's office which have always been neatly kept, and turn over to his successor a set of records of which a 12-year old school-boy might well be ashamed. He is incompetent to discharge the duties of the office.

The same may be said of E. H. Cooper who is the populist nominee for clerk. He not only has no knowledge of law or legal forms, but he is a very poor penman and a worse accountant. The records of the county and circuit courts could not other than suffer at his hands, and any one who knows his lack of ability could only conclude that the very important court records which he would be called upon to keep would be almost certain to become terribly jumbled. As important records as those of the county and circuit courts ought never to be entrusted to one so utterly incompetent.

John Everhart, seriously, does any voter in Clackamas county think that John Everhart is capable of deciding a case in law, as he would be liable to be called upon to do. Are you willing to elect him to administer the law upon your estate, as he would have to do in case of your death? What experience has he had in business affairs which would pre-eminently fit him to administer successfully the business of the county involving the collection and expenditure of perhaps \$100,000 per annum? Would he even know whether the other officers were collecting, expending and accounting in an honest and efficient manner? It were too bad to spoil a good farmer to get an incompetent and inefficient judge, and such he would surely prove himself.

Send Inskeep, Casto and Bates to the legislature and you have delegated your authority to make laws to mere impractical tools who would be legislators in name only. The real maker of the laws would be some corrupt or demagogical leader who would lead them by the nose to do his will. Casto is impractical, visionary, and therefore incapable, while neither of the others know enough to act intelligently in legislation. Neither could they tell by reading a bill what it would mean or do if enacted into law. They would simply have to take somebody's word for it and vote as he said.

A DEMOCRAT SPEAKS.

Sheriff Ganong has been making his fight for re-election as sheriff upon the ground that he has collected a large amount of the back delinquent tax. A democratic taxpayer in the Three Sisters call that paper down and furnishes the following facts:

"In your issue of May 17th you state positively that C. W. Ganong is entitled to the credit of collecting the delinquent taxes of 1892. I happened to be one of those unfortunate men who through an error had taxes go delinquent, and I received three letters signed by C. H. Dye, threatening legal proceedings if the taxes were not immediately settled. I did not receive any letter from Ganong in regard to the matter.

"Now the records show that Dye got a commission for doing this work. The records also show that Ganong received a commission and costs for collecting these same taxes. Only one of those men was legally entitled to receive pay for the work and Dye was authorized by the county clerk to do the work.

"This matter should not be any great surprise to the taxpayers, as it is on a line with the cases where John Daly, Mrs. Palmer, Chas. Schmidt, H. Koehler and many others were charged exorbitant fees. Where the taxpayers did not know (through errors and misinformation) any tax was due, the sending of a notice, at a cost of one cent to the sheriff, would have avoided all the costs; but, of course, the sheriff could not be expected to thus squander his money merely to help a friend, as his fees have only amounted to about \$12,000 in the two years he has held office."

A BUSINESS REASON.

The ENTERPRISE has heretofore called the attention of its readers to the fact that business reports by the commercial firms and agencies indicate plainly the necessity of restoring the republican party to power. To quote from eminent authority, it is a condition and not a theory which confronts us at this time. The attempt to incorporate visionary theories has made the evil conditions from which we are suffering. Confidence in the stability of the national and state governments, and in the intentions of the people of the state to pay all legal debts, must be restored before business will pick up or times revive. Bradstreet, which is standard authority on all business and trade matters, said on the 25th:

"At no time since the panic and business depression manifested themselves last year have reports of volumes of sales of merchandise, the manufacture of staple goods, and disposition of merchants generally, to buy except for immediate wants, been so pronounced throughout the country as during the past week.

"Superficial examinations of the business conditions leading to unwarranted optimistic conclusions as to the near future of trade, have not been wanting; as a matter of fact, based on comprehensive and careful examination, the next few months must

prove a continuance, if not an intensified reality of the existing conditions of extreme dullness and depression. The total number of men now idle is 235,000."

