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A FINAL WORD.

The Gazette will not appear again until after the election, its next regular publication day being June 7. Therefore, the discussion carried on during the campaign through the columns of the local papers, closes with this issue of the Gazette. It is only fair to the opposition to presume that it has presented its argument and will not take advantage of the fact that it appears last, to publish matter that admits of no opportunity for a reply.

The present campaign has been sufficiently long to admit of a full discussion of every subject even remotely touching the candidates or the issues involved. Voters would be justified in holding as false anything that might be published from now on by the opposition, that has not already appeared.

This department in the Gazette has been published by the Republican Central Committee of Benton County. All who have read these columns know that the candidates whose names appear on the Democratic ticket, have received fair and courteous treatment.

The little coterie of self-constituted bosses of the Democratic party in this county, who are responsible for the abuse hurled at the Republican candidates in every campaign, have been given attention herein. In acquainting the public more fully with the political methods of these bosses we feel that a service has been done Democrats and Republicans alike. In fact, leading candidates on the Democratic ticket have stated their appreciation of the fact that the bosses and not themselves, have been called to account.

The worthy Democratic candidate would rather run on his own merits, than slip in on the alleged demerits of his opponent. The bosses admit the weakness of the Democratic candidate, when they utter falsehoods in his support and abuse his Republican opponent.

Every statement made in this department still stands unrefuted. Every false assertion made by the Times has been squarely met, and that paper has shifted from position to position, abandoning every argument and taking a different stand in each succeeding issue.

With this final word we ask Republicans to stand shoulder to shoulder and elect the entire ticket named in their recent party convention.

BE TRUE REPUBLICANS.

Surely, no Republican will be caught by the crafty argument that "in voting for a candidate for office, no more attention should be given to his politics than to the color of his hair."

This is the argument used by the artful gentleman, who wrote to "John Henry," early in the campaign and boasted that "the way to do 'em (the Republicans) is for every Democrat to vote his ticket straight, and every Republican you get counts two."

Republicans have been caught so easily in past campaigns by the bait that "there is no politics in county offices," that the self-constituted leaders of the Democratic party have come to look upon the average Republican voter as being "pretty easy." They soft-soap him before election, and pour honeyed words into his ear, but with the closing of the polls on election day the lines are tightly drawn, and if he has political or other favors to ask, he will be told that he must look to Republicans.

If the Republican—who voted for a Democratic candidate under

the mistaken notion that that candidate was as much entitled to his support as the Republican nominee—thinks that he will be permitted to share in the victory of that Democratic candidate, he will be rudely awakened.

The reward that a Republican gets for betraying his party and supporting those opposed to it, is the horse laugh.

The candidate upon the Republican ticket for a county office is just as fully a representative of the Republican party and is just as much entitled to Republican support, as the candidate for president on the Republican ticket is.

The Republican voter who casts a ballot against any nominee on the Republican county ticket, to that extent weakens the effectiveness of his party organization in the national campaign.

Republicans be true to yourselves and the party whose principles you profess to espouse. Rise above narrow personal preferences and prejudices and cast a clean ballot for the men who will stand shoulder to shoulder with you in the greater campaign which will open with the nomination of Teddy Roosevelt.

FOR ASSESSOR.

The Republican convention named an ideal candidate for the office, when it named George Cooper for assessor. He is a native son of Benton county, having been born in Kings Valley, October 1st, 1858. Nine years later his parents moved to the home 2 1/2 miles west of Corvallis, and here Mr. Cooper grew to manhood.

After receiving a thorough public school education, Mr. Cooper assumed the management of his fathers' farm, continuing in this capacity until 1894. After his marriage to Miss Maggie Newton, he moved to the home where he now resides.

Mr. Cooper has been one of the leading spirits in the up-building of the community in which he lives. He has done something for himself and for society and his services should receive just recognition. His neighbors have often honored him with offices of public trust, and he is now one of the trustees of the school in which he received his early education.

Every Republican in Benton county should be proud to cast his vote for so deserving and competent a candidate of his party as Mr. Cooper.

Voters are making no experiment by re-electing G. W. Denman as school superintendent of Benton county. His official record is known to every man, woman and child in the county, and it is that record that makes him invincible. The individual who can appear to be serious while he asks Superintendent Denman to acquaint voters with what his ideas and plans are touching school matters, is the humorist of this campaign. Superintendent Denman's policy in that office has worked wonders for the betterment of schools in this county, and many superintendents throughout the state are adopting methods introduced by him. Every voter in Benton county knows the qualifications of G. W. Denman. His record as superintendent speaks eloquently in his behalf, and it will receive unprecedented indorsement at the polls.

T. L. Read is the popular Republican nominee for surveyor. He is thoroughly qualified for the position, and will receive the full strength of his party vote for the position. The roads in his portion of the county have been sadly neglected, and as the surveyor is a prominent factor in road improvement it behooves his neighbors to see that he be given their ardent support.

It is a pleasure to be served by a genial, affable official. All who are familiar with W. P. Lafferty's jovial manners and smiling countenance will look forward with pleasure to the time when they will meet him in his official capacity as treasurer of Benton county. Mr. Lafferty's winning personality, however, is not the only thing to commend him to the support of voters. He has had experience as a county treasurer, having served one of the large counties of Missouri, in that capacity for two terms, before he became a resident of Oregon. Since coming to Corvallis six years ago, he has come to be regarded as one of our best and most deserving citizens.

