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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1908

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

STATE

Presidential Electors—A. C. Marsters, of Douglas; R. R. Butler, Gilliam; F. J. Miller, Linn; J. D. Lee, Multnomah.
Senator—H. M. Calkins, Multnomah.
Representative—Willis C. Hawley, Marion.

Justice Supreme Court—Robert S. Bean, Lane.
Dairy and Food Commissioner—J. W. Baily, Multnomah.
Prosecuting Attorney—E. R. Bryson, Benton.
Railroad Commissioner—T. K. Campbell, Lane.

COUNTY CANDIDATES.

Judge—G. R. Chrisman.
Commissioner—H. M. Price.
Sheriff—Drew Griffin.
Clerk—E. U. Lee.
Treasurer—R. E. Eastland.
Assessor—B. F. Keeney.
School Superintendent—W. B. Dillard.
Surveyor—C. M. Collier.
Coroner—W. T. Gordon.
Representatives—Louis E. Bean, Winsor W. Calkins, Allen H. Eaton.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

U. S. Senator—Geo. E. Chamberlain, Salem, Oregon.
Congressman—John J. Whitney, Albany, Oregon.
Supreme Judge—Robert S. Bean, Salem, Oregon.
Representative—Leon R. Edmunson, Eugene, Oregon.
County Sheriff—Harry L. Bown, Eugene, Oregon.
County Clerk—Henry Stewart, Springfield, Oregon.
County Judge—John W. Baker, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

County Assessor—Welby Stevens, Springfield, Oregon.
County Treasurer—James Kitchen, Irving, Oregon.
County Commissioner—Guard Huston, Crow, Oregon.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE TICKET

The following are the regular nominees of Lane county, for representatives on the Republican ticket:

LOUIS E. BEAN
WINSOR W. CALKINS
ALLEN H. EATON

North Carolina has gone for prohibition by more than 40,000, and it is probable it will reach 50,000.

Save Oregon's credit abroad and go on record as favorable to educational advancement by voting for the University of Oregon appropriation.

The Goulds announce officially that they are coming to Oregon with their railroads. That will be a mighty fine thing for their railroads, and for Oregon.

The proposition for changing the date of Oregon elections from June to November is a good one, vote for it. Oregon has too many elections. They come high.

The friends of County Judge G. R. Chrisman insist that his record for county improvements, at the same time his painstaking care and economy in handling the county funds, entitles him to a second term.

Henry W. Stewart, democratic candidate for county clerk, was mingling with his old friends in this city today, and making his final "round up" of voters prior to the election. Henry has made a clean, energetic campaign and has made many additional friends, who will vote for him. Coming from an estimable old pioneer family of Lane and being a young man of great ability and irrefragable character he will poll a very strong vote.

I. T. NICKLIN MAKES A STATEMENT

I understand that a report is being circulated that I am not supporting the republican ticket, especially the republican nominee for sheriff. I wish it distinctly understood that such is not the case. Mr. Griffin received the nomination at the primary election and should have the loyal support of every republican in Lane county. This county is entitled to a republican sheriff and my supporters at the primaries will be doing their duty to the republican party by casting their vote for Drew Griffin for sheriff at the election Monday. I. T. NICKLIN.

Memorial Day is to be observed in Cottage Grove in a fitting manner. Co. E will join with the old veterans and citizens of the town in conducting such services as are appropriate for the day, and the members of the G. A. R. invite the various organizations, fraternal and otherwise, to join with them in paying respect to the memory of those comrades who have passed into the great beyond. A big military and civic parade will be a feature of the day with exercises at the M. E. church and also at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Not many of our soldiers are left and it is fitting that this generation should hold in deepest respect the memory of the men who fought and died to save our country when in her direst need, and should turn out and commemorate the day with the veterans of Appomattox Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

A joint debate was held here Wednesday afternoon between the different candidates for representative. Those participating were L. E. Bean and W. W. Calkins, republicans; L. R. Edmunson democrat, and Geo. O. Knowles, independent. The two last have signed Statement No. 1, and the first two are opposed to it. The merits of that statement formed the principal bone of contention. —Florence West.

