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FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

In another column the announcement of the candidacy of H. C. Ellis for the office of county judge is made. Mr. Ellis had no particular desire to enter the political race but at last agreed to do so after much urging by his friends. And the public should be congratulated in that Mr. Ellis has allowed his name to go before the voters, for, if elected, he will make one of the very best judges the county has ever had.

Mr. Ellis possesses in a marked degree the qualifications necessary for a county judge. He is an attorney at law, having been admitted to the bar both in Illinois and Michigan. After having been admitted to the bar he took a year's course in the law school at Ann Arbor, the state university of Michigan, and graduated from that institution. Later he returned and took a two year's postgraduate course. Thus Mr. Ellis has the legal training that should be possessed by a county judge, the Michigan university ranking as one of the very best in the United States. He also pursued other studies at the University of Chicago.

Besides the legal training, Mr. Ellis has shown himself to possess good business ability, so necessary in one who is to have a hand in conducting county affairs. He is manager of the Pioneer Telegraph & Telephone Company, a corporation that is growing rapidly and is extending its lines throughout Central Oregon. His duties as manager of this company and as United States land commissioner have given him a wide acquaintance over the county, and the one significant feature of this acquaintance is that he commands the respect and friendship of people from every community. Mr. Ellis is sized up by those who know him as a clean man morally, a man of much ability and integrity.

If the voters nominate and elect Mr. Ellis to the office of county judge, they will have an officer who will conduct the affairs of the county impartially and well. He will be a strong candidate before the people, and those who support him will be supporting a strong and able man.

Madras Firm Embarrassed.
 J. W. & M. A. Robinson & Company of this place last week made an assignment of all their property to R. L. Sabin, of Portland, for the benefit of their creditors. The assets owned by the

firm greatly exceed their liabilities, and their embarrassment resulting in the assignment is due largely to the money stringency, which has made it impossible for them to secure the financial assistance necessary to tide them over until they can realize upon outstanding accounts. Mr. Turner, secretary of the company, says that the assignment is only temporary and that the business will not be closed out, but that they expect to have matters arranged so as to resume business for themselves in about 60 days. Meanwhile the business is in charge of William Macbeth, a representative of Mr. Sabin. The assignee, Mr. Sabin, is secretary of the Merchants' Protective Association of Portland.—Pioneer.

How to Get Early Potatoes.

I have seen so many failures in trying to grow early potatoes in the family vegetable garden, that I want to show how one can do a little more work, and do it rightly, and get very much larger returns for it. I have seen those who want early potatoes plant them in the old garden where the soil, because of years of cultivation, had become hard and sour. I have seen them plant potatoes on the surface of the ground, and the potatoes, hilled up as they grew, and then I have seen them dig from a hill, a handful of small scabby potatoes. It pays to learn the right way of doing things, to do some thinking and planning.

If it was necessary to grow potatoes in an old garden—I would not do it if a piece of sod was available—as fast as you remove the crop from the garden, plow or spade the ground, apply wood ashes or lime, and seed with some cover crop. The 1st of September sow timothy, also red clover in some localities. Try some crimson clover on a part of it. Later I sow rye. The mechanical condition of most old gardens needs to be improved, the soil sweetened and made light and mellow. Of course the drainage must be good. During the winter apply such fertilizers as may be needed; on old rich gardens, the ashes and cover crop will be all that will be needed for potatoes.

Plow for early potatoes as soon as the soil is dry enough to work and about eight inches deep. Harrow finely, then with plow, spade and hoe, make trenches seven inches deep, one foot wide and two and one-half feet apart. Make the bottom of the trenches level, and if you have wood ashes, sow a liberal quantity over them. Next take some dry poultry manure, and after pulverizing it finely, scatter it an inch or more deep in the bottom of the trench. If necessary, use high-grade commercial fertilizer in place of the ashes and hen manure. With a hoe mix the fertilizer thoroughly with the soil in the bottom of the trench.

Now we are ready for the seed. I prefer some well tried varieties to novelties, except to experiment with; Early Rose, Bliss and Eureka are good. Sometimes seed from another locality is desirable. Generally one must select his seed potatoes to obtain best results. When you are digging your potatoes, and you find one that is perfect in shape, or that is of medium size, smooth and oval, not pointed or irregular, save it for seed. Do not plant very small or large potatoes, or those irregular in shape. Cut the potatoes to two or three eyes, and drop them one foot apart, in the center of the trench. Level the soil over the trenches and the planting is done.

The more frequently you cultivate, the larger will be the crop. Keep the soil level, do not hill or ridge the potatoes, for in this way

the moisture is much better conserved.

When the vines have made about one-half their growth, place a mulch of straw or straw manure between the rows. Clippings from the lawn will do, or any litter that will retain moisture. The quality of potatoes is much better when they are grown in clover or grass sod, and in light soil. This is one thing we should work for, as well as increase of quantity.

I have seen people plant potatoes in their gardens, neglect them, and then go to the store and pay \$1 a bushel or more for early potatoes. By doing a little more work and doing it in the right way, from a rod or two of land they could have grown an abundant supply for the family, and had potatoes of better quality. The potato that comes to our table should not be unripe, of a dark color, water-soaked and soggy and with no flavor, but should be mealy, white as flour, and of a flavor we relish. It should be of good size and shape, and smooth; and this potato should be baked or boiled with its skin on, and served with plenty of good butter or cream. Such food we cannot always buy, but it is the luxury of those who possess soil and have learned how to use it rightly.—W. H. Jenkins, in Country Gentleman.

For District Attorney.
 To the Republican Voters of the Seventh Judicial District:

I desire the nomination at your hands to the office of District Attorney and will appreciate your votes at the coming primary election if you deem me worthy of your support.

W. P. MYERS, Laidlaw, Or.

For County Judge.
 To the Republican Voters of Crook County:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county judge, subject to the action of the republican voters at the primary election.

H. C. ELLIS, Bend, Or.

For County School Superintendent.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for county school superintendent of Crook county subject to the action of the republican voters in the primary election.

M. A. LEHMAN, O'Neil, Or.

For District Attorney.

Subject to the approval of the voters of Crook and Wasco counties, my candidacy for the republican nomination for district attorney of the Seventh Judicial District at the coming primaries, is announced. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to faithfully discharge the duties of the office as provided by law.

FRED W. WILSON, The Dalles, Or.

For Joint Representative.

To the Republicans of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant Counties:

I wish to inform the republicans of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant counties, constituting the Twenty-First Representative District of Oregon, that my name will be presented for your consideration at the primary election to be held April 17, 1908, asking your suffrage for selection as one of the republican nominees for joint representative in said district, to be balloted for on June 1, 1908.

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