The clean and active campaign waged by J. M. Cameron, Republican nominee for sheriff, has won the admiration and approval of voters of all parties. It is conceded that he will be given the full support of his party at the polls next Monday. He stands high as a useful, public-spirited citizen. His ability to make Benton county as good a sheriff as she ever had, has never been questioned. He accepted the Republican nomination for sheriff upon the urgent solicitation of Republicans from all sections of the county, and a special obligation rests upon every member of the party to see that he is elected.

A prosperous farmer, useful and respected citizen is L. H. Hawley the Republican nominee for the highly important office of county commissioner. He is an ardent advocate of good roads, and a friend of conservative and economical management of county affairs. His influence in the commissioner's court will be felt, and his excellent judgment and familiarity with the needs of the county will be of great value to taxpayers generally. No one will be able to say when his term expires, that Mr. Hawley neglected the duties of his office.

No candidate has ever been named by any party convention in this county whose nomination met with such hearty and outspoken approval by voters, regardless of politics, as Richard Scott, the Republican candidate for clerk. His popularity, his exceptional qualifications for the office, his integrity as a man, coupled with the fact that he is most worthy and deserving insures his election by a good majority.

No Republican should neglect to cast a ballot for S. N. Wilkins for coronor. He is the proper man to fill that office, and he has served the people of Benton county in that capacity most efficiently for the past two years.

The amount secured on the insurance policy of the late Woodbridge Geary was \$3,150. Of this sum Mrs. Geary received \$2,075, and the remainder (\$1,075) was divided among five attorneys.

Voters, the Times tells you that you should give no more consideration to the political party a candidate represents, when casting your ballot, than you would to the color of the candidate's hair. Do you want a better proof of the insincerity of the campaign utterances of that paper? If the Times' contention were true—that a voter is under no moral obligation to support the men who represent his party—then, the Prohibition candidates should stand just as good a chance of election in this campaign as do Democrats or Republicans. Mr. Voter, don't you see that the Times questions your intelligence when it undertakes to mislead you with such crafty arguments, it hopes to bewilder and betray you.

"THE GEARY MATTER."

The following letter to Mrs. Maud Geary from Hon. J. K. Weatherford, one of the attorneys associated with Mr. Yates in securing certain insurance for Mrs. Geary, their client, is self-explanatory, and we hope will be read by all:

ALBANY, OR., Jan. 23, 1901.

MRS. MAUD GEARY,
Corvallis, Ore.,

DEAR MADAM:—Your letter of recent date at hand and contents duly noted.

I was very much surprised at your letter, for I had supposed that you were entirely satisfied with the arrangements that were made.

According to my understanding in the matter the company refused to pay you more than \$1000 and you was inclined to accept the \$1000 an full and complete payment. When the matter came to my office, and my opinion was requested upon the probabilities of winning the case, I came to the conclusion, and so expressed it, that it was extremely doubtful about success, but under the circumstances that I would go into the case on a contingent fee; that is, you to receive the first \$1000 being the amount they had offered you and had declined to pay any more, we to advance the costs and expenses of the trial for you, and make a vigorous defence, and for our services to receive one-half that we recovered over and above the \$1000. A contract was made with you on this line. My office as well as the office of Yates & Gibson, went to work upon the case and I assure you that I put in a great deal of work preparing for the trial of the case. However after we were prepared for the case and had some prospects of winning, the attorneys on the other side made a proposition to compromise. After considerable discussion and with your approbation, I compromised the case. I was led to believe by what I was informed as well as your statement to me authorizing and requesting me to compromise the cause, that you was anxious to make a compromise; in fact you authorized me to compromise for much less than I received, stating that you desired to remove from the state. I assure you that I got every cent that I could under the compromise and turned over to you all exactly according to our contract, so I trust that you have no complaint to make on that score. However I know that the amount that we recovered was not the full amount of the insurance, but was three times greater than you would have received without services, and you received more than double that you would have received without having entered into this contract. However, I am always willing to assist any one when they are in need, and should deem it a privilege to assist you at any time when I can.

You say in your letter that you are willing to give Mr. Yates and myself \$400 or \$500 for our trouble. I presumed that when the contract was made between us that it expressed your wishes and willingness at that time. If we had only recovered the \$1000 we would have received nothing for our services whatever. If we had recovered nothing we would have been out the amount of money paid out at the trial of the cause and still recovered nothing. However the first time I am in Corvallis, will endeavor to see and talk the matter over with you and Mr. Yates, assuring you that I do not want to be hard or seem to be hard on any person.

Every property owner is interested in seeing that a prudent, careful man is elected to serve as county recorder. This officer has in his keeping deeds, mortgages and all titles to real estate, and the utmost caution is necessary in the conduct of the office to safeguard property owners. T. T. Vincent has given the county two years of splendid service and he is regarded as an ideal official by all.

BEEN REVERSED OFTEN.

It would seem that the Democratic press would be fair and honest, at least when dealing with candidates for judicial offices. When a falsehood is told in support of any candidate, the suspicion immediately arises that deception was thought necessary to the election of that candidate. Much has been made of Judge Hamilton's official record, and one would suppose that only truthful statements would be made in support of him. Not so, however. An effort is being made to deceive the people into be-

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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

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