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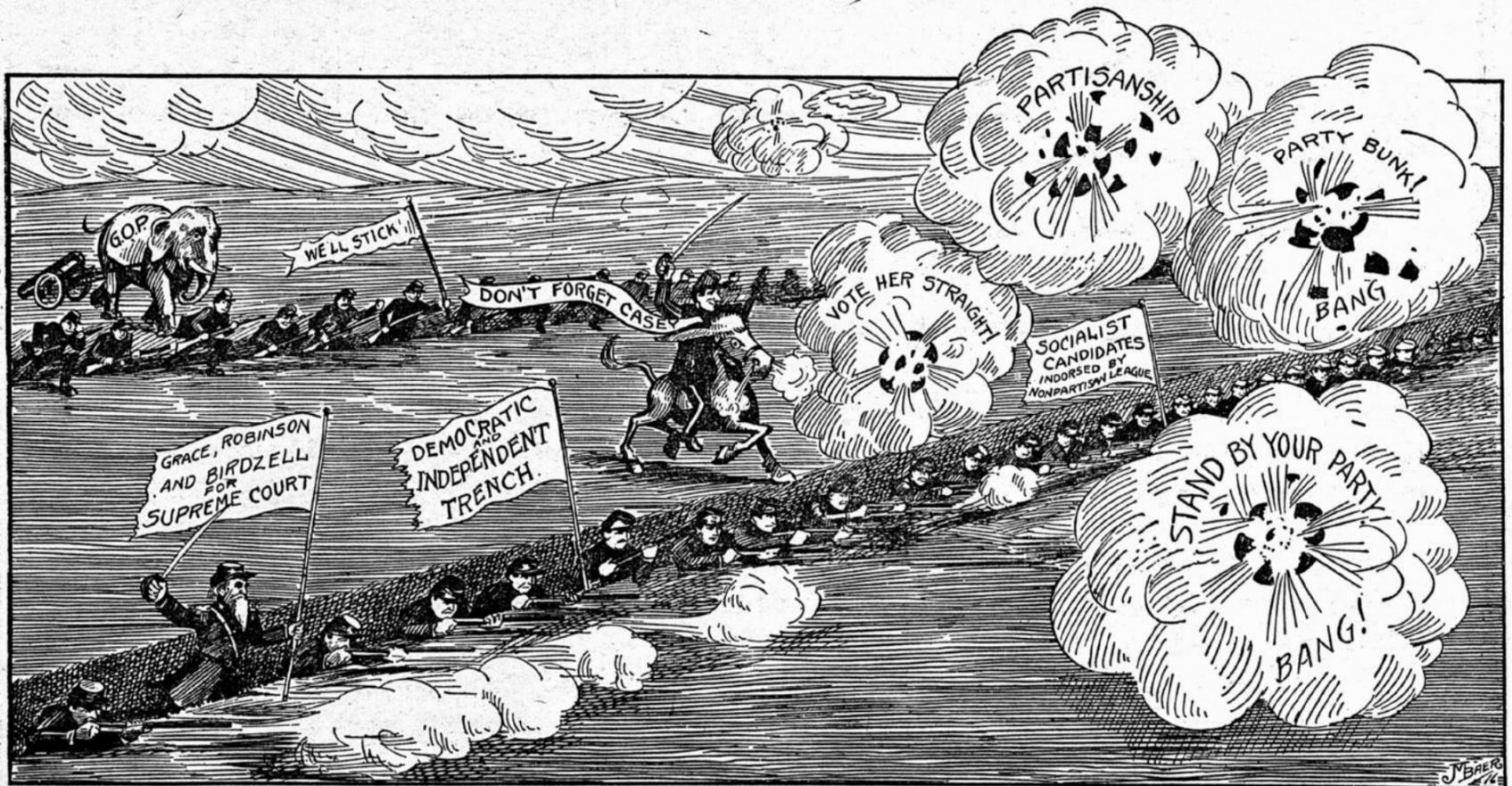
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Meeting the Enemy Face to Face

The big battle is only a few days away. The artillery is thundering in preparation for the assault. The men are in the trenches waiting for the order to charge.

The result depends on two things: the "morale" of the troops and the state of preparation for the crucial day.

We told you last week about some of the things it is worth while to remember as we approach this crucial battle of the ballots, the general election which comes next Tuesday—November 7.

We pointed out to you then that some of the men on the people's side in this fight may be said to be in the first line trenches. That means that they must bear the brunt of the attack, that they must meet the enemy face to face. The artist's picture helps to bring this a little nearer and to make it a little plainer.

This battle that takes place next Tuesday is going to be easy for some of the men on the people's side. Frazier, your candidate for governor, for instance, will win easily. Nearly everybody is going to vote for him. Republicans and Democrats alike realize that he is a man who will be an honor to the position and will make one of the best governors the state ever had. There are other candidates who are practically unopposed. They will ride triumphantly over what little opposition can be mustered against them. We want them to do that, of course. We'll help them do it. We'll help to pile up for them big and impressive majorities, that the state will remember for many years to come.

But, besides this, there's something more important.

Big Business has concentrated his forces for an attack on the weak part of your line.

Big Business is determined to break through. He will break through unless you concentrate your forces to oppose him.

Don't underestimate the danger. It is great. It is menacing.

Look out for your exposed positions. Reinforce your first line trenches at the points where they are weak. Be ready to stand back of the men who must do the hard fighting. Be ready to send help to the weak part of the line.

These are the points of danger in your line—and they are vital points: The supreme court, the state treasurership and the legislative districts where you have nominated men on the Democratic ticket and men who will run in the "Individual Nominations" column.

There's good generalship in the camp of the enemy. For weeks past the weak part of your line has been under a constant bombardment and you haven't given it the attention that you should.

Bombs are bursting over this line today. They are gas bombs, filled with the poison vapor of partisanship.

One of your greatest perils is the party spirit bomb, whose object is to drive away support from the Independent candidates you have named and from those running on a minority ticket.

If you were to go trailing along after Frazier and his running mates on the Republican ticket, shouting for the "G. O. P.," and forget Casey and the others who are fighting a close battle, it would be a foolish act and a sorry spectacle.

Your support of the weak spots in your line is the test of your faithfulness to the League and to everything it stands for. Do you intend to desert