

FOR CONSTITUTION AND HOME RULE

MEN FROM EVERY WALK IN LIFE ASSEMBLE IN CONFERENCE AND PLAN WAYS AND MEANS OF ASSURING RAILROAD COMMISSIONER'S ELECTION AS GOVERNOR.

DENOUNCE SLANDERS OF OPPOSITION

In Address to Democracy of Texas Charge that Mr. Colquitt's Campaign is Being Financed by Saloons and Breweries is Branded as False in Every Particular.

Dallas, June 8.—Over 150 representative citizens from every walk of life in Texas met at the Oriental hotel here today to perfect arrangements for a vigorous promotion of O. B. Colquitt's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor and take steps to assure his now practically certain nomination. They came from every part of the state, and a glance at the personnel of the assembly was sufficient to satisfy any one of the character of Mr. Colquitt's following. His opponents, notably Judge Poin-dexter, go about repeating that he is the candidate of the saloons and is backed by the wealth and influence of the liquor interests, but today's demonstration in his favor served to establish the fallacy of such an assertion.

Business men, farmers, laboring men, newspaper men and attorneys, some of whom have heretofore taken little, if any active interest in political campaigns, composed the crowd that gathered here in his interest, and a reading of the names of those present will be sure to satisfy the impartial reader that Mr. Colquitt's support is made up of the conservative progress-loving-development-bent citizenship of Texas, and that the liquor interests are in no sense responsible for his candidacy.

Furthermore, the tenor of the address to the voters of Texas issued by the conference makes it plain that he stands for Democratic principals pure and undefiled as opposed to the theories of the hysterical political barnstormers who are trying to commit the party to all sorts of now-fangled ideas, regardless of the peril to representative government lurking therein.

This address emphasizes the fact that Mr. Colquitt is committed to the preservation of the existing provision of the constitution for prohibition by local option and to the enforcement of the statute for the regulation of saloons in wet counties, which statute is unquestionably the most efficient of its kind in existence. It also makes plain that Mr. Colquitt stands for the development of the state's resources, the protection of the rights of its citizens of all classes and the suppression of political agitation designed mainly to excite the prejudices of the people for the benefit of office hunters.

In other words, this address, signed as it is by men of known concern for the welfare of the state, furnishes a complete answer to the allegation that has been recklessly made on the stump that Mr. Colquitt is the candidate of certain special interests and is against everything save the unregulated liquor traffic.

During the meeting reports of political conditions throughout the state were received indicating that Mr. Colquitt is in the lead in at least 100 counties and will get his share of the votes in the others. These reports came from everywhere and those from the northern and eastern portions of the state were as encouraging as those from South Texas where Mr. Colquitt will admittedly have everything practically his own way.

The conference was in every respect harmonious in all of its deliberations, which were conducted in a most businesslike and earnest manner, as was to have been expected of an assemblage of men of the character of those composing it. The governing idea was that the Democratic party must be saved from the pitfalls that have been dug for it by certain elements whose thirst for political power would lead them to any extremity to satisfy their ambitions, and that the state must be freed from the political agitation which is retarding its growth.

In all respects this Colquitt conference was the most significant and impressive gathering of its kind ever held in this state, and will serve to put a quietus upon the campaign of misrepresentation upon which Mr. Colquitt's opponents are relying to overcome his very apparent lead.

The following was tonight furnished to the press by the committee on address:

To the Democracy of Texas: Without reflecting upon the personal character or questioning the ability of any

one of the other candidates for the office of governor of Texas, we favor the candidacy of Hon. O. B. Colquitt, because:

1. We regard him as the only exponent of the doctrine of local self-government.

2. We endorse his contention that our constitution should not be amended, except in the manner prescribed in that instrument, because we fear that unless this wise method is maintained, despotic majorities may destroy the rights of minorities and the freedom of the people as communities and individuals.

3. We contend that the commercial and industrial interests of our state demand and deserve a cessation of experimental legislation and political strife in order that the development of Texas and the progress of our people may proceed unhindered.

Submission.

