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FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1904.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- For Congressman—Binger Herman, of Douglas county.
- For Supreme Judge—Frank A. Moore, of Columbia county.
- Dairy and Food Commissioner—J. W. Bailey, of Multnomah county.
- Circuit Judge, Fifth Judicial District—T. A. McBride, of Columbia.
- District Attorney—Harrison Allen, of Clatsop.
- Joint Representative, Multnomah & Clackamas Counties—George W. Holcomb, Jr., of Multnomah.
- For Representatives—C. G. Huntley, Oregon City; Frank Jagger, Carus; J. N. Bramhall, Bull Run.
- Commissioner—T. B. Killin, Killin.
- Sheriff—J. R. Shaver, Molalla.
- Clerk—F. A. Sleight, Canby.
- Treasurer—Enos Cahill, New Era.
- Recorder—Henry E. Stevens, Milwaukie.
- Assessor—J. F. Nelson, Mulino.
- Surveyor—John W. Meldrum, Oregon City.
- School Superintendent—J. C. Zinser, Oregon City.
- Coroner—R. L. Holman, Oregon City.
- Justice of the Peace—Livy Stipp, Oregon City.
- Constable—H. W. Trembath, Oregon City, No. 1.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Declaration of Principles Adopted at Clackamas County Convention.

We, the Republican party of Clackamas county in convention assembled vote with pride and pleasure the advancement, prosperity and progress of the nation under and by virtue of the policies of the Republican party.

We endorse the aggressive and broad statesmanship of Theodore Roosevelt, and hereby commend his re-nomination for President of the United States.

We endorse and commend the action of President Roosevelt in creating a precedent for the settlement of labor disputes by arbitration.

Whereas, we have watched the course of Hon. John H. Mitchell and Egn. C. W. Fulton, in their efforts to develop material interest in the state viewed with pleasure their strong support of a canal across the Isthmus, which canal when built and constructed will be the greatest monument next to the abolishment of human slavery, of the Republican party, and, whereas, we have viewed with satisfaction the able manner in which these two members of the Senate of the United States are representing the state of Oregon and the Northwest.

Resolved, that we endorse the primary law which is to be voted upon at the June election, and hope that it may become a part of the statute law of the state of Oregon, sincerely believing that the greater participation the voters can take in governmental affairs will be of large benefit to good government and our delegates to the state convention are hereby instructed to introduce and advocate the adoption by the convention of a resolution recommending the primary nominations bill to the people of Oregon for their approval.

Resolved, that the development of Clackamas county requires the construction and maintenance of good wagon roads, to the end that the people may be enabled to deliver the products of their labor to market within a reasonable time and with safety.

We therefore demand a liberal and progressive policy with reference to good roads and safe bridges, and we pledge the nominees of this convention to the full and energetic support of such policy.

Resolved, that we are in favor of electing road supervisors instead of having them appointed, and hereby instruct our delegation in the Legislature to support a bill to that effect.

It is claimed by the Courier that the nominees on the Democratic ticket are "farmers and business men who have never before meddled in politics." That is no advantage over the Republican ticket, for the same is true of every candidate nominated by the Republicans.

Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, predicts the election of the entire state ticket by 20,000 majority on an average. The prospect for an increased vote for all of the nominees on the Clackamas county Republican ticket is equally good.

A grand demonstration marked the opening of the 1904 campaign at Woodburn last Saturday evening. Republicans assembled from every section

of Western Oregon and added to the enthusiasm of the occasion. The harmony that was everywhere manifest at the gathering is especially gratifying and insures enlarged majorities for the Republican candidates on the county, congressional, state and national tickets.

THAT STARTLING DEFICIENCY.

The Courier charges Sheriff Shaver and Treasurer Cahill with failure to account for \$14,000 without having made any attempt to ascertain if there really existed any irregularity. From an inquiry of any of the county officers the apparent discrepancy would have been explained, while a careful and diligent examination of the reports from which the Courier claims to have obtained its statistics would have disclosed that there was contained nothing therein concerning the special school taxes or the Oregon City municipal tax. The aggregate of these sums amounts to the difference in the reports of Sheriff Shaver and Treasurer Cahill.

