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UNIMPEACHABLE ENDORSEMENTS

Speaker Champ Clark and Majority House Leader Claude Kitchin Highly Endorse Rucker.

The following letters were handed us this morning and show conclusively that there are few men in congress who have accomplished more than Congressman Rucker:

Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., July 15, 1916.

Mr. J. W. McNinch, Moberly, Missouri.
My Dear Sir:—

Replying to your letter of July 13th, I beg to say that Congressman W. W. Rucker is one of the strong, influential members of the house. His record in congress is that of a loyal, diligent, able, wise and patriotic democrat and legislator. He has been a most helpful and efficient supporter of the big program of constructive legislation of the Wilson administration and the democratic congress, embracing the tariff revenue act, federal reserve act, federal trade commission, anti-trust act, rural credits, warehouse and cotton futures acts, agricultural extension work, Philippine bill, the conservation bills, army and navy bills, corrupt practices act, etc, etc.

As their author, the party and the country are indebted more to Congressman Rucker than to any other man for the constitutional amendment providing for the election of senators by the people and for the corrupt practices act, two of the big measures which commend the party to the approval of the people.

He is regarded by the house as one of the ablest, wisest, and most patriotic legislators.

With assurances of my best wishes, I beg to remain,
Sincerely yours,
CLAUDE KITCHIN.

The Speaker's Room, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., July 15, 1916.

Dr. S. P. Towles, Moberly, Missouri.

My Dear Doctor:

I have your letter inquiring into the standing of Judge W. W. Rucker in the house. He is chairman of one of the biggest committees of the house of representatives and has been for six years, or three congresses, which would seem to be a sufficient answer as to his standing. Men do not get to be chairman of big committees in the house of representatives unless they are able men and good workmen. He is the author of several very important bills and is at this very minute on the floor of the house piloting through a bill which is intended to break up the use of money in politics. That is, the corrupt and unnecessary use. He is universally regarded as a first rate representative.

Yours very truly,
CHAMP CLARK,
—Moberly Democrat.

Mrs. Phil Wittlich and three children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Friesz west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Miller and daughters Misses Almeria and Anna Blair motored to Rothville Sunday for a day with the family of Herbert Miller. Misses Almeria and Anna Blair remained for a longer visit.

If you don't think Rucker will win in a walk, trot over any section of the district and keep your ears open.

Gardner at Brunswick

On his way from Kansas City to Fayette Col. F. D. Gardner, leading candidate for governor stopped off at Brunswick and for nearly an hour Wednesday night addressed a very large crowd considering that the notice of his coming was so short. He left Brunswick for Fayette, stopping over night at Salisbury and meeting many citizens and farmers of the neighborhood. There were nearly a hundred automobiles lined up at the depot at Brunswick to meet the popular candidate, and the Gardner Club had the band out and nearly all its members.

President Bowman of the club introduced the speaker and the the Secretary, Arthur Wallace had number one arrangements perfected for the occasion. To Mr. Wallace is due in large measure the organization of the club and general boosting for Col. Gardner. The illness of Col. Gardner's wife disarranged all his campaign plans for the last two weeks, and what with constant attention to her and after her departure for California doing his best night and day to fill some of his broken dates, the man is pretty well worn out, but his speech at Brunswick was given the closest attention and was all that could be desired.

His explanation of the bank bill which bears his name was convincing, and when he said to the large crowd that if the democratic party of the state felt that there was another among the candidates for governor who could best serve the interest of the people and party, he was more than willing that that man should receive the nomination, he was most appreciated.

To Voters.

From information that has come to me, I believe that a last hour political campaign in the Sheriff's race is to be made through the newspapers this week. As this is the last issue of the papers before the primary, I desire to say that I have made a clean campaign for this nomination. I have not engaged in mud slinging, and will not engage in it. I have made the campaign upon the facts and the truth, believing that I can be of service to the people of the county. I sincerely ask your support, and that you do not be misled by articles put out on the eve of the election.

A. S. Wilks.

Big game is the motto of some of the politicians in Salisbury who never bagged a political rabbit.

Jas M. Bently died at his home in Dalton Wednesday morning and was interred Thursday. Obituary next week.

Why wont a man asking for an office let the people know what he would do if he got it?

Miss Eva Reburn of south of town was the guest of Mrs. Gladys Hereford the latter part of last week.

Ralph Lozier says nothing about Wilson or the policies of the administration. Who knows but that he would start in an insurance if he ever got a start.

Miss Ethelyn Fidler returned home from Kansas City Tuesday morning after a months visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Frances Worsham entertained a number of her friends at a party last Friday evening. Many games were played and all report a fine time.

Randolph county will again repudiate Whitecotton. Watch the returns.

