

Political Advertising

MEREDITH SPEAKS SOME PLAIN FACTS

In Letter Addressed to His Opponent He Covers Issues of Primary Campaign.

CONNOLLY PUT ON GRILL

Is Asked Some Hard Questions By the Farmers' Candidate for United States Senate.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 25, 1914. Hon. Maurice Connolly, Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Sir: Many friends over the state have written to me within the past week calling my attention to certain misleading statements sent out from your headquarters.

First.—Your campaign committee is circulating a report that I supported Kenyon. This is absolutely false, as you know. I ordered the editorial taken out just as soon as I saw it.

Second.—Your campaign committee is circulating a report that I am opposed to union labor. This is an absolute falsehood. I have employed union men exclusively for the past eighteen years.

Third.—You have questioned my Democracy. If this be an honest statement how do you account for the fact that you were willing to support me for governor, saying to mutual friends that your ticket was "Meredith for governor and Connolly for Senator?"

Fourth.—You are now trying to create a prejudice against Des Moines by calling my candidacy a Des Moines Boomer proposition. You know it is not, but you cannot deny that your campaign is financed by interested parties in Dubuque.

Fifth.—You said in Independence, Iowa, in the presence of half a dozen men who can verify this report that you wanted the nomination for United States senator so you could get a diplomatic appointment if defeated for senator.

Sixth.—You are now trying to create a prejudice against Des Moines by calling my candidacy a Des Moines Boomer proposition. You know it is not, but you cannot deny that your campaign is financed by interested parties in Dubuque.

Seventh.—You said in Independence, Iowa, in the presence of half a dozen men who can verify this report that you wanted the nomination for United States senator so you could get a diplomatic appointment if defeated for senator.

Eighth.—You said in Independence, Iowa, in the presence of half a dozen men who can verify this report that you wanted the nomination for United States senator so you could get a diplomatic appointment if defeated for senator.

office, but his actions show how much of a real Democrat he is. The Telegraph-Herald questions your democracy. You have a better right to question his. This instance is enough in itself to prove what many already know that Connolly is only for Connolly, not for the democratic party.

"It (the senatorial nomination) is a question which the democracy of Iowa must settle, and with the settlement of which I will not undertake to interfere. The president does not take part in contests between Democrats who are candidates for nomination."

"So far as I know the administration or the members of congress are taking no part in the senatorial primaries in Iowa."—Oscar Underwood.

"I am not taking any part whatever in the contest in your state."—A. Mitchell Palmer.

"The printing of my name as representing Mr. Connolly's interests in the Ninth congressional district was wholly unauthorized by me and without foundation."—William F. Cleveland.

"I had no knowledge whatever that my name was being used as a Connolly organizer, nor have I ever been requested, nor have I at any time been consulted in that connection."—S. C. Huber.

"Do you feel it is a wise thing and becoming dignity on your part to make statement after statement that you know is false and has proven so? Would this tend to strengthen you as our party candidate?"

"When you and I had our conference and you had decided to withdraw from the senatorial race, you asked my support in the Third district for congress and also the support of friends of mine. Mr. Dunn gives the support of me by these same friends as the reason why he cannot support me. You went further and asked me, if you were defeated for congress (you evidently did not feel, as you have said in letters, that your election was assured), if I would help you get an appointment under the administration. You evidently expect any service you render the party to be rewarded. In fact I am tempted to believe it is wholly a matter of reward with you. Again I ask, is this a high plane upon which to base a candidacy?"

"Personally, I feel you are thinking more of an appointment than being elected senator. The campaign you have made would not tend to make you votes this fall and it looks very much to me as though you were willing to sacrifice our opportunity to elect a senator to gratify your own desires and ambitions."

"I take it 'G. A. H.' is George A. Huffman, who told me personally he would support me for Senator if I would promise him the Des Moines postoffice. Otherwise he was for you. I told him I would settle all such matters on their merits at the proper time. He is for you. I am not sorry to lose such support. Did you pledge him the postoffice?"

"I do not believe personal friendship should enter into the matter. I do not feel location in the state should enter into the matter. I only hope all my friends will lay aside all such questions and vote for Mr. Connolly, if they consider him the stronger candidate; on the other hand, his friends should be as generous and vote for me if I would be the stronger candidate against Senator Cummings."

"While I feel it is not necessary with my friends, I do wish to add that in Des Moines my Democracy has never been questioned. I have done service for the Democratic party long before Mr. Connolly was heard of in Democratic circles. In fact it is a little unbecoming in him, with an experience of two years in state politics (did you ever hear of him before) to criticize me to anyone else, and especially when men like Fred White, Jerry Sullivan, Earl Bronson, Dan Hamilton, W. D. Jamieson and thousands of others are glad to testify to my Democracy."

