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For Assembly: Mr. Josiah Howard.

Unless all signs fall Mr. Josiah Howard will on Tuesday next receive a good big majority of the votes of Cameron county for the office of Assemblyman. The Independent has been telling us that it knows no reason why Mr. Howard should be elected. There are none so blind as those who will not see. There are several reasons, and very good ones too, why Mr. Howard should be elected. Of course we do not expect the organ of the Democratic party to see, or at least to acknowledge that it sees, the force of these reasons, but our appeal is not to the Independent, but to the intelligent and fair-minded voters of Cameron county.

In point of personal fitness and equipment Mr. Howard is admirably qualified for this and for even more important offices. He has had advantages, it is true, as the Independent has been at pains to point out, but he has improved his advantages as a great many similarly situated would not have done. No one who knows him will venture to say that he is lacking in those elements of independence and force and aspiration which we are accustomed to associate with the type of character known as self-made. He is no mere creature of circumstances, as the Independent would seem to have us infer, but a shaper of circumstances. It is true that he received a start from his father, and no one is more enthusiastic in bearing witness to that obligation than is Mr. Josiah Howard himself; nevertheless the firm of C. B. Howard Company, since the death of its founder, has carried to successful termination many an undertaking that would have taxed to their utmost the powers of C. B. Howard, and the credit of this honorable record of the past twelve years must not be withheld from the present head of the firm and his capable business associates.

Not only has Mr. Josiah Howard given abundant proof of the possession of business judgment and ability of a high order, but he has also shown himself to be a man of most marked and genuine public spirit. The Independent has insinuated that he is in the county only for what he can get out of it, and that he will move elsewhere as soon as the lumber is all out. So, after sixteen or seventeen years, residence in the county, during all of which time he has identified himself heart and soul with the county, with its business interests, with its civic interests, with its educational, religious, moral and social interests, he is now to be branded as a sort of industrial tramp, a lodger for the night, as it were, and is declared undeserving of the only public honor that he has ever asked of the people of Cameron county! Mr. Howard has been generous with his means in many ways that no one but himself knows, but his liberality with his money is after all a little thing compared with the fact that during all these years he has been giving himself to the things that make for the advancement and welfare of the county. Money, apart from personality, is nothing. Mr. Howard enjoys the good will and respect and hearty support of the people because of what he is and because of the spirit which he puts into his work and service, and not because he is possessed of a modest fortune. Yet the Independent has insinuated that those who recognize Mr. Howard's personal worth and service are mere cringers to wealth! Mr. Howard is a public spirited man if ever there was one in Cameron county, and the votes which he will receive next Tuesday will each one be a sincere recognition of his personal worth and civic value.

We have repeatedly called attention to Mr. Howard's political principles and to his full and forceful expression of them in his speech of acceptance, in his "Star" and in his open letter. In giving full expression to his political views, he has only shown himself mindful of the first duty which a candidate owes to the public, for it is the duty and the right of the public to know what a candidate's principles and opinions are. The mere fact that he has given these expressions of his views to the public has been annoying to his political opponents. The Independent has not been accustomed to waging a campaign of discussion, and it has been amusing to watch its futile efforts to offset the effect of Mr. Howard's speech and star and letter. The most that it is able to say is that Mr. Blumle stands for everything good that Mr. Howard stands for. Truly a summary way of providing a candidate with a platform! In Mr. Howard the county will have a Representative who can express his mind and who has a mind to express. He is a Republican, and knows why he

is one, but he is not a narrow, bigoted partisan. When elected, he will be the Representative of the whole county.

The vast majority of the citizens of Cameron county prefer clean methods of campaigning to corrupt methods. To the intelligent and moral elements in the county Mr. Howard's clean, honorable and dignified campaign has made a strong appeal. Wholly aside from partisan considerations, he and his associate on the county ticket, Dr. Bardwell, will receive the hearty support of those who are disgusted with certain so-called "potent" methods.