CANDIDATE UNHORSED

Sterling Ewing Escapes Being Injured. Backed Into Automobile. Killed To Relieve

As Sterling P. Ewing, candidate for sheriff was returning to town from the Mike neighborhood Monday evening the horse he was riding became frightened at an automobile driven by Frank Sanders of Oklahoma, near Mike. In a narrow road west of Mike the horse wheeled around in front of the car and in addition to having a leg broken, was so badly scarred otherwise that it was necessary to shoot the horse to put it out of prolonged agony. Mr. Ewing was not hurt. No blame is attached to the driver of the car as the accident could not have been prevented.

A Statement

I feel that my affairs are a matter of little concern to the voters of Chariton County and I hesitate to intrude upon their notice in this way, but I feel that a simple statement of facts should be made since Mr. Roy McKittrick has seen fit to attack me from the platform. I understand from what I consider a reliable source, that Mr. McKittrick in his speeches at Brunswick and other parts of the county made statements to this effect, that some time in 1914 I transferred money that I had in the Salisbury bank to the Glasgow Saving bank for the purpose of evading taxes. This statement, if made by Mr. Kittrick, is absolutely untrue and he knows it. I did not move one dollar from Salisbury to Glasgow or any where else, and the bank record will show it. He also said, I understand, that I sent money to another state for the purpose of evading taxes. This also is false and Mr. McKittrick knows it is false. If any one cares enough about this matter to investigate I ask that information be obtained from banks in question and that no one be imposed upon by the false statements I understand Mr. McKittrick has been making.

Very truly,
Edward H. Hamilton.

Judge Rucker will be the next congressman from this district and a few who are fighting his nomination will benefit by the office remaining in the county, little as they deserve to.

Miss Kathrine Sigloch entertained her graduating class with a theatre party Monday night. After the theatre the party enjoyed refreshments at the Sigloch cottage and the guests were much pleased with the entertainment.

Yes, it is conceded that every voter has the right to support the candidate of his choice and it will also be conceded that any man has the right to be an ingrate and vote for the opponent of a candidate who has favored him all his life. Let such take the concessions and make the most of them.

Andy Binford is here from Chicago on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Thomas Binford. Andy is getting stout.

Mrs. Roy Cropper and daughter Mary Vaughan arrived for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cropper Sunday.

Miss Carrie Wheeler returned home from Chillicothe where she has been visiting her young friend Miss Fields. Miss Carrie intimates that she will have some Chillicothe beaux down this way soon.

Loziers Campaign

Hon. Ralph Lozier, candidate for congress and the fourth victory of Whitecotton, has made a canvas of this county by speech-making as he has of each of the other counties in the second district. The speeches, carefully prepared and rehearsed until he has them letter and gesture perfect, or rather the speech, for he has but the one and it is the same he started with except in the particular of the Hale episode. The story that he supported Col Hale against the nominee of the democrats of this district, was first told about a month ago in a letter from one of the old friends of the Lozier family to the Paris Mercury. The father of Mr. Lozier's campaign manager, Mr. Conklin, the author of the letter, adheres to his assertion and the son, Newlan Conklin, says it is not true. Ralph Lozier states everwhere that he did not vote for Col. Hale, but no where that we have heard him speak has he ever denied that he supported Hale, the reason given by him for not voting being that he was not old enough to vote, and in proof of that claim, he carries with him all his life insurance policies and a copy of the record in an old family bible which has been destroyed, the date of his admission to the bar and a 42 minute address, all the data being prepared by Lozier himself. The speech is divided, first about ten minutes being devoted to the war and other extraneous subjects, 40 minutes to his spotless life 45 minutes to establishing his democracy and 30 minutes to repeating that his opponent has held office for thirty years and it is Loziers time to get in and hang on as long as he can. The matter of the twelve years which Rucker is charged with for being prosecuting attorney and circuit judge together with the next two years in congress, goes to make up the thirty year record to which Lozier has objected to for the first time. Just why Mr. Lozier feels privileged to reflect on the demerit of voters of this county for electing judge Rucker to a county office any number of times the party wished him to serve, or why he centures the democracy of the congressional district for naming the judge so often to represent it when he himself has been a party to the awful thing as he pretends to regard it now, is apparent.

No where or at any time has Ralph Lozier said a word in commendation of President Wilson, intimated that he a supporter of the administration or in the faintest way given the people he has addressed to understand what he would have done that judge Rucker has not done or not have done what Judge Rucker has done. If Lozier should win, he would go to congress without a single pledge concerning what he stands for. He would be at liberty to support or oppose any measure which President Wilson or the democrats in congress put forth. He has uttered not a single word in his speech which commits him to anything. Why does he not say and let the people he expects to vote for him, know where stands? Has he something up his sleeve which would kill his chances everywhere if he exhibited it to the people? It is the first time in the history of this district that any man has gone before the people and asked them to make him one of the lawmakers, for the nation unpledged to anything. If he should be elected it will be the first time in the history of the country that a man has been sent to act as he pleased after

FAITHFUL ABSENT

Republican Candidate Non Est. Doleful Campaign Song. Faded Faith.