"If you feel as I do, that I am the stronger candidate against Senator Cummings, I ask your support and call your attention to the fact that the important thing to do is to actually register your preference at the primary, and see that your friends do also."

Yours very truly, E. T. MEREDITH.

Meredit Wants Self Respect.

The campaign you and your helpers are conducting may be politics, but if so, I am no politician, because there is no office, either appointive or elective, for which I will give up my self respect or my privilege to say what I please, and support the man I think best for my state and for my party.

I find the sort of campaign you are making is resulting much to my advantage. We have to prove but four or five statements you have made to be absolutely false before the people question any statement made and lose faith in you entirely. Many Democrats have said to me that they were going to support me wholly because I was making a clean campaign, and because they did not approve of what they knew to be misrepresentations on your part.

I call your attention to these matters that you may set yourself right with the voters of the state by correcting the false statements made, and that you may have personal knowledge of what your committee is doing, for the voters of Iowa rightly hold you responsible.

I have tried to go through this campaign without any friction. I have allowed many of these misrepresentations to go unanswered. But I am sure you and the Democrats generally will agree that patience has ceased to be a virtue. I have no complaint to make against your workers or supporters over the state. They have uniformly been courteous and fair. My complaint is only against you, and your managers in Des Moines who have been responsible for the matters I have referred to.

E. T. MEREDITH.

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF IOWA:

I wish to address just a final word to you. At no time have I entered into personalities, and have not tried to twist the statements of my friends into something more favorable to me than they meant or to make the plain statements of Mr. Connolly's friends say something other than they actually said.

My whole campaign has been based upon the assumption that what the Democrats of Iowa wish is to win this fall, and that they would desire to nominate the man who, everything else being equal, could poll the most votes.

In my own mind I am quite convinced that I can poll at least 30,000 more votes against Senator Cummings than can Mr. Connolly.

I can poll from 2,000 to 2,500 Republican votes in Des Moines that would ordinarily go to Senator Cummings. These are among my personal friends. Mr. Connolly cannot get an equal number of Republican votes in Dubuque, as Dubuque is a Democratic town. Take 2,500 from Senator Cummings and add them to mine and it makes a difference in our totals of 5,000.

Senator Cummings will make his campaign on the price of corn and Argentine Beef. Because of my friendship and connection with agriculture I can get certainly 75 more votes to the county from the farmers than can Mr. Connolly. I have 90,000 subscribers in Iowa, who are my friends, and farmers, Republican farmers, all over the state, have assured me they will vote for me if I am nominated. I am sure it takes no argument to convince any one that if either Mr. Connolly or I can hold the vote of the farmers from Mr. Cummings, I can. If we estimate only 75 to the county, we have 7,500 to the state. Take these from the Republican candidate, and add them to my vote, and it gives us a net difference of 10,000.

My record on Union labor as against Mr. Connolly's I am sure is worth at least 50 votes to the county on an average. Some counties have a very heavy union labor vote. I have always employed union labor, and union labor always knows what a man's record is before they vote. This is especially important. Fifty to the county means 5,000 in the state, and I am sure I can poll 5,000 more labor votes against Mr. Cummings than can Mr. Connolly. Take these away from the Republican vote and it makes a difference of 10,000.

In these three items, on the very conservative basis I have estimated them, my vote is 30,000 stronger than Mr. Connolly's.

That is the only basis upon which I am asking the support of the Democrats of Iowa. We are very likely to need those 30,000 votes.

I do not believe personal friendship should enter into the matter. I do not feel location in the state should enter into the matter. I only hope all my friends will lay aside all such questions and vote for Mr. Connolly, if they consider him the stronger candidate; on the other hand, his friends should be as generous and vote for me if I would be the stronger candidate against Senator Cummings."

While I feel it is not necessary with my friends, I do wish to add that in Des Moines my Democracy has never been questioned. I have done service for the Democratic party long before Mr. Connolly was heard of in Democratic circles. In fact it is a little unbecoming in him, with an experience of two years in state politics (did you ever hear of him before) to criticize me to anyone else, and especially when men like Fred White, Jerry Sullivan, Earl Bronson, Dan Hamilton, W. D. Jamieson and thousands of others are glad to testify to my Democracy."

"If you feel as I do, that I am the stronger candidate against Senator Cummings, I ask your support and call your attention to the fact that the important thing to do is to actually register your preference at the primary, and see that your friends do also."

Yours very truly, E. T. MEREDITH.

COUNTY NEWS

WEST VERNON.

Fred Fish and Elton Eldridge, Charley Eldridge, of Cresco and Ed. Eldridge, of Kansas City, Mo., autoted to West Union last week and visited the Henry and Tine Miller families and other old acquaintances of their boyhood days in that vicinity.

