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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. 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.

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ANYTHING TO WIN.

The question is occasionally raised as to why with a majority against them, Democrats have been elected regularly every two years to fill the "paying" offices in Benton county.

There is one, and but one answer. It has been the policy of the trio of Democratic bosses to sacrifice every non-paying office on the ticket, and bend every energy to capture the "paying" ones. The Business Democrat is after the crumbs that fall from the tables of the sheriff, assessor and clerk, the Wily Sachem is interested only in the election of those who can throw legal business to him; and the other—well, he is always a candidate for one of the paying offices himself.

With them party success is ever subordinate to personal profit. "Any alliance to ensure victory," has been their motto, and the Democratic cloak has been used to cover a strange variety of coalitions.

A few years ago the "saloon vote" was the deciding factor in the elections in this county. As went the saloons so went the election. In those days the saloons of Corvallis were not the quiet, orderly resorts they are now, but were conducted on the wide-open, stand-from-under plan. Yet their support was necessary to Democratic success, and, as he says himself, Judge McFadden "acted as wetnurse for them."

With the growth of the Oregon Agricultural College, the demand came for more strict enforcement of the license law in Corvallis; the saloons passed into the hands of a better class of men;

the rowdy element became scattered, and the churches took on new life and influence. The Democratic bosses held a conference and it was decided that the "blackleg" must be discarded for the "Puritan." A new coalition must be formed. War was begun on the saloons. Bacchus and Bacchante were cast aside, and the Goddess of Reform found an ardent wooer in the erstwhile suitor of the Goddess of Wine. All the rancor of the ap state has since been displayed by the Democratic bosses toward their old companions in arms—the keepers and habitués of the saloon. As Judge McFadden says: "that is good bait to catch the bible-backs." Let it be said to the credit of the latter, however, their eyes are now thoroughly opened to the true condition of affairs.

During the transition period—while the affections of the Democratic bosses were being transferred from the saloons to the churches,—it was necessary to enlist the aid of a temporary ally. The Populist party held the balance of power in Benton county at that time, and it "looked good" to the trio. An alliance was formed with that party and it was given the glory, while the Democrats got the offices. To accomplish this result it was necessary for Judge McFadden to "stand aside" in the Democratic-Populist convention. He has never recovered from this humiliation. Writing on this subject about a year ago, he said: "I was never as mortified nor disgusted in my life as when I saw 'Pop Robinson' in the chair in the capacity of Democratic High Priest."

This, briefly, has been the history of the Democratic party in Benton, since it became the plaything of the little coterie who profess to own it. The policy of sacrificing every office that had "no money in it," for those that "pay"; of neglecting all others and bending every energy to carry these, is the one that has landed these offices every two years in spite of an adverse majority. The merits of the candidates on either ticket have had nothing to do with it. Judge McFadden has said so, and he ought to know.

DID GOOD WORK.

Every Oregon bill save two, was passed by the Congress just closed. Not in years has the Oregon delegation so thoroughly cleared its docket of local legislation. Mitchell and Hermann worked as faithfully and effectively as of old, and Senator Fulton gives promise of attaining the prestige once held by the grand old statesman, Joseph N. Dolph. No new man has ever made a better record than that of Oregon's junior senator during his first year in office. His career of usefulness is just beginning, and no young man in either house of Congress has brighter prospects of becoming one of the prominent men of the Nation. Voters of this District will continue the present effectiveness of Oregon's delegation in Congress, by re-electing Mr. Hermann by an overwhelming majority.

The following are the principal measures and bills of importance secured by the Oregon delegation:

The Lewis and Clark appropriation of \$475,000, introduced in the senate by Senator Mitchell and in the house by Congressman Williamson.

The Celilo canal bill appropriation of \$100,000 for the improvement of the Columbia river as a rider to the sundry civil bill.

The bill giving the state of Oregon title to land for a site for a fish hatchery on Wallowa lake in Eastern Oregon, introduced by Senator Fulton.

Other bills: Transferring Ft. Dalles to the Oregon historical society; limiting lieu sections of land of like character and value to those relinquished; increasing pensions of Indian war veterans;

establishing Portland assay office; authorizing sale of unsold portions of Umatilla Indian reservation, and others.

BETTER BE SURE.

Owing to the fact that May 15 falls on Sunday this year, some confusion has arisen as to the exact time when registration of voters should close. The Oregonian has this to say on the subject:

County Clerk Fields says he is in doubt whether he will close the Registration Books on Saturday, May 14, or Monday, May 16. The registration provides that registration shall begin on the first Monday in January and close on May 15 at 5 p. m. May 15 falls on Sunday this year and Attorney General Crawford has written an opinion to the county clerk of Benton county that this year registration must end on Saturday evening.

