

HIS MOTTO IS GOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Hon. Grant B. Dimick, Republican Candidate for Nomination As County Judge Outlines His Policy in a Strong Platform

Hon. Grant B. Dimick, of this city, candidate for the Republican nomination for County Judge, announces that if nominated and elected to that office, his policy will be as follows:

Oregon City, Oregon, Jan. 24, 1906.

To the Voters of Clackamas County:—

Having filed my petition with the County Clerk of Clackamas County asking for the Republican nomination for County Judge, I feel that it is my duty to state briefly my policy in regard to the future conduct of County affairs, should I be elected.

1st. The business of the County shall be fairly and economically conducted.

2d. The public highways of the County that have been improved in the past shall be kept in good repair and other roads shall be improved as fast as the finances of the County will permit.

3d. The estates of deceased persons, insane persons and minors shall be carefully guarded.

The financial condition of Clackamas County is now better than it has been for several years last past and by careful and economical management, we can within two years' time be out of debt and doing business on a cash basis, and should I be elected I pledge my honor that the County shall remain out of debt during the balance of my administration.

We have been paying large sums of money each year as interest on our warrant indebtedness, and if we conduct the business of the County on a cash basis, the money which we now pay for interest each year will greatly assist in keeping our public highways and bridges in repair and we will thereby have more money for the permanent improvement of our County roads.

We have a large County, rich soil, fine natural resources and lying close to one of the best markets on the coast, and in order to develop this County as it should be, at least two things must be done:

1st. The County must be out of debt and the rate of taxation greatly reduced.

2d. Good substantial public highways must be made into the interior of the County so that produce raised in the interior can be marketed in the proper season. When those things are accomplished we will note a greater era of development in this County than we have ever seen.

I believe that the County Judge of every County in this state should be a lawyer for the reason that the County Court is a Court of record. Important legal questions are constantly arising in the settlement of estates, the sale of real and personal property of deceased, insane and minor persons and in the proper and legal distribution of the funds thereunder, and there are a great many other legal questions constantly arising which the County Judge is called upon to adjudicate. If a doctor, contractor or mechanic were elected to that position, he must first provide a legal adviser, and the legal adviser of the County Judge always has the upper hand in that Court and is always sought after by people who have business to transact before that tribunal, and in some Counties of this State, the legal advisers of the County Judge have waxed rich off from estates and other legal business sent them by the County Judge as remuneration for advice. Appeals from the County Judge under those conditions are most frequent, and in every case where an appeal is taken to the Circuit Court it involves a heavy expense upon the taxpayers, as it requires one day for the rehearing in the appellate Court and the cost of running the Circuit Court is about \$100.00 per day; so it can be easily seen that a Court of record should be presided over by a competent Judge, and especially when serious legal questions are involved.

If nominated and elected Judge of this County, I promise to conduct the affairs of the County fairly and impartially and not under the dictation or direction of any person, firm or corporation.

Respectfully yours,

GRANT B. DIMICK.

G.B. DIMICK GIVES HIS PLATFORM

Tells What He Will Do if Elected as County Judge.

"Good County government economically administered," is the substance of the official declaration of Grant B. Dimick, of this city, who has filed with County Clerk Greenman official notice that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Judge on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Dimick's platform is as follows:

"Good county government economically administered; that the public highways of our county should be improved as fast as the finances of the county will permit; that all our im-

proved roads should be kept in good repair; that the taxpayers shall get full value for every dollar expended on bridges, highways and running expenses of Clackamas county; that all estates of deceased persons, insane persons and minors shall be legally governed." In seeking this nomination Mr. Dimick will be opposed by Richard Scott, a successful farmer of Milwaukie and an ex-County Commissioner.

Other candidates to file with the County Clerk their official declarations as required under the Direct Primary, are: R. E. Woodward, Republican, Sheriff; George Randall, Republican, Representative; Wm. Shannon, Democrat, County Recorder; Thos. C. Judd, Republican, Justice of the Peace, District 11.

WOULD LEVY TAX

Grange Has Two Bills to Introduce

CORPORATIONS MUST CONTRIBUTE TO STATE'S REVENUE.

Such is Purpose of Bills That Are Proposed by Initiative. —Synopsis of Bills.

Two more measures will be presented to the voters of Oregon next June, and in all probability they will become laws of the state. They are radical and sweeping in their provisions and if carried will yield an immense revenue. These two measures were authorized by the Oregon State Grange at its last annual session at Forest Grove last May. These laws were introduced in the State Grange in the form of resolutions urging their adoption and were unanimously adopted.