Drew Griffin, the republican candidate for sheriff, closed his canvass at this place Tuesday, and to his credit be it said, that he conducted a fair and gentlemanly campaign, one devoid of personalities or intrigue and if elected he has the qualifications necessary to make a good officer of the law.

The Leader favors the formation of the new county of Hood river. The sooner many of these monstrous Oregon counties are formed into more and smaller counties the quicker will their great resources be developed and numerous new industries be built up where now great wealth lies dormant.

Vote "no" when you come to that amendment providing for a "constitutional amendment giving additional and exclusive power to cities and towns, within their corporate limits, to license, regulate, control or tax, suppress or prohibit theaters, billiard halls, etc., and the sale of liquors, subject to the local option law." This is the Reddy amendment, look out for it. It's loaded.

The Leader feels that it has treated the various candidates with fairness and impartiality, and in a manner becoming an independent newspaper. It has informed its readers as to their qualifications and fitness for office and it is now up to the voters to choose their men for the various offices at the polls next Monday.

PREPARING FOR A BIG CELEBRATION

Cottage Grove is preparing for a big celebration July 4th. The M. W. A. and W. O. W. camps met in joint session Thursday evening and elected Ed Tullar grand marshal of the day. It was decided to hold all of the sports and games at the Landess grove and refreshment stands will be required to pay a rental of \$10 on the grounds. The orator will be selected at their meeting next week when preliminaries will be arranged. A goddess of liberty voting contest will be inaugurated at once.

It is the intention to arrange a program that will come about as near pleasing everybody as it is possible to do on such an occasion.

IN BEHALF OF DREW GRIFFIN.

Eugene, Oregon, May 25, 1908.

Editors Leader:—We, the undersigned republicans of Lane county wish to state in the matter of the candidacy of Mr. Drew Griffin for the office of sheriff, that we consider him exceptionally well qualified for the office, that as residents of Eugene we have sufficient knowledge of Mr. Griffin's habits and character to state positively that he is neither a drinking man nor a gambler, and we therefore brand as false and malicious, unprincipled and unfair the statements of such purport which his political opponents are making over the county. Mr. Griffin commands the respect and support of the citizens of Eugene of his own political party and we earnestly bespeak for him the vote of the Republican party throughout the rest of the county.

Geo. O. Yorlan C. A. Wintermeier
J. W. Buoy John M. Williams
A. Willis W. Kuykendall
W. C. Dixon S. H. Friendly
Geo. H. Kelly A. C. Woodcock
J. F. Kelly E. O. Potter
S. M. Yorlan D. A. Paine

LOOKS GOOD FOR J. W. BAKER.

Encouraging news are coming in from all parts of the county for South Lane's only county candidate, J. W. Baker, who is running on the democratic ticket for county judge. Especially encouraging for Mr. Baker, is the news from Florence and Springfield where, it is said, many prominent republicans, besides the democrats are out working for him. It is said that Junction City will also give him more than his party vote as will the county seat. In South Lane Mr. Baker is particularly strong and will poll a magnificent vote. South Lane is greatly in need of some permanent road and bridge work. A steel bridge is needed badly across the narrow Coast Fork in this city and the farmers are greatly in need of one of the county rock crushers and graders and they know that if J. W. Baker is elected county judge this end of the county will be taken care of along with other parts of the county. J. W. Baker has the qualifications and ability to make an excellent county judge.

WORTHY OF RE-ELECTION.

B. F. Keeney, Lane county's efficient assessor, is a native son of this county and was born and reared on the farm from which he was elected to the assessor's office. He is just completing his first term as assessor and of him the taxpayers may honestly say, "well done thou good and faithful servant." It is not likely that he will get many votes from the corporations in this county from the fact that he has made them pay their just proportion of taxes, having increased their taxes many fold, but we believe the people will show their approval of his policy by giving him a big vote for re-election next Monday. His record for honesty, morality and fair dealings is without a blemish as is also his official record.

A vote in favor of the armory bill is a vote for a \$10,000 armory building at Cottage Grove from which the state will receive big returns on its investment, in due course of time, in fact, from the very first.

STEVENS' ANSWER TO ASSESSOR KEENEY

In a communication to the Cottage Grove Leader, Assessor Keeney calls attention to the fact that the Southern Pacific company is now assessed \$20,000 per mile, but we ask, why did he not raise the assessment to \$30,000 per mile, the same as in Marion, Linn and Douglas counties?

