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### THAT FEEBLE-MINDED NUT.

An Ashland editor's driveling vic-  
lousness indicates that he is rapidly  
progressing from the class of the  
feeble-minded, crack-brained into a  
fully developed nut.—Mail Tribune.

The above is Putnam's only de-  
fense for HIS county court. The  
question, George, is not whether an  
Ashland editor is crack-brained, fee-  
ble-minded or a nut. He may be all  
of that, but, how about YOUR court?  
The people are about to recall it for  
disregarding the law. It is freely  
claimed, and believed, that the said  
county court acted under your direc-  
tion; that by doing so it has laid it-  
self open to charges of gross extrava-  
gance and irregularities which justify  
a halt, and they are about to call it.  
Do you think you can cloud the issue  
by calling somebody a "nut," or  
faunching about the court's differ-  
ences with a contractor, or by yell-  
ing that Tom, Dick or Harry is be-  
hind the recall. That won't do,  
George. Your day of innuendo and  
vitriolic assault and bluster is past.  
You have worked it too long. The  
people are tired of it. Villification is  
not argument, nor mud-slinging de-  
fense. George, YOUR court, in fol-  
lowing your advice, has gotten in  
bad. Of course, it expects you to  
pull it out. Do you think you can  
do so simply by calling your brother  
editor (we assume you mean Wolf)  
a "nut"? Don't you think it would  
be better time and space used in ex-  
plaining why your henchmen should  
not be recalled? Surely, they are  
not above the law or public opinion.  
Upon what meat do these, your  
Caesars, feed that they have grown  
so great, while you would have every-  
one who disagrees crawl beneath  
their legs and find dishonorable  
graves?

It makes little difference to the  
public if an Ashland editor is a  
"nut," but it makes considerable dif-  
ference whether the county court  
renders a good account of its steward-  
ship.

### PUTNAM SEEKS TO DICTATE.

The Mail Tribune office has been  
the headquarters for the county court  
for the past three years. Also, it has  
been Prosecutor Kelly's chief resting  
place during his incumbency. No  
doubt Putnam has had more influ-  
ence with the court and the prose-  
cutor than any other citizen. Now  
Putnam is making a gunshoe effort  
to establish the Mail Tribune office  
as headquarters for both the sheriff  
and county clerk. While his paper  
has been silent on the subject per-  
sonally, Putnam is boosting Grieves  
for sheriff. There is a definite reason  
why Putnam is fighting Mr. Gardner  
openly and Curly Wilson privately.  
These officers have been performing  
their duty efficiently and to the sat-  
isfaction of the taxpayers, but they  
have not been satisfactory to Putnam  
because they did not make the Mail  
Tribune their headquarters and fol-  
low implicitly the direction of Put-  
nam.

The Tidings is in favor of electing  
officials who will establish the Jack-  
son county court house as their of-  
ficial headquarters and listen as well

to the average citizen as to Putnam.  
It would be a fine thing for Put-  
nam if he could elect a sheriff and  
county clerk with whom he would  
have as great influence as he now has  
with the county court and the prose-  
cuting attorney, but how would the  
people fare?

If G. A. Gardner is renominated for  
county clerk, Curly Wilson for sher-  
iff and Judge Watson as prosecutor,  
one thing is reasonably certain: Put-  
nam will not be able to dictate to  
them.

### LET'S KEEP SOME OF IT.

George Putnam is quietly support-  
ing Grieves for sheriff. With his  
hand solidly on the throttle of the  
county court, with his protegee, Kelly,  
holding down the office of prosecut-  
ing attorney, and the prosecuting at-  
torney is the legal adviser of the  
grand jury, then if George can con-  
trol the sheriff's office, matters will  
stand pretty safe with him. Then he  
will control the whole situation and  
is ready to proceed in riproaring  
fashion without fear of being stopped  
by the courts. Already Putnam has  
dictated a world of discrimination in  
expenditure of road funds—a great  
deal of it against Ashland. He ad-  
vises disregard of law, and so far has  
gotten away with it. When he has  
the county court, the sheriff's office  
and the prosecuting attorney under  
his thumb he can make Ashland, or  
any other locality, dance a jig to his  
music. And along with the rest of it  
he is trying to beat Gardner so he can  
get the county printing at his own  
price. Looks like a good scheme to  
support those candidates Putnam is  
against. According to Putnam's no-  
tion, Gardner and Curly Wilson com-  
mitted unpardonable offenses when  
they refused to be led by his cunning  
advice.

