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# Anti Assembly Candidates

The time for candidates to file for nominations before the Primary has closed. The following have announced themselves as candidates under the Direct Primary Law:

## Marion County Republican Anti Assembly Ticket

State Senators---Vote for Two:

ALONZO GESNER, Salem No. 3.

HAL D. PATTON, Salem No. 2.

Representatives---Vote for Five:

GEO. W. JOHNSON, Salem No. 2.

A. C. LIBBEY, Jefferson.

FRANK E. OSBORNE, Bittleville.

A. G. STEELHAMMER, Silverton.

SHERM SWANK, Aumsville.

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## HOFER REPLIES TO M'MAHAN

### Denies Categorically Grave Charges Against His Character.

### SAYS STATEMENTS FALSE

Judges of Supreme Court Declare They Were Never Grafted—Other Accusations Considered and Explained.

Under the above headlines the Oregonian this morning prints the following letter from Col. Hofer:

Salem, Or., Sept. 22.—(To the Editor.)—On Sunday, September 18, on page five, the Oregonian published a letter from L. H. McMahan, dignified in the headlines by being called "Specific charges made against the Salem editor and politician." Declares that Hofer is plainly a grafted and invites this candidate to bring suit for criminal libel." You also reprint my letter of July 25, in which I said that "I think it is the duty of any citizen if he has a personal experience with a grafted to give the cold, hard facts without referring the public to other people." I still stand by that position taken in my letter of July 25, and call your attention to the fact that McMahan states no facts of his own personal knowledge. His letter is made up of references instead of alleging the specific charges. He refers to other people who claim to have had dealings with the Capital Journal over a period of more than 20 years. During all that time I was editor of the paper and my brother, A. F. Hofer, was business manager. The nearest that McMahan comes to charging me with being a grafted, from his own personal knowledge, is

never been "grafted" one dollar.

Accusations Not Sustained.

No one has sustained the accusations made in the above statement that I am a grafted by a single one of the gentlemen above referred to. I have lived in Salem over twenty years, I have fought many hard political battles there, and yet not a single citizen comes forward with the statement to sustain your charge. I sent a representative to the judges of the supreme court, and each one separately said he was prepared to give me a certificate of character of the very highest order, and I pursued the matter no further. Each of the justices said he had never talked with McMahan about me, that McMahan had never talked with anyone of them concerning me, and all decided they

had never been "grafted" one dollar.

## Marion County Republican Assembly Ticket

State Senators---Dr. J. N. Smith, Salem No. 2, and John A. Carson, Salem No. 7.

Representatives---Carl Abrams, Salem No. 2; L. T. Reynolds, Chemawa; Joseph G. Fontaine, Jefferson; S. A. Hughes, Salem No. 2; and Dr. W. A. Fishburn, Silverton.

Commissioner---W. H. Goulet, Woodburn.

Sheriff---H. P. Minto, South Salem.

Clerk---Max H. Gehlhar, Salem No. 6.

Recorder---A. H. Will, Aurora.

Treasurer---J. G. Moore, Salem No. 2.

Surveyor---B. B. Herrick, Salem.

Coroner---A. M. Clough.

Justice of Peace for Salem Precinct---Daniel Webster

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or one penny by the Capital Journal and that my character was only of the highest.

Replying to Specific Charges.

McMahan charges that about 20 years ago in the city election I extracted \$50 from someone when Claud Gatch and Napoleon Davis were running for mayor. I do not remember the circumstances, but if any money was paid, it was part of the slush fund in the political campaign as campaigns were conducted in those days. If I can judge by their utterances, the two gentlemen referred to are both my friends and supporters in my campaign for governor. If George S. Downing was ever asked for \$50 in the shape of a graft by me he can say so under his own signature. We have been warm friends and are to this day, and he can choose between me and the assailant of my character as to which of us is an honest man.

The Chamberlain Incident.

Your informant charges that Governor Chamberlain's friends bought the support of the Capital Journal for \$500 when he ran for governor against Furnish. In that campaign I decided to support Governor Chamberlain personally and in my newspaper I so informed Governor Chamberlain before the campaign was opened. D. J. Fry and Fred Stenstrom were members of Governor Chamberlain's campaign committee.

