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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 renomination 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 abolishmen 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 stae 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.

ELECT THE ENTIRE TICKET.

With this week another county campaign in Clackamas county closes. The indications are that the entire Republican ticket will be elected. We can see no valid reason why such should not be the result. The present officers have proven capable of discharging the duties that attach to the respective offices they have filled and for which they are candidates for a second term.

County affairs have been well and economically administered during the last two years, and in the canvass of the county these officers have had nothing to conceal or misrepresent. The most convincing testimonial they have presented in support of their claim to a second term has been the record each has made during his first term. A most rigid and critical investigation of the records by a fault-finding Democracy has failed to disprove the claims that the administration of affairs for the last two years has been all that could be asked by the most exacting constituent.

The campaign as a whole has been comparatively free from personalities and that which partakes of mud-slinging, although there has been shown a disposition on the part of some of the Democrats to distort and misrepresent the actual facts in an attempt to discredit the claims of the Republicans. These endeavors have fallen miserably flat.

The candidates on the Republican ticket from justice of the supreme court to constable are representative men, farmers and business men, who have made a success of their respective professions. They are deserving of the large vote that will unquestionably be cast for them next Monday. Every voter should make it a point to go to the polls and vote. If you have failed to register, go to the polls anyway. You will find the necessary number of freeholders at your voting place to certify to your voting qualifications.

MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON.

There are on the official ballot for Clackamas county four propositions on which the voters will have a vote. The purpose of these proposed measures is not generally understood, and we submit the appended brief statement concerning each for the information of the voters.

The constitutional amendment pertaining to the state printer proposes abolishing the office of state printer and placing the election and control of that officer with the legislature.

Voters generally understand the local option measure which proposes to give each ward or precinct the right to say whether or not a saloon shall be maintained in that district. In its present form this proposed law is objectionable in that it is said that it will prove practically prohibitory in its operation.

The proposed direct primary nominating law contemplates the naming of candidates for political office by direct petition without the formality of conventions.

Another proposition to be voted on is: "Shall stock run at large in Clackamas county." This is calculated for the benefit of stock owners residing in the rural districts where stock can have almost unlimited freedom without trespassing on improved lands. This practice is regulated in incorporated towns by the city authorities.

SOME MORE FACTS.

In its last wek's issue, the Courier denounces as false the statement that the office of assessor under J. F. Nelson, the present incumbent, cost less than did the same office under his predecessor.

In refutation of this, but little argument is required. As usual, the Courier is off its base. Mr. Nelson's predecessor had at all times during his term from two to four extra deputies while Mr. Nelson has at no time had other than one deputy, and that person is his son Fred, who has earned and received a salary of $60 per month. In view of these facts, we submit to any intelligent voter how in the name of common sense could the office under Mr. Nelson have cost within several hundred dollars of what it has been costing the taxpayers?

The truth of the matter is, the statements that have been made concerning the administration of this office by Mr. Nelson are absolutely correct, as the records will show. We again wish to quote from the paragraph that we recently published in the Enterprise as follows: "The expense of running the assessor's office for the year 1901, for salaries alone, amounted to $4,950. This was the year in which field deputies were sent out, but does not include the cost of the present-owner maps, which was a separate expense. The expense of running the office for the corresponding year of 1903, under Assessor J. F. Nelson, when field deputies were again sent out, amounted to only $3,492.95, a saving of $1,457.05 over the corresponding year 1901. The cost of making the assessment for the 1904 roll will not exceed $2300, as no deputies will be in the field."

ELEVENTH HOUR CANARDS.

In view of the tactics that have been employed by the opposition in the campaign that concludes with the election Monday, it would not be surprising to see numerous dodgers and other kinds of deceptive literature and reports circulated at the eleventh hour—too late for refutation by the parties sought to be injured. Voters are cautioned against this sort of thing. The intelligence of the voters of Clackamas county, however, will not permit them to accept with any credence such reports when the authors thereof dared not spring them during the campaign when there existed an opportunity for the intelligent discussion and investigation of such charges. The circulation of canards at the last minute not only discredits but reflects on the cause they are presumed to serve.

DEMOCRAT FOR REVENUE ONLY.

Eight years ago Starkweather was elected on the Populist ticket. Four years ago he tried to get the nomination for superintendent as a Republican. This year he has flopped again.

