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IN REPLY TO MR. BLANCHARD

Mr. Blanchard has sent us a letter for publication. We have no desire to be unfair to him, and very gladly give him space for his communication, reserving the right, however, to defend ourselves from the imputation of unfairness in our former editorial comment on the county judgeship. Mr. Blanchard's letter, taken alone, makes a very plausible story, but viewed in the light of the facts that brought about his candidacy the inconsistencies of some of his statements are at once apparent.

By a very ingenious geographical division of the county he seeks to make it appear that his candidacy was induced by the desire to give this end of the county representation on the county board, when as a matter of fact, by his own admissions, the subject of his candidacy for county judge was first broached by the Prineville people. Does Mr. Blanchard expect any person in this end of the county to believe that their anxiety to have him run for judge was in the interest of the Madras country?

There was unquestionably "geography" in his candidacy, but it rests in this: The Prineville politicians who persuaded him to quit the race for school superintendent and enter the race for county judge expected through his candidacy to cause a split in the solid vote on the west side of the county, and thereby defeat Mr. Ellis. There was more politics than geography in it.

The intimation in the letter, that unless Mr. Blanchard is elected judge this section will have no representation, is unfair to Mr. Ellis. This end of the county will be represented on the board by Mr. Rice of Haycreek, to whose candidacy for commissioner there is no opposition. As to the county judgeship, Mr. Ellis repeatedly said that he did not desire to enter the race if this section had a man for the place, and it was only after this end of the county failed to advance a candidate for judge that he consented to make the race. At that time Mr. Blanchard was soliciting support throughout the county for superintendent of schools. His name had never been mentioned in connection with the judgeship, and was not until his candidacy was launched at Prineville. He cannot deny that he felt no anxiety about this district's representation on the county court until the matter was pointed out to him by the astute politicians at Prineville.

And now, as to the popular clamor he says existed in this section for him to quit the race for school superintendent and enter the race for judge. Mr. Blanchard knows that when he made known his desire to be superintendent of schools the people of this section rallied to his support. But that was the office in connection with which his name was mentioned. It finally leaked down from him that he was being urged to run for judge, and his friends did not even then be-

lieve that he would consider the proposition, until he came down in person and let it be known that he intended to switch to the race for judge. He says now that he would not have made the change if there had not been an almost unanimous demand in this section that he do so. Is this borne out by the facts?

Is it not a fact that Mr. Blanchard came down here and tried to create a sentiment favorable to his making the change?

Every voter in this precinct knows whether he wanted Mr. Blanchard to quit the race for school superintendent and run for judge, or whether that proposition came from Mr. Blanchard himself. If he signed a petition asking Mr. Blanchard to run for judge, as some did, he knows whether the idea originated in his own mind, or whether Mr. Blanchard suggested the idea and argued him into the belief that the change was necessary in order to give this section representation. Is that popular clamor for Mr. Blanchard to run for judge?

Some of his friends in this precinct signed his petition, but they did so because Mr. Blanchard himself solicited their signatures. Many of his friends here, we know, urged him not to make the change, Mr. Blanchard all the time seeking to overcome their objections by subtle arguments. And yet, he intimates that the demand came from this section or he should not have entered the race.

As to whose candidate Mr. Blanchard is, one statement made by him while he was here sufficiently illuminates that question. In the presence of bystanders he stated to several business men in Madras that he had been promised at Prineville that if he would run for judge, there should not be any democratic candidate for that office. Who was it then induced Mr. Blanchard to run for county judge?

Mr. Blanchard takes exception to the Pioneer's statement that he has forfeited his right to the support of this precinct. We repeat it. He abandoned the race for superintendent of schools, for which office the people of this section were supporting him loyally, and entered the race for judge at the behest of Prineville politicians. He has the call on his Prineville friends for their support, but we repeat that he has no claim on this precinct.

MR. BLANCHARD'S LETTER

To the People of Crook County:
 Because of an article which appeared in the last copy of the Madras Pioneer and because I wish to make my position plain to the people of the county, I have written the following article, which are the exact facts in the case as I see them.

