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FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

Wm. G. R. Christian, the republican candidate for county judge, has for many years been actively identified with the Republican party. He is well and favorably known throughout Lane County and is one of the leading citizens of this County. The Republican party could not have made a better selection, in choosing its candidate, for the position of County Judge. Mr. Christian has demonstrated that he is a thorough and a careful business man, because he has made a success of his own business. A man who can make a success of his own business is the man into whose hands the tax payers can safely place the management of the business affairs of Lane County. A great amount of money is expended every year in repairing and building roads and bridges, and it is highly important that this money be expended by careful business men. Mr. Christian is a believer in good roads and is one of the active supporters of the Good Road Movement. He is a man of integrity and possesses sound judgment. He is a plain man of the people, he is congenial and has a pleasant disposition, and those qualities when possessed by a public servant always insure his treatment, and a fair and courteous consideration of the rights of all persons. Mr. Christian was elected Mayor of the City of Eugene in 1901, and when he took the oath of office the city was in debt to about the sum of \$20,000.00. In 1902 he was unanimously re-elected. In April 1903, the net indebtedness of the city of Eugene was only a little over \$2,000.00. More street improvements have been made in Eugene since 1901 than at any time in the history of Eugene and notwithstanding the excessive impositions made during this time, Mayor Christian, by wise and careful business management has been able to reduce the indebtedness one-half. Mr. Christian has shown capacity in the administration of public business. The taxpayers irrespective of party affiliations who just such a man as Mr. Christian for County Judge, and he will undoubtedly be elected by a very large vote.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan usually remarks "The New York Democratic platform is a dishonest platform, it only for a dishonest party. No one but an ardent dog would stand upon it." This shows that Nebraska's favorite son has organized a Parkers Club and carries it with him.

The average educated man gets a salary of \$2,000 per year. He works 40 weeks, making his average of \$40.00 in a life time. The average day laborer gets \$1.50 per day, 300 days in

the year or \$450 per year. In 40 years he earns \$4,200.40 or \$105.00 a life time. The difference between \$40,000 and \$15,000 or \$25,000 equals the value of an education in dollars. To acquire this earning capacity requires 12 years at school of 180 days each, or a total of 2,160 days. Divide \$25,000 value of an education, by 2,160 number of days required in getting it, and we find that each day at school is worth a little more than \$10 to the pupil. Can't afford to keep them out, can we?

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

All progressives, thinking people now days read the county papers, but not all by any means will stop their work to attend political meetings—especially will this be the case during the present campaign, because the season is backward and the farmer needs to employ every moment possible upon the farm. Therefore, the newspapers will be employed to a greater extent than ever before to reach voters. The Leader while editorially supporting the republican ticket does not exclude the opposition candidates from its news columns, but grants them card space in which to announce their candidacy to the voters since they have no newspaper representation in this city. The Leader is a newspaper and not a narrow, partisan organ.

Steps are being taken both for and against the local option law which is to be voted on in June. The matter should receive an intelligent consideration and there is no good reason why any legal citizen should not vote in favor of the proposed law. The law itself, as supposed by some, is not a perpetual prohibition measure. It means simply that in the event of the bill becoming a law, every community either large or small, shall have an opportunity every two years to say through the ballot whether the sale of liquor shall be allowed in that community. In other words, to every precinct, town or county, once in every two years is given the right to decide by a majority vote whether liquor selling shall be allowed in the district involved.

Japan is not a Christian nation, yet its rulers recognize that there is something in Christianity which is not found in their own native religions. A letter from a missionary in Japan says the government has appointed a Christian chaplain for each division of the army as it proceeds to the front, thus placing Christianity on an equal footing with Shintoinism, the religion of the government itself, and with Buddhism, each of which has a chaplain in each division of the army.

Mathematicians who want to figure out the duration of the Russo-Japanese war with the British-Rour war as a basis will have to do some lively figuring. Great Britain had 470,000 for every burgher in the Transvaal, and it took her more than two years and a billion dollars to conquer the hardy Dutchman. Russia has three men to Japan's one, and nobody disputes that the Japanese are pretty good fighters. There's the basis for calculation. Now figure it out.

For a man who has been in public life as long as Ringer Hermann has, to be nominated by acclamation without a dissenting voice in the convention means a whole lot. It is a tribute to be proud of.—Bogger Times.

In Jos. S. Stiles the republicans appear to have the strongest confidence. He is the sheriff that they have nominated in many years. From all parts of the

county comes reports of his increasing popularity and strength. His long training in the capacity of chief of police at Eugene particularly qualifies him for the office of sheriff and it is hard to find a more genial and accommodating gentleman than "Joe" Stiles.

I. H. Ringham, the south Lane candidate for representative on the republican ticket, is given the assurance, judging from reports, of receiving as large a vote as any man on the ticket. His prominence in lumbering and mining circles, and from the fact that he is closely identified with the growth and development of the county, makes him a very popular candidate. His election is certain. Tis well.

The political campaign thus far has been as quiet as Sunday in the woods. None of the four parties with tickets in the field has yet manned its guns or even chartered a voice to emit oratory. Success of the Republican cause is so certain that Democrats see nothing to fight for save local county offices, sheriff for example.

One of the most efficient and popular candidates on the republican ticket is E. U. Lee, who will be re-elected to the office of County Clerk by a handsome majority, judging from general reports.

Ringer Hermann was appointed by Speaker Cannon as a member of the committee to represent the House at the opening ceremonies of the St. Louis world's fair Saturday.

Judge Parker is said to be somewhat irritated by this talk about his incumbency. When asked about his principles and policies he explains "Go to Hell."

The man who loses his temper in politics just because things do not go his way should quit the game. He can't afford the wear and tear on his nerves.

Push things "lickety bellie" while the sunshiny days of May last. This is the time that settles the question of what harvests you will gather next fall.

There is one place where the rich and poor meet on an equal footing—in a gambling house. They are all rolled alike.

The farmer should not be taxed for any part of his farm not free from mortgage. Why should he be?

The voters are not talking much politics as yet, but they are doing some good sound thinking.

The southern states are producing half the lumber cut in America.

Don't put off registering until the last minute.

THE CIRCUIT JUDGSHIP

The Leader, while an independent republican newspaper, is not so radical, narrow and partisan that it can see no good and recognize no superior qualifications, or efficient services in any public official, unless he happens to be of the republican faith. We are liberal enough to recognize competency and the faithful and efficient discharge of official duties, in any public official, and give full credit where credit is due, no matter what his political affiliations may be. In this connection, while we are not supporting for re-election, Hon. J. W. Hamilton, we must un-

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