In conclusion we repeat that Mr. Howard will creditably represent the best spirit and life and interest of the county at Harrisburg. His keen understanding, his well-stored mind, his gentlemanly address, his extensive experience with business and affairs, and his wide acquaintance with men in wide and narrow spheres, all mark him as a man who will be a credit to the county in the halls of legislation. We have not been claiming perfection or infallibility for him. We do not say that he is the only good and able man in the county, nor that he is the only man in the county who can successfully organize and execute great business undertakings. But we do say that he stands at the heart of all that is best in the moral, social and business life of the county, that he is truly representative of the best that is in the county; and for that reason the county will only be honoring itself in honoring him with the office of Assemblyman.

Letters from the People.

All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expression in this department.—Editor.

How Shall I Vote.

EDITOR PRESS:—

This question again confronts the voters of the county. Some of our young men will cast their first ballot at this coming election, but whether it is a new voter, or otherwise, a choice must be made by each one. For which candidate for the Legislature shall I cast my ballot? What are the merits and qualifications of the two candidates who are seeking the office. Which of the two is not only the better qualified to serve, but, judging from what his past life, has meant and been for the good of the people in the county, the most likely to best serve the interests of the people if elected?

I do not desire to say anything against Mr. Blumle, as a man, but surely there is nothing in the record, if any there is, that he made during his two terms at Harrisburg, that will recommend his re-election to a third term as Representative from this county, and though he is better than the business in which he is engaged, the very nature of that business and all of the sin and misery that such a business is responsible for, must surely have an influence other than such as will inspire and encourage any effort to real good on the part of one whose time is devoted to, and living dependent on, such business. It is against reason to believe that such a man, however honest he may believe himself, has or can have truly at heart and be capable of working sincerely for the best interests and welfare of the people.

Against this can be said for Mr. Howard that his very business, and the development of ability and capacity which its management has produced in him, is one of the best reasons why he should be favored with the support of the voters. A Representative is needed who has such experience and ability; otherwise he is of less worth and more harm that nobody at all. Then there is what the life of Mr. Howard has been in our town and county. The originator of, or, always in the advance with any move that has for its purpose the promotion of the country's interests. A man of acknowledged ability and unblemished character, whose life conforms to a noble standard of manhood and strict business integrity; qualified in the highest sense to stand as the Representative of the people of the county; and, with justified faith in himself and an abiding faith in the people and their continued progress, in material lines and toward that standard of right living which produces and develops a noble-minded and patriotic citizenship, he merits and should receive the hearty support of our people at the polls next Tuesday.

MY FIRST VOTE.

Shippin Pa., Oct. 29, 1904.

Doctor Bardwell, is honest and capable. Vote for him for Treasurer.

From a Laboring Man's Standpoint.

Editor Press:—

As this campaign proceeds it seems to me absurd for a thoughtful laboring man to vote the Democratic ticket. Why? There never was a time in the history of any country when prosperity was so prominent as in this grand old Republic to-day. Now fellow laborer do not allow your partisan politics to influence your best reason. You must concede that a Republican administration is responsible for these prosperous times.

Now, my fellow laborers, you will admit that you will vote for President Roosevelt, but some of you cannot vote for Mr. Josiah Howard for Representative. What inconsistency! This seems to me like a father killing his own child. Do you know that the only way you can assist President Roosevelt in electing men to the legislature who will vote for a United States Senator who will work in harmony with the President's administration. I have read the controversy between the Press and Independent relative to this election and for the life of me I cannot refrain from making some comment on the Independent's drastic appeal in behalf of Mr. Blumle's election. Mr. Hockley's effort seems like the wail of one who is in personal danger of some great bodily or financial calamity. You ask why? Because it appeals to the revengeful spirit of the voter, and not to his intelligence. Their only argument is that Mr. Blumle was unseated in the last election. Had not Mr. Blumle conducted a questionable campaign there would never have been any room for a controversy in the premises. Not being a part or parcel of that unfortunate episode, I can speak with unbiased mind. In fact my sympathies were rather in Mr. Blumle's favor until I saw and heard his own sworn evidence during the investigation, and if any moral, intelligent voter in Cameron county can read that testimony and vote for Mr. Blumle, then I regret to say morality is declining. On page 128 of the official testimony as reported to the House, I read one part of Mr. Blumle's sworn testimony:

"BY MR. SMITH: Q—I wish you to state to this Committee the facts as to your having sent liquors or intoxicants of any kind, or money to either Grove, Lumber, Gibson, Emporium Borough, or Shippen township for the election of 1902."