It is proposed to initiate laws to provide additional revenue for state purposes; to levy a license on the gross earnings of sleeping car companies, refrigerator-car companies, oil companies, express companies or corporations, telephone companies and telegraph companies or corporations doing business in Oregon. The bills are very specific in defining the manner of ascertaining the amount of such gross earnings and provide severe penalties for violating the provisions of the act. They also define the meaning of the names of the various corporations or companies and otherwise hedge them about in such a manner that the provisions of the two laws cannot be easily evaded.

The history of these two bills is well known among the members of the Grange, but their existence has been a secret to all outsiders up to the present time. They are made public at this time only for the reason that the petitions for their initiative have been completed by the signatures of enough legal voters of the state to insure their place on the ballot.

Very quietly and industriously have the Grangers been at work since last May preparing the bills and circulating them among members of the Grange. The work was done speedily, but with the utmost secrecy from the state of their inception and formulation until it was safe to make the measures public. The petitions are being gathered in and in a few days will be handed into the various county clerks for verification. Each name will be scrutinized and compared with the registration and poll books of the last election, and it will be a safe statement that only legal voters will be found to have signed them.

One of the most prominent lawyers of the state, R. P. Boise, is the sponsor of the bill which proposes to tax telephone and telegraph companies. The other was introduced by another prominent lawyer.

That they are both iron-clad and legal in every phase is certain. They were given much thought and attention and contain no provision which will conflict in any way with existing laws.

The attention of the State Grange was attracted to the formulating of these bills by the statement that the Standard Oil Company, doing business in Marion County, was only paying a tax of \$4.50 upon a business of \$300,000 in one year. This fact was brought to the attention of the Grange by its agents and committees and at almost every gathering the subject was discussed. Believing that the business of the Standard Oil Company was equally as great in some other counties where it had no visible property the Grange had incentive to demand that it yield up a share of its revenues to the state for the privilege it enjoys. The other companies were brought in for the reason that to single out one company would mean class legislation, and such a procedure must be avoided.

The reason why there are two separate bills is because the proposed rate of taxation is different, one being two per cent and the other three.

Many Sign Petitions.

"We will have a great many more than the required number of names to our petitions asking for the enactment by the legislature of laws levying taxes on the gross earnings of various corporations," said Wm. Grisenthwaite this week. Mr. Grisenthwaite is superintending the circulating of the petitions under the direction of the State Grange.

The laws that are being petitioned for ask that a tax of 2 per cent in one case and 3 per cent in the other be levied on the gross earnings on Telegraph, Telephone and Express companies and sleeping cars, refrigerator cars and oil companies. These petitions, reports Mr. Grisenthwaite, are being circulated in sixteen counties in the state, as follows: Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Linn Lane, Benton, Marion, Polk, Coos, Sherman, Umatilla and Wheeler.

Mr. Grisenthwaite is now gathering in the petitions from the several counties. He says the petitions are being largely signed in every section in which they have been circulated. Petitions representing 700 signatures secured in this county, have been filed with County Clerk Greenman for verification and certification. As rapidly as the signatures can be certified to by the County Clerks, the petitions will be collected and prepared by Mr. Grisenthwaite for filing with the Secretary of State.

REMEMBER DATES

Information as to Direct Primary Law

TIME IN WHICH VOTERS MUST REGISTER.

When Petitions For Nomination and Proposed Laws Must Be Filed. —Don't Forget.

There seems to be a gross lack of knowledge among the voters of the county as to the provisions of the Direct Primary law relating to registration and manner of initiating laws. It might be well for voters to preserve the following data that is printed for information of readers of the Enterprise:

Registration books opened by county clerks Tuesday, January 2.

Registration books closed for primary election April 19, 5 p. m.

Registration books opened after primary election April 25.

Registration books closed for general election May 15, 5 p. m.

Number of signers required to initiate laws of amendments, 7489.

Last day for filing initiative petitions February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposing measures February 3.

County clerks give notice of primary election not later than March 21.

Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballots for state, congressional and district offices March 30.

Last day for filing petitions for county offices April 4.

Date of primary election April 20.

Canvassing votes of primary election for state offices May 5.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors April 19.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices May 4.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county offices by assembly of electors May 5.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

General election June 4.

SOCIALISTS TO OPPOSE LAW.

Take Exception to Clause Limiting Parties on Official Ballot.

Clackamas County Socialists, while generally pleased with the Direct Primary law, will seek to have this legislation amended in two particulars. Claude S. Howard, of Multnomah, chairman of the Socialist organization in this county, takes exception to the provision of the direct primary law that requires a political organization to cast at least 25 per cent of the total vote for Congressman at the last general election before that party can take advantage of the provisions of the law and nominate candidates in the same manner as the Republicans and Democrats will do under the primary nominating law. He contends that under the law as it now stands, the Socialists, as taxpayers, are obliged to pay their pro rata share of the expense of conducting these primary elections, the advantage of which is enjoyed solely by the Republicans and Democrats. Through the Socialist organization of the state an effort will be made to have the law so amended as to extend the privileges of the direct primary law to all parties regardless of their voting strength.

