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THE JOINT CANVASS

Respective County Candidates Discuss Politics.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

Young Man Edmundson Meets His Waterloo—Our Own I. H. Bingham Made a Rousing Speech.

The various county candidates on the Republican and Democratic tickets, who have been engaged in a joint canvass of the county since the campaign opened, swooped down on Cottage Grove in full force Wednesday and at 1:30 o'clock p. m. assembled in the opera house to discuss the issues of the campaign. The C. M. A. band was out and by its soul stirring music greatly enlivened the occasion. By the time the meeting was called to order the opera house was well filled by representatives of all parties. Hon. Ivan McQueen, was chosen chairman of the meeting and A. B. Atkins timekeeper. Thirty minutes was allotted to each speaker, and the republican candidate for representative, I. N. Edwards, who opened the discussion was given ten minutes in which to make the closing address.

Mr. Edwards was introduced by chairman McQueen and he at once took up a clear and concise discussion of national affairs. He said he was a firm believer in the principles and policy of the republican party, which he thought was the best for the welfare of the country and its people. He reviewed the progress and splendid achievements of the republican party and drew a strangely convincing picture of democracy and its attendant disasters. He said he was a plain, blunt farmer, but like many others had come face to face with democratic adversity and did not want any more of it, "these experiences," he said, "are less than eight years old." He concluded by paying a glowing tribute to that type of Americanism, Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Edwards was heartily applauded throughout his speech.

L. R. EDMUNDSON, democratic candidate for the legislature was next introduced, and like many other young men in their early debate he mistakes personalities and Billingsgate for logic and argument. Mr. Edmundson is an intelligent young man, a fluent, ready speaker, but his campaign of personalities and vituperation, his repeated vicious public attacks upon his opponent, Hon. I. N. Edwards has redounded to his discredit, especially

since Mr. Edwards has always treated him in a courteous and respectful manner on the stump. This young "Clay Henry" laid much stress on the "vicious logging bill," (which failed to pass in the legislature) and also the bill drafted soon after the great forest fires, designed for protection against such disasters, which however, also failed to become a law, and Mr. Edwards was branded as a champion of both measures. Mr. Edmundson's address reminded us that there are times when silence is preferable to speech, as when the old lady asked the physician for some medicine and he said, "Madam, all you need is rest." "Oh, she replied, just look at my tongue." "Ah," said the doctor, "that needs rest too."

If when the ballots are counted after June 6, this young man, is not found bringing up the rear, we are no prophet or son of a prophet.

I. H. BINGHAM, "Honest Ike," as he has been styled in the present campaign, was the next speaker, his appearance before his fellow-townsmen in his maiden political speech being the signal for a deafening round of applause. He began by saying that the other candidates had showed a disposition to evade the paramount issue so far as he and they were concerned—he continued, "I am a candidate for legislative honors, on the republican ticket and since I am in the race I want to go to the legislature," and he continued, "if I do go to the legislature you will know it—I will let you hear from me." He said he was out of place on the platform before so large an audience, and being a logger would feel more more at home on the stump. He said he was not a public speaker or an orator but in less than five minutes he proved himself in error on both counts.

He deplored the personalities and discourteous address of the speaker

I. H. BINGHAM



who preceded him, young man Edmundson, and proceeded to mop up the floor with him and teach the young man a lesson. He said that after all Robert A. Booth had done for the industrial and com-

A POPULAR CANDIDATE

Joe S. Stiles a Natural Criminal Catcher—Is Making a Clean and Effective Canvass.

As the county campaign progresses the popularity of Joe S. Stiles' candidacy for sheriff continues to increase, until it is now predicted by leading republicans that he will be elected sheriff by a larger majority than polled by any candidate for that office in the county.

The voters of Lane County showed wisdom in selecting for that important office a man who is by nature

"Stiles is the man for sheriff," and his election is a foregone conclusion. The republicans of Eugene and all over the county are lined up for sheriff and for the entire republican ticket, which will be elected June 6, by the biggest republican majority ever recorded in Lane county.

J. S. Stiles has an excellent record for official industry, is a man of



a detective and who has a long record of criminal arrests to his credit, while serving the city of Eugene for years as chief of police, and who is looked to by officers all over the state as the man who can land an escaping criminal upon very brief description, if he gets within Joe's territory.

From all over the county comes the cheering information that

sobriety, a member of the Woodman of the World and I. O. O. F., and of Uniform Rank, W. O. W. Also a member of the degree teams in the I. O. O. F. and the encampment. He is also a member of the Rebekah lodge.