Not only is the Courier's charge without foundation, but its figures are faulty. In the six months ending March 31 last, Treasurer Cahill received in actual taxes from Sheriff Shaver on the 1901, 1902 and 1903 tax rolls \$164,791.90. On the other hand, Sheriff Shaver holds receipts for \$190,865.27, which was delivered to the County Treasurer and that amount the Treasurer has received and given proper credit. The difference in these two amounts, or \$26,073.37, consisted of special school district taxes and the Oregon City tax. In making his report, Treasurer Cahill simply followed the example of his predecessors and did not make a statement as to special school district and Oregon City municipal taxes received and disbursed. On the 1903 tax roll, special taxes were levied by 43 of the school districts of the county, which, with the Oregon City tax account, would have made 44 additional funds to have been reported. Had this been done, as is done in a number of the other counties of the state, the Democrats would never have gotten over howling about the cost of advertising the same.

The failure of the County Treasurer to report these funds cannot be construed a criminal omission. Preceding officers have not reported these funds and nothing was ever thought of it. The records are in the Treasurer's office, and the public is invited to call at any time and look over the various school funds and the Oregon City tax account to their heart's content. While of course it would have been better, perhaps, to have published a report of these funds, still a failure to do so can have no possible criminal significance and any effort to enlist sympathy and support for the Democratic ticket by aimlessly making such charges cannot accomplish much. Intimations by Democrats of shortages and misappropriation of funds by Republican officers will not receive any consideration other than that born of prejudice in view of the record that has been made by the present officers for an economical administration and a capacity to wipe out part of a long-standing indebtedness that had its inception in Judge White's administration.

Of course it is all right to charge the present Republican officers with inefficiency, juggling with figures, etc., but the cold fact remains that they have done more toward relieving the financial condition of the county by cancelling outstanding obligations and economically conducting the affairs of the county than was ever before accomplished in Clackamas county in the same length of time. The records at the court house bear these statements out, and the taxpayers of the county are not so disinterested that they do not appreciate the services of such officers. The voters of Clackamas county will show an appreciation of this administration of affairs and express a desire for a continuance of the same by electing the entire Republican ticket at the June election. Misrepresentation and exaggeration may be expected from Democratic sources, but it is cold, undisputed facts that argue with the may who pays the taxes.

That was a warm cartoon the Courier printed last week. The unknown artist was considerate enough to label the two persons attempted to be rep-

resented so that it was possible to determine for whom the drawing was intended.

DO YOUR DUTY.

The Republicans of Clackamas county will have an opportunity at the election in June to square themselves for their performance of two years ago when they permitted the Democratic candidate for Congress to carry this county by more than 200. Personal differences should be laid aside that a rousing majority may be given Binger Hermann for Congress. They owe this to themselves and the party.

Greater honorary recognition was given to no other county, save Multnomah, than did Clackamas county receive this year at the hands of the party organization. With one delegate to the Republican National Convention and another citizen named for Presidential elector, it is certainly up to the Republicans of Clackamas county to show that the recognition is entirely deserved. This cannot be demonstrated if the party allows the county to be carried by the Democratic nominee for Congress or permits any nominee on the Republican ticket to receive less than the full party vote. Republicans, get awake to the situation.

Just why the Democrats should wage their principal contest against Sheriff J. R. Shaver is a mystery. He has made an efficient sheriff. His administration has been satisfactory and economical, and in striking contrast with that of his predecessor, who is known to be the prime mover in the fight against Mr. Shaver at this time. The only question that has been raised as to Mr. Shaver's competency has emanated from a disgruntled Democratic source.

