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FRIDAY, MAY 20, 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 note 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 award his 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 Hon. 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.

Therefore, be it resolved that we hereby endorse their course in the Senate and appreciate their public service in the state and nation at large.

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 larger 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.

THE APOLOGIZING CANDIDATES.

With perhaps a single exception every candidate on the Democratic ticket, when at the Molalla meeting, either apologized or offered an explanation for being on the ticket. They are really not to be blamed. But, by the way, not a single man on the Republican ticket has been heard to apologize or explain his appearance on the ticket. They are not only proud of the fact that they are on the ticket, but refer to their record as a very substantial reason for the recognition they have received.

At Canby Saturday night Chairman Eby, of the Democratic organization, said that one reason why taxes are so high in Clackamas county is the

SOME FIGURES AS TO EXPENSES.

Clackamas county Democrats have been insisting on figures. Here is another bunch for their consideration. We respectfully submit the appended statement in corroboration of the claims of the Republicans of Clackamas county that under the administration of county affairs by the majority party the expenses of the county have been very materially reduced during the last two years. The figures given below include the total expenses of the county for the last four consecutive years. The reader will please note the extent to which the current expenses of the county have been reduced, particularly during the last year under the administration of affairs by the present Republican officers, and then reflect and determine if the charges of extravagance that are being made against the Republicans by the Democrats is justified by the actual facts. The total expenditures of the county by years for the last four years have been as follows:

April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901.....\$92,292
April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902..... 96,000
April 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903..... 85,708
April 1, 1903, to April 1, 1904..... 55,437

PRODUCE PROOF OR SHUT UP.

Chairman Eby, at the opening of the Democratic campaign at Molalla, made the assertion that the administration of Sheriff Shaver and Clerk Sleight for the year ending April 1, 1904, cost the taxpayers of Clackamas county about \$1200 more than did the administration of those officers under Cooke and Cooper respectively, who held those offices for the term immediately preceding the present officers. This statement was made to contradict the claim that has been made in the Enterprise that these officers under Shaver and Sleight have been conducted at a saving to the taxpayers of about \$1000. These facts, as published in the Enterprise, are supported by the reports of the officers in comparison with the records of the preceding officers as disclosed by the bills on file at the court house. Sheriff Shaver's office has cost the taxpayers less by several hundred dollars each year than did the same office under Mr. Cooke. The same is true of Mr. Sleight's administration as clerk.

In fact, the Democrats, to arrive at these conclusions, have figured from semi-annual reports that they have repeatedly denied and repudiated as being incorrect and faulty. For instance, these immaculate disciples of Democracy repudiated the report they themselves made in 1902, when they reported the county's indebtedness at \$102,000. They claimed that the obligations of the county at that time exceeded the amount reported by several thousand dollars, in fact, declared that it amounted to at least \$200,000. It was subsequently discovered that an item of about \$42,000 in outstanding warrants had been overlooked and was not included in the report that was made at that time. Not being satisfied with their own report, it is not surprising that they should question the accuracy of the reports that were recently made by the Republicans. Still it is from these two reports, both of which have been denied by the Democracy, that the Democrats of Clackamas county get their figures from which their allegations are made.

And in this connection Mr. Shaver makes a proposition for the consideration of some of the expert mathematicians within the Democratic organization. If they can prove that the cost of his office for the first year of his term cost within \$350 of what the same office cost under the last year of Cooke's administration, he will pay the person making the proof the sum of \$100 for his trouble. Democratic charges of extravagance are all bosh and it is now up to them to produce the proof of their charges, for which they will be amply compensated, or shut up. Sheriff Shaver authorizes the publication of the following:

I will pay \$100 to any reputable, representative Democrat, who will investigate the records of the sheriff's office under the respective administrations of Mr. Cooke and myself, ascertaining the true cost of the two offices from July 1, 1901, to July 1, 1902, representing the concluding year of Mr. Cooke's term, and from July 1, 1902, to July 1, 1903, or the first year of my term, from the bills on file at the court house, on one condition, viz: If from the result of the examination of these records he can show that the sheriff's office under the first year of my term cost the taxpayers within \$350 of what the office cost during the last year of Sheriff Cooke's administration.

JOHN R. SHAVER,

Sheriff of Clackamas County.

fact that Sheriff Shaver was at one time a Democrat. Well, for heaven's sake what could the taxpayers expect if they should elect a Democrat for sheriff at this time. Accepting the argument of the Democratic chairman, in such an event the taxes must necessarily be exorbitant.

Preliminary to the presidential election in November, every Republican voter of Clackamas county should vote at the June election, that some reliable estimate may be formed of the immense vote that will be cast for the party of progressive policies and prosperous administration of affairs in November. Vote the Republican ticket straight on June 6. There is not a man on the ticket but is a credit to the organization. Each candidate deserves and should receive the full vote of his party in recognition of past services faithfully performed and as an expression of confidence in the future.