A—"I did not, Sir."

Q—"Mention these precincts in your answer." A—"I did not for election purposes, send any beer or money to Cameron, Sterling Run, Driftwood, Sinnamahoning, Sizerville, Howard Siding or other places."

Is there a man, woman or child within the confines of Cameron county who endorses this testimony? No, they cannot.

The boastful claim that Mr. Blumle built all the churches, on the eve of an election, when personal interests are at stake, seems to me like the boasted Pharisee whom Christ condemned. Do you not know, brother laborer, that Mr. Howard gave more money to just one church than his opponent gave in all his life, and nothing is said about it by Mr. Howard or his friends. I personally know of one church, not of Mr. Howard's creed, to whom he gave more than Mr. Blumle ever gave to all the churches, and that church is located outside of Cameron county, where it could never possibly do him any good, politically or otherwise. Pray brother, which one goes down justified? It is not in our premises to question any man's actions, but when such things are done on the eve of every election, and that is about every year, for the past fifteen years, he leaves himself open to criticism, which any honest man should guard as he would his morality. Throw away the good-fellow business and be honest with yourself. Can you honestly and intelligently say that Mr. Howard is not better qualified to represent us at Harrisburg than Mr. Blumle? He is fortified in the first place by representing those grand principles taught by your ideal, that grand specimen of American manhood, Theodore Roosevelt, who has relieved you and me at every opportunity. Can you be so ungrateful as to condemn his policies by voting for one who is in direct opposition?

The only appeal of the Independent and Mr. Blumle's managers, is revenge, spite, vindication. "Vindication" on whom? On an innocent man, one who had no part in the unseating of Mr. Blumle. The responsibility rests with the court that tried the case and decided from the sworn testimony that Mr. Mullis was defrauded out of his election. Mr. Howard was not re-

sponsible for the contest or verdict.

Are you going to cast your ballot against an innocent man, one who has always given you work and paid you promptly and well just to suit the revengeful cry of one in the wilderness? Then if you do and vote from no other motive than "vindication," remember the words of Holy Writ, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." In the name of God, has the day come in Cameron county when we are going to be governed by "vindication," "hate," "spite," "selfishness," "No! No! Never! I have more faith in the voters of this county. Rise brothers above such rot, such abominable appeal to your prejudices; it is inconsistent, for he who seeks revenge shall perish.

Vote for Mr. Howard, a candidate for the best interests of the county. He is not the candidate of "spite," "revenge" or "vindication."

By voting for Mr. Howard you will be best serving your own interests, your home and fireside, as well as the general good of your fellow man.

May God show you your duty.

LABORING MAN.

Emporium, Pa., Nov. 1st, 1904.

What a Little Bird Says.

Editor Press:—

Alas, too late has the startling disclosure come that a vote for Roosevelt means a vote for Romanism, while a vote for Parker means a vote for Popery. We voters are already committed to one or the other of these candidates, and it is too late now to think of switching off. According to what a little bird is telling the people, President Roosevelt is fast handing the government over to Rome. The latest instance which might be cited is the recent appointment of Mr. Robert J. Wynne, a Roman Catholic, to the office of Postmaster-General. It is true that Mr. Wynne, with the President's strong backing, was the prime mover and agent in unearthing and prosecuting the frauds in the post office department, and that he has made himself a holy terror to the grafters; but all this must do for nothing against the dreadful fact that he is a Roman Catholic.

It will not do to imagine that anything is to be gained by substituting Parker for Roosevelt in the Presidency. Does the Independent know that its candidate for President is a "ritualistic, Romanizing High Church Episcopalian?" The little Swallow is authority for the information, and it must be so if that little bird says so.

It is really too bad we did not know these things several months ago, so that we all could have had an opportunity to make up our minds to vote for the little bird himself.

