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AUSTIN DID NOT KNOW HIS MAN

Therefore He Solicited a Campaign Subscription From a True Blue Democrat

WHO DID NOT FALL FOR THE SOFT REQUEST

The Tennessee Congressman Who is Soliciting Funds in Order that Senator Reed and Congressman Booher Shall Be Defeated and President Wilson Sent to the Rear, Made a Serious Mistake When He Failed to Look at His Blue Book and Asked Billy Graham to Help Defeat the Men Whom He Respects and Admires.

The Republican slush fund solicitors will make mistakes, no matter how shrewd they are, and in so doing they will uncover their hand. That the only hope of the Republicans is to buy the election has long been conceded by all thinking men, for they never can win it any other way; therefore they must add to the already available \$3,500,000 fund which they now have had contributed by the interests in order that they may add to their purchasing power—their only show and hope for success.

And while they are doing this, as previously stated, they are bound to make mistakes. This is only too well shown when R. W. Austin, Republican member of congress from Tennessee, wrote a personal letter to our own William P. Graham and asked him to dig up some dough in order to elect the man who has no issue and does nothing except scold and find fault.

Every person who has lived in St. Joseph for thirty days knows that Billy is a Democrat of the old school, but Austin does not seem to have found it out. It will be noticed in Austin's letter, which follows, that the principal effort of the G. O. P. is to elect a house and senate, figuring, of course, that Hughes will be elected. The idea is to elect a house and senate and then to juggle with the tariff and undo the great laws for the benefit of the people which the last congress passed and made into law. Now just read Austin's letter, written on Republican national committee stationery, and see how happy Billy Graham felt when he received it. It is needless to say that so far his contribution has not gone forward. Here is Austin's plaint:

Please Dig Billy
Mr. W. P. Graham,
St. Joseph, Mo.

My Dear Mr. Graham:
I have been asked by the national republican congressional committee to write you frankly regarding a movement we have on at this time looking to the election of a Republican senate and house at the November election.

At the 1914 election a change of from 33 to 960 votes in 32 different congressional districts would have given us control of the present house by 29 majority. In two states a change of but a few votes would have given us two additional United States senators. That we will take no chance that it will be so close again, we are organizing now in over 200 close congressional districts.

To effectively do so we will need to raise considerable money. The committee has decided that it will endeavor to finance the coming campaign by calling on friends to contribute who feel as we do, that the election of a Republican majority in both branches of congress is of sufficient importance for them to assist us.

The committee would appreciate an individual contribution from you to assist in carrying out this work. We can only succeed by securing the co-operation of those friends who are interested in our success. I am sure Mr. Graham, you feel the importance of being able to pass such tariff and other constructive legislation as will be necessary to the betterment of general business conditions. I am taking the liberty of enclosing one of our contribution blanks which we trust you can fill out and return to our Washington office.

Very truly yours,
R. W. AUSTIN,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Big Business Done the Holdup
Who held up the country? The ninety leading railroad companies who realized 45 per cent increase in net earnings for the first half of 1916 and refused to give their men any share in the prosperity unless the president would guarantee the companies an increase in freight rates. The holdup was attempted by the Buccaneers of Big Business, and congress called their bluff.—Nodaway Democrat-Forum.

HOW TO HELP

The Way that You May Assist to Perpetuate Your Own Prosperity

Democrats who have been contemplating scratching some of the candidates on their ticket, if any such there really are, may not learn until too late that they have been ambushed by the enemy.

There is no disaffection among Democrats as to the record made by President Wilson. It is assumed that all Democrats will vote and work for him with all their zeal and all their influence. Not one who votes for him will be doing the president a favor by doing so unless he votes also to provide the president with the working machinery that will enable him to carry out the comprehensive plans he has outlined for putting the people in command of their government, and for keeping the hands of avarice from the people's throats.

If a Republican congress should be elected, it will, if the party is not believing its purpose, undo the good things that Wilson and congress have done, and repeat many of the obnoxious processes that four years ago made the Republican party a repugnant institution. For whatever that is good for the people President Wilson may stand, that will a Republican congress be against. For whatever that is evil for the people that may be opposed by the president a Republican congress will diligently strive.

What is said here in reference to congress may be said with equal truth concerning the state government. Republican triumph in this state will inevitably mean a backward march in the progress that has been made in the past four years, and a bulwarking of a national organization that is the avowed enemy of Democratic government.

Appeal is made to the friends of the president to not only help re-elect him, but to also help him do the splendid things he says he wants to do. It would be a poor privilege indeed to be a Democratic president and be unable to do things for the people which so sterling and sturdy a Democrat as President Wilson wants to do.

If the citizen approves of the great program of legislation which congress has enacted during the past four years, it would be the act of a dolt for him to vote against a continuance of that congress in power at Washington. To be fair he must vote for Democrats, in preference to Republicans, for congressmen and senators. No man who now refuses support to Woodrow Wilson's Democratic program is likely to ever hereafter command much confidence and respect as a member of the party of which President Wilson is the standard bearer. And such men will be far outnumbered by former Republicans who have been won by the quality of government given by the president and congress and by a business administration of our state affairs.

