

ELY SAYS THAT HE WOULD REFUSE NOMINATION AT MACHINE HANDS

Declares He Will Be the Republican Nominee for Governor of New Mexico—Asserts That He Wants to See Phelps-Dodge Company Pay Taxes—Thinks Clancy Will Be Nominee for the U. S. Senate.

By GUTHRIE SMITH.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 21.—The life of the state is long, and its development is of vastly more importance than the gratification of the desires of any individual, or set of individuals.

state central committee, and an announced candidate for governor.

"What is your judgment as to the outlook, as to your prospects?" Mr. Ely was asked.

"I am satisfied with the outlook," he replied. "I am going before all the people on a platform for equal taxation. I want to see all compelled to pay taxes fairly and impartially, with no favoritism shown to the wealthy corporations or to individuals who have money and political influence.

Wants Phelps-Dodge Company Taxed. "I want to see the Phelps-Dodge combination forced to pay taxes on its enormous holdings. The Chino Copper company is now escaping taxation on property which is practically as great as the assessed valuation of all the livestock in the state. This great company is now paying on \$1,000,000, while the property actually is worth \$1,000,000.

Believes He Will Be Nominated. "Do you mean to say that you will have more delegates than any of the so-called leading or principal candidates?" he was asked.

"I do," he replied. "My estimate is that Secundino Romero will be first, our movement will be second and H. O. Bursum will be third. When our state convention abolished the unit rule, a great deal was done to help my candidacy.

Delegates to Be Divided. "We will profit largely by the possibility of a division of the delegations. The Herald quotes an Albuquerque Republican as saying that he would have no more than his home delegation of Luna county. If I guess correctly the identity of the man who made that statement, I have to say that he must believe my support is growing, for a month ago he did not concede even the Luna county delegation to me.

"I should not have the nomination, if I might have it without spending a dollar, and without turning my hand over, at the hands of Spira, Springer, Hubbell, Gilchrist, and the gang, as they call it, and their puppet. I would not be their governor, serving their interests and working under their control, after serving two years or four years, they would send me to the United States senate. I would not consider such

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A deal at all. I would rather go back to Durango, and go broke, as I did do.

"If Bursum is nominated, there will be a progressive candidate nominated for governor to run in opposition to him. By Progressive I do not mean those people who delegate their work and efforts to advancing and promoting new theories, but the New Mexico people who want to see their affairs wrested from the control of the machine and the machine politicians. Personally, Bursum is a likable fellow—big, free-bearded and individually honest. I firmly believe that if by making a heavy personal sacrifice, Bursum could help the state—he would be glad to make the sacrifice. If it is true that in the last campaign he was vigorously assailed for the influence of another, and that he let the people assume he was guilty, in order to protect a friend, then I say that he erred in his judgment, for the sympathy or friendship that may be due to one man ought not to be allowed to outweigh the best interests of the whole of the great state of New Mexico.

Bursum's Vision Clouded. "That is just the trouble with Bursum—his vision is clouded, he is affected with political astigmatism, so to speak. There has been talk about the 12 or 15 miles of pipe line that he built. That pipe line itself is inadequate, but it is the biggest thing he has accomplished. There his imagination ends. There is not one single act of the legislature to be credited to Bursum, that is constructive or that helps the whole state. The 'Bursum tax bill' is as bad as it can be, and a good bill will have been passed with Bursum's support. He has no positive strength, because in 16 years he has accomplished nothing of a positive influence for good.

Republicans Need 20,000 Votes. "We—the Republicans—will need to poll at least 20,000 votes to win in this election, and we cannot win unless we have good men on the ticket. I believe that this election will show at least 15,000 independent voters, men who will cheerfully scratch their tickets in order to vote for candidates pledged to the support of right principles, without reference to party affiliations. The native or Spanish-American can vote really is more independent than the American. The race issue is not a real issue, but the rank and file of the Spanish-American voters, but by the American worker, who seeks

ARGUMENTS FOR GOVERNOR PHELPS-DOGE COMPANY NOMINATED HIM

Is a Receptive Candidate, He Admits, But Thinks Bursum or Romero Will Be Given the Nomination; Catron Getting Stronger With Voters, With Powerful Influences Working For His Nomination.

By GUTHRIE SMITH.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 21.—William G. Sargent, auditor of the state of New Mexico and mayor of the city of Santa Fe, is being discussed as the probable "dark horse" of the Republican state convention. This talk is being heard from Socorro to Santa Fe and farther north, but how much farther, has not yet been investigated. In Socorro county, one Republican went so far as to declare that Sargent might have the nomination for governor, if he would only make an active campaign, regardless of the aspirations and plans of Holm, Bursum, of Socorro, and Secundino Romero, of Las Vegas. It is said upon excellent authority that Sargent's home county of Ilo Arriba will instruct its delegation for him for governor.

"You would not decline the Republican nomination for governor, would you, Mr. Sargent?" I asked him in his office in the capitol building.

"I would not," he replied. He smiled, too.

Thinks Bursum or Romero. "On my trip that I am making, I have heard your name mentioned repeatedly, as one who, as a compromise candidate, would be able to unite opposing forces," I told him. "Are you a candidate?"

"I am not seeking the nomination," he said. "My opinion is that the nomination should go either to Bursum or Romero. I do not intend to get into the race for the nomination."

"It is true, though that you are a receptive candidate—is it not?" "Well, I would not have announced even that strong, but I am willing to receive the nomination, if I can get it, sense, I am a receptive candidate. Yes, I am a receptive candidate."

