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Republican Ticket

—FOR—
 POLK COUNTY.

State Senator.

E. T. HATCH.

Representatives.

F. S. POWELL.

C. G. FISHER.

County Judge.

J. S. STOFFER.

Sheriff.

IRA S. SMITH.

Clerk.

C. G. COAD.

Commissioners.

B. F. MCLINCH.

S. W. MCBEE.

Assessor.

G. W. CAMPBELL.

Treasurer.

WM. ELLIS.

School Superintendent.

E. C. PENTLAND.

Coroner.

E. L. KETCHUM.

TICKET.

We congratulate the Republicans of this county on the ticket nominated last Tuesday. It is worthy the support of the united party. The nominees are all men of unimpeachable character and qualified for the offices they are nominated respectively to fill.

Edward T. Hatch, who heads the ticket for State Senator is a son of the old pioneer, Dean Hatch, was born at Oregon City in 1852. He received his education at Salem, and was married in 1872 to Miss Anna Fromon by whom he has six children. He has been a resident of Polk county for nine years—occupation farmer. Mr. Hatch is a man in the prime of life, has a vigorous and comprehensive mind. His character is above reproach. His reputation is that of honesty and integrity. He has the respect and esteem of the community where he lives. The people of Polk county can safely place their interests in his hands. He will make a record of which they may be proud. He resides in the northern part of the county.

F. S. Powell for representative on the Republican ticket, came to Oregon overland in 1852 and settled in Linn county, where he and wife remained till 1872 when they removed to this county. He is 56 years of age, and is comfortably well-fixed on a farm here. His family consists of six children, who are all well educated and stand among the highest in social circles. His life has been busy one, and has had much to do in public affairs, being cautious in investments and therefore more or less successful in business enterprises. He is well known all over the county and stands without superior in point of those solid qualities of understanding and heart that make a good representative. He will not fail to be on the alert for the interests of his county.

Chas. G. Fisher on the Representative ticket is a Pennsylvanian by birth and is 53 years of age. In 1854 he came to California and in 1858 to Oregon. His life has been a very active one, his business enterprises taking him over much of the Pacific coast. In 1865 he married Miss Sarah E. Johnson. They now have a family of ten children. At that time he resided within the Yamhill county line but in 1870 moved to Polk where he has resided ever since following the occupation of farming. He has shown himself to be a man of push and energy, and his name is the synonym of integrity. And is one of that class of intelligent farmers who takes a lively interest in the questions of the day and also in public affairs. He will make a most efficient legislator.

Mr. Jonathan Stoffer is an old resident of Polk county and is peculiarly fitted for the office of county Judge. He is one of those careful, prudent, well balanced men, who is so valuable in an office where there is so much of detail and responsibility. He has represented Polk county in the Legislature and has had practical experience in public affairs. A most excellent nomination.

Ira S. Smith nominee for sheriff on the ticket, is a son of Hon. Isaac Smith, ex-County Judge. Ira was born in Polk county, educated at Dallas and occupied the position of principal in that school for one year, he has been in business at Independence for several years and has been very successful, is quick, energetic, and perfectly honorable in all his

business relations. He was married a short time ago to Miss Sarah McNary of Salem, but we will not urge this as an objection against him. He is known as the "Irrepressible Ira," and will make as good a sheriff as Polk county ever had.

Chester G. Coad, candidate for Clerk possesses in an eminent degree the qualifications so necessary for the successful performance of the varied duties of that office. He is a Polk county boy, son of Samuel Coad of Dallas. He has an excellent English education, writes a splendid hand and has had good practical experience in business. He has been engaged continuously in responsible positions of business and trust in our county. Recently he was married to Miss Jennie Rowell, of Dallas. Having lead an active, energetic life, and shown himself to be a man of integrity in all the positions he has filled we believe him to be irrevocable. He is modest, genial and popular—efficiently trustworthy and deserving.

Wm. Ellis, the excellent nominee for Treasurer came to Oregon several years ago, since which he has divided his energies between farming and merchandising. He was a delegate to the State Convention from this county in 1884. It will be his pride to serve the people to their perfect satisfaction.

Geo. W. McBee for County Commissioner, of Bridgeport precinct, is an old Oregonian and has long been identified with the interests of Polk county. He is a farmer. He has the confidence and esteem of all. In business affairs he is economical, industrious and successful.

B. F. McLinch candidate for County Commissioner has long been a resident of the county. He is a man of excellent attainments—practical, shrewd and honest. The same thrift and success with which his own affairs have been managed will be carried into the management of the county business.

