

A LEGISLATIVE RECORD DEMOCRACY IS PROUD OF

Chairman McCormick Issues a Summary of Democratic Legislative Achievement Never Before Equaled in History

OPPOSITION DARES NOT ATTACK RECORD

Republicans Find Themselves Confined to Criticism of Executive and Policies of the Administration

In a presidential campaign the party in power has the advantage of position—if it has a good record. It can "point with pride," while the opposition can only "view with alarm"; and when the record is a substantial one, sounding the alarm is not too easy a task.

The record of an administration has two sides, the executive and the legislative. In the present campaign the Democratic record of legislative achievement is a notable one. Chairman McCormick, of the Democratic National Committee, has just issued a summary of it, intended for Progressive consumption. It contains a score of items:

- (1) The rural credits act, which permits the farmer the same access to credit facilities that is enjoyed by the other elements of our citizenship.
- (2) The income tax law.
- (3) The federal reserve act, which measures up to the Progressive requirement for "the issue of currency as a governmental function under a system whose control should be lodged with the government and should be protected from domination or manipulation by Wall Street or by any special interest."
- (4) The good roads law, which extends federal aid to road building.
- (5) The trade commission law, which fully satisfied the Progressive demand for a "strong federal administrative commission of high standing that shall maintain permanent, active supervision over industrial corporations engaged in interstate commerce."
- (6) An eight-hour law applying to work done for the government as well as work done by the government.
- (7) An eight-hour law applying to female employees in the District of Columbia, over which Congress has jurisdiction.
- (8) An eight-hour provision for post office clerks and carriers.
- (9) An eight-hour provision applicable to civilians engaged in the

manufacture of ordinance and powder for the government.

(10) An eight-hour provision as to the mining of all coal to be used by the navy.

(11) The children's bureau law to promote the welfare of children and to devise means preventive of the necessities of parents retarding development of the child.

(12) The industrial commission law to investigate the entire subject of industrial relations.

(13) The phosphorus match law to protect the health of workers in the match industry.

(14) The Clayton anti-trust act, embracing the regulation of the issuance of injunctions.

(15) The Department of Labor law, creating a department with a secretary, who shall be a member of the President's cabinet.

(16) The Smith-Lever agricultural education law, which responds to the Progressive demand that measures be taken to lift "the last load of illiteracy from American youth" by "encouraging agricultural education and domestic schools."

(17) The corrupt elections practices act.

(18) Measures abolishing the Commerce Court and authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a physical valuation of railroads.

(19) The Sherwood pension bill, which must meet the Progressive idea of a "wise and just policy of pensioning American soldiers and sailors and their widows and children."

(20) The parcels post law.

This is impressive. Standing on such a record of accomplishment as this, the Democrats are entitled to feel confident. The attack upon their position must be made from another angle. The indications are that it is on the executive acts and policies of the administration that the heavy guns of the Republicans will be brought to bear. But that is another story.

ORGANIZE WILSON LEAGUE EDGAR C. SNYDER SPEAKS

Former State Chairman of the Progressive Party Assists in Forming Aberdeen Woodrow Wilson League Tuesday Night.

Owing to a dark front, the Wilson League meeting at the Bijou Tuesday was not as well attended as it would have been otherwise. Manager Ripley was out of the city, and nobody about the theater knew how to light up the lobby and front. At 8:30 o'clock the door of the operating room was forced and the switch started, but by that time several hundred people had passed thinking the house was closed.

About 100 men and women were present when the meeting was called to order, and the speaker, Hon. Edgar C. Snyder, former State Chairman of the Progressive party, introduced by the chairman, J. J. Carney. Mr. Snyder spoke for more than an hour to an audience that was appreciative, as was evidenced by the frequent applause. As each person entered the hall, he or she received a card expressing a desire to become a member of the Woodrow Wilson League, and 52 of the cards were signed and delivered to the committee at the close of the gathering. A meeting of the League will be held next week to complete the organization, elect officers and outline the work of the campaign.

The address of Mr. Snyder, on "Why I Am Supporting Wilson," was well delivered and well received, and, in part, follows:

"I am supporting President Wilson and feel that all Progressives should support him because of the very fact that we are progressives and have definitely espoused certain principles. It was upon these principles that the majority of the members of the Progressive party found it necessary to leave the Republican party.

