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Norris Charges Allies of Special Interests

Wrote the Platform And Nominated Landon

"Some eminent gentlemen behind a smoke screen at Cleveland have been engaged in adopting a national platform and nominating a candidate for President. And the unbounded enthusiasm of that convention upon the appearance of ex-President Hoover demonstrates beyond a shadow of doubt that the convention was in favor of Hoover and Hoover principles of government," declared Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, in a radio address Sunday night.

"If they had carried out their wishes and expressed their true sentiments, if they had had the courage of their convictions, they would have nominated Mr. Hoover for President. They knew, however, that the Hoover lesson of despair and failure is still too fresh in the minds of the public.

"These leaders of a great party have failed, even by innuendo, to suggest any remedy for the depression. The keynote admitted they should feed the hungry and take care of the unemployed. Can this be done without taxation? If so, give us the formula. Come out from behind the smoke screen and tell the barefaced truth to the American people.

"I have often stated—I get it from my experience of more than 30 years in Congress—that the greatest evil of government is partisanship. These eminent gentlemen have carried their party feeling so far, they are so completely controlled by it, they would rather, for example, see the farmer fall than give credit to any organization that has been instrumental in bringing him relief. This was clearly demonstrated by their keynote in apologizing for having voted for New Deal measures.

"The people must not forget that in this program of humanity in which President Roosevelt is engaged, he has incurred the bitter hatred of all monopoly, of all special interests, which are trying to get a financial advantage out of legislation and which are financially interested in shifting the burden of government from their shoulders to those of the poor, whose rights they have so long trampled under foot. The interests behind the eminent gentlemen at Cleveland have long escaped their just share of the tax burden.

"Let me say the way to achieve the moral, intellectual and spiritual objectives of our people is simply to re-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. I am pleading with my countrymen to forget partisanship and come to the support of the man who more than any other in recent years has stood for the welfare of the common people.

"I want you to remember that these eminent gentlemen will attempt to buy the electorate at the coming presidential election. The only question they will ask is how can their subscriptions be used for bringing about Roosevelt's defeat. They will be very careful; they will not appear in the open. They will wrap themselves in the American flag, cry out for liberty of contract, denounce the government for being in business and do all they can to maintain the strong hold they maintained under Hoover, upon which Roosevelt has gradually but surely loosened their grip.

"We should consider not only the Cleveland platform but the men who made it. We should not forget that the leaders of these eminent gentlemen, most of the members of the platform committee, belong to the reactionary element of the party. Some of them have had experience for many years in Congress and the record shows they have bent all their great abilities in the direction of protection of monopolistic principles, as against the welfare of the common man.

"These eminent gentlemen behind the smoke screen at Cleveland nominated a man for President whose greatest asset is that nobody knows what he stands for. It does not necessarily follow that the nominee is not a good man. But it does mean that if he will not take orders from the undisclosed bosses who made him, then these eminent gentlemen have been deceived. The very fact that reactionary alleged leaders from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Florida, and from all other sections of our great country, tumbled over one another to endorse a man they did not know is conclusive proof that somewhere behind the scene the representatives of special interests issued the commands that percolated down through the reactionary organization to the lieutenants in local control, and they obeyed the recognized voice of their masters."

Following the Wake of Man's Folly, Wind

And Water Erosion Collects a Heavy Toll

We often become thrilled with the naturalist's description of Kentucky when she was young. Rafinesque and Imlay must have been ravished with her beauty when they penned the marvelous visions of flora they saw. To visit today some of the same spots which enchanted the naturalist would cause one to weep over our lost grandeur.

When one views wide stretches of land, never actually fitted for tillage because of its rolling nature, it is to wonder why at least some of the appreciation these early writers had for the beautiful was withheld from the owners of this land.

A little swing around in several Blue Grass counties last week furnished us a fine chance to make an observation of the effect of the drouth.

