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Vote for Joint Senator 39 X
I. S. SMITH, Republican.

S. P. Peirce, republican nominee for joint representative from Coos and Curry counties, was in Coquille Monday last looking after his campaign affairs. He is confident of re-election as he feels entitled to another term because of his record in the last legislature. Mr. Peirce says that being a working man and busy on a bridge contract, he has been delayed in campaign matters.

This being the last issue of the weekly newspapers of the county, and it having come to my ears that my opponent to the office of sheriff of Coos county is circulating and publishing uncomplimentary, defamatory and false stories about me, the exact form of which I am unable to give for the reason that the newspapers are bound to retain the information contained therein until the papers are issued, but I wish to call the attention of the voters to the methods of my opponent in the matter. He is not willing to afford me an opportunity to meet anything that he may have to say in the open, fearing that his effort would fail. But, Mr. Voter, I defy my opponent to establish or prove one single act or thing that can be said to reflect upon my honesty, morality or integrity.

The fact that my opponent has, or thinks he has, worked his scheme so shrewdly that I would have to lie idle and say nothing in my defence, shows what he is willing to do, and the methods he is willing to put forth to defeat me. I ask you, Mr. Voter, do you ask, yes demand, honesty in politics to the same extent that you would in business, or do you wish to swallow any such guff and defamatory matter and say that you are satisfied with the same, is the man for the office? I ask you to consider this matter from an honest standpoint, and ask yourself if that is fair treatment, and then vote your convictions.

Respectfully submitted,

O. O. LUND,

Candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket.

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Man to Man

Many people of this district are acquainted with my record as Prosecuting Attorney, and will judge for themselves as to whether I have given good service. As public prosecutor, I have done my best to uphold the law. Crime is crime, and I have spared no honorable effort to bring the guilty to justice. No man can fill the office of Prosecuting Attorney and do his duty without making enemies. I have made mine; some of them are influential. To the voters I would say, don't accept the statements of enemies or those who want me out of office because I have prosecuted their friends. The purpose of the law is to establish justice, and it has been committed to the courts to be administered for the protection of society and the punishment of criminals.

GEORGE M. BROWN,
Republican Nominee for Prosecuting Attorney.

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TO THE VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS OF COOS CO.

In reply to a circular which my opponent for the office of Sheriff, Mr. O. O. Lund, is having printed and distributed about the county which reads as follows:

"You will soon have a chance to vote for your choice of two candidates for Sheriff of Coos County."

My opponent has many friends working for him who have received favors in the past, and who believe they will receive them in the future if he is elected. I am making my own fight, and am appealing to the plain people who ask no favors.

The present incumbent says he believes in economy on the part of officials, and yet his office is the source of more complaint with regard to expenses than any other in the county. I believe in economy and will enforce it if elected. I shall be as careful of my money as I am of my own expenses in my private business. I shall not make the office a family feed-trough.

If I am elected it will not be necessary for any other official to step in and enforce the laws that I am sworn to enforce. I will do my own housecleaning.

The present Sheriff is scattering published statements to the effect that he does not believe in unjust prosecution, but will, if elected, do to others as he would like to have them do unto him. If this means anything, it can only mean that he sets himself above the law, and will be lenient with law-breakers because, if he were a law-breaker, he would like to have whoever was sheriff be lenient to him. I do not set my own ideas of what is right or wrong above the law, but will enforce the law as I am sworn to do.

I believe one of the principal duties of the sheriff is to prevent law-breaking, not simply to arrest law-breakers. If elected, I shall appoint American-born citizens for deputies.

Many misstatements are being made about me, in my absence, about the county. I defy any man to publish and sign any statement reflecting on my standing as an honest, law-abiding American citizen.

O. O. LUND,
Republican Candidate for Sheriff Coos County."

To begin with I wish to say that I was in hopes that Mr. Lund would refrain from the mud-slinging business during this campaign and thereby save us the unpleasant duty of calling the peoples' attention to some of his tactics, both private and political; besides "Paid Advertisements" are expensive and we don't believe in buying one's self into office. If the people want a man in office they will elect him without such strenuous efforts as have characterized my opponent's campaign. Suppose that I have held the sheriff's office ten years. Is that anything against a man? The great majority of people think it is an honor and I am sure that I do.

