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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

COUNTY.

- Senator—W. E. YATES, of Corvallis
- Representative—VIRGIL CARTER, of Soap Creek
- Sheriff—J. M. CAMERON, of Corvallis
- Clerk—RICHARD SCOTT, of Willamette
- Recorder—T. T. VINCENT, of Kings Valley
- Commissioner—L. H. HAWLEY, of Dusty
- School Superintendent—G. W. DENMAN, of Corvallis
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- Assessor—GEO. COOPER, of Philomath
- Surveyor—T. L. READ, of Wren
- Coroner—S. N. WILKINS, of Corvallis

THE PLATFORM.

- Resolved, That we favor the permanent betterment of every highway in Benton county, without regard to the political complexion of the section to which it leads or through which it passes.
- Resolved, That we favor the liberal but intelligent expenditure of public money for road improvement, under competent supervision, and limited to the employment of such methods as will provide good roads without imposing unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.
- Resolved, That we favor an administration of county affairs which will render unnecessary a gradual increase of the taxpayers' burden from year to year at a time when the county is free from debt, and there is no demand for heavy expenditure of county funds.
- Resolved, That we favor an equal and uniform system of taxation as prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state, and condemn in most severe terms a policy which discriminates in favor of one individual and against another.
- Resolved, That we favor the strict attention of every county officer to his duties prescribed for him by law, and the faithful observance of the obligations imposed by his oath of office.—Adopted by the Benton county Republican convention, March 31, 1904.

IT APPEARS BIENNIALY.

In its last issue the Corvallis Times reprints its bi-ennial editorial on "Let Us Have Peace." All old residents of Benton county know the significance of this portentous phrase. It is the puff of white smoke that rises from the masked battery which vomits calumny, vilification and abuse at Republican candidates through every local political campaign. A different excuse accompanies its every appearance, but the editorial itself is stereotyped.

In opening the campaign of 1900, the Times printed this editorial on April 21st of that year. Then as now we were told that "The Times is first, last and all the time, for peace. It insists upon peace. It begs for peace. But—"

"But" was followed at that time by the manufactured excuse that "It develops that friends of certain candidates on the Republican county ticket have already begun a campaign of mudslinging." In 1902, "But" had a similar tale of woe, and now we find "But" softly impeaching the Gazette. That editorial is kept "standing." It has a purpose to serve, and some pretext must be found for its appearance. So long as W. S. McFadden is the political mentor of the Times, readers of that paper may be prepared to hold their nose when "Let Us Have Peace" appears at its masthead.

"But" finds that "for many issues past the Gazette as been filled with insinuation, innuendo and alleged ridicule." This is not true. However, that is a quarrel for the Times and Gazette to settle. The publishers of this department are not responsible for the utterances of the Gazette, any more than the merchant is who speaks through its columns. Nor is the Gazette or its owners accountable for anything that may appear herein.

Beginning with the issue of Tuesday of last week the Republican central committee of Benton county secured control of this space, and since that time nothing "disrespectful, garbled, warp-

ed or untruthful" has been printed in these columns. The Times' contention that these terms apply to the report of the late Democratic convention, printed on this page, is without foundation.

Does the Times claim that Judge McFadden is credited in that report with anything he did not do or attempt to do in that convention? Is it not a fact that some of his flings at the Republican candidates, during the morning session, were unfit to appear in print? When he boasted that "Bill Yates' big belly and broad back were good targets for shots," was not the implication plain that Mr. Yates was to be made the target for broadsides of vilification and abuse which will be hurled by Judge McFadden through the column of the Times, and by means of such vile pamphlets as were circulated during the campaign of 1902, against J. O. Wilson, the Republican candidate for clerk?

Will the Times deny that Wm. Bryans, a delegate to the convention from Wren, made a speech questioning the Democracy of Mr. Avery and objecting to his nomination, and another taking the Democratic administration severely to task for expending large sums on the county roads without improving the condition of those roads?

Will the Times deny that men were elected to the convention in the Democratic primaries who totally ignored this bid of the bosses for their support in the campaign?

Will the Times deny that Mr. Harris, the well-known Democrat, rushed into the convention hall and angrily informed those who had tried to soil-soap him with the nomination for representative, that he "positively would not have it?"

Does the Times deny that the report of the convention which appeared in these columns was more complete, more detailed and more replete with facts than the report which appeared in the Times?

By an artful arrangement of figures, rivaling Donnelly's famous cryptogram, the Times attempts to show that "hours before the (republican) convention met, delegates on the street knew who would be nominated," yet the unsuccessful aspirants for nomination and their friends walked into the convention totally ignorant of what the Times claim was common gossip on the street. If the Times' figures show anything, they indicate that 57 delegates controlled the Republican convention, while Judge McFadden and two or three associates control every action of the Democratic party and rule or ruin every Democratic office holder who does not do their bidding.

The minutes of the Republican convention show that the successful congressional candidates were elected by a vote which ranged from 49 for J. R. Smith to 60 for Geo. E. Lilly. Delegate S. L. Kline made a motion asking that only those who received a majority of all votes cast should be declared elected, but Mr. Waggoner opposed this with a motion declaring that the seven candidates receiving the highest number of votes should be elected. Mr. Waggoner's motion prevailed. Now the Times says that Mr. Kline and Mr. Waggoner were the "victims of a job."