Stripped of prejudice, hysteria and subterfuge, the great issue of this campaign reaches the very foundation of representative government. The prime question is, shall the people, by representative senatorial districts, which are the units of all legislative power, be deprived of their vote and their voice by the plurality party referendum or by any authority or instruction beyond their own free will? Upon the answer to this question depends the preservation of the principals which sustain the republic itself. All representative government is a delegation of power, expressed or implied, from the people to their officers—from the people who elect the officers—to whom the officers are responsible—and no officer who is thoroughly representative can in good conscience or sound policy disobey the instructions or disregard the opinions of the constituents who give him his office and trust him with their sovereignty. Party obligations cease to be binding, but become impertinent dictation or intolerable tyranny when they presume to ignore or override the primary authority of the local constituency over its representative. However, much of this primary authority communities see fit to yield in respect to matters of statutory legislation or matters of expediency of policy in the interest of party welfare, nothing can be yielded in respect to changing the constitution, which is the people's compact and the people's refuge from the disturbances of passion, the revolutions of fitful sentiment, the crusades of misguided zeal and the disregard of minority rights of person and property. We yield to none in recognizing, defending and applauding the rights and the wisdom of the people in their constitutions and laws, but we present that right and that wisdom in their integrity and power when we insist that the constitution, our freely formed compact of self-government, shall not be altered except in the wise manner provided in the agreement. And we warn the Democrats of Texas that the appeal which is made today in the name of morality and temperance, if heeded, will become a precedent in overthrowing other constitutional rights of life and liberty. States may be corrupted as they may be deceived, and greed for gain and lust of power in the future may operate as passion and prejudice or endeavoring now to do, to destroy the reserved rights of the homesteader and the laborer and the free agency of the citizen to do as he will so long as he does not interfere with the rights of his neighbor, or to take from the local communities, the precinct, the city and the county, the right of local control of all affairs which concern themselves alone. When the sovereign voters of any representative or senatorial district have expressed their decision on any public question and have instructed their public servant officially to vote that decision, by the rule of principal and agent, no faithful public servant can violate his instructions and yet retain his commission. This principal is not confined alone to law; it is of necessity fundamentally sound and true in politics and good morals.

Local Option.

If our reason, our Democracy and our instinctive devotion to right principles of free government did not teach us the fallacy of present political preachments in Texas, the sad experiences of other states would admonish us not to follow the rash experiments which are proposed. Alabama, a commonwealth similar to Texas in many respects, has repudiated by two decisive votes of the Democracy of that state both constitutional and statutory state-wide prohibition, and after bitter and distressful strife, has reaffirmed the sound doctrine of local option in respect to the control of the liquor traffic.

The state of Georgia, by the testimony of all unprejudiced observers, is maintaining in spite of statutory state-wide prohibition, a local option status, for it is notoriously true that the liquor traffic in that state is indulged wherever it was permitted under the former local option law and is successfully excluded only where it was already allowed.

The notorious violations of state-wide prohibition in our sister state of Oklahoma and its previous experience

as a territory where contraband liquor traffic was maintained in spite of all the powers of the federal government for more than a quarter of a century, together with similar violations of law-made temperance in other states, admonish Texans not to surrender the wise system of local option under which every precinct or county that desires prohibition may have it without the consent of any other precinct or county, and under which practically four-fifths of the territory of this state is free from the liquor traffic. We confidently declare that Texas today is more temperate, more law-abiding and more moral than any commonwealth that is attempting to enforce state-wide prohibition, and we appeal to the people to hold fast to this sane and progressive system of controlling the liquor traffic. We appeal especially to precincts and counties that now enjoy prohibition under local option, not to surrender this status for the questionable method of state-wide prohibition, and we submit to them in all fairness that they ought not to seek to impose upon the people of other precincts and counties a prohibition status which they do not approve.

Other Issues.

Mr. Colquitt stands for political rest and peace. He does not believe that the people can prosper in a normal way or enjoy the happiness to which they are entitled under constant political agitation. He holds that their happiness and their prosperity can best be promoted by letting them pursue their vocations, trades and professions free from unnecessary agitation over imaginary or incurable evils. To develop the state, capital should be invited under wholesome laws, the building of railroads and factories should be encouraged and more opportunities should be given to the promotion of drainage, irrigation, agriculture, stock raising, commerce and industry. Mr. Colquitt stands for all constructive measures to these ends within the constitutional power of the legislature.

