

# Corvallis Times.

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## Democratic County Ticket.

**For Senator**  
Punderson Avery.

**For Sheriff**  
M. P. Burnett.

**For Clerk**  
Victor P. Moses.

**For Recorder**  
Horace Locke.

**For Commissioner**  
Peter Rickard.

**For School Superintendent**  
S. I. Pratt.

**For Treasurer**  
W. A. Buchanan.

**For Assessor**  
Thomas Davis.

**For Surveyor**  
T. A. Jones.

**For Coroner**  
O. J. Blackledge.

### LOSING GROUND—AND WHY.

The people admire sincerity and love the truth. They despise duplicity and hate falsehood. Ultimately, they always recognize the truth, and can always be trusted to separate fact from falsehood. This is particularly true in Benton county, where there is a citizenship that is honest, true and straightforward.

In a newspaper bastard that nobody fathers, that Mr. Woodcock himself says is not "his'n," the statement is constantly re-iterated that Judge McFadden assumes to act as a boss of Benton democrats, and column after column of silly nonsense on that subject is sent out to readers, the purpose being to deceive and dupe innocent and unsuspecting persons with a view to helping certain weak candidates on the republican ticket. Here is a sample of the many lies this door-step publication prints, "It is by satisfying the trio of bosses of which Judge McFadden is the head that democratic candidates in this county secure a place on the ticket." (See Gazette, April 22nd.) Now, is that not a likely statement? Is it likely that Blackledge, Jones, or Tom Davis had "to satisfy Judge McFadden" before they got a nomination on the democratic ticket? Is it likely that Billy Buchanan, whom Judge McFadden pleaded with and urged to run for recorder this time, or is it likely that Horace Locke had "to satisfy Judge McFadden" before they were named for their respective offices? Is it likely that Peter Rickard who persistently resisted the urging of E. E. Wilson, Pun Avery, John Smith, Rich Irwin and many other democrats who pleaded with him to stand for commissioner and who did not finally consent until the very hour of the convention. Is it likely that he had "to satisfy Judge McFadden" or anybody else before he could get the nomination? Is it likely that Victor Moses and Telt Burnett, whom every democrat in Benton county and many a republican wanted for clerk and sheriff, is it likely that they had "to satisfy" anybody but the hundreds of constituents that they have served so well, before they were nominated? Is it likely that Punderson Avery, who declined the nomination for senator in the democratic convention two years ago, and whom democrats all over the county pleaded with to stand for the place this year, whom republicans themselves went to after the republican convention and asked to accept the democratic nomination for senator; is it likely that this Punderson Avery, whom nobody dictates to or answers for, is it likely that he had "to satisfy Judge McFadden" before he could get a nomination? Is not the statement, "candidates on the democratic ticket must satisfy Judge McFadden before they can secure places on the ticket," one of the cheekiest and most unblushing lies that it was ever attempted to foist upon innocent and trusting readers? Was it not a wise thing in Mr. Woodcock to print in his Gazette, "The Gazette or its owners are in no wise responsible for anything that may be said in this department." (See Gazette April 5th.)

It is well known to every democrat and nearly all the republicans in Benton county that Judge McFadden could not, if he would, boss the democratic party in Benton county. Every Benton democrat, like every Benton republican, is his own boss. The attempt by a newspaper that cannot bear its own father's name to make them believe that they are bossed, is an insult to them personally, and to

their intelligence. They know Judge McFadden tried in the democratic convention two years ago to nominate Johnnie Irwin instead of Victor Moses, and that he failed. The same hand that writes for the Gazette now, wrote about the incident in the Gazette two years ago April 8th, 1902, the Gazette printed these words: "For county clerk, a delegate nominated Victor P. Moses. McFadden nominated Johnny Irwin. \* \* \* But the convention stood by its decision in caucus and nominated Mr. Moses." The truth is, that before the convention Judge McFadden went among the delegates and did all he could to secure the nomination of Mr. Irwin. He was for him in the caucus and made a speech urging his selection. He thought Irwin much the stronger man, and even after Moses had been selected by the caucus, Judge McFadden went on the floor of the convention, and urged Mr. Irwin's nomination. But just the same, Moses was nominated, and he was elected, all of which is a condemnation and a conviction of the Gazette's idiotic statement, "The democratic candidates must satisfy Judge McFadden before they can secure a place on the ticket." It is equally notorious that Judge McFadden in the same convention was hostile to the candidacy of Howard Bush and supporter of another for assessor. But it is history that Howard Bush was nominated, and that he was elected by a majority of more than 140. In the face of the record, did Mr. Bush have to "satisfy" anybody before he could be a candidate, and be elected? Yes, he had to "satisfy" somebody, and it was not Judge McFadden, but the democrats and the people of Benton county.

