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HON. REECE LING WON MANY FRIENDS IN THE DISTRICT

Addressed Clifton Democratic Club on Saturday Night, Attended W. O. W. Ball and Was in Morenci Sunday

IS ENDORSED BY LABOR VOTE

For the Success of Statehood Reece Ling Gives Credit Where Credit is Due

One of the most pleasing public speakers in Arizona and a democrat, first, last and all the time, Reece M. Ling of Prescott, addressed the members of the Clifton Democratic club on Saturday evening last at the Casino hall. Mr. Ling is a candidate from the northern part of Arizona for the United States Senate. This was the first visit of Mr. Ling to Clifton but he soon discovered that he was no stranger in our midst. He found many friends and acquaintances here who had formerly been residents of the northern counties.

In his speech the candidate for the senate paid tribute to the pioneers of Arizona and to the able efforts in congress of Hon. Mark Smith in working out the destiny of Arizona and the final achievement of statehood. Mr. Ling is no stranger to the old pioneers of Arizona. He has lived among them for the past twenty seven years. He is a graduate of the Arizona normal at Tempe and in every democratic campaign in Arizona he has made speeches in every northern county in Arizona in support of the ticket. He discussed the political issues of the day from a democratic stand point and from time to time he elicited the enthusiastic applause of his hearers. At the conclusion of the meeting the following letter was passed among the voters. It is a testimonial of confidence from one of the strongest labor organizations in the world:

Endorsed by Labor

Hon. Reese M. Ling,
Copper Queen Hotel,
Bisbee, Arizona.

My Dear Reese:

Yours of the 28th is received and in reply I beg to say that I have no objections to your using any letters I have written to my railroad friends in your behalf and I hope you will use them if they will be of any benefit to you in your campaign.

In fact I am extremely anxious to see a friend of labor elected United States Senator and am willing to do anything in my power to aid yourcandidacy.

So many of the present Senators represent capital and aristocracy that I want one man there whom I know can be depended upon to give the working man a chance for his right to live decently and be more than a slave all his life.

Hoping that the good people of Arizona will send you to Washington as their U. S. Senator and that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you in Washington, I am, with kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely your friend,
H. L. DICKSON
General Counsel Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

P. S. If any time there is anything I can do to aid you please command me.

H. L. D.

The following is a copy of the letter refered to, and was mailed to all of the Railway Organizations:

(COPY)

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 13th, 1911.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am writing you in the interest of Mr. Reese M. Ling, of Prescott, Ariz., who is a candidate for United States Senator at the October primaries in your Territory.

I have known Mr. Ling for the past twelve years, and I have been associated with him in several cases and I know him to be, able, honest, and thoroughly reliable, and above all he is a friend to the working people and has on several occassions represented them in their fights with corporations. For instance: he represented the Machinists in their injunction case with the Santa Fe Railroad some six years ago.

Mr Ling, if elected to the Senate, would prove a friend on whom we could rely for a square deal and I very much desire to enlist your support for him as he is the kind of a man that our interests require in such a position.

I have written similar letters to this to members of our Brotherhood in Arizona asking them to support Mr. Ling, and I trust that you may see your way clear to do likewise. With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,
H. L. DICKSON,
General Counsel.

Reece Ling does not pose as a demagogue. He makes no promises that he cannot carry out and that he converted a number of his hearers was witnessed by their personal assurances of their support after the meeting.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE MAN SCORED BY COL. WEEDIN

Candidate Says Blighton Got $1,000 from the Liquor Dealers of Phoenix

Labor Vote Trifled With—Weedin Will Bring Libel Proceedings—Blighton Attacked by B. Duncan.

DEMOCRATIC RALLY IN TUCSON

Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 17.—Declaring that F. H. Blighton, editor of the "Voice of the People" had secured $1,000 from the liquor dealers of Phoenix on promise of delivering the labor vote in that city at the last prohibition election and that the receipt for same is now in possession of the liquor dealers in Phoenix, Thos. F. Weedin, democratic candidate for governor, here tonight asserted that he would institute libel proceedings against Blighton and would land him in the Florence prison before he got through with him. "Here is one man he cannot bluff or blackmail," asserted Weedin.

