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The Editor Speaking

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past attitude toward Jacksonville,
we received a caller day after publica-
tion and had a few points ex-
plained to us.

Briggs himself told how Jackson
county had already expressed its
desire in moving the courthouse to
Medford and that, as a representa-
tive of all the people from this dis-
trict, he had to be governed by the
wishes expressed in the bal-
lot of the majority of his elector-
ate. He added that, should he be-
come Jackson county's district at-
torney, he would continue to serve
the interests of the greatest num-
ber of people and would favor no
one section as against the inter-
ests of the majority. Fair enough,
at that.

Another Billy, William E. Phipps,
has been doing much campaign
work around the county. His
County Judge Extra seems to have
aroused no small amount of com-
ment and some criticism, which
was to be expected if the extra con-
tained any matter that struck home
here and there, and betting has
swung to Phipps as the heavy fa-
vorite to win the judgeship.

Some of Gates' allies expressed
the opinion (or was it desire?) to
us that they felt that The Miner's
exposure of Pop the Weasel's ter-
rible financial muddle worked to
his benefit, gaining sympathy for
the rotund flivver peddler.

We noticed, however, that it was
the already friends of Gates who
resented the onslaught, and that
the lukewarm observers and op-
ponents reacted quite differently.
Most of them burst into a hearty
laugh and, between explosions of
violent mirth asked, "and that's the
man who claims he can give Jack-
son county a business administra-
tion." Hilarity seems to have been
the general acceptance the disclo-
sures received, and although we
printed an extra hundred copies of
the paper the other week when
Gates' past was aired, it was a
complete sell-out by noon.

We also have been told that,
whenever a man puts himself up
before voters as the best business
head available to run the county's
affairs, he immediately subjects
himself and his business life to the
close scrutiny of all voters — for
how else can they determine
whether or not Pop IS a business-
man capable of keeping the county
out of the red?

We grant Pop is an outstanding
man—but in a minus quantity
(—\$90,000).

And now that we've gotten down
the line and can pause for a min-
ute, we'll relax on the local politics
—which really are of more impor-
tance to Jacksonville than any other,
and have aroused the least inter-
est of any. The entire future of
this city depends upon whom is
placed in control of it. Jacksonville
can either stand still, slip or move
forward. And very little standing
still is being done these days by
any municipality.

All nominating petitions must be
filed by Saturday of this week, to-
morrow, and then the old town
will be set for its own parody on
politics. And although it is quite
possible for the former county seat
to burst into fame and glory the
day before election, it looks as
though the county, state and na-
tional issues have stolen all of the
local attention and thunder. Oh
well, there's still time.

And, to get back to distant poli-
tics, we read the other day that
"Russia wanted the nomination of
Roosevelt." Dressed in great type,
it was given the garb of a boost
for Hoover. Maybe it was... and
perhaps not. But we'd say the
whole world ought to want the
election of Roosevelt and a more
liberal stand on world 'rade by this
government. Hoover and his policies
it was who stopped Russia's ship-
ping and commerce with this coun-
try—why should they want the re-

election of the man who paralyzed
their trade with the United States?

This attempt to coerce voters
with the boogey man of Big Bad
Russia trying to suck the blood
from our innocent children gets
kinda stale and reminds us of the
apparent truth that when embar-
rassing issues are up to be answer-
ed, it is always more diplomatic to
shift conversation by screaming
"look out, the Boogey Man will
get you!" We note that the ins
would far rather indulge in a dis-
cussion of the evils on the other
side of the globe than dwell on the
past four years in this country as
a campaign issue.

Another thing that annoys us is
this constant clamor that "to
change noodles in the middle of
the soup" will plunge us into an
abyss too terrible to bear descrip-
tion. And if that is the case, our
forefathers, strong, true and wise,
who wrote the constitution made
one big mistake when they provid-
ed for a constant change in govern-
ment personnel.

Something ought to be done about Gosh, and we'd always clung to

this democratic form of government
we had always thought was alright
before it wrecks the big men too
and puts them in the same category
with the rest of us. Yes, sir! Good
old dictatorships, kingdoms and
lifetime leases on government jobs
are the only remedy to our present
multiplicity of ills.

The very idea, wanting to change
government in the middle of the
stream, just as if the founders of
this great democracy ever intend-
ed that their constitution should
be so interpreted! Ridiculous—
why isn't it plain enough that the
only time to shift is when every-
thing is running smoothly and a
change isn't needed?

And to cap it all off, this week a
representative of one of Medford's
chain stores made the statement
that his entire system would be
closed undoubtedly unless Hoover
were reelected. And Henry Ford
already insinuated that there prob-
ably would be no work for his em-
ployees under any other cabinet
than Hoover's.

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the silly notion that Italy had the
dictators and we CHOSE our rul-
ers.

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doing prospecting on the E. J.
Brown ranch, with the intentions
of installing mining machinery on
the place later

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Briggs Explains Attitude Toward Conduct District Attorney's Office

TO THE PEOPLE OF JACKSON COUNTY:

As the Republican nominee for the office of District
Attorney of Jackson county, I believe the people are
entitled to know my attitude toward the conduct of that
office—in other words, what my platform is. Briefly, I
would state same as follows:

1. That every citizen of Jackson county coming in
contact with my office will receive a square deal, with
the idea in mind that the District Attorney's office is for
the purpose, not only of prosecuting and bringing to
justice the wrong-doer, but of protecting the innocent.

2. I believe in the observance of the law safeguarding
the issuance of search warrants, and that every citizen
is entitled to his constitutional rights regarding search
and seizure. I do not believe in the issuance of so-called
"blanket" search warrants, and shall approve only the
issuance of search warrants based upon proper affidavits
showing "probable cause."

3. I pledge myself to give efficient and prompt atten-
tion to the duties required of the District Attorney under
the law.

4. I believe information can be obtained by properly
deputized officers, operating under the direction of the
sheriff and state police. You cannot have a high type of
enforcement without a high type of men engaged in such
work.

5. I agree to conduct the office with as much economy
as is consistent with efficiency.

6. I believe in the enforcement and observance of the
law. I believe that law was intended to meet the ends
of justice, and it follows therefrom that reason, and a
consideration of surrounding circumstances, must be in-
termingled with its enforcement.

In stating the above pledges and beliefs, I am not to
be construed, directly or indirectly, as making inference
against my Democratic opponent; I am simply stating
what I, personally, stand for. I am conducting my cam-
paign on my own beliefs and merits, and criticism of an
opponent will not enhance my own qualifications.

(Paid Adv.)

WM. M. BRIGGS.