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On Reading Thermometers.

One reason why it has been erroneously claimed, locally, that there are frost pockets and frost-free orchard regions in the Rogue River Valley is that many of the privately owned thermometers have been improperly exposed, according to J. Cecil Alter, observer in the U. S. Weather Bureau, who is making a study of local conditions.

The claim of serious temperature vagaries is not borne out in the records obtained from the bureau's thermometers, exposed at many places in the valley in regulation shelters. The valley is really quite uniformly favorabe for fruit growing and for such frost-protection work as necessary, Mr. Alter states.

A thermometer exposed without a shelter indicates values too high in the sunshine and too low at night. Especially is this true on nights when dew or frost is formed on the thermometer. In these cases, it is stated, the temperature indicated may be anywhere from 3 to 10 degrees too low. The thermometer must be kept dry, and when one is spending a large sum of money heating an orchard one wants to know the correct temperature to guide him in his expenditures.

A small wooden shelter painted white, with louvred or slatted sides like a window shutter, is recommended. It should have a bottom and a double top wtih an air space between the two roofs. It should be about two feet square and two feet high, though for a single instrument it may be smaller. It should stand about four or five feet from the ground.

Such a shelter prevents the accumulation of moisture on the thermometer under ordinary conditions, and allows free air circulation, yet the instrument is always in the shade. Any workman can construct such a shelter in an hour or so from 50 cents' worth of material.

Another reason why the climate of the valley has been libelled, according to Mr. Alter, is that thermometers have not always been carefully read. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain correct reading at night from the light of a match, a candle or a lantern, as such practices are almost sure to heat the thermometer—when in fact the orchardist may desire to heat his orchard instead.

A small flash lamp is the best light. The thermometer should not be touched while reading it, for even the presence of one's body will cause the thermometer to read higher. The observer who makes a practice of using a warm light to make a leisurely reading of the thermometer which he holds near his face in his warm hand, is apt to get the impression that it is his orchard and not the thermometer that is frost-free.

New Spray Bulletin.

A new circular bulletin on Orchard Spraying has just been issued by the departments of plant pathology and entomology of the Oregon Agricultural college. This new bulletin will contain spraying recommendations for apples, pears, peaches, prunes and cherries brought right down to date. It will include discussion of insecticides and fungicides with methods for their prevention. It also includes an article on spraying machinery and accessories. All orchardists interested should sent to the extension service, O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon.

C. C. CATE,
Plant Pathologist.

Mrs. Blakeley's Statement.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Jackson County:

I find some opposition to my candidacy for the office of county treasurer on account of my being a woman, one of my opponent's supporters at the Lincolm day banquet, was heard to make the remark that "he didn't want any blank woman handling the county funds". Of course, I wouldn't want this gentleman to vote for me no matter how competent I am to fill the position.

But the reason for this article is to bring before the voters and taxpayers of Jackson County, a matter which has escaped the notice of the last two expert accountants who audited the county treasurer's books and any mention of which fails to appear in their reports.

I do not wish these remarks to be construed in any way as an attempt at "mud-slinging" for I assure you that such is not my intention, but Mr. Cronemiller, my honorable opponent, in his announcement mentions the fact that his work has always given general satisfaction to the public and has been highly complimented by several expert accountants who have audited the county records, perhaps he, (Mr. Cronemiller) can explain the following discrepancy:

Tabulated statement showing comparison of treasurer's ledger with his Jackson County bank account and the same bank's monthly statement of daily balances submitted to County Treasurer Cronemiller during the last nine months of his administration, to-wit:

Balance Shown on Ledger—	
March, 1914	$ 3,579.77
April, 1914	122,406.81
May, 1914	109,574.83
June, 1914	98,091.85
July, 1914	105,168.65
August, 1914	98,354.80
September, 1914	91,450.21
October, 1914	75,931.43
November, 1914	48,240.93
December, 1914	48,504.26
January, 1915	43,100.43
Balance Shown on Bank Statements—	
March, 1914	$ 3,908.70
April, 1914	91,249.02
May, 1914	93,736.79
June, 1914	64,181.06
July, 1914	70,300.69
August, 1914	63,454.91
September, 1914	57,147.33
October, 1914	40,945.55
November, 1914	15,929.05
December, 1914	13,540.78
January, 1915	43,100.43

The bank should have paid interest on balances as shown on the ledger but paid interest on the balances shown on their statements.

The comparison shows that the bank failed to pay interest on approximately $35,000.00 for the nine months shown above. Was this an oversight on the part of the bank and Mr. Cronemiller?

The law is very plain on the subject of bank depositaries, and two per cent interest must be paid by the banks on all county funds deposited therein, as shown by the monthly statements, showing daily balances in the banks, see chapter 273, 1913 Session Laws of Oregon, amended in 1915.

It would seem that there is due and owing Jackson County approximately $525.00 interest which the bank failed to pay and Mr. Cronemiller as county treasurer failed to collect.