At Molalla one of the Democratic speakers disserted on plutocracy, and later in his speech when he mentioned the name of W. R. Hearst his auditors applauded vociferously. Ye gods! What consistency!

Speaking about the dispatch with which the work of the office of sheriff is being conducted, we would like to call the attention of our fault-finding Democrats to one fact. Sheriff Shaver with the same number of deputies and in the same length of time collected and turned over \$177,000 on the 1903 tax roll, while his Democratic predecessor collected but \$90,000. And when it is known that Sheriff Shaver is conducting the office for about \$400 per annum less than did his predecessor, we can not see where in the world even the most exacting Democrat has any kick coming.

It is not surprising that the Democratic chairman should make the statement on the county canvass that County Clerk Sleight certified as to the correctness of the semi-annual reports of the officers of Clackamas county for the last several years. Such is not the case. Mr. Sleight as an officer of the county simply certified that the reports with which he furnished Mr. Eby were correct copies of the original. But the Democratic chairman, by insinuation, leaves the inference that the reports are correct, and thereby makes Mr. Sleight an accomplice in his—Eby's—distortion of the reports.

POSITIVE FACTS ARE WHAT COUNT.

Of course the Democrats may charge the Republicans with incorrectly reporting the true condition of the county, but the cold and positive fact remains that taking the reports of the Democratic officers themselves, made in the spring of 1902, the total net indebtedness of the county at that time was \$102,000. Adding to this a little sum of \$42,000 in outstanding warrants that the Democrats failed to include in their report at that time, made the actual outstanding indebtedness of the county two years ago \$144,000. The report of the Republican officers made April 1 last, after the same style and form as that of the Democrats, shows a net indebtedness of only \$81,000. Any sane person having the simplest knowledge of adding and subtracting can in a minute see that there has been effected in the last two years, under the present Republican administration a reduction of \$61,000 in the obligations of the county. This is an absolute fact and other assertions that have been made in the Enterprise with reference to county affairs are equally correct and find corroboration in the records at the court house.

A CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS.

Misrepresentation, insinuation, an exaggerated contention as to the high taxes, and a pitiable appeal for the independent vote constitute the questionable programme that is being carried out by the Democrats of Clackamas county. Such a platform is a confession of the weakness of the cause it serves. The voters of Clackamas county are too intelligent to be influenced contrary to their best interests by positive misstatement of facts from Democratic sources. Misrepresentation has never gained anything substantial and it will avail the Democrats nothing in the pending contest. What the voter desires are the facts. These have been furnished through the columns of the Enterprise and the records of the different officers for re-election are open to inspection at the court house. These records substantiate every claim that has been advanced as to the economical administration of affairs of Clackamas county, and also as to the indebtedness of the county. Expert though they may be at juggling figures, these are the facts as they exist and cannot be distorted by a disgruntled Democracy.

An investigation of the records of the county shows that the former Democratic sheriff and clerk charged to the account of "stationery and expenses" clerk hire to the amount of \$770 during the six months ending April 1, 1902. No wonder the Democrats figure that these two offices under Republican administration, where every cent of the cost of the two offices is assessed to the respective office by which it was contracted, has cost more than under the Democrats. Let us be fair and charge to each officer the actual cost of his administration, and not sidetrack under the deceptive head of "stationery and expense" the principal cost of these departments.

If any taxpayer in Clackamas county can find where either Sheriff Shaver or his deputy, E. C. Hackett, has charged and collected from the county anything for overtime work, he is entitled to a champagne banquet. On the other hand, Sheriff Cooke and his chief deputy charged and collected from the county the sum of \$187.85 for working Sundays and evenings. But of course they were Democrats and were entitled to all the emoluments of office they were able to get.

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HELLO!

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.

Mr. Shaver was in the sheriff's office but one year when he discovered where a great saving to the taxpayers could be made in the matter of collecting taxes and at the same time facilitate that important work. He prepared and adopted for use a tax-statement receipt, the use of which has materially curtailed the amount of clerical work in the office. A statement of taxes due is required by law to be sent to individual taxpayers and by the plan adopted by Sheriff Shaver, the statement is returned by the taxpayer when the tax payment is made, and it is then converted into a receipt by merely stamping the proper number thereon and affixing the signature of the sheriff thereto, thereby saving the writing out of a receipt, which must necessarily be equally as long as the original statement. Collecting from three books, Sheriff Shaver made a record this year of writing an average of 122 receipts per day, while his predecessor made an average of only 80 per day and had to collect from only one book. And Sheriff Shaver turned the cash over to the treasurer each day and holds receipts for every cent so collected and turned over.

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