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THE NEW AGE AND "JACK."

The New Age is informed on reliable authority that "Jack" Matthews, chairman of the Republican state central committee, and also, in effect, of the county and city central committee, has sent out personal letters to all or many Republican candidates in Portland and Multnomah county, and probably throughout the state, instructing or ordering them—such is his method—not to patronize in any way The New Age.

Just what the nature and extent of Mr. Matthews' vengeance will be upon the candidates who do not obey his order, The New Age is not positively informed; perhaps he will threaten them with "knifing" at the polls. This would be quite in accord with his dictatorial, arbitrary, tyrannical style of doing business, of which style The New Age can inform him, and can bring plenty of proof to substantiate the information, not only many candidates but many more Republican voters, of his own wing of the party, are becoming exceedingly weary.

Talk about Senator Simon as a boss in years past! Why, Mr. Simon never attempted or thought of attempting, to form so close a political corporation as that now in control of "Jack" Matthews, nor to be one-tenth as arbitrary in his methods. The poor candidates must bow and cringe before him as before a god, and consider themselves only his puppets. It is reported that he has informed them, or some of them, that they shall have nothing to say in the appointment of their deputies or clerks, if allowed any by law; "Jack" will attend to that. For what purpose who can doubt? Will it be for the benefit of the Republican party, or even of the Matthews wing of the party? If there are to be "grafts" or "divvies" in the appointment of these subordinates, can anybody doubt where the lion's share will stick fast?

Not only all Republicans who are not in sympathy with the "Jack" Matthews ticket, but the very candidates on that ticket and their best friends and most ardent supporters ought to resent, and many of them do resent such arbitrary, dictatorial, unsavory boss methods as are resorted to by Chairman "Jack" Matthews.

The New Age has not opposed what is called the regular Republican ticket as a whole. It is largely composed of worthy men. The New Age is supporting some of them, on their merits, in particular the distinguished and eminent lawyer and statesman at the head of the city ticket. Does "Jack" Matthews suppose The New Age has made any improper bargains with Judge Williams? Has he sent Judge Williams one of his commands, to cease in any way patronizing this paper, because it has dared to express its honest opinion about "Jack" Matthews' methods? Probably not. "Jack" knows better than try to intimidate such a man as Judge Williams, but he imagines he can bluff others into putting even their private business, insofar as it relates to their candidacy or the campaign, into his hands, and in all such respects obeying his orders. Next he will be ordering them to withdraw their money from a bank if its president chooses not to vote the Matthews ticket, or to quit buying fuel from Smith & Jones if they purpose voting the Citizens' ticket, or to leave the church to which they belong if the preacher drops a hint that he intends to vote for some of that ticket. Such unwarrantable interference with people's private affairs, even if they are candidates, is an affront, an insult to every man to whom the command was addressed, and will be resented by most of them as such.

As for The New Age, "Jack" Matthews can't hurt it by his secret manifes-tos. It was here long before he bobbed up as the czar of half the Republican party, and ostracised the other half, and will be here, doing business with all sorts of people and men of all shades of political opinion, long after "Jack" has lost his job.

He can't intimidate this paper, nor frighten it, nor injure it. Some of the very men to whom he sent his offensive order are laughing at him, and are better friends of this paper than ever, but

their names will be carefully concealed, lest "Jack" should throw them down in consequence, and if a man makes a political enemy of "Jack" Matthews, that is one strong piece of evidence that he deserves well at the hands of the public.

Dr. Edgar H. Thornton, Citizens' Nominee for Coroner.

HON. GEO. T. MYERS.

Hon. Geo. T. Myers, one of the oldest and most highly respected of Portland's citizens, has returned to our midst after an absence of several weeks on the Sound and in British Columbia, where he has had business interests of no small proportions for a number of years. Mr. Myers is winding up his affairs and contemplates retiring permanently to a life of ease and comfort, to which he is so justly entitled. The sad circumstances leading up to this determination on Mr. Myers' part, are well known to the public. Geo. T. Myers is one of nature's noblemen and deserves all the good things the press is saying about him. The following editorial appeared in the Oregonian on the 29th of April:

"It is an impressive but not an uncommon story that comes from Seattle about the retirement of the veteran salmon canner, pioneer of that industry on Puget sound, Mr. George T. Myers. He is making money. He is not afraid but he can make more. 'Things are different with me now from what they were a year or so ago,' he says. 'I do not enjoy life as I used to, and I shall wind up my affairs here and elsewhere.' The explanation is furnished in the closing paragraph of the dispatch. 'Mr. Myers' wife died a few months ago, and he is inconsolable, which is the cause mostly ascribed as to why he retires from a business that he has been so prominently connected with for a quarter of a century.'

