

# COX BOOMING THE TAFT BOOM

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Cincinnati, O., May 8.—Party harmony with Taft for president, J. B. Foraker for United States senator, and A. L. Harris for governor, is the program advanced by George B. Cox, former Republican leader in Hamilton county, in a statement given to the Associated Press today. Reports from Columbus and Washington had named Mr. Cox as engaged in the conduct of negotiations looking toward a compromise between the Taft and Foraker forces, but Mr. Cox denied such suggestion.

"As far as I am concerned," he said, "there is absolutely nothing to this talk. I have retired from active participation in politics. Of course, I cannot absolutely refuse to advise with friends."

"As to the Ohio situation, he said: "In my judgment the time has come for the good of the Republican party that something should be done. We are on the eve of next fall's election. Nothing should be done to endanger party success. If you will recall, two years ago we had factional differences in the party and our ticket went down to defeat. This I hope will not occur again. Our differences should be settled within the party and we should go forward as one man, which will mean victory all along the line. Ohio has a great future. We have had the best in the past and have great men now. We should take care of them. The nomination of good clean men for the municipal offices means their election and party success. Next fall will be the foundation for next year's work. I would advise all my Republican friends in Ohio to take these matters into their own hands and adjust them without interference by individuals or factions."

"We must not forget that we must carry the legislature next year to elect a United States senator and get needed legislation, and must elect a governor and other state officers. The way to do this, I believe, is for all Republicans to put their shoulders to the wheel in their several neighborhoods and see to it that none but true Republicans represent them. Our watchword should be: 'Success of the Republican party' and to achieve this we should support W. H. Taft for president, J. E. Foraker for senator, and A. L. Harris for governor."

"I know of no personal differences that I have with Secy. Taft. There may have been some political differences, but they are things of the past, and will not be permitted to stand in the way of party success. My friends, I trust, will be for Taft for president, Foraker for senator and Harris for governor."

"When the attention of Senator Foraker was called to Mr. Cox's statement, he said: "I have just read what Mr. Cox says. If I understand him correctly, he makes a specific recommendation addressed to the Republicans of Ohio, as to what their action shall be in the convention of next year. I am not sure it calls for any response from me, but inasmuch as you seem to think it does, I will re-

peat that I don't want any political honors at the hands of the Republicans of Ohio except with their hearty endorsement. Therefore, if Mr. Cox suggests and recommends should meet with their approval, no one will support Secy. Taft more cordially than I shall."

Charles P. Taft, editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star and brother of Secy. Taft, when shown the Cox interview, said: "Mr. Cox takes a broad view of the matter. He sees the opportunity to elect another Ohio president, and very wisely urges that we get together."

**CHAIRMAN BROWN'S POSITION.**  
Toledo, O., May 8.—Walter F. Brown, chairman of the Republican state central committee, said tonight he would issue a call tomorrow for a meeting of the committee at Columbus Wednesday, May 15. A large number of other prominent Republicans will be invited. An effort will be made to secure an expression in regard to the party's choice for the state central committee, and to restore party harmony.

"While various party leaders," said Mr. Brown, "were urging the wisdom of a primary election to be conducted by the state central committee, there was obvious impropriety on the part of a member of that committee who might be required to assist in formulating the rules governing such a primary, selecting the judges and clerks of election, fixing the polling places, deciding contests and canvassing the returns, in arraying himself on either side."

"Now that such a primary has been definitely abandoned, I am very glad to put an end to any apparent mystery about my position. Since the state convention in 1904, when I was elected president as chairman, I have believed him to be the logical choice of the Republicans of Ohio for the presidency in 1908, and I heartily favor the movement to secure for him an unequivocal endorsement at this time."

"In my judgment, the meeting of the party leaders in connection with the state central committee will result in an unanimous expression in favor of Secy. Taft."

**TAFT IS SILENT.**  
Washington, May 8.—Secy. Taft, upon being shown the dispatches from Cincinnati containing the statements accredited to Senator Foraker and George B. Cox relative to his candidacy for the presidency and the situation in Ohio, declined to discuss the subject. To a group of newspaper men who sought an interview with him the secretary said:

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Chief of Police Greney stated that Pierce had voluntarily surrendered. Asst. Chief of Detectives McCarty was sent to Mr. Pierce, who was told that he was under arrest. The detective, City Marshal and Mr. Pierce entered the latter's carriage, and were immediately driven to the four courts, where they were closeted with Chief Greney. The statement was made by Detective McCarty that Pierce was arrested on a state warrant issued by Gov. Peck, which makes extradition papers unnecessary to take Pierce to Texas. Pierce has been out of St. Louis for some time, having returned yesterday or today from New York.

**FOREST FIRES IN CUBA.**  
Havana, May 8.—Reports from all parts of the island show an increase in the devastation through the forest fires, which are a result of the long-continued drought. Thousands of cattle are dying.