



MARTIN L. DAVEY

Your Congressman

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TO SPLIT OR NOT TO SPLIT THE TICKET OF ONE'S PARTY

To the Editor of The News—

My occupation called me to Akron some three months ago. Recently I was in a group of business men and the conversation turned to politics. One gentleman was severe in his denunciation of "partyism". As an instance, he remarked that The Cleveland News was so partisan that it would support the devil if he were nominated on the Republican ticket. They did not all agree with him.

Now here is an example: M. L. Davey is the present congressman for the fourteenth district. He is a clean, capable and energetic young man; has rendered splendid service and his Americanism is of the highest type, but he is a Democrat. Opposed to him is C. J. Knight, nominee for the fourteenth district on the Republican ticket, whom I do not wish to support. Question: Should I vote for Knight just because he is on the ticket that I support? Will look for your answer in The News. C. R. RENOLDS

Akron, O.

Certainly no voter, however loyal to his party, should vote for a candidate on its ticket whom he believes to be less fit than the opposing candidate. His loyalty to his party requires him to do his part toward protecting it from being made a vehicle to carry unworthy men into office where their deficiencies will reflect discredit on the party as well as injure the public interest.

Without referring to your case in particular, we admit that the machinery for the nomination of candidates is not perfect. It does not prevent poorly qualified men from getting on the ticket of one party or the other occasionally. That was true of the convention plan of making nominations. It is true of the present system, which awards the nomination not necessarily to the best man, but to the man able to poll the most primary votes. In defense of the primary plan it has been pointed out that, if a mistake is made in the primary and an unworthy candidate wins the nomination, the voters can still correct the mistake in the secondary election by electing the candidate of the other party.

If the reader's letter is intended to call out a statement of the quality and quantity of this newspaper's loyalty to the Republican party and its candidates, we do not mind saying that we should not hesitate to withhold support from a Republican candidate we considered unworthy, or support a Democratic candidate, we considered his superior. In fact, The News, has been known to do just such things. But, we may say, there is very seldom any occasion.

We might add that "partyism" in itself is necessary and laudable. As Senator Harding and other able public men have frequently pointed out, the machinery of our republic could not operate without party system. The conscientious voter should choose his party with intelligent regard for what it has done and purposes to do. He should support it faithfully whenever it is in the right and should do his utmost to keep it from ever going wrong. He need not follow it into error. He should not abandon it wholly if it makes a minor mistake now and then. Parties, like countries, sometimes are unfortunate in their spokesmen, but without forfeiting the loyalty of their followers. A country or party that is fundamentally and habitually right can survive its mistakes, though they be far more grievous than any committed by our country or our party.

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FOR DAVEY AND SERVICE

It is not surprising that the demand for Martin Davey's return to congress as the fourteenth district's representative should disregard party lines and come with equal enthusiasm from Republicans and Democrats. The answer is contained in one word—Service.

Mr. Davey has been "on the job" every minute since his election. He has made it his all-absorbing purpose to see that the legitimate requirements of his constituents, in big things as well as little ones, are met to the fullest extent of his abilities. He has characterized his service by courtesy and promptness in looking after the interests of his people. Moreover, Mr. Davey has shown Washington something new in the way of a congressional office which is not a mere place of entertainment nor a pie-distributing station, but a workshop, run on the most exacting lines of business efficiency. The 14th district congressman's room in the federal office building at the national capital is one of the busiest spots in Washington and has set a new standard in congressional service.

The day of the flag-waving orator and political poser in the national legislature has passed. The congressman who gets results for his own people and impresses his influence on legislation is the man of sound business capacity, of tireless energy and initiative in looking after details, of personality calculated to win the regard and co-operation of other able men in the legislative game. The knocker, the critic, the swash-buckler imbued with a sense of his own importance and obsessed by the sound of his own voice, gets nowhere in the congress of today. Martin Davey has made good at Washington because he has unlimited energy, an abundance of tact, a broad grasp of sound business principles, a clear conception of duty and a boundless enthusiasm for service in the broadest sense of the word. Thousands of people in the district have had personal experience of his alertness in caring for their interests. No reasonable expectation of the district in general has been disappointed. And in the larger matter of his record on national legislation he has cast no vote to which any fair-minded and patriotic citizen can take just exception.

