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WEST SIDE AND THE JUDGESHIP

What the West side of the county wants is a good, businesslike administration of county affairs, with an equitable tax-assessment throughout the county, and a fair distribution of the benefits of taxation. For several years the residents of this section have been pledging themselves to the election of a county court which would be entirely free from the old county seat influence, against which the bitter fight of the past two years has been waged. The West side wants a square deal, unbiased by any of the influences which have caused the discord in the county in the past, and a County Judge who will administer county affairs economically, fairly and impartially. They have an opportunity to elect such a county judge in the candidacy of Mr. H. C. Ellis of Bend, and an analysis of the candidacy of Mr. Blanchard will reveal the cause of the only opposition there is to Mr. Ellis' candidacy.

When, after much deliberation, Mr. Ellis consented to enter the race for County Judge, he announced that he would make no ante-election pledges, further than to discharge the duties of the office in a fair and impartial manner to all sections of the county alike. Some time after announcing his candidacy he was called to Prineville and asked to sign and publish a statement pledging himself to certain policies in case of his election. Among these pledges was one that he would complete the new court house forthwith; another, that he would oppose county division during the term of his office (four years). Mr. Ellis declined. He took the position, with reference to the court house, that he would, of course, complete it as rapidly as there was money for that purpose and it could be done consistent with good business management. Regarding county division, he says it is not an issue now and may not be during the term of his office, but on the other hand it may become an issue during that time, and all sections of the county may approve of division, in which event the county judge would cut a sorry figure opposing what the people of the county want. He stated further that he favored just and equal taxation, a good system of county public schools, and good county roads.

Mr. Blanchard at that time was a candidate for superintendent of schools, but immediately following the refusal of Mr. Ellis to sign any pledge it began to leak down from Prineville that Blanchard was being urged up there to run for judge, and in due course of time he appeared in this precinct, "to find what the sentiment was," as he says. Upon his return to Prineville he announced that he had withdrawn from the race for superintendent and was a candidate for county judge. Mr. Blanchard says he was not asked to sign any pledges at Prineville, which is doubtless true, but it is a significant fact that the Prineville petition which he exhibited here bore the names of the very persons who had tried to get Mr. Ellis to pledge himself to certain poli-

cies. Mr. Blanchard says that he would not have entered the race if he had not found the people of this section almost unanimously in favor of him doing so, but the fact remains that his candidacy originated at Prineville and that he was not brought out until Mr. Ellis refused to allow certain men at Prineville to dictate to him his policies if he should be elected county judge.

The reason for that move at Prineville is also obvious. At the last election the western and northern precincts of the county cast 1071 votes out of a total of 1582, or more than two-thirds. With the sentiment that prevails against the old regime in county politics, it would have been impossible for them to bring out a dyed-in-the-wool Prineville man and win. In order to make any headway it was necessary to split this overwhelming vote, and Mr. Blanchard, who showed strength in the race for school superintendent, was to be the wedge to split the West side strength. This is the kind of political geography (not the Blanchard edition) which made him the "logical" Prineville candidate.

These are the facts which reveal the weakness of Mr. Blanchard's plea that he would not have entered the race if there had not been a demand for it in this section. Support of his candidacy is support of the well-laid scheme of a certain Prineville clique, who, when they found they could not dictate the policies of Mr. Ellis, looked around for a candidate to defeat him. It requires no further proof of this than the fact that the first names on the Prineville petition asking Mr. Blanchard to run for judge are the names of the spokesmen at the meeting in Prineville in which Mr. Ellis was asked to sign a statement pledging himself to certain policies.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RACE

As the time approaches for the primaries the nomination of ex-Governor Geer becomes more certain. Reports from all parts of Eastern Oregon show that he will carry at least two-thirds of the counties here and the three counties west of the Cascades will give him overwhelming majorities. Multnomah county will give him a larger vote for congress than it did for governor two years ago when he carried it by 1775 majority over Wythcomb. Mr. Geer has always been an earnest champion of an open river and his power for good work in Washington is universally acknowledged.

Portland concedes the representative to Eastern Oregon, as it has one of the senators and may have the other. In any event the western part of the district will have both senators and the member of the lower house is granted to the eastern part of the state. There is no desire to try to gobble the representative and Mr. Geer will be the overwhelming choice of that end of the district. Mr. Geer will be a worker in congress and as he is especially strong in all parts of this congressional district the certainty of his nomination becomes clearer every day. He is especially well fitted for that work and would soon make one of the big men in congress.—The Dalles Optimist.

THE INITIATIVE PUZZLE

A pamphlet of 126 pages, giving in detail all of the 19 initiative measures which are to be voted upon at the June election, has been mailed by the Secretary of State to each registered voter in Oregon. The pamphlet is for the purpose of instructing voters upon these measures that they may vote intelligently upon them at the June election, and 100,000 copies have been distributed throughout the state. This new kind of political literature,

which in nine cases out of ten will find its way to the waste basket unread, emphasizes how bunglesome and unwieldy an affair is this initiative law. How many of the hundred thousand voters to whom these pamphlets will be sent will studiously go over the 19 measures to be voted upon, many of them of no local interest whatever? If they do not do so, how are they to vote intelligently upon them? And, unless the people study these measures and then vote intelligently upon them, how are we going to substantiate the theory that by placing the law-making power in the hands of the people we will have only wise laws?

F. E. Dayton of Laidlaw, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for county assessor. He has been deputy assessor in the western part of the county for the past two years, and is a man of good business ability. Mr. Dayton's friends in the Laidlaw country speak very highly of his qualifications for the office of assessor, and say that he will make the county a splendid official in that capacity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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T. T. Geer for Congress

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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 the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.
 H. C. ELLIS,
 Bend, Oregon.

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination, on the Republican ticket, to the office of County Judge. Your support at the primaries, April 17th, will be truly appreciated.
 Sincerely yours,
 J. F. BLANCHARD.

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.

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. B. COOK.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for County School Superintendent of Crook County, subject to the action of the Republican voters in the primary election.
 M. A. LEHMAN,
 Oneil, Oregon.

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.

To the Republicans of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant Counties: I wish to inform the Republicans of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant counties, constituting the Twenty-first Representative District of Oregon, that my name will be presented for your consideration at the Primary election to be held April 17, 1908, asking your suffrages for selection as one of the Republican nominees for



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 H. A. BLANTAIN,
 Paisley, 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 Joint Senator

I wish to state that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for joint senator to represent the district consisting of Crook, Klamath and Lake counties.
 H. L. HOLBATE,
 Bonanza, Oregon.

I herewith announce myself a candidate for joint senator from Klamath, Lake and Crook counties on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primary election.
 L. F. WILLES,
 Klamath Falls, Or.

To the voters of Crook, Lake and Klamath Counties: I hereby declare my platform: Statement No. 1. "He that is greatest let him be your servant." The people of Oregon are competent to elect all officers. Oregon livestock breeders, Oregon fruitgrowers are world-famous. Let us make Oregon the greatest state for good roads, good schools, pure foods, honest weights and measures, honest political methods. Push for Oregon, Pull for Oregon.
 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. KING.

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.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Crook county, subject to the approval of the democratic voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.
 W. C. CONGLETON,
 Paulina, 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.

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.

For County Assessor

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Assessor subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.
 F. E. DAYTON, Laidlaw.

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,
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