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JACKSON COUNTY LOSES \$71,097 RAILROAD TAXES

Jackson county loses \$71,097.95 in taxes this year as the result of the refusal of the Southern Pacific to pay upon the O. & C. land grant, title to which was recently awarded to the federal government by Judge Wolverton, and which is now on appeal to the higher federal courts.

The following is the list of counties and the amount of tax assessed against the O. & C. land grant, which for the first time is not being paid. The total is nearly half a million dollars. The county taxpayers, however, will have to pay the portion of the state tax it carries, for 1913, this year and the years to follow, and the \$460,000 will stand delinquent on the assessment rolls. Judge Wolverton's decision forbids the railroad company from exercising any control or claim to the lands in question:

Benton, \$19,986.12; Clackamas, \$29,513.40; Columbia, \$15,513.40; Coos, \$40,367.23; Curry, \$23,133.67; Douglas, \$95,671.00; Jackson, \$71,097.95; Josephine, \$34,483.83; Klamath, \$10,359.50; Lane, \$80,413.07; Lincoln, \$2,146.82; Linn, \$13,854.09; Marion, \$7,827.77; Multnomah, \$2,279.93; Polk, \$13,527.44; Tillamook, \$3,444.95; Washington, \$4,570.53; Yamhill, \$4,363.25; Clarke, \$131.15. Total, \$460,335.32.

CANDIDATES IN FINAL APPEAL

PORTLAND, Or., May 14.—Candidates for nomination at the state primary elections of the republican, democratic and progressive parties tomorrow made their final appeals to the voters today.

Interest in the result of the primaries was heightened by the general belief that the strength of the individual candidates would be the principal factor in deciding party victories at the November elections. The largest number of contests are within the republican party, and the registration of republicans is greater than all the other parties. The progressives have few contests and an incomplete party ticket.

The socialists and prohibitionists nominated by convention, but many have taken advantage of the primaries to register. The registration figures are:

Republican, 134,687; democratic, 59,986; prohibitionist, 11,177; socialist, 6,273; progressive, 6,255; miscellaneous, 8,536.

ORCHARDISTS' MASS MEETING FOR MAY 27

At a meeting of the orchardists' debt committee yesterday with Dean Cordely of O. A. C., the committee of which Frank H. Madden is chairman recommended the name of Professor M. P. Henderson of the University of Wisconsin for pathologist of Jackson county and asked that the agricultural college present their proposition in writing in case he should meet with the approval of the orchardists in mass meeting assembly.

The mass meeting has been called for Wednesday, May 27th and all orchardists are requested to meet on that day to consider the recommendations regarding Professor Henderson and the proposition from O. A. C. Professor Henderson is most highly recommended. He has just completed a post graduate course in plant pathology and is declared to be a man of practical experience, keen intelligence and high character. He was selected from a large number of applicants.

VOTE FOR JOE SMITH

If it is low taxes you want, vote for the re-election of the man who has helped reduce the operating and maintaining cost of the county government—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who helped restore county credit and raised county warrants from 85 cents upon the dollar to par—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who has helped reduce the county's debt without increasing county taxation—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who has stood for progressive policies and introduced conservative business management—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who introduced the budget system in county affairs—publishing in advance estimates of the year's expenses, so that taxpayers interested may protest if they desire—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who has helped systematic road work and is producing better roads for less money than ever before—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who, while giving the orchardists needed inspection, cut down Mr. Madden's demand for twenty additional inspectors to eleven—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who has secured from the state engineering and machinery cost and \$70,000 road fund money to supplement the bond money on the Pacific highway to complete the highway through Jackson county—Joe Smith.

Vote for the man who made the construction of a half-million dollar cement plant at Gold Hill possible by signing a contract for the cement used on the Pacific highway—Joe Smith.

Vote for a man who is making good in public office and show appreciation of efficiency in public service by voting for Joe Smith.

