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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. 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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WHOLLY UNSCRUPULOUS.

Misrepresentation and deception has long been a favorite policy of the Corvallis Times. So long, in fact, has this practice continued that its every utterance has come to be regarded with suspicion by those acquainted with the columns of that paper. No newspaper that is conducted on thoroughly selfish lines can rise above this practice, and those in whose interests the Times is published will scarcely have the assurance to deny that that paper has been employed solely in furthering the ambitions of three or four individuals.

The public generally has learned that the Times is thoroughly unscrupulous in its methods, when endeavoring to accomplish some purpose of importance to these few individuals.

Just now there is at stake a number of political offices which mean prestige and dollars and cents to the little coterie in whose interest the Times is conducted. This little coterie have their eyes upon those offices, and they regard the Democratic candidates who aspire to them, simply as means to an end. If there is a Democratic candidate who doubts this let him make it understood that the bosses may expect no favors from him if he is elected, and his chances for election June 6, would go glimmering, so far as the support of these self-constituted leaders are concerned. Democratic success is only desired by this little coterie, when it means spoils for them.

The brief statement brings us

to a consideration of the manner in which the Times is endeavoring to confuse the public mind upon the subject of "roads."

The Times is well aware of the widespread dissatisfaction among farmers with the condition of the roads of Benton county. The little coterie of bosses sat dumb in the late Democratic convention while D. Legate Bryan, of Wren, denounced the road policy of the present court, and his fellow delegates applauded him heartily. It was Mr. Bryan who said: "You people are spending enormous sums of money in improving roads, AND WE HAVE NO ROADS."

Yet, in the face of these known facts, the Times brazenly takes the stand that there has been no complaint about the condition of roads or the policy pursued by the court in working these highways.

With its usual effrontery the Times endeavors to hold the road supervisors throughout the county responsible for the expenditure of the \$12,548, which was raised by a special levy of 5 mills for roads and bridges. Speaking for the present court, the Times said, in its issue of January 14, 1903, "an additional levy of five mills in the general fund was levied for roads and bridges. * * * This will give a total of seven mills for roads and bridges which will provide for the greatest improvement of roads that Benton county has ever seen." This sum of \$12,548 was in addition to the amount (\$5,019) which was supplied by the regular 2-mill road levy. The latter sum (\$5,019) was expended by the various road supervisors, and it is generally agreed that it was spent to good purpose.

But what of the \$12,548 that was raised by the special 5-mill levy to be expended under the direction of the court? The special report compiled and printed by order of that body in the local papers in August, 1903, stated that \$12,513.55 of the amount had been expended at that time. So the statement made in these columns recently that "The money is gone," seems to have official endorsement. Mr. Bryan and numerous substantial farmers are authority for the assertion that "we have no roads."

Let us look at the Times contention that the road supervisors are to be held responsible for the mistakes of the court. Is Supervisor Cooper to blame for the extravagant and unprofitable experiment made by the court in his district? In the neighborhood of \$2000 was spent, on one mile of road between Corvallis and Philomath, under the direction of the court and supervision of Overseer Gilbert, who was paid a salary out of the county exchequer. All who heard the address of Dr. Withycombe at the picnic at Bellfountain last Saturday, know that gentleman's opinion of the mile of road in question. His criticism was more severe than any that has appeared in these columns. Yet the Times attempts to have its readers believe that all money spent on roads has been handled by the supervisors, and all the money has been judiciously and wisely expended.

Had any supervisor anything to do with the \$700 or \$800 that was spent on Stewart's hill on the Albany road? No. Overseer Gilbert drew a salary from the county for this work, also, and it is anything but satisfactory.

Other instances could be cited to show the untruthfulness of the Times' statements, and the injustice it does the road supervisors by using them as scapegoats.

Republicans, bear this in mind: The power you place in the hands of the trio of bosses, by putting Democratic candidates in office, will be used against your friends in the future.

THE OLD DODGE.

The Business Democrat has gone to some lengths to prove that the work done by typewriting machines is durable, and that these machines are in general use by county officers throughout the counties in Oregon. Taxpayers generally will be relieved to know that no damage has resulted to the records of Benton county, if the Times' statements are true. When Mr. Scott, the present Republican candidate for the clerk's office, assumes his duties as such official next July, the typewriter will be just as useful to the county under his administration as it has been under the present clerk.

The silly efforts of the Business Democrat to hoodwink voters into the belief that it was necessary to elect the present Democratic candidate for clerk in order to derive whatever advantage might accrue from the use of a typewriter machine is in line with the policy of deception and misrepresentation that the Times has practiced for years.