If you had a man in your employ for ten years, are you going to kick him off his job simply because he has worked for you a long time? I say No! You will keep him just as long as he fills the position honestly and faithfully. It is the same with your county officials. As to my having many friends who are working for my re-election that have received favors in the past, I will say that my friends and enemies have all received good, honest and courteous treatment at all times and I assure you they will receive the same again if I am re-elected. No special favors have been shown to any one.

This talk that Mr. Lund and some of his henchmen are making about the expense of the sheriff's office is only one of his baits to catch votes. I assure you the work will never be done a cent cheaper than it has in the past year but will keep on increasing from year to year in proportion to the growth of the county. We have been going ahead very rapidly for the past few years and I sincerely hope and believe will continue to do so in years to come. Just to show the increase in the volume of business in the office, I will say that the total sum of all the tax rolls for the years 1871 to 1906, both inclusive, being 36 years, is \$1,918,791.50 and that the total sum of the tax roll for the years 1907 to 1911, both inclusive, being 5 years, is \$2,056,565.03 which in the 5 years amounts to \$137,773.53 more than the total of the 36 years preceding.

From October 1, 1911 to October 1, 1912, we collected and paid to the county treasurer the sum of \$521,579.17 which is more than it was for the years of 1871 to 1890 inclusive—twenty years.

The total sum of the 1911 tax rolls is \$544,588.78, which is almost as much as the total sum of all tax rolls from 1871 to 1891 inclusive—21 years. In 1911 we had 73 funds to distribute the money to while in the 21 years there was only two funds each year or a total of 42 different funds for the entire 21 years.

In the first 36 years mentioned there was a total of 44 volumes containing the assessments which were all under the alphabet system of

assessment; and the entire first 30 years could easily be put into five of the present volumes. And in the last five years, 1907 to 1911, inclusive, there is a total of 46 volumes containing the assessments which are all made under what is termed the "lot and block system" of assessment. In other words, according to the geographical location of the property.

The 1911 tax rolls are as follows: Volume 1, personal property, containing 221 pages, used with an average of 15 tax accounts to the page aggregating 3315 tax accounts. Volume 2 and 3, acreage, containing 401 pages, used with an average of 25 tax accounts to the page aggregating 10,025 tax accounts to the acreage volume. Volumes 4 to 10, inclusive, town lots, containing 1633 pages used with 35 tax accounts to the page aggregating 57,155 tax accounts to the town lot books, which make a total of 70,495 tax accounts for the year 1911.

Under the "lot and block" system every parcel of land and each town lot is a separate account, while under the alphabetical system of assessment each owner is a separate account, and all property by an individual is listed in one place under his name. If the 1911 tax rolls were made up in the alphabetical order there wouldn't be to exceed 7,000 accounts instead of 70,495.

Even under the old system of assessment the tax collector did not try to describe the property on the tax receipt—the usual description being "as per roll." Look over your old receipts and see. Ever since and including 1907 there has been a complete memo of the property on each receipt showing the valuation and tax on every item.

In 1907 the County Court adopted the lot and block system of assessment and it was to the tax collector to adopt a system of receipting and accounting to correspond, the old style being absolutely out of the question.

In so doing we adopted exactly the same system that has been used by Multnomah county for the last 15 years, and it is claimed by expert accountants to be the very best. At any rate we will give any man \$100 and pay him wages besides for showing us a system that will beat it or save the county any money.

At any time the County Court wants to change the system of assessment back to the alphabetical we will, of course, adopt a system of receipting and accounting to correspond. Whoever is tax collector would have to do that. You understand that the tax collector has to adopt a system of receipting and accounting to correspond to the system of assessment, and that he has nothing to do whatever with making up the assessments. The assessor does the assessing and placing the property on the rolls, the County Court makes the levies and the county clerk extends the taxes and delivers the rolls to the tax collector about February 1, of each year. Then the tax collector has to have a force large enough to copy about 80 per cent of the property off on tax receipts by March 15, (six weeks) and at the same time receive and receipt for a large amount of money.