THE LAMM SLAUGHTER

That Was About all that There Was to that Great Republican Rally Tuesday Night

After all of the noise and bluster after all of that hiring of and parade of bands—after all of that chartering of special interurban cars and special automobiles—after all of that newspaper advertising and the promiscuous parade of advertising bands and the expenditure of many a good misonable for fence and billboard advertising—that great Lamm rally—in other words, that of its boosters—was really but the leading of the Lamm to the slaughter in November.

From the prodigious preparations that had been made for weeks by the silk stocking contingent of the G. O. P. (the cottons somehow not feeling well or having a bad stomach not taking part), the public had been led to believe that there would be something out of the usual taking place in St. Joseph Tuesday night when Lamm and his Missouri knocking aggregation would be here—and there was—for the whole city of St. Joseph was treated to the spectacle of a candidate

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WILL YOU HELP TO RE-ELECT OUR GREAT PRESIDENT WILSON?

Will You Be One to Help to Continue in Effect His Known Wise and Benificent Policies?

Do You Not Feel That He Has Done a Great Work for You and Yours?

Do you want Woodrow Wilson re-elected president of the United States?

Do you want peace and continued prosperity instead of trouble and possibly war?

Do you want to see the United States go steadily forward and be a home of peace and contentment for yourself, your children and future generations?

Do you want to see the great policies which have been promulgated and made into law under the administration of President Wilson continued?

Do you want to help to keep in power a president and a



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congress which is for America first, last and always, and which means so much for you?

Do you want to help to defeat the special interests which propose to BUY the next election and place in power an administration which will undo the beneficent laws which a president who loves his country and a congress which also felt that regard for you (which is your due) but which previous Republican congresses had never recognized because of their control by special interests had refused you?

If you do, The Observer wants you to join its DOLLAR CLUB. It wants you to send it A DOLLAR, which it will at once remit to the national committee, who need funds with which to fight the great battle—the battle of the people—and help the cause at a critical period.

The Observer will acknowledge in its next issue in its Roll of Honor, all contributions, and Treasurer W. W. Marsh of the National Democratic Committee will send you a personal acknowledged certificate of receipt of your contribution for the people's good.

The time is short—your help is needed. Send, or bring your dollar at once. This applies to all friends of the great cause all over this territory. We welcome and will acknowledge subscriptions from all over the territory adjacent to St. Joseph—only GET THEM HERE.

Send your check, or your money order, or the cash, to The St. Joseph Observer, Board of Trade Building, St. Joseph, Mo., and help the great cause.

M'DANIEL INDICTED

The Grand Jury Returns a Bill and the Public Prosecutor is Released on Bond

Tuesday noon the grand jury which has been in session for nearly two weeks returned an indictment against Oscar D. McDaniel, charging him with the murder of his wife, Harriet Moss McDaniel. The prosecuting attorney was at once brought into court, where through his attorneys, Messrs. Strop, Porter and Gabbert, he entered a plea of not guilty and was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

On Wednesday forenoon he was again brought before Judge Ryan, the question of bond was brought up, after his case had been set for hearing

Oct. 18. Special Prosecutor Lockwood argued against the motion for bail, but Judge Ryan ruled that under previous precedents he would admit the accused to bail in the sum of \$50,000, which was promptly given, the sureties being James H. McCord, Dr. C. R. Woodson, R. M. Abercrombie, W. P. Fulkerson, W. W. Head, J. H. McClanahan, William Boyer, William H. Faucett, W. True Davis, C. A. Cook, Elliott Spalding, S. S. Shull, Orestes Mitchell, Zeb Brown, D. L. McDaniel and E. Pasley McDaniel.

The defense stated that it would be ready for trial on the date set.

What G. O. P. Stands For
"Pa, what does G. O. P. stand for?" "It means Grave of Progressives, my son."—Nodaway Democrat Forum.

THE REPUBLICAN PLEA

The Appeal that the Grand Old Party Has Sent Out to the Voters

To the Voters of the United States:

We, the Republican party, being at our wits' end and desperate, put it up to you:

For nearly four years now a Democratic administration has been in power. Contrary to every law of reason, every principle of progress; the country is at peace and alive—nay, humming with prosperity. Business is rushing. Wages are high. The only discontent is the discontent of those who are reaching for bigger chunks of plenty.

We are flabbergasted. All this has happened during a period when the rest of the world has been agog, when international crisis were impending on all sides, when we would have sworn only Republican statesmanship could put the nation through.

No war has engulfed us. No panic has paralyzed us. No nation has with impunity continued to infringe upon our rights.

We can't deny what has been done. All we can do is take our oath we could have done it better. How, we do not know. If only we said it loud and long enough we hoped the country would believe us.

But the country is busy and our voices grow hoarse. We are having a hard time.

