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Mr. McLean's Statement Concerning Candidacy

Hon. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, issued a "statement" relative to his candidacy for nomination for governor of North Carolina, the statement being published in Tuesday's papers. Mr. McLean's friends were highly pleased when he issued a simple statement concerning his candidacy, rather than attempting to create a platform for the democratic party.

"I shall not attempt in advance of the state convention to adopt a platform of my own," is one of the assertions of this personal statement of Mr. McLean, but deems it proper to declare his personal views on some questions of state policy.

Mr. McLean frankly admits he wants to serve his state, and in rendering this service, if chosen by the people to do so, solemnly "declares that if I am nominated and elected I shall subordinate every personal interest, and laying all other things aside strive earnestly and wholeheartedly for the upbuilding of our beloved commonwealth."

Mr. McLean "thoroughly approves of the just attitude of the democratic party towards labor, including the recognition of the right to organize."

The full statement, while containing no promises except those that would bind him personally to the service of the state, leaving to the

party the task of writing and adopting a platform, is simple, direct, earnest and sincere.

The full statement follows: To the Democratic Voters of North Carolina:

I submit the following statement with respect to my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina:

I shall seek the nomination in the primary on June 7th at the hands of the Democratic voters, and if nominated I will stand on the platform of the party as adopted by the convention to be held on April 17. I shall not attempt in advance of the convention to adopt a platform of my own. I deem it proper, however, that I should at this time declare my personal views with respect to some of the matters of State policy in which our people are interested.

Let me say at the outset, in all sincerity, that I feel a very unaffected sense of responsibility in aspiring to the office I seek, believing as I do that it is the highest position of honor, trust and service within the gift of the people. Moreover, the office is one in which the people have a most vital interest, and they have the right to expect that any man who aspires to it shall give a pledge of unselfish and faithful service. I, therefore, solemnly

declare that if I am nominated and elected I shall subordinate every personal interest, and laying all other things aside, strive earnestly and wholeheartedly for the upbuilding of our beloved Commonwealth in all of its material, moral and spiritual values. If I did not believe I could render some constructive service at this time, when governmental activities have so broadened as to intimately touch the life of every citizen, I would not care to undertake the arduous duties of the office. I have long had a desire to serve the people of my native State in a constructive capacity, and I feel that the Governor's office offers an unusual opportunity for such service.

The Democratic party has been in continuous control of the State for 23 years. During all that period its record of useful and progressive achievement has been unparalleled in the history of government. We must remember, however, that progress in government, as in all other human activities, is the result of constant striving for better things, and that perfect accomplishment is always in the future.

North Carolina has entered upon a new era, and it is with pardonable pride that we view her present position among the states. The program of constructive achievement entered upon a few years ago has necessitated not only great expansion in the machinery of government, but also has largely increased our governmental activities to meet the new and constantly increasing demands for a greater measure of service to the people. A mental review of what is usually termed the State will disclose a great business as well as a great civic organization. In its business aspects the State may be likened to a great enterprise with several hundred million dollars invested for the benefit of its owners, the people of State. Among its assets is a great highway system threading every county in the State.

Every intelligent citizen must realize that with the constantly widening scope of governmental activities new methods must be applied if the business of the State with its many departments, bureaus, commissions, institutions and other branches is to be managed wisely and efficiently and at the same time for the common good. In my judgment, a safe and sane, yet thoroughly progressive business administration of the State's affairs is the paramount need at the present time. It is my ambition to give the State such an administration.

It is manifestly impossible to refer here to every matter of public concern. I may, however, mention the following policies which, if elected governor, I shall endeavor to support with all the power and influence at my command:

1. Continued improvement in our system of public education, keeping in mind as the ultimate goal that equal opportunity shall be given to every child to enjoy the best educational advantages, both academic and vocational, that the State can afford.

2. The development of our agricultural industry, so as to produce prosperity and contentment among our farmers is at this moment our most progressive problem. Among the things which man contribute to the solution of this problem are: (a) fostering means whereby worthy tenants may become land-owners; (b) establishing a research laboratory in the cotton sections of the state for experimental work in boll weevil control; (c) providing a more comprehensive system of agricultural training in the rural schools and making these schools the centers of activity for rural betterment.

Taxes and Economy in Government.