We closed the books last March 15, with \$341,416.77 collected. And in Road Districts No. 6 we had to figure nearly all of the tax over as most of the taxpayers refused to pay the special tax levied by said district. The same is true of the special tax levied for the Port of Coos Bay, many refused to pay the tax, thus causing a great deal of extra work on the part of the sheriff's office in re-figuring the tax. The total cost for extra help for the months of January, February, March and April 1912, was \$1,825 and the largest number of extra clerks was nine. In the spring of 1910 the largest number of clerks was nine and in 1911 the largest number was ten for a few days and the rest of the time nine.

In the spring of the year, about tax time, the abstract companies always have some of their employees looking up tax matters, and the tax association keeps its secretary check-up its members' property a good share of the time. It is nothing uncommon to see 12 or 15 people working in the office during the rush but they are not all working for Coos county by any means.

The total cost of labor for collecting taxes for a given year does not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent and I defy any man to show anything to the

contrary. It has been said by some unscrupulous Blatherskites, who would rather find fault with an officer than eat their dinner, that I have as many clerks in my office as they have in the Sheriff's office in Portland. The facts are that the sheriff in Portland has two departments in his office. In the legal department there is one chief deputy at \$150 per month, one second deputy at \$112.50 per month, five at \$100.00 each, two jailors at \$90 each and one matron at \$70.00, aggregating a total of 10 regular deputies in the legal department that are on the payroll every month in the year.

In the tax department there is a chief deputy at \$125 per month, two at \$112.50 each and eight at \$90 each aggregating a total of eleven deputies in the tax department that are on the payroll every month in the year.

This makes a total of twenty-one deputies for the sheriff of Multnomah county that are on the payroll every month in the year.

These are not all as the sheriff uses from 40 to 50 clerks in addition to his regular deputies during the spring rush.

Now these are facts that anyone may pass by simply writing to the sheriff or county auditor at Portland and I defy any one to disprove the same.

The legal business of the county has increased enormously as you will see by the fact that from June 14, 1854 to October 28, 1912, 57 1-3 years, there has been a total of 3453 civil cases brought in the circuit court and out of that number 1105 cases in the last 1 1/3 years, which is almost 1 1/3 of all the legal business of the county from its beginning. This is quite an increase when you stop to think that the first 51 years of the county there was only 2348 civil cases brought in the circuit court and in the last 6 1-3 years 1105.

The criminal business has also increased in proportion to other business of the county as you will note that from January 1st, 1892, to July 1st, 1907, one hundred and forty prisoners were registered in the county jail, while from July 1st, 1907 to October 28th, 1912, there has been 139 registered which shows that the criminal work for the last 5 1-3 years equals all the criminal business of the county for the 15 1-2 years preceding.

The sheriff's office has handled the truancy business of the entire county for the past years instead of having a truancy officer for each school district which was the previous custom, thereby making a great saving to the county and at the same time producing an average attendance of 98 to 99 per cent against the highest average attendance of 94 per cent for any year prior. This has taken a lot of time for correspondence, etc., but even so it has been a great saving to the county considering the results.

Mr. Lund says that he will be as careful with the peoples money as he has been with his own private expenses. The Holy Smoke! What does he mean? Does he mean that he will collect 100 cents on the dollar and pay over to the county treasurer 30 cents on the dollar and spend the other 70 cents campaigning?

He also says that he will not make the office a family feed trough. From that one would naturally infer that he intends to board at a hotel and let his family rustle for themselves. A nice man to be sheriff. He also says that he believes that one of the principal duties of the sheriff is to prevent law breaking. Gee, what a mighty man. No doubt that he thinks that he is greater than the "Great Jehovah."