Strange that any Republican in the First district should be expected to vote for Mr. Veatch! He is a Democrat who has contended against everything the Republican party has stood for, all his life, and will do so as long as he lives. He began life as a Democrat of the pro-slavery type, was with the opposition during the Civil war, has been a Greenbacker, Socialist, Populist, Silverist, and ardent supporter of Bryanism. He is a man of good personal character, no doubt, but a common place man, of no noticeable ability, firm in nothing but his opposition all his life to the principles and purposes for which the Republican party has contended. His party has embraced no political heresy, has entertained no economic or financial fallacy, that he has not joyfully accepted and eagerly contended for. So it will be in future. It's all very well, of course, for he has acted entirely within his rights as a citizen; but it is remarkable that any Republican should be expected to vote for him. What would he do if elected? Simply fight Republican policies and measures to the extent of his powers in the house of representatives.—Oregonian.

Binger Hermann should have the largest majority ever counted for a congressional or state office in this district. He has ever proved himself a capable congressman, an able worker for Oregon, during the years he has been in congress. He is well recognized in Washington as a man who wants something, knows what he wants and how to get it for his state. To satisfy one's self, if any one can possibly harbor a doubt in the matter, it is easy to learn from the general and special appropriation bills of those congresses wherein he has been a member. His services in the congressional session just closed have also been of such value to Oregon as to overcome absolutely the idea that he has passed his day of usefulness in Washington. Mr. Hermann has ably and satisfactorily represented Oregon in the past, is just as ably and satisfactorily representing Oregon today, and will continue to represent Oregon in congress for the next term.—Oregonian.

The Enterprise would not insist on the election of the Republican ticket at this or any other time if it did not think the best interests of the taxpayers of Clackamas county will be served by that result. Every candidate on the ticket is deserving. They are conservative business men and farmers, possessing every qualification for the respective offices to which they aspire. And, again, the result of the election next Monday will exert a national influence that can scarcely be over-estimated. As Mr. Hermann stated Tuesday night, as the Oregon election goes in June so will the November presidential election be influenced. Every Republican voter in Clackamas county should be extremely alive to the situation and do his utmost for the success of the entire ticket. Let's accomplish an unprecedented majority for the state and congressional tickets and elect the county and legislative candidates by increased majorities.

Among the propositions to be voted on at the election Monday is a constitutional amendment pertaining to the office of the state printer. The amendment proposes abolishing the office of state printer and placing with the legislature the election of that officer. If there is to be a state printer at all he should be elected by the people, as are all of the other state officers. The people of Oregon have already had some experience with other officers and commissions elected by the state legislature, and it was found that they did not work very satisfactorily. Officers elected by the people are responsible directly to their constituents for the administration of their respective offices.

There is one thing certain and that is this: If the present Republican officers, who are candidates for re-election, are not successful at the polls next Monday, they will not charge to the county and collect salaries for their services for the time intervening from the first day of July until the first Monday in July, the time newly-elected officers are installed, as was done by some of our good Democratic friends at a time not very long ago. The possibility of such a contingency being presented, however, is decidedly remote.

Under the caption of "Meddler Greene," the Eugene Register has the following editorial comment on the recent appearance of Greene at a Democratic rally in this city: "Special Agent Greene, who has lived off the government during the past two years, trying to work up land fraud cases, and which are postponed from year to year to make Greene's job last longer, is now taking an active part in Oregon politics. He even went so far as to take part in the political speaking at Oregon City in aid of Veatch, candidate for congress, and seconded Veatch's attack on Hermann and Henry Meldrum. Meldrum, who was present, called Greene a liar and a coward, and both epithets seemed to fit the case exactly. This Greene is busy editing the Portland Journal while he draws a government salary. Roosevelt's attention should be called to the action of this fellow and he should either attend strictly to business or be ordered to quit the job."

No one need despair of voting because he was unable to register. All that is necessary is to produce at the polls the acknowledged certificate of six freeholders that the applicant is a qualified elector. Every legal voter who is not registered should make full calculation to avail himself of this provision. In the cities this matter will take care of itself. But in the country districts throughout the state the voters should attend to it by pre-arrangement. Owing to the trouble of a special trip to the county seat, many farmers have not registered. It will be very easy for them to meet together at the polling places on election day and certify to each other's qualifications, and this should be systematically done.

We would ask the unprejudiced voter what the Democrats of Clackamas county have to commend their ticket on? Their platform is lacking of a single substantial plank. Every charge that has been preferred against the Republican candidates has been refuted not only on the canvass, but by an investigation as to the records of the county. The Democrats are without issue and have absolutely nothing on which to go before the voters of Clackamas county and ask their suffrage. To say the least, it would be largely an experiment to reinstate the Democrats in the management of county affairs. We believe the intelligent voter will be slow to lend his aid to making such a radical change at this time.

