

# ON. M. L. JONES AT WOODBURN ON COUNTY FINANCES

## Applies to Attacks of Some of His Enemies and Defends His Good Name in This Political Campaign

M. L. Jones, of Brook's precinct, candidate for the nomination for county judge, spoke at Woodburn Saturday evening.

Jones began his talk to the students of the queen city of the Prairie with a short sketch of his experience in the present campaign, and explained how it was that he became a candidate for county judge.

"I said in some way or other it was by a newspaper correspondence with friends talking over the names of those who could or would fill the office of county judge in a proposition, that the name of M. L. Jones was included in a list of several names published in the papers. After having heard the expressions of opinion from a great many people in different localities of the county, he definitely announced that he would come before the people of Marion county for judge, and in a general way his ideas as to the management of county business should be elected.

"Among other things Mr. Jones said: 'This announcement, I received without any solicitation or talking the matter over, this coming from the Hon. J. C. Moorland, county judge, a member of the pioneer family of the Willamette valley, and a leading member of the Oregon bar:

"Dear Mr. Jones:—I congratulate you on the people of Marion county electing such a man as yourself to accept the responsible office of county judge, and I shall derive great pleasure in casting my vote in this county, for you, in acquaintance with you dates for more than 25 years, and my knowledge of you feel sure the people will be the loser if you are not nominated and elected. Sincerely, J. C. Moorland."

"Walking down the street I met a man, who greeted me kindly and said to me by the papers you are a candidate for county judge. I am glad to see you. I met a number of acquaintances and business men with their greetings, and their appreciation of the fact that I might become a candidate for this office. They said it was an opportunity for Marion county to secure for this position a man of ability and a man of affairs and business experience. Around the corner I met a group of acquaintances of the farmer folks, who said they were boosting me for county judge. I also met an old friend who for many years pastor of one of the leading churches of Salem, who all over Oregon for his sterling worth, integrity and independence of character, who proffered his cordial support, and when I expressed my high appreciation of their interest, he quietly remarked that he was merely discharging a public duty.

"I have also received gratifying expressions from many of the teachers of the county, who are leaders of their people, and many of the professional and business men in every locality in the county. I also talked with the editors of the leading daily papers of the county; one of them would be an ideal candidate for me. I would make the campaign. The man said to me, that he would support me. I desire to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended to me by the members of the press all over the county. I met many farmers, and workmen also — people who have lived with me and on my farms and in my hop yards, and without exception they have said they were in the circumstances it seemed to me that I should consider myself a strong candidate.

"After making my announcement to my friends that I would make a campaign such as to get my views before the people, but that I must do the work. I have all fully realized that in a business way the county judgeship is by far the most important office, to all people, in the county and said to my friends that when I put the question fairly up to the people, I would have acquitted myself with responsibility as a good citizen, and that it was then up to them to assume the responsibility for the result — that they must do the work. I have now pretty fully explained to you my views of the needs of the county and of what can be accomplished.

"I have not heard that my qualifications or fitness for the position has been questioned. My opinion concerns this. My friend, (name) (my political enemy) informed me that he had his hatched picture and said that my qualifications, fitness and ability could be questioned, and that I possessing them in a superior degree over my competitors. Of course I told him that it is a picture hatched, and that he really mean anything very much.

"I have lived in this county more

than 50 years, received my education here, graduating in the classical course at the Willamette university. I also studied law and was admitted to the bar by the supreme court. I have been engaged in farming and farming operations during all of my business life, and am in a position to know the needs and desires of the farming communities of the county; and having had more than 20 years experience in the management of a general merchandise business, I am in touch with the interests of our business men. All of this time I have worked steadily myself, and have been in close touch with working men upon the farms and in the hop yards, who have assisted me with my work. If I am elected county judge the people of the county will receive the benefit of this broad experience, in the management of their county affairs.

"In the conduct of my campaign I have sought to avoid anything of a personal nature, and mud-slinging in particular. I have no animosity against any candidate, and have sought to avoid anything which would arouse bitterness in the campaign. Notwithstanding this, and my reasonable claims to the support of the people for this office, I found myself confronted with the opposition of a court house ring. The head and front of this ring is Judge Scott, who seeks to force upon the Republican party for the office of county judge, his close friend, Wm. Bushey. Why Judge Scott should desire to dictate to the people of Marion county in this matter, remains to be seen.

