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Splendid Outlook For State and County Ticket Greatly Encourages All Members of the Party--Walsh and McClernan Create Excellent Impression--County Attorney Race Warming Up--Frost For Republicans in Kendall.



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HON. T. J. WALSH.

The state democratic campaign opened in Lewistown last Friday evening when Hon. Thomas J. Walsh, democratic nominee for congressman, delivered a magnificent address to a great crowd at Culver's hall.

Mr. Walsh appeared in Lewistown under handicaps. He was advertised to speak here Thursday evening and then visit Gilt Edge and Kendall the following day and evening, but he missed connections Thursday morning at Lombard due to a late train on the N. P. and was unable to get into this city. Col. C. B. Nolan, who was to accompany him here, came in and made the Kendall and Gilt Edge appointments.

Although delayed one day, Mr. Walsh was greeted by a splendid audience. Scores of country people were in the city on the previous evening who were unable to come in two evenings in succession.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman W. A. Gordon of the county central committee who, in a few graceful sentences, introduced Mr. Walsh.

It was Mr. Walsh's first appearance as a political speaker in this city and the impression which he made will show in his favor on the day of election.

As an orator and a reasoner, he has few equals and no peers in the state. He does not spend any time denouncing his opponents but shows the weakness of their position in a manner which cannot be disputed.

He held the attention of his audience from start to finish and was liberally applauded as he hammered home his points with irrefutable logic.

Mr. Walsh spoke entertainingly and convincingly on national issues. He gave to the Roosevelt administration credit for effecting certain reforms but insisted that only with the assistance of Benjamin Tillman and other great democrats in the senate and house were such reforms actually adopted, the president, at all times, being opposed by the most powerful leaders in his own party.

The policy of the administration in creating forest reserves and the manner of their conduct was severely arraigned by Mr. Walsh.

At the conclusion of Mr. Walsh's address he was eloquently thanked by Chairman Gordon who then introduced Judge J. B. McClernan of Butte, Can-

didate on the democratic ticket for associate justice.

Judge McClernan said that the proprieties would not permit him to make a political speech but he spoke briefly of the pleasure which it afforded him to visit Fergus county and pledged himself to the best possible conduct of the office of associate justice in case of his election.

Like Mr. Walsh, Judge McClernan made a splendid impression upon all who heard him speak.

This concluded the speaking for the evening and the crowd was dismissed with a band selection.

Below are given excerpts from the address given by Mr. Walsh.

After expressing the pleasure it gave him to visit Fergus county and stating his belief that there is not a more favored region in the entire west, Mr. Walsh launched into a discussion of the republican claim that we should "let well enough alone" and stand pat on the present administration of public affairs.

He showed that while the United States is enjoying the greatest measure of prosperity at this time, the whole world is also sharing in this great tide of prosperity, drawing the conclusion that the claims of the republicans that their party control being responsible for the existing good times is the merest buncombe, advanced simply to catch votes.

Our wonderful advancement in all lines of industry during the last ten years, Mr. Walsh stated, is something which could not have been prevented under any circumstances.

Mr. Walsh next took up the subject of the vast accumulation of the wealth in the hands of the few and showed that the favoritism practiced by the republican party in the arrangement of the high protective tariff schedules is chiefly responsible for this growing evil.

"You owe to Mr. Carnegie no gratitude for the libraries which he has built," said the speaker, "for each and every one of you contributed some of the money which he has donated for these new library buildings."

Mr. Walsh showed how steel rails made in this country are sold to foreign buyers several dollars cheaper per ton, than they are sold to American consumers.

"When you pay your excessive freight

A COMPARISON

In their desperate efforts to defeat Roy E. Ayers for county attorney, Frank Smith and his friends are resorting to all sorts of tactics. They have attacked Ayers' record.

They have also said that he has been a very expensive man for Fergus county.

Furthermore, the argument has been used with democrats that he has called in republican attorneys to assist him in trying his cases.

Now, let us see just what the facts are.

First as to Ayers' record.

The records of the district court shows that since Ayers took charge of the office of county attorney, 34 defendants appeared for trial.

Of this number he has obtained a conviction against 33, there being BUT ONE acquittal.

The records in the office of the attorney general of the state of Montana will show that this is the best record shown by any county attorney in the state during the past two years.

Mr. Charles N. Pray, now the republican candidate for congress, held the record as the best state's prosecutor until Mr. Ayers superseded him as the premier state's attorney. As a matter of comparison:

During the last two years in which Mr. Smith acted as county attorney for Fergus county, twenty defendants appeared for trial and Mr. Smith succeeded in convicting but 16 of the number, four being acquitted.

It may thus be seen that Mr. Ayers' record is much better than Mr. Smith's record as a public prosecutor.

In the administration of both Mr. Smith and Mr. Belden the attorney general found it expedient to come over to assist in the trial of certain difficult cases.

