

A Plain Statement . . .

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Political Situation

The Republican Party Asks the Support of the Voters in the Coming Election

And Tells Why It Expects to Receive this Support—Sound Money, Protection and the Carrying to a Successful Termination of the War with Cuba are its Cardinal Principles—A few Words about the Candidates.

THE TICKET.

STATE.

For Governor,
T. T. GEER,
of Marion County.

For Secretary of State,
F. L. DUNBAR,
of Clatsop County,

For State Treasurer,
CHARLES S. MOORE,
of Klamath County.

For State Printer,
W. H. LEEDS,
of Jackson County.

For Attorney-General,
D. R. N. BLACKBURN,
of Linn County.

For Supreme Sdgc,
F. A. MOORE,
of Columbia County.

For Superintendent Public Instruction,
J. H. ACKERMAN,
of Multnomah County.

DISTRICT.

For Congressman, Second District,
MALCOLM A. MOODY,
of Wasco County.

For Circuit Judge, Seventh District,
H. S. WILSON,
of Wasco County.

For Prosecuting Attorney, Seventh District,
A. A. JAYNE,
of Wasco County.

For Member State Board of Equalization
C. C. KUNEY,
of Sherman County.

For Joint Representatives, Wasco and Sherman Counties,
A. S. ROBERTS and J. W. MORTON,
of Wasco County.

COUNTY.

For Sheriff,
ROBERT KELLY,

For Clerk,
A. M. KELSAY.

For Treasurer,
C. L. PHILLIPS,

For School Superintendent,
C. L. GILBERT,

For Assessor,
W. H. WHIPPLE.

For Surveyor,
J. B. GOIT.

For Coroner,
W. H. BUTTS.

For Commissioner,
N. C. EVANS.

PRECINCT.

For Justice of the Peace,
C. E. BAYARD.

For Constable,
W. C. CLARK.

THE PLATFORM.

We, the Republican voters of the state of Oregon, in convention assembled, congratulate the people of the state as well as of the whole nation on the unmistakable fact that the dark cloud of adversity, which has hung like a pall over our fairland, has been dissipated. We recognize that the return of prosperity is due to the restoration of the Republican party to power.

tention to the principles enunciated by the Republican party, and to the men which represent those principles, and whose election is deemed a desirable thing for the welfare of the state, which we are proud to call our home.

It is not necessary here to reiterate the statements made in the Republican state platform. Each reader can read for himself the words published above, and it only remains to ask if anything be stated therein which is not calculated to be for the best interests of the nation at large, for our own beloved Oregon and for each particular community in which any of us may live. The Republican party welcomes to its shelter all those who believe that a stable, unevanescent and honest financial system is best for the material interests of the nation. Issues change as time progresses and conditions vary, but there never can be any surrender on this most vital question.

The Republican party is for sound money, and every voter, no matter what his previous political views may have been, but who now believes that free silver is wrong in theory and disastrous in practice, is invited to support the Republican ticket. There has been no withdrawal from the advocacy of a protective system, which the Republican party has always championed, and the correctness of this belief has been demonstrated by present conditions. But the platform stands for itself. Let us take a look at the men who at this particular time are carrying the banners of sound money aloft.

The state ticket, as nominated by the Astoria convention, has never been excelled in quality by the nominees of any political organization in the state.

THE MEN.

T. T. Geer, the Republican nominee for governor, who heads the list, represents statesmanship in politics. His character is beyond assault; his ability and learning unquestioned; his fairness conceded by all. What more need be said?

For the remaining members of the state ticket sufficient is it to state that they are tried men, standing high in public estimation and deeply in sympathy with the principles which represent the reasons why the Republican party exists.

But, though every voter in Wasco county is interested in the election of men for the state offices who are worthy and capable, yet at this time the county central committee desires to call attention to the men who are nominated for the congressional, judicial, legislative and county offices. For these are no less important to us than the ones which appear upon the state ticket.

THE DISTRICT NOMINEES.

With especial pride do the people of Eastern Oregon, look upon the nomination of Malcolm A. Moody for congress from the Second District. He is one of us. From early boyhood he has lived in this community. He has learned the needs of Eastern Oregon and our aims and desires are his. The old saying "that intimacy lessens respect," is broken in this instance for those who are most earnestly supporting Mr. Moody's candidacy are the ones who have known him best and there is no safer standard by which a man can be judged than the criterion of close association. Mr. Moody possesses untiring energy. He is clear headed and vigorous and should it be decided that he shall represent Oregon in the national congress the needs of the state could not be in more competent hands. Wasco county has been honored by Mr. Moody's nomination. Let us show next June that we appreciate the compliment. The question of river appropriations, of the Forestry Reserve and many other matters of pressing importance will come before congress and could Oregon be better represented than by such a man as Mr. Moody is? We think not.

H. S. Wilson is the Republican candidate for judge of this district and it is universally conceded that he combines all the elements and qualifications for this highly important position. Mr. Wilson's abilities are recognized wherever his name is known. Fair minded, a vigorous thinker and sound judge of legal questions, absolutely independent and fearless his election to the judicial bench would insure that justice would be done throughout this district whereat it lay in his power. Mr. Wilson is not a politician and in this is found all the

more reason why he should be heartily supported by the voters of Wasco county, irrespective of politics.

For prosecuting attorney the Republican party presents the name of A. A. Jayne. Mr. Jayne has held this office for two terms and has made a record which has been a source of pleasure to all who have watched his career. Like the judgeship, the office of prosecuting attorney is not a political one and the man who is the best qualified should be supported. Mr. Jayne is recognized as an able lawyer, decisive in action and independent in the conduct of his office. Every reason which prompted his election heretofore exists all the stronger now.