"I had frequent discussions with Judge Scott as to the judgeship. He also, did not doubt, my qualifications to fill this office, but he always preferred Mr. Bushey. I told him that several of Mr. Bushey's friends had told me that he would not be a candidate for this office at this time and that he would prefer the office of city engineer of Salem. He was elected to that office. I am told that office pays a salary of \$125 per month. Mr. Bushey's friends also stated to me that while he was a good civil engineer and surveyor, they did not think his qualifications and business experience was such as to make him a good candidate for this office at this time. Judge Scott informed my friends that while I had proper qualifications, he did not think I was sufficiently popular to be nominated; that some one would circulate damaging reports that would injure me; and at one time he said that I ought not to criticize his administration—that he did not desire any 'mud-slinging,' and that he was trying to keep down any reports derogatory to my character, some of which he said had been mentioned to him. I said to Judge Scott that practically my whole life had been spent in this county, and that I did not know of anything in my record that I need to defend in this campaign. I said, 'What are they talking about,' and he answered, 'the Tom Arthur matter.'

"After some investigation I found that it was true that they were circulating some stories, which, if they were true, might do me some damage, and I learn now that Mr. Bent Jones, and even Mr. Bushey, are circulating these stories as their principal campaign material against me. Mr. Bushey has at Silverton, and I suppose at other towns, circulated a certain letter signed by Tom Arthur, but which has all the earmarks of being written by Mr. Bushey. This statement of Tom Arthur, I am informed, has also been industriously circulated by Bent Jones.

"Now Mr. Bent Jones and Mr. Bushey both know that the Arthur letter is false in statement and inference, and that all of the records show that it could not possibly be true. The facts in the Arthur case are, that he attempted to homestead a twenty-acre tract of land in my farm. This land has been deeded by the state, by warranty deed, to Thomas Cross, an indemnity school land, and has been in possession of myself, and predecessors for more than twenty years. The title had passed the scrutiny of the late Hon. Timon Ford, and Judge Stratton, now of Seattle, who passed the title as good in the interests of their own clients, who made loans on this land. I had bought this land of Gilbert Brox, paying \$25 per acre for it, and they gave me a warranty deed. When the title was attacked they employed Mr. Ford and Mr. Cowan to defend the title, and paid all of the expenses of the suit and contest. Mr. Ford contended that when the title was traced to a warranty deed from the state, or to a patent from the government, the presumption was that the officials had done their duty, and that everything that needed to be done had been done to make the title perfect. In this instance the defect was that while the state had selected this land as indemnity school land, and sold it as such, they had neglected to file the proper base with the gov-

ernment; so that, while there was a technical defect in the title, there was no such defect as would make this land government land, and subject to homestead.

"This principle was decided by the United States supreme court, Justice Fields rendering the opinion. Judge Burnett tried this case. After he had decided it, Mr. Arthur remained on the land for more than six months. Gilbert Brox, sent the sheriff down to the land to have him ejected. The sheriff came by Brooks and I went with him to the place, he not being familiar with the location. Mr. Arthur said he was not prepared to move just then, but the sheriff informed him that the law made it his duty to eject him, but that if I would consent to it he would give him time to make arrangements to move. When the sheriff asked me about it, I said certainly, to give him all the time he asked for; then the time set by Mr. Arthur himself, having expired, the sheriff, Mr. Knight, put him off the place, of which time or fact I had no knowledge until afterward. I never heard of the new-born babe incident, until I saw it in the paper last Saturday morning. The whole thing seems to have been manufactured out of the whole cloth for effect, and not with any intention of telling the truth; yet, we find Mr. Bushey and Mr. Bent Jones industriously circulating this report as campaign material, just as Judge Scott predicted they would do. When Judge Scott mentioned the matter to me, I told him that whoever attempted to use that as campaign material would do himself ten times more harm than he would me. Mr. Bent Jones, and Mr. Bushey, knew when they instigated the Tom Arthur article, and had it published that it was false. I had told both of them the principal facts in reference to the matter.