THE ENTERPRISE has upon several occasions called the attention of the farmers and home owners of this county to the fact that populism is in line with and headed for anarchy. This should be taken to the heart by every law-abiding, home loving citizen. Consider well the evidence. The populist papers and leaders endorse Coxy and his train-stealing, begging and pilfering gangs. Populist leaders distribute the same literature that the Chicago and New York anarchists distribute. They teach many of the same doctrines and applaud the same seditious sentiments. Populists of this state and county have distributed literature advertising anarchistic papers. This is one form of endorsement. The rank and file of the party are not anarchists or given to it in any degree. Nor would they sanction it in the least if they knew what they were doing, but they have been led into endorsing the populist, so called, principles through misrepresentation upon the part of the leaders who are either demagogues, fanatics, villains or fools. Such leaders always get their followers into trouble and escaping themselves to leave their dupes to suffer the consequences. Farmers, laboring men, honest men of all classes, open your eyes now to the false teachings of the populist leaders and permit them to press on alone in the evil ways which they have chosen. You as an honest and law-abiding citizen cannot afford to countenance or support such a party.

Tax campaign just closing has been in the main a clean one, but unfortunately in the last extremities of the fight the populists have taken to circulating false reports, two of which are deserving of special notice. They say that the republicans and democrats have combined, each having withdrawn a certain number of their respective candidates. There is absolutely no foundation for this report. Not a man on the republican ticket, and so far as we know, not a democratic candidate has withdrawn. Neither has there been any arrangement to exchange votes in any manner whatsoever. Republicans not only can but should deny this lie most emphatically whenever they hear it. Another false report is, that the republican candidates are trading votes. The ENTERPRISE is not only satisfied that there is no foundation for this, but it is a fact that no candidate could trade and deliver any portion of the intelligent vote which composes the republican party. You would not be traded by any one. Your vote is your own. Why then be deceived into believing that any candidate is trading? He could not if he would, and that settles it.

THERE is no law to prevent the sheriff from extending the time for the enforcement of collection of taxes. The records show that taxpayers have been allowed more time in other years when the times were not nearly as bad as they are now. Why was it not done this year? That is easy to explain. In the first place Ganong is afraid that he will not be in the office after the first of July, and he wants to get all he can out of the office before he turns it over to Eli Maddock. Then again, even if he were certain of his re-election, he would not extend the time for paying, because he is now paid a big fee for doing the work, and after the first of July he would have to let it go in at salary rates. He opposed the salary bill for the reason that he wants to get all that he can of the dear people's money. So after all it simply amounts to this: Ganong wants the money to put in his own pocket, and so refuses to give the hard-pressed taxpayer more time. He doesn't care who suffers so he gets his fees.

PROPERLY kept records don't lie, but this unfortunately cannot be said of populist papers. For instance, the Herald says that Jas. Magone, the populist candidate for sheriff, owns 190 acres of land in Clackamas county. The records show that he has not one acre. Magone must be keeping both the land and the deed of record in his head. Then again the Herald says that the Magone family pays about \$400 a year for taxes. Again the records come handy. The tax roll for 1893 does not contain the name of James Magone, the above-named candidate, and the same roll shows that the Magone family paid just \$237.90 taxes. But then this is as near the truth as any one expects the Herald to get. Do the taxpayers of this county want to make a man sheriff who does not contribute one cent to the support of the county or state and who does not own one foot of land?

THE farmer who finds it hard to sell his crop and make both ends meet under existing conditions must not hope for better prices or more money under populist success in this state. The result certain to follow is a withdrawal of capital, foreclosure of mortgages and the worst times ever experienced in the state. The farmer and the laborer will suffer severely from such a condition. It can best be prevented by voting the republican ticket. While this in itself cannot bring better times to the state it is a promise to the conservative business men of the country that Oregon shall not be given over to the vagaries of populists.

THE Herald goes out of its way to give Dr. Carll, one of the democratic nominees for representative, a dirty fling when it attempts to cast reflections upon his reputation as a physician. As a matter of fact it matters not a bit what Dr. Carll's abilities are as a physician. That has nothing to do with his ability to make laws. While the doctor's skill as a physician is not under discussion at this time it is not out of place to say that it is too well founded in this county to be detracted from by any fling that the Herald editors, with their six months' experience here, may make.