C. C. Kune, the Republican nominee for member of the state board of equalization, is from Sherman county. Mr. Kune has held the office of assessor in that county and performed all the duties with unusual merit. His assessment had the honor of being the only one which was allowed to remain uncorrected by the state board. Mr. Kune would make a desirable man in the position for which he has been nominated.

The election of members to the legislative assembly is an important matter this year, for the legislature to be elected will choose a United States senator. The Republican party has been especially fortunate in its nominees for these offices. Mr. A. S. Roberts, of Deschutes, is one of the best and favorably known men in Wasco county. He is extensively interested in farming and sheep raising, while his name is synonymous with honesty. Mr. J. W. Morton of Hood River, like Mr. Roberts, is interested in the upbuilding of Eastern Oregon. He is engaged in raising fruit in Hood River valley, and stands in great favor with his neighbors and all who know him. Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Morton are worthy the support of the voters in Sherman and Wasco counties.

TPE COUNTY TICKET.

Leaving the congressional, judicial and legislative nominees, and coming to those on the county ticket, the first which appears is the name of Robert Kelly, the Republican nominee for sheriff. It can be said without fear of contradiction that the books of the sheriff's office have never been kept with the neatness and accuracy as during the last four years, when Mr. Kelly has had them in charge. He has saved the county hundreds of dollars by his watchfulness, and Wasco County may be congratulated if it shall keep him in the sheriff's office still longer.

A. M. Kelsay, the Republican nominee for county clerk, has filled that office for four years to the eminent satisfaction of the taxpayers. He is courteous, obliging and competent, and his reelection would be a declaration that Wasco county desires good officers, and none better has she ever had than Mr. Kelsay. If it were left to those who have had business to do in the clerk's office the last four years to decide this matter, Mr. Kelsay would receive all the votes, as it is he should get them nearly all.

If there is a more whole-souled, genial man in Wasco County, or one who is more competent to perform the duties of county treasurer than Charles L. Phillips, the Woman's Edition does not know him. Charlie Phillips numbers the multitude as his friends, and well does he deserve their respect and liking. Mr. Phillips has made a model treasurer for the last two years, and there can be no valid reason assigned why he should not be reelected. The duties of the office have been honestly, punctually and pleasantly performed, and it is no more than right that he be reelected for another term. He has long been a resident of Wasco county, and is identified with its interests.

Although politics are sometimes uncertain, surely there can be no question but that C. L. Gilbert will be reelected county school superintendent. Not to do so would be a sad mistake. Mr. Gilbert is a polished gentleman, a thorough educator, a competent official. His reelection would be a fitting endorsement of a creditable administration of this important position.

The nominees for assessor, W. H. Whipple, and county commissioner, N. C. Evans, are worthy the confidence and support of the voters next June.

Mr. Whipple has conducted the duties of his office with far greater satisfaction than had been previously done, and his work is his best endorsement for reelection. Mr. Evans is a prominent farmer at Hood River who has been careful and prudent in his own affairs and this is a guarantee that he would be so in the management of the county's business.

J. B. Gout and W. H. Butts, the nominees for surveyor and coroner respectively, are well known throughout Wasco county, and the Woman's Edition predicts their election. Not a word can be said against their conduct in office and the same good report may be expected of them in the future as in the past.

The office of justice of the peace is an exceedingly important one. In his hands rests a vast amount of discretion and unless it be wisely exercised the interests of the county will suffer. The Republican ticket is fortunate in having upon it for this position Mr. C. E. Bayard, who is in every way qualified for this duty. Mr. Bayard is a taxpayer, a fair minded, able man, and as justice of the peace would serve the people well.

Mr. W. C. Clark, the nominee for constable, is known as a sober, industrious young man, well qualified for the office to which he has been nominated.

These are the men whom the Republican party asks you to support. Can you do better by not voting for them? Think carefully over this question before you scratch a Republican nominee. They are worthy your support and two years from now you will rejoice that you chose them for your ballots.

A CONCLUDING WORD.

The duty of the voters next June is plain. The momentous struggle in which our country is involved makes it necessary that politics be laid aside, and, as American citizens we rally to the support of the administration. Upon President McKinley rests the responsibility of guarding the nation's interests in this trying crisis. He is not the president of the Republicans any more than he is of the Democrats. He belongs to the American people collectively, and it is their duty to see that they are not led away from a support of the government by any narrow considerations of politics.

Oregon is the first state to hold a general election since the war with Spain has opened. The nation has its eyes upon us, and the decision of the voters in this state will be either a comfort or source of regret to the administration. Let it be said that the people who dwell in the fertile valleys, and on the broad lying plains and among the timbered hills of Oregon are patriotic to the heart's core, and take this opportunity of testifying to their confidence and approval of the efforts of the administration to maintain American honor and remove from the fair page of Western history the blot which Spain has put upon Cuba.

How best can this be done? The answer is easy. Let us elect the Republican candidates for congress who will be ever ready to aid the administration in carrying out its plans; let us elect the republican nominee for governor and his associates upon the state ticket, which will say to the nation that Oregon did not fail in the duty of the hour. And when we have made such a good beginning let us continue the work and elect the republican ticket throughout from judge to coroner. There is not a man among them who is not worthy your support. The ticket is clean, representative and capable. The candidates are all worthy men, free from prejudices and if elected will serve the whole people and not any particular few. The republicans of Wasco County appeal to the voters to carefully consider before voting against the party which has no other aim in view than providing best for the interests of the nation.

Read the ticket over carefully; think over each name and then decide if there is any reason why the Republican nominees should not be supported. The Republican party can be depended upon, in the future, as in the past, to enact legislation which will be the wisest for the welfare of us all. In the words of Lincoln, the Republican party is a government of the people, for the people and by the people.