The attorney general has never been inside of Fergus county since Mr. Ayers entered the office of county attorney.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Huntoon, chairman of the republican central committee and other republican supporters of Mr. Smith have said that Mr. Ayers' administration has been a costly one.

The records show that \$550 has been paid to attorneys to assist Mr. Ayers in the trial of his cases. Both of the cases in which he received assistance paid for by Fergus county were Murder cases. In such cases it is invariably the rule to have someone assist the county attorney.

One of these cases, however, the Koch case, was properly Mr. Belden's case as it was first tried during that gentleman's term of office and came up during Mr. Ayers' term for a new trial.

Taken in proportion to the percentage of convictions obtained, Ayers' administration of the office has been the most economical in the history of Fergus county.

These facts are well known to Mr. Smith when he states to the contrary.

Mr. Ayers has never applied for assistance in any case. In the Sherman case, Mr. Belden was appointed to take part in the case without any request on the part of Mr. Ayers.

In a number of stock cases, Belden appeared simply as the paid attorney of the state stock association.

The record of Roy E. Ayers is open to the inspection of all. He is ready to stand or fall on that record.

If you vote the Democratic ticket straight you make no mistake.



JUDGE J. B. McCLERNAN.

Col. C. B. Nolan, former attorney general of the state of Montana, arrived in this city Thursday evening and immediately left for Gilt Edge with State Committeeman Frank J. Hazen, where he addressed a large crowd in Sawyer's hall at 8 o'clock that evening.

H. L. DeKalb, democratic nominee for state legislature, spoke first and delivered a strong address on state issues. Mr. DeKalb was especially well received by the audience which filled the large hall and the prediction was freely made after the meeting that the hustling young Lewistown attorney will poll a strong vote in the big Judith mountain mining camp.

Col. Nolan delivered a ringing speech of an hour's duration and held the coldest attention of the large crowd. There are few more forcible and entertaining speakers in the state than Col. Nolan and he did good work for the ticket on his Gilt Edge trip.

From Gilt Edge Col. Nolan, Mr. DeKalb and Mr. Hazen drove over to Kendall where a grand meeting was held Friday night.

The Kendall meeting was addressed by B. C. White, legislative candidate, Col. Nolan, J. M. Parrent and Roy E. Ayers. Elmer's big hall was comfortably filled, there being at the least estimate, four times as many people present as attended the republican rally of a few days previous. All of the speakers were enthusiastically received and all doubts as to the republicans making much of a showing in that banner democratic precinct were obliterated.

Col. Nolan made a powerful appeal for the support of the state and county democratic ticket and the applause which greeted the mention of the names of Walsh and McClernan demonstrated just how strong these gentlemen are in the big camp.

The Kendall band played and everything was just as the most enthusiastic democrat would have it.

It now looks as if both Gilt Edge and Kendall would roll up such majorities for the democratic ticket as to practically determine the election.

Next Friday evening at 8 o'clock Governor Joseph K. Toole and Lieutenant Edwin C. Norris will address the people of Lewistown in Culver's hall. Governor Toole has for many years been considered Montana's first orator and one of the greatest speakers in the entire west. Scarcely second refuse to be fooled this time.

to him in oratorical ability is Lieutenant Governor Norris. No one should overlook the opportunity to hear them. Remember the date, Friday evening, October 26th, in Culver's hall.

Many substantial republicans in the county have been heard to say that they prefer to have in the office of the assessor a man whose name at least appears on the roll of taxpayers. Edwards' name is not on that list. John S. Marshall is the only logical candidate for the office of assessor this year.

The republicans have abandoned all hope of the greater part of their ticket and are trying to save the county commissioners and Frank Smith out of the wreckage.

Reports received by the county committee from the outlying districts show gratifying conditions. The democratic candidates are gaining steadily throughout the southern part of the county where the republicans are supposed to be the strongest.

Frank E. Smith was in the county attorney's office two and one-half years after the passage of the antigambling law but not one prosecution was made by him under that statute although gambling was in full force throughout this county.

Lieutenant Governor Norris will speak in Kendall on Thursday evening, October 25th and in Gilt Edge Friday afternoon, October 26th.

Democratic rallies will be held at Forest Grove Saturday evening, October 27th; Lower Cottonwood, October 29th; Moor, November 1st; Kendall, November 2nd; Gilt Edge, November 3rd, and the campaign will be closed with a grand rally in Lewistown Monday evening, November 5th. At these rallies all the democratic orators will be present and make short addresses to the voters.

In other words, John Montmorancy Vrooman wants it distinctly understood that the alleged sale of the Joke Sheet is nothing but a joke.

In their desperate efforts to stem the tide which is sweeping the republican ticket to defeat John Montmorancy Vrooman is getting out extras every day or two. The county is being flooded with page after page of J. Montmorancy's misrepresentations in a vain hope of deceiving the voters into continuing the republicans and incidentally, J. Montmorancy's Joke Sheet, in power, but the voters of Fergus county are in the entire west. Scarcely second refuse to be fooled this time.

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