"Four years ago Mr. Roosevelt said that the bosses and the special inter-

ests had brought to a shameful end a party that had been organized fifty years before by men in whose hearts burned the fire of lofty endeavor. If he was right then and if the Progressives were right in leaving the Republican party then, they can not be expected to go back now without a clear showing that that old party so shamefully demoralized has profited by the chastening and has been purified and has had rekindled with in it 'that fire of lofty endeavor.'

"For Progressives to go back without that showing would be self-stultification. It would be an admission that they had never been sincere in their progressive professions.

"What are the facts?

"The control of the invisible government over the machine of the Republican party has never been relaxed, but has been strengthened and confirmed. Wherever the Republican party has been dominant during the last four years its record of public acts has been one of retrogression and not of progress. No better example of this need be sought than the showing of our own Republican majority in the last legislature of this state. The flagrantly reactionary legislation then passed would be throttling our liberty as individual voters and our home rule powers as self-respecting and governing communities if we had not fortunately possessed the power of compelling these vicious measures to be submitted to a vote of the people.

"On the other hand, President Wilson has given us a progressive leadership and has done much during the last three years to make effective the essential demands of the Progressive

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FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME



STANLEY

(Elizabeth Evening Times)

ELKS CAPTURE GRAYS HARBOR

Three Thousand Members Are Expected to Attend the Annual Convention

MANY BRING FAMILIES

The Entertainment Committee of Hoquiam Lodge Has Arranged Elaborate Program

Aberdeen and Hoquiam capitulated to the Antlered Herd without firing a shot, and the Best People On Earth are now in complete possession of both cities. The advance guard of Elks, coming to the twelfth annual convention began arriving Tuesday and President Daken and Secretary Blain reached Hoquiam Wednesday morning. Between 2,000 and 3,000 visitors are being entertained by the twin cities, and arrangements had been so well perfected that no confusion has been experienced in caring for the guests. Quite a number of the members are accompanied by their families.

All trains arriving in Hoquiam yesterday were met at the depot by a delegation from the Hoquiam lodge, and the visitors escorted to the Elks Home, where they registered and where rooms were assigned those requiring them, quite a number coming on special trains using the sleepers and dining cars, the trains being parked near the station for that purpose.

The opening session of the convention was held yesterday afternoon, when Frank H. Lamb, chairman of the executive committee, delivered an address of welcome, to which Governor Ernest Lister, of Tacoma lodge responded. At 4:30 there was a concert on Eighth street by the Seattle Saxophone band, and another in the evening on Seventh street by the Hoquiam Elks band. For the evening there was an informal dance at the Pavilion and a social session at Elks Home.

This morning is given over to a business session, followed by the grand street parade at noon. In the afternoon the water sports on the Hoquiam river will provide many thrills for the visitors and numerous novelty features will be introduced. One of the specialties will be a tub race, participated in by a number of entries. Four tubs have been secured from Astoria (built especially for races during the recent Columbia river regatta.

Late Friday afternoon the ladies will be taken on an auto trip around the Harbor, and Friday evening will occur the big pavement dance for which elaborate preparations are being made.

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RAILROAD RATES MAY NOT CHANGE

Portland Expert on Railroad Rates Assures Aberdeen the New Rates Will Not Be Made

MAY SECURE INJUNCTION

The Big Coast Cities Are Looking After the Matter and Prepared to Act if Necessary

According to advices received yesterday, by J. T. Eston, of the Grays Harbor Hardware company, it is by no means certain that the advance in railroad freight rates, expected by local merchants September 1, will become effective on that date or at all. Mr. Eston, who is chairman of the transportation and rate committee of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from a Portland man who has been good authority in the past on freight matters, assuring him that there was no need of the local Chamber's lodging a protest before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which began a hearing Tuesday on the question of revision of freight rates under which it has been understood, Grays Harbor and many other points would lose terminal rates.

"There is not the slightest chance," writes the Portland man, "for these rates ever to become effective. If the Commission grants a suspension (of the present tariff schedule) there is going to be made an attempt to obtain an injunction through the courts, restraining the railroads from putting the rates into effect."

The big cities of the Pacific Coast, all of which are threatened by the proposed freight rate revision, are well represented at the hearing now in progress in Washington, D. C., therefore, as Mr. Eston was glad to learn, the interests of Aberdeen business men also will be well cared for without the necessity of special representation of Grays Harbor interests by the local Chamber.