Martin Davey has represented all the people of the fourteenth district and he has represented them all the time. He has not been partisan in his service nor partial to any group or class. Hundreds of good citizens outside his own party are freely giving him their indorsement for re-election for the simple reason that he has made good on a big job in a big way. While his untried opponent modestly recommends himself as "a big man for a big job," Martin Davey earns that title by an undisputed record of real service.

Facts About Congressman Martin L. Davey

The campaign against Congressman Davey seems to be confined almost entirely to malicious propaganda—whispered misrepresentation. So it is deemed best to give the salient facts briefly.

Born at Kent, O., July 25, 1884. Attended Kent public schools and was graduated from Kent High School in 1900.

At age of 17, he started out to sell his father's book, "The Tree Doctor."

Attended Oberlin Academy and College from 1904 to 1907.

Engaged in business with his father in 1907 and from that time on served as manager of the business.

Organized the Davey Tree Expert Co. in 1909 and has served as its Treasurer and General Manager ever since.

Organized the Davey Institute of Tree Surgery in 1909 to train men for his company.

Under his management the business of the company has grown from ten thousand dollars in 1907 to one million dollars in 1920. Has three hundred employees.

Served as President of the Kent Board of Trade in 1913.

Elected Mayor of Kent three times, the last time by nearly three to one, serving from Jan. 1, 1914, to Dec. 1, 1918, when he resigned.

Elected to Congress in Nov., 1918, for both short and long terms.

Was married in 1907 to Miss Bernice Chrisman, of Kent, graduate of Kent High School and later a student in Buchtel College, now Akron University. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davey are members of the Church of Christ (Disciples) at Kent.

Three children were born; a girl now aged nine, a boy aged three, and a little girl who died in January, 1919.

Congressman Davey is a member of the Masonic order, including the Shrine, also the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks and Eagles.

He has made a record in Congress, which is open for public inspection. He stands on that record, without excuse or apology.

THE YOUNG MEN'S DAVEY CLUB

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LAFAYETTE

Good morning folks! We had hoped to have another correspondent for you this week, but the plans of mice and men often go astray. However, cheer up! Too much home business for us to shift the reporter's burden, and if there's one among you who cares to dip into journalism, for awhile, simply notify the editor or call our number—W330.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Willard of Canton are spending the week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Eaken. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw and daughters, Evalyn and Mildred of Cleveland, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Myers.

Church services will begin promptly at 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, with Rev. Brandyberry of Chatham as pastor. Sunday school will follow at 10.

Mrs. Ephraim Coleman of Wadsworth is making an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kulp of Elyria were dinner guests of Blake Kulp and wife last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder and J. M. Snyder, wife and two children of Wooster, were entertained over Sunday at the home of their brother, Irvin Snyder and family, and on Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holmes of Litchfield were guests at the Snyder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods (nee Emma Vaughn) of Canton were callers, Sunday, at the C. E. Lance home. Mrs. Woods and daughter will leave on the 16th to spend the winter in Florida.

Preparations are under way for the big Halloween social to be given Friday evening, Oct. 29, at the town hall. Everyone is invited and "fun and frolic, jest and jollity", will be yours for the coming. Some of the features will be the supper, served Cafeteria style, and in charge of Mrs. C. W. Mann and her committee; the "mystery booth," in charge of Mrs. Chas. Eaken and helpers, and the "candy and cone" booth, with Mrs. C. W. Harrington in charge. We want you, old and young, to lay aside your dignity for one evening and join us in our Halloween fun. Watch out, though, for ghosts and black cats and all such spooky things.

About twenty ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Geo. Fulton last Wednesday to do homage to the sumptuous picnic dinner and to the generous hospitality of the hostess. The day was spent in social enjoyment and in making articles mysterious for the mystery booth, which, by the way, will contain no sells for every article will be worth the price asked for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Dannelly and little daughter of Sullivan visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lowe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters, Saturday, Oct. 16, a 12 pound son, Clair Virgil.