Superintendent Zinser has not deemed it wise under the present conditions to ask the county court to levy the library tax, but has secured additions to school libraries of some 3000 volumes by other means. His Democratic opponent criticises him for this. Would Mr. Starkweather compel the county court to lay this additional burden on the shoulders of the taxpayers? The fact that during his term of office he instituted mandamus proceedings and compelled the county court to levy an additional 2.7 mills over and above the usual five mill school tax would seem to warrant the belief that, if elected, he would also try to enforce the library tax.

There has been made some objection to Sheriff Shaver because of his employing an alleged excessive number of young women for clerical work. In this connection it has been learned from good authority that the candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket, in event of his election, has promised a deputyship to a woman who sought the same appointment under Sheriff Shaver and was turned down. Of course it would be all right to employ women in the sheriff's office under a Democratic sheriff, but it is an unpardonable offense to recognize the fair sex under a Republican administration of that office!

A Roosevelt Republican club was organized in Oregon City Tuesday night with a charter membership of 150, and with every prospect of amounting to something. It was proper that Captain M. D. Phillips, who did valiant service in the Philippines, should be made president of the organization. The club will be able to do much effective work in the interest of the party it represents during both the June and November elections by insuring an increased majority on both occasions.

Greater evidence of the satisfaction of one's administration of an office is not to be had than in the failure of the opposing political party to name candidates for that office. This evidence is shown in the candidacy of Judge McBride and District Attorney Allen, of the Fifth judicial district. They have no opposition.

The dairy and pure food interests of the state require the re-election of J. W. Bailey as dairy and food commissioner. During his first term Mr. Bailey has done much to advance the dairy interests of the state.

As the Enterprise remarked a few weeks ago, the Republicans of Clackamas county must see that Mr. Hermann for congress receives a majority of the votes cast next Monday. A year ago Clackamas county Republicans, because of their lack of activity and interest, allowed the Democratic candidate to carry the county. That must not be repeated at this time. Mr. Hermann will be elected and Clackamas county should swell the majority. This will be an opportunity for the Republicans of this county to redeem their record of a year ago. Will they do it? We predict that they will.

Col. Veatch, Special Agent Greene and others of Mr. Hermann's defamers should have attended the Republican rally in this city Tuesday night. Mr. Hermann answered each and every one of the accusations that have been made against him by his defilers to the full satisfaction of the large audience with which he was greeted. The enthusiasm with which Mr. Hermann's address was received bespeaks for him a good vote in Clackamas county next Monday.

Mr. Starkweather is opposed to the present law permitting the consolidation of school districts. Suppose two districts should find it to their advantage to unite their school interests, wholly or in part, for a short time or permanently. Would Mr. Starkweather refuse to comply with the provisions of the law, the acceptance or rejection of which is now wholly optional with the taxpayers of these districts?

Supt. Zinser, in examining nearly five hundred teachers, has constantly aimed to secure better qualifications. He has been called upon to settle numerous differences between school officers, teachers and taxpayers. Yet such has been the general confidence in his fairness and good judgment that only a single case has gone up to Salem on appeal, and this came from the district where Mr. Starkweather is clerk and chief adviser.

It should be considered a pleasure by every Republican in Clackamas county to labor unceasingly from now until the polls are closed Monday evening that every candidate on the ticket from constable to congressman may receive such a majority as will leave no question of a doubt as to the strength and predominance of the Republican party in Clackamas county.

There is no question as to the result of the election of justice of the supreme court. It is only a question as to the majority Hon. F. A. Moore will receive.

Early in his term Supt. Zinser learned that the presence of brush and other obstructions on the school grounds are not conducive to the good morals of the children, since the teacher cannot see what is going on. His vigorous campaign for better conditions found a ready response on the part of teachers and parents. Ex-Supt. Starkweather, having grown up surrounded by stumps and hazel brush, evidently had become so accustomed to them that he never noticed them. His attitude of blissful indifference did not tend to remedy them.

It is essential that every Republican voter in Clackamas county not only go to the polls Monday and vote the straight Republican ticket, but also that he work for the election of each candidate on the ticket. As we have remarked elsewhere, this is the first time in fourteen years in Clackamas county that the opposing tickets have been made up along strict party lines. Let's make the Republican majority a decisive one!