

FICKERT TALKS REGARDING HIS POLITICAL HOPES

Candidate for Nomination for District Attorney by Republicans Reviews Career

Football Athlete at College and Never Before Seeker for an Elective Office

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Charles Marron Fickert was unanimously chosen by the businessmen's executive committee of 25 as the republican candidate for district attorney, entitled to the endorsement and support of the businessmen's committee of 200.

Fickert first entered the race with the endorsement of the union labor party conference, headed by P. H. McCarthy and Michael Casey. The decision of the supreme court in the direct primary test case brought by the socialist party deprived him of a place on the union labor party primary ballot. That place has been left open, and union labor party leaders say that Fickert's name will be written on the ballot and the union labor nomination given to him in that manner.

WAS FOOTBALL HERO

Fickert is an interesting personality. A few years ago "Giant" Fickert, captain of the Leland Stanford university football team and all round athlete, was a hero of the campus and his name figured prominently in the amateur sporting news. The public forgets many things in 10 years. When he became a candidate for district attorney the young lawyer and his work were unknown to thousands of the men who will be asked to vote for him August 17, and to more thousands who will be asked to vote for him in November if he secures the republican nomination which he seeks and the union labor nomination which will undoubtedly be his unless denied to him by the supreme court.

The public was intimately acquainted with the candidates for district attorney two years ago. It knew the men, their political affiliations and what they stood for. It is different now.

I asked Fickert yesterday to tell the voting public generally and the republicans particularly something of himself, his policies if elected or his attitude on pending public questions, except as to the reasons behind his candidacy and the personal advantages that might be his if he "made good" as district attorney. Here is what he told me:

TELLS PERSONAL HISTORY

"My second initial stands for Marron. It is French. I am 35 years old. I was born on a ranch in Kern county. The ranch was near Bakersfield, which was 17 miles from nowhere. I lived in San Francisco more than 10 years—since 1888. I graduated from Stanford in 1898 as student in constitutional history, and took it as minor subject. I played guard on the university team and was elected captain in 1896. I was elected in my sophomore year, but was captain in my junior year, which was my senior year. I held the college record for the hammer throw and for the shot put. I was treasurer of the student body in 1898. In 1899 I came to San Francisco, and entered the law office of W. B. Kollmyer. I was admitted to practice the following year. I was an associate in the United States district attorney's office from 1900 to 1905. I went into the office of Frank H. Woodworth and left it after Devlin was appointed. I have been in private practice since. I have always taken an interest in the politics of the republicans, but never before as a candidate. I have attended conventions, but I have never campaigned for myself. It isn't all pleasant; I am married and have two children."

AS TO GRAFT PROSECUTION

"If you are elected, Mr. Fickert," I asked, "will the graft prosecutions go on?" "I have made no promises either way," he replied. "Any man who is guilty ought to be punished. I don't want to presume the guilt or innocence of any man." "Will you, if elected, prosecute on indictments—will these cases go on?" I asked.

"They will go on if the evidence is there to convict. I will go over them pretty carefully. I will dismiss these cases in your judgment you have not the evidence to convict."

"In considering those cases I will be guided by my duty as prescribed by law."

"It is true that as a condition precedent to your endorsement by the conference headed by McCarthy and Casey, you promised not to appoint Francis J. Heney a deputy in your office, if elected?"

"I did not promise anything. There were two factions. One tried to get me to promise that I would appoint Heney and another to promise that I would not. I refused to promise anything. The penal code prohibits and provides for the appointment of a deputy in a case where I think it was by indifference and refusal to promise that got me the endorsement."

"If you are elected will Heney be an attache of your office?" "I will make no promises of any kind."

"Not by way of promise, but for the public's information, will you say that in the event of your election Heney will not be an attache of your office?" "I will not say 'yes' or 'no' to that question."

"Are you in favor of the Hetch Hetchy water project and the acquisition and development of the proposed municipal water system?"

