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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

COUNTY.

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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—
F. 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 expenditures 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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MAY PROVE COSTLY.

Since the Times has brought the typewriting machine, now in use in the clerk's office in this county, into such prominence, many are beginning to question the wisdom of keeping the records in the manner now employed. They contend that the ink used on a typewriting machine is not nearly so durable as the fluid that is used when the writing is done with an ordinary pen. There is a great deal in the contention. We have all observed that a typewritten page will fade in a comparatively short time when exposed to the light. On the other hand, the early records of Benton county, written with pen and ink are as distinct and legible as when first placed upon the page.

The records of the county are not for a few days, but for all time. They should be made as permanent as possible. The clerk receives an excellent salary, and can afford to spend a little more time and continue a plan that has been proved. The county can afford to lose the \$7.20 a year that it is saved by the use of the machine, rather than take chances on having to go to the expense, later on, of having the records, written by the machine, copied or lose them altogether.

When Judge Woodward was at the head of the county court, the then clerk approached the court to learn if it would be favorable to the purchase of this typewriting machine. Judge Woodward was a little dubious about the experiment, believing as many do now that it might be wise to let well enough alone. So the ma-

partments of the Agricultural College and worthy institutions in Corvallis. Because of the part taken by him in these entertainments, the Times called him a 'play-actor,' hoping thereby to prejudice people against him, who were acquainted with the facts.

The sympathy dodge is an old one with the Business Democrat, but he has worn it so thread-bare that the words "deceit," "insincerity," and "hypocrisy" are plainly discernible behind it.

The question is one that deserves consideration. The best record books procurable are purchased by the county, and the most-lasting ink should be used, even if the old method of applying it with a pen should have to be continued.

DESERVES FULL SUPPORT.

The ticket placed in the field this year by the Republicans of Benton county, is admittedly one of the strongest that has ever been submitted for the suffrage of the people of this county. This fact is questioned by none. Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists, Independents, all admit it. In his letter to John, the Business Democrat confessed that "The Republicans have a good, straight ticket." What reasonable excuse then, has any Republican for scratching a single name on his ticket? The convention which named it was enthusiastic and harmonious. Every section of the county was given recognition. The candidates are not all residents of the four Corvallis precincts. They owe their nomination to no man or ring of bosses. When elected their first allegiance will be to the voters of the county, and they will be responsible to the people alone for their official acts. There is no legitimate reason why every Republican in the county should not support his ticket heartily. And there is every reason why he should support it. The fitness, character and qualification of the men who compose it cannot be criticised. This is a Republican year in Oregon. It is a Republican year in the Nation. This state will fire the first gun in the campaign for Theodore Roosevelt, and it should give the largest Republican majority in its history. Benton county should and will contribute its full share to this majority.

WORN THREAD-BARE.

The Business Democrat is up to his old tricks again. He comes out in the last issue of the Times with a cheap bid for sympathy for one of his candidates, and whiningly says that someone is trying to belittle the efforts "of a deserving young man." That this is a lie, makes no difference to the Business Democrat. He has wooed public sentiment to betray it so often, that what little conscience he ever had in matters of this kind has long since grown grained and calloused.

Were the charges true that "a deserving young man" is being denied all the credit due him, the Business Democrat should be the last to raise his voice in protest. We know of no one so slow to encourage "deserving young men," as this same Business Democrat. In fact, he spares no effort to drag them down and decry their worth if they stand in the way of his ambition.

No more deserving young man ever ran for office in any county in Oregon, than C. E. Woodson who was a candidate on the Republican ticket two years ago. As a testimonial to his worth and a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the people of Corvallis, he ran far ahead of his ticket in this city. Yet, throughout the campaign preceding that election, the Times ridiculed and belittled him. Mr. Woodson had contributed his time and talents to raise funds to assist certain de-

partments of the Agricultural College and worthy institutions in Corvallis. Because of the part taken by him in these entertainments, the Times called him a 'play-actor,' hoping thereby to prejudice people against him, who were acquainted with the facts.

SAVES COUNTY NOTHING.