Profoundly appreciative of the fact that an enlightened and educated citizenship is at once the glory and the safety of the state, he favors greater efficiency, longer terms and an extension of the scope of our public schools; liberal appropriations for the present necessities and future development of the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the College of Industrial Arts and the normal schools, and especially desires to remove from the state the stigma imposed by the carelessness of the insane and the neglect of the penitentiaries.

It is charged that Mr. Colquitt does not respect the will of the majority of the people. We declare that he is the one and only candidate for governor who respects the will of the majority in that the only expression of the people upon how the constitution should be amended is made in the constitution itself, which is, that an amendment shall be proposed, not by a political party, but by two-thirds of the members of the legislature. The contention of the other candidates that a plurality of votes in a party primary is sufficient to require an amendment of the constitution to be submitted is in conflict with the plain mandate of the majority of the people, solemnly expressed by the adoption of the constitution itself wherein the majority deliberately placed a limitation upon their own power to change the organic law.

We declare the firm purpose of Mr. Colquitt, if nominated and elected, to maintain the present local option system in all its efficiency and to employ every official power and influence to prevent any legislation that would in the slightest degree weaken the laws or hinder their enforcement.

We repeat the suggestion that Mr. Colquitt is the candidate of the saloon, and in this connection we call attention to the fact that during the entire progress of this campaign he has not appealed to the saloon element for support. On the contrary, he advocates the strictest form of regulation in the counties where the saloon is licensed and the strictest enforcement of the law in the counties where the saloon has been abolished.

And we further repeat the intimation that his supporters are influenced by the so-called "liquor interests." We cite the experience of Texas under local option as evidence that our contention is justified in practice as it is in principle and we declare it is temperance in the truest sense which we seek to promote as it is Democracy in the broadest sense which we desire to preserve from insidious attacks of a delusive sentiment which ignores alike the teachings of human experience and the right of local self-government.

As a faithful and fearless exponent of these principles as a public official of proved ability, and as a man of clean private life, we commend Mr. Colquitt to the Democracy of Texas.

Signed:
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OF MUCH VALUE TO SURGEON

"Stomach Telescope" Has Been Found Useful in Almost Endless Variety of Ways.

The "stomach telescope," or gastro-scope, invented at the London hospital, has proved to be of the greatest value in the diagnosis of stomach disorders. An eminent surgeon recently referred in the highest terms to the advances lately made at that hospital in the early detection of diseases of the stomach by means of this instrument, which will in the immediate future probably come to be part of the equipment of every up-to-date hospital. The gastro-scope now enables the physician or surgeon to actually see for himself the exact condition of the whole of the interior of the stomach, the slightest ulceration, growth or other abnormality in the lining membrane being thus readily observed. To be able to do this is of the very greatest importance in suspected cancer of the stomach, where the only hope of cure lies in the eradication of the cancerous growth at the very earliest moment. This means that the increased use of the gastro-scope will in the future save many lives that would otherwise inevitably be lost through that disease.

Fine Fox Hunt Without Witnesses.
The East Essex hounds had a remarkable run recently. A fox which they had hunted through the village of Bradwell swam the Blackwater, and the pack followed, but the depth of water and the dangerous banks prevented the field from crossing. They had to go for two miles along the bank until they reached a bridge, and by the time they had crossed fox and pack had vanished. After a search of three hours the hounds were found ten miles from the place where they had crossed the river whimpering round a barn at Chalkey Wood, beneath which the fox had gone to earth.

Mr. R. D. Hill, the master, called the hounds off and gave the fox a respite for the splendid run he had given. "The best 50 minutes the East Essex have had this season," was the description of Cockayne, the huntsman, "although there was no one riding with the hounds and no whiteness of their performance."—London Evening Standard.

For the Children.

The mother who believes in beginning the artistic education of her children at the earliest possible moment, may do a great deal in that direction with the aid of the nursery walls. The sides of the room are first papered with some plain neutral color, then divided into a frieze and panels, outlined with the darkest shade of the chosen neutral tint and upon these subdivisions are pasted brightly colored and well-drawn figures of animals and birds, which are to be obtained in the form of long sheets of wall paper, which may easily be cut out and affixed to the walls. Thus a young child may not only be taught much that is essential in regard to the proper placing of colors and their composition, but because of the questions which they will be apt to ask about the animals and birds, will acquire a great deal of valuable information about natural history.

A Desperate Subterfuge.
"Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "can I eat anything I find growing on a tree and still be a consistent vegetarian?"
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