"I was not directly interested in that question. It would not come to the district attorney's office. I think we need a better water supply. It would have been easy to prevent the town from burning down if we had any water."

"We need Hetch Hetchy more than we have some other things they are asking for. I favor it. We will have to commence now. The future of the city requires it—demands it."

GAS RATE FIGHT

"Are you in favor of continuing the gas rate fight being made by the independent operators?"

"What is the rate now?" Fickert asked. His question answered, he said: "The 90 cent gas rate is enough. The company was not put to any great expense for rehabilitation."

"Mr. Fickert, should he do by the city in the matter of the United Railroads' attempt to maintain a monopoly of lower Market street?"

"I have paid little attention to that question."

Fickert disagreed with William Crocker, candidate for mayor, who held that the matter was a legal and not a governmental question. He said:

"I think the governmental question rather than legal. Of course, a legal question is probably involved. A good deal of inconvenience has been caused by the transferring. I think the company could switch its cars down the side tracks."

"Do you favor resubmission to the

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY--NO. 1

Charles M. Fickert, Chosen by Businessmen's Committee, Expresses Views on Principal Issues of Campaign

Here are some facts about the life and personality of Charles M. Fickert, candidate of the businessmen's committee for the republican nomination for district attorney, and his views on some issues of the campaign. They were given by Mr. Fickert in answer to questions put by a representative of The Call:

Thirty-five years old; born on a ranch near Bear valley, Kern county, California; married; has two children.

Weighs 220 pounds in ordinary clothing—207 pounds stripped; height, 6 feet and 2 inches; broad, square shoulders; fair complexion; brown hair.

Prominent college athlete; known as "Giant" among athletic enthusiasts; played guard on Leland Stanford Jr. university football team; captain of team of 1896, which defeated California; held college record for shotput; held college record for hammer throw; broke world's record with old fashioned handle hammer; record disallowed.

Graduated from Stanford in 1898; took degree in constitutional history; carried law as minor subject; was treasurer of student body 1898-9.

Came to San Francisco in 1898; entered law office of W. B. Kollmyer; admitted to practice of law following year; appointed assistant United States district attorney under Marshall Woodworth in 1903; left the federal service in 1905 after appointment of United States District Attorney Robert Devlin; in private practice since.

Has taken an active interest in politics; attended conventions of the republican party; never a candidate before and never campaigned for himself.

Became candidate for district attorney because of insistence of his friends; if elected will retain best of his private practice; thinks that duties of district attorney will not interfere with this practice, and that if he "makes good" he will be able to command double his present private practice upon retirement.

Graft Prosecution—"I have made no promises either way—that the prosecutions will go on or be discontinued. I don't want to presume the guilt or innocence of any man. The prosecution of the pending indictments will go on if the evidence is there to convict. I will go over them pretty carefully. I will not say that Heney will be or will not be a deputy if I am elected."

Hetch Hetchy Municipal Water Project—"I haven't been directly interested in that question. I think we need a better water supply. If we had had any water it would have been easy to prevent the town burning up. We need Hetch Hetchy more than some other things they are asking for. I favor it. We will have to commence now. The future of the city requires it—demands it."

Gas Rates—"The 90 cent gas rate is enough. The company was not put to any great expense for rehabilitation."

United Railroads' Attempt to Secure Monopoly of Lower Market Street—"That is a governmental rather than a legal question. Of course there is probably a legal question involved. I have not given the question much thought. I am not prepared to say what should be done. The transferring has resulted in a good deal of inconvenience. I think the company could switch its cars down on the inside tracks."

Resubmission of Geary Street Municipal Railroad Bond Project—"It should not be resubmitted at this time. Many people voted for it thinking they would get work fixing it up. The people have had too many little things put on them. I think we should leave it and postpone the question of municipal ownership for five years."

