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QUESTION THE CANDIDATES

Only a few days remain until you will go to the polls and register your choice for mayor and city councilmen. Have you given this question the serious consideration which it deserves?

The Tidings wishes to emphasize the necessity of real thought in the selection of the candidates. Yesterday a Tidings editorial warned against the fault of voting upon the basis that either of the candidates for mayor or any six of the candidates for council would fill the bill.

We will admit that to vote haphazardly would not bring disaster or ruin to the city and things would continue to function as far as the city management is concerned, but a city which is content to merely function in a manner and without a definite policy of development is usually a laggard and does not get anywhere.

Ashland should have a mayor and councilmen who are definitely pledged to put the city out in the lead as far as civic improvements and advancement are concerned. Ask the candidates what they stand for, unless you feel certain you know their position sufficiently to be assured that they will make the best officials you could select.

And the candidates should be frank in stating the principles for which they stand. For instance, Wirt M. Wright, one of the candidates for council, frankly says he is "not willing to commit myself to the immediate construction of a series of dams up Ashland creek for water supply until after the water purchased from the Talent Irrigation company as an auxiliary to our present system, has been found insufficient for existing needs" and, equally frank, adds: "I ask those who do not favor the position I have taken to vote for someone else."

That is a candid, and commendable position, for he tells you, that if elected, he wants to test out the sufficiency of the water supply at present contracted before he is for the construction of dams up Ashland creek. This gives a basis upon which the voter may decide whether he wants to vote for Mr. Wright. The other candidates should be as frank and considerate of the voters' desire to understand the candidates' position.

One thinks more of a candidate who defines his position, even though you should not agree with him, than one does of a candidate who has no standard upon which he seeks your vote.

WATER IN PLENTY

When the Talent Irrigation District undertook the construction of the big dam on Emigrant Creek this summer, in order that an adequate water supply might be assured this district for some years to come, there were many who insisted that the reservoir which would be formed by the dam would never be filled to capacity, that the dam was entirely too large and expensive for the needs of the district. This opposition in the face of the advice of experts, and the figures contained in government water surveys, which showed that for a long period of years, Emigrant Creek had continued to run off 20,000 acre feet of water each year, two and one-half times the amount of water required to fill the reservoir.

But the first real rain of the year has forced these knockers an pessimists into the background. For with a fall of approximately two and one-half inches of rain, the reservoir at the dam has been filled to a depth of about forty feet. Already the water is streaming through the five foot tunnel which was dug to care for it.

And this was the first storm of the year, with a rainfall of only two and one-half inches. With a full year's rains, and we do not

expect our heavy rains until a great deal later in the year, it is almost a positive fact that the reservoir will be filled to capacity. And then, no more crops suffering from a shortage of water, no more lawns and domestic gardens dying of thirst. Plenty of water throughout the entire year. Truly this reservoir will be a great monument to its builders, to the foresight of the men who realized the need for it, and pushed its construction to completion.

IMPERIAL THEATRE OF TOKYO REBUILT, IS FINER THAN EVER

TOKYO, Nov. 1.—More imposing, more artistic, more modern than it was before, the Imperial Theatre is emerging from the blackened shell which marked the trail of the earthquake and fire of last year.

Today the lofty ceiling of the new structure is echoing the incessant rap-rap-rap of a small army of carpenters; the auditorium, so often filled with the brightest and gayest people of the nation's capital before the great disaster, is filled with scurrying artisans. The Commemoration Performance, for which Mei Lang-Fan, the best actor in China, and his troupe have been secured, has been arranged for tonight, when the famous actor who plays only feminine roles, will present "The Angel Scattering Flowers." Mei Lang-Fan and his company will continue at the theatre until November 4.

He will be followed by the regular November plays, and these by Zimballist, in December. The violinist is to include in his program the "Improvisation Japanese Tune," dedicated to Prince Kuni, Jr. Various attractions will continue through the Winter until March, when an Italian grand opera company from Milan will appear for twelve days. In May there will be a series of concerts by Mary Garden, of the Chicago Grand Opera Company.

A number of changes have been made in the theatre by Professor T. Yokogawa, who designed and built the original theatre and who has had charge of the re-building.

The auditorium is no longer resplendent in gilt, but is finished in oak panels instead; more quiet, more restful—seeming, perhaps, to have matured after the catastrophe through which it passed. Striped plush, in sombre tones, upholsters the seats, and the aisles are covered with heavy carpets, which muffle footfalls.

Only the two imperial boxes—one on each side of the proscenium arch and elevated to the

level of the balcony remain of the former row of boxes which lined the mezzanine floor. Behind each of the boxes is a private waiting room for the imperial guests. In addition to the balcony, the new theatre has a gallery, divided into two sections. The main floor and the balcony will seat 1,150 persons, and the gallery will care for 550 more. Wide stairways lead to each of four floors. A modern ventilating system has been installed.