We have never seen at this early period as much water hauling. It was interesting to note that the most of the water hauling was in places where nature had been robbed of her natural reservoirs of water. Sections were suffering most where man's folly had lead him to denude the ground completely of trees, undergrowth and grass. Nothing left to gently release moisture to the air and the little streamlets to the creeks.

In passing those farms where the owners had the foresight to let sufficient trees stand and in others where old trees were systematically replaced with younger ones, the grass was still good and the cattle was looking fine.

It is not difficult to understand that the blasting winds of winter loose their bite and momentum by encountering the windbreaks. That the blighting heat of summer must be reduced in passing under the cooling shade trees.

Just one hundred years ago West Mercer was a great forest. There remains today only a few trees. None of marketable value are left. If the cutting had not been so severe the land owners of this section could carry on a good business in scientific timbering. This is, in replacing a cut tree with a young one. More trees on the Chaplin hills today would be of great value.

We read a lot about the devastating winds of the west picking up the top soil of the farms and bearing it eastward. We are told that this condition is all man's fault. That he had the folly to cut off of the land every tree and plowed under all the grass that protected the earth. That the land is arid since there is no grass, trees or underbrush to collect water.

Interesting statistics have been collected for us on conservation. There are farmers in many parts of the nation who find it hard to accept the statement that 735,000,000 acres, once fertile, have been damaged from 25 to 100 per cent at a loss that is estimated at ten billion dollars and that the nation's ability to feed itself in the future is threatened.

However, this is the conclusion of experts in the Soil Conservation Service after a survey that covered 1,889,000,000 acres, all of which was once fertile land. Counting wind and water erosion the estimate shows that an area four times the size of Texas and 146 times the size of Massachusetts has been denuded of topsoil to an extent varying from 25 to 100 per cent.

Viewing the nation as a whole it is said that only the New England States and certain widely separated areas in other sections have escaped serious damage. Of the nearly 2,000,000,000 acres surveyed less than one-third had suffered no erosion damage and much of this area is not adapted to agriculture.

Certainly the nation faces a serious problem in preventing the loss of valuable top-soil through erosion. It is a fight in which millions of farmers should cooperate. They must be on the lookout for danger signals, realizing that not all soil loss comes through gullies or windstorms, but that the gradual shaving off of the top soils of unprotected farms through "sheet washing" is an enemy to be mastered.

A True Epitaph And Friendship

Several weeks ago there was placed in front of Sand Spring church in Anderson county, on the Harrodsburg road, a stone to the memory of Reverend William Dudley Moore. A large crowd attended the services of unveiling the memorial. We were unable to be present, much to our regret. Twice since then in passing the place, we have

stopped our car, gotten out, and with uncovered head have read the eleven words which epitomizes his life:

"A Civic Leader, Consecrated Christian, Devoted Pastor, Loving Father and Husband."

Think up, if you please, your highest conception of a civic leader and this good man was all and more than that. Think up in the light of the New Testament your very highest conception of a Consecrated Christian—he was all that for he walked with God. The chiseled words: "Devoted Pastor" can be attested, as a truth, by every member of every church he served. Blessed as he was, with a family, and God appointed as the head of the home, he ruled his home with the gentle influences of love—and a devoted family called him blessed. He was as the inscription has it a "Devoted Father and Husband."

The first time we met Bro. Moore was at Shawnee Run church, this county. We were then very young. He impressed us then as a spring of clear water reflecting the light of Heaven. His warm heart and kindness of manner was refreshing. The intervening years from that time to his death we were friends. The last time we saw him was last fall in Kirkwood church where we had been asked to come and make a talk before the Association. We had been introduced by the Moderator, Senator Miller, but Brother Moore wished to supplement the introduction. We have been commended a few times very graciously for some course we have taken, but words of his commendation that day will always go with us to prompt high aims and noble action.

When Bro. Moore passed away to the New Jerusalem, we believe the very first glorified spirit to greet him was another sainted soul, Rev. Jefferson Davis Redd. Thronging around them, we can imagine, the host of their sons and daughters in the Lord they had led into grace. We believe this by the beautiful friendship that had existed between them; one a Baptist the other a Methodist minister.

