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A Letter to "Bob" From O. K. Davis on Democratic Gang

EPES RANDOLPH WRITES ON BUSINESS AFFECTING RAILROADS

DEFENDS RAILROADS' POSITION ON SIX BILLS TO BE VOTED ON, BY THE VOTERS OF ARIZONA, NEXT TUESDAY—SAYS BILLS ARE UNJUST AND SHOULD BE DEFEATED—TRAVEL CANNOT BE STIMULATED WITH ONLY 1.8 PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE.

Everybody in Yuma knows Colonel Epes Randolph, head of the Southern Pacific lines in Mexico. For many years the Colonel has been closely associated here, in a business way, and he is now one of the directors of the Yuma National Bank.

Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 28, '12. Mr. W. H. Shorey, Yuma, Arizona.

I am a railroad man. I have been in the business practically all of my life. Because of this fact, I feel myself competent to speak on matters affecting the railroads.

The purpose of government is to establish rules for the guidance and protection of the people, and is not for the purpose of enacting laws that take the management of a business out of the hands of those best qualified, both by training and experience, to handle it.

There are six bills to be voted on at the coming election, November 5. These bills affect the railroads adversely, without conferring any benefit on the community.

I wish to call your particular attention to the three-cent fare bill. The passenger business of the railroads of Arizona, as a whole, is not profitable.

We now have a homeseeker's rate in to the state, for the purpose of bringing in settlers who will build up the country. This rate is one cent a mile.

Kansas has tried fixing a flat rate, and the result is that there are no excursion rates in that state. It is not even possible to get a reduced rate across the state.

Arizona has only 1.8 persons per square mile of territory. If this proposed reduction of 25 per cent in main line passenger fares would stimulate travel, there might be some justification for the rate.

We have to borrow money to build new and more roads. Arizona needs railroad development more than anything else, and we cannot borrow money unless we can show the people from whom we borrow that we can pay a reasonable rate of interest.

In Arizona we have a regularly constituted Corporation Commission, whose duty it is to investigate these questions; take evidence on both sides, weigh the testimony, and render an impartial verdict.

I invite your most earnest consideration of the enclosed pamphlet, treating of all these bills.

Yours sincerely, EPES RANDOLPH.

PUBLIC RECORDS OF OLD PARTY LEADERS BALDLY EXPOSED TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY

WILSON IS IN NO POSITION TO SMASH DEMOCRATIC MACHINERY—AN INSIDE STORY OF POLITICAL HIGHBINDERS—THE FOLLOWING FACTS CAME TO THE NOTICE OF MR. DAVIS WHILE HE WAS SERVING AS CHIEF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BUREAU, WATCHING THE POLITICAL HIGHBINDERS OF AMERICA AT WORK AT THE CAPITAL

Special correspondent for the New York Sun, and for Harper's Weekly at Manila during the Philippine insurrection, and in China during the troubles of 1900; New York Herald correspondent with the first Japanese army in 1904; author of "Dewey's Capture of Manila," "Our Conquest in the Pacific," etc.; chief of the Washington Bureau of the New York Times and the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

So much for his record. Personally, O. K. Davis is best described by his own initials. He may also be relied upon to know what he is talking about when he writes. As an insurgent, he dates back a number of years—to the time when, with John McCutcheon and others, between battles, he signed the Round Robin of War Correspondents in the Philippines, calling attention in America to the false impression conveyed by the censored Philippine dispatches given out by the War Department officials at Washington.

Mr. Davis is now Secretary of the Progressive National Committee, but the facts in the following letter came to his notice when he was serving as chief of the New York Times Washington Bureau, watching the political highbinders of America. Finally, the letter is just what it purports to be—an actual letter. "Bob" is a cousin.

"Personal" New York, September 26, '12. Mr. R. S. Weed, No. 216 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Bob:— I am very glad indeed to have your bully good letter of the 24th instant.

The fact of the business is that we are not able to make the campaign that we ought for the simple reason that we haven't the money. The real truth is that we have been cursed during this whole campaign by the reputation for having a lot of money when, as a matter of fact, we have been poverty-stricken all the time.

Now, at the risk of making this letter a mile long, I am going to point out some of the things that will happen in case Mr. Wilson should be elected to the presidency. He said the other day in a speech in Jersey City that it was absolutely necessary to have good men, not only at the head of the ticket, but in every place on the ticket. He added that it was amazing to him that good men everywhere did not see this.