The stage would delight the most exacting theatrical technician. A new revolving platform has been installed, making it possible to set several scenes, as formerly. The fireescapes and curtain work automatically, and electric motors supply the power for raising and lowering back drops and other hanging scenery. Three front curtains of different colors have been ordered. Back of the stage are dressing rooms which will suit the taste of the most temperamental star.

The front lobby and the main staircases are finished in Italian and Japanese marble. On the second floor a large room, which was formerly a restaurant has been converted into a lounge and smoking room. Here the decorators have been lavish with carvings and gold leaf. Velvet curtains shut it off from the promenade back of the balcony.

On the third floor a restaurant will be opened. There will also be restaurants flanking the main building on the ground floor. The subway to the Tokyo Kaikan Restaurant, which is expected to be opened simultaneously with the Imperial Theatre, will be used again as before the earthquake.

A new feature is the spacious garden on the front roof of the building. Decorated with trees and plants and lighted with numerous artistic lanterns, it will accommodate those of the audience who wish to seek the open air and

refreshments between acts. A splendid bird's-eye view of the palace grounds across the moat may be had here.

Has Thrill—Quite a thrilling boat ride on the Rogue was experienced yesterday morning by Cland Bardon, who made the drift from the Ament dam. He started out with his two boats, one tied on behind the other. Inside of 20 minutes he was landing beneath the steel bridge in Grants Pass, having come over some extremely swift water on the trip down. He beat an automobile which left at the same time.—Grants Pass Courier.

The coroners duty calls that officer from the highest mountain sides to the bottom of the rivers and lakes. Is this a position for a man or a lady? Think it over and vote for H. W. Conger. 51-4

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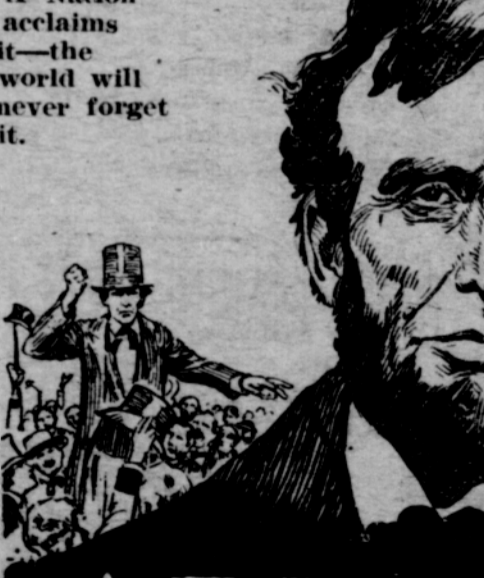
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VOTE FOR W. J. HARTZELL for County Judge

- Because he has spent the past 15 years in constructive work in the Valley. Because he is a large property owner and heavy tax payer, his taxes in 1923 being \$2715.39. Because he is law abiding himself and believes that all laws should be obeyed. Because he stands for a county-wide road program with a square deal to every section of the county. Because he is qualified by experience and ability.

Statement by Mr. Hartzell

Fifteen years ago I came to this county, investing my money in the Three Oaks Ranch, about 3 miles south of Medford, where I have resided ever since. This ranch comprises 253 acres of fruit, alfalfa and general farming land, and I have lived on, farmed and operated this land during all of this time.

I am a firm believer in law enforcement and am in sympathy with the present prohibition laws. They will, at all times receive my hearty support. However, I am opposed to special prohibition employees working in conflict with the sheriff's office. The responsibility for performing the duties of his office is and should be squarely placed on the sheriff. If deputies are necessary they should be given him. If he fails to function, the people have their remedy.

There should be cooperation between all county officers, divided authority tends to bring about conflict.

I am a firm believer in good roads, provided the money is expended judiciously and the taxpayer gets value received, and that each road district receives the money to which it is entitled under the law.

My only thought in offering myself as a candidate is that I may, if elected, bring to the office long practical experience and be of some service to the citizens of this county in putting our disturbed county conditions on a progressive and safe basis.

The Right Man in the Right Place

My acquaintance with Mr. Hartzell, the republican candidate for county judge, dates back almost to the time when he came to Jackson County, fifteen years ago, to take charge of the Three Oaks orchard. He had some alfalfa land, and some grain land, but most of the property was planted to young orchard, unproductive, and a source of expense for twelve months in the year. He has stuck to his job, year in, year out, and brought the property to a point where it is financially profitable. As I look back and remember the people who have failed to succeed with similar undertakings, I know that he has persistence, good judgment and business ability. He couldn't have made the grade otherwise.