Weedin denounced Blighton's attempts to trifle with the labor vote of Arizona, expressing his own conviction that the same was not on the auction block for sale to the highest bidder. He cited his own efforts in behalf of organized labor and Arizona miners and prospectors emphasizing his work in the legislature.

Colonel Weedin spoke here under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic Club, and was greeted by the largest and most enthusiastic audience which has gathered in the city since the campaign opened. He stated his platform concisely and gave his views on the many important political questions now being discussed by the people of Arizona. He referred to the attacks made upon him by Blighton and branded the attacks as falsehoods and promised that he would as soon as possible bring libel proceedings against Blighton.

Colonel Weedin gave facts and figures for the deal in which Blighton received $1,000 to deliver the labor vote in Phoenix to the liquor interests and said he was ready to produce documentary proof on the truth of his charge.

Following the meeting, Bradford Duncan, a member of the Tucson city council, took Blighton to task for recent articles in the Voice of the People, and when Blighton made an insulting reply gave the latter a severe beating.

Cleve W. Van Dyke of Globe, succeeded in separating the two men after Blighton had called for help.

After the encounter Blighton burst into teas, and said he didn't want to fight.

The sentiment and sympathy of the large crowd which witnessed the scrap was with Duncan.

Later in the evening delegates from practically every local labor union in Tucson called in a body on Colonel Weedin at the Spanish American club rally and pledged him their support.

Weedin is certain of a big majority in Pima county.

THE ERA'S STATE TICKET

For the guidance of voters in Greenlee County who have not yet come to a decision as to whom they will support in the state primaries on the democratic ticket, the Era makes the following recommendations:

For Governor	Hon. Thos. F. Weedin
For Secretary of State	John H. Robinson
For U. S. Senator	Mark A. Smith
For U. S. Senator	H. F. Ashurst or Reece M. Ling
For Representative	Lamar Cobb
Supreme Court Judges	Henry D. Ross
	Alfred Franklin
	S. L. Pattee
State Auditor	J. C. Callaghan
State Treasurer	David Johnson
Attorney General	G. P. Bullard
Supt. Pubtic Instruction	C. O. Case
Corporation Commissioners	W. P. Geary
	F. L. Jones
	A. W. Cole

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN OPENED IN THIS DISTRICT

Prominent Speakers Entertain Clifton Voters at Airdome and Opera House in Discussion of Political Questions

PRAISE FOR RALPH CAMERON

District Attorney of Cochise County Proves Himself Brilliant Orator and Captures Audience

That the republicans are to be reckoned with in this first state campaign was made apparent during the week when the people of Clifton listened, on two occasions, to representatives of that party advance the claims of the republican candidates for the suffrages of the people in the first state election.

At the urgent solicitation of his many republican friends in this city, Judge Joseph H. Kibbey, who is not a condidate, consented to address the voters of Clifton on Tuesday evening at the Airdome. As Judge Egan happily stated in introducing the speaker to the audience at the Airdome, Judge Kibbey needs no introduction to an Arizona audience. He has been in succession associate justice of the supreme court and governor of this territory. Judge Kibbey was billed to make a non partisian speech and he struggled with himself during the entire time to keep his declaration and in the main succeeded. Judge Kibbey spoke at length on the principles upon which this government was founded; its simplicity and the departments having for their purpose at all times a "government of the people, by the people and for the people." Judge Kibbey expressed the idea that government does not make good citizens but good governments are made by good citizens. The speaker poked a little fun at the democrats over the primary bill; criticised the australian ballot and denied the assertion that the initiative, referendum and recall were governmental policies. He took occasion to criticise the wild and unfair and untruthful statements made from political platforms in the present campaign and warned his audience to beware of the political demagogue who wants to regulate everything and everybody except himself. In conclusion Judge Kibbey threw some hot shot at the newspapers of the country and was of the opinion that the country would be better off if they were all suppressed.

On Thursday evening at the opera house Hon. Geo. W. Wells, Hon. Hoval A. Smith and Hon. J. S. Williams addressed the voters.

