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THE COUNTY TICKET.

Heretofore the MADISONIAN has devoted its energies to the discussion of national issues. Although a Republican paper we have, in our feeble way, endeavored to show Montanians why they should vote for William J. Bryan for president, in the interests of silver, as against Wm. McKinley, representing the single standard. We have been acerbated in pursuing this course by non-partisan motives, believing that the free coinage of silver was the paramount issue with the people of the west and good for the country as a whole. To this standard we have pinned our faith, and we have no apologies to offer, because we believe such to be the only proper and honorable course for western newspapers to pursue. Because of the great importance of the issues at stake thus far we have said nothing about the county ticket. Now we propose to do so.

There is no machine politics in Madison county. The office seeks the man. In point of eminent fitness and personal qualification the various candidates on the county ticket, are the personification of those elements and characteristics necessary in good public servants.

THE LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

The candidates for the legislature are the Hon. N. J. Isdell, of Pony, Mortimer H. Lott of Twin Bridges, and Frank Wilcomb of Laurin. Major Isdell served Madison county in the last legislative assembly. He is credited with having been one of the most active members of the house and did the county and state much good service. He helped to block several corrupt measures and was a material factor in defeating the bill introduced by Major Alderson of Gallatin county to divide Madison county. In point of ability he was not surpassed by any member of the last legislature, and having graduated in the school of legislative experience will be a valuable member of the next assembly. Madison county needs in the legislature, some member to represent her interest on the floor and such a man is N. J. Isdell. He is quick to see any point that may be sprung and will be prompt to counteract it in any way it reflects on the county's interest.

Mortimer H. Lott is one of the old time citizens of Montana. In the early days, when the very existence of law and order is at stake, no man was more active in checking outlaws than Judge Lott. He was a man of abundant nerve. In the time when Slade was terrorizing the citizens of Virginia City, Judge Lott was one of the few men who had the courage to warn Slade that no riotous demonstrations would be allowed in his presence. From that time to this he has been known as one of our best citizens. He has served the county in several important positions and his integrity has never yet been called in question. He can afford to stand on his official records. He was recorder of deeds under the miner's organization, probate judge and county commissioner. He is the personification of public spirit and enterprise.

Frank H. Wilcomb is an able representative of the younger republicans, the bone and sinew of the party, upon whom, as the wheel of time revolves will revert the duty of carrying out its policies and carrying on the good work started by Abraham Lincoln. Though born in New Hampshire, nearly all his life has been spent in Madison county and no one is more familiar with her wants. For some years he was deputy clerk and recorder under Barclay Jones, resigning to embark in business at Laurin.

These three men, will ably represent Madison county in the legislature.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

Joseph Smith, of Virginia City, Republican nominee for commissioner, is the present chairman of the board. The interest of the county demand that

one member of the board should reside at the county seat, in order that county matters may be promptly attended to, county property looked after, and county interests be best served. Bear this in mind. Mr. Smith is the only candidate nominated by either party whose residence is in Virginia City. Aside from this, from long experience he is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office. He is known to be a careful, prudent business man. And right here it might be well to state that no other county in the state enjoys as economical administration as does Madison county, a fact that reflects substantial credit on the present board. Madison county needs on the board some one thoroughly experienced in county affairs.

Robert J. Ogden of Sheridan, nominee for commissioner, will ably represent the interests of the west side—an important section. He is an experienced business man, a careful accountant, and will bring to the office mature judgment. The section which he represents is one of the most important in the county.

Malphus A. Switzer of Egan is also an old time resident of Madison county. In the section where he resides no words of praise or commendation are necessary for none know him but to honor. He is a farmer, and as such will understand the needs of the farming community. These three men will ably administer the affairs of the county, looking impartially after the welfare of each section.

FOR TREASURER.

Jacob Albright, Republican nominee for treasurer, is one of the best officials this or any other county ever had. In his hands the county funds are safe, and the county interests are zealously cared for. We would say more in his praise did we not know that his worth is known to every citizen in the county.

FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

Henry E. Steffens, nominee for clerk and recorder, is one of Madison county's sterling young men. From boyhood he has been the mainstay of his widowed mother, and her family. Every citizen of Virginia respects his sterling integrity, his industrious habits and his sacred regard for all obligations. About a year ago he was appointed deputy clerk and recorder under Barclay Jones, and after Mr. Jones' death was appointed to fill the vacancy. Being thoroughly familiar with the methods of the office, and a natural, painstaking accountant, he has conducted its affairs in excellent manner. Madison county has for years past been proud of the manner in which the affairs of this office have been conducted. Henry Steffens, as county clerk, will continue the good management. He has demonstrated that he is abundantly able to fill this important position, and he is the most deserving young man within the confines of Madison county.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

For this important office the nominee is Lew L. Callaway, who has served the people in this capacity for the past two years. How well he has performed his duty is a matter of public record. He has saved the county nearly \$700 in fees during his incumbency—a fact that should not be overlooked in trying times like these.

Mr. Callaway is thoroughly learned in legal lore, being a product of the famous law school of Ann Arbor. He is active as a public prosecutor and has made an excellent record in the matter of convictions. His experience, education and talent, peculiarly qualify him to fill this important position.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

Thomas Duncan has served one term as clerk of the district court, and is a candidate to succeed himself. The saying that one good term deserves another applies with special significance to him. Possessing a judicial mind—a necessary qualification—he has filled this important office most successfully—has made a most faithful public servant.

Mr. Duncan is thoroughly identified with this section of Montana. He came to Madison county in the early days when a child, and is emphatically a Madison county man. No office in the county requires greater ability than this and never in the history of the county has the office been more satisfactorily filled than by him. The citizens of the county will further their own interests in re-electing Mr. Duncan.

FOR SHERIFF.

Frank S. Metzler is the candidate for the shrievalty. Mr. Metzler needs no

introduction to the people of Madison county. He is a son of the section of which he seeks to serve. He comes from good old Republican stock, being a son of Hon. Alex Metzler of Puller Springs. Mr. Metzler has the nerve and courage necessary to the incumbent of this office. He is a straightforward young man of excellent habits, good business qualities, and will fill this office, if elected, to the entire satisfaction of the public.

THE ASSESSORSHIP AND OTHERS

Frank Foster, of Waterloo, is the Republican nominee for the assessorship. He resides in a section which is entitled to recognition; a section, which within the next twelvemonth and on into the future, is destined to do much towards the upbuilding of Madison county. Mr. Foster is an old time Madison county man, is a farmer, bright and capable, and if elected will make a most efficient officer.

Miss Nellie Switzer, candidate for county superintendent of schools, is a bright and charming young lady, in every way capable of discharging the duties devolving upon the head of our county educational system. She is the daughter of Andrew W. Switzer, of the Madison, and has had much experience in educational matters, having taught in the public schools of Madison county several years.

Philip H. Gohn, the nominee for public administrator is a most capable young man. His competency is beyond question. He is a native of Madison county, being a son of Geo. Gohn, and will do good service in this office.

Dr. G. W. Rightenour, of Sheridan, candidate for coroner, is a staunch republican. He will make an excellent official. This office is of no little importance and Dr. Rightenour is just the man for it.

Charles W. Mead is the republican candidate for county surveyor, a position which he has filled for many years to the entire satisfaction of the public. While the duties of the office are slight no one knows when the surveyor may be called upon and when to perform some important office. Mr. Mead thoroughly understands his business.

In performing our duty by the republican candidates we have endeavored to be fair. What we have had to say we have endeavored to say in plain old type, and he who looks for insinuations between the lines, and veiled insinuations covertly directed at the opposition, will, we trust, be disappointed. We commend the good qualities of the republican county ticket to the electors of the county, trusting that the majority will see them as we see them, and vote accordingly.

A POLITICAL ERROR

County Clerk Steffens discovered a serious error, last Tuesday, in the certificate of nominations filed by the chairman of the Populist central committee, Arch'd McGown. It seems that in preparing the certificate the name of Wiley Mountjoy, Democratic-Populist nominee for county clerk, was omitted from the list of candidates. The error was discovered by Mr. Steffens in comparing the proof of the official ballot with the certificate of nominations. While the time prescribed by law for filing nominations (30 days previous to the day of election) had expired, Mr. Steffens promptly notified Hon. S. R. Buford, chairman of the Democratic central committee, of the error. Mr. McGown, the Populist chairman, was out of the city and could not be reached by wire. Acting Chairman Solomon Wiles took the dilemma by both horns and filed an amended certificate, signed by himself and Marion Baker, secretary of the committee, reciting the fact of the error and the further fact that Mr. Mountjoy was nominated by the committee on the 20th inst.

