

DO NOT SEEK OFFICE, ASSERTS PATTERSON

"Mayor or Judge, I Don't Care," Says Vire Candidate in Opening Speech

FIGHT ON, MOORE DECLARES

The fight for the mayoralty nomination is on in earnest. Judge Patterson took the stump last night at a meeting in the Forty-sixth ward. While he refrained from talking politics because of his official duties, another speaker from the same platform challenged the Association of Congressmen Moore.

"I do not know how to talk to you," said the judge. "I have not prepared any speech. I did not even think of coming here until a few hours ago. I am a judge on the bench. I have no time there for five years or more, where we hold the scales evenly between man and man."

"I have never sought any office. I love the work that I have. I think the noblest thing that a man can do is to deal justly between man and man. But I have been asked by the citizens of Philadelphia to serve, and I am a soldier in the ranks, and I am going to serve. So far as an individual is concerned, I have no personal ambition."

While Judge Patterson was making his first appearance on the stump, Congressman Moore was dissecting the judge's platform of seven points before a meeting of the Town Meeting party.

"The value is the value of justice," said Mr. Moore in referring to the Patterson platform, "and the hand is the hand of God."

Says Judge Not the Issue

"The judge, who tells Mr. Robins that he shall know no master in the conduct of his administration as Mayor, is not the issue in the campaign, notwithstanding his brilliant effort to dissociate himself from the contractor forces."

Harry A. Mackey's Forty-sixth Ward Republican committee had arranged a reception, which was attended by about 300 men and women.

The attack at the meeting on Congressman Moore's Americanism was made by Coroner Knight, organization candidate to succeed himself.

"Do you want a man for Mayor who is an American or do you want a man with a question mark back of him?" Coroner Knight asked.

He attacked Mr. Moore as one of the group of men who opposed the war on the grounds that it was fostered by Wall Street and the newspaper.

Judge Patterson in his address said: "I cannot talk politics to you as I should like to. I cannot even talk about the issues of the campaign. I say say nothing against the man who is promoting it, mentioned by certain people as the candidate for Mayor—I could not say anything against him if I would, and I would not if I could. I am here— you know me, and you know him; you know my record and you know his record. If you are not sure, you might be the Mayor of Philadelphia, but for him—and if he is chosen, he will have no more devoted follower than the man who stands before you tonight."

Ament Street Cleaning

"As I say, I cannot talk politics, and I am not going to. I gave my platform to the public today, and I understand that there is a sort of technicality in an objection that is made to it. I judged myself that if I am elected Mayor of Philadelphia the city will not only clean the streets, but will collect the garbage and give it to anybody who wants it."

"Long before my name was ever mentioned as a candidate for Mayor I was assigned to this work. In order that there may be no misunderstanding on my part, or on the part of my friends, or on the part of my enemies, I intend to stay on the bench and administer the duties thereof pertaining for several weeks more, and when I start out to talk in regard to the political situation I shall not only ask for leave of absence, but I shall request the state treasurer to refrain from sending me any salary during the time that I perform that work."

Given Big Reception

Congressman Moore received an enthusiastic reception from the Town Meeting city committee in the headquarters, 26 South Fifteenth street.

"The truth of the matter is that if Judge Patterson keeps his pledges he will put the Vire out of business," declared Mr. Moore in referring to the plank in the Patterson platform which pledges Judge Patterson to municipal street cleaning.

Judge Patterson's Platform Analyzed by Colonel McCain

Man in Street Regards Jurist's Statement as Disappointing—It Shows Mark of Vire Saw, Writer Declares

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

The man in the street, the shop and office today is dissecting Judge Patterson's platform. As to the platform of the Vire organization, a candidate for Mayor, it is an interesting document. More interesting because of a "regular" Republican, it was presented to the public in such an irregular way.

The platform accompanies a letter to Thomas B. Moore, a Republican Representative. Judge Patterson takes advantage of the created opportunity to link his name with that of Roosevelt.

"Congressman Moore promulgates his platform without circumspection. There was no speaking or bidding under the shadow of a great name."

Comment on the street voiced party men feeling. Vire organization people had it as a fine document. This was to be expected. It is a superficial view, a view that goes no deeper than words.

Week, Say Independents

Among the Independents, or Moore followers, it is held upon as decidedly safe. It is not what they had anticipated from Judge Patterson. It had been headed that his Honor was to be a "regular" Republican. It turned out they were to be a "ship" which is the daughter verily for a dead one.

The man in the street who regards Judge Patterson's pronouncement with a cold, critical, unblinking eye will, it is believed, from a purely structural standpoint, regard it as disappointing to say the least. It shows the marks of the Vire plan and shows the ambition and avarice of the judge's philosophy cannot conceal its defects.

Expect Judges to Be Loyal

Above all things average Philadelphia expects the judges of his county to be loyal. But Judge Patterson was up against the judges and not a logical proposition. Logic and politics do not mix well as a rule in the Vire organization.

