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TO VOTERS OF LANE COUNTY

I hope the people will excuse my rushing into print, but I deem it my duty to do so as some person to me unknown, has started a report that if elected county judge, I will house the rock crusher for a year. Now, I wish it distinctly understood that this report is false in every particular and I believe was manufactured solely for the purpose of injuring me. I am a charter member of the Lane County Good Roads Association. I most sincerely favor good roads and if elected will endeavor to improve the present condition of our roads, believing this action due the farming and commercial interests of Lane county.

G. R. CHRISMAN.

HON. R. A. BOOTH.

Hon. R. A. Booth, is a native son of Oregon, born in Yamhill county, May 15, 1853. He received an education at the Umpqua Academy at Wilbur. In 1880 Mr. Booth embarked in business at Yoncalla, following merchandising and lumber business for six years. In 1886 he went to Drain, where he was vice principal of the Normal School for one year and principal during 1887 and 1888. In 1890 he organized the First National Bank of Southern Oregon at Grants Pass and was chosen cashier, later becoming president of the bank. In 1895 Mr. Booth became manager of the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Company, which position he held until in 1897, when he organized the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, which is the largest lumbering concern in the state, with headquarters in Eugene. Mr. Booth first ran for office, four years ago, being a candidate for joint senator, for which he comes before the voters at this time for re-election. He is not taking any active part in the present campaign, but remained in Los Angeles most of the month. Mr. Booth has left his campaign in the hands of his friends and will be elected no doubt by a larger majority than four years ago. He should receive a substantial vote in Lane where, with his family, he resides.

The Toledo Reporter says: Judge E. O. Potter of Eugene, the Republican nominee for Circuit Judge, is a native Oregonian, is a graduate of the Oregon University, is 44 years of age, a profound lawyer who has reached the top of his profession by honesty, energy and ability. He served four years as County Judge of Lane County and, strange as it may seem, gave universal satisfaction, and has the full endorsement of all his people. While Judge Hamilton is very popular in this district no man calling himself a Republican has any excuse for going back on Judge Potter, who has every

qualification that fits him for the exalted position. Our people all remember Judge Potter who acted as referee in the "Grady road case" some years ago. Judge Potter will serve as our next Circuit Judge and no one will ever have cause to regret voting for him. With our Republican majority in the 2nd Judicial District his election is only a matter of time and will be assured on June sixth.

Some of the anti-option element of this city got all ruffled up because a circular was issued by the local option people thro' this paper last week one saloon keeper bracing up and "stopping his paper." Local option is one of the issues of this campaign and the champions of both sides have the right to present their views through the press and otherwise, and no saloon man or anti-saloon man has a right to attempt to suppress the discussion of such public questions. And further, if the saloon men want only candidates who will ignore violations of the law by them and show them special favors violating their oath of office for their benefit, then they will have to beat nearly all of the men on both the republican and democratic tickets for they are not that kind of men. If this sort of warfare don't prove a boom-orang, then we are a poor judge of the voters of Lane county, for we are confident they will not stand for anything of the kind. There are certain local people who might wisely refrain from attempting any persecution of the local press. It might retaliate by making public some existing conditions which are not exactly provided for in the city charter as well as the Oregon statutes. Our columns are open for the discussion of local, state and national issues.

Hon. Binger Hermann has returned home from Washington barely in time to give his campaign for re-election to congress a little personal attention. It is probable that he will only be able to make a few speeches at the most important points throughout this congressional district. However, while he has been at his post of duty at Washington, his numerous friends have been looking carefully after his political interests throughout the district and they are entirely satisfied with the situation and the prospects for his re-election. He has lost none of his old time popularity and prestige, neither has he outlived his usefulness and loyalty to his state, nor lost any of his influence in the congress of the United States.

Hon. Binger Hermann, our Binger, is again shaking hands with his host of friends here at his old home. He is welcomed alike by all classes regardless of party affiliations. He shakes hands heartily with them all and those who have so long known him know that his hearty grasp and cordial welcome is not affected but is sincere.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

The American mining congress will meet in Portland August 22. A very large attendance of mining men is anticipated owing to the constantly increasing interest in mining. Excursions will be run from Portland to the various mining districts of the state, including Bohemia.

Every bushel of grain, every pound of butter, beef, pork, mutton, poultry, every dozen of eggs raised in the country this year, will be wanted at good prices.

Hon. Binger Hermann and Senator Fulton will speak at Eugene June 1.

All do not believe in local option and

it is probable the opposition is fully as conscientious in its belief as the majority of those who advocate the measure. It is a question, however, which every voter should study carefully and vote as he thinks is best.

Geo. M. Brown is not losing any sleep over his chances for re-election as district attorney. He has no opposition. This is unprecedented and George has just cause to feel a little bit swelled up over it.

In the matter of qualification the nominees on the Republican ticket are all capable men who can be trusted to attend to the duties of the offices they are seeking. We expect to see the entire ticket elected.

