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SCOTT REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

County Judge Replies to Some More of M. L. Jones and W. W. Hall's Mis-Representations Punctured

I do not desire to have any newspaper notoriety, but inasmuch as Messrs. M. L. Jones and W. W. Hall have seen fit to attack my character and public record as county judge, I feel it my duty, not only to myself, but to the taxpayers of Marion county, to explode their mis-representations.

I have been taking but little part in the campaign and would have taken no part at all had not Messrs. Jones and Hall repeatedly attacked my record and reputation. I have talked politics with but few people in the county and most of them approached me upon the subject.

It is quite natural that I would not support Mr. Hall because he feels very bitter against me and fought me before and after I was nominated for county judge four years ago and kicked up a row about having his books expeted when he was the county clerk and went into court and caused the taxpayers of Marion county to pay extra money to the experts on account of loss of time and caused the county court to have several extra sessions in order to show that he was in the wrong. It did not take Judge Boise but a few minutes to convince him that he had no standing in court. Moreover, Mr. Hall was recently telling the people through the press and otherwise that he saved the county many thousand dollars when acting as the purchasing agent for the county. He was appointed purchasing agent by the county court a few months before Mr. Needham and I came into office, but soon after we took charge of four respective offices Mr. Hall came into court and asked to be relieved as purchasing agent, whereupon we did relieve him and the respective officers purchased the incidentals needed in their offices and the county court directed the purchase of all matters of any importance. I cannot understand why a man wants to distort the truth about a matter that is so well known as the above.

I could not support Mr. Jones for the reason he was the first man to request me to run for county judge and was the first man to go back on me when I came out for office. He stated in his newspaper article that he holds no animosity against me, but he has a personal grievance of which he will perhaps tell before this controversy shall close.

I was apparently an all right fellow in the eyes of Mr. Jones until he found that I would not support him, he having come to my office three times and sent his main supporter to ask if I would not support him.

About County Records.
I was reliably informed that both Mr. Hall and Mr. Jones have said that no record has been kept of road expenditures; that it would be impossible to all where the county money has been expended, giving the inference that there has been a big graft by me and if they were elected county judge that it would be shown up.

Now, what are the facts in the

matter? The taxpayers are entitled to know and if there has been any neglect or graft upon my part I should be severely censured and punished.

In the end that justice be done to all, I urge that a committee of representative taxpayers, in whom the people have implicit confidence in their ability and integrity, go to the court house at once and ascertain what the facts are concerning the matter. This should be done at once so that the people throughout the county might know the truth of the matter. If their statements are true, such an investigation is due the taxpayers of the county. If they be false, such an investigation is due me. The fact is, we have a splendid record of all road expenditures showing just where every dollar has been expended, what it was expended for, and who received the money. The idea was suggested by myself, and I dare say, that no other county in the state has such a concise and accurate system of keeping its road expenditures, account of tools and machinery purchased.

Judge Handles No Money.

No money is handled by myself except my salary save a few dollars occasionally received upon the sale of old lumber or other small articles which have been immediately turned into the county treasury, of which the record will bear me out. These small items might have been put down in my pockets had I desired to do so, but I am not making my money in any such way and I hereby challenge and defy Mr. Jones, Mr. Hall, or any one else, to show where there has been any graft, or dishonest work whatever, done by me during my entire term of office.

Since they have had so much to say concerning the above matter, it is now up to them to come forth with the proof, or otherwise forever hold their peace. Should they fail to do so, they have shown themselves to be wholly unfit and incompetent to fill the office of county judge.

Mr. Jones shows that he is either in competent to act as county judge or he wilfully desires to mis-represent and distort the truth when he states that he cannot find any record of road expenditures.

In evidence of the above I quote a letter recently written by County Clerk Allen to Mr. Wm. J. Clark, who was inquiring about the matter:

"Salem, Oregon, April 7, 1908. Mr. Wm. J. Clark, Gervais, Oregon. Dear Sir: I have been informed by Judge Scott that you were inquiring as to whether or not an account is kept in this office showing expenditures for various items in the different road districts. We have a book in which such accounts are kept and from which an exact account of lumber, nails and wire, gravel, rock, new machinery, powder, tiling, special work, etc., is kept. From this book the amount expended for these various items can be readily determined.

Under the law this book is not required to be kept, by the county clerk, but the county court deemed such a book necessary and have provided additional clerical help for keeping the same. Very respectfully,
R. D. ALLEN."

In Mr. Jones' anxiety to get into office he stoops so low as to mix up with a fight between the dealers of road machinery, thinking that by trying to tear down my character he might get the little office of county judge.