After telling Governor Chamberlain that I and my brother would vote for him and that my newspaper would editorially support him, the campaign committee then wanted a page in my newspaper every day in the advocacy for Governor Chamberlain's election. He used thousands of extra papers, as he had a perfect right to do.

Prominent Republicans contribute articles and helped fill the

page every day to aid Governor Chamberlain. I think the bill against that committee, which are a matter of public record on the books of the Capital Journal and are open to any court, amounted to \$500 and perhaps more. There was no corrupt practice act in that day. The whole matter was an open transaction. Any citizen can call upon Governor Chamberlain or Judge Gattens and ask them about this matter. You, or any other man, can ask them as to their experience with me and with McMahan, and I invite you to print the statement of Judge Gattens or Governor Chamberlain as to my character or McMahan's as to who is an honest man.

Statements False and Malicious.

I have spoken from five to 10 times a day to audiences in this city during the past week in closing my campaign, and at each meeting I have invited people to ask me questions as to my public and private character. I have met with from two to five thousand people daily, and at none of these meetings has my private or public character been called in question. I wish now to brand as false and malicious the entire publication made in the Oregonian over the signature of McMahan, and want especially to call your attention to the following paragraph of the McMahan letter:

"First, then, I reiterate the statement that Mr. Hofer has in this community the reputation of being a grafted. If Mr. Hofer will sue me for making these statements I will establish the truth thereof by calling as witnesses all members of the supreme court, the circuit judges of this district, all the state, county and city officials, the clergymen and business men of Salem on Sunday, and did other things to make it a cleaner city."

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I will not answer McMahan as to the charge that I swore falsely as to the circulation of my newspaper. He was running a newspaper at that time and was defeated in a contest for the county printing. The man he refers to as a witness is dead.

The matter was threshed out in the county court in trial 20 years ago

and was decided against McMahan.

Nothing further need be said. That McMahan's attack on me is malicious is proven by the fact that it was not published until the Sunday before the primary election. He has had many years to go before the people with his charges. He waited until I was recommended for the office of Internal Revenue Collector. He waited until five days before the primary. He had three months to get into the voter's pamphlet where I have a page as the anti-assembly candidate for governor, and state at the end of it that I challenge any one to review my public and private career. If he had facts to substantiate serious charges against my character he had a right under the Corrupt Practice Act to go into that pamphlet and warn the voters of this state against me, which he did not exercise. This attack in the closing days of the primary campaign is malicious under the laws of this state and I will give him or any other man the fullest opportunity to appear in the courts and allow my

case to get a hearing.

In older times the only way to brew it in the home fireplace, a method which was troublesome and not always satisfactory.

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character to be sifted to the minutest detail. Perhaps I may have made mistakes in over 20 years of active journalism and political work, but that I have earned the reputation which he has sought to give me I

I wish to state further that McMahan showed his letter making the charges against me to prominent citizens of Salem, bankers, lawyers and printers, who are my friends and several warned me a month in advance that it would be published. They told me what would be charged therein. McMahan's reasons for doing this are apparent and you can draw your own conclusions.

E. HOFER.

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## X-RAYS AND SMILES.

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A Portland man suing another for alienating his wife's affections, places the damages at \$50,000. And just think how much "affections" a fellow could buy for \$50,000.

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Anyway the rains will prevent the tearing up of any more streets, and next year with good luck, some of those torn up this year will be completed.

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One-third of the men discharged from the Union army at the close of the Civil War, are still alive. This is a remarkable showing as practically the youngest of the 560,000 are at least 63 years old and the average would be above 70 years.

How Good News Spreads.

"I am 70 years old and travel most of the time," writes R. F. Tolson, of Elizabethtown, Ky. "Everywhere I go I recommend Electric Waters because I own my excellent health and vitality to them. They affect a cure every time." They never fail to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels stimulate the liver, invigorate the nerves and purify the blood. They work wonders for weak, run-down men and women, restoring strength, vigor and health, that's a daily joy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction positively guaranteed by J. C. Perry.

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It is applied directly to the affected air-passages and begins its healing work at once. Why not get it today? All druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York, on receipt of 50 cents.

Why are you so indignant because people talk about matters that do concern them? You do it.

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