It costs \$20 to get into all the shows on the Pike at St. Louis. No man has as yet been willing to tell how much it costs to get out.

Bradstreet's find that eighty-four per cent of the business failures last year didn't advertise in the newspapers.

Monday is Memorial Day. Let us all unite in paying tribute to the nation's honored dead.

It is estimated that 15,000,000 votes will be cast at the coming Presidential election.

2631 voters have registered in Coos county. There was 2245 two years ago.

THE GAME LAWS ARE ENFORCED.

Warden Baker is Doing Good Work With Small Resources.

The Oregonian of last Sunday published a vicious attack on Game Warden J. W. Baker. The article is uncalled for, wholly misleading, and displays an utter disregard for the truth on the part of the big daily. In justice to our fellowtownsman, the LEADER proposes to set this matter right and present a few facts to prove the falsity of the Oregonian's statement which in part was as follows.

The Oregonian's informant alleged that there was a general slaughter of all kinds of game throughout Western Oregon and that paper said, "When asked why this unlawful shooting was not stopped, he said 'because there is no game warden.'" On further questioning he admitted that one Baker, a Democrat of Cottage Grove, better known as "Lazy John Baker," had been appointed game warden, but he was no better than a wooden man. His only discharge of his duties was the arresting of three men for running deer with hounds, which was literally forced on him and the arrest of a boy in Eastern Oregon for spearing a dog Salmon. If these statements are correct, it is about time that a new fish and game warden was appointed."

MR. BAKER'S RECORD FOR FIRST YEAR.

In order to ascertain the truth of the matter the LEADER made inquiry concerning the number of prosecutions made by Mr. Baker and finds that since he assumed the duties of the office eleven months ago, he has instituted 40 cases against violators of the fish and game laws, and has secured convictions in almost every instance. The complete list of prosecutions is as follows:

For unlawfully killing and having in possession deer:

Oliver Davis, fined \$25 and costs.

Albert Mattison, fined \$25 and costs.

Edgar Mattison, Jr., fined \$25 and costs.

Jim Mattison, fined \$25 and costs.

Alfred Mattison, fined \$25 and sentence suspended.

E. Roberts, fined \$25 and sentence suspended.

Edgar Mattison, fined \$25 and costs.

Rube Gaunt, fined \$25 and costs.

Barney Gaunt, fined \$25 and costs.

John Gaunt, fined \$25 and costs.

Allen McFerren, fined \$25 and costs.

Jeff McFerren, fined \$25 and costs.

M. E. Brown, fined \$25 and costs.

James Reed, fined \$25 and costs.

George Conzor, fined \$25 and costs.

W. H. Bartholomew, dismissed.

M. M. Stewart, dismissed.

George Fisher, fined \$25 and costs.

Dick Miller, fined \$25 and costs.

J. F. Wheeler, fined \$25 and costs.

A. C. Eads, fined \$25 and costs.

G. S. Miller, fined \$25 and costs.

For unlawfully keeping and having in possession game birds.

August Heimrich, fined \$15 and costs.

G. Inagrit, fined \$15 and costs.

Hugh Brandon, fined \$15 and costs.

Chas. Finnerty, fined \$15 and costs.

Chas. Harris, fined \$15 and costs.

—, Hawkins, fined \$15 and costs.

G. Short, fined \$15 and costs.

Web Wright, fined \$15 and costs.

—Garrison, fined \$15 and costs.

B. Tinner, dismissed by order of district attorney on account of age.

For gaffing salmon:

Frank Cox, fined \$50, suit, suspended.

H. W. Knox, fined \$50 and costs, sentence suspended.

One man in Wasco, for killing elk, fined \$50 and costs.

Two cases withdrawn for the reason that the Justice at Oakland would not allow the deputy time to send for the district attorney.

Two cases for killing birds at Newberg, Justice neglected to require bonds and defendants failed to appear.

One case in Marion, but the Justice would not hear the case unless the deputy would give bonds for costs.

One case in Klamath, deputy delivered the defendant to constable who allowed him to escape into California.

Two cases in Yoncalla for having five female deer in possession, which grand jury failed to indict, after which Mr. Baker filled complaint before Justice Fred Meinzer at Yoncalla and the parties plead guilty and were fined \$25 each and costs.

Note—Will have four more arrests this week.

MR. QUIMBY'S RECORD FOR TWO YEARS

With all due respect to Mr. Baker's predecessor, Mr. Quimby, we publish the following statement from page 10 of that gentleman's first and second annual reports to the governor for the years 1899 and 1900:

Arrests and convictions for violation of game laws.

J. R. Wren, convicted, fined \$15.

T. R. Logsdon, acquitted, jury trial.

D. Logsdon, dismissed.

Ole Oleson, convicted, fined \$300.

L. Dench, convicted, fined \$100.

I. Olsen, dismissed.

Wm. Asher, convicted, fined \$100.

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