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TELLS OF ANCIENT ASHLAND GANG

To the editor: The slogan of the Ashland papers in the pending county campaign, "The gang" has been seized upon to divert the popular mind long away from the ancient historic "gang" that controlled Jackson county politics and which seeks again to enter into full control.

When Geo. W. Dunn was defeated four years ago at the general election and certain others of the old gang were overthrown at the primary election of the same year, the close corporation that had long disgusted the general public with their tyrannical regime, for the time, ended.

A casual reading of the Dunn articles in the Ashland Tidbits reveals their authorship. They are written by one of the old gang now residing in Medford who has groaned and wept by turns ever since he was forced by the public to relax his grasp on county affairs four years ago.

The old combination is aiming at a return to undisputed power. Judge Neil and the county court have acted for the masses acquiescing in the general demand for good roads, fruit inspectors, armories, etc. Times have grown dull and the county court are now abused by many who advocated a progressive policy. Now, hoping to make the discontent general, the old gang comes to the front and howls for a change with the hidden purpose of again running the politics of Jackson county.

Most of the discontent abroad in the county had its origin in erroneous statements of mal-administration of county affairs. The recent grand jury probe exploded one after another the popular errors that had led to this temporary popular mistrust. Charges about padded bills, cant books, illegal purchase of county warrants below par by court members, graft in the Gold Hill bridge and the Central Point boulevard construction, all these vanished when the light was turned on. These popular fallacies were given out by members of the "old gang" seeking to return to power by the scandal route.

Judge Dunn's candidacy sprang from the same source that hatched up these fallacies. The present court did the business for the public and not for the old gang. The present court's worst fault in the eyes of this bunch has been its freedom from the rule of the old ring.

If a voter has time to read the tedious articles of the Ashland papers he will see the brands and ear-marks of the old bunch of a half century's misrule in Jackson county.

If the county judge, county clerk, sheriff, assessor, the commissioners, the recorder of deeds and the treasurer can again become homogeneous how pleasant and profitable it would prove to the powers erect behind the throne. This campaign for economy and business methods now made to revolve around the candidacy of G. W. Dunn has but one purpose in view, the return to leadership of the crowd repudiated four years ago. Their ostensible purpose is "public welfare." Their real sentiment, "The public be damned," their slogan is "down with the Medford gang," their sole purpose, "restore the discredited, discarded bunch." Rogue river valley wants evolution, not retrogression. It wants to go forward not backward. It wants to advance to the zenith rather than creep backward into night. This is written that we may not forget and that while we are reforming and building we will not tear out the foundations so well laid four years ago.

VERITAS.

Fire Sweeps Augusta. AUGUSTA, Me., April 16.—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was done today by a fire, starting in the old City hall building, spread to the Theatre Comique and other wooden buildings.

Drunk, Robbed. OAKLAND, Cal., April 16.—Vincent Petoehine wants the police to find two Italian countrymen who got him drunk and robbed him of \$650 in a poker game here.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE'S POLITICS.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE is not running for office, nor has it any interest other than the desire to see progressiveness triumph in the coming election. It has been accused of all sorts of crimes by the village press, which are too absurd for attention.

The Mail Tribune is an independent paper, one of the few really independent papers in the state—and it is to this independence that it owes its prestige. It cares nothing for party, has no political ambitions, cannot be accused of graft, and supports republicans and democrats indiscriminately, according to their progressiveness. It has never made any money out of politics and does not expect to.

The Mail Tribune supported George E. Chamberlain, democrat, for senator, as it now supports Jonathan Bourne, republican. If La Follette is nominated it will support him, because he stands for the principles this paper advocates.

In local affairs the problem becomes largely one of personality. Four years ago it supported the late Captain Eggleston, republican, for county judge, probably the best qualified man who ever sought the office. Upon his defeat at the primaries, it supported Judge Neil, democrat, rather than Judge Dunn with his do-nothing record.

During the present campaign, the Mail Tribune is again supporting the progressive candidate against the reactionary. Mr. Merrick was the choice of the business men of Medford, his record shows him progressive, public-spirited and qualified. The paper's only interest is the welfare of the county.

Medford, with one-sixth of the assessed valuation of the county, paying one-sixth of the taxes, is entitled to representation on the county board, and Mr. Merrick is entitled to receive, and undoubtedly will receive the vote of every progressive republican in Jackson county at the primaries.

FAKE PRESS OPINIONS.

PAMPHLETS entitled "What the press and people of Oregon think of Ben Selling" are being mailed by the stand-patters of Medford to all registered voters, regardless of party. Of course the postage and clerical hire for this work is furnished by Mr. Selling, and the booklets are mailed from here simply because the list of county registered voters is convenient.