There is no order of record from the county court authorizing Mr. Cronemiller to overlook this item of interest, and if there was, Mr. Cronemiller would not be justified in failing to follow the statutes of Oregon, this should be a matter for the Jackson County Tax League to investigate.

The above facts and figures can be verified by the records in the County Treasurer's office.

MYRTLE W. BLAKELEY.

The barber pole and sign discussion and cussing at Tuesday's council meet furnished an opportunity for a great deal of humor, both premeditated and unconscious, but is really a very serious question involving setting a dangerous precedent. Ashland is remarkably free from unsightly signs which disfigure the streets of so many cities, and the council wisely decided to "go easy" on the granting of permits for sidewalk signs.

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Announcements

(Paid Advertisement.)

District Attorney

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I expect to be a candidate for nomination for the office of Prosecuting Attorney on the Republican ticket at the primary election next ensuing to be held in and for Jackson county, Oregon.

It will be remembered that I held that office when the district embraced the counties of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake. I refer to that record.

C. B WATSON.

District Attorney.

I hereby announce that I have filed my declaration of intention to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of District Attorney for Jackson county, Oregon, subject to the decision of the Republican party in the primary election to be held May 19, 1916. G. M. ROBERTS.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—The first of the year a number of Republicans, including many who approved of my efforts in the interest of the taxpayers as State Representative four years ago, requested me to become a candidate for the office of District Attorney, inasmuch as there would be, in addition to the regular duties of the criminal and juvenile courts, new duties and conditions confronting the office. Among these were mentioned the enforcement of the Prohibition Act, and the likelihood of having to foreclose many tax liens, particularly those against the Southern Pacific land grant of nearly a half million acres in Jackson county, amounting to about $200,000.

My reply was that I would become a candidate if it were generally desired and the race could be made without assuming special obligation to any particular individual, faction, locality or interest.

Therefore, after consulting personally or by letter with several hundred men and women of all occupations in all parts of the county, believing there is a real desire for my candidacy, I will be a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney on the Republican ticket. JOHN H. CARKIN.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—I hereby announce that I have filed my declaration of intention, and that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of District Attorney, subject to the May primaries. If I am nominated and elected to this office, I promise not to forget the fact that I am a public servant, and that I will to the best of my ability administer the affairs of the office, impartially, honestly and without fear or favor. NEWTON W. BORDEN.

School Superintendent

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—I hereby announce my candidacy on the Republican ticket for the office of County School Superintendent for Jackson County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican party at the primary election May 19, 1916. I stand for practical school efficiency, personal supervision of schools and elimination of county school supervisors.

(Signed) FRANCIS C. SMITH.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT — I hereby announce that I have filed my declaration of intentions, and that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County School Superintendent of Jackson county, subject to the primaries of May 19. If nominated and elected, I pledge myself to an honest, impartial and economic administration and will personally supervise our schools. I hold an Oregon Life Certificate, and having recently spent four sessions on preparatory work in both the University of Oregon and in the University of California in the study of modern education and supervision, and having served the county as Rural School Supervisor for two years, I feel competent to fill the office in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and hereby solicit the support of every true friend of education. G. W. AGER.

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for County School Superintendent. I stand for: A continuance of progressive policies in education, economy consistent with efficiency, equal educational advantages for the boys and girls on the farms with those in the cities and towns.

If nominated and elected I will in the future, as in the past, give my full time and best efforts to the supervision of the schools and administration of the duties of the office. During my incumbency I have not confined myself strictly to the routine duties of the office, but have taken a broader view of the mission of the County School Superintendent. In addition to my efforts to raise the standard of teaching and improve the physical conditions at school, I have labored to promote the welfare of the boys and girls through industrial clubs, school fairs, school credits for home work, parent-teacher circles, spelling and arithmetic contests, and other activities. I feel that my work has been regarded with favor, and in order to continue it I am asking for re-election. J. PERCY WELLS.

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—To the Voters: I am Republican candidate for County School Superintendent at the primary election May 19, 1916. I am a Normal graduate, hold an Oregon State Life Diploma, and have taught fifteen years in Jackson county. I have been a principal in the Medford schools the past four years. My standing and ability are before you to investigate. I am for supervision of the schools by the superintendent, and for economy in the County Superintendent's office and every place where it does not retard the efficiency of the schools.

I am in favor of progressive education; that is, education that prepares the boy or girl for life. I am for the uplift of humanity; therefore, all organizations that stand for the good of humanity shall have my support. I am for all having a square deal and an equal chance for an education.

If nominated and elected I will do everything in my power to make the schools of Jackson county the best in the state.

A. J. HANBY.

Assessor

FOR ASSESSOR—I hereby announce my candidacy for County Assessor, subject to the Republican primaries May 19, 1916. I pledge myself to an honest, efficient, impartial and economical discharge of the duties of the office and propose to make all assessments upon the basis of the true actual value of the property and not upon any inflated valuation.

GEORGE LAUNSPACH.

I HEREWITH ANNOUNCE my candidacy for County Assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican party at the primary election to be held May 19, 1916. If elected I pledge myself to make a just and equitable assessment and administer the affairs of the office in a businesslike manner.