WHAT PENDLETON THINKS OF SMITH

OF the sixteen candidates for governor, the Portland Oregonian is fighting but one—Dr. C. J. Smith, former mayor of Pendleton. The abuse and denunciation in turn showered upon Mitchell, Chamberlain, Bourne and West has been diverted, for the time being, upon Dr. Smith, and for weeks past that delectable journal's columns have been full of falsehoods and slander.

As a result of these character attacks a mass meeting of the citizens of Pendleton was held Tuesday evening—a non-partisan meeting of protest, which, after many expressions of indignation, passed unanimously the following resolution: "It is the sense of the meeting that the campaign made against Dr. Smith is slanderous and without foundation."

A type of the speeches made in behalf of Dr. Smith was that of Rev. A. McKenzie Meldrum, a Christian minister of Athena, who said:

I have come out of my party for the time being in order that I may cast a ballot for a man who is a man in all that the word implies. Dr. Smith is one of the cleanest, one of the ablest, one of the best and one of the noblest men I have met in all my life, and how any man outside the doors of the asylum can say anything derogatory of his character is beyond my comprehension. Whenever a man of his lofty reason, high character and warm heart is maligned as he has been, it is time for every decent man and woman, regardless of party, to rise up in his support.

The Oregonian's campaigns always result in victory for the person fought—so that there is little question but that Dr. Smith will be nominated tomorrow.

Dr. Smith should receive the solid vote of Jackson county democracy—and Jackson county should be his banner county.

W. H. Mealey, the only Medford man who seeks republican nomination as representative, is a clean-cut, honest and energetic young lawyer, politically a La Follette progressive, and a firm believer in the rule of the people and the Oregon system. If nominated, and elected, Mr. Mealey could be depended upon to support progressive policies, regardless of partisanship. He would make a good representative for the people.

In reply to many requests for advice regarding the election of supreme court judges, the Mail Tribune recommends the following to its republican readers: Henry L. Benson of Klamath county, Thomas A. McBride of Columbia, Lawrence T. Harris of Lane county and Charles L. McNary of Marion county.

Southern Oregon has a chance to secure a representative in the national councils of the democratic party by electing Judge W. H. Canon as democratic committeeman. A solid vote here will go a long way towards nominating him.

Many Newspapers Declare for Judge Bennett

(From the Albany Daily Democrat, May 11.)

That the drift of public sentiment toward the candidacy of Judge Bennett is not confined to eastern Oregon is indicated by the fact that three more western Oregon newspapers, all of which have heretofore been neutral in the democratic fight for the governorship, have come out for Judge Bennett during the past week. More than thirty Oregon newspapers are now actively supporting his candidacy.

The latest newspaper champion of Judge Bennett is the Lincoln County Sentinel. This paper has always been a strong supporter of Governor West's law enforcement program, and while still friendly to the governor, insists upon the right of the rank and file of the party to choose the party nominee without any dictation from the state capital. The editor asserts that Judge Bennett's record is such that he has implicit confidence in his promise to enforce the laws of the state without fear or favor.

The following is reprinted from the last issue of the Lincoln county paper: "Without a breath against any of the other candidates, this paper is moved to support Judge A. S. Bennett of The Dalles. "The writer hereof has been personally acquainted with Judge Bennett for nearly twenty years; we have had the honor to sit by his side in the conventions of the party in the past when he was working in a Trojan manner for the advancements of the principles of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Through the thin years Judge Bennett was faithful to the principles of his party and his service has always been a free sacrifice for it. His life time in the state of Oregon, his knowledge of the needs of the growing common-

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wealth, his ability as a lawyer and his high standard as a man eminently fit him to fill this office.

"As our readers know, this paper earnestly desired Governor West to succeed himself, but as Governor West did not see his way clear to do so, it is our earnest belief that Judge Bennett will be a fitting successor to Governor West.

