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MORE LIES BY NICKELL.

Nickell, the grafter, in his hybrid papers has made another rankly false charge against Judge Hanna in his efforts to prejudice the new settlers against the Judge by having them believe that he is a tool of the railroad company. Nickell's latest is that Judge Hanna did not give justice in the case John Harvey against the Southern Pacific. This was a suit for the value of a cow killed in the Company's switchyard at Gold Hill. The law governing such cases is that no damages can be recovered for stock killed on a railroad track within an incorporated town or in the switchyard of a station unless gross carelessness can be proven against the Company, but full value can be recovered together with costs and attorney's fee for stock killed on unfenced track outside of depot grounds and incorporated towns. In this case one of the Company's section hands had placed a barrel under the watertank to soak it up. Mr. Harvey's cow while drinking water from it, became frightened at the noise of the passing train and rushed out onto the track where she was killed by the locomotive.

Mr. Harvey sued the Company in the Gold Hill Justice Court and won a verdict on the ground that the Company had by its carelessness in having a barrel of water adjacent to its track enticed the cow to a place of danger. The Company admitted the facts and offered to pay Mr. Harvey the \$75 awarded for his cow and the costs, \$28, but would not pay the attorney fee of \$75 as the State law only allows attorney's fees in cases where stock is killed on unfenced track outside of incorporated towns and stations. Mr. Harvey, on the advice of his attorney, E. B. Dufur, present Democratic nominee for circuit judge, refused the offer and Mr. Dufur appealed the case to the circuit court, where the judgment was set aside by Judge Hanna on the grounds that the law makes no provision for an attorney's fees as above stated.

Nickell goes on to state that the case has been appealed to the supreme court and predicts that Judge Hanna will be reversed. The facts are that though two months have gone by and a rare chance lost for campaign arguments to boost Mr. Dufur for circuit judge the latter has not filed a single paper and made no move whatever toward appealing the case for he knows full well that he has no grounds for appeal and that Judge Hanna will be sustained by the supreme court.

There will be more straight Republican ballots cast in Jackson county this election than for years past. Republicans are at last waking up to the fact that it is a serious reflection upon the wisdom of their conventions that in a county where they have a heavy plurality that they shall fail to elect their entire ticket. As their last county convention was made up of 133 representative

men of the party Republicans take it fair to presume that the nominations made by them reflects the wish of the majority of the voters of their party in Jackson county, and as a party organization can only be maintained by abiding by the will of the majority, as a republican form of government can only be kept up by permitting the majority to rule, that these nominations should be supported by all Republicans and not in a half hearted manner either. And the feeling is strong that it is time to shut down on Republicans who have taken part as delegates or been candidates in the convention and who get out secretly or openly knife the candidates on the ticket. It is considered that such men violate their word of honor and that they should be no longer admitted to the conventions of the party or a place upon the ticket. These kickers would have expected the support of every voter in the party had things gone their way and it is but fair that they do as much when the other fellows are in the majority.

The Republicans held a big rally at Gold Hill Thursday night that for attendance and enthusiasm was ahead of any yet held in the county. All county candidates were present as were a large delegation of Republicans from Jacksonville, Medford, Ashland and other places. The principal address was by Congressman Hermann and is the only one he will deliver in the county, as he has not the time. Mr. Hermann made a clear statement of his position and refuted most positively the slanderous charges that the Democrats are making against his official acts. The speech added greatly to Mr. Hermann's standing in this county and will bring him many votes next Monday. The meeting was enlivened by spirited music furnished by the Gold Hill Girls' Cornet Band.

And now it is that the summer fallowed roads become a dust bank to stifle travelers in clouds of dust. Next winter these same roads will become mud canals to engulf the luckless travel. But there may be an end to this for Jackson county is likely to enter on an era of macadamized road building that will give dustless roads for the summer and mudless roads for the winter. This will be certain to come to pass if George W. Dunn is elected county judge and George Brown for commissioner, for they are both believers in the economy of good roads and as Republican nominees are pledged by their party platform to carry out, if elected members of the county court, a conservative policy of modern road building.

Nickell, the Hyde and Jeckyll editor of the Democratic Times and the mugwump Southern Oregonian, says that Judge H. K. Hanna left the democratic party in 1896 for the sake of office. But Nickell comes no nearer the truth in that statement than in his other editorial utterances, for every county in the district was then overwhelmingly democratic. Jackson county that year gave 975 majority for Bryan, the heaviest majority ever polled by a political party since the county was organized. Had Judge Hanna felt himself dependent upon the party in power for his tenure on the bench he would have staid by the democratic party for at that time the indications were that it would be years before the republicans would be in power in the First Judicial District. Judge Hanna in changing his party allegiance exercised the right that all American citizens have, and which they are free to use and have done countless times in the history of this government and it is a right that none should question, for the liberty of conscience and freedom of the voter is the chief safeguard to an honest ballot and the perpetuity of a free government. It is narrow-minded party bigotry that impels certain democrats under the leadership of Nickell to make a fight against Judge Hanna just because he saw fit to change to the party

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that more nearly met his views on certain of the great questions now before the American people.

