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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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Sheriff—
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T. T. VINCENT, of Kings Valley
Commissioner—
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School Superintendent—
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W. P. LAFFERTY, of Corvallis
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.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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PLAYS THE CUTTLE-FISH.

Judge McFadden's political understudy, the editor of the Times, tacitly admits in the last issue of that paper that the report of the late Democratic county convention, printed in these columns, was correct in every particular. He is entitled to no credit for the discovery. The truth and fairness of that report have never honestly been questioned by anyone who attended the sessions of that convention. That there came near being open rebellion on the part of a number of the delegates, was not to their discredit, nor was there any reason why a fair and complete report of the proceedings of the convention should not contain reference to these facts. Left to themselves the delegates would, no doubt, have held an harmonious convention and fairly represented their constituents, but Judge McFadden, supported by his right and left bower, was a combination they could not beat.

The real purpose of the Times' article "About Two Conventions," published in its issue of April 9th, was not to question the accuracy of our report of the Democratic county convention. Some pretext must be found for printing that editorial on "Let Us Have Peace," and the Trio were still smarting from the whacks dealt them in the convention by blunt old William Bryans. Some excuse must be trumped up for delivering those "shots" Judge McFadden was aching to fire at the morning session of the Democratic convention. He is already pulling at the lanyard, and the public may expect to hear reports emanating from the Times' office

in a few days as false and disgusting as any that have come from that source in years.

Like the cuttle-fish, the Times has a habit, when pursued, of throwing out something from its ink-bag in the hope that it may escape detection. In its last issue it undertakes to darken the clear water through which the Republicans are sailing by emitting a cloudy matter called "That Snipe Hunt." It scurries from the position it took in its article "About Two Conventions," but spurts out:

"Aha! You didn't say nothing no place about that midnight caucus."

It is the purpose of the Republican Central Committee to discuss in this space matters of fact bearing upon the issues involved in the present campaign. We believe the Gazette has a department devoted to fiction. The editor of that department informs us that he will be glad to publish a bright short story from the pen of the editor of the Times entitled "That Midnight Conclave; or Who Held the Sack?" The following points must, however, be made clear: Where the conclave was held; who attended it; what part Mr. J. B. Irvine, the father of the editor of the Times, who nominated the Republican candidate for state senator, took in the "rank proceedings" of the conclave; and where the Times got its information regarding this alleged midnight caucus.

WHAT EACH FARMER PAYS.

There is one issue in this campaign that is haunting the minds of the present Democratic county administration, and the Times talks about it in its sleep. In nearly every issue it attempts some new and equally unsatisfactory answer to the demand that comes from taxpayers in every section of the county for a reason why their burden of taxation is being made heavier 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. Before the campaign closes every reader of this page in the Gazette will know where the leak in the county treasury is, and will be shown the inwardness of a policy that discriminates in favor of one individual and against another in the matter of taxation.

With characteristic insincerity the Times attempts to evade the real issue and shifts the responsibility for the whole matter upon the state legislature. In order to mould public sentiment along this line, it remarked facetiously a few weeks ago:

"They have a new way of retreating to the payment of taxes now. When a taxpayer hands in his money over the sheriff's counter, they say he is paying his assessment for the Lewis and Clark Fair."

Has the Times forgotten the strenuous arguments it was publishing in favor of that Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation a couple of years ago? Has it forgotten how it urged that the legislature should pass that appropriation bill? Has it forgotten this article, published as an editorial in the Times of November 29, 1902:

It has been figured out that, should the Oregon legislature appropriate \$500,000 to the 1905 fair, the farmers of Oregon would pay \$142,000, or only 28 per cent of the sum. In the state there are 58,490 people engaged in agriculture, as calculated on the basis of the 1900 census. On a \$500,000 appropriation, of which \$250,000 would be collected in 1904 and an equal sum in 1905 the average that each farmer would have to pay would be \$2.43 for the two years or \$1.21 1/2 cents each year.

Of the \$500,000, Multnomah county would have to pay in taxes \$156,150, or considerably more than would the farm of the state. In addition, the city of Portland, by voluntary subscriptions has already contributed \$350,000 to be used for the fair.

With reference to the appropriation, whatever it is to be, it may be said that,

Portland, though a heavy taxpayer, is rarely the beneficiary of appropriations at the hands of the legislature. That city has no institutions of importance that the state is annually called upon to aid, and her legislative members are not often at the capital as now, with their hands out for gold.

According to the argument advanced in the above article from the Times, farmers of Benton are each paying this year "\$1.21 1/2 cents" as their share of the Lewis and Clark appropriation. Yet the Times now cries out against the "extravagance on the part of a Republican legislature," and tells its readers in the country that this \$1.21 1/2 is responsible for the fact that many of them are paying from 25 to 50 per cent more taxes than they did the last year of Judge Woodward's administration.

T. T. VINCENT.

He is Called the "Abe Lincoln of Benton County."