SHERIFF GANONG drew \$1,967 of the taxpayer's money for April. No wonder he was up at Salem at the last session of the legislature opposing the salary bill. Taxpayers who wish to know what becomes of their money should gaze on these figures. Most farmers would be satisfied to prenent such a bill as this once in two years. Sheriff Ganong evidently loves the taxpayers' money.

A PROMINENT candidate on the democratic ticket has for some time past been negotiating with eastern parties at his old home in Massachusetts to have them invest money in this section. They wrote him that money is becoming plenty in the East for safe investment, but that they had been bled to such an extent in Kansas that they were very chary about investing in the West, and that it was not possible to do anything until after they shall have become satisfied that the state is not to follow in the footsteps of Kansas. This means that persons of means are not going to permit their money to go where the people are tinctured with, or dominated by populist ideas. Oregon voters who want to make times harder and money scarcer can do so by voting the populist ticket next Monday.

THE ENTERPRISE wishes to call the attention of old soldiers to the disfranchisement in Kansas by the populists of over 1200 old soldiers, inmates of the soldiers' home. Opposition to Gordon E. Hayes for county judge means support for Everhart who is an ultra-populist, and who, if he had the power, would repeat the act of the Kansas populists in this state. Everhart as county judge would have the dispensing of the indigent soldiers' fund. Do the old soldiers of this county want that fund dispensed by a man opposed to them or by one who is friendly? A republican vote for Riley means indirect support for Everhart. No old soldier can afford to help in defeating Hayes to elect Everhart, the incompetent and dishonest populist.

POPULISTS of this state are trying to secure votes upon the plea that if they can carry Oregon this June several of the southern states will be carried by their party in the fall and this will enable them not only to break up the solid South but to elect a president in 1896. Both of these pretenses are baseless and intended only to capture votes for the sake of the spoils of office. While Oregon populists are boasting what they are going to do populists in the South are making large calculations, but the leading democratic organs are giving them fair notice that they will be smashed, just as the republican party was smashed in the South. The Georgia Enquirer-Sun tells them that "in Georgia they will go under by 70,000 majority."

THE Forest Grove Times, a democratic paper, is sound in principle when it says that the workingman sometimes votes against his own best interests. He supports the populist ticket as affording means for his relief; but the success of populism cannot produce the results he desires. The announcement to the world that Oregon is a populist state will drive away capital and desirable immigration. This state cannot grow rapidly without the introduction and use of capital from abroad, and the laboring man would then be worse off as the result of his own folly. What laboring men, farmers, as well as others want, is capital employed in developing the wonderful and exhaustless resources of this state.

THE laboring man who votes the populist ticket next Monday is voting to take the bread and butter out of his own and his children's mouths. He is voting to make work more scarce and poorer paid, money less and times harder. Let none be deceived by glowing promises. These conditions are as certain to follow general populist success in this state as effect is to follow cause, or day night.

LAST week's Courier bemoans the turning down by the late republican convention of several prominent republicans and "scores of others" not named. We fancy we see the smile passing over the faces of these same prominent republicans when they recollect the abuse heaped upon them by the Courier in former years. The democratic sheet is late in expressing sympathy. Why keep it till it is not desired and can do no good?

IN his speech at the meeting of populist candidates at Pope's hall Tuesday night Casto said that the entire populist ticket would be elected by a very small majority. Judging by the drawing capacity of the ticket as represented by the audience, which numbered by actual count 110—two-thirds of whom were women, children and anti-populists,—the entire populist ticket will be elected to stay at home.

LET no one be deceived by the promises of the populists. If successful in this election at the polls on Monday they cannot help a single poor man except the few who get the offices. They cannot give the poor man any more work, any more or better food or better clothes. Instead their success will mean less work, less food and more rags.

IT is said by those in a position to know that when Everhart was a justice of the peace he got his records horribly jumbled. How then is he to keep the important county and probate dockets straight?

THE man who votes the populist ticket on election day is voting to put in power a visionary impractical party actuated only by a greed for office.

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