Crook County is naturally divided into three separate parts, the eastern and southern, or stockraising district; the west central, or the great irrigated district; and the north central, which is primarily devoted to grain raising.

I believe that every thinking man will agree that nothing would be more fair than that each of these districts should have a representative in the next County Court. The irrigated district already has its representative in Commissioner Bailey of Laidlaw; the stockraising district will undoubtedly be represented by Mr. Rice of Haycreek (as there seems to be no opposition to him). Now is it not just and fair to everyone that the county judgeship should go to the great grain raising district around Madras.

Immediately after I announced my candidacy for the office of county school superintendent some of my friends came to me and tried to get me to withdraw from my candidacy for that position and announce myself a candidate for the office of county judge. I positively refused to do. During the three weeks following I was urged by many people, from all parts of the county, to make

stated above. Still I refused. But when it became apparent that the people from Lamonta, Culver and my home precinct (Kutcher) were desirous that I come out for county judge, I decided to investigate the matter and made a three days' trip through the farming country around Madras, during which time I met less than half a dozen men who were opposed to my making the change, while almost all with whom I talked were very anxious that I should announce myself a candidate for the office of county judge.

It was only after finding out the wishes of the people of my home precinct and finding that there would be no commissioner from there, that I did decide to withdraw from my candidacy for county school superintendent and consent to make the race for county judge. If this makes of me a "miscellaneous" candidate, then I plead guilty to being one.

I have not asked and do not intend to ask any man who has promised his support to any other candidate for the office of county judge to support me for that office, however I should expect every man to vote for what he considers the best interests of the community in which he lives.

As to having "forfeited all claim to the support of my friends" in the Madras country, I really can not see how I have done that, as it is only because of their asking me to make the change that I consented to do so, as is evidenced by a numerous signed petition in which they not only asked me to withdraw from my candidacy for county school superintendent, and consent to become a candidate for the office of county judge, but in which they pledged me their support for said last mentioned office.

As to my platform, I have made no promises to anyone, neither has anyone asked me to do so, but if I am elected to the office of county judge, I shall, to the best of my ability, labor to give every precinct in Crook County a "Square Deal." Very truly yours,
 J. F. BLANCHARD,
 Prineville, Or., March 9, 1908.

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For County Judge

To the Voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.
 H. C. ELLIS,
 Bend, Oregon.

For County School Superintendent

To the republican voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county school superintendent. Your support at the primaries in April will be appreciated.
 R. A. FORD.

For County Sheriff

To the Democratic voters of Crook County: I desire the nomination at your hands at the primaries in April for the office of County School Superintendent, on the Democratic ticket, and your support at the primaries will be heartily appreciated. Sincerely,
 W. R. COOK.

For Joint Representative

To the voters of Crook, Klamath, Lake and Grant counties: I hereby announce my candidacy for joint representative from the 21st Representative District of Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican voters of the district at the primaries to be held April 17th.
 U. C. COE,
 Bend, Or.

For County Surveyor

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination, on the Republican ticket, to the office of county surveyor. I respectfully solicit your support at the primaries on April 17.
 FRANK MAY.

For County Assessor

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county assessor, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.
 H. F. JONES,
 Redmond, Or.

For District Attorney

Subject to the approval of the voters of Crook and Wasco counties, I announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District at the coming primaries. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully as the law provides.
 FRED W. WILSON,
 The Dalles, Or.

For County Assessor

To the Republican voters of the 7th Judicial District:
 I desire the nomination at your hands to the office of District Attorney and will appreciate your votes at the coming primary election if you deem me worthy of your support.
 W. P. MYERS,
 Laidlaw, Oregon.

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For Joint Senator

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 G. SPRINGER.
 Democratic candidate for joint senator.

For County Treasurer

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer, on the republican ticket, subject to your approval of the administration of the office during my present term.
 W. F. KISS.

For County Clerk

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the approval of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held in April.
 WARREN BROWN.

For Sheriff

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Crook County, on the Republican ticket, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary to be held in April.
 FRANK ELKINS.

For County Assessor

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 W. C. CONGLETON,
 Paulina, Or.

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