The next assessor of Polk county, W. C. Campbell, is a steady and industrious farmer, well acquainted throughout the county—and is especially good judge of the various kinds of property in the county. The people will find him a courteous and efficient officer.

E. C. Pentland, candidate for school superintendent, is a native son of Oregon, 30 years of age. He received his education at the State University came to Polk county 1886, where he has been alternately teaching and attending the State Normal School. He is a man of pleasing address, wide awake, and progressive teacher. He will fill the office with credit to himself, and advance the cause of education in the county.

For County Surveyor, the convention named a most excellent and well qualified man, Frank Butler Esq., of Bridgeport. He is a practical surveyor and will make us a good and faithful officer.

Dr. E. L. Ketchum, the next Coroner of Polk county, is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Michigan. He has been in our county over three years and by his strict attention to the requirements of the profession, he has won the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

These are our views about these men. We are pleased, after taking the pains to inquire, the feeling for the ticket is generally satisfactory to the party. The Republicans of Polk county have a good opportunity to elect the whole ticket. We should all pull together.

The OBEYSER is warranted in congratulating the party and the people upon the result of the convention. Now let us elect the ticket.

The Democratic State Convention has met and adjourned. A big blowing of trumpets was made about what the convention would do and the platform it would adopt; but we look in vain for the fulfillment of the promises. Free trade was the great central thought of the convention, and yet, though spurred on by the strong editorials of the *East Oregonian*, they dared not declare against a protective tariff. Here is their great tariff plank: "We most earnestly indorse the policy of tariff revision." Wonderful! the policy of tariff revision! what is that, pray? we have heard of many policies, but the tariff revision policy was left for Mr. Mills and the Oregon Democratic Convention. The practical workings of the tariff revision policy according to the Mills bill is to make free raw material and protect manufactured goods; to operate against the producers in the interest of other classes. We do not favor such a policy.

A large number of names have been added to the subscription list of the OBEYSER. \$1.50, Keep coming.

We wonder how our "Third Party" friends who opposed the "Greenback Party" like the work of the Convention in Portland when it swallowed the whole Greenback platform at one gulp. If it pleases them, we have no right to object, but some of them must make a face when taking this dose.

Supervisors' Meeting.

A convention of nearly all the road supervisors of Polk county met in the court house at Dallas Monday at 1 o'clock. The committees appointed at a former meeting made good reports and some fine suggestions for road work and improvement. We append the report of the committee on legislation as follows:

To the road supervisors of Polk county: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of road legislation, respectfully submit the following:

FIRST—That the law regulating the assessment and collection of road tax should be so changed as that the same be assessed and collected as other county tax; that said tax be made payable exclusively in money; that there be assessed a road poll tax; that said tax so collected be created a separate fund, to be known as the road fund, and that the same be levied by the county court at the time and in the manner of making the general levy.

SECOND—That the office of road supervisor be abolished, and that there be created instead thereof the office of superintendent of county roads, the duties of said officer to be definitely prescribed by law; that he be paid a fixed salary; that he be elected at the time of holding the general biennial election, the same as other county officers; that the county court be authorized to fill vacancies in said office; that said officer have power to appoint deputies; that the business of said officer, including all expenditures, be under the supervision of the county court; that he have supervisory control of all county roads, and the improvements thereof.

We respectfully recommend the enactment of such legislation as is necessary to carry the foregoing into effect and the repeal of all laws in conflict herewith. Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Riggs,
 A. B. Atkins,
 F. S. Powell,
 H. L. Earl,
 J. C. White.

Sheridan, Oregon.

EDITOR POLK COUNTY OBEYSER:—I received a sample copy of your valuable paper and am well pleased with it. If it continues to advocate the principles of the grand old Republican party and to hold up the prohibition movement against saloons and for good and honest government, you certainly ought to succeed in your undertaking, and should certainly receive the welcome plaudits. "Well done good and faithful servant."

The republicans held their precinct meeting to-day in Douglas precinct; quite a number were present, notwithstanding the rain which poured down in torrents. Republican journals are advocating the temperance cause and think if anything is done for temperance it must be done by the republican party. Come out republican editor and save this nation from the rum power.

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Prof. Yates, principal of Independence public school conducted the devotional exercises in the chapel Wednesday morning.

The At let's who went to McMinnville last Friday, all returned to Monmouth alive. The ladies of the McMinnville college treated them so well that they are likely to want to go there again.

This week closes the third term of the O. S. N. School. A number of classes were examined during the week. The attendance has been excellent during the year, and the outlook for the fourth term which will open on Monday, is very promising. The Senior class will commence their final examination next Wednesday.

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