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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. DENSMAN, 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 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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#### BE GENTLEMANLY.

"It is the truth that hurts," is a homely old saying that has come to be an axiom. The truth fearlessly told, will goad the guilty into madness. A lie may be silenced by a calm, dispassionate statement.

Standing upon the solid rock of truth, one may state his case with dignity and repose. But he who has beneath his feet a quagmire of falsehood, will plunge and struggle frantically.

Readers of the Times who had the patience to follow the Business Democrat through his long struggle last Saturday, to which their attention was called by his cries of "Losing Ground," had a practical illustration of how madly the guilty act when goaded by the shafts of truth.

Be calm, Benjamin Franklin; be calm. Take it coolly, for your frantic struggles but mire you deeper. You are addressing the voters of Benton county who are gentlemen. They have a right to expect that your language and behavior will be that of a gentleman. Only hoodlums call others "bastards" and "idiots". If you must be prolate and abusive, pray indulge that weakness in private. In the name of decency, be a gentleman; when in the presence of gentlemen.

Since it is doubtful if you remember all that you said in your passionate ravings in your Saturday issue, we will recall a few things for you. One of your first statements was that it has been "constantly re-iterated that Judge McFadden assumes to act as a boss of Benton Democrats." Then, lashing yourself into a fury,

you called the gentlemen who conduct this department in the Gazette, "liars" "bastards" and "idiots," and wound up by confessing that Judge McFadden does assume to be a boss of Benton Democrats. You admit that Judge McFadden tried in the Democratic convention two years ago to nominate Johnny Irwin instead of Victor Moses. Before the convention Judge McFadden went among the delegates and did all he could to secure the nomination of Mr. Irwin. He was for him in the caucus and made a speech urging his selection. Even after Moses had been selected by the caucus, Judge McFadden went on the floor of the convention, and urged Mr. Irwin's nomination. Of course to any "unbiased" person, all this shows that Judge McFadden is very submissive and that he didn't act the part of a boss in the instance above referred to.

Judge McFadden was defeated in his effort to nominate Johnny Irwin, but he failed only because of the fact that the other members of the trio of bosses were for the other man. He died hard, however, and compelled Mr. Irwin to suffer the humiliation of defeat in open convention, after the caucus had decided against him.

"It is equally notorious," you say, "that Judge McFadden was hostile to the candidacy of Howard Bush" for assessor. "Hostile," did you say? On the war-path. Depoing himself as becomes a Wily Sachem, chief of the Trio of Bosses. All right, then, we'll admit that Judge McFadden was "hostile". Nor did that hostility cease after Mr. Bush was elected. Steps were immediately taken to kill Mr. Bush politically. Experts were set to finding flaws in his assessment books, and the mistakes of all his predecessors were laid at his door. His rights and duties as assessor were interfered with, and "the hand that writes for this department now" was the only one raised in his defense. It is a matter of history, also, that Mr. Bush's name did not come before the recent Democratic convention.

You told a different story about Judge McFadden's "urging" of Mr. Buchanan to run for recorder, in that letter you wrote to "John." Your statement then was something like this, it you remember: "McFadden, Watters and I tried to get Billie to run for recorder, but he was not willing, stating that he had only 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."

Our article of April 22, from which you misquote, contains this statement:

"However much regard these candidates, when elected, may have for their official duty, their reominations depend upon the will of the trio of bosses, and they must satisfy the bosses or get out."

Ira Hunter, Howard Bush, Asa Alexander, and many others can bear witness to the truth of that assertion.

That a trio of bosses assume to own the Democratic party of Benton county, is contended and known by all who are acquainted with the facts, it is only necessary to quote the following from an article, written by a prominent old Democratic warhorse of this county, and published in the Oregonian:

The Democratic primaries in Benton county have been held, and the result might have been more satisfactory to the old war-horses of the party.

It was plain to be seen that there was an unusual desire and feeling manifested on the part of certain leaders and bosses to conciliate certain elements of the party which had strayed from the fold during the last two presidential elections. In their anxiety to bring about an affilia-

tion (another name for fusion) of those who had wavered of after strange gods, they were rewarded for their return to their "first love" and for their apostasy, with the honor full-fledged Democratic delegates to the county convention. Hence, as a natural result, the old war-horses of Jacksonian Democracy were consigned to a back seat, and shall, in consequence, have to submit and tamely gulp down (in a horn) the nominations put forward by the assistance of these self-made renegades. It is, however, questionable in my mind whether this audacious presumption on the part of these so-called leaders will be silently and dumbly tolerated by the "unterrified." I shall not be surprised if these questions will arise in the minds of all honest, intelligent, independent voters: Shall this state of affairs be permitted to continue with impunity? Shall any untrammelled, high-minded Democrat receive this slap in the face without resentment or murmur? If so, I am forced to question their Democracy. Verily, it is apparent to the most superficial observer that the politician's faith in the gullibility of the masses is simply unlimited.