Similar pamphlets are being sent every voter in Oregon. The total cost to Selling for this one campaign document exceeds \$3000. This itself is a violation of the corrupt practices act, which allows a senator only \$1125 for his total primary expenses.

The pamphlet is prepared by Mark Woodruff, one of Mr. Selling's staff of press agents, hired for the campaign at a fancy salary. They work in an expensive suite of rooms, along with many clerks and stenographers, in a Portland skyscraper.

Most of these press quotations are excerpts from a paid write-up published at a cost of many thousands of dollars in the newspapers of the state. For instance, the Central Point Herald, which is not supporting Mr. Selling, is quoted as saying:

"Fortunately for Oregon, Ben Selling has decided to let his name be used in connection with the senatorship." This was the opening sentence of an article marked "paid advertisement" furnished by the Selling press bureau.

The Ashland Record, which is opposing Mr. Selling's claims, is quoted as saying: "It can truthfully be said that Ben Selling is one of the original Progressive Republicans of Oregon." This was also a paragraph in the advertisement.

The list could be gone through and two-thirds of the quotations shown to be lifted from the paid advertisements of Selling, who hopes by this trick to create the impression that his candidacy meets with universal favor, whereas, the truth is that favorable comment is forthcoming only from standpat and assembly supporters.

No sincere progressive will vote for this violator of the corrupt practices act, who fought the Crater Lake road bill and slaughtered the normal schools.

TEDDY ENDORSES AUG. D. SINGLER

August D. Singler, who seeks nomination on the republican ticket for county sheriff has the endorsement of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. The colonel's best wishes for Mr. Singler's success were contained in a letter received from New York today, following the receipt of one of Mr. Singler's campaign cards at the colonel's office.

MCDOWELL'S RESTAURANT SOLD TO R. N. FOSTER

R. N. Foster, who has been here about a year with the Medford Cream and Butter company has purchased McDowell's restaurant and is now in charge. Mr. Foster is a live wire, is pleasant and accommodating and will make a success of the business. He will add a delicatessen lunch and will sell milk, cream, etc.

ELOPERS SAID TO BE IN ARIZONA

Arthur J. Smith and Mrs. Perry Knotts of Gold Hill, alleged to have eloped in February are said to be in Arizona, according to information received by District Attorney Mulkey. Requisition papers will be asked.

COFFEE DEMONSTRATION AT SCHEFFELIN'S

Miss Katherine Hansen, an expert on coffee making, is serving the famous brand of Dwight Edwards coffee at Scheffelin's grocery this week. Miss Hansen was here once before in the same capacity.

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POLITICAL CARDS

(Paid Advertisement.)

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W. A. JONES.

County Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I promise the people of Jackson county that in case of my nomination and election I will fulfill the duties of the office according to law and the best of my knowledge and ability.

W. H. MILLER.

Gold Hill, Ore., Feb. 16, 1912.

For County Clerk.

I hereby announce my candidacy for republican nomination as county clerk. If nominated and elected, I will conduct the office according to law and will treat all patrons courteously.

GEORGE A. GARDNER.

County Recorder.

I am a candidate for a second term for the office of County Recorder on the Republican ticket, subject to the coming primary.

I have conducted the office to the best of my ability, the books are always open for inspection and feel that I am entitled to a second term.

FRED L. COLVIG.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney for the first prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, embracing the counties of Jackson and Josephine, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries, and I pledge the people of Jackson and Josephine counties that in the event of my nomination and election I will fearlessly, impartially and to the best of my ability prosecute all violations of law in said district and endeavor to administer the duties of said office with the utmost efficiency and economy.

E. E. KELLY.

For Representative.

I respectfully present my name as a candidate for representative to the republican voters at the coming primary. I have been once honored by the people of Jackson county, having been chosen to represent them in the state assembly two years ago. If nominated and elected, I shall do in the future as I have in the past: give to my constituents as honest and faithful service as lies within my power. I realize that there are matters of importance to southern Oregon that will come up in the next meeting of the legislature at Salem, and it will be my earnest desire if elected to act to the fullest satisfaction of all the people of Jackson county.

J. A. WESTERLUND.

For County Judge.

I am a candidate for the nomination of county judge of Jackson county to be determined by the will of the voters at the primaries April 19, 1912. If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office, as soon as lawful authority of the voters can be secured, bond the county and begin the construction of a scientific system of permanent roads. One million and a half dollars is not too much for this purpose. But a dollar's value must be had for every dollar spent. I will oppose increasing the county's warrant indebtedness and will endeavor to reduce the same and restore the county's credit. I will assume full responsibility for a business administration of every county office.

