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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. F. LAFFERTY, of Corvallis  
 Assessor—GEO. COOPER, of Philomath  
 Surveyor—T. L. READ, of Wren  
 Coroner—E. 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.

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### AN OPEN INSULT.

The cheap bid which the Times made in its last issue for the votes of the following well-known Republicans, is an open insult to these gentlemen. It brazenly says to the people of the county, "Watch me catch Dick Fehler, Ed Blake, John Miller, Tom Cooper, G. L. Stoneback, Louis Wentz, Amos Caldwell, W. L. Reed, John Crow and Albert Zierolf, with a little soft soap."

To the stranger in Benton county, who does not know these gentlemen—and who would be led by the Times article to believe that they were Republicans not from principle, but for selfish, personal reasons—we wish to say that they are solid, substantial citizens. They are men of character and backbone, and to insinuate that they will betray their party that has honored them and those near to them, under any consideration, is a gratuitous insult, pure and simple.

They are Republican wheel-horses and the rank and file of the Republican party look to them to win a victory in this campaign.

Mr. Cooper, Mr. Fehler, Mr. Blake, Mr. Zierolf and all the others mentioned in this article know that whatever political support they or their friends may ever hope to get will come from the Republicans of Benton county and not from the Democrats of the county. The Democratic candidate who now asks for their support, will be "otherwise pledged" when it comes his time

to aid them. The very fact that one of these Republicans had supported a Democratic candidate in the campaign of 1904, would be used by the Times to accomplish his defeat.

### A WORD WITH VOTERS.

Republican State Central Committee, Portland, Or., May 21—If the electors of this state will but appreciate the importance of the first gun to be fired off this Presidential year, and will avail themselves of an opportunity to show their appreciation of President Roosevelt and his policies, and their appreciation of the doctrine of the Republican party of this state as enunciated in the platform adopted by the recent state convention, they will see to it that a full vote is polled on the 6th day of next month; in that event, at least, 100,000 votes will be cast, and the majority for Judge Moore, our nominee for Supreme Judge, will be at least 20 per cent thereof; and the combined majorities of our Congressional nominees will equal 20,000. All that is necessary for the voters of the First District to manifest their appreciation of Hon. Binger Hermann's service in Congress is for them to go to the polls and vote; and the same thing may be said of Hon. J. N. Williamson, our nominee in the Second District. After the November election nobody East will inquire how Oregon went; but should an unprecedentedly large Republican majority be cast at the coming election, Republicans all over the United States, particularly in doubtful states, will emphasize the question, "Have you heard from Oregon?" In 1888 Mr. Hermann received a majority of 7407, the largest majority ever received up to that time, there being but one Congressman then. Let the voters of his district see to it that he is elected next June by a larger majority than he carried the state that memorable election.

Frank C. Baker,  
 Chairman.

### BE ON YOUR GUARD.

Supporters of Republican candidates in every precinct in Benton county are warned against a flood of campaign circulars which the Democratic bosses are preparing to distribute during the morning of election, or a few days previous to that time. Knowing that the falsehoods they are preparing to circulate at the last moment would be met and shown to be untrue if published early in the campaign, these self-constituted "managers" of the Democratic party hope to delude and deceive voters at the last moment. It is their boast that they "fix things on the Saturday before election."

Nominations were made early this year, and voters may depend upon it, that if anything could truthfully be urged against any Republican nominee, the Times would have hashed it over in detail and with every possible elaboration. That paper has been filled, instead, with insinuation and innuendo. No one should permit himself to be deceived by what it may say in the few days that remain of the campaign, or be misled by any "literature" or "stories" that will be sprung from this time on.

### DESERVING AND CAPABLE.

Much stress is laid by the Times on the fact that the Democratic candidate for clerk is an excellent and deserving young man. We have no disposition to dispute that fact. But Mr. Scott, the Republican candidate, is an equally excellent and deserving young man. He is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and has exceptional qualifications for the office to which he aspires.

Two years ago the Times urged voters to support Mr. Moses, be-

cause he was not so well fixed financially as his R-publican opponent, Mr. Wilson. In the present campaign this condition is reversed. Mr. Moses has a greater supply of this world's goods than has Mr. Scott. Added to this Mr. Moses is able-bodied, while Mr. Scott is the victim of an accident while working in the harvest field last Fall, which incapacitates him in a measure for heavy work on the farm, but in nowise will interfere with the discharge of his duties as county clerk.

Hon. Edwin O. Potter, Republican nominee for district judge, is a strong man and should be elected. He was born in Lane county and received his education at the public schools and afterwards at the University of Oregon, from which he graduated in 1887. Subsequently the University conferred on him the degree of A. M. Upon the completion of the classical course he entered the law department of the University of Oregon, graduating from there in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Law. In June of the same year he was admitted to the bar of Oregon, and immediately commenced practice in Eugene. From 1890 to 1894 he served as deputy district attorney for Lane county. In 1896 he was elected County Judge, and served four years since, which time he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

The Business Democrat professes to be greatly exercised over the fact that Hon. W. E. Yates is a lawyer. He shakes his head dolefully and tells all who accord him a hearing that lawyers are sending the country to the demerition bow-wows. Of course, there are lawyers and lawyers, just as there are farmers and farmers and farmers. There are lawyers like Governor Chamberlain, Judge Hamilton, Senator Fulton, Judge Potter and Hon. W. E. Yates. Then again there are lawyers like the two gentlemen who nominated Mr. Yates' opponent at the recent Democratic convention.

