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EDITORIAL

WITHYCOMBE, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE.

Voters of discernment are not going to base their final judgment of a candidate upon pre-election promises and newly constructed platforms, however striking and captivating they may appear.

The general tenor of a man's life and the character that he has established when not a candidate are far more reliable and important tests.

Dr. James Withycombe, Republican candidate for governor, has been a resident of Oregon for a generation. He has commingled with the people in his daily work. They have had ample opportunity of determining his mental and moral attributes; the guiding principles of his life; his aims and ambitions and his power of accomplishing desired results. In a word, the nature and scope of his ideals and his ability to utilize them.

The basis of his education was laid in the land of his nativity, where have been cradled so many of earth's great men. He aspired to be an agriculturist and stock raiser. His father had been an eminent and intelligent breeder of fine cattle and sheep. Young Withycombe chose to continue the same line of endeavor and would not be diverted from his purpose by the glittering tinsel of public life nor the ignis fatuus of speculation.

That he might secure the best equipment for his chosen lines of work he sought the aid of science. To his persistent efforts she yielded and placed at his command her stores of knowledge relating to animal and plant life.

In this land of his adoption he became thoroughly imbued with the American spirit of freedom and equal rights. He was happily married and established a permanent home. Four children—three sons and one daughter—have gladdened the household, all of whom have been well educated and nearly all entered upon their life work.

While manfully bearing the duties of citizenship and pursuing his chosen avocation, Mr. Withycombe has accumulated a fair competency by gradual accretion. Such public duties as he has assumed have been creditably and successfully performed.

Having shown marked executive ability, large common sense and substantial success in his undertakings, is it any wonder that the voters of his party chose him from among so many good men as their candidate for chief executive of the state?

The platform enunciated by him is in harmony with his life and actions—an embodiment, as it were, of the growth and unfoldings of his own being and achievements, and can be safely relied upon as the reflex of his own sentiment, from which he will not swerve.

It is no artificial product of theoretical ideals, mechanically clothed in attractive rhetoric to influence or capture the careless or superficial voter.

To intimate that his defeat is within the realm of the possible is to discount the intelligence of Oregon voters.

AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE.

There could perhaps have been no better selection for a candidate for representative in congress from the First Oregon district than Professor W. C. Hawley of Salem. He has never been noted or distinguished as a politician or office holder, but this is nothing against him. He has taken all his life a keen, lively interest in public affairs, and has been a close and diligent student of them. He has for many years been studying the public problems of the time with especial reference to the possibility that he might be chosen to represent the people in this very capacity. He is an educated, thoughtful, clean, conscientious man. He is a man of unusual physical as well as mental vigor and energy. When he speaks in the house of representatives it will not be as a weakling; he will be heard and heeded. He will be a man of influence and power there, one to whom not only Oregon but the nation can point to with pride, and in whom the people can repose the utmost confidence.

Mr. Hawley's opponent, Charles V. Galloway, is a rather bright young

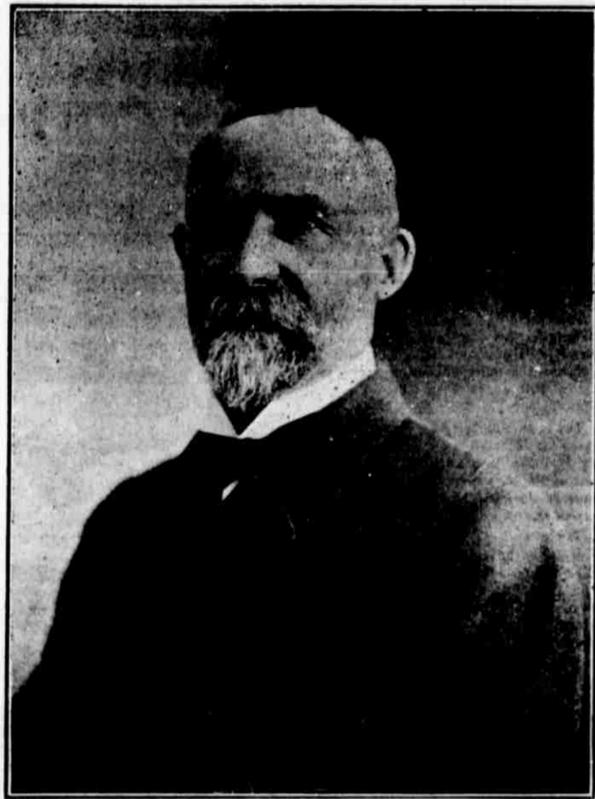
man, but the district is overwhelmingly Republican, and is so for sufficient reasons, and Mr. Galloway is a Democrat, and one of a rather Bourbonish type. The man whom the people of the First district will undoubtedly decide to elect under these circumstances is Mr. W. C. Hawley, and having once elected him they should keep him there, if he will serve in that capacity, term after term, for with every successful term a man gains and can wield more influence and power in behalf of his constituents.