CHINESE CIVIL WAR VETERAN TO VOTE

Will Cast Ballot Despite Federal Statute and Constitution of California

STRIKERS WOUNDED IN TANNERY RIOTS

Wisconsin State Troops Ready to Take Charge

KENOSHA, Wis., July 22.—Anticipating a further outbreak following the rioting today at the plant of the N. A. All Sons company, tanners, when three strikers were shot, state troops were prepared tonight to proceed on a moment's notice to take charge of the situation. A large force of deputy sheriffs, armed with riot guns, guarded the tannery.

General Otto H. Falk, in charge of the state troops, declared that at the first sign of further rioting he would order a troop of cavalry and two regiments of infantry to the scene. He believed little would be required to start violence anew.

The rioting today began when the guards attempted to disperse strikers who had gathered in numbers at the entrance of the plant.

A deputy and a policeman were attacked with bricks and clubs. The guards drew their revolvers and charged the mob, perhaps fatally wounding one of the strikers.

A few minutes later another riot occurred near the plant, when the police attempted to arrest the strike leaders and two more strikers were shot. The police assert they fired in the air. Twelve or more were arrested.

The shooting stopped negotiations, but another conference will be held tomorrow.

What was said to have been a move by the strikers to rescue their comrades from jail was thwarted by Sheriff Gunther.

ENGINE AND SIXTEEN FREIGHT CARS WRECKED

One Man Killed and Three Are Injured

DURANT, Mont., July 22.—A big engine, pulling a westbound Northern Pacific freight train, left the rails this morning while on the down grade near here taking 16 cars with it, and piled in a mass of wreckage in the creek bed below.

J. D. Thomas, head brakeman, was killed. J. L. Roberts of Butte, who was stealing his way, it is believed, sustained fatal injuries. Fireman T. E. Drury and Rear Brakeman S. E. Burton both were injured, the latter slightly.

Engineer Samuel Hicks escaped with barely a scratch and immediately rescued his fireman, who but for the timely assistance would soon have perished.

INVENTORY FILED OF CALVIN PAIGE'S ESTATE

Capitalist Had Property in This State Worth \$1,698,333

MORE WYOMING LAND SUBJECT TO HOMESTEAD

Interior Department Sets Aside 90,000 More Acres

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Approximately 368,000 acres in Wyoming were today designated by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pleasance as suitable within the enlarged homestead act. This makes 11,584,000 acres of land so designated in Wyoming. The land is susceptible of successful irrigation.

Colorado Land Restored

MONTROSE, Colo., July 22.—Word received today from Washington announces that Secretary Ballinger has promulgated an order restoring 20,000 acres of Delta county land to entry.

HARBOR BOARD PLANS TO MAKE GRAY BROS. PAY

Threatens Removal of Gravel Bunkers From State Land

Two at the Montara Inn in the rapidly the Ocean Shore railway. Get acquainted with points of interest at your very door. Time table case 15.

DOLAN WELCOMES GREENE ON BALLOT

Sheriff Will Not Contest Right of Democrat to Place on Ticket

Sends Letter to Registrar Ze-mansky Setting Forth His Attitude

No effort will be made to prevent Edward M. Greene's name from going on the ballot as a democratic candidate for sheriff. Although Frank H. Gould, backed by Gavin McNab and Tom Hickey, was inclined to question the action of the registrar in giving Greene the benefit of the doubt when it was found that his petition lacked one of the necessary number of names, he changed his mind when Sheriff "Larry" Dolan issued orders that Greene was not to be interfered with. Dolan announced that if he could not beat Greene in the primary without the aid of a writ of prohibition, he would bow to the popular will—which is mighty good politics.

Registrar Zemansky pointed out that the law required him to disregard any name appearing on a nomination paper which was not on the greater register and asked: "What about republicans and union labor men who are on the greater register and have signed for a democrat?"

Gavin McNab, in discussing the matter, asked a few questions, too, among them this one: "If 500 republicans who had signed Byron Mauzy's petition were induced to change their registration to democratic, would Mauzy lose his place on the ticket?"

