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E. T. MASS
SHERIFF

Candidate for Re Election.
Democratic Nominee.

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

Being a candidate for re-election and believing my first duty to be to attend to the duties of the office to which I was elected and therefore being unable to interview the voters in person, I take this method of familiarizing the public of an outline of what has transpired in the sheriff's office.

I desire to call attention to the fact that the 1910 tax roll was \$76,900 larger than 1909, the 1911 tax roll \$150,000 larger than 1910 that owing to the increase of population, etc., of the county, 1,000 more tax receipts were issued in 1910 than in 1909 and 3,500 more than when my opponent was last chief deputy sheriff. Therefore this office waited on 1000 more tax payers than did the sheriff of 1910, and 3,500 more tax payers than when my opponent was last chief deputy. There were 30 more cases in the Circuit Court in 1911, not including County Court cases, such as non-support of family or contributing to the delinquency of minors, etc., than there were 20 more in jail in 1911 than in 1910. As shown by the records kept by my opponent, there were only four men in jail in four years when he was last deputy sheriff, against 81 in my first year. The fees for serving civil papers in one year were one half more than the whole four years my opponent was deputy last.

That owing to increase of population there was a general increase in crime. There were two blind murder cases, one very brutal and atrocious, in which I made every honest and possible effort to apprehend the guilty parties, for which effort I was commended by the grand jury in their final report and the following letter which I hereby submit. If you approve of this record, I solicit your support for re-election.

E. T. MASS,
Sheriff.

TO THE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

On account of recent attacks made for political purposes on the standing and official worth of Sheriff E. T. Mass, I am compelled by a sense of fairness and justice to make reference in this public manner to the revolting crime that robbed me of a beloved daughter and her husband and two beautiful and innocent grandchildren that were the joy and sunshine of my declining years. I refer to the murder of William Hill, his wife and two children.

I desire to say as emphatically as it is possible for human utterance to make it, that in the official investigation undertaken by Sheriff Mass immediately following that foul crime, and which has been pursued with dogged determination and without intermission up to the present time, he has done all and more than could be expected of an honest, intelligent and efficient officer. More than this, he has accomplished that which, had he been given the support and assistance to which he was entitled by right and by law from the state's officials, would have enabled him to bring to justice the perpetrator of the foulest crime ever committed in the state.

These statements are made by me with a full and intimate knowledge of the facts. That which is done can not be undone, and no human agency can return to me and mine the loved ones so brutally slain. But I can and do render the tribute of appreciation to the honest worth of Sheriff Mass.

As a sorrowing father and grandfather I thank and honor him; as an old time resident of Clackamas County I commend to my friends and to those residents of the county who hold honesty and efficiency in an official above the lying utterances and selfish motives of petty politicians.

THOMAS F. COWING,
No. 334 Worcester Bldg.,
Portland, Or.

HADLEY IS FOR TAFT

Roosevelt's Former Manager Comes Out Square for the President.

Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, who was one of Roosevelt's managers at the Republican national convention, and who had charge of the contest made by Roosevelt delegates, has declined to follow the Third Term candidate out of the Republican party, and has declared that he will support President Taft. In a speech at Jefferson City, Mo., he said:

"I hope that these many high-minded but, I believe, mistaken men, who have thought there was a greater interest to be subserved by joining in the organization of the new party and the nomination of another State ticket, will yet see that by such acts they are simply doing that which tends to insure Democratic success. And I hope that they will come back to the party which has stood for decency—that has stood for sane and effective progress in the conduct of public affairs."

After appealing to Republicans to support the Republican nominee Gov. Hadley pointed out in his speech that the Democrats were pledged to the same kind of tariff legislation as they gave to the country after the Democratic victory of 1892. He said that no Republican could associate himself with those whose efforts tended to insure Democratic success.

MAJORITY RULE AMENDMENT

Among the thirty-eight measures, which will appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the electorate of Oregon at the coming election on November 6th, will be the Majority Rule Amendment. This is an amendment to the Constitution of the state of Oregon so as to require a majority of all electors voting at any election to adopt constitutional amendment and pass initiative measures.