I refer to Mr. John Winstanley's affidavit that he has seen fit to advertise over the county. A story half told is often as much a falsehood as if wholly untrue. He and Mr. Winstanley tried to convey the idea by said affidavit, that Beall & Company paid my way from here to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jones has been in possession of all the facts concerning my Eastern trip but preferred to tell a part of the truth with a view to mis-

leading the people in trying to injure my character. Nothing else could be his motive because he has conceded his defeat some time ago but takes this opportunity to try and injure me in this, his last political struggle.

Affidavit Explained.

The fact is, Mr. Beall, of Beall & Company, asked me when I went East to go by his factory to see the many kinds of road machinery that they were making. I told him that I had a round trip ticket by way of New Orleans, and that I could not go off my line to visit his factory, which was near Chicago; he said he would be glad to get me transportation from Washington, D. C., to Chicago, if I would go to their factory. He stated that is one way of advertising their goods. I told him I would go upon such conditions. The day before I was to start Mr. Winstanley called me up by phone and stated that Mr. Beall had to go to Spokane on urgent business and instructed him to inform me that he could not purchase transportation at this end of the line from Washington D. C., to Chicago, which he had promised me he would

Mr. John Winstanley is now selling road machinery for himself and is sore because he could not sell to us, road machinery that we considered far inferior to that which we purchased from Beall & Company, who have furnished, I dare say, 90 per cent of all road machinery that has been sold to all the counties in the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Beall & Company has, in my judgment, taken as a whole, the best line of road making machinery that is now upon the market.

Mr. Jones cries "court house ring." Well, that is an old story that is usually resorted to when a candidate feels his weakness and he wants to do the "baby act." If he refers to the present county officers, it would be well for him to get that kind of a "ring" behind him for the reason Marion county never had a better set of officers nor a better county government than it is now enjoying, many of whom I have not even mentioned politics to, directly or indirectly, but their actions in this campaign will simply be prompted by good judgment and honest motives.

Rich Man Wants Office.

The people of this county are wondering what Mr. Jones wants to be county judge for with all his wealth. If he wants to be a great benefactor of Marion county, let him cut up his two thousand acres of land and sell it in small tracts and let one hundred families reside upon it, whereas now there is but one, and not be trying to tear some other person's character down who is trying to live an honest life, that he may have a little county office.

THESE ARE THE CANDIDATES

For Nomination by the
REPUBLICAN PARTY
Who Are Pledged to Statement No. 1

PRINCIPLE--Not a Scramble for Office--Anti-Machine Politics.

Marion County is entitled to five Representatives. The five named below will always vote for the People's choice for United States Senator. They have signed Statement Number One

For Representative--VOTE FOR FIVE

- 24 X O. L. HATTEBERG, Silverton
- 26 X A. C. LIBBY, Jefferson
- 27 X H. J. MILLER, Aurora
- 28 X HAL D. PATTON, Salem
- 31 X W. C. WINSLOW, Salem

do, but requested me to call at the office when I came through Portland. I did so, and Mr. Winstanley stated that Mr. Beall told him to give me \$75.00 to pay my expenses from Washington, D. C., to Chicago, and take a receipt for the same, and in the event \$75.00 would not pay the expenses he would pay the balance when I returned. I told Mr. Winstanley that it might be that we would want to buy some road machinery of them and the transaction might be mis-constructed. He took extra pains to explain to me that it was offered in good faith upon their part and that it was one way they had of advertising their goods.

Upon the above conditions I accepted the \$75.00 and made the trip. I also visited five other road machine factories and each company paid my expense from the main line to the factory and return. Each one stating to me that it was their desire that I visit their factory because they could not have a better way of advertising than for a contemplated purchaser to visit their factory and see their machinery in its dis-connected parts. Such a policy is practiced every day by the merchants in every town going to Portland, San Francisco, and other places, to look at goods.

Machinery Bought Cheap.

I have the evidence in my office that will convince any fair minded person that Marion county has purchased its road machinery just as cheap and in some instances cheaper than any county in the state.

All county business has been transacted with the full knowledge and hearty co-operation of both the county commissioners, who have accompanied me in the purchase of all machinery, after having investigated every line of road machinery that is to be seen in Portland.

These fellows who are always going round crying "graft" should be watched. As a rule, they never lose an opportunity to take everything in sight.

Mr. Jones stated in his circular letter that the county court paid \$1367.00 for a bridge that probably could have been built for \$200.00.

I wish to state that the contractor, Mr. Royal, stated that the iron and nails, alone, cost approximately \$537.00 and that there were 34,000 feet of lumber used in the bridge that cost him \$527.00. He further stated that he made no money out of the contract between himself and the county in the construction of the bridge.

If Mr. Jones could have purchased the material that was used in the bridge for \$200.00 he could get more than the salary now paid the county judge of this county simply as a purchasing agent for bridge contractors to purchase material for them for bridge construction.