ANOTHER KEEL LAID

Keel for the steamer Phillis, to be built for Bigsby & Clark of San Francisco, at the Peterson yards, has been laid, taking the place of the steamer Oregon, recently launched. The Phillis will be an auxiliary, 225 feet long, 42 feet beam and 16.6 feet depth of hold. With six steamers building here the payroll of Aberdeen has increased very largely the past few months.

Confirmation of the reports that the apple crop of Eastern Washington is to be smaller than usual, is made by J. B. Haynes, who returned from Wenatchee a few days ago. Mr. Haynes is interested in apple lands in the Wenatchee section.

WANT DAMAGES FOR LOOSE PLANK

Claim Is Filed With City Council for \$3000 Damages for Injuries on Defective Walk

WATER PROJECT REPORT

Weight Limit on Plank Streets Held Up. Might Interfere With Water System Work

At the city council meeting Wednesday night, Engineer Kelsey reported that up to August 1, the expense of building the Wishkah water system had been \$69,111, material costing \$66,739 and construction, \$2,372. Estimates for final costs are: Material, \$174,084; construction, \$217,800; total, \$391,880.

Bids were received for building the east approach to the Hero street bridge from J. J. Irwin and Carl Gylling. They were referred. The work will be done, on recommendation of Kelsey, between 12 midnight and 6 a. m.

Two weeks' vacation under pay, was allowed each of the Heron street bridge tenders, one taking his layoff, the other remaining on duty.

Bids on the Marion street fill and sidewalk from the Independent Sand & Gravel Co. and M. Wilkoneen were received.

A claim for damages in the sum of \$3,000 was filed by N. J. Justice, on account of injuries alleged to have been sustained by wife on the night of July 15, when she stepped on a loose plank on the sidewalk on River street near F and being thrown to the ground three feet below the walk. Justice, who resides at 112 Kansas street, East Aberdeen, presented his claim at the council meeting Wednesday night. He declares that, as a result of the accident Mrs. Justice has been seriously ill and that a child was prematurely born and died. The claim was referred to the city attorney.

An ordinance was introduced prohibiting vehicles or loads whose total weight should be 8450 pounds, from passing over any plank streets except the trestle road in East Aberdeen along the Chehalis river and except the plank city bridges. City fire trucks are exempted. On motion of Councilman A. J. Grant, who was present for the first time tonight after several weeks' illness, and who believed the city itself might get into trouble by operating its auto truck with Wishkah water system supplies, the ordinance was laid over a week.

An ordinance was ordered drawn for improvement of Evans street from Curtis to Cedar by a 16-foot roadway and plank sidewalks, the city engineer's estimate showing it would cost \$2231, the property bearing the cost being assessed at \$2362. On the water committee's recom-

FISHBOURNE DENOUNCES CRITICISMS OF HUGHES

Declares Campaign of Carping Criticism Inaugurated by Candidate Hughes Unworthy of One Seeking High Place

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Compares Acts of Wilson With Words of Hughes. Fault Finding Critic Who Offers No Valid Substitute

TACOMA, Aug. 16.—Declaring that performance, construction and creation are divine attributes, while criticism, destruction, iconoclasm are human frailties, George Fishbourne, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Third district, has issued a statement in which he compares the record of President Wilson with the campaign speeches of Charles E. Hughes, the Republican presidential nominee, and points out that Justice Hughes is seeking to destroy faith in Wilson but offers no valid substitute.

"Mr. Wilson," Fishbourne declares, "translates words into deeds. Mr. Hughes is like a militant agnostic or atheist, he would destroy our faith in Wilson and offer us no valid substitute."

The attitude of both Wilson and Hughes on the Mexican problem is analyzed by Fishbourne, who declares that the policy advocated from the stump by Mr. Hughes would have plunged Mexico into a still bloodier revolution than that which has disrupted the nation since the refusal of Wilson to recognize Huerta.

The statement of Mr. Fishbourne follows:

Mexican Policy.
"Mr. Hughes says, 'Now the correct way was this, if the administration had at the outset said to Huerta, 'We will recognize you if you can perform your international duties.' That was the straight and correct policy.' He concludes that if we had recognized Huerta, all would have been well in Mexico.

"The probabilities are greater that there would have been a still bloodier revolution, because Huerta's tenure of office was based on a double crime, murder and robbery, and not even Justice Hughes can add two wrongs and make them equal to one right; and no government can long endure unless it is founded on the rock of right, instead of being builded on the sands of assassination, robbery and graft. We concede to Justice Hughes only this one point—that there is no limit to the power of the word 'if,' except the human imagination.

