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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

### COUNTY.

Senator—W. E. YATES, of Corvallis  
 Representative—VIRGIL CARTER, of Weis  
 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. F. 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 taxpayer's 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.

J. B. Smith, Chairman.....Corvallis No. 3  
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### THE FIRST DUTY.

Every man in Oregon who professes to be a Republican, a supporter of President Roosevelt, and a wisher for Republican success in November has one paramount duty for the eight days remaining in May, and that is to bestir himself to get Republicans to register. If this is not done, little else is worth while. If this is not done, the great result hoped for in June cannot be accomplished. You might as well try to build a house from the roof down as to win a great victory for President Roosevelt in June without first getting the 100,000 necessary votes registered. May we not impress this duty upon Republican leaders and Republican newspapers throughout the state? The old days of buying votes are past; but the reform legislation of which the registration law forms a part imposes a new obligation upon the intelligent and honest citizen. This obligation is one of political activity in all proper ways. Speeches and rallies are secondary to the actual work of getting the vote out; and the vote cannot be got out unless it is registered between now and May 15.

It is a public duty of every citizen of Oregon to cast his vote in the November election. No matter how he votes, his vote should be recorded, one way or the other. There is an opportunity now, lasting till May 15, for registration at the office of the County Clerk. At that date the books will be closed, not to be opened again before the November election. Everybody wants to vote

for President. Everybody should vote. It is the patriot's privilege as well as duty. A heavy vote will be the best advertisement Oregon can send out. The vote of 1900 was 84,000; in 1902 it was 90,000. This year it should be 100,000. Qualify yourself to vote by registering, and don't delay. Register now.—Oregonian.

### A JUST COMPLAINT.

Complaint comes from taxpayers in all parts of this county because of the large amounts they have been called upon to pay over the sheriff's counter during the past two years for county purposes, and the question is asked repeatedly: "What was done with the \$38,390 we paid into the county treasury last year?"

The Times, which is the spokesman for the present Democratic county administration, has told us that \$12,548, of this sum was raised to be expended on roads and bridges. This \$12,548, together with the amount which would be raised by the regular 2-mill road levy, would give a total of \$17,567.21, which sum that paper promised "will provide for the greatest improvement of roads that Benton county has ever seen."

The special report on the financial condition of Benton county, gotten out by the county clerk, July 27, 1903, contained this statement:

"I find further that in addition to the sum of \$12,213.55, amount of warrants drawn for roads and bridges since July 7, 1902, there has been the sum of \$3,281.71 collected on the 2-mill road levy for which no warrants have been drawn, but which has been paid by treasurer direct to road supervisors, for improvement of the roads. This makes actual expenditure for roads and bridges, during present administration, to July 1, 1903, \$15,495.26."

So it will be seen that Mr. Bryans, of Wren, was right when he said "enormous sums have been expended in improving our roads," and his further statement that "we have no roads," would seem to impeach the Times' promise that this \$17,567.21 would be expended in a way to "provide for the greatest improvement of roads that Benton county has ever seen."

The consensus of opinion among farmers seems to be that the greater portion of this large sum has virtually been squandered, in unprofitable experiments in roadmaking.

A farmer who resides in the northern end of the county said recently: "I have traveled the road from Grainger to Corvallis for thirty years, and I never saw it in so bad a condition as it was last winter."

This road like a number of others in the county, was subjected to a system of experiments that told heavily upon the treasury, and those who travel it say that more harm than good was the result.

We believe that the farmers of Benton county will contribute as cheerfully and liberally toward road improvement as those in any part of the state. They are not complaining so much at the amount expended, but like Mr. Bryans, they want a change of administration. They 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. They object to a lavish expenditure of their money when the results attained are so inadequate.

In the coming Presidential election the forty-seven states will have 476 electoral votes, and a majority of them or 239 votes is necessary to elect the President.

### IS ALMOST HUMAN.

It is quite natural that a man who is in politics "purely for business reasons," should imagine that all others wear the political coat that will hold the most dollars for themselves. So we find the editor of the Times harping upon "matters of business."

At intervals for several months he has had an article containing in detail the exploits of a typewriting machine in use at the county clerk's office. The machine has been given as much notoriety by the Times, as if it were a visitor from Mars or a dark horse in training for the Democratic presidential nomination. It has been a continual source of interest and wonderment to the Business Democrat, and he has taken great delight in detailing to his readers every new antic of this machine which "made it appear to the observer more like a thing of human intelligence than a mere inanimate object."

Every reader of the Times is familiar with the way the long arm of that machine crawls backward and forward across the page like a thing of life, and its name is so familiar that the majority regard it as a personal acquaintance.