How do you like Putnam's dic-  
tation, Mr. Voter? If you don't like  
it tomorrow is the day to swipe him  
by voting for Gardner for clerk, Wilson  
for sheriff and Judge Watson for  
prosecuting attorney.

### THE PEOPLE LIKE IT NOT.

Putnam says this is a critical time,  
and because of that the people should  
not make a demonstration against  
the county court. He refers to the  
litigation pending between Jackson  
county and Contractor Sweeney. He  
is afraid the agitation will discredit  
the testimony of the members of the  
county court with the judge and re-  
sult in defeating the county in the  
suit. And all of this after the suit  
has been tried and taken under ad-  
visement by the Multnomah district  
court.

There are many people in Jackson  
county who do not expect the county  
to win in its litigation with Sweeney.  
After having read the contract be-  
tween Sweeney and Jackson county  
they have concluded that it was never  
intended that the county should win.  
They freely express it as their  
opinion, formed from perusing the  
contract, that this great expensive lit-  
igation between Jackson county and  
Contractor Sweeney was not intended  
to defeat Sweeney's claim so much as  
a cover for the loose contract made  
by the county court with Sweeney.

They seem to think this is a critical  
time—not for Jackson county, but for  
Putnam's county court.

They cite the fact that Portland  
banks, after having the Sweeney con-  
tract carefully looked into, went right  
forward and financed Sweeney in  
amount about \$65,000 to do the work  
that Jackson county now claims he  
should not be paid for. They think  
now the jig is up. The critical time  
is long ago past. The "critical"  
period was the time the county court  
entered into the ambiguous and loose  
contract with Sweeney.

We are told some interesting facts  
are being gathered in relation to the  
contract between Sweeney and Jack-  
son county, which not only will make  
interesting reading, but will create  
a more critical period—for George's  
court—than can possibly be brought  
about by recall agitation.

They seem to think Jackson county  
will be vastly less damaged by recall  
than by further lax, loose and dis-  
criminatory expenditures of the tax-  
payers' money.

Go on with the dance. Let the  
"critical" jade wince. "Methinks he  
protests too much." His protestation  
"hath a lean and hungry look." The  
people like it not.

### OLDER BUT STRONGER

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at  
forty, is sound advice, because in the  
strength of middle life we too often forget  
that neglected colds, or careless treat-  
ment of slight aches and pains, simply  
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### REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMIT- TEE.

Every kind of advertising that it is  
possible to get for Ashland this year  
should be sought by our citizens. The  
appearance here of Senator Cummins  
was a splendid advertisement for Ash-  
land. It amounts to something to  
entertain a candidate for the presi-  
dency. Mr. Cummins was induced to  
speak here by the progressive republic-  
ans like C. B. Lamkin. Senator  
Burton should have been induced to  
speak here as well as at Medford.

This failed because the local central  
committee was under the domination  
of the republican machine, which did  
not want to detract from his audience  
at Medford by giving Ashland citizens  
an opportunity to hear him without  
going there. Ashland is a strong  
hold of progressive republicanism.  
Senator Cummins is especially repre-  
sentative of that element of the  
party, while Senator Burton appeals  
more to the standpatter and conse-  
quently was handled by the republi-  
can committee, whose policy it has  
been to ignore all republicans except  
approved standpatters.

Republican committeemen should  
be more in harmony with the senti-  
ment of the people—willing to give  
every candidate for the high office of  
president equal consideration. Tom-  
orrow the republicans of Ashland  
will have the opportunity to vote for  
precinct committeemen in harmony  
with their views and they should do  
so, for the future of the party in  
Jackson county will depend largely  
upon whether the party machinery is  
in accord with republican sentiment.