But "Larry" Dolan is not interested in academic questions. He likes a good fight and welcomes a worthy opponent. So he wrote the following letter to the registrar, which puts a quietus on the dispute:

San Francisco, July 22, 1909.
Mr. Harry Zemansky, Registrar, San Francisco, Cal.: Dear Sir: I have been informed through the press and by friends that the petition of Edward Greene for a position of sheriff in opposition to myself contains but 52 properly registered names, failing short of the number required by law to entitle it to a position on the democratic ballot; but the registrar has made no objection to my name appearing on the ballot. In view of this, I desire to present his name to the election commission for a place on the democratic primary ballot as a candidate for sheriff.

In view of the circumstances I desire to inform you that no person, at my suggestion or with my consent, will oppose your contemplated action.

The purpose of the primary law is to give the greatest opportunity for the expression of opinion and, if any considerable number of democrats, whether the requisite legal number or not, desire that Greene's name shall appear on the ballot, that may be an opportunity to vote for him. I certainly will not be a party to defeating that wish. Very truly yours, L. J. DOLAN.

SAN FRANCISCAN KILLED IN STOCKTON ASYLUM

Frank Dondero Beaten to Death by Fellow Patients

STOCKTON, July 22.—Frank Dondero, who was committed to the local asylum for the insane from San Francisco on July 6, 1909, died tonight from the effects of a beating given him by patients in his ward on Monday night.

He was considered dangerous for a time, but later appeared all right and was placed in a ward with others.

Though the attendant passed through this section often, he failed to notice any disturbance. The deceased has relatives in San Francisco, the laborer who couldn't get his pay.

WHALING PURCHASED BY DETROIT

HELLEN, Mont., July 22.—Catcher Whaling of the Bozeman intermountain baseball team, it is reported here, has been purchased by the Detroit American league team.

CURRY SAYS HE IS IN FIGHT TO STAY

Declarer That He Will Begin Campaign for Governorship at Once

Sudden Announcement Comes as Gillett Is Preparing For a Vacation

The announcement made yesterday in Sacramento by Charles F. Curry, secretary of state, that he would enter the race for governor next year has drawn attention to the state election far in advance of the usual time. Curry holds that under the new primary law a candidate should give the public ample notice of his aspirations.

"There need be no surprise at my action," said Curry. "I have given Governor Gillett the opportunity to make known his intentions, but he has chosen to remain silent. I have understood that he would not run again and so have come out into the open as an independent candidate. It is now up to the people. I will be busy from now until election."

While Curry is clearing the decks for action Governor Gillett and his friends are taking a careful look over the political sea. Curry's announcement caught Gillett by surprise. The state executive was preparing for a rest and outing and was not in a mood to enter into a fresh political controversy. He reached San Francisco yesterday to complete preparations for an automobile trip to his home in Eureka, where he will spend his vacation.

HAS LARGE FOLLOWING

Curry has held the office of secretary of state for three consecutive terms. He has a large following in southern California as well as in San Francisco, where he received his political training.

Curry was born in Illinois, in 1858, and spent the early years of his life in Wisconsin and Washington territory. He came to San Francisco in 1875, and in 1886 was elected to the assembly from the thirty-fifth district. Later he acted as superintendent of station B of the local postoffice, resigning in 1894 when he was elected county clerk. Four years later he was elected secretary of state and has held the position ever since.

It was a trip through the southern part of the state that gave the crown impulse to Curry's ambitions. He has many friends there who urged him to make the race.

"I want to be governor," said Curry bluntly. "My friends in the southern part of the state have urged me to get into the fight. I have thought the matter over carefully and have taken their advice. I believe I have friends in every county of the state." I desire that the people may know of my candidacy well in advance. I am in the race to stay."

Dalton a Receptive Candidate

OAKLAND, July 22.—County Assessor Henry P. Dalton coyly sidestepped requests which were made today for a statement from him touching political gossip that he might be considered a receptive candidate for governor to succeed Governor Gillett. The rotund county official declined to put