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## BLANCHARD REPLIES

Answers Article that Appeared in the Pioneer.

TELLS WHY HE FLOPPED

Thought People Wanted Him for County Judge—Present Indications Are Just to the Contrary.

PRINEVILLE, Oregon, March 9, 1908.—To the People of Crook County: Because of an article which appeared in the last copy of the Madras Pioneer and because I wish to make my position plain to the people of the county I have written the following article, which are the exact facts in the case as I see them.

Crook county is naturally divided into three separate parts, the eastern and southern, or stock raising district; the west central, or the great irrigated district; and the north central, which is primarily devoted to grain raising.

I believe that every thinking man will agree that nothing would be more fair than that each of these districts should have a representative in the next county court. The irrigated district already has its representative in Commissioner Bayley, of Laidlaw; the stock raising district will undoubtedly be represented by Mr. Rice of Bay Creek, (as there seems to be no opposition to him). Now is it not just and fair to every one that the county judgeship should go to the great grain raising district around Madras.

Immediately after I announced my candidacy for the office of county school superintendent some of my friends came to me and tried to get me to withdraw from my candidacy for that position and announce myself a candidate for the office of county judge. This I positively refused to do. During the three weeks following I was importuned by many people from nearly all parts of the county to make the change as stated above; still I refused; but when it became apparent that the people from Lamonta, Culver and my home precinct (Kitcher) were desirous that I come out for county judge, I decided to investigate the matter and made a three days' trip through the farming country around Madras during which time I met less than half a dozen men who were opposed to my making the change, while almost all with whom I talked were very anxious that I should announce myself a candidate for the office of county judge.

It was only after finding out the wishes of the people of my home precinct and finding that there would be no commissioner from there, that I did decide to withdraw from my candidacy for county school superintendent and consent to make the race for county judge. If this makes of me a "miscellaneous" candidate, then I plead guilty to being one.

I have not asked and do not intend to ask any man, who has promised his support to any other candidate for the office of county judge, to support me for that office. However, I should expect every man to vote for what he considers the best interests of the community in which he lives.

As to having "forfeited all claim to the support of my friends" in the Madras country, I really cannot see how I have done that, as it is only because of their asking me to make the change that I consented to do so, as is evidenced by a numerous signed petition in which they not only asked me to withdraw from my candidacy for county school superintendent and consent to become a candidate for the office of county judge, but in which they pledged me their support for said last mentioned office.

As to my platform, I have made no promises to any one, neither has any one asked me to do so, but if I am elected to the office of county judge, I shall, to the best of my ability, labor to give every precinct in Crook county a "square deal." Very truly yours,

J. F. BLANCHARD.

The article that appeared in the Madras Pioneer, in answer to which the above letter has been written, criticized Mr. Blanchard in no uncertain terms for his "flop" in the race for county office. The Pioneer said that the change had been vigorously opposed by Mr. Blanchard's friends in that section, and maintained that it was not only "ill-advised but ill-timed as well." The Pioneer points out that Mr. Blanchard has shown bad faith in switching about for the reason that he had asked for the county superintendency and was receiving the unanimous support of that section; and Mr. Ellis had been prevailed upon to run for county judge only after having been assured that he would have the support of the Madras section. The Pioneer asserts that for Mr. Blanchard to abandon the superintendency—an office which Northern Crook very much desired—and inject an ele-

ment of discord into the county judgeship contest—an office which Northern Crook wished to go to Mr. Ellis—is to say the least an indication of bad faith. The Pioneer article is a strong presentation of the facts in the case, and Mr. Blanchard will have difficult work to disprove them. The meat of the article is condensed in the following extracts:

"After announcing himself for one office, to withdraw and come out for another, not only makes it appear that he is a 'miscellaneous' candidate, but there is an element of bad faith involved in the transaction that will and should operate against him."

"The efforts of his friends in his behalf for superintendent of schools has been wasted, because at Prineville he has been encouraged to enter the race for the more attractive office of county judge."

"That Mr. Blanchard should now seek to interpose an objection to his (Mr. Ellis') candidacy, saying in effect, 'You were supporting me for county superintendent of schools but I have decided that I want to be judge, and want you to transfer your support from Mr. Ellis to me,' to say the least presents a most selfish attitude on Mr. Blanchard's part."

"He has forfeited all claim to the support of his friends in this section, and for that situation he has no one to blame but himself."

Let us examine Mr. Blanchard's letter. His entire argument is covered by two points, namely, that Northern Crook should be represented in the county court, and that his "flop" was due to the importunities of Northern Crook friends. He lays much stress on the argument that each section of the county should have a representative in the county court. It is pertinent to ask how long has that been considered desirable? Up to within two years ago the county court was composed, year in and year out, of men from only one section of the county. And as far as Mr. Blanchard's argument is concerned it is rendered null and void by the well known fact that Mr. Ellis is a broad-minded man and will treat all sections of the county with fairness and will conduct an impartial administration.