This measure is proposed for the express purpose of preserving the Initiative Law for the people of Oregon by preventing its over-use by its friends, and by preventing its abuse and possibly its repeal by its enemies. It scarcely admits of argument that the Initiative Law as originally intended by its sponsors, is a most worthy measure. But we find it today "working overtime" in Oregon. We find it being grossly abused and perverted—turned from the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, to be a powerful weapon in the hands of the people with which to get important and necessary legislation after the same had been neglected or refused by the State Legislature. Governor Woodrow Wilson says: It is to be regarded as "a gun behind the door"—to be used only when the people's representatives fail to represent them.

After its eight years of use and abuse we find that it is fast pushing the Legislature into a subordinate and secondary place. Beginning with a few measures and a comparatively small official pamphlet, it has grown until today there are 38 measures to be voted upon, and an official pamphlet containing over 250 pages for the voters of Oregon to grope through in order to arrive at anything like an intelligent conclusion in regard to the proposed measures.

What percentage of the voters will take the trouble to give these 38 measures the requisite time and attention in order to vote intelligently thereon? And yet, it is the bounden duty of every voter to do so, because in this conglomerate mass there may be important measures affecting vitally all of the people of the state. A large majority of these 38 measures are ordinary matters of legislation which should have gone to the Legislature where members elected by all of the people are paid for the purpose of passing upon the merits or demerits of such measures, and who are at least supposed to be competent to render an intelligent decision thereon. And yet, we cannot expect any change in the number of measures on the ballot so long as we have an unbridled and unprotected initiative law that allows every paid propagandist, every fadist and fanatic who may be able to raise the price with which to hire an army of professional petition circulators to go forth and solicit signatures to a petition at so much per name.

What is there to prevent special interests from initiating measures containing jokers which if let pass, may work untold injustice to the people of Oregon? Will the electorate of Oregon take the time and trouble to study this official pamphlet sufficiently to select the good measures

from the vicious ones,—the wheat from the chaff, so to speak, and pass favorably on the good ones and reject the bad ones? We say no, and to substantiate our claim we need only call attention to the fact that you may go forth today—less than a week before election, and consult 10 business and professional men whose business and professional training has taught them to look carefully into important matters before rendering a decision thereon, and ask them if they have looked carefully into the 38 measures proposed and if they have read the 250 pages of the official pamphlet. We make the statement without fear of successful contradiction, that at least seven out of the ten will admit they have not read the pamphlet at all, and if so, have only given it a superficial glance. If such be the case with the man who is supposed to give these matters close attention, what can be expected of the busy mechanic and laboring man whose attention is centered in other directions and whose environment is all along other lines?

The remedy suggested at the present moment by some of the most prominent newspapers of the state is, "Vote 'No' on all measures unless you are sure." Not having studied the merits of the 38 measure, how can the voter be sure? If he votes "No" on all or most all the measures and all are turned down, how about the one, two or perhaps three or four meritorious measures for which there is a genuine need or demand by the people? Are they to meet the same fate as the dozens of ordinary measures which should have gone to the Legislature in the first place, or the vicious, or fanatic measures which should be turned down with a vengeance?

If we are to preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon, both present and future, we must protect it by surrounding it with a safeguard which will prevent its misuse and abuse by those who would use it to further selfish interests to the detriment of the greater number of the people of the state.

The Majority Rule amendment, if passed, will reduce the number of measures on the ballot to a sane basis by giving notice to all that a measure in order to stand a chance of passing must have real merit and that there must be an actual demand for the same, in which case there will be no difficulty at all in getting a majority to vote in favor of it.

Take the time and pains to look into the Majority Rule amendment and if you do, you will vote for it and preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon.

Vote 322	X	Yes
323		No.

MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE.