Thus, how unblushing, how barefaced, how self-condemnatory, are these lies that the department of the Gazette that Mr. Woodcock announces is not responsible and a fraud, seeks to foist upon the community? Are these lies not demoralizing to a people? Does a political campaign give men reason to put forth as the sacred truth that which everybody knows to be, and the owner of the paper himself, in effect, declares to be falsehood? A newspaper is a public educator, and if in it falsehood can be told with impunity and without public condemnation, what can be expected of the growing youth? What wonder that there is hoodlumism in the world, when the newspapers themselves, supposed always to stand for decency and truth, make light of the truth and promote falsehood with unblushing impunity? If it is permissible to lie in the public prints, and if the newspapers set the example, and if the example be not condemned, what may be expected, or what may not be expected of the next generation? Is it not indeed humiliating, is it not a crime, that first in the Gazette there shall be published, "The Gazette or its owners are in nowise responsible for anything that may be said in this department," and thus, licensed to lie, the paper may proceed to say, "The democratic candidates must satisfy Judge McFadden before they can secure a place on the ticket."

The inevitable effect of a campaign of falsehood by a newspaper is to weaken the ticket in whose interest the lies are told. People love the truth and hate duplicity. The republican party, like the democratic party, is not a party of falsehood and fraud. It is not necessary to lie in order to promote the interests of that party. To insist on falsehood in its interest is to put the great masses of that party in a false light and to hold them up to a charge of which they are not guilty. The Wyatts, the Newtons, the Coopers, the Carters, the Henkles, the Duns, the Edwards, the Zierolf's, the Belknaps, and scores of other well known republican families are not men who want to profit by a false statement. They want no falsehoods told either to help them or their party. They cannot in the natural fitness of things, approve of a campaign in the interest of the republican ticket, conducted solely on tissues of falsehood, told unblushingly, such as, "The candidates on the democratic ticket must satisfy Judge McFadden, before they can secure a place on the ticket."

The effect, and the only possible effect is to weaken the republican ticket. It is a confession of weakness on the part of the candidate that the campaign must be based on falsehood and fraud. The only test that the masses of voters recognize as the true test for election, is merit. The candidates on a ticket that permit falsehood to be told stand in their own light, and lessen their own chances of success. There are worthy men on the republican ticket, and a campaign of fraud carried on in behalf of others on that ticket is an outrage on them and damage on their candidacy. It insults any man for a set of candidates, or a newspaper that represents them to attempt to fool him. It is

a deliberate insult to his intelligence and his honesty. It is a confession of weakness that he instantly recognizes, and at once proceeds to investigate. The inevitable result is defeat, ignominy and discredit. Democrats will continue to be elected to office as long as those who assume to manage for the republican ticket insist that they must lie to win. Day by day it will weaken every man on the ticket because there are hundreds of decent republicans who do not want to be insulted with a lie so idiotic as "The democratic candidates must satisfy Judge McFadden before they can secure a place on the ticket." They are too decent and too self respecting to be mixed up and identified with and privy to a campaign of falsehood, forestalled by Mr. Woodcock when he wrote "The Gazette or its owners are in nowise responsible for anything that may be said in this department." They are too self respecting to be aiders and abettors of a campaign of falsehood that insult decency, that is demoralizing to a community, that promotes hoodlumism and that, as sure as it is continued and approved, will have a bad effect on the youth of Benton county.

Doubtless W. E. Yates and his crowd think it good politics to continue in their fatherless, and disowned organ, the malignant personal attack that they have kept up for weeks on the "business democrat." It is perhaps satisfying to Mr. Yates and helpful to his candidacy for senator for the "business democrat" to be made a target for venomous personal attack. Meanwhile it might be explained in the Gazette if the "business democrat" has ever bought any town property at very low prices of non-resident clients; or, has he ever bought any houses and lots of orphan heirs, also his clients, and did he drive a good bargain?

O. J. Blackledge is the democratic candidate for coroner. He is an Iowan, who came several years ago to Corvallis, where he has since been engaged in business. He is a man of affairs, a gentleman in the fullest sense of the word, and in recognition of that new citizenship from the east that is settling in Benton and Oregon, he ought to be elected.

Thomas Jones is the democratic nominee for surveyor. He is a self made young man. He was left an orphan at an early age, and by his own efforts has educated himself and pushed his way into his present position. Two years ago, he was elected surveyor, and he has discharged the duties of the office with fidelity and ability. He gained his experience as a surveyor in several years service in railroad construction, and is one of the best surveyors in the country. His work is reliable, as many a farmer in the county has reason to know. He is in every respect, a deserving young man, and support given him will be worthily bestowed.