Mr. Keeney states that he did list the S. P. Co's road bed at \$30,000 per mile, but that he did not succeed in getting the assessment at that figure. We ask why not? The farmers of Lane county pay the assessment made by Mr. Keeney, why not the railroad company?

Why should the Southern Pacific company be allowed to have their assessment placed at \$20,000 when listed \$30,000?

Mr. Keeney admits, by his communication that the S. P. Co's road bed should have been assessed at \$30,000 per mile, and he has not explained to the voters of Lane county, why the assessment was made at only \$20,000 per mile.

The difference in the assessment of the railroad bed in this county, between \$30,000 per mile and \$20,000 per mile is the sum of \$407,600 upon which the taxes are lost to Lane county this year.

Mr. Welby Stevens of Springfield promises the voters of Lane county, that if he is elected, he will raise this assessment the \$407,600 or more.

REGARDING EQUALIZATION BOARD.

The tax roll of Lane county is invalidated for the year of 1907. The tax laws provide that the board of equalization shall meet upon the 3rd Monday in October, of each year which came upon the 21st day of October, for the year 1907.

The board meeting was not advertised and the board never met for the year of 1907, thus invalidating the tax roll for 1907 because of the negligence of the assessor in not calling the meeting, as required by law.

Although Mr. Keeney probably merely forgot or overlooked the date required by law for the board to meet, yet, inasmuch as the entire validity of the assessment depends upon the meeting of the board of equalization, his forgetfulness can hardly be excused, as to so vital a part of his duties.

It is true that the farmers paid their taxes just the same, but the corporations took advantage of this oversight to get their assessment fixed upon satisfactorily to themselves.

Mr. Stevens of Springfield, promises the voters, that if he is elected the board of equalization will be called each year promptly upon date specified by law and that the complaints of the farmers will be heard and considered as carefully as the complaint of the corporations.

KEENEY'S EXPERIENCE WITH BANK HOLIDAYS

Editors Leader:—In looking over my letter in last week's Leader, I see I neglected to explain that the board of equalization was unable to maintain my assessment of the S. P. Company's road bed and rolling stock last fall at \$30,000 per mile on account of our governor's holiday proclamations, which gave the railroad company a decided advantage through a legal technicality, which it exercised in this county. The above conditions, however, it is to be hoped, will not interfere with my maintaining my \$30,000 per mile assessment this year. I understand my political opponent is making a great spiel about my negligence in not calling a meeting of the board of equalization last fall and its failure therefore to act on my \$30,000 per mile railroad assessment, when he knows that the banking holidays rendered any business that the board might have transacted illegal. He had just as well go on and make a still bigger ignoramus of himself by censuring the county court and the circuit court for not holding regular sessions during that emergency holiday period. The young man will probably grow wiser with age. Respect, B. F. KEENEY.

HARRY BOWN FOR SHERIFF.

The next sheriff of this county will probably handle not less than seven hundred thousand dollars or nearly three quarters of a million of the people's money during his term of office. He should therefore be a man of the strictest integrity and the utmost honesty. His character, like that of Caesar's wife, should be above suspicion. Harry Bown, candidate for sheriff on the democratic ticket, has a record for faithfulness to duty that entitles him to the confidence of the voters. The question of whether the candidate is a democrat or republican should not be considered in the matter of county offices but the character of the man is what should be looked at. He should be a man of a clear brain and clear conscience. It is the duty of every voter to safeguard the public funds with the same care and caution that he bestows upon his individual property. The people must have a sheriff that merits their absolute confidence. They will and should be satisfied with nothing less than this. How can the people judge a candidate except by his character and by the record he has made? Harry Bown is receiving the support of both parties because he is a man of character and ability and worthy of the support of any honest, conscientious voter. If you want to elect a man who will be found at his post at all times, a man who is thoroughly honest, a man who has had years of experience in the sheriff's office as deputy, and a man who is very cool and deliberate, honest and upright, and a safe guardian of public funds, be sure that you vote for Harry Bown on Monday June 1st. — Springfield News.

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