"Many men of many minds. Personal bereavement does not signify with some. They shed a few tears, put on mourning, and in a little time are blithe as ever at life's work and play. With some, the passion for money-making is overmastering. Everything else is secondary—family, friends, books and perhaps the upright life itself. It is not so with George Myers. His home was something more to him than a mere garment to be laid by at will. His wedded life of long and happy years could not be destroyed at a breath and leave no mark behind. It was the main thing, around which business and travel, clubs and politics revolved. The incentive is gone. The ambition which spurred on to endeavor has died out. There is no occasion to strive and buffet any longer. He has done enough. He will retire. It is a resolve that will surprise no one who knows his nature and his lifelong habit. As long as he lives there will be a shadow falling on his life where once were helpfulness and joy.

"Money is not the only thing in this world. It cannot minister to a mind diseased, or mend the broken heart or back to its mansion call the fleeting breath. It is reassuring in a sordid age to come across a man who recognizes the limitations of money and is content when he has enough. It is reassuring to find once in a while that sentiment and loyalty live in spite of avarice and that 'lieb und treu und glauben' have not, as Heine says in one of his most beautiful poems, perished from the earth."

Dr. Edgar H. Thornton, Citizens' Nominee for Coroner.

COLORED MEN SHOULD VOTE.

A large proportion of the colored voters of Portland have followed The New Age's advice, and have registered. The registered colored voters number several hundred. But there are a considerable fraction of them entitled to vote here who are not registered, and now it is too late to register. These negligent voters should prepare to vote, however, by being ready to make the proof required by law. This will require the affidavit of six citizens. This proof, and the witnesses, in cases of voters who desire to vote but have not registered, ought to be all ready on election day, so as not to delay the vote or detain other voters. This applies no more to colored than to white voters.

If the vote is to be submitted in this way, the voter ought at least to have the proof of his right to vote in readiness. As to colored voters who have registered, and even those who have not but who are entitled to vote, The New Age urges them to go to the polls in their respective precincts and vote. This is a duty you owe not only to the country and the state, but to yourselves. Vote as you please, as you think best—but vote.

THE VOLCANO'S VICTIMS.

The great majority of the victims of the terrible volcanic eruptions in Martinique and St. Vincent islands are Negroes, or people with Negro blood, who comprised about six-sevenths of the population of those fair but dangerous tropical islands. Originally Negroes were brought to these and other of the West India islands as slaves, and served as such for many years, but they were emancipated, to a certain extent, long ago. That is, they were no longer held as slaves, but they were paid but a pittance of wages, while the favorites of the European governments that had seized the islands, and who owned the land, grew rich, lived sumptuously, and enjoyed life luxuriously off the Negro's labor in the cane and rice and tobacco fields. Their wants in that climate, however, were few and easily supplied, and for the most part they lived a contented life, not questioning closely the existing but unjust order of things.

So of the thousands that were overwhelmed by a sudden but awful death a large proportion were Negroes. Many hundreds of them, along with their master or employers, the poor along with the rich, the toiler along with the idler, the black or dark along with the white, were enveloped in that terrible tomb. The volcano in its wrath was in one sense an exhibition of God; it was no respecter of persons. The richest man in St. Pierre could not buy a moment of life, nor the fairest of women, any more than the poorest, blackest and humblest Negro in that doomed city.

May not man, the white man as well as the black, the rich as well as the poor, the proud as well as the humble, learn from this a lesson that they can put to practical use during the rest of their lives?

Most of the surviving sufferers are also colored people, and it is gratifying to observe that all possible means are being taken by our government and other governments, and by the charitable people to aid them and alleviate their distress. In the presence of such a calamity mankind become one family, and distinctions of race and color and wealth and culture and social position are for the moment obliterated or ignored by the true man and woman.