Mr. Hawley is fitted, by education, by study, by natural talents and acquired knowledge, to take a place in the front rank in a few years in congress. He is in the prime of life; he is strong, vigorous and healthy, physically, mentally and morally. He is the right man for the place, and while his Republican opponents in the primaries were good men and would have done well in congress, the people of the

enterprise and it was a wise move to connect him with it officially.

B. I. DASENT, PRESIDENT.

Mr. B. I. Dasent, president of the Made-in-Oregon Exposition, to be held in this city during a period of one week, from May 19 to 26, inclusive, is prominently identified with the progress of the Portland General Electric Company, having charge of the advertising department of that extensive institution. He is one of the leading men of enterprise in the Oregon metropolis and has already accomplished much in the work of advertising the manufacturing possibilities of this state. His selection as the executive officer of the Made-in-Oregon Exposition is commendable from every point of view. He is thoroughly informed as to the manufacturing facilities of the various districts of the state and, under his direction, they will be given a measure



DR. JAMES WITHYCOMBE
Republican Candidate for Governor.

First district at least made no mistake in giving the nomination to Professor Hawley.

He will be elected without a doubt, the only question being the size of his majority. It ought to be very large. He has never been a factionist or a disturber; he belongs to no clique or machine; he has in him the elements of a fine statesman; and he should receive a very hearty indorsement by the people of the First district on the first Monday in June.

E. L. THOMPSON, TREASURER.

Mr. E. L. Thompson, treasurer of the Made-in-Oregon Exposition association, is a leading member of the well-known banking and real estate firm of Hartman & Thompson, one of the largest business concerns of that class in the northwest. He is treasurer and manager of the Portland woolen mills, secretary of Portland Commercial Club, a man of large affairs and is known throughout the coast as a man of more than ordinary public spirit and progressiveness. He is a man of energy and keen foresight. He was among the first to foresee the almost incomputable benefits to be derived from the success of such an enterprise as that proposed under the name of Made-in-Oregon Exposition; and he and his associates will not abandon the task until that success shall have been accomplished. He, too, is familiar with the manifold interests of the state. It is directly in line with his business to acquire such information. Perhaps no man in the state is more familiar with the material output of local manufacturers and its value than he. Many reasonably well-informed people of Oregon will be surprised to learn that the value of manufactures of this state each year is greater than that given annually under the head of agriculture; but it is. Many astonishing facts will be developed by this exposition; and therein lies its great value to the busy people of Oregon. This information will be given wide publicity throughout the country and, as an advertisement, it cannot be excelled, for eastern people are too prone to believe that this is wholly an agricultural and stock raising region. Mr. Thompson is one of the busy and judicious promoters of the

of publicity that could be realized so fully in no other way. President Dasent is a thorough business man and has given the matter of the proposed exposition much thought and time. It is his purpose to make it complete in every detail and to give the results the widest publicity. The plans for this great work have been perfected and it now remains only to execute them systematically. That he and his able assistants will do this in the most satisfactory manner there is no doubt. All of those connected with the management of this exposition are more or less familiar with work of this character, some of them having had extended experience in such matters. The manufacturers of the state may rest assured that, under his direction, the Made-in-Oregon Exposition will be all and even



BURY I. DASENT
President "Made in Oregon" Exposition.

more than its promoters have claimed for it. It was a popular proposition from the start, the manufacturers of Oregon taking profound interest in the enterprise from its inception, which forebodes success in a superlative degree.