Woodrow Wilson has nothing to show us but what he has accomplished. He has none of the glamour of what-might-be. We, on the contrary, have our old promises and policies mellowed by age, but still bearing the stamp of the nation's sold interests: Protection, privilege, government by influence—surely the country has not given them their last trial.

Wall street is with us. Big business is with us. But, oh voters, we confess it, we need you. Don't keep looking at the peace and prosperity around you. Try to get our point of view. What ever Wilson has done, the man is a Democrat, and neither federal government nor federal offices were meant to be forever in such hands.

Let's forget issues and talk as friends. Turn him out and give us a chance.

UPHELD BY COURT

Right of Scientists to Treat Disease Without License Upheld by New York Court of Appeals

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Rights of Christian Scientists to treat persons afflicted with disease without obtaining a license to practice medicine are clearly set forth as a principle of state law by the court of appeals today. The only qualification is that Christian Science practitioners, in the treatment of bodily ailments, must conform to the tenets of the Christian Science church.

The decision even goes so far as to say that the provision of the state law legalizing the almost unrestricted treatment by Christian Science "is stronger than the provision of the constitution of this state which permits the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship without discrimination or preference."

The opinion, written by Judge Chase, was concurred in by all of the six sitting judges, except Judge Collin, who did not vote.

The test action was instituted in 1911, against Willis Vernon Cole of New York City, a Christian Science practitioner, convicted in 1912 of practicing medicine illegally because he uses the treatment prescribed by his church. A fine of \$100 was imposed. The court of appeals reversed the judgment of conviction, remitted the fine and ordered a new trial.

M'ADOO IS SATISFIED

Secretary of the Treasury Found a Most Pleasing Situation in the West

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who was in St. Joseph with the land bank commission three weeks ago has completed his trip and returned to Washington. That he is pleased with his trip and with the political conditions as he found them is fully shown

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TAFT AND TEDDY ATE THEIR WORDS

At That Famous Get-Together Meeting at the Union League Club Last Week

AND BILL AND TED CLASPED HANDS

At that Time they, in the "Interests of Harmony" and of Their Desire to Overthrow President Wilson, Tacitly Disavowed the Following Choice Bits of Classical English Literature Which They Threw at Each Other When They Were Rival Candidates Four Years Ago for the Place Wilson Now Holds.

A trifle over three years ago Teddy and Taft were rival candidates for the presidency of the United States. Taft was the progeny of Teddy the Noisy, who put him in the running when he (the aforesaid Noisy) retired from his throne and named his successor (who, however, failed by a big majority to succeed himself) as the vassal potentate of these United States, with the hope and belief (with which he is still obsessed) that he could eventually again assume the crown and scepter.

But the whole Theodore scheme failed—principally because the thinking people of the United States were tired of the King Teddy and Princess Alice ideas, and therefore only allowed Teddy's purported legate, the ponderous Taft, to carry two out of the entire galaxy of states in this great Union, and put a real statesman in the executive mansion, who has done more to make a greater nation than any man who has filled the chair with the possible exception of the immortal Washington and the great Lincoln.

When the political bee time came some twelve months ago Teddy the Noisy with his overweening desire for the crown buzzing in his steel helmet

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A GREAT MEETING

Secretary Daniels, Senator Reed and Col. Gardner to Be in Attendance October 20

Next Friday and Friday night will be a red letter occasion for St. Joseph, for at that time three of the great Democrats of the state and nation will address the people of this section at the Lyceum theater. The whole day and evening will be devoted to music and oratory and the diffusion of genuine Democratic doctrine.

Secretary of the Navy Hon. Joseph Daniels, will be the chief speaker and will likely address the multitude at night. He while here will be entertained at the Robidoux.

Senator James A. Reed will be another of the big speakers. His fame as an orator is nation wide.

Col. Fred D. Gardner, who will be the next governor of Missouri, will also be here and open headquarters at the Robidoux. It will be his first public appearance here, and he will give his views to the assembled multitude. The meeting promises to be the big event of the campaign.

The county candidates have had most enthusiastic and successful meetings this week—each and every one being largely attended, and much good has been accomplished.

The Saxton meeting Monday night with Ed Swartz as the principal speaker; the Faucett meeting, with S. K. Owen as the leading orator; Woodbine with J. W. Mytton as orator of the evening; Connett school house with John Connett leader; and Garrettsburg with Judge Charles W. Mayer as chief orator, were all meetings of the highest class and did much good for the cause and party.

Tonight Agency will be the Mecca and that stronghold of Democracy promises a great demonstration. Hon. A. B. Duncan will be the leading speaker. Congressman Charles F. Booher will also be present and address the meeting. The meetings scheduled for next week are as follows:

Agency, Oct. 14, A. B. Duncan.
Spring Garden, Oct. 16, Horace Merritt.
French Bottoms, Oct. 17, John W. Mulr.
Wallace, Oct. 18, L. C. Gabbert.
Maxwell schoolhouse, Oct. 19, C. A. Porter.
Hurlingen, Oct. 20, Barney Reilly.
DeKalb, Oct. 21, Louis V. Stigall.