Mr. Steffens deserves to be commended for his action in the premises. While he could have gone ahead with the printing of the ballots with Mr. Mountjoy's name omitted—in fact the law gave him a right to do so, he evinced no desire to take advantage of the unfortunate political dilemma into which the Populists had placed themselves, and made every effort looking to the adjustment of the error.

Notice to Teachers.

Teachers are requested to come prepared to answer roll call at institute with anecdotes and quotations. Let us have something new in this line.

Prof. Steere writes that the entire book, "Masterpieces of American Literature" will be used as the basis for the questions in American Literature for the next examination.

DELLA H. WILCOMB,
Co. Supt.

A CARD FROM MR. METZEL.

Reports having been circulated, in various sections of the country, to the effect that I have promised the deputy shrievalty (in case of my election) to various individuals, this is to notify all my friends, and those concerned, that there is no truth whatever, in such reports.

FRANK S. METZEL,
Republican Candidate for Sheriff.
Puller Springs, Oct. 18, 1896.

METZEL-BOTMAN

The marriage of Miss Etta Boatman to W. O. Metzler was solemnized at the M. E. church, Dillon, Wednesday evening, the Rev. Catterpole officiating. There was no best man or bridesmaid, but two little girls, Misses Mable and Edith Terry, did service as little ladies of honor, while Judson Best and Joe Meltin, little boys, were pages. After the ceremonial a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, to which only the relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boatman, of Dillon, and is very popular among the young people of Beaverhead's metropolis. Mr. Metzler is a son of our esteemed citizen, Senator Alex Metzler, and is one of the principle stockholders in the Metzler Live Stock Company, the headquarters of which are in the Centennial valley.

Those who attended from Madison assert that the wedding was a very pretty affair. Mr. and Mrs. Metzler, on their return from Salt Lake, will take up their residence in a cozy home in the Centennial valley.

Among the presents which our correspondent noted were:

Bible, J. H. Brunage and wife.
Family Bible, R. A. Reynolds and wife.
Water color picture, Nellie Morse.
Silver berry bowl, O. E. Morse and wife.
Silver cake stand, Floyd and Judson Best.
Flowers, Mrs. Best and Millie Coffin.
Creamer and sugar bowl, A. Anderson and wife.
Solid gold cream ladle, Fidel Huber.
Silver napkin ring, Bessie Martin.
Silver pepper and salt, Stella Carnell.
Gold mounted clock, Mr. Wilhart and wife.
Engraved gold and silver sugar spoon, John Tyal and wife.
Set of pie plates, W. J. Crowell.

Set of silver tea spoons, J. B. Townsend and wife

Twenty dollar gold piece, Miss Ellen Spicer
Silver butter knife, T. Langbridge and wife
China-silk throw, Mrs. Betsy Haines
Five hundred dollar check, Alex Metzler
Dozen silver teaspoons, Fenner Brothers
Table cloths and napkins, L. A. Fenner and wife
Set silver knives and forks, Henry Biling and wife
Steel range, F. S. and L. A. Metzler
Cow and calf, W. O. Hepe
Table cloth, Clara E. Martin
Drapery scarf and table mats, Madam Bauerette

Vases, Viola Rich
Silver cake basket, W. H. Boatman and wife
Mexican drawn-work dolly, Carrie Brownfield
Silver tooth-pick holder, knitted dolly and cook book, S. J. Perry and family
Books 63 volumes, R. A. Reynolds and wife
Picture, Blanche Selway
Lemonade set, G. T. Boatman and wife
Tea pot, salt and peppers, Ruby Boatman
Pickles dishes, H. D. Wenzel and wife
Set of dishes, R. T. and G. T. Boatman and Jehu Bidstrup
Embroidered tidy, Louie Eal
Set of silver tea spoons, Mrs. Mary Hope
Silver napkin ring and silver tooth-pick holder, George and Harry Martin
Two-year old heifer, Mrs. Mary Townsend
Parlor lamp, W. Knapp
Silver hair ornament, Madam Bourrette

(Advertisement)
Notice.

It being generally reported throughout Madison county that Prof. C. W. Birchard, candidate for superintendent of schools, is getting ready to leave the state. This is to inform the public that there is no truth in the report. The professor's interests in Madison county are extensive enough to contradict this statement.

Respectfully,
ARCH'D MCGOWN,
Chairman Populist party Madison County. I-2

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