

DOWN WITH THE BOSSES

Farmers' Union Officials Urge Citizens to Vote Against All Machine-Made Candidates.

Preachers Used As Political Gunmen.

Ft. Worth, Texas.—In a previous article, we endeavored to show that when the devil wanted a preacher, he sent a politician after him. We now want to show insofar as the evidence will permit, that when the political machine marks a candidate for slaughter, it hands the ax to a preacher.

Can you imagine a more perfect machine than one that puts preachers forward as political gunmen or forces candidates to call upon the clergy members of their clan for a permit to run for office?

The press recently carried an announcement of the action of a committee of four preachers in eliminating two of three candidates for comptroller. We do not know of any class of men more incapable, as a rule, of passing upon the qualifications of candidates for state office than a committee of preachers. We believe that the interests of good government would have been served equally as well had the candidates shot craps for the job. Then we think class rule inimical to free government. We would protest against a committee of grocerymen or butchers slaughtering undesirable candidates, although the work would be more in line with the latter occupation, and we think they would be better qualified for making a wise selection than preachers. We are opposed to any special interest naming a candidate for public office, whether it be railroad managers, corporation attorneys, bankers, brewers, preachers or what not, and we believe the morals of the community are more ruthlessly shocked when preachers connive together in political caucuses than for any other class, for it has been well said "the greater the saint, the greater the sin."

We should think that the preachers who feel called upon to participate in political matters would co-operate with the Farmers' Union in stamping out immoral practice in politics and destroying machine rule, and we believe the better element of the clergy will join us in this position. A preacher cannot make political trickery righteous by usage any more than he can make profanity respectable by practice. It is one of the ironies of fate that a preacher may become a scoundrel as well as a glory to civilization.

Opposed to Political Trusts.
We do not believe any candidate who will kneel and beg a permit to run for office from the politicians has the stuff in him that capable public officials are made of. We had rather see a

candidate claim his rights as an American citizen than to see him wear the brass collar of the bosses.

The Constitution guarantees every citizen the right of liberty in the pursuit of office, and a set of men who organize for the purpose of interfering with the inalienable rights of any citizen commit a grievous crime against free government.

We believe political trusts are as antagonistic to the interest of the people as industrial trusts, and equally as inimical to the public welfare. We think a political combination that corners public offices and robs candidates of their rights is as criminal as an industrial combination that corners markets and plunders the people, for might does not make right in government any more than in business.

Political organizations have a legitimate and essential function to perform in State government when properly conducted, but when they violate unwritten laws of politics their action and influence is destructive. When a party machine confines its work to teaching, it is a blessing to government, but when it seeks to control government, it is a curse to the country. When it seeks to expand the legitimate functions of government, it is a benediction, but when it grapples for power it has the coil of a serpent. When it seeks to promote progress, it is a useful agency, but when it spreads strife and dissension it becomes a pestilence.

The Misuse of the Ministry.

We can conceive of no more adroit political machine than one that can put misguided preachers to the front to give the machine an appearance of respectability that the original Tammany never had the nerve to hope for. Hiding behind the broadcloth of these ministers are leading antis and pros, as well as the leaders of both sides of other factions, and when the leaders of all factions lie down together, it is a pretty good evidence that the machine is working. To make the picture more complete, imagine a combination of 90 per cent of the leading wire-pullers who have manipulated all the political conventions held in Texas for the past quarter of a century working harmoniously together, surrounding a candidate groomed by preachers and run into a convention as a dark horse and you have a machine that is the dream of the most arrogant ruler.

The farmers of Texas may differ in their views on the prohibition question, but all can unite in saving the country from political bossism, for when the ringsters huddle together, the farmers can potshot the whole bunch at the polls in the July primary. The voters of Texas never had such an opportunity of ridding the state of ring rule as that presented in this campaign.