I would further state that I had nothing to do with designing the kind of a bridge, nor have ever seen the location of the bridge site. The matter was attended to by Mr. Needham and Mr. McCorkle. It is utterly impossible for the county judge to give his personal attention to all the work that is to be done in the county, both in the office and in the country. We had a general road overseer and the commissioners to assist in the work, and the past experience has demonstrated that their judgment has been good. Therefore, I did not question the judgment exercised in the construction of this bridge.

Impractical Road Policy.

Mr. Jones' road policy is not practical for the reason that often there

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CANDIDATES CARDS

(Cards of county candidates \$5. Cards for district and state candidates \$10).

FOR COUNTY JUDGE OF MARION COUNTY, M. L. JONES.

Republican, farmer business man and taxpayer. Graduate of Williamette University, studied law and admitted to the bar. Where he is best known are found his strongest supporters. Among business men everywhere his word is as good as his bond. He stands for a strictly business and economical administration of county affairs.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the Republican primaries for county superintendent of schools.
WALTER M. SMITH.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the Republican primaries for commissioner.
B. E. ROBERTSON,
Turner, Oregon.

I desire to place my name before the Republican primaries for a re-nomination for County recorder.
D. G. DRAGER.

I wish to announce to my friends that I am a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the Republican primaries.
JOSEPH G. MOORE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket.
G. B. HOYT,
Jefferson, Ore.

I am a candidate for office of county judge, subject to the Republican primaries, on the platform of a square deal to all.
W. W. HALL.

At the request of many Republicans I have decided to become a candidate for the nomination for county judge, subject to the Republican primary election.
WILLIAM BUSHEY.

For Assessor.
I hereby announce my candidacy in the Republican primaries for assessor of Marion county; pledging just and equal taxation.
F. J. RICE.

For County Superintendent.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools for Marion county, at the Republican primaries, April 17.
A. C. BAKER,
Turner, Or.

For Treasurer.
I hereby announce to the voters of Marion county that I am a candidate for county treasurer at the Republican primaries; pledging honest, faithful and impartial handling of the county funds.
WM. STAIGER

For County Commissioner.
J. T. Beckwith of Sidney precinct. Platform: Economical business administration and an aggressive policy of constructing permanent highways by the co-operation of state, county and local communities. Good roads are the best investment for the people.

For Representative.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the legislature at the primaries, April 17. If nominated and elected I will vote for the Republican United States senator who shall have been elected by the people.
FRANK A. TURNER.

For Representative.
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for state representative at the primaries April 17.
S. D. ADKINS,
Scotts Mills, Or.

For Representative.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of representative at the Republican primaries, April 17. If nominated and elected, I will vote for the Republican choice for United States senator.
LLOYD T. REYNOLDS.

For County Commissioner.
The undersigned is a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket. Strict economy in county affairs is my platform.
JOHN E. LEWIS,
Aumville, Or.

For Representative.
(Signed Statement No. 1.)
Please announce that I am a candidate for representative from Marion county, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17. If nominated and elected, shall support the people's choice for U. S. senator. Shall oppose all grafts and all necessary and luxurious appropriations.
O. L. HATTEBERG,
Silverton, Or.

For Representative.
(Signed Statement No. 1.)
The undersigned is a candidate for representative at the District primaries, April 17. If elected will favor business administration and always vote for the people's choice for United States senator.
HENRY J. MILLER,
Aurora.

For Representative.
(Signed Statement No. 1.)
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative at the District primaries, April 17.
IF NOMINATED AND ELECTED I SHALL ALWAYS VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.
HAL D. PATTON

For Representative.
(Signed Statement No. 1.)
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative at the District primaries, April 17.
IF NOMINATED AND ELECTED I SHALL ALWAYS VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.
A. C. LIBBY,
Jefferson

For Representative.
W. C. Winslow, candidate for representative, signs Statement No. 1 "government of the people, by the people and for the people," and into effect by the Republican primaries his motto, At Republican primaries April 17.
W. C. WINSLOW

For Sheriff.
I am a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Marion county at the Republican primaries.
H. P. MIST

For County Judge.
I hereby announce my candidacy for county judge, before the Republican primaries of Marion county, April 17. Having been county commissioner two terms and county judge one term, I believe I am qualified for the office for which I am candidate.
G. P. TERRELL

For Railroad Commissioner.
I herewith announce myself as a candidate for Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner, from this congressional district.
W. A. CARTER

For Constable.
I am a candidate for the nomination for constable of Salem district at the Republican primaries.
IRA HAMILTON

For Constable.
I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for constable of the Salem district at the Republican primaries.
J. C. JOHNSON

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