

SANTIAM NEWS SUPPLEMENT.

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B. N. PAYNE, CANDIDATE FOR CLERK.

It is seldom the case, when men present themselves as candidates for public office, that they possess especial fitness for the particular office to which they aspire. Generally they are without experience, and untried. The public must, so to speak, accept them on trust. Should they develop into capable, efficient officers, the people are fortunate. Should they give but an indifferent service and conduct the affairs of the office in a slipshod manner, the public suffers loss and inconvenience. Especially is this true in the office of County Clerk.

During the past, Linn county has elected many different men to that office and but very few of them proved to be more than simply ordinary; while some of them—well they should never have been elected.

Of the few men who have proven themselves to be exceptionally capable and efficient in that position in the past, is B. M. Payne, the present candidate for that office on the Democratic ticket. He has had eight years experience in the office, four as deputy and four as clerk. He is now one of the managers of the Linn County abstract office and much of the abstract business is closely connected with the affairs of the county clerk's office. So with the experience he has had both in and out of the clerk's office coupled with his accommodating disposition and his known integrity of character makes him a most valuable official in that capacity. There is no risk. We know that he possesses the qualifications we desire for that position. So efficient has been his services in the past that the circuit court judges pronounced him the most superior clerk of the district, and when he retired from the office of clerk, two years ago, Judge Galloway had a resolution commending his efficiency placed in the court records.

Linn county is entitled to the very best ability she can get in her public officials. When men of the known ability of Mr. Payne offers themselves as candidates, voters should consider the public's welfare. Men of his business qualifications usually command such lucrative positions in private life, that public office has no charm or inducement for them.

Owing to Mr. J. E. Calavan's continued sickness and who had resigned his candidacy, Mr. Payne, at the earnest solicitation of his many friends consented to stand for the office, just two days before the date of the primary election. He consented only when there did not seem a possibility of getting anyone else to accept. So he can not be considered as seeking the nomination in any sense whatever.

Then as a worthy, upright citizen in all that goes to make up a man, Mr. Payne has no peer in the county. Possessing every quality required, as he does, why should not the people give him their votes, next Monday? The News opines they will and elect him by a handsome majority.

Judge Stewart for Re-Election.

For a great many years and until the election of Judge Barton, Linn county

elects none but lawyers as county judge. This was alright, so long as the duties of county judge related principally to probate business. But since the matter of roads and bridges has become the leading feature of the judge's duties, we have found that a farmer or business man can give the public a better service, in that position than a lawyer. If he is short on law he can get legal advice if necessary; but he must necessarily have some practical knowledge of road and bridge matters and of the general financial affairs of the county.

Judge Stewart has demonstrated that he possesses these qualities, and the vast improvement in the method of bridge building and the great saving in the cost thereof, together with the improved method of road building, during the past four years, is abundant evidence of that fact. He has given far more time in personally visiting every portion of the county to see what was required in the way of bridges and that the road moneys were properly expended, than any of his predecessors. By his energy and enthusiasm he has instilled a good roads spirit among the people which is bearing good fruit. Never has there been as much good practical road work done, as during the past two years. This is due, largely, to Judge Stewart's causing the annual road supervisors conference and to the selection of supervisors by the court. "In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom" has surely been exemplified in these supervisors meetings. It has generated a uniformity in method of building roads that could have been accomplished in no other way.

The condition of the county's finances, also, is most satisfactory. While nearly \$200,000 is collected in taxes and disbursed annually, Judge Stewart shows how and for what purpose the money has been expended. In a late published statement he has taken the public completely into his confidence in this matter.

Judge Stewart asks for re-election. He wants to complete putting the roads all over the county in a condition so that they will be usable at all seasons of the year. He has the road matter so well in hand and the plans for future improvement so well developed, that the News is fully persuaded a grave mistake will be made if he is not re-elected.

I. A. Munkers Candidate for the Legislature.

Undoubtedly three-fourths of the people of Linn county believe that United States senators in congress should be elected by a direct vote of the people; and until the federal constitution is amended and such election made possible, they endorse Statement No. 1, as being the nearest approach to the selection of senators by the people.

As two of the Republican candidates have refused to comply with the conditions required by Statement No. 1, while the other four say they will comply with them, it is safe to say Linn county's legislators will be selected from these four.