Much has been said about high priced wonders sacrificing their time and their business for the "dear people," but why all this bawling of incense? Why all this "hail to the chief" by pie-counter politicians? We are not so much in need of political monstrosities as we are of common horse sense in government, for

that element is, after all, the substance of greatness. There are exceptions to all rules, and we have in mind a few notable ones to the instance we relate. Some of the big guns of the Democratic party have been thundering out in the press how they are going to vote in the hope evidently of subduing the people with the power of their marvelous personality. The ballot of one of these political aristocrats counts no more than that of a farmer, a laborer or a clerk, and whether a man spends the summer motoring in Europe or toiling in the field, at the furnace or behind the counter, the ballot box, like the grave, makes all voters equal.

The Bosses Vs. the People.

The machine politicians are also at it in the legislative districts chopping down candidates regardless of their fitness for office who will not agree to make factional strife the paramount issue in this campaign, and threatening to defeat those who refuse to bend their knee to the bosses. Any man who cares to submit his candidacy to a Democratic primary should be permitted to do so without the interference of factional leaders.

There is only one way to break up ring rule and that is to swat the bosses. Let every farmer vote against machine-made candidates, no matter what factory may have turned them out, for on no other basis can the liberties of the people be preserved and the greed of the politicians restrained.

W. D. LEWIS,
President,
PETER RADFORD,
Ex-President,
Texas Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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We are authorized to announce Dr. J. E. Clark of Schulenburg as a candidate for re-election to the office of State Senator for this senatorial district, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. He solicits your vote and your influence.

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Rice Maggots 4, Sandy Hill 3.

In a well played game of ball on the Garwood diamond Sunday afternoon, the Rice Maggots defeated the Sandy Hill team by a score of 4 to 3. Both sides played good ball and the game was interesting from start to finish. The line-up of the two teams is as follows:

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Sandy Hill—Leon Rieger, c; Tom Rieger, p; Homer Ammann, 1b; Oscar Ammann, 2b; Will Jerrrels, 3b; Charlie Werila, ss; Ben Rieger, rf; Robert Kessler, cf; Charlie Kessler, lf.

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Hon. Luke Moore, Jr., a prominent young attorney of Waco, spent Tuesday in Garwood. Mr. Moore, who has charge of the estate of the late Mr. Hurd, who bought a tract of land here from Mr. G. M. Jackson about 20 years ago, was here on business connected with same.

Messrs Henry Stallum and Asher MacLachlan were in Garwood Monday to see Mr. G. M. Jackson about the job of Garwood rural school. It will be several days before it will be known who they will be.

Mr. E. A. Tully, a prominent citizen of Cuero, spent the fore part of the week in the city looking after his land interests.

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around in his auto Saturday for the first time in about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Wied and children spent Sunday with Mr. Henry Schneider and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Drlik and children, Mrs. F. Mikeska and daughter, Miss Annie, and Mrs. J. Hoffmann and daughter spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Joe Beal.

Miss Rosina Walling of Bernardo is visiting her sister, Mrs. August Stallmann.

Messrs Frank and Henry Staff of Nada were last Friday repairing the fence around their father's tenant farm here.

Red Wing.

GILLET NEWS.

(Delayed from last week.)

It rained here last week which did more harm than good.

Mr. J. B. Balenline, manager of the Crews Ranch, committed suicide the 16th of this month by shooting himself in the head. The remains were shipped to San Marcos where they were buried on the 18th.

Mrs. D. B. Frels, who has been visiting relatives, returned home.

The graduating exercises held at the school were attended by many and enjoyed by all. Diplomas were presented to Misses Leona Patton, Viola Frels and Doris Upton.

Ben Frels of Houston was visiting in our burg the past week.

Mr. Mrs. Chas. Eggmeyer of Denhawkins were Sunday visitors to Mr. Mrs. A. C. Weigle.

The Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Nelson last week. All present expressed themselves as having had a good time.

Mrs. W. H. Frels, daughter Nora and little son Herbert, accompanied Mrs. D. B. Frels home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hyatt went to Karnes City Sunday in their Hupmobile, returning Monday.

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WINKER

Mrs. R. J. Clark, Jr.

Mrs. Clark, beloved wife of R. J. Clark, Jr., of Seclusion, died Friday, May 15, from a several weeks' illness. Interment was had Saturday afternoon in the Speaksville cemetery.

Mrs. Clark was aged 34 years. She was reared in the Ezzell community and was a member of one of the county's prominent families.

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