Another objection urged by Mr. Howard against the direct primary law is that provision which requires electors to register their political affiliation. This, it is argued, tends to destroy the secrecy of the ballot.

The Socialists of Clackamas County will hold a convention in this city early in April, when it is proposed to name a full legislative and county ticket. The nominations made at this convention will be regularly filed with the County Clerk in order to be given a place on the official ballot.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.

January 28, Oregon City, 10:45 A. M.; Highland, 3 P. M.; Shuebel, 7:30 P. M.

February 2 quarterly conference at Oregon City, 2 P. M.

February 4 Oregon City Quarterly Meeting, 10:45 A. M.; Shuebel, 3 P. M.

February 4 Canby, 11 A. M.

W. H. Wettlaufer, Pastor.

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CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER

County Judge Thos. F. Ryan, of This City, Aspires To This Office---Pledges An Impartial Observance of all Laws Governing It

Clackamas County, one of the most populous, largest and wealthiest counties of Oregon has never been honored by having one of its citizens in a State Office, and it is therefore with pleasure that we note that Judge Thos. F. Ryan, our esteemed fellow citizen has entered the field as a candidate for the Republican nomination as State Treasurer, feeling satisfied that his wide acquaintance throughout the State, his recognized ability as a successful business man and his well known reputation as an upright and progressive citizen as well as a faithful, conscientious worker for the principles and interests of the Republican Party will secure for him and his county the endorsement of the Republicans of the State.

Judge Ryan's platform is a short, concise one, such as you would expect from a business man and refers briefly to that part of our state laws relating to the office of State Treasurer. He is in favor of a straightforward, business-like and economical performance of every duty that the laws of the State requires the State Treasurer to perform; believes that the State Treasurer should be prohibited from speculating with the funds of the state, either for

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION AS STATE TREASURER. Image of Judge Thos. F. Ryan. JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN CLACKAMAS COUNTY'S CANDIDATE FOR A STATE OFFICE

his own gain or benefit or in the interest of the banks or other monied institutions, and that it is his duty to guard well the property placed in his charge, receiving for his remuneration the salary allowed him by law; is strongly in favor of laws regulating the banking institutions of the state and providing for frequent and careful examination of all matters in connection with them; and pledges himself to give the state good and efficient service, conducting the affairs of the office satisfactorily to all the citizens of the state, and not in the interest of the FAVORED FEW.

Born in Rhode Island, in April, 1859, Judge Ryan is now in the prime of life, well fitted to perform the duties of State Treasurer. As Mayor, Recorder, Water Commissioner and Engineer of Fire Department of Oregon City he proved to the citizens of this city that he was faithful to every trust confided to him; equally well has he performed the duties of Director and Clerk of Oregon City School District for upwards of 14 years; as County Judge of Clackamas County for nearly eight years, he has proven to men of all parties his ability as a progressive but careful and conservative manager of the public interests, placing the county in a far better financial condition than it has been for thirty years; as Republican State and Congressional Committeeman and Secretary of Central Committee he has done much to make Clackamas County the Republican stronghold that it is; in public enterprises he is ever ready and willing to assist to advance anything that will benefit Oregon; he is recognized as one of the most ardent as well as one of the best informed members of the State Good Roads Association.

A member of the Orders of Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P., A. O. U. W., W. O. W., and Fraternal Union he has ever been an active worker in fraternal ranks and has been honored by the said bodies by election as Grand High Priest of the R. A. M. of Oregon, Grand Patron of the O. E. S., Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F., and for the last four years has been Grand Representative of the Odd Fellows of Oregon to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the U. S. He is a 32° Mason and a Knight Templar.

We confidently expect that Judge Ryan will receive this nomination at the hands of the Republican Party and feel justified in stating that the people of the State will feel satisfied that they could not have secured a better or more competent person as State Treasurer.

LET US ONE AND ALL ASSIST IN SEEING THAT EVERY REPUBLICAN VOTE IN THE COUNTY IS CAST FOR JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN FOR STATE TREASURER IN APRIL NEXT.

AN INSTITUTE AT MILWAUKIE. Teachers Will Hold Interesting Session Tomorrow. County Superintendent of Schools, J. C. Zinzer, Professor T. J. Gary and Fannie G. Porter, the local institute committee, have arranged the following programme for a meeting of Clackamas County teachers, which will be held at Milwaukie, tomorrow, January 27, at 10 o'clock. The school officers and friends of education are invited to attend and take part in the discussion of the programme. The people of Milwaukie will serve lunch for the visitors. "Ways and Means of Securing the Interest and Co-operation of Parents," & Jones Drug Store, 25c., guaranteed.

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