A FAITHFUL OFFICIAL.

Of course Attorney General Crawford will be re-elected. He should be, and by an overwhelming majority. He has far more than earned his salary during the past four years. He could doubtless have earned much more in private practice, but there is a little honor and distinction in being elected by the people of a state to such a position, and it is well that able, faithful, conscientious men like Mr. Crawford have ambition to be chosen by the people for public service. If every man like he would refuse office because he could make more money in private life, where and how would we get good, capable, faithful public servants?

Mr. Crawford, it is acknowledged on all hands, has performed the onerous and exacting duties of his office ably, conscientiously and faithfully. He has, in fact, earned about ten times the salary paid him for his services. He has worked night and day to do his duty, and in no case has failed so that any complaint has been made.

"Col." "Bob" Miller, his Democratic opponent, is a very pleasant, albeit a somewhat frothy, gentleman. He probably would never pretend, except as a passing joke among his large number of personal friends, that he is a first-class lawyer. He has had some streaks of luck and is able to live in comparative ease without working at the law business very hard. As attorney general he would look nicely, dress well, be gentlemanly, and no doubt would render "opinions" of various sorts; but nobody would consider them very seriously.

NO CHANCE FOR A POOR MAN.

The main objection to the Oregon primary law—one that the New Age has repeatedly pointed out—is that it gives a poor man a small if any chance to get an office. At least it gives the man of large capital a great advantage. This was seen in the contest for the nomination for United States senator. Mr. Bourne, having almost unlimited money, won by the use of it. We do not say that he bought votes directly, or that he used it in any way illegally, but he was able to hire a multitude of workers, who could win a great many votes of men who really cared nothing whether Bourne, Calkins, Watson, Smith, Lowell, Brown, Noakes, Stokes, Stiles or Thompson was nominated or elected.

PROF. WITHYCOMBE'S CAMPAIGN

Professor Withycombe is making a very successful and effective campaign. He is proving that he has a perfect grasp of affairs, as related to all the material interests of Oregon. The attempt to discredit him because he did not happen to be born in this country

proved a boomerang. Governor Chamberlain was born in Mississippi, and Vardaman is governor of that state. How would Oregon like to have Vardaman for governor?

Professor Withycombe has lived here since childhood. He has been a very useful man. He is an entirely clean man, and capable in every way. George, the smiler and handshaker, is a good "mixer," but we expect the country precincts nearly all over Oregon to give large majorities for Withycombe; and he won't run slow in the towns, either.

Oregon is a Republican state, and should have a Republican governor, if the party presents a good, clean, capable man, as it certainly has done in the primaries in the person of James Withycombe. He ought to be elected by a large majority, and we believe will be.

MR. W. C. DUNIWAY.

Mr. W. C. Duniway, candidate for state printer, deserves to be elected, and will be, by a very large majority. He led all other Republican aspirants for state offices in the primaries, and not only all Republicans but a lot of Democrats will support him in June.

Mr. J. Scott Taylor, his opponent, may be a very good sort of man; he runs a little weekly paper over in southeastern Oregon, but Mr. Duniway is especially and peculiarly fitted and qualified to fill this position, as thousands of Oregon voters know. Under his administration of the office there will be no graft, no overcharge, no crookedness, no favoritism. The people did well to select Mr. Duniway for a Republican candidate, and will do well to elect him, as they certainly will do.

Mr. Frank Benson of Douglas county is a sure winner for secretary of state. The plurality of Republican voters of the state made no mistake in nominating him. The New Age preferred another man, but never had any objection to Mr. Benson, who, it learns, is exceptionally well qualified in every respect for this position.

Of course, Mr. George A. Steel will be elected state treasurer. He richly deserves the office, and no man in Oregon could fill the position better.

San Francisco saloons have been closed indefinitely by the authorities.

John F. Wallace has formed a \$12,000,000 electric company in New York.



ATTORNEY GENERAL CRAWFORD
Candidate for Re-election on the Republican Ticket.