BIRD O' FREDUM HATCHINOUT.

A True Friend of Farmer and Laboring Man.

EDITOR CAMERON COUNTY PRESS:—

There is no greater friend of the working man than Mr. Josiah Howard. This is easily seen by the contentment of his employes. He is giving several hundred men employment, but there are no strikes, no labor troubles of any kind among his men. Take a trip up to the new mill and hear what the men will say in regard to their work and pay. The majority of them have worked for the C. B. Howard Co., many years, and will probably work many years more. The mill pay roll will average better than \$2.25 per day to each man the year around. No body of workmen are better paid, or better used than the C. B. Howard Company's men. Mr. Howard is a candidate for Member of Assembly, on the Republican ticket. Nobody has the least doubt but what he is fully capable to represent the people, and that he has the grit and determination to do what he believes will benefit the masses, regardless of what others think. And there is no question but what the laboring man and farmer will be as well represented as the man of money. In view of these facts, and also the fact that Mr. Howard is a farmer himself, all workmen and farmers should vote for Mr. Josiah Howard for Member of Assembly at the coming election.

A WORKMAN.

Emporium, Pa., Oct. 31, 1904.

Protection for the Wage Earners.

Editor Press:—

Will the wage earners' hoe be bright as he tills the soil for the next four years, or will the farmers' plow rust for the want of use? Why should not the wolf be kept from the farmers' door, as well as from the door of the wage earners' home?

We are born equally free and independent, with the indefeasible right to enjoy the liberty that our forefathers

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BOSS HOCKLEY'S LAST MOAN.

The editor of the Independent, Chairman of the Democratic County Machine, and County Commissioners' Clerk when it suits his pleasure, takes the citizens of Cameron county to be fools. After delaying his issue until last evening in order to spring one of his huge surprises, he attempts to create political capital out of the fact that the State of Pennsylvania is purchasing the waste lands, protecting the same from forest fires, as well as the lands of every property owner, and compelling the counties to pay one-half of the fire wardens' pay, may fool the class that follows the editor of the Independent, but thoughtful, sensible people only laugh at Hockley's desperation. His tirade is a base fabrication.

If the rest of his article is as untruthful as the statement in reference to the lands sold to the State by H. H. Mullin, the editor of the Press, not one word can be believed. His claims that we sold over "eighteen thousand acres" of land to the State is false, made up to suit his desperate case. We sold ONE WARRANT to the State, 990 acres, located in Grove. We never owned a foot of land in Gibson and never but 990 acres in Grove.

The records will show that three other gentlemen placed two warrants with us for sale, which was a business transaction. We are ready to wager votes with the editor of the Independent as to the truth of this statement. If we do not prove his statement false we will qualify to vote the entire Democratic ticket. On the other side, if the editor of the Independent does not substantiate his misrepresentations he must also qualify to vote the entire Republican ticket. Come now, put up or shut up. Your entire campaign has been one of base misrepresentation. Your statement that Mr. Howard will sell his lands to the State is in comparison with all your silly stuff. Mr. Howard continues to purchase all the lands he can secure, is improving the same and making good farms. He has never thought of selling his lands and repeatedly refused to sell.

The Democratic machine must be in a sad condition and hard up for campaign material to attempt to pass such stuff upon intelligent voters.

Why didn't Mr. Blumle vote against the bill allowing the State to buy worn out lands, the act of 1901, Mr. Hockley now wants repealed? Was it because Mr. Hockley forgot to tell him?

Mr. Howard, in his seventeen years life in our county, has always talked good-will to his neighbors and the possibilities of a bright future for our county, if we all pulled together on progressive development of our natural resources. This is true Republican doctrine and is in much contrast to Professor Hockley's idea that the county is dying, or that Mr. Howard will sell his lands to the State.

The "Crime of 1903" passed through Emporium this (Friday) morning—for Rich Valley—two wagon loads—sky-scrapers—of beer for the unwary.