Judge Wells is a candidate for governor; Hoval A. Smith is a candidate for United States senator and J. S. Williams is making the race for congress on the republican ticket. Judge Egan presided at this meeting and the principal speaker of the evening was the brilliant district attorney of Cochise county who is recognized as one of the foremost orators of Arizona.

Judge Wells was the first speaker. This old pioneer of Arizona was present at the organization of the first legislature in Arizona in 1864 and has been a resident of Arizona since that time. He is a prominent citizen of Arizona and has been honored many times by his party in northern Arizona. Judge Wells was a member of the constitutional convention. He frankly admitted that he had opposed some of the provisions of the constitution as a member of that convention while on the other hand he had contributed several provisions as it now stands. Judge Wells declared that the constitution, as adopted by the people, was now the constitution of Arizona and not the constitution of any political party. Judge Wells said the republican candidates at this time were going about the territory simply visiting and getting acquainted, but after the 24th of October the campaign would be on in earnest and the republican candidates proposed to mix it with their democratic friends.

"Jack" Williams, who has earned an enviable record as a public prosecutor in Cochise county, caught the attention of the crowd immediately and held it until the end. He paid a glowing tribute to Ralph Cameron for his statehood victory and renewed his allegiance of faith in the American institutions of government—the judiciary, the executive and legislative. Mr. Williams' speech was interspersed with witty stories and who ever gets the democratic nomination for congress will find a vigorous and able opponent on the republican ticket.

Hoval A. Smith, candidate for senator on the republican ticket, is a mining man and has been a part of the development of the great mining industry in the southwest for the past twelve years. In 1908 he was chairman of the Republican Territorial committee and managed the Ralph Cameron campaign in Arizona with eminent success. He has just returned from Washington where he has been engaged in a contest with the U. S. land office and department of justice for the rights of the prospectors and miners whose properties have been patented and may be patented in lime stone and porphry formations in this territory. Mr. Smith discussed the mining industry in Arizona at great length before touching upon politics. One of the reasons Mr. Smith desires to go to the senate is to see that the mining industry of Arizona is better protected. Mr. Smith said he was proud to be the running mate of Ralph Cameron. He had been afforded the opportunity in Washington of knowing his untiring efforts and ability in behalf of Arizona and that he would gladly forego his own election to see Ralph Cameron honored by the people of Arizona for the good work he had done in their behalf.

Elks Day at Phoenix

Phoenix, Arizona.—It has been definitely decided that Elks day at the Territorial Fair is to be the biggest success of any day heretofore furnished for the amusement and entertainment of the thousands of persons who will visit the big November show.

Included in the events will be various contests the prizes being silver cups for the lodges of the state which make the best showings and a big ball to be held in the evening, down town. This ball, it is declared, will be made the most gorgeous affair of the entire social season and the belles of Arizona can therefore look forward to a "doings" this winter the like of which it has not hitherto been their pleasure to adorn with their presence.

On Wednesday of Fair week a conference of Elks will be held at the Elks Opera house for the purpose of discussing the formation of a state organization. There has never been anything of this nature in Arizona Elkdom, and it has been many times sadly missed. The organization is not to be confused in the public mind with a state grand lodge, such as the Masons and many other secret societies have. There is no such organization in Elkdom as a state grand lodge and the grand lodge of Elks will not organize the state organizations.

QUARREL AT DANCE RESULTS FATALLY FOR CHAVEZ

Quick Work on Part of Sheriff's Office Causes Arrest of Two Men Accused of Crime

Trial Postponed Until Next Term of Court and Bail Fixed at Ten Thousand Dollars Each

INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY

As a result of a quarrel and cutting affray which occurred at a Mexican baile in North Clifton on Saturday night last, Alberto Chavez was killed and Dionisio Loya and Jesus Salas are in jail charged with the crime of murder.

The grand jury which convened in Clifton Monday morning returned indictments against the accused men and they would have been tried at the present term of court but the court stenographer, Mr. Van Veen, was taken sick on Thursday and the cases were postponed until the next term of court. Bail in the sum of ten thousand dollars was fixed in each case and it is more than likely that the accused men will remain in jail awaiting their trial until the next term of court.

The killing is alleged to have occurred near the North Clifton pump station when Loya and Salas waylaid Chavez as he was leaving the dance and fired two shots at him from a blind alley. The first shot missed its mark but the second shot fired killed Chavez almost instantly.