Joe Miller assisted Frank Bouska a couple of days this last week. Willie Peters is assisting Wm. Coughlin with his spring work.

George Burnikel did chores for E. M. Eldridge while he visited at West Union last week.

Henry Hanson called on friends up town Saturday evening.

Don't forget the Chautauqua to be held in Cresco June 17th to 23rd. It promises to excel all former Chautauquas so old and young prepare to come and hear the famous Redpath-Vawter Singers.

Jerry Conway called in our vicinity last week, looking over roads and road working.

The big attraction for our people June 5th will be Spark's world famous shows established for twenty-seven years. Come one, come all to the circus.

Wm. Wilson called at F. A. Miller's one day this week.

Owen Wilson and Joe Crowe assisted Wm. Woods part of this last week with field work.

Fred Fish and son Charley are the proud possessors of a new auto.

Hazel J. Eldridge accompanied her uncle, Ed. Eldridge to Kansas City for a short visit.

Mrs. Jessie Sebastian called on her mother and sister one day this week.

John F. Daley passes through our burg quite often of late attending to his west farm.

Our mail man, Will Fish, is getting a move on mail since he purchased an auto. (Fish don't swim in this vicinity of late.)

Mike Sifka called on his brother Will Sunday morning.

F. R. Bouska is putting an addition on his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferrie autoted to F. A. Miller's Sunday afternoon.

George Ferrie called at Wm. Ferrie's Sunday of last week.

F. A. Miller and George Ferrie called at the Wm. Coughlin home Sunday afternoon.

B. Coughlin left for Chicago Saturday after a few week's visit on his farm.

SCHLEY

Almost everybody in our neighborhood is arranging their work so as to attend the big circus which is to exhibit in Cresco June 5th.

M. A. Derr and Louis Ondrasek attended the dance at Bronner's Thursday night.

Henry Rethamel, Misses Carrie Rethamel and Esther Reinhart were Cresco shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Derr and baby called at the Mike Derr home Sunday afternoon.

John Malek and family autoted to Protivin Tuesday night.

J. W. Chitek and Louis Ondrasek called at the Wm. Jarosh home Saturday night.

Anna Lentz spent last week the guest of her sisters Mesdames John and James Malek.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Derr called at the John Ohmacht home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hooper autoted to Cresco Tuesday.

Misses Esther Reinhart, Carrie Rethamel and Bert Reinhart called at the Fred Rethamel home Saturday night.

Mike Derr transacted business at Cresco Saturday.

Gordon Stander autoted to Cresco Saturday.

Lillian Vrba called at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Degro Friday night.

The Alpine Tyrolean Singers and Yodlers will put on a program at Chautauqua that will furnish plenty of amusement for a week.

ORLEANS.

Geneva Cummins is assisting Mrs. Will Mullen with her house work this week.

Grandma Fuller is quite ill, suffering from a stroke of paralysis last Saturday.

Mrs. Gene Howard and son, called on Mrs. Eddy Sunday.

The dance at Martin Christianson's last Saturday was well attended in spite of the bad weather.

Walton Bros. are busy hauling sand this week.

Willie Cummings worked for Mr. Krumm last Tuesday.

The young people from this neighborhood attended Carpenter's dance in the M. W. A. hall Tuesday night.

Joe Steinmetz and children, Wm. Walton, Willie and Katy, Vera Burgess and Frankie Gardner autoted to Decorah last Saturday, where some of the young folks received their diplomas.

Bert Perry had the misfortune to lose a horse by lightning Tuesday night.

KENDALLVILLE.

F. G. Todd, north of town, has a new Ford purchased this week.

Beulah Peterson is assisting Betsey Peterson in the store this week.

Supervisor Morton was through Kendallville Monday.

We notice that the famous Ben Greet players will put on the "The comedy of errors" at Chautauqua.

Frank Wallace started Wednesday morning for Minnesota to buy land.

Mr. and Mrs. Alson Daskam, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Clink and Mattie Burton attended the H. S. class play at Cresco Monday night.

The weather has been very warm the last few days—fine corn weather. Rev. Meyer was entertained at the W. A. Clink home for dinner Sunday.

For Sale.

Four wick oil stove, lawn mower, also house plants. Robert Phelan.

WALSH'S RACKET STORE WHERE DO YOU TRADE? We wont sell anything in our store that we can't heartily and honestly recommend to our customers. Our patrons know that everything they get in this store is honest value for the money they have paid. SPECIAL COLGATE'S TALCUM POWDER ..... 19c PRICE OUR HAMMOCKS BEFORE YOU BUY WALSH'S RACKET STORE PAY CASH AND PAY LESS

MAPLE LEAF

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wacha autoted to the Adolph Kakac home Monday evening.