When Bro. Moore lay in a hospital in Lexington, not expected to survive, Bro. Redd was a faithful caller at his bedside. With prayer and social communion the sick was cheered. Bro. Moore recovered his health. Later, Bro. Redd was stricken and Bro. Moore attended his bedside at the Good Samaritan Hospital and comforted him. But Brother Redd's labors were ended and leaving his friend, passed on.

There are few men we would risk writing about in this way. The influence of the life of both of these men will continue to live on and bless those fortunate enough to have been in contact with them.

Attend the Democratic Radio Convention

Mercer county citizens will be given an opportunity to become delegates to the National Democratic Convention by attending the meeting at the Court House, at 7:30 Saturday evening. By sitting in the radio division one is assured better attendance than if they were in Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Many sets of eyes will be looking and tell you of people and things you could not see if there.

The Harrodsburg section will have its chairman, who will be Mr. T. W. Latta. He will direct that part of the program which is to be furnished locally. Then, at the proper time we will be ushered to our place in the National Convention at the time when President Roosevelt is about to make his speech of acceptance.

Every man working for wages and every farmer should hear his message. He will reveal his continued interest in humanity.

The preliminary program is planned to be interesting. The loud speakers will carry the Convention to the Court House yard to take care of late arrivals at the Radio Convention.

Dope On Softball

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Following a meeting of the executive committee of the softball league the following schedule was announced starting with a double-header tonight. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 26—

First game: Methodists vs. Christians.

Second game: Presbyterians vs. Baptists.

Tuesday, June 30—

First game: Methodists vs. Presbyterians.

Second game: Baptists vs. Christians.

Wednesday, July 1—

Benefit game: Harrodsburg All-Stars vs. Danville league leaders.

Friday, July 3—

First game: Methodists vs. Baptists.

Second game: Presbyterians vs. Christians.

The first game begins each night at 7:30 at Voorhies Park. Admission is 10c for adults and 5c for children except to the benefit game for which admission prices are 20c and 10c. Games are planned for each Tuesday and Thursday night throughout the summer.

UPSET NIGHT

Friday was an upset night in Harrodsburg as well as New York. While Max Schmeling was turning the tables on Joe Louis in one of the biggest upsets in recent ring history, the Methodists and the Baptists broke loose to capture their games of softball here in spite of the odds against them.

A crowd of about 600 spectators were given thrill after thrill as the Methodist Cubs, who had won no regular games this season, took the measure of the Presbyterian Giants by 13 to 12 and the Baptists subdued the league-leading Christians by 18 to 12.

The Methodist-Presbyterian game was the first one of the season to go more than seven innings. The score being tied 11-all at the end of the seventh. The Presbyterians, after gaining an early lead, were held scoreless after the fourth inning and saw their opponents gradually close up the gap in the score until the tying run was made in the sixth. After both teams went down without any runs in the seventh the Presbyterians again took a one run lead in the first half of the eighth only to be overcome again when successive hits by Leon Gibson, "Brownie" Foster and Harry Cooke of the Methodists brought in two tallies and won the game. Emmett Hatchett did the twirling for the victors with Clell Coleman and Dunn pitching for the other team.

In the other game, the Baptists knocked two pitchers out of the box in rounding up their eighteen runs. Jack Zody only lasted two innings and "Doc" Mayfield who came in from second base to take his place soon gave way to Pierce who was hit repeatedly until the end of the game. Royalty, pitching for the Baptists, was wild at times and walked four men during the game. Umpires for both games were Russell Campbell, Ad Gibson and "Pie" Williams.

Lineups for Friday night's games were as follows:

Christians	c	Baptists	B
Parks	p	Bottoms	B
Zody	p	M. Royalty	B
Houchins	1st	Burgin	B
Mayfield	2nd	Cherry	B
Burns	3rd	Spaulding	B
J. B. Shewmaker	ss	Keightley	B
Johnson	lf	Smalley	B
Leathers	rf	Alexander	B
Rue	cf	Sutherland	B
J. Shewmaker	lf	Edwards	B

Substitutions: Christians: H. Royalty, Graham, Pierce, Sanders.

