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The discussion over the county relative to better roads is a step in the right direction. The interest aroused over the subject appears not only in these pages, but also in meetings held at various points to discuss this very question. A thorough exchange of ideas based upon thought and experience is the only way that the truth can be sifted out and results obtained in road building. We may differ somewhat on methods, but we all agree that we want better roads.

THE TRUE ISSUE

To the Republican Voters of Multnomah County.

The following article copied from the Morning Oregon, of March 9th, contains more truth than fiction.

"I began yesterday a novel plan of conducting the political campaign in this county. Heretofore it has been a maxim of political managers that political plans must be secret, and that the way to win votes is to fool the people. What I want, on the contrary is to take the voters into my confidence and present to them a frank and candid statement of plans and purposes of the Republican committee. I want to appeal to the good judgement and common sense of the voters, and to show them that the aims and purposes of the Republican managers are to secure the best possible administration of public affairs.

I want to make it clear that the Simon factional movement is a selfish scramble for office. It is based upon no consideration of public welfare. It represents no principle. It stands for absolutely nothing except the desire to break into office. There is no excuse

at the present time for a factional fight in the Republican party.

The leader of the Simon movement is actuated by no high motives, and pretends to none. His term of office as United States Senator expired and he was superceded. Not even his warmest friend and most ardent supporter would claim that he made a success of his senatorship. No one can be found to say that he added to his reputation by his career at Washington. Two years ago the election turned upon the question whether he was to be given another term, and if he had carried the election he would no doubt have expected re-election. He was ingloriously defeated, and his successor was elected by the Legislature. He now says he is not a candidate to succeed Senator Mitchell. But if he is not why does he not unite with the friends of Senator Mitchell to 're-elect him? He surely cannot claim that Senator Mitchell is not competent and well qualified. He cannot claim that a more efficient public servant can be found. He would not say, after his own experience at Washington, that Senator Mitchell's long service in the Senate, and his familiarity with the methods and means of doing business at Washington in behalf of the state is not an advantage that a new Senator, no matter what his ability, would not possess.

Why is it, then, that Senator Simon is found leading a band of ex-office-holders and political sore-heads against the Republican organization, which stands committed to the re-election of Senator Mitchell? Can it be doubted that if he should succeed he would, with his abilities in intrigue and political manipulation, worm himself into the Senatorial chair again? If any one would question it let him remember that Senator Simon was ostensibly for Corbett when the latter was a candidate for election, but when the vote was counted it was Simon who was elected. Anyone who knows the history of Oregon politics knows that if Simon prevails in this election he is more than likely to be the next United States Senator elected from Oregon.

There lies the issue and the only issue in this campaign. It is Mitchell or Simon, and if the Republicans are ready to dispense with the services of Senator Mitchell and re-elect Senator Simon they have but to support the latter in his attempt to defeat the regular Republican ticket at the primaries." CHAS. H. CAREY.

Chairman of the Republican City and County Committee.

The Primaries at Hand.

In almost every political camp throughout the country there has been charges and counter charges of unfair dealings on the part of local organizations. We are glad to vote that a strong sentiment is growing everywhere which is demanding that politi-

cal factions and leaders use no means to carry out their plans which could not bear public investigation. The one thing which makes Pres. Roosevelt so popular is his insistence upon straight-forward and open dealings not only in civil life but also in public offices and in political campaigns.

The county central committee has issued the call for the primaries and another campaign is on in earnest to fill the various offices made necessary by our June election.

It is the duty of every voter in the county to interest himself to the extent that he shall endeavor to place a good man in nomination for each office to be filled. No man who has not interested himself in the primaries should be heard to kick about the way the primaries have gone, and no man who has entered the primaries or convention and has done his best to see that a good choice is made need feel that any blame will attach to him. He has submitted to majority rule and majority rule, where fair means have been employed, is considered right rule in a republican form of government. Therefore we urge every republican voter of the county to attend the primaries and elect men of their choice if possible. Let these delegates nominate good men in the convention and when the delegates are selected in the primaries and the nominations are made in the convention let every republican bury the hatchet, and work for the success of the party at the polls. The place to "scrap" and "scrap" hard is in the primaries and the convention. To carry the "scrap" to the polls is un-republican and makes a county lose its influence in district and state politics. If every republican comes out to the primaries, majority will have their choice of delegates, and if they do not, let them not wait at the results.

Council Meeting—An Interesting Session.

The council met in regular session last Thursday evening, every city official being present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Upon recommendation of the finance committee the following bills were allowed:

L. G. Morley, labor.....	\$ 1 00
Wells Fargo Express Co.....	1 40
R. N. Taylor, labor.....	50
E-Haverstraw, labor.....	1 00
Crane & Co, supplies.....	5 76
W. S. Hudson, treasurer.....	18 00
Washington County News, p'r.	15 00
L. C. Walker, recorder.....	6 20
Sam Todd, labor.....	16 80
S. G. Hughes, supplies.....	13 12
Pete Peterson, labor.....	3 00
Portland General Electric S'ply	49 10
H. Shannon, labor.....	16 00
Stribbich & Purdin, supplies...	1 00
Cornelius & Hancock, services.	8 50
Bazaar, supplies.....	2 20
Chester Johnson, labor.....	13 05

P. W. Cronin, marshal..... 12 00

Total \$183 63

P. W. Cronin then asked allowance for arrests and expenses to the extent of \$7.50 in the case of Watson vs City of Forest Grove, which was allowed.

Water credits were granted to Harvey Baldwin.....\$29 95
M. S. Brown..... 6 03

Application by Prof. Garrison for water was granted and application of Mr. Ruckles for water was denied as being outside of the city and for the further reason that the main to be tapped was more than taxed to supply houses now upon the main.

The accepted report of Treasurer Hudson for February showed:

Receipts..... \$593 07
Disbursements..... 334 48

Balance \$259 59

The street committee reported much good work done upon the streets considering the limited means, and recommended the repair of certain crossings and a ditch constructed.

Health committee reported a healthy condition of the city at present and asked to be placed upon the smelling committee when warm weather comes, if present local conditions continue to exist.

Treasurer Hudson was authorized to buy a new ledger and otherwise replenish his stationery and needed receipt books. Also instructed to buy necessary electric supplies for city use.

Thomas Philips asked the council that he be allowed to set four poles so that he might run the Pacific States Telephone to his house and connect with his farm. The matter was left in the hands of the street committee to adjust conditions so that the city may use the poles.

An ordinance was introduced which had for its purpose the granting of a franchise to the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company to extend their system in Forest Grove.

During its first and second readings objections were raised to the Ordinance offered upon these grounds, that it did not limit the maximum rate to be charged for phones except for party lines of six users, that the city was not allowed to use the poles of the Telegraph Company for all city uses, and that it allowed the city but two free phones for city purposes. It was also stated that the franchise just granted to Hughes contained these provisions as the city desired, and the council decided that if the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company wished a franchise in this city that they could have one containing the same provisions as is now contained in the franchise of Mr. Hughes. John Wirtz, for the Telephone Company stated that his company could not accept a franchise in which the rates were fixed, and that as to city use of poles, the company did-not use the city poles and that where cities used poles belonging to