"I further state that the people living in that immediate neighborhood, and who know all the facts about the Tom Arthur matter, and who have always known them, are supporting me for county judge, almost to a man.

"Now, why should Judge Scott's and Mr. Bushey's case be so desperate that they must call in Bent Jones as their most servile supporter, and my most malignant detractor? Personally, I have no ill feeling against Judge Scott, Mr. Bushey, or Mr. Bent Jones. When Judge Scott attempts to force the nomination of Mr. Bushey on the Republican party, with the active co-operation and assistance of Mr. Jones, he subjects himself and them to the severest censure and criticism. Mr. Scott defeated Mr. Bushey for the county judgeship eight years ago, by Scott's friends circulating reports, and making the open charge that Mr. Bushey was dishonest. Mr. Bushey had the machine behind him then, but was defeated by the circulation of stories reflecting upon his honesty. Mr. Scott has since assumed to engineer the machine, and Mr. Bushey is the machine candidate. When Mr. Bushey now circulates these damaging reports in reference to me, knowing them to be untrue, he demonstrates that Judge Scott's friends were justified eight years ago in accusing him of dishonesty.

"Now, why should Mr. Bent Jones be attacking me? We are not personally unfriendly. When his fences were washed out and his grain fields unprotected, I furnished Mr. Jones pasture for his cattle without charge until he could renew his fences. He frequently asked me for accommodations, and I have always given them to him, believing that a man should, as Abe Lincoln said, 'do all the good he can, and as little harm as possible.' I say to you now that if Bent Jones desired to discharge the debt of gratitude that he and his people owe me and my people, he could do it by joining everything that he could for my election; but any moral obligation has nothing to do with controlling his action. He has the reputation of running a gambling den on his farm, and beating his own employees, and others out of their money. It is said that for one whole winter he had a den on his farm, and had this same man, Tom Arthur, as his watchman, fireman and guard. One prominent young man who had inherited a considerable fortune from the hard-earned savings of his father was inveigled into this den by the artful wiles of the professional gambler, and the fascination of the game, and lost a considerable part of his fortune to Bent Jones. Bent Jones has quite a reputation as a card-sharp, notwithstanding which, he is quite an artist in assuming to be a straight-forward, honest gentleman. It would appear from the record that he is also an artful tax dodger, or else that he has suddenly absorbed a large fortune by running his gambling den. The official copy of the assessment roll shows the assessment of T. B. Jones in 1904 to have been but \$1067.00; and the roll of 1906 shows his assessment to be \$37,115.00. Bent Jones fools some very good men, and does even mislead a number of the 'brethren.' Bent is an artist in his way and has a faculty of so distorting the truth as to make the most honorable action seem like a crime. He is always ready for a political job when he can handle the sack. I am informed that he has already left money at various places in the county to be used in the interest of Mr. Bushey. But why should Judge Scott, who makes considerable claims to moral honesty, desire that such methods should be used to elect his friends county judge as his successor? I don't know.

"He has collected large revenue and has charged great sums to roads and highways. During the past six years there have been charged up to roads and highways in Marion county, not including bridges, etc., nor road poll tax nor special tax, the sum of \$290,479.74. These fig-

ures were taken from the record, including volunteer road work and donations, these figures would perhaps be increased to \$350,000.00. The cost of rock roads in Clackamas county from nine to ten feet wide, and sufficient to sustain the heaviest traffic, is \$1560.00 per mile. John H. Albert, of this county, gave me some figures which he had prepared, and his idea was that where the quarries were accessible that such roads could be built in Marion county for less than \$1200 per mile.

"If such is true and the \$290,000 were expended for roads without any special taxes and without any donations, we should have at least two hundred miles of good rock road. If that sum were doubled by the donations, which has been the rule of the court, we should have at least four hundred miles of good rock road. I leave it to the voters to figure out where these roads are. There have been large donations, and a great deal of volunteer work to build roads of which I have been unable to find any account in the public records.

"The county has paid Beall & Co., over \$6000.00 for machinery purchased since Judge Scott asked for free transportation to Washington City. I do not desire that Mr. Scott shall say that I am misrepresenting facts and therefore read you the following affidavit:

"State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss.