Why did the County Clerk omit from his report of March 31, 1904, a statement of the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid? Such statement has heretofore been made and is required by law. (See Sec. 2639, B & C Code of Oregon)—Courier. We would cite the Courier editor to that part of the "semi-annual summary statement" that was published in the Enterprise, April 8, page 8, and which reads as follows: "Warrants drawn on the County Treasurer outstanding and unpaid, \$126,061.53; To estimated amount of interest accrued thereon, \$8,000; total, \$134,061.53." The Courier persists in insinuating that the Republican county officers have not been making their reports and accounting for the funds in their care according to law, and has even gone so far as to charge that there is an irregularity of \$84,000 in some of the reports. The truth of the matter is that the present officers have made their reports more nearly at the time and in the manner provided by the statute than has been done before in the history of the county, and some of our Democratic friends, who have been known to be as much as two months delinquent in submitting their reports cannot become accustomed to the new order of things.

Here is another mathematical problem and condition for our Democratic friends to distort if possible. During the months of March and April, this year, county warrants to the amount of \$63,224.79 were cancelled by the present administration of Clackamas county affairs. This total was made up of the warrants for two months as follows: March \$28,595.70, and April \$34,629.09. During the corresponding two months in 1902, or during the much heralded and often quoted administration of the Democratic-Fusion regime, the total of county warrants that were redeemed was but \$37,859.69, apportioned to the two months as follows: March \$5,998.16; April \$31,861.53. Here is a difference of \$25,365.01 in favor of the present county officers. Of course, it is not very much, but our Democratic friends are fond of figures, and we respectfully submit these.

Being unable to say enough mean things against the nominees on the Republican ticket, the Courier has resorted to publishing cartoons in which Republican candidates form the subjects.

When the Democratic party of Clackamas county holds its next convention and makes nominations, we would suggest that it require some sort of credentials from each prospective nominee. At its convention last month, the Democrats gave the nomination to some minor officers to men who proved to be Republicans, and subsequently declined. In fact some of the faithful did not like

the chairman of the convention at all. They claim that six years ago he was a good Populist, four years ago he sympathized with the Socialist movement and the good Democrats are wondering with what political organization he will be affiliated two years hence.

It is usually the custom for the people of a city to entertain in some manner the members of a convention or other large gathering that may be held in their midst. No such courtesy was extended to the delegates to the State Federation of Labor, who were in the city last week. Everything pertaining to the entertainment of the visitors, one hundred in number, devolved on the committees appointed by the local unions for that purpose. If we ourselves do not sufficiently appreciate what we have here in the way of natural scenery of great beauty, extensive manufacturing institutions and endless water power, how do we expect others to have an appreciation of our possessions? While it is true that practically all of the delegates spent their leisure time in Portland, it is probable that they would have remained in this city, had some provision been made by the citizens of Oregon City for their entertainment, or some public expression made that would indicate that the visit to this city of these delegates was appreciated.

It is a campaign of insinuation rather than of education that is being carried on by the Democrats through their paper, the Courier. That paper fails to make direct accusations against any of the Republican officials in discussing county affairs, but deals entirely in hypotheses and then fails to prove the inference. The effect among many readers is as though a direct statement had been made. The Courier should be fair, and not treat entirely with "ifs" and "ands." If the Courier would be fair and put up a square criticism of county affairs, abandoning its policy of everlastingly presuming such and such a condition to exist, thereby placing the Republicans on the defensive with an opportunity to reply, the rout of the Democrats at the June election would be most complete.

The duty of registration has been neglected by many voters of Clackamas county to the extent that they will find it inconvenient to vote at either the June or November election. He who values the right to vote should comply with the statutory requirements essential thereto. As has been repeatedly stated, the registration books will be positively closed tomorrow (Saturday) evening. If you have not registered, make an especial effort to perform this service before the books are closed. If you cannot come to Oregon City, make registration with some notary or justice of the peace in your locality. Do not neglect this important matter. Every voter should register.

If the wiping out in a single year of \$80,000 of the warrant indebtedness of the county, cancelling a road warrant debt of \$37,000, and reducing the current expenses of the county from \$69,000 to \$37,000 constitutes inefficiency, then are the present Republican officers inefficient. If facts and figures are what you want, gentlemen, study on these for awhile.

Have the people of Oregon City become divorced from the civic pride of which they have been possessed? Untidy streets, alleys and yards are mute testimony that they have. With the arrival of good weather let us bestir ourselves and make our own home town the beautiful and attractive place that nature makes possible.

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