The hog law is stirring up the farmers even more than the local option law is exciting the temperance people and saloon men and the farmers will be out in force to vote for or against it. Almost every valley farmer will vote for the law while the hill ranchers will be solid against it. As the towns each now have a hog law and thus have no direct interest as to whether hogs shall run at large or not in the country districts the town voters should abstain from voting on the hog law. The vote between the valley and the hill farmers will be about even for and against the law and the town vote would give an overwhelming majority which ever way cast. As a matter of equity to the farmers the citizens of towns should not vote at all on the law to prohibiting swine from running at large.

With four such men as Senator E. W. Carter, Hon. W. I. Vawter, Hon. H. Von der Hellen and Hon. D. H. Jackson in the legislature Jackson county will be exceptionally well represented at Salem this winter. Each of these men is an educated, cultured gentleman of broad and liberal ideas, of large experience and the peer of the men that will represent the big counties of the state, who are the brightest, shrewdest men to be found in Portland, Salem and the other large towns. There will be no fear that these men will fall into the parliamentary traps that are so often laid by the schemers in the legislature for the unwary members who are made to vote for measures against their will and which are against the public good. On all questions of state policy they are abreast of the times and will be able to vote intelligently on all bills and measures that may be presented. On matters pertaining to Jackson county they have a full knowledge for they are thoroughly posted on all the varied agricultural, stock, mining and industrial interests of the county, and each of them being men of large business interests and heavy taxpayers, they will be certain to be prudent and conservative in their actions and to carefully guard the interests of their constituents and to work and vote only for what will be to the general good. With the Republican legislative ticket elected Jackson county will have a delegation in the Oregon legislature that the citizens of the county may well be proud of.

The Jacksonville school will close on Friday of this week one of the most successful terms in the history of this district. The high percentage of attendance, the grade standing in the examinations and morale of the school is ample proof

that the Jacksonville school in high standing and work accomplished is the equal of any school in Southern Oregon. The credit for this high standing of this school is due in a large measure to Prof. E. E. Washburn, who has been the principal for the last three years, for he has worked indefatigably for the success of the school, devoting his entire time and attention to his school work and none to outside interests as is proven by the fact that he has not mixed in political or town matters and has kept himself free all the entanglements that so often destroy a teachers usefulness. Jacksonville will be exceedingly fortunate if its school will be as successful under the new principal for the year to come as it has been in the past three years under Prof. Washburn.

For joint representative for Jackson and Douglas counties Hon. W. I. Vawter is the Republican nominee. Mr. Vawter is a thoroughgoing business man and not a politician his nomination was an honor unsought by him. He is one of the foremost lawyers of Jackson county, president of Jackson County Bank at Medford and a man whose integrity and home life is all that the most exacting could demand. He is a man of large property holdings and he is in close touch with the various industrial and financial interests of the county and could be depended on to work and vote only for such measures as would be of benefit to the people of Jackson county. Mr. Vawter is a man of tall acquaintance and reputation and he would hold a commanding position as a legislator and it would be too much to predict that he would be made chairman of one of the most important committees and there is every likelihood that he may be honored even more by being elected speaker of the house. It is not making an idle political assertion to state that Mr. Vawter will poll more than his party vote in Jackson county and be elected by one of the largest pluralities given any of the candidates.

A campaign of falsehood and vituperation always reacts on the party using it and the Democrats will find that the methods that they have employed to defeat Congressman Hermann and Judge Hanna will damage only the Democratic ticket and do no injury to the men they have so wantonly attacked. This disreputable campaigning on the part of the Democrats will make the Republicans work the harder for Mr. Hermann and Judge Hanna and to elect them by big majorities.

A report is being circulated by Democratic politicians that the Ashland Republicans will cut their ticket so as to vote for two Ashland men for representatives, they supporting D. H. Jackson the Republican nominee and H. S. Evans the Democratic nominee. This is a scheme to create dissensions among the Republicans and a bitterness on the part of the friends of Mr. Von der Hellen, the other Republican nominee, but it will not work for Ashland Republicans will vote their ticket straight, just as Republicans will do in Jacksonville and all over the county.