"Portland, Oregon, March 9, 1908. I, J. B. Winstanley, being first duly sworn, depose and say: That at the time County Judge John H. Scott of Marion county, Oregon, made a trip to Washington, D. C., by way of New Orleans in the interests of the good roads movement, I was employed as bookkeeper for Beall & Co., of this city. Judge Scott either phoned from Salem or called in person at the office of Beall & Co., at that time in the Commercial block here, and asked if transportation had been provided for himself for the above trip. This was a day or two before he started on his trip. I had to inform him that I knew nothing of any transportation being provided, and he stated that Mr. Beall had promised that he would provide transportation for this trip if possible. Mr. Beall was in Spokane, Washington, at this time, and I phoned him there for instructions. I was ordered to tell Judge Scott that he (Beall) had been unable to secure the transportation desired, and I was instructed to draw Scott a check for \$75. This I did making the check payable to him. This check he refused to take, and suggested that the gold would be better. I destroyed the check, and drew another one payable to the order of Beall & Co., cashed it at the Merchants National bank where Beall & Co. did their banking and handed the \$75 to Judge Scott.

"J. B. Winstanley.

"Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of March, A. D. 1908.

"Homer D. Angel.

"Notary Public for Oregon.

"Why does this official machine which is pushing Mr. Bushey for this office employ Bent Jones to attack me? Evidently their record is so bad that they do not expect the support of clean, straight-forward business men, and are resorting to the methods of the card-sharp, and if successful they will continue the extravagant machine, with this same corrupt political boss.

"It is fortunate that this important question of deciding who is to administer and take care of the thirty millions of property in Marion county, is not left to a political manipulator, and a card-sharp and a corrupt machine, but go directly to the people who are at their own destiny."

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Editor Journal:—In honor to God, the father, the creator of heaven and earth, and to his only begotten son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the author of salvation and the saviour of the world, which brings blessing and good peace to the hearts of men, the people of Salem and vicinity are highly respected and greatly favored and invited to the great event to attend the celebration on the memorial day on which Christ has died the death of atonement for the sins of men on the tree of Calvary's cross; on the 15th day of the first month, called Abib in the Hebrew, and Nisan in the Syrian language, which falls in this year on Thursday, April the 16th, and Easter, the day of resurrection of Christ, falls on the 18th of April, which is on the Sabbath of the Lord this year. The 16th day of April, 1908, whereon the celebration will take place by the solemnization whereby a black in white trimmed banner will be displayed, which represents Christ's everlasting, unceasing life. Before the creation of the world and will last after the old heaven and earth are passed away; and the black banner represents the dying of Christ on Calvary's cross, the expiatory sacrifice. Place of this meeting will be in the open air on the corner of State and Commercial streets, at 3 p. m., April the 16th, 1908. In charge by the servant of God, the editor of the everlasting gospel, Lewis Hahn.

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Willamette—Westley, catch; Unruh, pitch; Doege, short-stop; Booth, first base; Moore, second base; Harrison, third base; Powers, right field; Jeffries, left field; Crouch and McDowell, subs.

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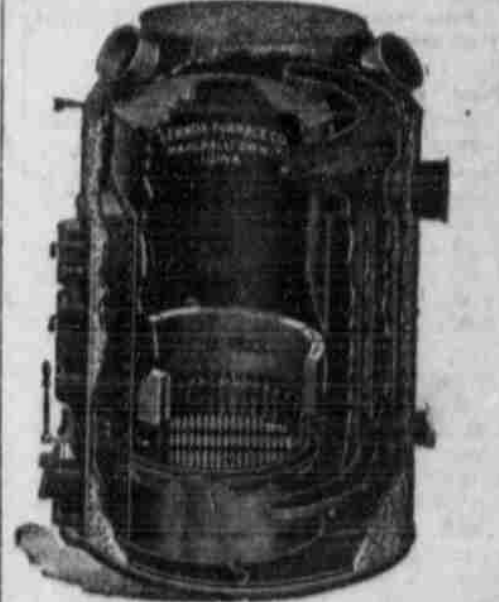
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