The above, remember, is the language and testimony of a good old Democratic war-horse who knew whereof he spoke.

#### A VERY SLENDER PLEA.

The Business Democrat laments that the present campaign could not have been a "good-humored neighborly campaign with gentle behavior on the part of the newspapers." He regrets that the discussions couldn't have been confined to such gentle, good-humored, neighborly articles as the Times contained in the last campaign concerning Off Wilson, Republican candidate for clerk; or such brotherly, warm-hearted editorials as the Times printed regarding Johnny Gellatly, Republican candidate for clerk in the campaign of 1900; or such little pleasantries as the Times had in reference to Messrs. Sol King and S. N. Lilly, when Geo. E. Lilly was Republican candidate for sheriff. The Business Democrat infers that he would have been pleased even if the pace he set when he was "after the scalp" of George Smith and Geo. A. Waggoner, when they were candidates of the Republican party, could have been maintained in the present campaign.

The Times preferred peace, he says, but was only waiting for an excuse to put in operation the plan of attack outlined by Judge McFadden in his speech before the Democratic convention held in this county. In that speech, Judge McFadden abused the Republican candidates, and other gentlemen who "were not issues." He said, "Bill Yates' big belly would be a good target for shots," and the Times fired a few of these "shots" at Mr. Yates early in the campaign. When it was pointed out that the Business Democrat's father nominated Mr. Yates in the Republican convention for senator, vouching for his fitness for the position, his character as a man, and his worth as a private citizen, the Times found itself in the position of calling the editor's father a liar. "John Henry" was then approached to handle the subject in a series of communications, but that gentleman has so far refused to make himself a party to a scheme which could only result in satisfaction for the bosses and and injury to himself.

So, Mr. Business Democrat, you will have to come out from behind that plea that you have been trying to be good. You are not half hidden.

Yes, Mr. Business Democrat, "the people admire sincerity and love the truth. They despise duplicity and hate falsehood." That is the reason that they regard your utterances with suspicion, when you tell them that \$7.20 is a great saving to the county, and that it is "dollars in the pockets" of the taxpayers when the sheriff of Benton county doesn't employ a deputy.

**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. 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 Times persists in its efforts to discredit the facts printed in these columns by saying that no one stands sponsor for what appears in this department. Before accusing the Business Democrat of deliberately uttering an untruth, we will again point him to the head of these columns, where he will read: "The four columns below are published by the Republican Central Committee of Benton county." The names of the gentlemen composing that committee appear a little further down the column. As we said once before: The editorials appearing herein have the sanction of the Republican Central Committee, while the campaign articles in the Times are simply the official utterances of Boss McFadden.

Not one word reflecting upon the character of any of the gentlemen upon the Democratic ticket has appeared in these columns, nor has any personalities concerning them been indulged in. It is our intention and desire to avoid anything of this nature. An exposure and vigorous arraignment of the political methods of the bosses will be continued in justice to the whole people of Benton county. As in the past, they will be considered only in their capacity as politicians, unless they adopt tactics which will render more personal reference necessary.

The Times says "it was not necessary for newspaper venom to have entered into this campaign." The trio of bosses probably preferred to resort to such vile pamphlets as they circulated against Off Wilson two years ago. Venom is too mild a term for such stuff as that contained, however.

The Times asks "who can resist the temptation to vote for" one of its candidates. We are admonished by the Good Book, to "yield not to temptation." Republicans should remember this when they go to the poles next month.

Vote for the candidates for county offices, who will vote with you for Teddy Roosevelt in November. They are supporters of Republican policies, and upon Republican policies the prosperity of the country is established.

The Business Democrat will help neither his cause nor his candidates, by abusing the members of the Republican County Central Committee or trying to discredit the utterances approved by them in these columns.

How do Republicans, who have voted for Democrats for county officers in past elections, like the Times' taunt that "Republican voters have made a practice of SACRIFICING Republican candidates?"

Are we to understand that the Business Democrat would like to have a discussion regarding "some of the bargains he has driven?" Some very interesting articles could be written on the subject.

## Spring Announcement

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New Etamine and Voiles  
New Mohairs, Plain and Figured  
New Black Dress Goods

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New Buttons  
New Waist Sets  
New Trimmings  
New Ornaments  
New Stock Collars  
New Laces  
New Ribbons

**New Hosiery and Underwear**

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