During the campaign of 1902, the following brief sketch, introducing the Republican candidate for recorder to the voters of Benton county, appeared in the Gazette:

"The Abe Lincoln of Benton county, is what his friends call T. T. Vincent, Republican candidate for recorder of Benton county. There is much in Mr. Vincent's appearance and manner to justify the sobriquet. Tall and angular, with a swinging gait; kind and gentle in his manner; possessed of a benign countenance and a genial smile, Mr. Vincent attracts attention and makes warm and abiding friends.

"Mr. Vincent was born in Allen county, Ohio, March 14, 1853. His parents moved to Minnesota in the fall of the same year. He completed a thorough public school course, and attended the state university of Minnesota at Minneapolis for several terms. Having his own way to make in life he began teaching when 18 years of age, and taught four terms in Minnesota, coming to Oregon in 1875. He continued teaching in Marion, Polk and Washington counties until 1884, when he was elected county school superintendent of schools in Washington county. He was re-elected in 1886, practically without opposition.

"Mr. Vincent then engaged in the lumber business in Yamhill county for two years, and in 1890 was one of the original organizers of the Capital Lumber Company of Winlock, Washington, with a capital stock of \$50,000. He was president of the company and general manager of the business. The firm employed in 1891, between 50 and 70 men. Mr. Vincent retired from the above firm in 1895, and in 1893 bought the old Brit Wood place in Kings Valley, in this county. For the last few years he has been living on his farm, and has been teaching in Kings Valley and schools adjacent to his home.

"He is highly respected by his neighbors and acquaintances for his sterling integrity, his upright and consistent life, and for his genial and agreeable manners. He has the confidence of all his friends, who number some of the most prominent men in the state.

"Writing under the date of Nov. 4, 1900, from Eugene, the late Professor E. B. McElroy said: 'It affords me great pleasure to say that I have been personally acquainted with Mr. T. T. Vincent, of Kings Valley, this state, for many years, and I certify to his personal worth, his educational qualifications, and his ability to teach.' J. N. Hunt, ex-superintendent of schools in Polk county, writing from Dallas, Nov. 2, 1900, said of Mr. Vincent: 'Prof. T. T. Vincent is one of the most successful public school teachers in this county. During my term as superintendent of Polk county I had the opportunity to gain a personal knowledge of his work,

and I can say it ranked along with the best.'

"D. M. C. Gault wrote, under date of October 26, 1900, from Hillsboro. 'I have known T. T. Vincent for nearly twenty years, and have known him to be honest conscientious capable man, and can see no reason why he should not be successful wherever employed.'

"No further proof than this is needed of Mr. Vincent's standing throughout the State. He is even more highly regarded at home. He is thorough, capable, an excellent penman, and will make as good a recorder as Benton county ever had."

In the election which followed Mr. Vincent defeated one of the most popular men on the opposition ticket, his home precinct, Kings Valley, giving him 79 votes to his opponent's 19. He has been so efficient and obliging an officer that he is steadily gaining in popularity, and justifies the belief that in him Benton county has an ideal recorder.

The records of the office as kept by him are models of neatness and accuracy.

ALL FOR BINGER

Was the Unanimous Choice of the First District Convention.

Hon. Binger Herman was made the unanimous choice of the Republican Congressional Convention, which met at Salem, Wednesday, as a candidate for congress to succeed himself from the First Congressional district of Oregon. Hon. L. T. Harris withdrew from the race before the convention met, and his supporters fell in line and accepted defeat with utmost good grace.

With few exceptions delegates were sent to Salem pledged to support either of the leading candidates for the nomination. Benton's seven delegates went uninstructed, and were free to act in whatever manner would best serve the interests of this county. Both Mr. Hermann and Mr. Harris have hosts of warm admirers in Benton county and the naming of an independent delegation by the recent Republican county convention was satisfactory to Republicans generally. Mr. Hermann secured his nomination by honorable and fair methods, and every Harris man in the district will be found actively and earnestly supporting him in the coming campaign. He has served long and faithfully in congress, and will be returned to Washington in June by the full Republican vote of the First District.

Hon. Geo. C. Brownell was chosen chairman of the convention, and the proceedings were carried out according to program. The withdrawal of Mr. Harris left a clear field for Mr. Hermann and he was elected by acclamation. J. U. Campbell, of Clackamas county, and Dr. J. M. Keene, of Josephine county, were elected delegates to the National convention, with Jesse Edwards, of Yamhill, and B. F. Jones, of Lincoln, alternates. Walter L. Tooze was chosen chairman of the congressional committee. C. V. Johnson, of Kings Valley, is the committeeman for Benton county.

When the convention was called to order in the afternoon short speeches were made by ex-Governor Geer, ex-Governor Lord and Hon. B. L. Eddy. The latter paid a glowing tribute to Harris, who he said had made a manly fight in pursuit of a worthy ambition.

The mention of the name of Harris was a signal for the greatest demonstration the convention experienced. The applause grew louder and louder as it continued and finally the convention broke forth in cheers, the Hermann people joining in the demonstration without reserve.

Spring Announcement

WASH GOODS

New Percales and Calicos
New Gingham and Chambrays
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
New Laces
New Ribbons

New Hosiery and Underwear

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