Prior to the shooting there had been a quarrel and a cutting scrape at the dance caused, it is reported, by the attendance of a faction which had not been invited. In the general melee at the dance Alberto Chavez and Ishmael Chavez, two brothers, had a fight with Rudolf Palacio, the step son of Loya, in which Ishmael Chavez cut Palacio with a knife. Following the cutting scrape the Chavez boys left the dance. It is the theory of the officers that Loya and Salas made a detour from the dance and intercepted them in the road when Loya opened fire on Chavez with fatal results.

Soon after the shooting the sheriff's office was notified and Sheriff English with his deputies was soon on the ground. The sheriff and deputies made an investigation all night with the result they had secured sufficient evidence by morning to arrest Loya and Salas for the murder. They continued working on the case Sunday and Monday and were in possession of sufficient evidence when the grand jury met to cause their indictment.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from personal experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excells it." For sale by all dealers.

STATE CANDIDATES APPEAR EN MASSE BEFORE VOTERS

The Liveliest Meeting of the Primary Campaign Monday Night

SHORT SNAPPY SPEECHES

Clifton was treated to a flood of oratory on Monday night last. The voters were given an opportunity to see and hear Hon. G. W. P. Hunt and Dr. H. A. Hughes for Governor; Sidney Osborne for Secretary of State; Carl Hayden, for Congress; C. M. Short and W. P. Geary, for Corporation Commissioners. John H. Robinson, candidate for Secretary of State, was also present, but owing to the number of speakers declined to take up the time allotted to him. A large audience listened to the speakers.

Dr. H. A. Hughes was the first speaker of the evening. Dr. Hughes is a Texas democrat with prohibition tendencies. As a temperance lecturer he can't be beat and his pathetic stories of his experiences during his long practice of his profession formed the greater portion of his speech. Dr. Hughes stated to his audience that he was a democrat first and a prohibitionist as a side issue. The Doctor made a feble attempt to cast relection upon the candidacy of Hon. Thos. F. Weedin for Governor and had intended to throw some mud in the direction of Hon. G. W. P. Hunt but evidently thought better of it as Hunt sat directly behind him on the platform.

Having been president of the constitutional convention, Mr. Hunt naturally devoted much of his time to the work of that body and its results as expressed in the constitution which, he said, was the ablest work ever thrown from the brain of man. Its merit had been recognized not only by eighty per cent of the voters who attended the constitutional election. Its fame had spread far beyond the confines of the territory and had penetrated foreign lands. Missionaries whom he had met on his various journeys to Washington had told him that it was almost a household word in China, carried thither by bright young men of that country who had boen sent all over the world to seek out the best things in the way of government.

Mr. Hunt's tribute to the pioneers was well received and his description of his own struggles struck a sympathetic chord. Mr. Hunt advised, as most of the members of the convention, who are candidates for office do, that the carrying into effect of the principles of the constitution be left to the men who are most familiar with it. A man who makes a tool ought to know better how to work with it.

Sidney P. Osborne a born democrat addressed the audience in support of his desire to be the first secretary of state. Mr. Osborne too, had been a member from Maricopa county of the convention and earned the name of "Recall" Osborn by introducing the recall provision into the convention against the protests of most of his colleagues.

Following Mr. Hunt, E. L. Short of Yuma county, also a member of the convention presented his claims as aspirant for the office of corporation commissioner. His claims were based not only on his record in the convention but on his eighteen years of railroad service where he got onto many of the curves of the corporations.

Carl T. Hayden in a very pleasant speech said that he desired to be representative in congress. He did not believe that in his first term he could settle the tariff and monetary questions but he could help some by increasing the progressive strength to the extent of one vote. He would endeavor to engraft the principles of the Arizona constitution upon the laws and constitution of the nation especially with reference to the recall of the federal judiciary which had become altogether too frisky with the people.

The last speaker of the evening was W. P. Geary of Winslow an attorney who had had intimate relations in the course of his efforts to make the Santa Fe pay its taxes in Navajo county.

Altogetner, it was the liveliest meeting so far, in Clifton.