Laboring man, farmer, mechanic; remember that a vote for F. X. Blumle is a vote for a Free Trade United States Senator, a vote to place this now prosperous country on a level with the pauper labor of Europe. If you be an intelligent man you know this. Do you dare risk it? A vote for Josiah Howard means a vote for the re-election of United States Senator Knox, the champion of protection to American industries. Vote for your homes and firesides—vote for Mr. Josiah Howard; vote to protect your little ones, your very existence. Be men, not Socialists; be true Americans.

WEATHER REPORT

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Rain.

SATURDAY, Rain.

SUNDAY, Fair.

The man in the wilderness said to me,

How many will Cummings' majority bet

I answered him as I thought good,

As many red herrings as grow in the wood.

For County Treasurer Dr. E. O.

Bardwell.

The voters of the county need to exercise the greatest care in the choice of a man to fill so important an office as that of County Treasurer. The office demands business intelligence and experience, firmness and independence of character, and an integrity that is above reproach and suspicion. That Dr. Bardwell is eminently well qualified in every particular to be entrusted with the care of the public funds of the county, no one has ventured to deny. He is recognized as a gentleman of more than ordinary intelligence and education and has had considerable experience with public affairs, though never holding a remunerative office. The County Treasurer must be a man who can be thoroughly trusted. No system of checks can be devised that will automatically prevent a dishonest official from robbing the people. The only preventive of public dishonesty is to put in office men who can be trusted. Dr. Bardwell is a man whose honesty and integrity cannot be questioned. But something more than mere honesty of motive is necessary; one must possess known firmness and independence of character, so that he will not be the tool or creature of other wills than his own. Every one who knows Dr. Bardwell, knows that he is a man of marked firmness and independence of character.

Dr. Bardwell has the necessary intelligence and business experience, he is honest, he is firm and independent and is moreover always gentlemanly and affable towards all. He is eminently fitted for the office, he deserves it, and he will be elected.

The Independent last week used language calculated to incite ignorant and corrupt voters to accept bribes.

An Eleventh Hour Spasm.

Judge Parker is showing that there are a few tricks in practical politics that he has not forgotten. Seeing that he is beaten he is resorting to the time honored cry of "fraud and corruption." He has awakened to the belief that it is a great scandal that Mr. Cortelyou, formerly private secretary to the President and later Secretary of Commerce and Labor, should be in charge of the Republican campaign. In this ridiculous cry Mr. Parker is backed up by the Times and Evening Post of New York and by the Public Ledger of Philadelphia. And yet when Mr. Cortelyou was selected as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, these journals hailed the choice as an indication that the campaign would be conducted on a high plane. The scandal, if there be one, was just as great and just as evident at the time when Mr. Cortelyou became National Chairman as it is now, but these wise journals were aware of no scandal then. It is true that the Times tried to fasten some charges upon Mr. Cortelyou a few weeks ago, but it failed ignominiously to produce any proof, and was denounced by the Outlook for bearing "false witness." Those who have read Judge Parker's Madison Square address must have noticed that he dealt only in vague charges and brought forward not one scintilla of specific evidence. Mr. Parker parted for a moment from his "dignity" and from his "judicial temper."

Public Health Subordinate to Private Business.

One of the most important laws passed by the last Legislature is the Pure Food Law, known as Number 254. Laws of Pennsylvania, page 324, and which appears in the Legislative Record as House Bill Number 542. This law provides that any article of food containing formalin, formaldehyde, sodium, fluoride, boracic acid, metallic-copper, etc., shall be subject to fine and imprisonment. These poisons are used for the adulteration of food stuffs, beers, etc.

This bill protects the life and health of every man, woman and child in this Commonwealth, and that it was not a party measure is evident from the fact that Mr. Cressy, the Democratic leader in the House, and nearly every other Democrat in the House, voted for the bill. The House Journal shows that Mr. Blumle was present on the day when the bill was finally passed in the House, but he is recorded in the Record as "absent and not voting." He therefore "dodged" the bill, for reasons obvious to every one.

If any office in the county needs to be in the hands of an intelligent and honest man it is the office of County Treasurer. The voters will make no mistake in voting for Dr. Bardwell.