Mr. Munkers with Messrs Brandon

and Philpott have all willingly endorsed the Statement; not simply to secure their election, but because they believe the requirements of Statement No. 1 to be right and proper. Hence, should Mr. Cake receive the popular vote they, if elected, will vote for him on the first ballot; or for Governor Chamberlain if he is the winner at the polls.

Mr. Munkers has served one term as member of the House of Representatives, and if one will examine the record of his votes during the session of that body of which he was a member, he will find that Mr. Munkers' vote is recorded in every instance, upon the side which involved the best interests of the people. Mr. Munkers invites the inspection of his legislative record. While he at all times favored economy in the expenditure of public money, he favored appropriations that seemed for the best interests of all the people. His vote will be found recorded against every measure that had the appearance of graft or extravagance. He truly represented the interests of the people of Linn county. Should he be elected again to the legislature he may be depended upon to represent and vote for the best interests of the people again.

Then, as the best legislation usually results from legislative bodies nearly equally divided politically, Mr. Munkers election would tend towards restoring the desired equilibrium in the Oregon legislature. With a clean record and a manly upright course in all his public positions he can ask for the suffrage of the people with a confidence and the expectation of success.

An Ideal Sheriff.

What constitutes an ideal sheriff? The answer which most people will give is: An officer who executes his official duties without fear or favor; who plays no favorites; who thinks rich corporations should obey the law and pay their taxes as promptly as individuals; who, while not making it a business to hunt out or smoke out small offenders of the law, is ever prompt to make an arrest when a warrant is placed in his hands, no matter whether the criminal be great or small, rich or poor.

Such a sheriff has D. S. Smith proven himself to be during the past two years, and such a sheriff he will be during the next two years; for the people are sure to recognize efficiency and fitness and elect Mr. Smith to succeed himself. A public officer who treats the poorest and most obscure citizen with the same attention and courtesy which he gives to, say a representative of the Southern Pacific railroad, is certainly the right man in the right place. Such an officer is D. S. Smith. Honest obliging to all and absolutely correct in the conduct of his office he supplies just what the people want in a sheriff and they will elect him by a handsome majority.

Mr. Smith is the only living representative of one of Linn county's most famous pioneer families. Old settlers remember Hon. Delazon Smith with affectionate pride. He had, probably, more to do with Linn county's public affairs, at one time than any other man. D. S., his son, is a worthy son

of an illustrious father; not as an orator but in every thing that goes to make up an honorable upright citizen and a manly man.

D. D. Hackleman for Commissioner.

Mr. D. D. Hackleman, candidate for county commissioner for the long term, has been a citizen of Albany and vicinity during his entire life. He has seen Albany grow from a small village to its present dimension and a large portion of which is on land formerly included in his father's donation last claim. Mr. Hackleman, therefore, is identified with Linn county and Linn county's interests in every way.

Mr. Hackleman is an expert road builder and understands well the best methods of road building. He superintended the first expert road grading of Linn county. His roads have largely been the pattern after which all other now justly famous Linn county roads have been constructed. The county commissioner's duties relate exclusively to roads and bridges. Mr. Hackleman's knowledge of these matters would make him a valuable commissioner and the people will not make a mistake if they select him for the long term commissioner. He may be depended upon, if elected, to expend the people's tax moneys wisely and well.

W. W. Francis For Treasurer

Mr. Francis was a caller at this office the first of the week and he then informed the News that his campaign was progressing most favorably. While Mr. Francis is not our candidate, we feel disposed to say that should lightning strike him next Monday, in the form of an election to the treasurer office, Linn county would have a most competent treasurer. Mr. Francis has lived in Linn county a great many years; almost long enough to be called a pioneer. He bears an excellent reputation as a citizen and business man. He has served this county two years as recorder of conveyances. He then demonstrated that he could and would serve the public faithfully and efficiently and he will give a like faithful service if elected to the office to which he now aspires.

Mr. Francis is a most pleasant affable gentleman and we can stand a licking from him, probably as well as from any other candidate.

SANTIAM FARM

For Sale—Two tons of No. 1 Hay, Vetch and Oats; loose at \$12. per ton.

Three hundred gallons of Gooseberries after the first of June.

Four hundred gallons of Strawberries after the tenth of June.

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