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## REFER TO RECORD

### Clackamas Republicans Are Men of Action

#### HAVE PRACTICALLY PAID OFF THE COUNTY DEBT.

In Addition, the Current Expenses Have Been Reduced to \$31,000 Per Year.

Greater interest in a political campaign was never manifested by Clackamas county voters than is being shown in that which will conclude with the election of June 4, next. Meetings, that are being held nightly throughout the county by the candidates of both parties, are largely attended and an intense interest is displayed by the auditors in the discussion of the issues that are presented. Clackamas county has a normal Republican majority for the county ticket of about 700 while candidates of that party on the district and state tickets have received majorities ranging from 800 to 1400. Under ordinary conditions, then, the success of the Republican ticket is reasonably assured. This year the election of every candidate nominated by the majority party is a practical certainty.

#### Stand on Their Record.

In presenting their candidates for the consideration of the voters Clackamas county Republicans do not go before the electors empty handed. They have established a reputation for conducting the affairs of the county on a business basis and it is with justifiable pleasure that they refer to their record which shows that in last few years, under a continuous Republican administration, the indebtedness of the county has been reduced from \$223,000 to about \$25,000, while the current expenses of the county have been kept at a minimum of economy, consistent with an efficient conduct of affairs. For the year 1905, the current expenses of Clackamas county aggregated only \$31,000, which is several thousand dollars less than the expenses of any other county of similar size in the state. Not only is this the fact, as is shown by the records, but under this same business administration by Republicans the expenses of the county have been reduced annually since

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1901 when it cost the taxpayers \$69,000 to administer the county's business. The term "county expenses" when applied to county affairs, includes every item of expense in connection with the county government, excepting only roads and bridges and schools which are cared for in other funds. The following statistics, taken from the published reports of the county officers, show how the expenses of the county have been reduced gradually for the last five years:

1901	\$69,000
1902	47,000
1903	37,000
1904	32,000
1905	31,000

That the expenses of Clackamas county have been kept at a minimum and considerably less than those of any other county of similar size, in the state, is shown by the following figures taken from the sworn statements of the respective county clerks, on file in the office of the Secretary of State, at Salem, and showing the total current expense for the year 1905:

Clackamas,	\$31,268
Clatsop,	40,621
Coos,	35,000
Douglas,	51,000
Lane,	56,000
Linn,	37,000
Marion,	46,000
Umatilla,	67,000
Wasco,	37,000
Washington,	37,000

#### Indebtedness Is Reduced.

A few years ago the total outstanding indebtedness of the county aggregated the enormous sum of \$223,000. The amount of the county's obligations fluctuated from year to year until the Spring of 1904 the debt had been reduced to \$134,061.53. That year it will be remembered that the issues of the campaign were retrenchment and reform in the management of county affairs. On this issue the Republican candidates were successful in the election that followed. The Republicans maintain that they have kept faith with the people in having practically wiped out the county's indebtedness by judiciously applying the pruning knife in the matter of expenditures. All outstanding warrants indorsed prior to April 1, 1905 have been called in for cancellation and since that time warrants not to exceed \$31,000 have been issued. This amount, in reality, represents the actual indebtedness of the county at this time. Treasurer Cahill states that there are available funds on hand applicable to the payment of outstanding warrants to the amount of \$10,000. A call will be issued within a few days calling in warrants representing that amount, or in other words, all warrants indorsed prior to July 1, 1905.

#### Not at Expense of Road Fund.

It is being contended that this reduction in the indebtedness of the county has been accomplished at the expense of the road fund. But such is not the fact. The general fund and the road fund of the county are two separate and distinct funds. Instead of the road fund suffering at the expense of the general fund, the reverse is true. In the last few years several thousand dollars worth of road machinery, including a road engine, several road rollers, a rock crusher and a dozen road graders, have been purchased and all of this expense has come from the general fund. Every cent that has been raised from the road tax, has been expended on the roads of the county. It is shown by the records at the court house that there has been spent annually on the roads of Clackamas county during the last few years from \$40,000 to \$65,000 per annum. And every dollar of this money has come from the road tax. Not one cent of this money was taken from the general fund, but on the contrary, the county court has from time to time found it necessary to cover deficiencies in the road fund by appropriating money from the general fund. The practical elimination of the county's indebtedness has been accomplished entirely by curtailing the expenses of the county and applying as much of the taxes as was possible in the cancellation of the county's obligations. More than two-thirds of the taxes produced by the tax levy in the last three years, excepting only that part of the levy covering the road fund, has been expended in paying up the county's indebtedness.