Following are the republican pro-  
gressive candidates for party commit-  
teemen in the several Ashland pre-  
cincts. They should be elected:

- East Central, H. A. Baney.
- East Main, Frank R. Merrill.
- Ashland Oak, C. B. Lamkin.
- Ashland Boulevard, W. H. Gowdy.
- East Ashland, Charles W. Fraley.
- North Ashland, Louis Werth.
- Southeast Ashland, O. F. Carson.
- West Central, V. O. N. Smith.
- Bellevue, W. L. Moore.
- Northwest Ashland, Homer Bil-  
lings.

### MORE MUDDY WATER.

George Putnam says it's a shame  
the people are after HIS county court  
just at the time the Sweeney suit is  
under advisement by the Multnomah  
district court.

Again he attempts to cloud the  
issue by muddying the water

It is as if George had said: "It  
doesn't make any difference how  
much MY county court disregards the  
law, or discriminates against local-  
ties in the matter of road fund dis-  
tribution, they should be let alone  
because Sweeney has sued the coun-  
ty."

At odd times George is a great  
champion of the Oregon system. Now  
he is afraid of the effect of public  
sentiment on the Multnomah court's  
decision. That is, he says he is. In  
fact, that is not what all's George.  
He has not yet offered a single reason  
why HIS county court should not be  
recalled. With the coldest, calculat-  
ed design he attempts to raise a false  
issue, while cheeping not a syllable  
on the real issue. He is trying to  
frighten the people out of their in-  
tent to recall HIS court. That is all.

However, from the apparent tem-  
per of the Medford citizens who  
"launched" the recall petitions in  
Ashland, it will take more than a  
bluff of that sort to desuade them.  
Either the court has fallen so far  
short of its legal duty that a recall is  
justifiable, or it has not. If not,  
why does not George attempt to show  
that HIS court is still worthy of con-  
fidence? Is that job too great, even,  
for George, the king of defenders?

The evidence in the Sweeney case  
is all in. It has been duly tried. The  
decision will be based on the facts  
and the evidence. It is not trying the  
county court, but the Sweeney case.  
The recall has nothing to do with the  
case and George knows it. He is sim-  
ply scared and yelping for help.

Of course Ashland republicans will  
stand solidly behind Benton Bowers.  
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and will make a strong candidate.

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visit about and approach individuals  
in the hope of gaining their vote at  
the primary. Not so with other can-  
didates. Some of them are satisfied  
with nothing short of shooting voters  
in bunches. Individual solicitation is  
too slow for them. For example,  
Grieves is a good member of the  
Medford Golf Club and the University  
Club. Also, he was county assessor  
in 1915. Notwithstanding both of  
these institutions did a flourishing  
business last year, and paid the same  
bar license other Medford saloons  
paid for their bar, Grieves left both  
of them entirely off of the tax list.  
We have heard some complaint lately  
about high taxes. Maybe that ac-  
counts for it, at least in part. In  
1914 the Elk Lumber Company was  
assessed \$177,740 on 13,488 acres of  
timber. Last year the same company  
was assessed, on the same property,  
only \$135,470. That may account  
for your high taxes some more.

Billings hill and then remember that  
Putnam directs the actions of the  
county court.

The Tidings is in favor of consist-  
ent and absolute enforcement of the  
prohibition law at all times. It be-  
lieves that such service may be rea-  
sonably expected only from officials  
who practice prohibition in private.  
We have absolutely no confidence  
whatever in officials who stay under  
the influence of liquor two-thirds of  
their time during tenure and shame-  
fully neglect their duty by reason of  
it and then become wonderfully vir-  
tuous just before election, hire a  
bunch of rough-neck, irresponsible  
"detectives" and arrest citizens on  
charges of violating the prohibition  
law without evidence to convict, and  
submit them to public suspicion and  
contempt and their families to shame,  
simply to catch votes. That looks  
too much like political buncombe—  
too much like deliberately fishing for  
W. C. T. U. votes. Better elect men  
who are on the square in their at-  
tempts at law enforcement, and who  
work at the business during their  
whole tenure.

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