In conclusion, it may be well for the Times to understand that so far as the Republican Central Committee is concerned, the subjects to be discussed in this campaign can be confined to those outlined in the platform of resolutions at the head of these columns, and kindred matters of importance to taxpayers of this county.

HON. W. E. YATES.

Republican Candidate for State Senator from Benton County.

The subject of this sketch was born forty-seven years ago in Linn County, Oregon, and was reared on his father's farm about three miles east of Corvallis. He was the eldest child of the family, and early in life was thrown upon his own resources and developed the ability for making his own way and caring for himself, which quality has clung to him through life. His first education was obtained in the old Orleans school house which still stands about two miles east of this city in Linn County. His first instructor was Miss Lizzie Walker, now the wife of Joseph Hite, a citizen of this county. He early developed a liking for books, and by taking advantage of the three months district school in his home neighborhood, and by studying at home, when he was ten years old he was able to enter the preparatory department of the old Corvallis College which was then under the management of President W. A. Finley, Joseph Emery, and others. At that age in order to secure an education he was willing to stay with the family of William Hannon, who then lived on what is now known as the Blumhart farm in Linn county, where he worked for his board, doing chores night and morning, walking to and from Corvallis every day, a distance



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of two miles, the entire school year. It was then that there were in attendance at this college Hon. J. K. Weatherford, the present president of the Board of Regents of that institution, W. F. Herren, chief counsellor for the Southern Pacific for this coast, Dr. Frank Canthorn, and others, and from such associations and the instructions of his teachers, he received the incentive to obtain a thorough education, which he did largely by his own efforts, by working on a farm during vacation, and latterly by teaching. He graduated from the State Agricultural College in 1880, receiving the degree A. M. upon graduation. Being one of three persons during the entire history of that institution who has received that honor.

The first year after his graduation he was connected with the college, having charge of the primary department then connected with the school. Afterwards he was made professor of language of Monmouth College, which position he held for four years. During his connection with Monmouth College he was elected school superintendent of Polk County, he and two others being the only Republicans elected during the campaign. He then took up in connection with the superintendency, public school work, becoming thoroughly identified with the same, in Polk County and was made principal of the Independence public schools. During his residence at that place, he served as mayor of that city. In 1889, at the solicitation of Judge J. R. Bryson, M. S. Woodcock and Thomas Graham, then directors of the Corvallis school district, he accepted the principalship of the public schools of Corvallis, and while he was thus engaged the

central school building was built, and the graded school established which now remains. While connected with the public school work of Corvallis, he was elected county school superintendent of Benton county, and at the end of his term of office took up the practice of law, having made the necessary preparations for admission to the bar while carrying on his regular work, and supporting his family.

For a few years he had offices with Judge Bryson, and in 1893 he became a partner of Judge Bryson in the practice of law, he being the only law partner Judge Bryson was ever associated with during his practice in Benton county, which partnership continued until a short time before Judge Bryson's death.

In 1896 he was elected prosecuting attorney in the second judicial district, which office he filled creditably to himself and to his party, giving one of the most economical administrations to the taxpayers which the district has ever had. In 1893 he was appointed a member of the Board of Regents of the State Agricultural College for a term of three years, and was afterwards re-appointed for a term of nine years, and for some time served as secretary of that body.

Since retiring from the office of district attorney, at his own choice, Mr. Yates has given his entire attention to the practice of law, although often solicited to accept public trusts. For several years past he has held the position of city attorney of Corvallis, to which position he was elected at the solicitation of Mr. P. Avery and other members of the Council as a fit man for the place. His election was unanimous, and he is still retained in that office.

Although born in Linn county the most of his life has been spent in Benton county, and his entire education received here with the exception of one year spent in Willamette University, at Salem in 1872, when Thomas M. Gatch was president and Thomas Crawford was a professor of that institution.

Mr. Yates is a taxpayer and property owner in Benton county, and has ever been identified with all movements of progress for the welfare of the county. He has reared a family and educated them here, and in the future as in the past his interests will be here.

The Benton county candidate for representatives in the legislature lives on Soap Creek. He should run well and make a clean race.—Portland Journal. This may be true, but it will not prevent the disposition on the part of his opponents to lye about him.—Salem Statesman.

The following members of the Benton County Republican Central Committee have been chosen by the delegates who represented the various precincts at the recent Republican county convention: J. R. Smith, chairman, Corvallis No. 3; J. B. Irvine, Corvallis No. 4; A. C. Miller, Kings Valley; Robt. McFarland, Summit; G. H. Wamsley, Blodgett; J. H. Edwards, Dusty; N. E. Newton, Philomath; W. S. Tomlinson, Soap Creek; T. J. Risley, Fairmount; Scott King, Wren; S. N. Warfield, Asea; W. Parks, Willamette; M. D. Harpole, Monroe.

Four women in Kansas have been arrested for illegal registration. And yet there are men who declare that women do not understand the first principles of politics.—Telegram.

The way to make Colonel Henry Watterson angry on the shortest notice would be to say that he is the same sort of an editor as W. R. Hearst.

Spring Announcement

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New Challies and Cotton Suitings
New White Waistings

New Dress Skirts and Shirt Waists

WOOL DRESS GOODS
New Mixed Suitings
New Scotch Weaves
New Etamine and Voiles
New Mohairs, Plain and Figured
New Black Dress Goods

NOVELTIES
New Buttons
New Waist Sets
New Trimmings
New Ornaments
New Stock Collars
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