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J. E. JACK



Candidate for Re-election

County Assessor

Democratic Nominee

Vote X 87

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M. E. GAFFNEY



Candidate for

Recorder of Conveyances

For Clackamas County

Democratic Nominee

VOTE x 91

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NEWSPAPER MEN BACK FROM TRIP SOUTH

D. C. Anderson and W. A. Shewman, who were in Southern Oregon on business in connection with the Western Stock Journal for 10 days, have returned to Oregon City. They visited in Grants Pass, Applegate and Provoit holding meetings at these places to interest the farmers in the paper, which is published in this city. Large crowds attended the meeting. While in Grants Pass they were entertained by Mr. Kinney, one of the prominent residents of that city, and also C. O. Biglow, another well known man there, who showed them many fine farms near Grants Pass. Mr. Anderson left Thursday evening for North Yakima, Wash., and from there will go to Ellensburg and Seattle. Mr. Shewman and Mr. Anderson will leave in January for California in the interest of the Western Stock Journal.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Carrie Neumann to F. L. Hyde, lot "B" tract 37, Willamette Tracts; \$1100.
Nancy J. Scanlon to Mildred H. Schober, land in sections 22, 23, township 3 south, range 2 east; \$1.
James C. and Emma Edmonds to Deamore and Josephine Garmire, tract 34, Willamette and Tualatin Tracts; \$1000.
Eli and Ella Howell to R. E. Bundy, lot 3 of block 15, Windsor; \$10.
Rotch E. Bundy to Eli Howell, lot 1 of block 15, Windsor; \$1.

Where Mr. Taft Stands.

From the Wausau Record-Herald: Taft stands exactly where either of the great martyr presidents would have stood had they lived in his day and occupied his place. He stands for the constitution, for the courts, for the perpetuation of the tried and proved American institutions, for the principle of protection to American labor, just laws and their impartial enforcement against rich and poor, high and low, alike. No president ever had higher ideals, better comprehension of the intricacies of government, or more courage in presenting his convictions to the public.

Now Outspoken for Taft.

From the Clinton, Ill., Journal: As the Journal up to this point in the campaign has exercised its prerogative of expressing disinterested comment upon issues and candidates, so now, as an independent newspaper, it feels that the time is at hand and the opportunity is ripe to declare its policy on the issues of the day. From now on until November 5, therefore, the Journal will contribute its efforts to the success of the principles of the Republican platform and the re-election of William Howard Taft to the presidency. It is convinced that only the continuance of present policies will insure the stability and prosperity of the agricultural, industrial and financial interests of the nation, and it trembles for the future at the thought of the havoc and ruin which the success either of the Democratic party or of the misnamed "Progressive" party would mean.

A small classed ad will rent that vacant room.

PRAISE FOR MR. TAFT

EDITORIAL COMMENDATION OF HIS CHARACTER, HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIS WISDOM.

ALL SECTIONS REPRESENTED

The President Eulogized Because He is Wise, Honorable, Dignified, Courageous and Safe and His Triumphant Re-election is Predicted.

From every section of the country comes editorial commendation of President Taft and of his administration. Quite a number of papers which, until recently, had remained independent, declared their conviction that only the continuance of present policies will ensure the stability and prosperity of the agricultural, industrial and financial interest of the nation. The president is receiving credit for his courageous vetoes of free trade tariff bills, for his efforts to secure economical administration of the government and for his success in improving social conditions through recommending and forcefully advocating legislation. A page could well be filled with extracts from editorial columns praising the president, but the following will suffice:

If it happened it is in the Enterprise.

Vote for Millage Bill Number 320 X Yes

It provides six-tenths of a mill tax for support of Agricultural College and University of Oregon, giving them permanent support and taking them out of politics. It also provides one Board of Regents, thus solving the problems of co-operation, consolidation, division of courses and economy of management.

It does not increase the average rate of taxation.

It repeals the \$500,000 University appropriation bill.

The Bill is endorsed by Governor West: "This Bill is in the interest of good business and should pass."

By L. E. Alderman, State Superintendent Public Instruction: "Experience in other states shows millage bill principle to be correct."

By Will H. Daly, President, Oregon State Federation of Labor: "No argument can successfully combat the benefit to the state that will follow the adoption of the millage tax plan."

Endorsed by Portland Tax Payers League.

Prepared by committee of Governor's Commission, Boards of Regents, and administrative officers of the two institutions.

W. K. NEWELL
CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION
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Boost your city by boosting your daily paper. The Enterprise should be in every home.

A Choice of Fruit. Nurse (enthusiastically)—It's a little peach, sir! Father—I'm glad it's a little peach.

No Complaint. Insurance Official—Of what complaint did your father die? Applicant—The jury found him guilty.