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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

COUNTY.

Senator—W. E. YATES, of Corvallis
Representative—VIRGIL CARTER, of Wells
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
Treasurer—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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NOT ONTO THE ROPES.

"Judge McFadden, you advocate good roads in your resolutions. You people are spending enormous sums of our money in improving our roads and we have no roads. I want to know if that resolution is sincere. We want roads that delegates to our conventions can get over on horseback. Your men pay the bills for road work out of the people's money and never look to see whether the work has been done or not. I want a change."

This was the reception Wm. Bryans, of Wren precinct, gave the "good roads" plank in the set of resolutions drafted by Judge McFadden for the recent Democratic county convention held in this city. When Mr. McFadden finished reading that plank Mr. Bryans stood up as a delegate to the convention and protested against the manner in which the present Democratic administration is "spending enormous sums of our money in improving roads, and we have no roads." In the face of this charge the accused were silent, while Mr. Bryans was loudly applauded by his fellow delegates.

During his residence in Benton county Mr. Bryans has proved himself a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen. He is an earnest advocate of good roads, but, being a practical man, he believes that business methods should be employed in making roads and demands that results be attained for the money expended.

"Your men pay the bills for road work out of the people's money," said he, "and never

look to see whether the work has been done or not." This was the charge that Mr. Bryans brought against the bosses whose mandate must be obeyed by every Democrat who is elected to office in Benton county if he would retain his official head. And the Trio stood silent before Mr. Bryans.

In his long letter to John the Business Democrat referred to the disturbance raised in the convention by "old man Bryans," but made light of it by explaining that the old man was a new-comer and wasn't onto the ropes yet. Under the lash is probably what he meant, but "onto the ropes" looks better in a letter that is intended to cajole.

If we mistake not the temper of the sturdy old gentleman from Wren, the bosses will do well to spare the lash in the case of Mr. Bryans.

MADE TO SIT ON.

The Democratic State Convention, which met recently in Portland, adopted a platform and sanctified it with the name of Jefferson. To satisfy the most skeptical that the builders of that platform were terribly in earnest the "spirit of the last national platform" was invoked, and the convention was sworn by the party "shield and buckler."

Yet within a day, before the ink was dry upon the parchment that will preserve for future party guidance the declarations of that convention, the Portland Journal—the leading Democratic paper of the state—openly averred:

The average voter of intelligence, perception and memory knows that platforms are notoriously insincere; they are "made to get in on," not to stand and work on when a party gets in. The Democratic party, for example, has for many quadrennial periods been delaring against a high protective tariff, whose object is to rob the many for the benefit of the few, but it is not forgotten that when that party last had an opportunity to end this system of reciprocal rapine it did nothing, or next to nothing, in this direction; and it is observed that many Democrats in congress are as extreme protectionists as Republicans are, whenever their districts have special interests to be protected.

While the Journal is good Democratic authority, we are disposed to be charitable and say that Democratic platforms are usually made to "sit down on," not to "stand and work on."

THE WAY TO DO 'EM.

One of the most interesting contributions to the literature of the present campaign in Benton county, is the letter which the Business Democrat wrote to John shortly after the Democratic convention was held in this city.

That official document contained the plan of campaign as outlined by the Wily Sachem and his two lieutenants.

The way in which the two hundred Republican majority in this county is to be overcome is almost cruel in its simplicity. The blow might be made to fall easier if some intricate and circuitous method of accomplishing this result had been planned, but to annihilate that majority with one breath is little short of barbarous.

"The way to do them," wrote the Business Democrat, "is to get every Democrat to vote his ticket straight, and every Republican to get counts two."

Simple, isn't it? But no more simple than the Republican who permits himself to be "done." If every Republican will vote his ticket straight next June, he will strengthen his party for the contest which is to decide whether or not Teddy Roosevelt is to be retained in the White House, and administer a long-delayed rebuke to the trio of Democratic bosses who hold so lightly the allegiance of Republicans to their party.

W. P. LAFFERTY.

Voters Will Make no Mistake in Electing Him County Treasurer.

The Republican nominee for treasurer of Benton county was born in Harrison county, Ohio, and was reared on a farm near Cadiz. The family moved to Chillicothe, Mo., in 1866, and in the following year the mother was called to her reward, leaving the lad homeless. At the age of sixteen he entered the office of the Constitution, at Chillicothe, to learn the printers trade. After working there for a year for the meager salary of \$2.50 per week, he went to Trenton, Mo., and accepted a position as compositor on the Trenton Republican. At the end of the first year in his new place he was promoted to the position of foreman of the paper, which place he filled until 1878, when he retired from the newspaper business to assume the duties of treasurer of Grundy county, to which office he had been elected for a term of two years.