J. B. COLEMAN.

COUNTY ASSESSOR—I have filed my declaration to become a candidate for County Assessor of Jackson county, subject to the will of the Republican party, at the primary election to be held May 19, 1916. I will appreciate your investigation of my qualifications and your support at the primary election. E. M. WILSON.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR—I hereby announce that I am a candidate for County Assessor for Jackson county, Oregon, on the Republican ticket, subject to the primaries to be held May 19, 1916. My platform, ECONOMY, EQUALITY and EFFICIENCY. J. C. HERRING.

Treasurer

FOR COUNTY TREASURER—I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer for Jackson county, Oregon, on the Republican ticket, to be voted for at the primary election to be held May 19, 1916. I formerly held the office of County Treasurer, and believe I gave general satisfaction to the public. During the time I was County Treasurer the county employed expert accountants to expert the county officers' books, and said experts complimented my work very highly as a public official. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to conduct the affairs of the office in an honest, efficient and businesslike manner.

JAS. M. CRONEMILLER.

COUNTY TREASURER—I hereby announce that I have filed my declaration of intention to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Treasurer, to be voted on in the coming primaries. If I am nominated and elected will conduct the office in an efficient and businesslike manner. ROY. L. MAULE.

COUNTY TREASURER — Deputy County Treasurer Myrtle W. Blakeley announces her candidacy for the office of County Treasurer.

I hereby announce my candidacy on the Republican ticket for the office of County Treasurer, to be voted on at the coming primaries. I have held the position as deputy in this office for the past year and am confident that I can fulfill the duties connected therewith.

I served two years as Deputy County Recorder before taking the position as Deputy County Treasurer; I have also had experience as accountant for several corporations, such as the Medford Concrete Construction Company and Medford Ice and Storage Company, before taking up county work, and will say that my past record is open for inspection to the voters of Jackson county.

If nominated and elected I will run the office without the expense of a deputy and continue to serve the public just as efficiently in the future as I have in the past.

MYRTLE W. BLAKELEY.

Sheriff

I HAVE HERETOFORE formally announced my candidacy for the nomination for Sheriff on the Republican ticket to be voted upon at the coming primary election May 19, 1916.

I have held the position of Deputy Sheriff during the past four years. It is unanimously conceded that a marked improvement has been made in all departments of the Sheriff's office during the incumbency of the present Sheriff. The records in the office at the beginning of the present administration were considered the worst in the state. They are now considered equal to any and better than most.

The work of tax collection has been systematized so that quicker and better service is now being rendered, and taxes collected at a much less cost than heretofore.

I am fully conversant with the duties and needs of the office for which I aspire.

If I am nominated and elected I pledge myself:

1st—To maintain the office in its present efficient condition.

2nd—To endeavor to further improve the service to taxpayers and to minimize the cost thereof.

3rd—To impartially perform all duties and enforce all laws.

E. W. (Curly) WILSON.

SHERIFF—I am a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Jackson county, on the Republican ticket, subject to the primary, May 19.

I have lived in Jackson county twelve years, made the race for the nomination for Sheriff two years ago and received a splendid vote despite the unusual conditions I had to oppose, and would appreciate your support this time.

If elected I will enforce all laws and pledge myself to an economical, impartial and conservative administration.

A. W. WALKER.

I AM A CANDIDATE for the nomination of Sheriff on the Republican ticket to be voted for at the primaries May 19, 1916. If nominated and elected I will enforce the law and give the public an honest, impartial and efficient administration.

Thirty-seven years in Jackson county. HARRY N. LOFLAND.

FOR SHERIFF—I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Sheriff, to be voted on at the coming primaries, May 19, 1916.

I feel that I need no introduction to the public, having been a resident of Jackson county for 26 years.

I pledge myself, if elected, to give an impartial, economical and conservative administration of this important office.

I have endeavored to serve the public faithfully in the past and agree, if elected, to strictly and impartia ly enforce all laws. Having a very large experience in the matters of taxation and knowing Jackson county thoroughly, I pledge myself to conduct the tax-collecting branch of the office in such a manner as to serve the taxpayers honestly, promptly and efficiently. W. T. GRIEVE.

County Clerk

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

G. A. Gardner is Republican Candidate for County Clerk.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Clerk, and if nominated and elected will continue to give my entire time and attention to the duties thereof, conduct the office according to law and give an efficient, economical and businesslike administration.

G. A. GARDNER.

COUNTY CLERK—I hereby announce that I have filed my declaration of intention to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Clerk for Jackson county, Oregon, subject to the decision of the Republican party in the primary election to be held May 19, 1916.

(Little) JOE H. WILSON.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE that I have filed my declaration of intention to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Clerk for Jackson county, subject to the decision of the Republican party at the primary election to be held May 19, 1916.

A. N. HILDEBRAND.

Circuit Judge

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE—I have filed declaration of candidacy for the office of Circuit Judge. I will sincerely appreciate an expression of approval by the voters, of my administration of the office during the past six years.

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