When the Talent Irrigation District was organized, Mr. Hartzell was elected director and has served as president of the Board ever since. I live in that district and I know something of the difficulties that have been overcome and of the work that has been accomplished, and I believe that to Mr. Hartzell more than to any other one man, is due the success of the project.

Last spring I was associated with a number of others in organization of the Tax Payers and Anti-Paving committee. We were interested in lowering taxes and, with that end in view, suggested to the county court that a committee be appointed by the court or elected (one member from each road district) to sit with the court in all vital matters concerning road work. We believed that such a committee would largely do away with unnecessary expenditures of county money on roads and result in a more equitable distribution of the funds.

Here is what Mr. Hartzell said when the plan was submitted to him:

"Such a plan, in case I should be elected, would meet with my entire approval. By such a method a just distribution could more nearly be reached as to expenditures and more efficient, satisfactory and equitable results rendered the citizens of the whole county.

"Any county judge should welcome the assistance of such a committee, in determining some of

the important questions concerning roads. Through this course the county judge is kept in constant touch with the needs and wishes of his constituency. "However, it should be distinctly understood that at no time should the county judge surrender any of either the duties or responsibilities of his office."

The more I read that the better I like Mr. Hartzell's attitude. Willing to take advice, but surrendering none of the responsibilities of the office. I like Mr. Hartzell's stand on another matter. He says:

"I am a firm believer in law enforcement and am in sympathy with the present prohibition laws. They will at all times receive my hearty support. However, I am opposed to special prohibition employees working in conflict with the sheriff's office. The responsibility for performing the duties of his office is and should be squarely placed on the sheriff. If deputies are necessary they should be given him. If he fails to function, the people have their remedy."

Mr. Hartzell's taxes for 1923 were \$2715.39. He is a heavy taxpayer. He is not a tax dodger. He is interested in reducing taxes and in case he is elected county judge and it is possible to reduce taxes, I believe he will do so.

Knowing him as a rancher, as a private citizen, as a business man, and as a public official, I believe if we elected Mr. Hartzell county judge we will be putting the right man in the right place. S. A. NYE.

Talent, Oregon, October 26, 1924.

Endorsed by His Neighbors

As citizens of Jackson County, actuated by the thought of serving ourselves and other overburdened tax payers, and not entirely through personal friendship, and recognizing a desire among a large number of voters for information concerning the qualifications of candidates, we do hereby unqualifiedly endorse the candidacy of W. J. Hartzell for the office of County Judge, for the following reasons:

- 1. He is and has been for more than 15 years, the owner of a 253 acre fruit and general farming ranch three miles south of Medford. 2. That because of such ownership he has been a heavy taxpayer and from actual trials and experiences become thoroughly familiar with the many difficult and serious problems that have, do now, and will continue for some time to confront the farmer and taxpayer of this county. 3. He is mature in both years and practical experience, successful in his private affairs, respected and esteemed by all who know him. 4. He is the kind and character of a man needed to assume charge of the large financial interests of our county, in this period of required retrenchment following the disastrous experience of a county loss of more than \$100,000.00 in the Jacksonville Bank failure. 5. His candidacy is based upon a pledge of careful, prudent business management and an honest effort to reduce taxes to a point not inconsistent with the proper and natural development of the county, which all recognize is possible by applying practical business experience and methods, which qualifications are possessed by Mr. Hartzell in a high degree.

- James P. Hansen, Orchardist, Chester Fitch, Farmer, Ed Hamlin, Farmer, J. A. Gammill, Farmer & Fruitgrower, W. A. A. Stratton, Farmer, Jas. Campbell, Farmer & Stockman, Louis Dodge, Furniture Dealer, Theo. C. Fish, Farmer & Orchardist, H. H. Corliss, Farmer & Orchardist, F. W. Herrin, Farmer & Stockman, E. C. Gardner, Orchardist, A. H. Davenport, Farmer & Orchardist, R. H. Wilcox, Farmer & Orchardist, Albert C. Joy, Farmer & Stockman, J. R. McCracken, Farmer & Dairyman, J. M. Kallstrom, Farmer & Orchardist, C. A. Brown, Farmer, H. H. Young, Farmer, M. J. Norris, Fruitgrower, E. J. White, Farmer & Orchardist, E. G. Newby, Farmer & Orchardist, E. Lester Newby, Farmer & Orchardist, R. E. Robison, Farmer & Dairyman, R. F. Bolz, Farmer, W. V. Barnum, Farmer & Orchardist, John M. Mast, Farmer & Dairyman, W. E. Brayton, Farmer & Orchardist, J. G. Love, Farmer & Orchardist, W. H. Watt, Orchardist, Will Hanson, Farmer, Adolf Schulz, Farmer, T. V. Williams, Ranchman, H. W. Young, Farmer, A. H. Fisher, Farmer, E. E. Littlefield, Orchardist.

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