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POLITICAL NEWS AND COMMENTS

Candidates for Judge and Commissioner Declaring in Favor of Good Roads—The Socialists to complete their ticket More Candidates in the Field.

Political parties may be at sea elsewhere as to issues for platforms, but that is not the case in Jackson county, nor in the whole state of Oregon. The offices are the issues here. If there be any others in the minds of those who are in the habit of managing our politics, they are singularly modest about pushing them to the front—Ashland Tribune.

Jacksonville will have eight delegates in the Republican convention and but two delegates in the Democratic convention. Years ago this ratio was reversed even to a greater proportion for Jacksonville was the Democratic stronghold of Jackson county and one of the banner Democratic precincts of the state, but time has brought a great change in the relative strength of the two parties. Through deaths, removals and desertions to the Socialists and to the Republicans, the Democrats have not held their own during the past 25 years, while the Republicans have steadily gained, their strength coming chiefly from the new settlers, who are largely Republicans.

Capt T. J. West, a well known farmer of Brownsboro, has come out as an active candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket. Capt. West is a strong advocate of good roads and he has written many forceful articles for the Jackson county papers on good road topics and he proposes to make his campaign on the good roads issue, he favoring macadamized roads built according to the best methods in use. To accomplish these results he would have the county purchase a steam road roller that is a combination roller, traction engine and stationery engine, enabling it to be used for rolling roads hauling the rock crusher and for operating the crusher.

It will require 67 votes in the Republican county convention to nominate as the convention will be composed of 133 delegates. The Democrats will have a much smaller convention, they having but 67 delegates, which will require 34 votes for a nomination.

The announcement was made in the Sentinel of last week of the candidacy of Peter Applegate for county judge. As to his candidacy Mr. Applegate states that he not formally announced himself as a candidate for county judge on the Republican ticket, but if he should it would be on the good proposition and to let the county debt stand for a few years while roads could be built. But he may not seek the judgeship and may be a candidate for assessor, as many of the leading Republicans are urging him to take this nomination.

The report is out that Ashland and Medford Republicans have made an alliance whereby they will support each other's candidates in the convention and in the campaign. The principals in this deal are said to be Capt. J. E. Thornton, Ashland's candidate for sheriff, and Geo. L. Davis, Medford's candidate for clerk. Capt. Thornton served in the Second Oregon in the Philippine campaign and he is popular with the old soldiers and business men of his acquaintance. Mr. Davis is of the firm of Warner & Davis, one of the leading business houses of Medford and he has a high standing in the business community. With two such men pitted against Sheriff Rader and County Clerk Orth, who are two of the most popular officers Jackson county ever had the contest for sheriff and clerk will be the liveliest part of the campaign.

W. T. York of Medford has appeared in the field as a candidate for treasurer to contest for the nomination with Jas F. Crone miller in the Republican convention.

It is rumored that Jas. McDougal is a Republican candidate for county commissioner from this district. Couldn't pick a better man.—Gold Hill News.

A meeting has been called of the Jacksonville county Socialist central committee by Chairman J. A. Thomas to meet in Medford on Saturday, March 26 for the purpose of filling out the vacancies in the Jackson county Socialist's ticket, as was ordered by the convention

which did not nominate a full ticket at the time it was held in Medford on February 27. The nominations made at that time were for representatives Joe J. Thomas, Medford, Anson M. Ford, Central Point, and Dr. D. M. Bower, Ashland. For county judge S. H. Holt, of Ashland; commissioner Matt Calhoun, Phoenix; clerk J. D. Williams of Ashland; sheriff G. C. Culy of Steamboat. This leaves it to the central committee to name candidates for recorder, treasurer, superintendent, surveyor and coroner. No candidates have been selected for circuit judge and district attorney; but places on the ticket will be filled by the central committees of the four counties, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake, in this judicial district.

The good roads slogan is becoming quite popular with candidates for county judge and commissioner. Mr. Huffer states that he favors the strictest economy in all other expenditures of the county that the road fund may be as large as possible so that macadamized roads can be built throughout the county. Mr. Calhoun, the socialist nominee for commissioner announces that he is for good roads above everything else, and he favors building them all over the county and not put all the work on a few main highways. He says that H. S. Holt, the Socialist nominee for county judge is also strong for good roads. Mr. Von der Hellen, has already announced that that if he is elected county judge that the building of main roads terminating at marketing points will be his endeavor. Mr. Merritt is also credited with holding the same view. Judge Prim has made no announcement as to his road policy if elected, but he is for good roads as is evidenced by the fine \$8000 road that he built along Upper Applegate this past year.