3. Taxes on both land and personal property are too high in many of the counties and municipalities of the State. There is admittedly a lack of uniformity in the valuation of lands for taxation, and this imposes an unequal and often too heavy a burden upon individual taxpayers. Often intangible property escapes taxation, thereby increasing the taxes upon tangible property. In many cases, lands are valued too high for purposes of taxation. A close study of the whole situation should be made in an effort to devise some plan whereby these heavy burdens existing in some of the counties may be relieved and the defects and inequalities eliminated. The present system whereby land and personal property are assessed for taxation, and taxed by the local authorities for local purposes only, is the declared policy of the Democratic party and has been approved by our people.

I believe that the time has come

when a careful and comprehensive survey should be made of all governmental expenses, both state and local, to the end that they may be reduced whatever this can be done, without retarding wholesome and necessary progress. Obviously, one of the most practical ways of reducing the aggregate amount of taxes and thus the amount paid by each taxpayer is to reduce expenses in the administration of government, both in State and local affairs.

The real basis of success in private business is to live within one's income and produce the maximum of service at a minimum of cost. The same principles can be and must be applied to the business of government, if we are to reduce materially the burden of taxation.

The Budget System.
The Executive Budget System is one of the best methods yet devised to control and reduce the expenses of government. I believe such a system should be adopted in every branch of government.

The Budget Commission recently adopted by the Legislature was a step in the right direction. I believe it should be given increased powers and converted into an Executive Budget body, so that it could (a) constantly supervise our fiscal operations in respect to both revenues and expenditures; (b) awaken a spirit of economy and efficiency in the public service; (c) scrutinize and subject to the test of necessity and public welfare all items of expenditures; (d) eliminate waste and extravagance, if any; (e) eliminate duplication of effort and outlay; (f) supervise the methods of accounting; (g) prepare and submit to the legislature a budget of estimated expenditures and receipts, to the end that current operating expenses shall at no time exceed current income.

After all the application to the affairs of government of the same principles and methods which the prudent man practices in the man-

agement of his own affairs will reduce the aggregate of expenditures and to that extent will reduce the volume of taxation. This is one of the surest ways of reducing taxes without interfering with the progressive development of the State, which our people have so much at heart. If I am elected governor, I shall use my experience and best efforts to achieve this result.

4. Our state should have the benefit of fair, just and equitable freight rates and any discrimination against our people in this respect must be removed, at any cost.

5. Strict enforcement of the law is an imperative duty. The growing tendency to disregard our Constitution and our laws creates a serious menace to the stability of our government. The law must be held sacred, because ours is a government of law where the sovereign power resides in the people who speak through the law alone. Any failure to obey the law, therefore, tends to bring into disrepute and destroy that sovereignty.

6. Our judicial system should be reformed so that the trial of both civil and criminal cases may be simplified, expedited and made less expensive.

7. I thoroughly approve of the just attitude of the Democratic party towards labor, including the recognition of the right to organize. Industry is essential to the strength and prosperity of the State, and it should be our constant purpose to stimulate a wholesome respect for the rights of both labor and capital.

8. The great work of internal improvement, including the highway system, educational institutions, the institutions for the treatment of the afflicted and our other general welfare activities should continue to be fostered and promoted, as the public interest may require.

I expect to state my position in respect to other matters and to elaborate upon those that I have here mentioned, during the campaign.

I shall endeavor to conduct the campaign in such manner as to preserve the confidence and respect of the people. It will be my constant effort to put the welfare of the State and the interests of the Democratic party above any personal ambition. (Signed) A. W. McLEAN, Lumberton, N. C., March 17th, 1924.

SOU. EXTENDS BONUS PLAN

Washington, March 19.—Vice President H. W. Miller, in charge of operation of the Southern Railway System, announced today that the Southern has concluded a co-operative agreement with engineers and firemen similar to the agreement with its conductors and trainmen, recently announced, the engine employees are given the opportunity to earn a bonus through increased efficiency in addition to an increase of approximately five per cent in the base rates of pay. The agreement is retroactive to March 1st and will run for three years. As in the case of the train employees the bonus of the enginemen will depend on the degree of their success in decreasing expenses which are directly under their control.

An applicant for work at the Ford plant asked a veteran Ford employe if it were true that the company was always finding methods of speeding up production by using fewer men. The veteran replied: "Most certainly. In fact," he continued, "I just had a dream which illustrates the point. Mr. Ford was dead and I could see the pallbearers carrying his body. Suddenly the procession stopped. Mr. Ford had come to life. As soon as the casket was opened he sat upright, and, on seeing six pallbearers, cried out at once: 'Put this casket on wheels and lay off five men.'"

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