The fact is that the Democratic party is hopelessly in the grip of the reactionary gang, as is the Republican party. The only trouble is that the people generally do not appreciate that fact yet. A great many honest

men in the country have not waded up to the fact that behind the machines of both parties stand a comparatively small group who never appear openly in connection with either party but who certainly exercise an almost complete practical control over both. Our hope lies in breaking down this bi-partisan control and it is absolutely necessary to smash both the Democratic and Republican parties in order to do so.

All over the country people are aware of the fact that in their municipal governments there has been a bi-partisan arrangement in power. Administrations have changed but not the government. It is that way in cities all over the country. In many states also, and it is pretty much that way in the nation.

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Mr. Wilson's running mate on the national ticket, Governor Marshall, is one of the most notorious reactionaries of the country. His entire record from the time he entered politics, as a young man, to date, is intensely reactionary. In Indiana, and throughout the Middle West, where they know him, there is no question of that fact. That, however, is not specially important. What is important, is that if Mr. Wilson should be elected, he would undoubtedly carry Congress with him overwhelmingly in both houses. That would put in the house a great number of new men. There are already, among the Democrats, a large number of men who are serving their first term in Congress, but there are also a very substantial minority of men who have been elected for years from the Solid Democratic districts of the North and from the Solid South. These men have a practical monopoly of experience in the house management. They form an invincible ring which cannot, possibly, be upset by the mass of the inexperienced new men. The new men may be the best who ever wore shoe leather, but it is a case of veteran soldiers going against a mob. This ring will certainly repeat in the organization of the House, and the selection of the House committees, the procedure followed by the organization of the present House. This means that the same old gangsters will be in control of all the important places, the centres of power

and authority, and will absolutely dominate Democratic legislation just as they have dominated in the present House.

I do not suppose that the average man throughout the country follows Congressional affairs sufficiently close to be aware of what this means. They feel, in a vague way, that Cannonism has been overthrown. That is true so far as the power of the Speaker is concerned, but, in point of fact, it was not so much an actual overthrow of Cannonism, as it was a transfer of the power exercised by Cannon, as Speaker, to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, whoever it may be. Now, everybody familiar with the Congressional situation knows just what that means in a Democratic House.

The present Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee is Oscar Underwood, of Alabama. Underwood is a reactionary and a tory of the very old school. He knows nothing but the tariff, and he has a false idea of what ought to be done with that. There is not another idea in him. You can frisk his pockets; you can search his shoes; you can examine him under a microscope and you cannot get anything else out of him. He does not know anything about the great currency question. He has not an idea on the subject of trusts and corporations control or the regulation of interstate commerce. He is a states' righter and against Federal activity in so many of the ways in which it has been demonstrated that the Federal Government must take active part. He scorns the suggestion of anything looking toward the betterment of conditions of life among labor for the average man. Social and industrial justice is an anathema to him and, in a word, he is completely tory.

Mr. Underwood will be the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the next House to an absolute certainty if it is Democratic. He is the dominant figure of the House today. His standing on these questions is clearly shown by the public assault made upon him by Mr. Bryan last year. As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee Mr. Underwood will be the dominant figure in the selection of all the other standing committees of the House. Chief of these committees in importance, as affecting legislation of vital moment to the country, are Appropriations, Judiciary and Interstate Commerce.

The present head of the Committee on Appropriations, who is as certain to be returned to that post in the next House as is Mr. Underwood in his present post, is John J. Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, the Pat McCarran, Democrat, who helped Cannon to retain his post as the Speaker of the last Republican House, and who was of vital assistance to the Cannon gang in the adoption of its rules and in the organization of the House. He is the man who, more than any other, has been responsible for the extraordinary fiasco of political legislation attempted to

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MANY PROMINENT MEN WILL ATTEND SIPHON CELEBRATION

WILLIAM PETERS, MAYOR OF RIVERSIDE; F. P. FELIZ, MAYOR OF SALINAS, AND SEVERAL OTHER MEN OF NOTE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE "COMING OUT" SPIRIT OF YUMA, AND WILL HELP US BOOST THIS MARVELOUS COUNTRY.

More replies—lots of them—were received at the Commercial Club this morning in reply to the invitations to attend the Siphon Celebration. Here are a few of them:

From Riverside's Mayor Riverside, Cal., Oct. 25, '12. Yuma Commercial Club, Yuma, Arizona Gentlemen:—

I am in receipt of your letter of October 22; also formal invitation to attend the Siphon Celebration to be held in Yuma, November 18 to 20.

I have also looked over, with a great deal of interest and pleasure, the book of views in colors, showing the dam and many other beautiful and instructive views of Yuma and vicinity. I want to congratulate you upon the booklet you have put out. It is certainly something to be greatly admired.

