

AFFIRMATION.

The Gazette stands for: The protective tariff. The single gold standard. Retirement of the bond-breeding, credit-threatening demand notes of our government.

THE COUNTY JUDGE.

The Times raises the interesting, and at this time, pertinent question, "Should the county judge be a lawyer?"

It is perhaps not improper, in this connection, to allude to the fact that the democratic party in this county has established its position on the question.

The theory that there is an implied constitutional objection to the holding of the office by non-lawyers is very hazv. It is only necessary to reflect that at the present time Marion, Linn, Polk, Lincoln and many other counties have non-attorney judges, in order to understand how untenable is that argument.

The Times, in its argument, takes it for granted that every lawyer understands law, that every lawyer would make a good judge and that a man who is not a lawyer does not understand law and could not act intelligently as a trial judge.

Mr. Woodward, the republican candidate for county judge in Benton county, is not a lawyer, but in probate matters he has had more experience than any but the older attorneys.

But to act as a trial judge is only a smaller part of the county judge's duty, and the "business end" of the county court will be the first consideration of the taxpayers when they go the polls.

"Good law is common sense," and in electing E. Woodward to the office of county judge, the people of Benton county will feel confident that the law as well as the business will be capably and justly administered.

A SUGGESTION.

Episodes in the public career of A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, would furnish material for a rattling campaign against him, as candidate for circuit judge.

Why do not the papers that oppose Mr. Woodcock quote the articles that appeared in the Oregonian, abusing him because he stood up for the rights of the taxpayers in this part of Oregon, against the unreasonable demands of wealthy corporations in Multnomah county?

Today's issue of the GAZETTE is essentially a political edition and it is necessary to curtail the usual news space. The political arguments of the GAZETTE are directed to citizens, not to partisans, and the aim has been to present those matters that most intimately concern the people of Benton county, as such, and as citizens of the state.

VERBUM SAT SAP-ENTI.

Mr. Daly's paper emerges to remark: "The GAZETTE and the Times seem to be considerably worried over Simonism and Corbettism, neither of which is republicanism or populism."

The GAZETTE is not an authority on populism and it does not need to be informed that Simonism or Corbettism is not republicanism. Simonism is the very antithesis of good republicanism, and the GAZETTE, being a sound republican paper, (from inclination, not from profit) therefore opposes Simonism.

Mr. Daly's paper, a few months ago, informed the public that Mr. Simon was being misrepresented, was not a power in politics and would not be a candidate for any position any more.

Mr. Simon may have said so, in confidence, but he has, then, changed his mind, for he is a candidate in Multnomah county, for state senator. And he would not care to be senator unless he hoped to have enough friends in the senate to give him control of the legislature.

Mr. Daly is candidate on the republican ticket for joint senator from Lincoln and Benton counties, and for that reason the GAZETTE is trying to be as apparently friendly with Mr. Daly's paper as circumstances will justify.

Mr. Tongue is not a contractionist. He has never opposed nor does he now oppose the gold standard, but he is one of those republicans who favor the largest use of silver consistent with maintaining the silver money at a parity with gold.

Mr. Tongue has been lately shifted his ground on the money question is not true, and probably arises from editorial incapacity in the discussions of the money question and in the use of the English language.

Any man who heard Mr. Tongue talk during the campaign two years ago knows that Mr. Tongue upheld the gold standard then, and there is not a man in the district capable of casting an intelligent vote but who knows that Tom Tongue was elected as a gold standard man.

To those who may be interested, and some interest has been manifested, the GAZETTE wishes to simply remark that it is a republican newspaper and as such supports the republican ticket. The paper is not greatly given to pretending and only states that which every body knows when it says, that it supports nearly the entire republican ticket, from governor to justice of peace, with the utmost earnestness and cordiality, and the very few exceptions it supports because the candidates were nominated by the party.

It will be observed that this paper does not advise any republican to vote against any republican nominee. Nor does the GAZETTE control any votes. That is not its business.

What we have said, we have said. We have said it because it was true and to deny it now would not make it false nor help any republican candidate.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Graham & Wells.

GOVERNOR AND A. P. A.

A few democratic papers are claiming that Mr. Geer is a member of the A. P. A. A few republican papers are claiming that Mr. King is a member of the A. P. A. And the firecrackers are exploding.

The A. P. A. is not a force in politics. Its day in Oregon was brief, and it is only fair to say that the majority of those who joined the organization were not in sympathy with its crusade against a particular religion or a particular class of citizens.

It was only a few radical men that really believed all that the A. P. A. is supposed to have stood for, and, on the other hand, it is only a few radical men who care a continental sixpence now whether a candidate once belonged to the A. P. A. or not.

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OREGON FOR OREGON.

The people of Oregon have a right to demand that the new custom house to be erected at Portland be built of Oregon stone. From a business standpoint and from the standpoint of sentiment, they are justified in asking that the government buildings erected in Oregon be built of Oregon material.

THE CAUSE.

The present healthy condition of Benton county finances, our warrants drawing a premium and our debt being rapidly extinguished, is due to the fact that Judge Hufford is a good business manager. The fact that he is also a good lawyer does not disprove that it was his business tact that brought Benton county safely out of the storm of hard times. And it is business management that taxpayers still consider the chief essential of a county judge.

VEATCH ON TONGUE.

Mr. Veatch, the gold democrat who is running for congress on the silver ticket has prepared an article on "Tongue's record," which several papers have published and which stamp Mr. Veatch as an unscrupulous politician.

Among other things cited is Mr. Tongue's vote on several occasions sustaining the President's Cuban policy. Every intelligent citizen ought to know that there was no powder for the American navy when some patriotic but misguided congressmen wished to press a conflict with Spain a few months ago.

Some of the other "points" of Mr. Veatch, are absolute misstatements, and as for many of the measures Mr. Tongue is said to have voted for or against, we have only Mr. Veatch's word for it that they were good or bad. Often bills apparently meritorious are actually bad measures and often bills that might appear extravagant are actually necessary.

MONROE ITEMS.

Don't forget the school picnic on May 28th. The band boys at Dusty are to have a picnic on May 21st. Prosperity struck the ranch of C. B. Starr last week. It was only twin calves.

Over fifty daily papers are read in and around Monroe during these exciting times. T. H. Wellsher and family were in Corvallis Saturday. Sadie Looney accompanied them.

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WELLS ITEMS.

Wild strawberries are ripe and quite plentiful. Dr. C. B. Cauthorn spent last week with his folks here. Politics has taken a back seat and given place to war news in this locality.

J. F. Vanderpool has returned from the hospital at Portland, where he has been for the last three months. Supt. Denman held a local institute here on the 6th and 7th, which was well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Quite a number here have the measles, but are getting along nicely. School has been stopped but will commence again the 16th. The Artisans will here give a picnic at Hilder's Grove on Saturday, June 4th. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy themselves.

Hon. A. C. Hough, of Portland, will address the citizens of Wells on the political issues of the day, from a republican standpoint, on Saturday evening, May 14th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

M. L. Cocom, Cameron, Pa., says, "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pills, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. Graham & Wells.

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