F. E. MERRICK.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination of county commissioner for the four year term, subject to the endorsement of the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

If nominated and elected I will during my term of office conduct the business of Jackson county on a strictly business basis, and to the best interests of the taxpayers, and without fear or favor to any party, parties or to any particular section of the county.

W. C. LEVVER.

County Recorder.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county recorder, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I was born and raised at Eagle Point, Ore. I have for the past two years been deputy in the assessor's office and all I ask the people to do is to look up my character and past record before casting their ballots.

CHAUNCEY FLOREY.

County Clerk.

I announce myself as a candidate

for the republican nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the primaries April 19, 1912.

N. L. NARREGAN.

For Sheriff.

I respectfully present my name to the republican voters as candidate for sheriff of Jackson county at the coming primaries. I have served two terms as constable of Medford district, and if nominated and elected I shall serve the people in the future as in the past.

AUG. D. SINGLER.

Prosecuting Attorney.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney for the first prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, comprising the counties of Jackson and Josephine, subject to the will of the republican voters at the primaries.

If nominated and elected I will prosecute all violations of the law and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office, honestly, impartially, economically and to the best of my ability.

H. K. HANNA.

Jacksonville, Ore., March 14, 1912.

For Representative.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination as one of the two representatives to the assembly for Jackson county, to be chosen by the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

My two interests—the ranch at Central Point and law practice—having brought me in touch with conditions confronting both the farmer and the business man, in consenting to make the race for the nomination for representative, I wish to state that I am in favor of well built highways, constructed along economical and scientific lines. I favor such laws as will enable our orchardists to protect and care for their orchards in the best possible manner. I believe in such legislation as will protect and safeguard all the interests of the people in matters of taxation, railroad rates and efficient public service.

And if nominated and elected, I will give to each taxpayer honest, efficient and businesslike service.

JOHN H. CARKIN.

For Sheriff.

To the Republicans of Jackson county:

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff of Jackson county, Ore., subject to the wishes of the voters of the Republican party, to be expressed at the primary election on April 19th, 1912. In case I should be nominated and elected to the said office, I promise the people of Jackson county a businesslike administration of the office.

EMMETT BEESON.

County Surveyor.

I am a candidate for the republican nomination for the primary election in April.

If elected I will perform the duties of the office with the system and ability that my credentials of former experience and my private work of the past three years in this county credit me with.

Copies of letters recently sent to the county clerk and court, and now in my possession, regarding my ability and past experience, may be had by any voter requesting the same.

H. G. STOECKMANN.

For Assessor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for a second term for county assessor, subject to the republican primaries, April 19, 1912, and promise if nominated and elected to do my duty in the future as I have in the past.

W. T. GRIEVE.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination to the office of prosecuting attorney for the first district, Oregon. If I am nominated and elected I shall prosecute all violations of the law, and especially will I prosecute all violations of the liquor laws, and all laws safeguarding the welfare of young manhood and womanhood in this jurisdiction. This I shall do with whatever of strength and ability my six years' experience as a practicing attorney and three years as deputy prosecuting attorney of this district has conferred. Very respectfully,

J. N. JOHNSTON.

(Paid adv.)

County Surveyor.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the above named office, subject to the Republican primaries in April. I respectfully refer the electors to my past record as a basis upon which to judge my qualifications for said office.

T. W. ORGWOOD.

For County Judge.

I am a candidate for democratic nomination as county judge. If elected I promise to reform all loose and careless methods of transacting

public business, and to administer the affairs of Jackson county on strict and systematic business lines. I will assist in building good roads, build up the county's credit, labor for its every material interest along progressive and economical lines. I will favor no locality at the expense of any other and I will safeguard all of your material interests conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

FRANK L. TOU VELLE.

Medford, R. F. D. No. 2.

For County Clerk.

I hereby announce my candidacy for county clerk subject to the republican primary on April 19. If nominated and elected I promise a businesslike administration of the office, and will observe the laws governing the office in every detail to the best of my ability.

W. F. QUISENBERRY.

For County Surveyor.

I am asking for the republican nomination, and if I am elected I will make the office mean something.

All county work requiring engineering skill should be done by the county surveyor, and maps and other data filed for future reference. Having made the surveys for the adjudicating of Little Butte creek water rights and a topographic map of a large portion of the Rogue river valley, besides other surveys, I am able to give first-hand information.

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