#### Cause of High Taxes.

It is true that the tax levy in Clackamas county has been rather high of recent years but a number of causes contributed as a reason therefor. Principal among these is the school tax which is now more than double what it used to be. Until the 1904 law was passed, county courts levied a tax that was deemed sufficient for all school purposes. This tax averaged about \$1.70 per capita. The 1904 law requires that a tax of \$6 per capita be levied, the basis being all enumerated school children between the ages of 4 and 20 years. Under the old law the total amount of school tax raised in this county is indicated as follows: 1901, \$23,109.90; 1902, \$19,790.05; 1903, \$24,195.84. But, note the difference under the law requiring a tax equal to \$6 per capita. In 1904, the first year of its operation, the total school tax raised in Clackamas was \$41,141.38. For 1905 this tax amounted to \$45,801.00. For 1906, the county court finds that the school census shows nearly 9000 persons between 4 and 20 years of age and has had to provide for \$53,000 on this account. Of this amount, the first apportionment, amounting to \$32,692 was made in April.

Another item of unusual expense to the county was that of its share towards the Lewis & Clark \$500,000 appropriation. Clackamas county's share of this sum was \$16,666. In addition to this amount, the county court appropriated \$1500 toward defraying the expense of the exhibit at the Fair from this county. Increased state taxes also necessitated a higher tax levy. In

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## DRAWING TO CLOSE

### Republicans Arrange Meetings for Last Week

#### SOMETHING ABOUT THE TICKET WHICH IS STRONG ONE.

Present Indications Unmistakably Point to Success of Republican Nominees.

There is no good reason why the Republican ticket should not be elected. The nominees are strong men, capable and qualified, constituting one of the strongest tickets ever nominated by the Republican party. Besides, the nominations were made by the direct primary and each nominee represents the choice of the majority of the Republican voters of the county. As to the state ticket, the Democrats

legislature, it may be assured that the every interest of the people of Clackamas county in legislative matters will receive proper consideration.

A. A. Bailey, of Multnomah, and Jas. U. Campbell, of Clackamas, candidates for Joint Senator and Joint Representative, respectively, from Multnomah and Clackamas counties, will both be elected by the normal Republican majorities of the two counties. Mr. Bailey has served as a member of the House of Representatives and will make a valuable member for both counties to have in the Senate. Mr. Campbell is competent and will make a strong representative from the two counties in the lower House.

Representative Huntley has had the advantage of having served two terms in the House of Representatives and is in a better position than ever to represent his constituents at Salem. In doing so, he will find helpful colleagues in the persons of C. H. Dye and Linn E. Jones, who will be found working at all times for the best interests of the people they will represent.

#### County Judge.

At no time has there ever existed a doubt as to the election of Grant B. Dimick for County Judge, a result that was made a certainty when he received the nomination by an enormous majority at the primary election. Mr. Dimick is known in every section of the county and his friends are numberless. Mr. Dimick has al-

## ARE ALL GOOD MEN

### E. C. Hackett Writes of the Republican Candidates

#### DR. JAMES WITHYCOMBE STANDS FOR CLEAN POLITICS.

Republican gubernatorial Nominee Not a Politician—County Ticket.

At Home, May 22, 1906. Editor Enterprise:

I thought that, with your permission, I'd sound a note of warning to Republicans at this time. While we may not fully realize it, but the Democrats are putting forth every effort to elect their governor and here in the county they'd like to carry off some of the prizes too, if we are foolish enough to allow them.

With such a man as Withycombe as our candidate—and when there is such a clamor going up all over the county for clean politics—are we going to let our opportunity slip and allow them to elect a Democrat?

While our candidate is not a politician in the ordinary sense, he is clean, able, and need I say, a brilliant man. A man of whom every farmer in the county may be proud, and whom we should be delighted to honor. The other candidates on the state ticket are strangers to the writer, excepting of course our friend Geo. A. Steel.

They are all able men, and fully qualified for the positions to which they aspire—and no Republican can claim to have done his duty, if he does not vote for the entire ticket from top to bottom. Now what shall I say of our own candidate? Need I say anything? There is hardly a man in the county who has not seen or heard of Geo. A. Stiel. This is the first time in years that Clackamas county was represented on the state ticket, and we should all be patriotic enough to give him the entire vote of the county regardless of politics. Stand by your own county boys.

Now as to our county ticket: Brownell, Dye, Huntley and Jones are no doubt well known to most of your readers. If there is any special legislation that you desire now is the time to make your wants known for from the best information I can obtain the quintet will certainly be elected by rousing majorities.

Who does not know Eli C. Maddock our candidate for Sheriff? He served one term as Sheriff a number of years ago and failed of re-election though no fault of his own. His record as sheriff is clean and no Republican who wants to do his duty will fail to do what he can for Maddock, and give him another term. The Democrats always make a special effort to secure the sheriff's office and the reason ought to be fully apparent to every one. Don't be mis-

led by any of the false stories they'll concoct at the last moment. Eli will be elected by a rousing majority and every true Republican should stand by our colors.

F. W. Greenman, as candidate for county clerk, I've known from boyhood up, and I'd certainly be neglecting my duty did I not say a good word in his behalf. He comes from pioneer stock, whom it is a pleasure to know and whom we should all be pleased to honor. Fred, as we call him, is one of the best clerks this county has ever had—punctuating, accurate and accommodating—what more do we need? Give him a rousing vote boys!