He went into the grocery business with his brother in 1880, retiring in 1885 on account of ill health. Two years later in partnership with W. A. Smith, under the firm name of Lafferty & Smith, he engaged in the Dry Goods, Boot, Shoe and Clothing business, and built up an extensive trade, which was swept away in that period of financial depression from 1892 to 1896.

Mr. Lafferty came with his family to Oregon in 1898, and chose Corvallis as his place of residence. No better proof of the esteem in which he is held in this community could be given than the action of the recent Republican convention for Benton county in nominating him for the very important office of county treasurer by acclamation. The nomination went to Mr. Lafferty without solicitation on his part, and every Republican in the county should take a pride in indorsing the action of the convention by casting a vote for Mr. Lafferty next June.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, will be read with interest by Mr. Lafferty's many friends in Benton county.

TRENTON, MISSOURI, April 10, 1904.
MR. J. R. SMITH, Chairman
Republican Central Committee,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I learn from friends here that Mr. W. P. Lafferty, formerly of this city, has been nominated by the Republican convention of your county as a candidate for treasurer. The very high regard in which Mr. Lafferty was held by me, personally, and by the people of this county, prompts me to say a word to you in his favor.

I have known Mr. Lafferty personally and intimately for over thirty-four years. When I first purchased and took charge of this paper, in September, 1869, I found him, then quite a young man, an employee of the office. He soon won my confidence, and in a few years became foreman. He continued in this position, I think, for about fifteen years and until he voluntarily resigned, having been chosen treasurer of this county. He held this official position for two years. His work with me was always of an eminently satisfactory character and his conduct as an official was highly so to the people of the entire county.

When he was elected treasurer, knowing him as I did, I asked the privilege of going on his bond of \$120,000.00, and I assure you that I lost no sleep on that account.

Mr. Lafferty was universally regarded as one of our best citizens and was in line with the best people. I assure you that your people will make no mistake in electing him.

Wishing Mr. Lafferty and your entire Republican ticket abundant success,
I am
Very truly yours,
W. B. ROGERS.

The voters are not talking much politics as yet, but they are doing some good sound thinking. After mature reflection there will be a rousing majority for lower taxes and good roads—Roseburg Review.

A WORD WITH DEMOCRATS.

When President Roosevelt interfered with the anthracite coal magnates of Pennsylvania, on behalf of their labor, says the Oregonian, he served notice on them that he was his own man, who was not afraid to do justice and love mercy in spite of all they could do to harm him.

When President Roosevelt notified the labor unions that Foreman Miller, of the bindery in the government printing office, should receive his steadfast protection, regardless of any movement that organized labor might initiate against him, he showed the country that he was his own man, determined to enforce the law without fear or favor.

When President Roosevelt ordered his Attorney General to proceed against the Northern Securities merger, he served notice on the great railway corporations that he was his own man, and that neither their threats nor their entreaties should swerve him from doing his duty as he saw it.

When President Roosevelt was importuned to use his influence in favor of the Lewis and Clark Fair, he did not hesitate or content himself with professions of help without meaning. He did not stop at words, he acted. He called men like Cannon, Payne, Dalzell and Tawney, who were firmly opposed to the appropriation, and insisted upon its friendly consideration. Against every adverse appeal he stood firm, in every crisis of need he went unhesitatingly and forcefully to the front.

If the Democrats of Oregon are the men we think they are, few among them will find it in their hearts to set the seal of their disapproval upon the man who has so often showed his sterling mettle, who has done so much for us. Born and reared in New York, he is nevertheless, the first Western president we ever had. He is of the Western manner, direct, forceful, steadfast. He has stood by the people, will the people stand by him? He has stood by Oregon, will Oregon in June be found giving aid and comfort to his enemies?

Registration books close on the evening of May 15th, and voters who neglect to register on or before that date, will have to resort to blank "A" before they will be permitted to cast a ballot for county and state officers in June, or for president next November.

Pacific Coast Exposition.

International scope is assured to the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to be held at Portland, Oregon, from June 1st. to October 15, 1905, by President Roosevelt's approval of the act of Congress making an appropriation for the exposition, and his invitation to foreign countries to participate. Portland's Exposition will represent an outlay of over \$5,000,000. Though covering 405 acres of land and natural lake, it will be compact in form, and the average person will be able to see and comprehend it all in a few days at moderate cost. The cream of the foreign and domestic exhibits to be made at St. Louis this year will be transferred to Portland at the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The United States exhibit will be moved entirely to Portland and installed in buildings to be specially erected. This exhibit will be worth \$800,000. In addition, Portland will have many features which will not be seen at St. Louis, such as exhibits demonstrating the life, customs and industries of China, Japan, Hawaii, Siberia, Russia, Alaska, Austria, New Zealand, the Philippines and India.

The Lewis and Clark Centennial will be the first international exposition under Government patronage ever held on the Pacific Coast. It will be in every way a Western Exposition.

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

DOMESTICS

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New Muslins and Sheetings
New Towels and Towling
New Curtains and Scrims

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