Civilization has been trying for 7,000 years to prevent law breaking and hasn't succeeded yet. Do you think Ole can do it?

Mr. Lund says he will appoint American born deputies. Why should a son of Norway be all right for sheriff and not good enough for his deputies? This is one of his many baits to catch voters.

Mr. Lund says many misstatements are being made about him in his absence about the county. This is a statement wherein he tries to convey the idea that he has been absent from the county. Ha! Ha! what fools some people are. Every man, woman and child knows he has been on the job every hour of the day since the beginning of this cam-

paign. Some people wonder how he gets along without sleep.

Now, Mr. Voter and Mr. Tax Payer, my opponent Mr. Lund has been any old thing for the office. For instance, he was before the assembly in 1910 and was defeated by Mr. John Youkam for the nomination for sheriff on the republican ticket. Then he came before the primaries last spring as the republican primary candidate for sheriff of Coos county and received the nomination. Then he proceeded to get a lot of cards out advertising himself to be the "Progressive Republican Candidate." Then another lot stating that he was the "Progressive and regular Republican Nominee." Then he finally drops all handles and says he is the "Republican" candidate for sheriff. A good many people are of the opinion that he would be a democrat, socialist, prohibitionist, or any old thing, to be sheriff of this county.

You will note his criticism of what he terms my being lenient to prisoners. Do you think it fair? Do you want a sheriff to treat his prisoners as they are treated in Russia? If so, elect Mr. Lund; otherwise I expect your support.

I will state that after Mr. Lund got out the first lot of the aforesaid circulars he changed his mind about the deputy business and cut out that part of the circular which referred to American born deputies, or else he got out enough to hand to American born voters with it in, and then another brew where it is left out to hand to voters of foreign birth. At any rate both kinds are being circulated.

In conclusion, I will state, I am not responsible for the tax laws that are upon our statutes. We are obliged to follow them in order to protect the county's rights and not jeopardize the collection of any tax. And that I have always done my best to expedite the business of the sheriff's office and at the least possible expense to the county, and will, if elected, do so in the future, and at all times do my very best to sustain law and order, and at the same time give you a good business administration.

Respectfully,

W. W. GAGE.

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Frank Burkholder,
Plaintiff,
vs.
E. G. Lee, Edward Carey, Robert Harper, E. J. Murphy, H. M. Rogers, W. K. Taylor, M. G. Halverson, H. L. Halverson, Bridget Finn, Edward B. Perrine, and Aztec Land and Cattle Company, a corporation,
Defendants.

To Edward B. Perrine, one of the above named defendants: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within six weeks from the 17th day of October, 1912, the same being the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail so to appear or answer on or before the 24th day of November, 1912, the same being the date of the last publication of this summons, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you and will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his said complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows: That you be required to set up and allege whatever right, title or interest is claimed by you in and to the real estate described in said complaint, or any part or parcel thereof, to-wit: Lot 3 of section 31 and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8, all in township 24 south of range ten west of the Willamette meridian; lot 46 of block 6 in steamboat addition to the town of Yarrow, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon; lots 19, 20, 21 and 22 in block 2; lots 23 and 24 in block 6; lots 9, 10, 11, 12 in block 8; lots 33, 34, 35 and 36 in block 18; lots 6, 7, 10 and 11 in block 23 all in Portland addition to the town of Bandon, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Coos County; all of the said real estate being situate in the County of Coos and State of Oregon; and that the title of the plaintiff in and to the said real estate and every part and parcel thereof be quieted against you, the said defendant, and against any and all persons claiming by, through or under you; and that you and any and all persons claiming by, through or under you be forever enjoined and restrained from setting up any claim of right, title or interest in or to the said real estate and every part and parcel thereof; that plaintiff have judgment against you for his costs and disbursements in this suit; and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.

Service of this summons upon you is made by publication thereof in the Coquille Herald for a period of six weeks by an order of the Honorable John S. Coke, Judge of the above entitled Court, dated the 14th day of October, 1912.

J. J. STANLEY,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Residing at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon.

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