Dr. Edgar H. Thornton, Citizens' Nominee for Coroner.

NO HOPE FOR MR. FINLEY.

If our friend Finley imagines he can be elected coroner, under the existing circumstances, which need not be gone over here, but which most people can "size up," he furnishes a case of a man whose self-interested political sanguinity has made complete captive of his judgment. Everybody recognizes the fact that there is a very large element of voters in this town who are not easy forgetters, in certain cases, and who, in consequence of a position taken by Mr. Finley some years ago, could not under any circumstances be induced to vote for him. He has tried twice to be elected school director, and once coroner, with what results he ought to be aware.

On the other hand, Mr. Finley's opponent, while not allied with Mr. Finley's political enemies, in the particular alluded to, has always been a fair, liberal man in this respect, believing in entire religious liberty and the utmost toleration, and in not ostracising from public office any capable man because he belonged to a certain church. Under such circumstances the result as to coroner cannot be considered doubtful.

AN ENEMY'S COMPLAINT.

The New Age feels quite complimented, even when considering the source of the compliment, when the chairman of the state central committee thinks it of sufficient importance to send out letters to scores of candidates ordering them to cease patronizing this paper. Under such circumstances "Jack" must consider The New Age of some importance in the campaign. If he thought it was not he would not waste his valuable time in concocting such a letter and waste stamps and stationery in sending it out to numerous persons. Thanks, "Jack," thus you have advised a considerable number of more or less prominent people that The New Age is a factor in the campaign that has to be recognized, and that has hit you pretty hard. And its readers recognize the fact that it is you, and a few others like you that it has hit, not the Republican ticket as a whole, nor all the men on it, by any means. To most of them The New Age feels friendly, but it is sorry they are under the thumb of such an arbitrary boss as you are. And if they are beaten it will be largely your fault.

NEGROES AS FARMERS.

The agricultural census statistics show that in the year 1900 there were 94,083 Negro farmers in the state of Alabama, whereas before the war there were practically none. Forty-two per cent of the farms in the state are now either owned or occupied and tilled by Negroes. Probably other Southern states would show a like proportion. This is proof that there has been a marked advance in the industrial condition of the Negroes in the South. Gradually they are recognizing the necessity of work on their own account, and that a very large per centage of them, in order to succeed must engage in agricultural work. The Negro is within quite broad limits a versatile creature; he can do many things; and while as a rule he prefers other than agricultural toil, he must numerously engage in that occupation, which after all is the most independent of any.

HARRY SCHOOF.

Candidate for Councilman of the Third Ward.

Mr. Harry Schoof, the independent candidate for councilman in the Third ward, is an old and highly respected citizen, and has consented to make the race in response to the urgent demands of a large number of the merchants and business men, as well as the voters generally of the ward. Mr. Schoof is conducting the St. Paul Hotel, and is well and favorably known by nearly every voter in the ward, and will undoubtedly receive the support of these friends on election day.

Mr. Schoof, if elected, can be relied upon to serve the people honestly and faithfully and no mistake will be made by selecting him for COUNCILMAN FROM THE THIRD WARD.

PORTLAND'S NEXT MAYOR.

Judge George H. Williams will in all probability be the next mayor of Portland. Though a man of remarkable distinction and the foremost citizen of Portland, he is, as he always has been, essentially and effectively a man of the people, always serving them faithfully, and with his rare ability. He has also been, as The New Age has before related, in particular a friend and helper of the Negro race in this country, and has done much to secure for them such rights as they enjoy. Every colored voter, along with a great majority of other voters, should help elect Judge Williams mayor.

Dr. Edgar H. Thornton, Citizens' Nominee for Coroner.

Mr. Sidney Smyth, a candidate for representative on the Citizens' ticket, is a member of the well-known contracting firm of Smyth & Howard, who do the largest business in their line in the Pacific Northwest, having contracts in all the principal cities of this region for street paving and other work, and their work is always satisfactorily done. Mr. Smyth came here a few years ago with little capital but much industry, enterprise and ability, and few young men have succeeded better. He will make a very capable representative.