Judge McFadden's amenuensis has the effrontery to ask Republicans "if there is any reason why they shouldn't vote for the Democratic candidates." Yes, MR. EDITOR, there are many reasons. Republicans have as good or better candidates of their own. Party loyalty demands that they vote for them. A big Republican majority means support and encouragement for Teddy Roosevelt. A Democratic majority means support and encouragement for the Wily Sachem and the Business Democrat.

Calm your fears, Mr. Business Democrat. When Mr. Lafferty assumes the duties of county treasurer, he will not dismantle the office set apart in the court house for that official. The fire proof vault provided for the safe keeping of books and valuable papers will be permitted to remain where it is, and those books and papers will be placed in it. The room will be occupied, and Mr. Lafferty's genial countenance will light up its dark corners.

The renegade Republican, who has \$100 "that says he is editor of the Times," implies that nothing can be said against the candidates on his ticket. If the Democratic nominees or their friends harbor this notion, let one of them accept a Republican nomination some time. The Wily Sachem and his under-study would fill the Times with an attack upon his character that would make old Lucifer himself look to his laurels.

The Times reluctantly admits that nothing has been said in these columns "that reflects on the character of the gentleman on the Democratic ticket." Voters who have followed the campaign as conducted by the Republican Central Committee know that this is true. How different, however, has been the policy pursued by the trio of Democratic bosses. Their organ, the Times, has vilified and abused the head of the Republican ticket, and cast contemptible slurs at other Republican candidates. It is known that the rank and file of the Democratic party in Benton county do not approve of the dirty methods employed by the Business Democrat and the Wily Sachem, and many self-respecting Democrats are going to rebuke these methods by voting against the ticket such methods are used to support.

### Popular as Ever.

After an absence of a year or more, Congressman Binger Hermann is today among his Benton county friends. If, from his knowledge that the delegation from this county was favorable to the nomination of Mr. Harris at the last convention, Mr. Hermann has expected to notice any abatement of the enthusiasm always heretofore manifested for him in this county, he will be agreeably surprised before his departure. He will find the Republicans of Benton as warm and sincere in their support of his candidacy as they ever were.

A year ago the delegation from this county to the congressional convention faithfully supported Mr. Hermann through a prolonged and tedious struggle. The desires of the delegation this year did not represent a change in the kindly feeling of the county towards Mr. Hermann, or a lessened confidence in his ability or efficiency, but was rather the expression of the ardent admiration of the younger element of the party for Mr. Harris and was in no way discreditable to Mr. Hermann.

Mr. Harris' friends, and the party in general, are warmly supporting Mr. Hermann's candidacy. They realize the valuable work accomplished for this part of the district by Mr. Hermann in past years and feel that his efficient services are entitled to their recognition.

During the twelve years he was in congress, Mr. Hermann secured more appropriations for Oregon, by far, than was received by any other state of the Union in proportion to its size. When he retired from congress some seven years ago, Mr. Hermann was the leading Western member, and one of the controlling spirits of that body. His appointment after his retirement to the commission-ship of the general land office by President McKinley was a recognition of the value of his public services and of his worth as a public man. In the past session of congress, Mr. Hermann has done most effective work for the state and has gone far towards regaining his old-time position as a leader of that body. This record deserves and will receive the recognition of the voters of this district. Mr. Hermann's return is certain.

Mr. Hermann deserves more than this, at the hands of this district. While he was commissioner of the land office, Mr. Hermann pursued a liberal policy towards the settlement of the public domain in the interest of his own and all the Western states, a policy which the people of the state of Oregon wish to see re-inaugurated.

Mr. Hermann's policy as Commissioner in the interests of the development of the West, did not suit Mr. Hitchcock, and this clash led to Mr. Hermann retiring. This action on his part, taken in preference to changing the policy of his administration—a policy which he believed to be to the best interests of his state—was creditable and loyal in Mr. Hermann. Yet his enemies have persistently since then made it the excuse for all manner of personal attack. His present political opponent, Mr. Veatch, is hurling calumny and abuse at him from the stump, and making accusations as untrue as they are offensive. Considerable more than a year has passed since Mr. Hermann's retirement. Had the first part of the charges made against him by his noisy opponent been true, a Federal indictment would have followed long ago.

The voters of this District should not give credit to the wholesale and unfounded accusations of Mr. Veatch. At the coming election they should set the stamp of their disapproval upon this campaign of calumny and abuse, and express their confidence in Mr. Hermann, by giving him an overwhelming majority. Benton county will do her part.

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 New Black Dress Goods

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