Second Term as Mayor. "While Rio Arriba county still is counting its votes, he lives in the city of Santa Fe. He has a large following in this section of the state, and is well liked by the Spanish-American voters. In the event of a deadlock between the Bursum and Hubbell forces, many Republicans hold that it would not be difficult to compromise upon Sargent."

He was elected in April to serve his second term as mayor of the city of Santa Fe. His majority over Tom Duran was nearly 200 votes. Two years ago he defeated R. L. Baca by more than 300 votes. Baca was the speaker of the house of the first state legis-

lature and was nominated for mayor by the Progressives and Democrats. He was affiliated with the Progressive party at that time.

The Democratic Race. Little light is being shed on the Democratic race for the nomination for governor, The Democrats are wholly at sea as to whether or not governor McDonald will seek re-nomination. Nearly all of them believe that he can have the nomination, if he tries for it. In the absence of any sign or indication from him, the people of the party can only guess at his plans, and the vast number of them admit frankly that they do not know. Even those who are thought to be closest to him do not know whether he will be a candidate.

The Republicans, on the contrary, appear to believe there is no doubt that he will be a candidate. The source of their information is not given, but it is said to be of the "inside" variety.

From Democratic and Republican sources it is given out that the Pecos valley is supporting him for re-nomination.

John W. Poo and Judge Granville A. Richardson, both of the Pecos valley, are not candidates, so far as announcements go, but they have been urged to run. Either would likely receive the support of the Pecos valley delegations, in preference to governor McDonald.

Raton Mayor May Run. There is not yet any binding statement as to the candidacy of Dr. J. J. Shuler, efficient official, but he cannot afford to make the race for the nomination, or afterward. Some of his friends here and in Raton are convinced that this decision is final, that he will not make the race. Others are hopeful that he will reconsider and finally will enter the race.

He is generally regarded here and to the north, as a man who would make a strong race, and, if elected, make a capable, efficient official. He won a notable victory in Raton, in the water works controversy, and his friends declare he could continue to achieve victories on a much larger scale. He himself says the controversy over the water at Raton was not political.

Catron May Succeed Himself. "Senator Thomas B. Catron is now gaining strength in his effort to be re-nominated," said a Republican who lives in Santa Fe and has been a student of New Mexico politics for more than 30 years. "This is not so much on account of anything that Catron himself is doing, as that powerful influences are at work for him. It be-

lieves to profit by such feeling, and by some of the small, unscrupulous leaders among the Spanish-Americans.

Liquor Question. The liquor question is one which is likely to play an important part in this campaign. I have not heretofore been asked a question that it is the best thing, when one states, passes a prohibition, without the distilleries and breweries, having their products to dispose of, make all the more active campaigns in the state, who have people who want the state to matter, what laws may be passed. They advertise all the more energetically and continue to advertise, are destroying our boys and our homes, and the people want to amend their constitution in this particular, I think they ought to have the residue of voting upon a question, that, if a majority want prohibition, they may have it.

Clancy for Senator. "Neither Catron nor Hubbell will be the nominee for the United States senate," Ely replied in answer to a question as to this office. "Frank W. Clancy, now attorney general, will be the nominee for this office. He is the logical man for the place; he is equipped and prepared; he is fearless in the discharge of his duty, and he will be the nominee of the party."

Those who have been reading this series of articles will recall in their memories that Clancy had felt there was a call for him to go to the senate, and had got out a number of feelers and inquiries among his friends. These are the only two instances where this belief has been encountered.

Roberts to Be Renominated. Chief Justice Clarence J. Roberts will be a candidate for re-nomination to the supreme bench. He has said to me that he would accept the nomination, if he would not entertain the thought," Ely continued. "I think he will be nominated by the convention. I do not believe that O. A. Larranor's claims for this nomination will be favorably considered by the convention. I cannot say as to whether he will be nominated for attorney general. To be frank, I really do not know who will be the nominee for this office.

"Machine workers are trying to do a mischief candidacy as a joke, not to be considered with any seriousness whatever. Possibly they are right, but I declare I have too much respect for the machine to believe that. I am hopeful that when the roll call of the delegations begins in the convention, these machine workers will be compelled to open their eyes to the fact that a new day is dawning in New Mexico, unpleasant though it may be for them. The might of the right of an intelligent people must prevail."

LOCAL OFFICIALS ONLY CAN ENFORCE SUNDAY LAWS

Austin, Tex., May 21.—Letters, most of them unsigned, are being received by the controller's department advising that the Sunday law is being violated, that the saloons are required to observe the law while pool halls, moving picture shows and confessions are permitted to remain open on Sundays.

The writers want the controller to take action in the premises. In this connection controller Ferrell says he has nothing to do with the enforcement of the Sunday laws, that being left to local authorities. In the event the saloons do not observe the law, prosecutions, the controller says he can do nothing to relieve the situation.

MINNESOTA IS VOTING ON CUMMINGS AND WILSON

St. Paul, Minn., May 21.—With good weather conditions and an unusual interest awakened in the primary election campaign, an especially large vote was expected over the state of South Dakota today.

The name of senator Albert B. Cummings of Iowa, appeared unopposed on the Republican presidential preference primary ballot, as did that of president-elect Woodrow Wilson. It was expected that many voters have declared their intention of voting in the name of Roosevelt.

ARMY SURGEON ENDS LIFE; ANOTHER DIES AT SAME TIME

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Punishment was meted out today for Col John J. Phillips, United States army medical corps, who, Monday shot and killed himself at an army hospital in England. He had been in poor health since he fell down an elevator shaft 18 months ago.

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