

Tom Parrent;

Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am more than proud to stand up before my home people and so many visitors as there is here to-night; it gives me great pleasure to talk over road matters, which we are all interested so much about. Being as there is five candidates it is our duty to come on and give our views on the way they mean to proceed when elected.

You know me; it is not necessary for me to go over and tell what I have done in the past, but I will outline my views

I'll say this, the first thing I would do would be to give every dirt road a working all over Jackson County - more grading - one dirt road - or most of them are entirely too narrow - that is they are too much neglected. We have little old hollows that should be cut and made in shape so they could be oiled twice a year, and I am strongly in favor of all cemetery roads, because every road in the county that leads to a cemetery should be graded in first class condition so to be oiled.

I say this in behalf of the Oak Grove Cemetery Road, I am in favor of a grade of five or eight per cent to a reasonable then rocked several , one-half on this side and half on south. We have a beautiful cemetery and we have awful road. It was in a awful shape because of land conditions and they have been saying that over 15 years, it was a hard struggle but we are out of it now. All we lack now is getting the man to get them started.

And I will pledge my word that will be the first thing I will endeavor to do until accomplished. Not only Oak Grove but all others, wherever they may be, because all burials nowadays is done with automobiles and it is a bad fix to get twenty or more automobiles on a muddy roads like we have had. I am in favor of all dirt roads being from 24 to 30 feet from ditch to ditch, because anything more narrower than 24 feet is entirely too narrow, and the money have been collected in Jackson County to do it, ever two million, yes over two and a half million - plenty of money to keep them in good shape, to treat every body right, to work every road in Jackson County, and I am in favor of giving every body their proportionate part, no body left out.

My plat form in - at Oak Grove when I started my campaign, it was - when I spoke at the Hall Opera House, is equal rights to all, and special privilege to none, and treat every body alike. On those conditions I propose to be governed when nominated the first day

of August this coming year.

Among other things I will say that I am in favor of setting aside a portion of the money which have had assessed until the end of the year, so that it will be transferred to pay indebtedness off, and I would like to see it done in two years if possible, That is the only way that I understand it according to the law it has to be a surplus left at the end of the year. And \$2000 or \$2500 would be about half of the approximate cost now set aside until the end of the time, then transferred over to be put on this back indebtedness, because I believe that is the way to get rid of those old Warrants, you would all like to get your money, I have some two years old would like to be paid, and I believe we all want them.

I also believe in maintaining a rock road and in respectable condition, I believe the roads that are built should be built with a higher base, 15 or 15, and with a targia finish. The roads have to built heavier now, because of the difference in traffic, and if not made heavy it will not stand , but with proper handling it will be the best thing we have to-day, and I'll say I believe in being progressive, because all other things are, and the road question is one to be studied. We left the wagon for the automobile, the truck started with ton and a half, and went to five and ten ton. For you to have good roads and have these roads continually it will be necessary to have a heavier base than before, that is my idea. and I am in favor of this condition.

And as far as the road overseers is concerned they should be picked by different places, and we want to appoint men who will make good, and work your roads, and who will work all roads, and not leave some because he does not like some one on that road. If any one refuses I will fire them and put some one in his place, and make another appointment. I will say that the road overseers of Jackson County should be picked with careful mind to fill the places, and fill them - pick them and fill them well, I will not make good what my men do if they don't,

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Now it is a little hard to speak, have been making a great many speeches, it is hard on my voice, and if any body wants to ask me anyquestions, don't natter what, on the or road matters, ask me now. Don't go off talking around the bush like some of you have been, be square and talk now. I will answer anything, I fear no one, and I make

everything good; I will treat every one like I would like to be treated; and I am not responsible for other people, I am only for myself. When you vote for me you vote for the things I have told you, and I will do the best to get the best results for the people everywhere, as much as possible, I thank you very much.

Applause.