But some attorneys differ with this opinion and Mr. Fields has not yet decided to follow it, although he states that he will probably close the Registration Books next Saturday afternoon.

A statute which refers to legal holidays and nonjudicial days, and which provides for computation of time, reads as follows:

"The time within which an act is to be done as provided in this code, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day fall upon Sunday, Christmas or nonjudicial day in which case the last day shall also be excluded."

Several well-known lawyers have stated that according to provisions of this statute registration does not close this year until Monday, May 16, and that, as the opinion of the attorney-general has no more legal force or effect than that of any other attorney, the question is still open until decided by the judge of a court of competent jurisdiction, and if no such decision is demanded, the county clerks can use their best judgment in the matter.

The voter who gets his name upon the Registration Book before next Saturday evening is sure to be safe so far, as the time limit is concerned, and few would have any reasonable excuse for waiting until Monday, even if it were decided to keep the books open until that day.

The trio of Democratic bosses have never made an honest effort to elect the entire Democratic ticket in this county. Nominations have been made with a view to strengthening the candidates for sheriff and clerk, and when it has been thought necessary, vacancies have been left in the ticket and minor offices bartered for the ones that "pay." With an eye for business, the bosses have made political capital out of ever popular movement started by the undersigning for the public good. Public sentiment has been drafted for political service, until we find it so vitiated that a tragedy must be enacted to shock the community into a "sense of its moral and legal delinquencies." Even now an effort is being made to turn to political account the sympathies and sentiments awakened by the unfortunate occurrence of a few weeks ago.

It is not at all complimentary to Hon. John Daly, John Whitaker, Marion Hayden, R. J. Nichols, Thos. Cooper, and the other gentlemen that have represented this county in the legislature, when the Times tells the people of Benton county that they "can cut off the grafts and turn the grafters down if they will stop sending dodgers, schemers and tricksters to the legislature."

Gen. Thorp and J. Fred Yates organized a Roosevelt club in Willamette precinct, last Friday night. After organization was effected a rousing meeting was held, and a large number signed the roll. The officers of the club are: J. E. Thompson, president; George Mercer, secretary.

Benton county is going to contribute her share of those 20,000 votes for Roosevelt in June.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

STATE

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

NOW IS THE TIME.

The first big Republican rally of the present campaign, was held at Woodburn last Saturday night. Leading Republicans were in attendance from nearly every portion of Western Oregon, and many prominent speakers addressed the meeting. Hon. Dan J. Malarkey, of Portland, was one of the orators of the evening, and his remarks were most enthusiastically received. He said in part:

On the first Monday in June the voters of the state select their congressman and their state and county officers. This district will return to congress a man who has there rendered Oregon faithful and efficient service and will continue to do so. But what I would impress upon you most tonight is that you are voting in June not only for candidates for state offices and representatives, but are voting, as the case may be, either for or against Roosevelt, and that a vote for the straight Republican ticket in June really helps Roosevelt more than a vote for the Republican electors in November.

We cannot realize or estimate the moral effect and the enthusiasm that will be created in her sister states by a record-breaking majority in Oregon in June for Roosevelt and the Republican ticket. Every thousand above the previous record will elsewhere bring 10,000 more votes to our candidate. Let this, then, be our battle cry from now until the polls close on June 6—"Twenty thousand majority for Roosevelt and the straight Republican ticket."

The Times is fingerin' again. The financial editor has it all "summed up" that the average amount each taxpayer will have to pay into the state treasury this year will be \$12.50. When that paper was raising its voice in favor of the Lewis and Clark appropriation it impressed upon its readers the fact that the farmers of Benton county would have to pay only \$1.21½ each on their share of that appropriation this year. When the Times was urging the election of Geo. E. Chamberlain for governor, it solemnly assured us that when that stalwart Democrat was Oregon's chief executive "only virtuous measures would become laws." In the face of all this, the Times is now condemning the laws which Governor Chamberlain advocated and endorsed with his official signature. Of course, the Times doesn't mean it. It is only trying to hoodwink the voters again.

An enthusiastic Roosevelt club was organized at Wells, last Wednesday night, by Hon. G. A. Waggoner. Notwithstanding the fact that this is one of the busiest seasons of the year for the farmer, a number found time to meet with Mr. Waggoner and bear witness to their high regard for President Theodore Roosevelt. Realizing that the result of the June election in Oregon will have a mighty influence upon the voters in all other states in the campaign which will open next July, admirers of Teddy Roosevelt are determined to roll up an overwhelming Republican majority in county, district and state. Wells Roosevelt club promises to take an active part in the contest. Its officers are: President, V. A. Carter; vice-president, H. T. Ridders; secretary, W. S. Tomlinson.

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
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New Curtains and Scrims

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