When elected Mr. Stiles will give to the office of sheriff an administration of which every citizen will be proud.

mercantile interests of this community, Edmundson's unjust and vicious attacks upon him, were resented as much by our people as though they were made upon I. H. Bingham. He said the young man's insinuations that Mr. Edwards was a party to fraud, and vicious legislation, was all political buncombe and unsubstantiated by the legislative records. At this juncture the "boy speaker" began to look like 30 cents, and wore a "wish I was far away" look on his face. Mr. Bingham then launched out vigorously on state and county issues. He favored the corporation tax law, except as to its relation to mines, and he strongly favors an amendment in this respect. He said the prospector and mine operator needed encouragement instead of being burdened with an unjust tax. He also stands firmly for a maximum railroad freight rate, one, fair and just to the railroad company as well as the public. He also advocated better roads and thought legislation should be enacted in this direction. He took a sound, logical view of all important questions to the taxpayers and was not afraid to emphatically state his position on these issues. He in conclusion, very intelligently, but briefly discussed the most important national issues and closed with a thrilling peroration, in which he said that "when the western sun sheds its last rays on grand old Oregon on the evening of June 6th may it be heard abroad that the Webfoot State has rolled up the largest vote in its history for progress and prosperity and that matchless American, Theodore Roosevelt." Storms of applause followed and democrats and republicans were heard to say, "Honest Ike" is the right man upon which to confer legislative honors. He will receive an immense vote.

WALTER GRIFFIN.

Walter Griffin, of Eugene, republic

HON. BINGER HERMANN HOME.

Given a Hearty Welcome. Hon Geo C. Brownell, Principal Speaker.

Roseburg, Or., May 21—A magnificent Republican rally was held in this city this evening, and much enthusiasm was manifested. Hon. D. S. K. Buck presided, and Representative Hermann greeted his friends and neighbor on his return home and expressed his appreciation of the interest manifested in behalf of the republican cause, and then introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. Geo. C. Brownell who had been previously announced, and who in his usual eloquent and argumentative manner enlarged upon the merits of the Republican party and illustrated in clear and comprehensive reasoning the contrast between the two parties.

The advantage of retaining the Republicans in authority and the absurdity and ruinous alternative of restoring the wretched conditions suffered by the American people seven years ago and admirably portrayed, and appreciation was shown by the prolonged applause of the audience. Mr. Brownell then referred to the services to the state of our present delegation to Congress, the harmony existing between them and the splendid work accomplished for Oregon.

In view of the interest manifested, prominent leaders of the party expressed at the close the opinion that the Republican majority in Douglas county in June will be unprecedented.

To Build a Sample Road.

At the last term of the county court it was ordered that the county join with the city in offering to help the U. S. government in building a sample piece of good road along West 8th street and east between Eugene and Springfield. The judge and commissioners were to sign the agreement along with the city authorities, but the city was so slow in acting that last Tuesday, May 17 Judge Kincaid and Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Hill not being present—signed and mailed a separate agreement on the part of the county, thinking that by further delay the offer to help build sample roads in Lane county might be transferred to some other place where the people were more active and prompt in accepting aid.

Public School Benefit.

On Tuesday evening, May 31, two prominent Boer Officers, General Joubert and Captain O'Donnel will lecture on the long and terrible struggle of the Boers with an overwhelming foe in the late war in South Africa. The lecture is illustrated with numerous thrilling views from actual photographs taken during the war. Every body come.

Some fine green string beans were laid on our table Wednesday, the product of the garden on J. I. Jones farm north of this city. Pretty early for this variety of garden truck.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

Tragedy in the Vicinity of Lorane.

CORONER'S VERDICT

Louis Poitras Shot and Instantly Killed by Archie Elliott.

On last Saturday night about 10 o'clock came the news to the officials in this city of a shooting affair which had occurred in the afternoon near Lorane.

A young man by the name of Archie Elliott had shot and killed an old man by the name of Louis Poitras in a dispute over land. The Eugene Guard says Sheriff Fred Fisk and Deputy Sheriff Harry Bown left at once for Creswell, arriving there about 2 o'clock a. m. They were then given more definite information concerning the shooting.

Coroner C. B. King and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. T. Harris left for the scene of the tragedy about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. The shooting occurred on the top of a mountain in a small clearing nine miles west of Creswell and four miles east of Lorane.

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning the officers left Creswell for the place where the tragedy occurred and when a few miles out they met young Elliott, who gave himself up to the sheriff and returned with the party to where the dead body of Louis Poitras lay.

Coroner King assembled a jury as quickly as possible after his arrival, and an investigation was held. Poitras' body was found lying face downward with a bullet hole through his body, the shot having entered his right side under the fifth rib and going straight through, making its exit on the left side of the back about six inches from the spinal column. No weapons were found on or near the dead man.

The following witnesses were allowed to give testimony: John Hammit, George Neil, Earnest Schwing, Adolph Ling, Fred Fisk, Archie Elliott was also given a hearing.

It was learned that Louis Poitras was a very hard man to get along with and not liked by any of his neighbors. He was a source of much annoyance and was suspected of having shot cattle belonging to his neighbors and which strayed on his homestead. Again, he had forbidden several to trespass on his land.

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OTHER CANDIDATES PRESENT.

Democratic—Sheriff Fred Fisk W. B. Cheshire, for county judge; Edwards Jenk, for representative; Prof. E. R. Parker, for School Supt. Republicans—J. S. Stiles, for sheriff; G. R. Chrisman, for judge; B. F. Keeney, for assessor; W. B. Dillard, for school supt.