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TOMORROW WILL DECIDE

At the primary nominating elections to be held tomorrow the contests over the nominations for the various county offices will be decided. One of the most important of these contests is that for the republican nomination for county judge, for the nomination in that case will be practically equivalent to election to that important office. The Pioneer has supported Mr. H. C. Ellis of Bend for the nomination because of the absolute conviction that he is entitled to the support of this section. In the first place, Mr. Ellis did not become a candidate until he had reason to believe that there would be no candidate from this section, and that his candidacy would be entirely acceptable.

That was the situation when a certain coterie of Prineville politicians and business men attempted to force Mr. Ellis to make a number of ante-election pledges, one of which was that he would oppose county division during the four years term of his office. His refusal to wear the "Prineville Collar" was the beginning of the only opposition there is to his candidacy.

As a matter of fact, the county judge has no greater voice than that of any other citizen of the county on the question of county division, but the purpose of the effort was to pledge Mr. Ellis to help fight Prineville's battles. It is a shameful fact, well known throughout the county, that in 1905 when Prineville sent a delegation to Salem to fight county division, that delegation's expenses were paid out of the county funds, by order of the county court. That they should now attempt to force a candidate for county judge to pledge himself to stand with Prineville on the county division question, is in keeping with their high-handed use of the people's money to fight their battles with. And, the Pioneer believes that Mr. Ellis, by his manly refusal to buy their support by pledging himself to their policies, has earned the support of this section, which wants only fair treatment in county affairs—no more, no less.

These are the chief reasons which have prompted our support of Mr. Ellis, but there is also the further reason of his especial fitness for the place. He is a business man of fine ability, and has the legal training necessary to qualify him for the office, and he will undoubtedly make Crook county an excellent judge.

Mr. Blanchard, who is Mr. Ellis' opponent in the race, has many friends in this section of the county. He would have received practically the solid support of Kutcher and adjoining precincts for school superintendent, to which office he first aspired. His experience in the schoolroom especially qualified him for that office and it is generally conceded that he could have had it. And, Mr. Blanchard cannot deny that he would still have been a candidate for that office had his Prineville friends not put the idea into his head of coming out for the county judgeship. And those

same Prineville friends were the men who stood Mr. Ellis up and demanded ante-election pledges of him. The Pioneer has no fight against Mr. Blanchard, personally, but we do insist that the voters of this section should vote for H. C. Ellis for county judge, unless they want to play into the hands of the Prineville clique, who turned Mr. Ellis down because he would not do their bidding, and then brought out Blanchard as their candidate, to beat Ellis by splitting the West side vote.

FAIR TREATMENT TO ALL

Last week's Bend Bulletin says: "At a little gathering of Bend men in the early part of the campaign, Mr. Ellis reiterated his purpose to treat all sections of the county with equal fairness, when he stated to those present, 'I would just as soon have it understood now as at any time that if I am nominated and elected the interests of Prineville will have to receive fair consideration the same as all other sections of the county.' Those present applauded him when he made that statement because it was an utterance of the principle for which they were contending, just and equal treatment for all the county."

But the Prineville crowd was not satisfied with this sort of a candidate. They at once set to work to defeat Mr. Ellis, and their first move was to induce Mr. Blanchard to go after the county judgeship. Blanchard was a West side man, having a homestead in the Madras section. He was popular and was making a very favorable run for superintendent of schools. They desired to split the West side vote, and figured that Blanchard was as strong a man as they could put up. The importance of spitting the West side vote is seen when one considers that at the last election the western and northern precincts of the county cast 1071 votes out of a total of 1582. It was evident that if Prineville elected a county judge who would continue the old regime of favoring Prineville by robbing the rest of the county, this North and West side vote must be split. And they trusted in Blanchard to split it.

Mr. Ellis will receive practically the unanimous vote of this section. The voters have known from the beginning what is the moving spirit behind the Blanchard candidacy, and they will not play directly into the hands of the Prineville ring by voting for Blanchard. On the contrary, Mr. Ellis promises to treat all sections with equal fairness, he has a legal education that aptly fits him for the position, and possesses the ability necessary to conduct the business of the county in a business-like manner. He will poll one of the largest votes ever cast in Crook county, and his nomination and election is assured."

POLITICAL COLUMN

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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 at the primaries to be held April 17th. U. C. COZ, 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 Joint Representative in said district, to be balloted for on June 1, 1908. H. A. BRATTAIN, Paisley, Or.

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

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. LEDMAN, Oncl, Oregon.

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. R. COOK.

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. HOLGATE, Bonanza, Oregon.

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.

Dr. George H. Merryman announces his candidacy for State Senator from this district. The doctor represented this county in the last legislature, and on account of his wide acquaintance throughout the state was able to do effective work for his district. This acquaintance is among the leading men of the state, men who are recognized as leaders in the councils of the party, and if the doctor is successful in securing the nomination he will undoubtedly do splendid work in the next legislature for this section.—Klamath Republican.

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. WILLYS, Klamath Falls, Or.

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. COSGROVE, Paulina, Or.

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 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.

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