Christians 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E

Baptists 6 2 2 0 2 0 12 11 9

Methodists 6 3 5 1 0 3 x 18 25 5

Foster c Gatchell

Hatchett p C Coleman

Cooke 1st Bonta

Sullivan 2nd S. Davenport

Yates 3rd D. W. Coleman

VanArsdale ss Edwards

White r Bohon

Shaw r R. Davenport

L. Gibson cf Dunn

Crews lf J. Davenport

Substitutions: Presbyterians: Sutherland, Curry, Asher.

Presbytrns 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 R H E

Mthdists 1 7 2 1 0 0 1 12 16 7

Mthdists 4 1 3 0 1 2 0 13 14 4

G-MEN TAKE FROM ICE CREAM MAKERS

In a rip-snorting affair called a

softball game that featured many

hits, many runs, and many errors

the "G-men" of the Post Office

rounded up the Icemen of the Har-

rodsburg Ice & Produce Co., by a

score of 22 to 9 under the lights at

the athletic field Monday night.

Curtis Park, playing short-stop

for the G-Men, led the attack by

making five hits and five runs out

of five times at bat. Shelburn and

Davenport were the batteries for the

P. O. team with Hatchett and Foster

doing the pitching and catching for

the Produce men.

Several hundred people witnessed

the contest. The losers have asked

for a return game and it is probable

that one will be played in the near

future.

The box score was as follows:

G-MEN Pos. A B R H

Graham RF 3 0 0

R. Gabhart 3rd 5 4 4

Mc Reed 2nd 3 5 3

Parks SS 5 5 5

Davenport C 4 1 3

Wm. Reed LF 5 1 3

Williams 1B 4 0 2

M. Ransdell CF 3 0 0

F. Ransdell CF 1 1 1

Keightley SF 4 2 2

Shelburn P 4 2 2

W. Gabhart RF 1 1 1

42 22 26

H. I. & P. Co. Pos. A B R H

Matherly 3B 4 1 3

Foster C 4 2 2

Hatchett P 4 0 3

Sims SF 4 1 3

Dean 1B 4 0 0

Brown 2B 4 2 3

Curd RF 4 1 2

Atkinson CF 2 1 1

Moore CF 2 0 1

Yates LF 2 1 0

Jones SS 3 0 0

37 9 18

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E

H. I. P. O 3 2 2 0 2 0 9 18 Lots

G-Men 3 0 2 5 0 12 x 22 26 Plenty

LETTERS from Our Readers

I SHALL MAKE THE RACE FOR SENATE

June 23, 1936

The Herald, Harrodsburg, Ky.

Gentlemen:

Please publish the following statement in your next edition.

This will be appreciated very much and will tend to dispell the false rumor which has been circulated by Senator Logan's opponents.

"There have been suggestions in the newspapers recently that I was to be appointed a Federal Judgehip or given some other appointment that would preclude my making the race for the Senate. Such statements are without any foundation. In fact, I seek no appointment of any kind. I shall make the race for the Senate and regardless of whether I have few or many opponents I shall win the nomination. If Roosevelt is entitled to an endorsement by Kentucky Democrats, so am I, and that is all I ask. I would and should have had no opposition. I invited no fight. If those supporting either of the other candidates desire a fight, let us begin it and I shall neither give nor ask quarter.

If the party becomes disorganized and the state of Kentucky becomes doubtful for Roosevelt I will have the satisfaction of knowing that I am not responsible for such a situation. I shall continue and complete my organization, and then I shall begin a speaking campaign in which I shall inform the people of those things which they have a right to know.

Others have struck the first blow entirely unprovoked. I am not compelled to forego defending myself.

M. M. LOGAN.

OPER A HOUSE

Tonight—Friday

William Powell and Jean Arthur in "Ex Mrs. Bradford." Great love and comedy team.

Fox News.

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