

Letters To the Editor

NO NEGRO RUNNING FOR CONGRESS IN MISSOURI

Editor Watauga Democrat:
Rev. L. B. Murray of Wilkes county, in an address at the courthouse here last Thursday night, declared that a negro was running for congress in Missouri on the Democratic ticket. Feeling that the minister was misinformed, I telegraphed Hon. Sam C. Major, former congressman from that state and chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, to confirm or deny the statement. Saturday morning I received this answer from Mr. Major:

"Springfield, Mo., Oct. 27.
"Statement that negro running for congress in Missouri on Democratic ticket absolutely false. All candidates for congress in this state are white."

"SAM C. MAJOR."
Oscar DePriest, negro, a former Chicago alderman, is a candidate on the Republican ticket for congress in the first Illinois district, and very probably Mr. Murray got his geography and the party affiliation of the negro a little bit confused. It is well, even in the heat of a political battle to stick to the truth.

M. W. SEACIT.

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"JUSTICE TO ALL"

Editor Watauga Democrat:
If I should select a personal motto, it would be "Justice to all."

In this campaign which is now on for votes for the two presidential nominees, a great injustice is prevailing against Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, Democratic nominee for president.

A few Democrats, or former Democrats, and lots of Republicans, are accusing Governor Smith with many things which does him a decided injustice.

Governor Smith is an outspoken man, and does not deny being a Catholic, about which he says, "I recognize no power in the institution of my church to interfere with the operation of the constitution of the United States or the enforcement of the law of the land, and I believe in the absolute separation of church and state, and in the strict enforcement of the provision of the constitution that congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Governor Smith has proved to be a man of his word, and any American should feel safe in accepting his word at its face value.

Governor Smith is the Abraham Lincoln of 1928. He has gone up the ladder of success step by step, leaving school at the age of twelve, selling newspapers on Park Row, supporting his mother and sister, and he has now done more for mankind than many realize.

It was Governor Alfred E. Smith who fought the battle, while in the legislature, for state aid to widowed mothers. He made, there, his famous speech in which he said that the poorest home presided over by a loving mother was preferable to the best institution, and, as a result, the child welfare act was placed on the statute books of the state, providing for pensions for widowed mothers which would enable them to keep their children in the home. This in itself is enough to show that he is a friend to those unfortunate ones who need a friend and should cause the consideration of every woman voter in the United States.

Regarding the 18th amendment, Gov. Smith says in his acceptance speech, "The president of the United States has two constitutional duties with respect to prohibition. The first is embodied in his oath of office. It, with one hand on the Bible and the other hand reaching up to Heaven, I promise the people of the country that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States; you may be sure that I shall live up to that oath to the last degree. I shall to the very limit execute the pledge of our platform 'to make an honest endeavor to enforce the 18th amendment and all other provisions of the federal constitution and all laws enacted pursuant thereto.'" Read what Henry Ford said in an interview September 6th pertaining to our next president, regardless whom, and the prohibition: "Everybody knows, of course, that there will be no material change in the prohibition laws, no matter who is elected president. A president is not sworn to change the constitution, but to defend and enforce it. It takes two-thirds vote of both houses of congress to submit a proposal for a change in the constitution and the legislatures of three-fourths of the states to ratify it. More than two-thirds of congress and more than three-fourths of the state legislatures are dry and there is not the slightest prospect that this condition will be materially changed."

Mr. Ford is for Hoover and this was taken from a pamphlet being given out by the Republicans.

The Ku Klux Klan has been campaigning against Gov. Smith, and recently a suit was filed in Atlanta, Ga., against Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans and other high officials

of the Klan, by C. T. Rice, a member of the Klan, charging that funds of the hooded order has been diverted for a campaign "of libel and slander" against Gov. Smith. Rice charges that the Klan is insolvent, and asks for a receiver. I do not know whether or not "Big" W. Earl Bristall, who made recently in Le noir and other towns, got any of the campaign money from the Klan or not, since a "collection" was taken at the speaking, but the "doctor" introduced himself as a campaigner for the Klan from Washington. It is a sad statement that were traced down and if he had been traced that he is a fugitive from justice from Tennessee. But nevertheless, the foundation was pronounced when the speech was ended. I do not hear of any such type men out campaigning for the Democratic party.

I sincerely hope that Mr. Watson will not be forced to do any of the terrible things he mentioned in his letter in The Democrat to cause him to vote for Gov. Smith. I regard it a great privilege to vote for such a straight forward man as this in the first presidential election in which I have had the privilege to cast a ballot, and, believe me, I shall do just that November 6th, 1928.

R. CLYDE WISEBARGER,
Leomin, N. C.

FORAM AND PROHIBITION

Editor Watauga Democrat:
Please allow space for this article which was clipped from the open forum of a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer.

A. READER.

Mr. Hoover has stated that he will continue the policies of the Harding and Coolidge administrations. We take it for granted that he is telling the truth. Does he mean that he will appoint a great distiller as head of the prohibition enforcement department? Does he mean that he will appoint another Albert Fall as secretary of the interior? Does he mean that he will appoint another Tom Miller as alien property custodian? Does he mean that he will appoint another Charles Forbes as director of the veterans' bureau? Does he mean that he will appoint another Harry Daugherty as attorney general? He might persuade some of the above mentioned gentlemen to accept office again, as a part of them have just finished their terms in Federal prison while the balance now in prison will be out shortly. Will he urge the senate to forget partisan politics and let Vane and Smith in the senate? It certainly seems that the party who appointed men in the cabinet and then gave them a post-graduate course in the Federal prison with free tuition, could with all due grace, open the senate doors to Vane and Smith. These two are like angels compared with the Harding appointments. Will he continue his own policy of forcing white women to work side by side with negroes in the government departments? Let some of McNinch's converts answer these questions before they step into the trap that he is preparing for them. A vote for Hoover is an endorsement of Fall, Daugherty, Denby, Forbes, Vane, Will Hayes, Governor McCrory of Indiana, and numerous others of like quality, several of whom have served prison terms.

How about prohibition enforcement? Will he appoint any man who is opposed to the Federal prohibition law? Well, according to his own statement, he will. Hoover has stated that he will continue the policies of Harding and Coolidge. Now, just what did Mr. Harding do when that great jurist, Edward D. White, was removed by death from the office of chief justice of the supreme court? Did he appoint a man who favored prohibition? Most assuredly not. He appointed a man, who, after the prohibition law had been passed, made the following statement:

"I am opposed to national prohibition. I am opposed to it because I think it is a mixing of the national government in a matter that should be one of local settlement. I think sumptuary laws are matters for parochial adjustment. I think it will vest in the national government, and those who administer it, so great a power as to be dangerous in political matters. . . . The regulation of the sale and use of intoxicating liquor should be retained by the states. . . . If the power of regulation is irrevocably committed to the general government the next generation will live deeply to regret it."

This statement was not made by Alfred E. Smith, although it shows the same attitude as that great, frank and honest man, but by the present chief justice of the United States supreme court, William Howard Taft, one of the greatest men who has ever occupied that eminent place. The words of Mr. Taft are found in two letters on prohibition written by Mr. Taft in 1918 and first printed in the New Haven Journal-Courier.

It has been the cry of those opposed to Alfred E. Smith that he would, if elected, appoint men on the supreme court bench who would seek to modify the prohibition law. Mr. Smith would be forced to search far and wide for a man who could be more in agreement with his views than Mr. Taft.

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