

S. P. PIERCE

Making His Run on His Record

CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

To the Republicans of Coos and Curry, I am submitting the following press clippings and letters it is not in a spirit of self-laudation, but because I am making my run on my record:

"Peirce: A people's man. Speaks his mind freely. Cannot be controlled by the interests."—Portland Daily News, Feb. 20, 1911.

"Representative Peirce of Coos and Curry, made one of the best records in the legislature. He was several times a county clerk, and one of the most competent men in the House."—Capital Journal, Feb. 20, 1911.

ONE MAN WHO SWATED THE TAX BILL

"It is a lamentable fact that only one member of the lower house of the last legislature had enough grit, gumption, or guessing ability to vote against the new tax law that has been so generously condemned by the people of the state.

S. P. Peirce of the Sixth District, only a rancher living thirteen miles from a postoffice in Curry county. It seems that he voted against this unjust tax law that put the state in the Shylock and usury business by collecting interest at the rate of twenty-two per cent per annum knowing what he was about, as he is on record with a big NO on page 706, vote on House Bill 414, of the House Journal.

Pierce has served in the legislature several times and it seems will not vote blindly for every thing that a game, fish, or tax commission shoves at him, as the rest of the solons seem to be in the habit of doing.

While he is a granger and a farmer and votes "no" about two-thirds of the time, he is not afraid to go on record for really progressive measures.

Manufacturers at Portland and all over the state are grateful to Peirce for the one receded No.—From the Pacific Coast Manufacturer for May.

OREGON STATE GRANGE

C. E. Spence, Master. Oregon City, Oregon, April 13, 1914.

Hon. S. P. Peirce, Port Orford, Ore. My Dear Sir:

I was pleased to note in the press of the state that you are a candidate for re-election to the legislature and you have my best wishes for success. I remember with gratitude your services as Chairman of Committee on Roads and Highways and believe that it was due to your firmness and loyalty that the County Bonding Act was so amended that the voter knows where the funds will be expended before he votes on a bond issue. Were it not for this provision in the law the producer and consumer would have but little chance as against the boosters for scenic highways for the use of pleasure seekers and those who would "See America First."

If my memory serves me correctly you were the only member of the House who voted against the present tax law with its unjust penalties and provisions. The old law discriminated in favor of the person who paid all his taxes before the first of March. The present law discriminates against the unfortunate ones who cannot pay all their taxes before the first of April, adding penalties if all taxes are not paid before that date. It serves the money lender by taking a large amount of money out of circulation and piling it up in the treasury vaults before it is needed; or it may be deposited in banks at 2 per cent and again borrowed by other taxpayers at 8 or 10 per cent. It should be gratifying to you to know that your judgment, although you stood alone at the passage of the law, is now approved by a majority of the people and at the next session of the legislature we will likely get a measure that will divide the payment of taxes so as to bring in the money as it is needed, without discriminating rebates or penalties.

The above are only two of the many important measures which, in my opinion, you voted "right." But in my judgment, what is of still greater importance is your record relative to the so-called Oregon System. You have been a consistent supporter of the "System" while in

the legislature. This is of the greatest importance because the enemies are continually trying to slip in jokers that would annul the effect of the laws enacted by the voters. It is highly important that men who are sincere friends of the system be elected to the legislature, otherwise the ring of former days will soon be in control of our state.

Personally, I hope that you will be returned to the legislature because I know that you can be depended upon to do the very best you can, honestly and justly, for all the state.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed) C. E. SPENCE.

[Note—Mr. Spence is Master of the Oregon State Grange, and attends regularly the sessions of the Legislature.]

Dufur, Oregon, April 16, 1914. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES:

I wish to commend to you the sterling honesty, integrity and ability of S. P. Peirce of Port Orford. I served on the fisheries committee of the last two sessions with Mr. Peirce and on the roads and highways committee of the last session. Mr. Peirce always stood firmly by the interests of the people. He worked hard to keep the appropriations down to a reasonable limit. He was the only member of the house who saw a "nigger" in the present burdensome tax law and voted against it. He was one of the five members of the House who voted against a bill carrying the appropriation for his own salary because the bill carried appropriations he did not approve of. Mr. Peirce always defended and supported the initiative and referendum. He gave his constituents honest, conscientious, able service. He deserves a re-election.

F. M. GILL, Representing Wasco and Hood River counties in 1911; representing Clackamas county in 1913.

I believe in the "Oregon System of Government," so called, and at both sessions of which I was a member, I fought all bills declaring "an emergency" when an emergency did not actually exist, and the declaring of same was for the purpose of preventing the invoking of the "Referendum."

Mr. Loney, my only opponent, does not believe in the "Referendum." (His public record as a Port Commissioner is what I base this statement on.) He voted to declare an emergency in making a tax levy, and later as Secretary of the Port Commission, refused point blank to file a "Referendum" petition, and mandamus proceedings had to be instituted.

The new voters, the ladies, I wish to say I have always favored equal suffrage, and that I believe in it in a practical way is evidenced by the fact that my property is owned jointly with Mrs. Peirce, share and share alike, as the assessment roll of Curry County will attest. That I voted for all bills and measures tending toward the social and industrial welfare of the women workers of the state is a matter of record.

I will close by saying that I am making a square, fair fight for the nomination, and respectfully ask that I be given a square deal.

Very truly,
S. P. PIERCE.
(Paid Adv.)

RECALL IN CURRY.

The Port Orford Tribune says: Jesse Turner was in Port Orford Saturday evening, returning from the northern end of the county where he had been circulating petitions for the recall of Judge Wood. Mr. Turner reported that he had secured 75 signatures to the petition in Floras Greek precinct, which made the calling of a special election an assured fact. As stated in our last issue, Mr. Turner received but little encouragement at this place—in fact it was so little that he decided not to attempt to get any signatures in Port Orford precinct. In connection with the matter we wish to state that the Tribune is not making a fight against Mr. Turner. We are not opposing him, but opposing the use of the recall against Judge Wood, as we would feel it our duty to oppose it regardless of who was running to fill the vacancy in case the recall carries.

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