Every time the Business Democrat editor of the Times makes the false statement that the county is the gainer when its sheriff does away with the services of a regular deputy, it brands ex-Sheriff Peter Rickard as the most expensive officer to taxpayers that Benton county has ever had. Throughout the campaign of 1900, the Times repeatedly made the assertion that its candidate for sheriff had in reality filled the office during the term just closing; that Mr. Rickard had been elected to the office of sheriff, but his deputy had been the actual sheriff and had performed all the duties of the office during Mr. Rickard's term. The fact was not disputed, for it was generally understood that Mr. Rickard had practically turned the office of sheriff over to his deputy.

Yet the semi-annual report of the clerk of Benton county shows that the court has allowed the present sheriff as much for deputy hire per year as it allowed Mr. Rickard.

The reason for this is, that the law provides a salary of \$2,000 per annum for the sheriff of Benton county in FULL COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES. If that officer employs a regular deputy, as Sheriff Rickard did, he must pay the salary of that deputy out of his own pocket. THE EXPENSE DOES NOT FALL ON THE COUNTY.

REGISTER TODAY.

The number of voters registered in this county is considerably greater than on this date two years ago. Still, the indications are that between 200 and 300 voters will be unregistered when the books close tomorrow evening. Acting upon the advice of Attorney-General Crawford, the clerk of this county will close the registration books tomorrow, May 14, at 5 p. m. The law fixes May 15, as the last day, but May 15 falls on Sunday this year and that being a non-judicial no registrations can be made.

Voters should remember that if they wish to cast a ballot in the next presidential election in November, they MUST REGISTER NOW. No other opportunity will be offered.

That the interests of Benton county were never so well guarded as they were under the cautious and prudent management of Judge Woodward, is coming to be more appreciated every day. He saw the danger and liability of damage to the county if the experiment of writing its records with a poor quality of ink were adopted, and he sounded a warning when the idea was first conceived.

Mr. Taxpayer are you satisfied with the way your property has been assessed? If not, elect a Republican assessor and try him for a change. You have had Democratic assessments for a long term of years, and a change would, no doubt, prove beneficial. It would at least have the effect of taking the matter out of the hands of the trio of bosses.

Surveyor General John D. Daly filed his resignation as state senator from Benton county, with Governor Chamberlain last Wednesday.

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. FER, 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

THE VOTE OF JUNE.

Unquestionably, says the Oregonian, President Roosevelt is popular in Oregon. Unquestionably he will receive largest majority ever thrown for a candidate in the state. But as an earnest of their support for him the people of Oregon ought to throw the largest possible majority in June for the party which, later in the month, will make him its formal candidate. A big majority in June will have enormous significance. Any majority in November will suffice.

Not for years, it ever before, have the Republicans of Oregon been so generally in harmony as now. Factional differences have passed away, with disappearance of the causes that produced them. The one thing necessary is to get out the full vote. Remember, therefore, that tomorrow is the last day of registration.

Two years ago the Republican vote for supreme judge was 49,876, and the plurality was 17,146. The Republican vote of the state next month should not fall below 55,000, and may much exceed that figure—carrying the plurality above 20,000. The aggregate plurality for representatives in congress should be as large. These results are legitimately to be expected, on a full vote. Such majorities are due to the country from the people of Oregon. For Oregon has been treated with great consideration by the Republican party and by President Roosevelt. The opportunity of requital will be presented in June. Let us have a full vote.

Under a Republican county court the tax levy for county purposes was gradually lowered; extensive improvements were carried on, and at the same time a large interest-bearing indebtedness was practically wiped out. Under the present management of county affairs, when there has been no legitimate demand for heavy expenditures of the people's money, the amount raised for county purposes has averaged more per year, than during the Woodward administration. Mr. Bryans, of Wren, voiced the sentiments of every taxpayer in Benton county when he stood up in his place as a delegate to the last Democratic convention, and told Judge McFadden that he wanted a change. Let every taxpayer express that sentiment when he casts his ballot on the 6th day of next month, and the little ring of bosses who rule the county from the court house, will be shorn of their power.

Republicans of Benton county, do you approve the administration of Theodore Roosevelt? If you do, you will have an opportunity to manifest it next June by rolling up a large majority for the Republican ticket. Vote for the men who will vote with you for Teddy Roosevelt next November.

An authority says that young men who are not of age, but will be before the election in June have the right to register now. Boys, if you are eligible, don't neglect to register.

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

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