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MILLER SAYS STATE MAY RULE SCHOOLS
Suggests Complete Control as Remedy to Combat Political Meddling.
CITY PROBLEM VEXING
Charges Part Time System for Hundreds of Thousands Is a Disgrace.
DEMANDS CURE FOR ILLS
State May Have to Provide the Money for Education Needed in Each Locality.

speech at Buffalo. The next and last week of the campaign will be spent, of course, in and around New York city in a laudable effort to cut down the vote Al Smith relies upon.
"We may reasonably be proud of the forward stand which this State has always taken in the promotion of education," the Governor said. "The State always has been generous. It must constantly be more and more generous to meet expanding needs. The total appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1921, for that purpose was \$38,323,333; for 1922, \$40,569,000; and for 1923 nearly \$41,000,000. For every child registered the State expended last year \$94.13, and for each child in actual attendance 26 weeks, \$112.76. The cost per capita in 1920 was \$82.11 for every child registered, and \$38.47 for each child in actual attendance 26 weeks. The great increase was due to the very considerable increase in salaries paid the teachers, the keystone of our educational system."
The Governor praised the profession for devotion to an ideal and to duty under trying conditions and insufficient compensation, and he said the State must do more for them than it has done—give them better pay and other assistance desired.
The Governor said that the State is not getting full value in education for the money it is spending. Somewhere there is a loss of efficiency. A remedy must be found. There are two great problems, rural and city. The rural results from an antiquated use of taxation. In the more remote districts the boys and girls do not have the opportunity which is rightfully theirs. This problem is being considered by the committee of twenty-one.
The city problem results from education being mixed with politics, and it has come about that hundreds of thousands of children are on part time. That problem has got to be solved, the Governor asserted, and speedily because it has become a shame and a disgrace to the State.
State Control Extreme Remedy.
"Of course the most extreme remedy that I can think of and the one which at the moment seems to me should be the last resort would be for the State itself to provide by some fair method all of the moneys needed to support the public schools everywhere throughout the State without resort to local taxation for any part. We are already tending in that direction in the increased contribution which the State is constantly making for the support of education. It may be that that will be the final result, the final goal, the final solution."
"I am not suggesting it. I am not recommending it. There are objections to it, and one of the objections and one of the most serious objections, that suggests itself to me at the moment is the loss that would be likely to result in local interest and local attention to education. Some solution must be found which will assure the maintenance of that local interest."
"I merely throw out the suggestion to invite reflection. The point I wish to make is that the thing which must be done at all hazards is to find a speedy remedy for existing ills, and it is so imperative that that remedy be found that I would not balk at anything which could be demonstrated to be necessary."

SMITH SAYS FAVORS GO TO CORPORATIONS
Charges Governor With Friendly Interest in Utility Legislation.
CITES PHONE RATES
Says Word Was Passed Christmas Gifts Were Being Handed Out.
HE SCORES COMMISSION
Asserts Legislation Governing Public Service Board Was 'Corporation Drawn.'

Miller to have been made by his (Gov. Smith's) Public Service Commission.
"I had no Public Service Commission," said the speaker, "and in my two years of office I appointed only two men of the five, one for a remarkably short period. Gov. Miller well knows that I did not have my way in the framing of the public service law under which I made the appointments in New York city. He well knows that I had a hostile Legislature to deal with and I was in the position of a man that had to take the best he could get. Had I been given my way, I would have conferred a greater power upon local authority for public utilities, wholly within a municipality as promised by the Democratic platform."
Leading into a discussion of conditions in the city of New York, the candidate said:
"The people of New York city, vitally affected by this assault upon their home rule, when they saw contracts, solemnly entered into, brushed to one side, had a chance at the polls last fall to register their opinion of the corporation drawn public service act and I need hardly tell you what the result was."
Mr. Smith dwelt upon the increase in the gas rates here and the fight of the city to prevent the public service commission from giving to the telephone company a state wide valuation in its rate cases. He added: "If I am elected Governor, I promise with all the energy and all the ability that I can bring to my command to undo this wrong against the municipalities of the State and to restore to them not only the power that they previously exercised over their own contracts and franchise agreements, but to extend it to the point where they may be permitted to regulate such public utilities as are entirely within their borders."
Dr. Royal S. Copeland, candidate for the United States Senate, and Mayor George R. Lunn, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, also spoke. The latter appeared at noon with Al Smith in Oswego.
Speaks at Oswego.
The candidate broke his schedule to address the Democrats of Oswego who gave him a majority of 1,700 in the Harding landslide two years ago. He motored there from Watertown, and then to Syracuse. The special car was left to find its way around to Syracuse alone. At the Strand Theater in Oswego, the candidate addressed 3,000 persons. Later he spoke at a dinner at the Pontiac Hotel, attended by 200 men and women. Charles N. Bulger presided.
"In conversation last night," said Mr. Smith, "Gov. Miller made mention of the Herrin massacre. He does not seem to have the simplest understanding of the relations of the people of this State. It is stupid to say I am not lined up with the forces of law. When I was Governor the unrest was infinitesimal."
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greater than it has been during his administration. I say the man who succeeds in labor disputes is not the one who battles, but one who gives his talents to composing the conflicting interests."
"I was able to avert the railway strike in Buffalo for two years. When it became necessary to suppress disorder I did so. I sent the State police to Rome and to Lackawanna, but I did not do it until I had used all my other resources as Governor."
Arriving in Syracuse late in the afternoon, Al was greeted by William H. Kelley, Onondaga leader, and a reception committee. He went immediately to his room to rest until the morning.
To-morrow the candidate speaks at Utica in the evening. Saturday he is scheduled for speeches in Schenectady and Albany.
COPELAND SAYS ALL BOW HEADS IN SHAME
Sees Inefficiency, Incapacity and Supineness at Washington

SOME BACK SMITH EVEN; OTHERS SEEKING ODDS
Betting on the contest for Governor continued at a fairly brisk rate in Wall Street yesterday. W. L. Darnell & Co., 44 Broad street, placed one wager of \$4,000 at even money on Miller to defeat Smith and a \$3,000 bet at even money that District Attorney Ruston of Kings, Republican, will be re-elected. The firm had another \$2,000 to place on Gov. Miller at even money.
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Brief respite from politics and rest from the weary road that all candidates must travel were afforded Gov. Miller to-day and to-night. His holiday—getting back to executive business and routine can be called a holiday—was not without important speechmaking on his part. He addressed the fifty-eighth convocation of the University of New York, or the Regents, as the body which controls educational matters for the State is more generally called.
In cap and gown the Governor spoke before these grave and reverend seigniors on the general topic of what the State is doing to further the education of its children and what it is doing and planning to make the career of teacher more lucrative and attractive. Of particular interest was his suggestion that the State might have to take over complete control of the schools by providing the money needed in every locality.
Denounces Teachers in Politics.
The address gave the Governor a chance, also, to denounce teachers in politics, teachers playing politics to get better pay or better positions. It gave him a chance also to remind the Regents that the State's best defense against radicalism and its little playmate mob violence is sound education.
Gov. Miller will leave Albany to go to Rochester, where one of the big meetings of the campaign has been planned for to-night and where he expects to make important utterances. To-morrow night he will speak in Oswego, going thence to Syracuse, his home city, to spend Sunday. On Monday, which begins the final week of the up-State campaign, the Governor will go to Jamestown, in the distant western portion of the State, and the rest of the week will be devoted to addresses in the Mohawk Valley and to the north, including a

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