C. E. Ramsby, for Recorder, is likewise of pioneer stock and needs no eulogy at my hands. His work as deputy recorder speaks for itself. When I say that his work is neater and more accurate than that of others, I may be putting it pretty strong; but I mean every word of it, and I believe that many of your readers will consider me a fair judge. He is a young man just starting out in life and I'd be very glad to have one and all lend him a helping hand, as he is fully deserving and worthy your consideration. Don't forget to put an X before his name when you vote.

J. C. Paddock, my old-time neighbor and friend, I'm more than pleased to say a good word for. His neighbors all tell me that he'll get the entire vote of Clackamas precinct—regardless of politics. This is as it should be. We should all be delighted to do honor to these old heroes who've made this country what it is. And over and above all he is an honest man—some say they're growing scarcer these days—and I believe that J. C. Paddock will be high man on the ticket. His friends will see to it that he is not neglected.

For County Judge Grant B. Dimick will undoubtedly serve for the next four years. He has promised to keep the county out of debt and that is what the people want. He has a big task before him however as the leading roads are badly out of repair and the bridges have been patched up to stand for the present only. He is equal to the emergency however and will make a record of which we may all feel proud.

John Lewellen for commissioner, is the people's choice—and I consider that they've chosen well. He is without question the best county commissioner Clackamas County ever had. It was during his term that the Court House, Baker's Bridge, Clackamas River Road and many other substantial improvements were made.

He is a road man in every sense of the term and believes that the upbuilding of any community has its foundation in good roads. I expect to see him receive a rousing vote.

Last, but not least, I come to my friend R. L. Holman for coroner, than whom there is no better man. He has already served the county in the same capacity, how well and faithfully you all have that knowledge. He has never held any inquests unless the circumstances surrounding the deaths seemed to demand them and has thus kept the expense down to a minimum. I am quite sure that our interests are safe in his hands, and I trust you'll vote for him.

Now, in closing, I'd like to urge our friends throughout the county to vote the straight ticket—the ticket nominated by the people, from governor down

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### REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.



CLYDE G. HUNTLEY.



LINN E. JONES.



C. H. DYE.

are directing their fight entirely against Dr. James Withycombe, the Republican nominee for Governor, and by sacrificing every other man on their state and county ticket, the minority party hopes to be able to retain Governor Chamberlain as the state's chief executive for another term. But the Republicans of Clackamas county are not going to be a party to any such a scheme. Dr. Withycombe is a clean and reputable man as was ever nominated or elected Governor of the state. He stands close to the common people, the farmer and the producer. Clackamas county four years ago gave Furnish a majority of nearly 400. This year the county will give Dr. Withycombe a majority considerably in excess of that given Furnish.

Dr. Withycombe and the other can-

didates on the state ticket, together with W. C. Hawley, for Congressman, will receive a big vote in Clackamas county. The Republican county and legislative tickets, present indications suggest, will be elected.

### FINAL MEETINGS OF CAMPAIGN.

The Republicans will hold meetings for the last week of the campaign as follows:

- Monday, May 28, at 1 p. m., at Wilhoit.
- Monday, May 28, at 8 p. m., at George.
- Monday, May 28, at 8 p. m., at Beaver Creek.
- Monday, May 28, at 8 p. m., at Marquam.
- Tuesday, May 29, at 1:30 p. m., at Estacada.
- Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p. m., at Oswego.
- Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p. m., at Milwaukie.
- Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p. m., at Shubel School House.
- Thursday, May 31, at 1:30 p. m., at Molalla.
- Thursday, May 31, at 8 p. m., at Mulino.
- Thursday, May 31, at 8 p. m., at Macksburg.
- Friday, June 1, at 8 p. m., at Sandy.
- Friday, June 1, at 8 p. m., at Needy.
- Friday, June 1, at 8 p. m., at Pleasant Hill.
- Friday, June 1, at 8 p. m., at Currinsville.
- Saturday, June 2, at 8 p. m., at Parkplace.
- Saturday, June 2, at 8 p. m., at Oregon City.

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Legislative Ticket. In the election of Representative C. G. Huntley, Linn E. Jones and C. H. Dye to the lower house of the Oregon



GRANT B. DIMICK, Candidate for County Judge.

that of the opposing candidate, Judge Ryan, whom he supported loyally. During the campaign that followed, Mr. Dimick spoke in every precinct in the county and during the presidential campaign in the Fall of 1904, made a thorough canvass of Eastern Oregon at the request of the State Chairman.

Commissioner. In nominating John Lewellen for County Commissioner, the Republicans made an excellent choice. Mr. Lewellen is one of the substantial residents of Clackamas county, and has been tried and found not wanting. Mr. Lewellen several years ago served the people of Clackamas county as Commissioner and his administration of county affairs at the time is remembered as among the best the county has had.

Sheriff. Eli C. Maddock, Republican nominee for Sheriff, will be found in the office at the court house, formerly occupied by the late John R. Shaver, after the first Monday in July, Democratic boasting to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Maddock is a pioneer resident of Clackamas county and his acquaintance extends into every corner of the county where he has friends by the score. Several years ago Mr. Maddock served one term as Sheriff

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