Dr. Edgar H. Thornton, Citizens' Nominee for Coroner.

J. E. Werlein, candidate on the Citizens' ticket for city treasurer, has filled that office acceptably for the past two years. He has been faithful, attentive, competent and proved himself entirely worthy of a re-nomination. He has always been an active, true Republican, and will probably be supported by a majority of Republicans as well as of Democrats.

Dr. Edgar H. Thornton, Citizens' Nominee for Coroner.

The next county commissioner ought to be, and probably will be, one of Portland's most prominent business men, Mr. Henry Hewitt. No more capable man for this responsible office could have been nominated. Besides, Mr. Hewitt has been a life-long friend of the colored people, and has never been ashamed to manifest such friendship.

G. C. Moser, candidate on the Citizens' ticket for representative, is a young, but already considerably experienced and successful lawyer. He has succeeded on account of industry, ability, attention to business, and honest, fair dealing with clients, and is a candidate in whom voters can have full confidence.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROBERT J. O'NEIL.
Regular Nominee on Citizens Ticket for
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
West Side.
Election June 2, 1902.

EARL C. BRONAUGH.
Regular Citizens Nominee for
CITY ATTORNEY.
Election June 2, 1902.

A. M. CRAWFORD.
Regular Republican Nominee for
ATTORNEY GENERAL.
Election June 2, 1902.

HENRY HEWETT.
Regular Citizens Nominee for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Election June 2, 1902.

L. A. McNARY.
Regular Republican Nominee for
CITY ATTORNEY.
Election June 2, 1902.

WM. REID
Regular Republican Nominee for
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
West Side.
Election June 2, 1902.

GEO. H. WILLIAMS
Regular Republican Nominee for
MAYOR.
Election June 2, 1902.

FRANK KIERNAN
Regular Republican Nominee for
COUNCILMAN—2d Ward.
Election June 2, 1902.

L. R. WEBSTER
Regular Republican Nominee for
COUNTY JUDGE.
Election June 2, 1902.

HON. W. F. BUTCHER
Of Baker County
Regular Democratic Nominee for
CONGRESS, 2d DISTRICT
Election June 2, 1902.

VOTE FOR
GEORGE E. WATKINS
Regular Republican Nominee for
COUNTY ASSESSOR.
Election June 2, 1902.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR
LUCIUS R. LEWIS.
Democratic and Citizens
Nominee for
COUNTY SURVEYOR

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR
WM. H. POPE.
Citizens' Nominee.

Democratic Ticket

State and Congressional Candidates.
For Governor
GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN
of Multnomah County
For Supreme Judge
B. F. BONHAM
of Marion County
For Secretary of State
D. W. SEARS
of Polk County
For State Treasurer
HENRY BLACKMAN
of Morrow County
For Attorney General
I. H. RALEY
of Umatilla County
For State Printer
J. G. GODFREY
of Marion County
For Superintendent of Instruction
W. A. WANN
of Lane County
For U. S. Senator
C. E. S. WOOD
of Multnomah County
For Congress, First District
J. K. WEATHERFORD
of Linn County
For Congress, Second District
W. F. BUTCHER
of Baker County

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vote for Initiative and Referendum Amendment.
VOTE FOR
J. C. BAYER.
Citizens' Nominee for
REPRESENTATIVE

Vote for Initiative and Referendum Amendment.
VOTE FOR
H. W. HOGUE.
Regular Republican nominee for
MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Vote for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment to the Constitution.
CAPT. A. M. COX.
Citizens' nominee for
CONSTABLE, East Side

Vote for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment.
FRANK A. HEITKEMPER
Of the G. Heitkemper Co., Jewelers.
Citizens' nominee for
REPRESENTATIVE
VOTE FOR
DR. S. J. BARBER.
Citizens' candidate for the
LEGISLATURE

Vote for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment.
J. C. JAMESON.
Republican nominee for
CITY TREASURER

Vote for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment.
G. C. MOSER.
(Of Murdoch & Moser, Attorneys.)
Citizens' nominee for
REPRESENTATIVE
VOTE FOR

HARRY SCHOOF
Candidate for
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