Furthermore, Mr. Blanchard must be grossly misinformed about the desire of his friends. People returning from the Madras section report that the voters are incensed at Mr. Blanchard's vacillating policy, and that he will poll but a small vote in that section. This sentiment was found so strong as to be well-nigh unanimous. It is the confident belief of everyone that Mr. Blanchard has killed himself politically by his flop. People do not know where he will be found by the time the primaries arrive.

In the minds of the people there is a strong suspicion and that suspicion is that Mr. Blanchard's flop was due not to the desire of friends in and about Madras but rather to the importunities of the Prineville politicians. These politicians have threatened to defeat Mr. Ellis, and Blanchard is their ready tool. That is the suspicion that is lurking in the minds of the voters.

Whom do the people want for county judge—a man who announces himself for an office and then sticks to that announcement, or one who flops about, first after one office then after another?

### Inklings at Gist.

GIST, March 8.—Alex Smith of Sisters was buggy riding out in the Gist country Sunday.

Johnnie More, who lives on the Dr. Turley place near Gist, came near losing his house by fire one day last week, caused by the pipe coming unjoined near the roof. Osborn Edwards happened to be there and knocked a hole in the roof and with a few buckets of water put the fire out.

Frank Arnold has rented the Turley place and will move there soon.

Wimer Bros. of Tumalo attended the social hop at the old school house at Gist Friday eve.

The new school house at Gist has been named Mainview.

Prof. Arensmaier, who has been teaching the Plainview school at Gist, will, as soon as his term is out here, leave for the Supper country, as he has a contract to teach a school there.

Walter Graham and Clyde Gist have a contract to clear up to acres of land for Mr. Sturgeon. The Sunday school here at Gist has received its new song books. So be sure to come and help sing. There will be a book for you, too.

H. B. Hudson will speak on local option here at Gist on Saturday evening at 7:30. This is a dry locality now, and according to this it will be drier, and hence will increase the value of water rights.

John More has changed his rendezvous from Gist to Sisters. I wonder why?

## WOULD RAISE MONEY

And Thus Help to Build a Railroad.

MEETING AT COUNTY SEAT

Prineville People Will Raise \$100,000 toward a Sum to Coax a Railroad into Central Oregon.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held at Prineville last Saturday evening to set the ball a-rolling in the work of building a railroad into Central Oregon. C. N. Ehret of Redmond seems to be the moving spirit behind this undertaking, and he was in attendance at the Prineville meeting.

The plan is for the people of Central Oregon to raise a considerable sum of money and contribute it to the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad Company on the condition that the company extend its line from Eugene up the McKenzie river and over the Cascades to this section. While present plans are in a rather embryonic state, it is generally considered that the plans contemplate building the line over the mountains to Redmond and Bend with the terminus at Prineville.

Prineville people have naturally fallen in with this plan and their men of money agree to raise \$100,000, or even more, in case assurance can be given that the line will be built.

The Bulletin phoned Mr. Ehret at Redmond for particulars in regard to this story, but he said that the matter was not yet far enough developed to warrant saying much about it. He stated, however, that he was working on such a project as here outlined.

### Redmond Items.

REDMOND, March 9.—As former classmates we have been very much interested in occasionally seeing that "Willa Cather has an interesting story in the current number of the Century" or "E. N. Corbin has an article in the February Electrical Review" or something similar. The above is simply introductory to the fact that the Spokesman-Review is conducting a contest in which we are glad to see that Mr. J. R. Whitney is participating with some practical ideas. If similar things happen and the reporter does not learn of them otherwise we shall be glad to have friends of the modest one call our attention to the matter.

Ben Gotter has the contract for putting up the new school building. This is one assurance that we will have a good building.

Ed Bates came in Sunday from Portland. We are sorry not to have had an opportunity to interview him with regard to himself and the other members of the Redmond aggregation who are in the metropolis.

Messrs. Ellis and Coe came in from Bend Sunday evening. We suppose they are looking for land or after other business.

At the adjourned meeting of the Water Users' Association held Saturday, officers were elected and some other matters of organization were attended to. A fuller report will be delayed until organization is completed. The next meeting will be held at 1 p. m. on the first Saturday in April.

Another pig has come to town. This time it is a Duroc Jersey, and may be seen out at Mr. Park's place. It is not the beginning however of a mixed breed of pigs, but the two will be kept separate.

Several items would bear quite extensive writing this week from one who would let his imagination run riot. We prefer however to keep out of that class, so state facts as we understand them.