Miss Icy Bowman is spending the week in Wellington and Amherst.

Mr. M. Zahn has sold his farm on the Ryan road to a Mr. Baughman of Elyria. Mr. Zahn and family expect to locate in Elyria and will move there next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Kulp with Mrs. Ansel Mann motored to Berlin Heights Friday evening, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Elliott, where a very happy reunion of their class of the Chatham high school was held.

A party of Cleveland friends consisting of Messrs. Frank Vining, Wilkeson, Otto Utterhardt and Ed Stasney, with their wives, were callers, Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fike.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose and son and Mr. Jarvis of Wooster were recent visitors at the C. H. Yost home.

With all due apologies to Mr. Miller of Ravenna, the Lafayette suffragettes carried home in their hand-bags—along with 367 other articles always to be found there, a lot of good solid facts gleaned from his speech at the

rally meeting Saturday evening. If we imbibed "Dad's" definition of a billion dollars, without a gasp, it's because we're suffragettes, and it would have been worth a goodly portion of that amount just to have had a glimpse of King George turning on his pedestal, when the counts and no-accounts passed by. Also, we are of such conscientious make-up, the most of us, that we can't but heed the warnings of Joshua, and vote the Republican ticket the first chance we get.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Betts of Ashtabula are at the home of her mother, Mrs. Belle Clark, for several days visit.

H. E. Arnold of Columbus is at the L. J. Shaw home this week and next.

CHIPPEWA LAKE

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. C. B. Kreiger, Oct. 27. It will be an all-day meeting. The ladies are requested to bring their needles and thimbles. Mrs. Kreiger will serve a chicken dinner, and this alone should be sufficient inducement to bring out a large attendance.

C. F. Lutz celebrated his 80th anniversary last Saturday. Mrs. John Canavan and daughter Geraldine and Mrs. A. A. Young of Lakewood, and Mrs. Geo. Geiselman of Loudenville, were the out-of-town guests. Mr. Lutz, although ten years beyond the allotted age of man, is still hale and hearty, and works at his trade of carpentering every day.

C. E. Craig, wife, and their sons of Akron and Cleveland, motored to Ashland Sunday to visit their daughter.

E. Critz of Akron visited with his mother one day last week.

Abner Koehler of Wadsworth was calling on friends in town Sunday afternoon.

Levi Derhammer and wife were in Seville Sunday visiting their daughter.

The Republican ladies held a meeting at the school house last Saturday afternoon. There was quite a large attendance and considerable enthusiasm manifested.

The board of elections has decided to use Barrett's barber shop for a voting place at the coming election.

Mr. Moore broke his arm while cranking his Ford last Wednesday evening. This is the second accident of this kind in the last ten days.

Mrs. Catherine Young was in Lodi last week helping her daughter, who was quite badly burned while canning fruit a few days ago.

There is a rumor afloat that the Tite mill has changed hands again. We hope this is true, as we all want to see this establishment in operation again.

SMITH ROAD

Grant Thorndyke and wife and Will Wolf and wife of Akron spent Sunday with their mother and sister at Earl Donley's.

Eva Snyder and Mrs. Frank Goldwood spent Thursday with the latter's mother in Akron.

Mrs. Emma Huntley of Medina is visiting at Warren Miller's.

Ford Lee Prevost and family of Cleveland were callers at their cousin's, Mrs. Earl Donley's, Sunday.

Frank Wolf and family of River Styx were callers at their sister's, Mrs. Mary Snyder's, Sunday.

Earl Donley and wife and Mrs. Mary Snyder spent Monday in Bellevue.

Mrs. Snyder and son Raymond Snyder and wife of Fairlawn, and Mrs. Dora Smith of Akron were callers at Frank Stimson's, Sunday.

Ed. Reusch and wife spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emerson, at Medina.

Mrs. Fred Burd and daughter of Akron visited at Mrs. Dell Myer's Saturday and Sunday.

Hiland Richardson and wife of Fairlawn were callers at Mrs. Nye's Sunday.

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