I am somewhat familiar with the desert, but not with Yuma, and must say that many of the views are particularly lifelike.

I certainly wish your section the great prosperity which I feel sure will be yours on the completion of the Siphon and the realization of the tremendous possibilities in store for you. This is a little too far in advance to know whether I can be present or not. It will give me the greatest pleasure to do so, if it is in the bounds of possibility. Yours sincerely, WILLIAM L. PETERS, Mayor.

From L. M. Lawson Los Angeles, Oct. 25, '12. Yuma Commercial Club, Yuma, Arizona Gentlemen:—

Please accept my many thanks for your invitation to the Siphon Celebration. It will be a great pleasure to attend. In the meanwhile, if I can be of any service here, don't hesitate to call on me. Yours very truly, L. M. LAWSON, U.S.R.S.

From Mayor of Salinas, Cal. Salinas, Cal., Oct. 24, '12. Yuma Commercial Club, Yuma, Arizona Gentlemen:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind invitation to the Siphon Celebration, to take place November 18, 19, and 20. I am not certain at this time that I will be with you. I want to go to Yuma and it may be that I can arrange to be there during your Festival.

I also desire to thank you for your booklet which is certainly a credit to any community. I have shown it to some of my friends who expressed a desire to procure duplicates. If they are available, will you please send me half a dozen and I will at once remit the amount of the purchase price. Yours very truly, F. P. FELIZ, Mayor.

Returned from Phoenix County School Superintendent John M. Hess has returned from Phoenix, where he was elected secretary of the Arizona School Superintendents' Association.

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RAILROADS ASK FOR HEARING BEFORE BAR OF PUBLIC OPINION

EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN B. WRIGHT AND FRED G. ATHEARN WILL ADDRESS THE PEOPLE OF YUMA TONIGHT AT THE YUMA THEATRE, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK, SHARP; BE ON TIME—LEGISLATURE PASSED LAWS DETRIMENTAL TO RAILROAD PROGRESS.

"All that the railroads ask is a chance to be heard," said Edgar Rheinhart, who is in Yuma, making preparations for the meeting at the Yuma theatre, at 7:15 o'clock, this evening, when the bills that are to be voted upon on election day will be discussed by former Attorney General John B. Wright and Fred G. Athearn.

The last legislature passed a number of laws that are considered detrimental to the railroad progress of Arizona, is the opinion of the railroad officials, and they have invoked the referendum, thus submitting to a vote of the people. Under the rules of the Interstate Commerce Commission, railroad construction must be accomplished with new money—that is, it cannot be done with earnings, and the railroads insist that they cannot borrow money from the banks and capitalists when such laws as these scare the capital away.

There is a considerable interest in the meeting of tonight, and the Yuma theatre has been engaged in order to accommodate the crowd that, it is expected, will attend. Arrangements have been completed for a band concert in the open air prior to the meeting, and a free moving picture show will precede and follow the speaking.

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The railroads do not deny that they should be regulated, but they insist that regulation should be done by a competent commission, elected or appointed for that particular purpose. The state corporation commission has that power and the corporations should be handled by that body, is the claim of the roads.

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OCOTILLO CLUB MEETING The Ocotillo Club will meet Saturday, November 2, at the home of Miss Anita Post.

ARIZONA SURE IS A GREAT COPPER STATE

HAS PRODUCED NEARLY THREE AND A HALF BILLION POUNDS OF IT

Arizona has a recorded production of 3,494,333,111 pounds of copper, or 21.38 per cent of the total output of the United States since mining began. In 1911 Arizona produced 303,202,552 pounds of blister copper, as compared with 297,250,538 pounds in 1910. This is the largest output in the history of the state, according to B. S. Butler, of the United States Geological Survey, and continues Arizona in first place among the copper-producing states. She produced 27.63 per cent of the total output of the country for 1911. The steady output of copper from Arizona began about 1875, though there was intermittent production prior to that date, the earliest record of

production being for 1862. Since 1880 the growth of the industry has been steady and rapid.

Nine copper-smelting plants operated within the state during the year.

CARNIVAL CONCESSIONS ALLOWED TO YUMAITES

At a meeting of the carnival committee last night the following carnival concessions were awarded to Yuma people:

- Julius Levy, nigger ball game privilege, \$20.00. Jas. H. Kinsler, merry-go-round, \$20. J. T. Alexander, hot dog, \$20. R. L. Bechtel, wheel of fortune, \$20. R. L. Bechtel, roulette wheel, cigars, \$20. R. L. Bechtel, popcorn, peanut and lemonade, \$20.

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