It was not necessary for newspaper venom to have entered into this campaign. The TIMES preferred peace, and asked for it. The TIMES remained silent while a furious personal attack was waged by the other side against it and its editor as well as other democrats who are neither asking office, nor are issues in the campaign. But there is a limit to patience and forbearance.

Readers will bear witness that the TIMES has stood for a good-humored neighborly campaign with gentle behavior on the part of the newspapers. In half a dozen issues past the TIMES has remained silent and forbearing under a malignant personal attack kept up in the publication over the way. This attack has the sanction of the Yates coterie, and is in their interest. Apparently they think it good politics, and prepared for it when Mr. Woodcock the proprietor of the Gazette declared in effect a campaign so indecent was to be waged that the Gazette or its owners "would not be responsible" for it. Now, it is the most natural thing in the world for men who are struck to strike back, and if in these columns a vigorous defense is offered to the needless, unwarranted and malignant attack the Yates gang has kept up, the public will understand the reason why.

### AS TO JOHN DALY AND OTHERS.

The headless, fatherless, nameless "department" conducted in the interest of the Yates candidates and with their sanction and approval claims the TIMES has said something that reflects on "Marion Hayden, Thomas Cooper, and ex-Senator Daly." It was not the TIMES but the crowd that is running the "department" that Mr. Woodcock says isn't "his'n" that stabbed Marion Hayden in the back and let him down forever with the poor privilege of making a speech in the late convention, declining a nomination that was only make-believe. It is that crowd that determined that Marion Hayden will never again be given an office in Benton county, but can merely be poulticed with a delegacy to a congressional convention, provided he vote right. As to Mr. Cooper, it was the same crowd, not the TIMES that scored him unmercifully and read him forever out of the party so far as hope of future honors are concerned and which is willing now to sacrifice his brother in order to further their own candidates. It was Yates and his crowd that two years ago did everything they could to kill John Daly, and that in the Gazette campaign conducted for the purpose of nominating Yates in his present candidacy made a most bitter personal attack on John Daly. In that attack, published in the Gazette of March 25th, Senator Daly was held up as a man of very small calibre, and as a creature of the democrats, —all after the senator had served the county faithfully and effectively in the legislature, and created there for himself and county an influence and repute surpassed by none. The attack was needlessly and wantonly made, and it was made in the newspaper campaign carried on to palm Yates off on the unwilling convention that named him after he had in fact, been nominated the night before in a caucus attended only by a little coterie.

In view of the record, the fourth of which has not been told here, it is up to these jobbers and manipulators to keep still about the Haydens, the Coopers, John Daly and others. Especially is this true of Yates who nominated a man in a republican convention once for commissioner, and the man failed to get a single vote for the office. The sacrifice of the Loggans, the Waggoners, the Edwards, the Lakes the Zierolf's by the coterie that pleads and feeds for "harmony" are memories that suggest that as to slaughtered candidates, Yates who by one scheme or another has jobbed half the men in Benton county, had better quiet his founding "department" as it lies squalling on Mr. Woodcock's doorstep, disowned and discredited.

### "MAKING CAPITAL."

The Gazette, in its disowned and discredited department, states that the TIMES seeks to make capital out of the late tragedy. This is one of those lies that Mr. Woodcock knew would be told when he wrote, "The Gazette or its owners are in nowise responsible for anything that may be said in this department." (See Gazette April 5.) Mr. Cameron is perfectly satisfied with the course of the TIMES with reference to the late tragedy. If he is not, let him say so over his own signature in that strange "department" of the Gazette, the only thing of the kind in the known world, that door step offspring which Mr. Woodcock with fine manifestation of good taste and discrimination, refuses to claim. If Mr. Cameron is not satisfied and there is further insistence that the TIMES is trying to make capital, illustrations can be given of what "making capital" out of the late tragedy would really mean. The subject is one, however, that the TIMES does not propose to pursue unless forced to do so by the "department" that carries a license to lie,—and lies.

Who can resist the temptation to vote for Peter Rickard, for commissioner? He is a substantial farmer who has successfully managed his own business, and he is therefore well qualified to look after county affairs. He served in the position four years, and with such success that no critic ever rose to condemn or blame him. He is the perfect type of the level headed, straightforward good natured farmer, the soul of honor and the embodiment of goodness, and it will be difficult indeed, for anybody who knows him, to vote against him—and everybody knows him.



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