Charles Dickerson, of Table Rock announces that he is not a candidate for representative but that he is desirous of securing the nomination for recorder on the Republican ticket.

The political horoscope of Jackson county published in the Sentinel last week was as a declaration of war to the politicians and candidates of all the parties in the county, and the past week has been one of strenuous times and anxious moments to these patriots. No sooner had Judge Prim read the Sentinel last Saturday than he on with his overcoat and grabbed up his trusty grip containing the necessary campaign documents and taking Thos. J. Keeney, his trusted lieutenant, he hied away to Gold Hill and it was Monday morning before these political twins made up of a Republican and a Democrat got back to Jacksonville. Dur-

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ing the week the Judge has taken several pleasure trips, that were for pleasure only, judging by the benign smile that he has worn the last few days. The opening of the range season has been of special interest to Sheriff Rader this past week and he has made several extended trips to see how his fellow stockmen have fared with their herds this past winter, he giving special attention to the stockmen of Ashland, Medford and Gold Hill. The long confinement in the courthouse and the pleasant weather of late tempted County Clerk Orth to hie away and breathe for a time the refreshing ozone of Medford, Gold Hill and of several other health resorts. District Attorney Reames bid his wife a hasty goodbye and departed for the northern bounds of his judicial district just to look after a gold mine that he has near Waldo in Josephine county. Gus Newbury, one of the Republican claimants to the prestige and emoluments pertaining to the district attorney's office, has been doing some vigorous consulting with friends in Ashland, Medford and other places as to their confidential opinion on the question "What do you really think of my chances for election." County Recorder Applegate has taken no trip this week, but he has been doing some tall cogitating and meditating as is proven by the serious look that has been over his ample features. Mr. Huffer too has taken no trip, but his laugh has been more hearty and his stories more vivacious, a sure sign that his political horizon looks bright and is shedding an effulgent light upon his pathway to the county judge's office. School Superintendent Daily has had important school business in the outlying districts, and he has lost

no time of late in looking after educational interests, especially that of the voters.

Representative B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook spent Thursday in Jacksonville, calling on friends whom he had known in the North. This is Mr. Eddy's first visit to Southern Oregon and he is spending a week visiting the various towns of this valley, and he is greatly pleased with this section of Oregon. Mr. Eddy has been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for congress from this district, but this he stoutly denies and states that his trip to Southern Oregon was for the purpose of taking a brief respite from his work, he being one of the leading attorneys of the Northwest of Oregon, and to see this section of the state. Mr. Eddy is a fluent public speaker and it is probable that the Jackson county Republicans will invite him to make a series of speeches in the county during the campaign.

A new combination is reported from Ashland whereby that town plans to get a greater representation on the Republican ticket and that is for Capt. J. E. Thornton to run for clerk instead of sheriff and for the Ashland delegation to support George Barron, the well known stockman of that section, for sheriff.

Jacksonville is well sustaining its reputation as the political metropolis of Jackson county, for of late a continued string of the big and the mighty in the three political parties have been here to gather pointers and take council as to ways and means for carrying on the coming campaign. This list embraces, Hon. B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, a possible candidate for congressman in this district; Hon. W. I. Vawter, of Medford, another congressional possibility; State Senator E. V. Carter, of Ashland, a candidate for state treasurer; M. Purdin, of Medford, a Democratic candidate for judge or recorder; Fred Wagner, editor Ashland Tidings; and secretary of Republican county central committee; Dr. J. M. Keene, of Medford, the Simon vice-roy for Southern Oregon, and a candidate for State senator; W. T. York, of Medford, a Republican candidate for treasurer, County Treasurer D. H. Miller, of Medford, a candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket; H. Von der Hellen, of Wellen, candidate for county judge on the Republican ticket; Henry Kubli, of Applegate, congressional central committeeman for Jackson county and a state senatorial possibility; E. P. Drumhill, of Medford, one of the Socialist's leaders in Jackson county; Prof. N. L. Narregan, of Medford, a candidate for school superintendent on the Republican ticket; ex-County Recorder Grant Rawlins, of Central Point, and one of the powers in the Socialist party; Representative J. D. Olwell, of Central Point, and who says he is not a candidate for re-election, and Representative Miles Cant-rall, of Applegate, another Democrat who says he does not want office; W. H. Gore, of the Ish farm, a probable candidate on the Republican ticket for representative; John Bellingier, of Medford, a candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket; H. D. Norton, of Grants Pass, chairman Josephine county Democratic central committee, deputy district attorney for that county and a candidate for district attorney on the Democratic ticket four years hence; Matt Calhoun, of Phoenix, candidate on the Socialist ticket for commissioner; Horace Pelton, Democratic

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