Under the leadership of republican boss of Sullivan county, Lenny Baldrige, there were three cars of Sullivan county Swanger boosters in town Wednesday. They had made the rounds of the western part of the district and were on their way home. Hon. F. C. Sasse piloted the boosters from Brunswick to this city and introduced the only speaker, prosecuting attorney Painter of Sullivan county who said that he was sure that Swanger would be nominated and in a lower voice that he would be elected.

Hon. Jno. E. was not along as advertised he would be, but then candidates for all state offices got their wires crossed during the past week. Nothing doing for Mr. Swanger down this way. Judge Lammis the man for the nomination and he will get it and then get the fixins put on himself proper.

he got to Washington. It is too late to regulate him after he is elected and Mr. Lozier should outline some of his views on national questions before he makes a request for votes. Leaving out of the argument the presumption Lozier exhibits in coming to this county and asking voters to pass over to him an office held so honorably by one of our citizens without offering some excuse better than merely wanting our man put out to let him in, there there is good ground for viewing his aspiration with considerable suspicion. Yes, suspicion, for he is groomed and directed and we believe, controlled by Jim Whitecotton who is in evidence in this county in various forms, backing the Lozier campaign—Why? No denial of Whitecotton's right to swarm about over the district in the interest of whom he desires to support, but when he has been at it for years and is still active against Rucker in favor of any one he can persuade to run, we reiterate, suspicion is well placed. Mr. Loziers entry into the race was at the instance of Whitecotton and a few who wanted post offices they could not pretend to fill properly and so did not get them. The active ones against Rucker in this county and there are few, must surely expect to get from Lozier what Judge Rucker refused. Otherwise, why the sacrifice of time and treath against the distinguished home candidate? Judge Rucker has been most careful to recommend no one for public place who was not competent. If some of those he refused to recommend are to be favored by Lozier because of their support, in several places in the district as well as in this county the public service will get its first backset in years. Is it animosity against Rucker or hope of getting a salary as figurehead in some appointive office that is actuating some of the vicious electioneering against him? So far as local aspirants for the place Judge holds are concerned, they or there may be but one, may feel that it would be better to defeat the judge with some man outside the county, having no chance whatever against him in this county, but will still assist the district in taking care of itself and permit no political calamity.

Mrs. Herchel Davis and children returned home from Salisbury Friday after a weeks visit with friends and relatives.

To Voters of Chariton County:

If I have been denied the opportunity of seeing you during my canvass for Representative of this County, I want you to know that this failure to do so is the result of conditions over which I had no power.

I dare say there is not a candidate in this campaign who will see all the voters. In the number of unseen voters will be some of my oldest and best friends.

As the rest of my time will be taken up in speaking, I will not be able to give more time to the individual voter.

I believe it is peculiarly desirable that the position of candidates for law making offices be known to the people, and to that end will say that I shall, if elected, vote for no bill which would take away from the people the right to pass on any question: that I favor convict labor on the public roads; that I believe that navigation of the great Missouri river should be encouraged in every possible way; that corporations should be regulated both with reference to a fair return on the Capital invested and the interests of the public; that extravagant expenditures should be discontinued and the revenue show a surplus without increase of taxation instead of a shortage. Let my opponents enlighten voters on what they have as an excuse for asking for the nomination at the hands of the democrats of this county. That I could not see and tell you your consideration and support are desired and valued, is my only regret.

Very respectfully yours
Frank William Hill

Denial of False Reports.

When my late husband, P. R. O'Brian died in the fall of 1914 the county committee placed Robert Hurt's name on the ticket to fill out the unexpired term. When he became sheriff he entered into an agreement with me that he would deduct \$35.00 per month from the earnings of the office as his salary and pay the balance of the fees collected over to me to meet the obligations of my husband. This agreement had been suggested at the time the committee appointed him. Just on the eve of the primary election word has come to me that some persons, evidently desirous of injuring the candidacy of Robert Hurt are circulating the report that he has collected and kept all the fees of sheriff's office during the time that he has served.

I am sure that this story is being circulated maliciously and I am writing this letter that the democratic voters of Chariton county may know that this story is absolute untrue and to say that Robert Hurt has dealt fairly with me in every particular. Every dollar that has been earned by the sheriff's office had been paid over to me as soon as it was collected and I have paid Robert a salary of \$35.00 per month as was the original agreement.

I trust that the voters of this county will not be influenced by the wickedly false report that is being circulated to the contrary.

Respectfully,
Mrs. P. R. O'Bryan
Keytesville, Mo. July 24, 1916

Dave Munich had his preliminary hearing at Mike Tuesday and was bound over to circuit court, bond being fixed at \$1000.

Miss Mary Binks Lamkin returned to her home at Lawson Saturday after several weeks most pleasantly spent among friends of her younger days.