John Graf and wife drove to John Wacha's Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Bigley and daughters drove to Saratoga one day last week.

Frank Dushek drove to Cresco Tuesday last.

James Vit and Anna Zobeck called in our vicinity Sunday evening.

Michel Bronner visited at the George Fishbach home Sunday afternoon.

Joe Drtina called at Davis Corners Sunday.

Joseph Wacha and Adolph Kakac autoted to Alta Vista Monday.

John O'Brien was an Alta Vista shopper Monday last.

Mrs. Joe Shimek called at the Frank Zak home Sunday.

Clifford Gibson is staying at the Herpinck home.

Dave Hutton and family spent Sunday with Will Frank and family.

M. Derr called at the Dushek home Sunday evening.

Mary Kennedy, the school ma'am, was a visitor at the Mike Bigley home Thursday.

Joe Wacha and family attended church at Lourdes Thursday.

Frank Roman called on A. Kakac one afternoon of last week.

James Vit called at the Anton Niebauer home Monday last.

Frank Pertle and John Drtina called at the Bronner home Sunday.

Ernest Bartles delivered a bunch of cattle to Mike Bigley one day last week.

Frank Prochaska assisted John Souhara with corn planting last week.

George Fishbach was at Davis Corners Thursday.

Mrs. Tom Shimek called on Mrs. Joe Shimek, Sunday afternoon.

Anton and Frank Roman called on Adolph Kakac, Sunday forenoon.

Many of our people are planning to attend the big Chautauqua at Cresco, June 17th.

Many young people attended the dance at Will Stevenson's, Saturday night, and all report a jolly time.

Frank Prochaska and sisters entertained a large number of their friends, Tuesday evening.

Joseph and Agnes Kubicek autoted to Cresco, Tuesday, to do some trading and also dropped in to see Frank Dvorak who is a patient at Mercy Hospital, and say he is getting along fine.

John Graf and Tom Armstrong called at the Jarosh and Kubicek homes, Wednesday last.

Joe Kubicek and Geo. Zobeck delivered cattle to Mike Bigley Thursday.

Lee Carter was a pleasant caller at the Kubicek's Tuesday.

Mrs. Prochaska and daughter Helen were Cresco callers Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vokaty were callers at the J. Kubicek home Monday.

Mrs. Dave Hutton was a Maple Leaf caller Wednesday.

Johnny Bronner and Albert Henke autoted to George Neiwald's Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kubicek and son Charles and Joe Kakac of Saratoga were entertained at the Adolph Kakac home Thursday.

M. F. Bigley was a business caller in Elma one day lastweek.

Weather Crop Bulletin.

For the week ending May 24, 1914. Des Moines, Iowa.

The past week was warmer than usual, with a slight deficiency of sunshine. The daily excess of temperature ranged from one to four degrees. The rainfall was, up to the time most of the reports were mailed, considerably less than the normal, but the few telegraphic reports received Sunday indicate that copious to heavy showers were quite general Saturday night. The conditions were favorable for field work. The bulk of the corn has been planted, and the late planted is germinating quickly under the effects of warmer weather. The stand is good, but cut and wire worms are doing considerable damage in southern counties. The area planted appears to be fully up to and may prove to be in excess of last year's acreage. Small grain is generally in good condition, but was beginning to show the effect of lack of moisture in many localities, especially in southern districts. A few reports indicate that the Hessian fly is still active in winter wheat, and that some fields have been plowed up on account of the damage done by the fly. Hay, grass and potatoes are doing well, but need more rain. In some sections hay has a tendency to head short, due to lack of moisture. Tree fruits, except apples, give promise of good yields.

School Report

of school taught in district No. 1, Vernon Springs, for the month ending May 22, 1914.

Number days taught, 20. Total attendance in days, 329. Average daily attendance, 16.4. No. cases of tardiness, 18. No. neither absent nor tardy, 4. Those neither absent nor tardy are: Laura DeGroot, Frank DeGroot, Frank Burnikel and Frankie Sifka. BESSIE EATON, Teache.

For Sale.

160 acre farm 22 miles from Kansas City, Mo. This farm is level, not a ditch or stone. Half mile to railroad station. 5-room house, two large barns, all outbuildings; good fences, mostly hog tight. Good orchard. If sold by August 1st, half the crop goes in the sale. Terms on part. For further information see W. F. Mullen, Cresco, Iowa, or write the owner, 3813 T. M. Glass, Savannah, Mo.

Lumber for This House - - - \$521.00 The very attractive living room, with the large bay window, is a feature of this small cottage. Note that entrance is made either into the living room or into the combination dining room and kitchen. This large room, 10x18 feet over all, minimizes the house work, and provides a really pleasant dining room. The building is 34 feet long by 22 feet wide. C. S. ALEXANDER