The Times, itself, is such an admirer of that typewriter that it gives the machine more credit for the work done in the clerk's office than it does the gentlemen who operate it. That paper in its enthusiasm says that the present clerk is superior to the late B. W. Wilson and Virgil Watters, because "since their time a typewriting machine has been evolved that can be used in making records." By a little stretch of the imagination the Times ought to be able to conceive a time when a typewriting machine will be evolved that will render it unnecessary to elect a clerk at all. In fact the time may come when every officer in the court house may be replaced by a machine and the county saved the cost of these bi-ennial elections.

We say, the Business Democrat may regard such a condition of affairs possible, but it is not likely that friends of the present clerk will regard it at all complimentary to that gentleman, when the Times gives the credit for his conduct of the office to a typewriting machine.

There is one characteristic of the machine, however, that the Times has thus far neglected to mention, and that is its tractability. Deputy Irwin can place his hands upon it any place, without meeting with the least resistance. In fact the machine offers no objection to being handled by anyone. Thus it may be seen that the successor to the present clerk can purchase this wonderful typewriter, retain it in the office, and enlist its assistance during his term.

Let it be understood, however, that the office can be run without the assistance of this machine. Clerk Watters had no typewriter like the one under consideration, and we are informed that he conducted the office as economically and efficiently as has the present incumbent.

The saving provided by the machine is largely one of labor for the clerk. The county profits very little from the use of it. For instance, it is claimed that three times as much matter can be put upon a page of a record book with a typewriter, as can be written upon it with a pen. This will necessitate the purchase of one record book where three were needed before. The Times speaks of three books upon which this saving will be made—the probate journal, the circuit court journal and the county court journal.

Three county court journals have been filled since February 1886, and the fourth is now about one-half full. So it will be seen

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### STATE

Supreme Judge—FRANK A. MOORE, of Columbia  
 Dairy and Food Commissioner—J. W. BAILEY, of Multnomah  
 Presidential Elector—J. N. HART, of Folk  
 JAS. A. FEE, of Umatilla  
 GRANT B. DIMMICK, of Clackamas  
 A. C. HOUGH, of Josephine.

### CONGRESSIONAL

Representative First District—BINGER HERMANN, of Douglas

### JUDICIAL

Circuit Judge—E. O. POTTER, of Lane  
 District Attorney—GEORGE M. BROWN, of Douglas

that it has been necessary to buy a record, to be used as a county court journal, about every five years. This book costs \$18 or \$19. The other books mentioned last practically as long and cost about the same amount. Thus the county pays \$55 for a set of these books every four or five years. By using the typewriter it will be necessary to expend only one-third as much in that length of time, or in the neighborhood of \$18. Every five years, then, the county will be saved \$36 or \$7.20 per year.

### HOW IT IS DONE.

If there is a member of the Democratic party in Benton county who labors under the impression that nominations on his party ticket are not dictated and controlled by Judge McFadden and his two lieutenants, he would have been convinced of his error had the letter, written to John by the Business Democrat, fallen into his hands.

"McFadden, Watters and I tried to get Billie to run for recorder, but he was not willing, stating that he only had one chance in three to be elected. Mc and Watters were in favor of forcing him to take it, but I saw that would not do."

The above is a fair sample of the manner in which the bosses decide among themselves, who the nominees shall be, and for what offices they shall be nominated.

The Herald does not see much in the custom of so often turning on just so much hot air for each in turn of its candidates. The Republican ticket is good individually and as a whole in its make up. It is a good ticket to vote straight. As occasion seems to suggest, whatever reference seems suitable will be made in these columns to the men or principles they stand for. Occasionally a cut or a write up of the important candidates will appear. But the Herald is endeavoring to avoid the name and the blame of being an automatic hot air machine.—Albany Herald.

"The way to do them (the Republicans)" said the Business Democrat of the Times in his letter to John, "is for every Democrat to vote his ticket straight, and every Republican you can get counts two." Republicans, are you going to permit yourselves to be "done" by the Wily Sachem and his two lieutenants, and be laughed at by them for being so "easy," after the polls close?

A good, strong, enthusiastic Roosevelt club was organized at Kings Valley last Tuesday evening. C. V. Johnson was elected president; A. C. Miller, vice president, and Thomas Allen, secretary. This club will be heard from in the present and fall campaigns.

From newspaper cuts it appears that both Parker and Hearst part their hair in the middle. The only difference in the situation lies in the fact that Parker has to do it.

## 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

New Table Linen and Napkins  
 New Muslins and Sheetings  
 New Towels and Towling  
 New Curtains and Scrims

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