No better selection could have been made by the Republican county convention than that of Virgil A. Carter, of Wells, for the office of representative. Mr. Carter is a successful farmer and stockraiser living in the north end of the county, where he was born 34 years ago, and except two years spent at school, has lived continually in Benton county. Not only is he a farmer and stockraiser but a thorough business man, capable of taking charge of any office and conducting it successfully, which makes him indeed a representative man of all classes. He can be depended upon to do good work for the county and state in the legislature. He has always taken an active part in politics, being a delegate in all county conventions since a voter, and represented Benton county in the state and congressional conventions in 1900 and 1902.

Taxpayers of Benton who are not satisfied with the Democratic assessments that have been made in this county for years, now have an opportunity to elect a Republican assessor and try a change. Mr. Geo. Cooper, the Republican nominee, is thoroughly qualified for this office. He has lived in Benton county all his life, and being a man of mature years he is familiar with the value of every piece of property in the county. Although he is a farmer by occupation, like many of our tillers of the soil he has every educational qualification necessary to fit him fully for the demands of the office of assessor. He is an excellent penman, quick and accurate in figures, and exact in all he undertakes. He is a good clean citizen, and deserves the full support of his party.

A prominent Democrat, who has felt the sting of the lash wielded by the Wily Sachem and his man Friday, speaking the other day of the boldness with which these bosses operate, cited the driving of Mr. Peterson off of the Democratic ticket. "Mr. Peterson," said this prominent Democrat, "was nominated for the office of school superintendent by the last Democratic county convention! The bosses didn't want him, and they showed it so plainly by their attitude that Mr. Peterson took the hint and did not qualify. Yet," said he, "these bosses have the assurance to ask Republicans as well as Democrats to still further assist them in their selfish grasping for spoils."

"What a tormentor this little thing we call conscience is," philosophizes the Business Democrat. Those who are in position to know of that gentleman's ingratitude, wonder if the above assertion came from his heart.

No Republican in Benton county can conscientiously cast a vote against J. M. Cameron for sheriff. The nomination was given him by the recent Republican convention by acclamation. Leading Republicans from all section of the county prevailed upon him to accept the nomination. It, therefore, became a particular duty of the party to see that he is elected. No man in Benton county is better qualified than Mr. Cameron to fill the office of sheriff. He is an experienced business man; a leader in every movement for the public good; a clean, public-spirited citizen. His defeat would be a virtual announcement on the part of Republican voters that they will defeat any man, no matter how deserving or competent he may be, that is their party nominee for sheriff.

"No better man could have been named for commissioner." This was the statement of many leading Democrats when the Republican convention nominated L. H. Hawley for that important office. Mr. Hawley is a prominent and prosperous farmer. He is an active, wideawake, conservative man of affairs. A friend of good roads, his good practical sense will be of service in matters looking to the permanent betterment of our highways; and he may be depended upon to lend his influence to provide the county with an economical administration. His election will give the Republicans a majority in the commissioner's court, and change the present political complexion of that body.

No one questions Mr. Lafferty's fitness for the office of county treasurer. He has had experience in that capacity, having served one of the large counties of Missouri as treasurer for two terms before he came with his family to Oregon. That he is deserving is conceded by all. During his residence of six years in Corvallis he has proved himself a worthy citizen. No better evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the community is needed than the fact that he was selected to represent the party as its candidate for treasurer by the unanimous vote of the Republican convention. The office sought the man in the fullest sense of the term.

The Business Democrat attempts to slur the editor of these columns by charging him with "going to Frisco to study dramatic art." Before the Business Democrat deserted the Republican party to play the ingrate "for business reasons," he, too, studied "dramatic art." He didn't go to Frisco for instruction, however, but took a course from a fair local elocutionist known as "Beautiful Snow." The course came near ending in a tragedy, and the then aspiring thespian soured on "dramatic art," and turned his attention to journalism.

Mr. Wilkins' the Republican nominee for the office of coroner, has filled that position most acceptably for the last two years, and his re-election is only a question of majority. His many friends who admire him for his industry, and his efforts to add to the improvement of this city, will see that the gratuitous insult thrown at Mr. Wilkins by the Wily Sachem meets a merited rebuke.

Two years of splendid service in the office of county recorder has convinced the people of Benton county that they have an ideal official in the person of the present incumbent T. T. Vincent. Courteous, obliging, considerate in his treatment of all, Mr. Vincent will be strongly endorsed in the coming election. He is happily named "The Abe Lincoln of Benton county."

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