"Mr. Hughes says, 'We are now whispering about a tariff commission.' We are not whispering. It is very audible in our 1916 platform, and President Wilson is not satisfied, as were the Republicans in 1908, with using a platform merely as a bear-trap for catching the unwary voter, but will rest contented only when this plank, too, has been converted into the solid structure of United States progressive law, side by side with the planks of the 1912 platform.

"He continues, 'Don't you trust them a little minute with protecting American industry. They haven't got it in their bones, and they go up to it like a skittish horse to a brass band!'

"If he calls the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill or its immediate predecessor 'protection,' he under-states in saying that 'Democrats go up to it like a skittish horse to a brass band'; it is more accurate to say 'Democrats shun it as an honest man does a thief.'

"He then throws to labor this protection bait, too much worn to conceal the hook. 'It is in this way that our laboring men will find the greatest opportunity for increase in wages,' Justice Hughes can say a trite thing with more solemnity than even the proverbial judge.

The "Spoils System."
"Judge Hughes criticizes this ad-

ministration because of its application of the 'spoils system' to the diplomatic service and to the heads of the census bureau and coast and geodetic survey, and proposes as a cure, his election, and that he will have 'government in a business-like way,' and put in charge of every important department men eminently fit to discharge their duties.' President Wilson has put in charge of every department 'men eminently fit to discharge their duties,' and his appointments have been unsatisfactory only to that small group who fought Brandeis so viciously. But for the sake of argument, let us grant as true the facts on which the criticism is based.

"The 'spoils system' means filling presidential appointive offices such as the chiefs of bureaus, assistant secretaries, members of commissions and department of justice, postmasters above the fourth class, revenue collectors, various fiscal officers, diplomats, and a large body of officers having supervisory duties, with members of the dominant political party. It is a system peculiar not to one but to both parties, ever since Jackson originated it in 1829, and the Republicans have been more ruthless in its application than the Democrats. Its supporters contend that to abolish it and substitute civil service would obliterate political parties and make it impossible to carry out party policies, and reduce our government to one of bureaucracy. Its enemies claim that to place so much power in parties invites inefficiency, that a man cannot serve well two such masters as his party and the government, because party would promote where government should fire, and offer a substitute either the extension of the civil service or the creation of a non-partisan or bi-partisan board of government experts to fill all important appointive offices, and promote government employees who deserve it. This latter remedy means a further centralization of power, and is suggested by ex-President Taft. But no one except Judge Hughes has had so little respect for the common sense and sense of humor of the American people as to contend that the evils of the 'spoils system' can be cured by substituting the Republican for the Democratic party. It is as sensible as to try to cure a man of a cold by giving him the yellow-fever.

"To charge the faults of the 'spoils system' to the Democratic party is as just as for a monarchist to blame us with the disadvantages of democracy, as compared with a monarchy.

Comparison of Two Men.
"Mr. Wilson translates words into deeds. Note his speeches about helping humanity, their fulfillment by giving first aid to the farmer with rural credits, to the working-man with the department of labor, the eight hour day on government work, the child-labor law, to merchants with the trade commission, to honest bankers and our financial system at home and abroad with the federal reserve act, and to all the people by saving us from war.

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mendation the council rescinded its action in awarding a contract for 4-inch castiron pipe last week to the Oregon Steel & Iron Works and let it to Crane & Co. The Oregon Steel company could not furnish the pipe in 16-foot lengths as required.

IMPROVING STREET CAR SERVICE

Grays Harbor Railway & Light Co. Starts More Accommodating Time Schedule Next Sunday

Changes in the time schedule of the Aberdeen and Hoquiam car service is announced by General Manager P. A. Bertrand to be effective next Sunday morning. On and after that date the Sunday service will begin earlier, the cars for Aberdeen and Hoquiam leaving the barn at 7:15 a. m. so as to

leave Aberdeen and Hoquiam at 7:30 instead of 8:00.

The Cosmopolis line, on Sunday mornings, will leave the foot of Heron street at 7 o'clock instead of at 7:30, and the Broadway and B street line will leave the end of Sixth street at 7:30 a. m. instead of 8 o'clock. On the Hoquiam extension, the car will leave the end of Monroe street at 7:20 a. m., instead of 8 o'clock.

Commencing tomorrow evening 15 minute service will be continued hour later, the cars leaving Aberdeen and Hoquiam at 10:15 instead of 9:15 as heretofore.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Trinity Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Vaughn on North D street. The gathering was of a social nature.