"In the enforcement of the laws of the state we have implicit confidence in the ability of Judge Bennett. His sterling character will place him at all times on the right side of the enforcement of the laws, and he has given his word, which is to be highly valued, that he will enforce the laws of the state in a strict and impartial manner, if elected, and we have a complete confidence that he will do so.

"This is not intended as a panegyric of Judge Bennett, but is only a plain statement of some of the reasons why we feel called to select Judge Bennett out of a field of candidates that any party has a right to be proud of." (Paid Adv.)



Vote Friday for A. W. WALKER For Sheriff

He has resided in Jackson county for nine years, during which time he has conducted a successful business and is now proprietor of the Nash Livery stable and the West Side Freed stable.

He pledges himself that if he is elected, the sheriff's office will be conducted economically under his personal direction and control, and in such manner as to facilitate the handling of the public business to the best advantage of the public, rather than his own convenience. In all criminal matters he will at all times co-operate with the courts and the public prosecutor, and will in all respects perform his duties and enforce the laws in the manner directed by the proper authorities, without fear or favor.

He believes in economy in administration and lower taxation. (Paid Adv.)

WM. F. MEALEY

Candidate for Republican Nomination for State Representative

Mr. Mealey is the junior member of the law firm of Neff & Mealey. He is a progressive republican and was an enthusiastic supporter of La Follette in the primary election two years ago, having been secretary of the La Follette Progressive Republican club of Jackson county.

His platform is quarterly payment of taxes; passage of fewer but better laws; the elimination of unnecessary and excessive appropriations and a comprehensive state highway system, payable one-half by the state and one-half by the counties through which the highway is constructed. (Paid Adv.)

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From Coos Bay to Congress

Over in Coos Bay country most everybody calls him Fred—his formal title is Frederick—and one and all agree that Hollister is the happy succession to Hawley as congressman from the first district. Also, so infectious is the home sentiment of those who have known him best, the same feeling is common in the corner councils of state democracy. Politics aside, the nomination of Fred Hollister by the party at the primary would effectively serve the state by presenting a candidate upon whose election fair-minded and progressive men everywhere could unite.

While Hollister is of the coast country, his democracy is broad enough to dwarf the local selfishness of many who have aforesight sought the halls of congress to further pet locality measures. A trained business man and attorney, with faith in his state and energy to further its advancement, he possesses the ability to transform his ideals into concrete and beneficial results—and would be distinctly a congressman from all Oregon.

Fred Hollister's home is at North Bend, so named from the conformation of Coos Bay at that point. At the present time he is serving as a member of the council—to which he was elected by the highest majority of any member now in office. He has been a dweller and a doer in the city with the curvatures name for 11 years, and the home folks want him to keep on residing—which is, in itself, no slight tribute to popularity. He is a bank director and bank president in two financial institutions.

Heretofore he has declined all opportunity to receive official advancement in his home county or state. In Coos county he bears the reputation of having been prominently identified with and for every progressive movement transpiring during his residence there. Throughout the state he is widely known as an exceptionally talented attorney. So much for Hollister at home.

Nomination of the Coos county man by the state democracy at the primaries would almost infallibly predict the defeat of Hawley, who seeks the republican renomination and election, and whose record contains little to recommend him to the electorate of Oregon. Hollister has been hailed by a certain coast paper as the "man to beat Hawley." In the clear light of a growing statewide sentiment this seems to be as politically probable as it may well be—surely it is devoutly to be wished.

Jackson county democrats are talking Hollister with every expression of approval and will uphold these sentiments at the polls—thereby serving the district, the state and the nation. "From Coos Bay to Congress" is written in the political horoscope of Hollister—and the fall of the political house of Hawley is already attested by the rapid and alarming decay of the present congressman's prestige at home and elsewhere. It is kismet—the unalterable and unavoidable. Oregon will again signify that party politics have ceased to charm when the way to our common benefit is plain.—From The Gold Hill News, April 18, 1914. (Paid Adv.)

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