Carl Ehret was in Prineville Saturday on railroad business. He did not talk very freely for publication. He did not bring a railroad back with him or even assurances, so far as we could learn, that one would be built this summer. He says however that he is working on a proposition that may lead to something.

It is rumored that the empty saloon building may be put to a good business use before long. There was a chance for a dry goods box reporter to run the matter down, but cropping duties forbid the undersigned doing it.

It is reported that school children from the outlying parts of the district will be transported to school the coming year. Other duties have prevented our button-holing the members of the school board for the purpose of verifying

the authenticity of the report. See what a chance there has been this week for a good live pencil pusher.

Masquerade ball with prizes is advertised for Redmond on St. Patrick's day.

The euchre club will be entertained at the Hotel Redmond Tuesday evening.

Frank McCaffery is putting up a feed barn which will be run by Mr. Covert. The hotel barn is now in charge of Z. F. McClay.

E. C. PARK.

### Laidlaw Items.

LAIIDLAW, March 6.—P. V. Swisher was called to Minnesota this week by the death of his brother and illness of his mother.

F. E. Dayton made a business trip to Squaw Creek Wednesday.

F. N. Wallace is confined to the house with a very severe cold and grip.

J. H. Hasselberg has moved his family to his south place again.

Fay Mudd is again able to be in school.

The creamery association met last week to arrange articles of association.

J. J. Cowen is arranging to leave for Grand Junction, Colorado, where he will be associated with his brother in the real estate business.

J. L. Couch is cutting stone for the foundation of his new house.

The water users under the Columbia Southern met Saturday to arrange for cleaning out the ditches for next summer's irrigation.

Prospects are good for a flour and feed mill in the near future. Along with it will be an electric light plant.

Anthony Ahlstrom and Jake Peterson, from Pleasant Ridge neighborhood, attended the recent creamery meeting.

The Reading Club have moved to the corner rooms in the Rutherford building, where they are very comfortably located.

### Pleasant Ridge Items.

The D. I. & P. Co. has completed a large lateral east and north of Long Butte. This lateral will supply G. W. Hall with water, who has recently moved from Spokane and settled on his land since late winter.

George Couch and Miss Lizzie Pinkham were visitors at the Sherwood farm last Thursday afternoon.

Prof. Thompson, teacher of the Laidlaw schools, visited his farm over Sunday.

The Pleasant Ridge Sunday school is being largely attended, having a regular attendance of from 30 to 40 each Sunday.

E. H. Lockyear, who has been laid up nearly all winter by a kick from a horse, is now able to resume his agricultural duties. We noticed him plowing last week.

The Peterson boys have been kept very busy pulling trees of late.

Chas. D. Jarrett, south of Forked Horn Butte, has just completed his house and will move there into this week.

G. W. Hall recently filed homestead entry on a 20-acre tract of land adjoining his ditch land. We were pleased to hear this for such neighbors will be of much benefit and improvement to any country.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lockyear on March 5, a girl!

There is considerable enthusiasm over the idea of our Sunday school convention consisting only of neighborhood schools, viz: Bend, Laidlaw, Redmond, Pleasant Ridge, Gist, Falls and the other one at Gist. We wish our correspondent would inform the superintendent of this news; also that the several schools have consented to meet at the Sherwood farm, Saturday afternoon, March 21, for the purpose of making arrangements for the time of holding the convention, arranging a program for the day, etc.

Jesse Vosberg could neither be found at home or at church Sunday. Wonder where he could have been found!

Steve Greenhalgh is firing jumpers this week. We have recently received word that the third quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will be held at Redmond on Monday evening, April 6. It is expected that Presiding Elder McKinworth will be there to preach and to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, March 10.—The farmers are getting busy in this vicinity. Spring plowing and some seeding are being done.

The C. S. I. Co. has a crew of men at work cleaning out ditches preparatory to turning water into the ditch.

Mr. Seegans and daughter Miss Myrtle and Mrs. Geo. Fulliam were Bend visitors today.

Some of our people went to the dance near Gist last Friday night. They report having a good time as there was a fine crowd present.

I. B. Wimer was in Bend on business Sunday.

Lumber for the new school house at Redmond is being hauled from the Lightower Smith mill near here.

There will be a basket social at the school house near Gist postoffice the 27th of this month for the purpose of raising money to pay for their organs. No doubt everyone who attends will have a good time. They have announced "Come one; come all; come great and small and bring a basket; girls, don't forget."

### Card of Thanks.

To the many friends who so kindly assisted us by their sympathy and aid during the recent illness which resulted in the death of our beloved husband and father, we wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully,

MRS. ELLEN ORCUTT AND SONS.

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