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NOW FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The Polk county democrats nominated a full county ticket last Saturday. Whatever may be expected of this paper, it has not a word to say against a single man named, personally. So far as our information goes they are all good men. They however, have no advantage over the republican candidates in this respect. The personnel of the republican ticket too, is made up of men against whom nothing can be said, so far as we are informed. Both conventions exercised due care in the selection of candidates of good character and now it is up to the voters to select from the two tickets presented.

The head of the democratic ticket has pitched the campaign on political grounds. He has given the people to understand that if they elect him to the state senate, they elect a died-in-the-wool democrat; that if they choose him, they choose a man that will vote for a democratic senator four years hence. Mr. Hayter has made it plain that he is diametrically opposed to everything republican; that he is against Roosevelt and his policies, though he be the president that dissolves mergers, defies capital when it combines to oppress labor and should a gun in defense of his country when occasion require.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Hayter did not disclose whether he will join hands with the Bryan-Hearst forces or work with the Cleveland wing of democracy. That will develop in the course of the campaign.

Mr. Hayter, the democratic candidate and Mr. Laughary, the republican candidate, are gentlemen of the first water. Choosing between them is making a choice between a republican and a democrat. It is passing upon two different theories of government. A vote for Mr. Laughary is a vote in support of a republican United States senator, in support of Roosevelt and the republican party. A vote for Mr. Hayter is a vote in support of a democratic United States senator, in opposition to Roosevelt and in favor of a Hearst-Bryan or Cleveland candidate, according to which horn of the democratic dilemma he may elect to to swing on to.

The same reasons governing in the election of a state senator may be applied to the entire ticket from top to bottom on both sides. The chances are a competent official will be selected no matter what his political affiliations may be and the coming election will have to be construed as a test between the two parties in Polk county. Polk is a republican county, though democrats at present hold the lion's share of the county offices. With a clean ticket, such as is presented by the republicans, there is no reason why there should be a single exception made in electing it from state senator to coroner.

A walking match fad has struck Morrow county. In Heppner last week, friends of Harry Cummins wagered \$300 that he would walk 18 1/2 miles in 3 1/2 hours. The try-out was to be around a block which required 45 trips to cover the distance. Cummins, walked two hours, making 26 trips and gave out, two minutes behind schedule time. At Ione Frank Akers was matched against time and started out to walk from the Klondike saloon to the Shamrock saloon in one minute. He lost by four seconds. John Blake covered the distance in 56 seconds, so the time-keepers report. In this part of country no such long distances are allowed to intervene between saloons.

About 500 tons of cascara bark was shipped out of Oregon last year. The price was good and many mortgages were lifted from homesteads in the coast range mountains from the proceeds of bark gathered largely by women and children. There is considerable inquiry for cascara bark again and though it may not go as high as last year, the indications are that reasonably good prices will prevail.

The garden seed depot at Washington, D. C. has been transferred to the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE office at Independence, Ore. Those overlooked in the first shipment, were received this week. If you want seed and can't come, write.

The republican party did not pick from its best timber when it selected F. C. Baker chairman of the state central committee. But as against Alex Sweek, chairman of the democratic central committee, Baker will do.

Between the Independence republican and democratic delegates sent over to Dallas they secured a candidate for constable and justice of the peace, the constable being a resident of Monmouth precinct.

Polk is in the Republican column by at least 150 majority and should elect every man on the ticket. They undoubtedly will, for it is composed of good and representative men.—Salem Statesman.

The democratic convention endorsed the proposed direct primary law. The primary law, however, cannot be considered a party measure.

It was unkind of the county democratic convention to not even permit Judge Sibley to go as a delegate to the state convention.

Hops, mohair, chittim bark and politics—industries absorbing attention in Polk county just now.

County and state conventions have passed into history, and X-rays will now be turned on the candidates.

Question of the day! Has the county court been extravagant or economical?

Now Mr. Hearst will blame the Oregonian for his turn down in Oregon.

Political prophets are plentiful.

Who is A. B. Clark, anyway?

I can't stand this strenuous life the year round—D. W. Sears.

This "According-to-program" business don't suit me—C. N. McArthur.

It use to be the boast of Walter Tooze that his voice was heard in four counties at once, when he taught school near where four counties cornered. As chairman of the congressional committee he will make them hear his voice in seventeen counties.

The nomination for circuit judge was a very pleasant surprise to me—B. L. Eddy.

After due deliberation, I will now proceed to appoint committees according to program—Geo. C. Brownell.

Those resolutions about court extravagance must have hit that county judge where he lives—R. H. Knox.

We re-affirm our demand for flat salaries for all officers—Polk County Democratic Convention.

We commend Governor Chamberlain for not taking a flat salary—Polk County Democratic Convention.

We commend the county court for redeeming its pledge of four year ago to pay off the county debt—Polk County Democratic Convention.

We decline to re-nominate the judge who claims to have paid off the county debt in four years—Polk County Democratic Convention.

I am a democrat from way back—Oscar Hayter.

I wouldn't wear a Knox hat—Judge Sibley.

I was sawing wood at home while the state convention was in session at Portland—C. A. Johns.

Another democratic convention off my hands—Sam White.

A democratic convention cannot get at my scalp for two years yet—Seth Riggs.

Thank you, I don't care for your band wagons—Willis Duniway.

At last my merits have been recognized—Dr. J. M. Keene.

First time I've had the pleasure of voting for Hermann since the last legislature—B. F. Jones.

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