The judge is compelled to admit that Philadelphia needs reforming, a thing the Vire leaders would never do. The judge organization leaders, turned reformers, as Judge Patterson their Daniel come to judgment? is a question asked.

Judge Patterson will not be excused by the man in the street for this. He took ample time, nearly a week, to write his letter and enclose his platform to Mr. Robins. Presumably it represents his best thoughts on this question, not his defenses. Then there are the three points he failed to discuss.

In his platform the high lights rest upon Judge Patterson's declaratory declaration that he will inaugurate street cleaning by the city's own forces on January 1, 1921.

His Honor has evidently neglected to take into consideration a certain body of twenty-one citizens to be selected by the city council, each of \$25000 each. In legal parlance they are known as "bondholders." This body of presumably representative citizens will have something to say on the question of street cleaning contracts. The judge overlooked this fact.

What Would Mayor Do?

And then again suppose this Council by majority vote should decide to continue the present arrangement. What would the judge, that is, the Mayor, do? It was a risky statement to be made with such positiveness.

But there is still another angle to Judge Patterson's declaration that as Mayor he would begin cleaning the city's streets with city forces on January 1, 1921.

To do this work the city must have a street cleaning unit. The Vire concern was a complete equipment. The city is at present equipped with a street cleaning unit, but it is not a complete one. The plain people and the small property owners are gradually awakening to a realization that, after all, the Council rather than the Mayor will be the real thing for the next four years.

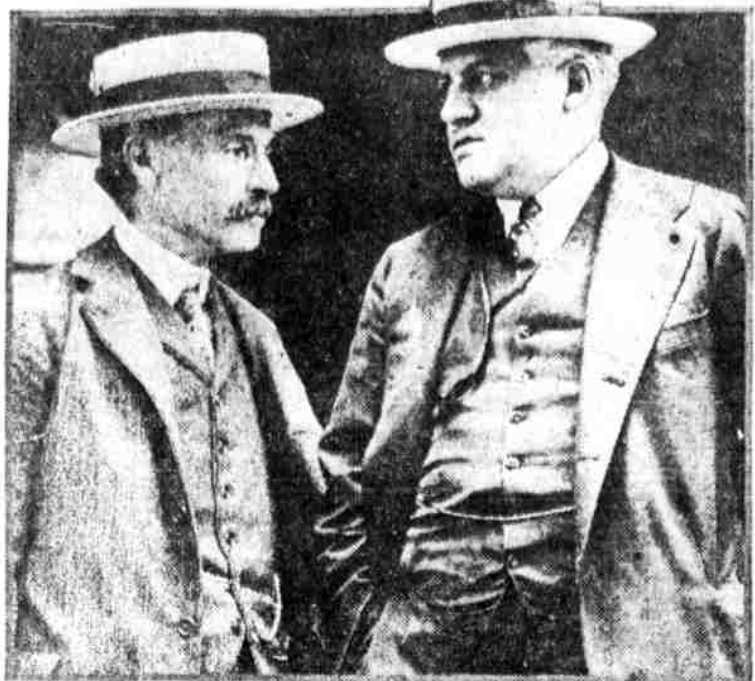
The Council will hold the administration in a grip of Hercules. The faction that controls the Council will control the administration, not the Mayor. It will thus be seen that Judge Patterson's declaration on the ash and rubbish proposition was made for organization campaign purposes solely. It does not ring true.

It is also becoming apparent to the citizen of average intelligence, except the man in the street, that all the other that is being made over the so-called "Row" offices is so much dust in their eyes. These offices mean a certain amount of patronage, but the Council of twenty-one will dominate them also. The Mayor can "go hang" as far as the regular organization is concerned, if it can once elect a majority of the Council.

I am of the opinion that the average citizen will regard Judge Patterson as ludicrously illogical in his admission that reforms are needed in Philadelphia. He is the candidate, hand picked and wrapped in tissue paper, of an organization that does not recognize the word "reform" in its vocabulary.

If the judge is right—and be presum-

HERE TO CURB FOOD PROFITEERS



Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer (on the right of the picture) came from Washington to confer with Francis Fisher Kane, United States district attorney here, to consider the findings of the local investigators of food hoarders and direct the action to be taken against those working to maintain high prices.

VARE DECLARES HE IS NOT "BOSS" OF JUDGE PATTERSON

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me that the best policy for you to follow would be to accept the transit plan voted on by the people.

"The only time I ever made a suggestion to Mayor Street was one time I met him on Chestnut street and suggested that he take the side of the people in the transit problem. The Mayor agreed with me."

"I do not want any of you men to think that I care anything personally for the street-cleaning contracts. It is the smallest part of my business."

"This is not a Vire contest, but I am willing to take anything that is handed to me during this campaign."

"I have not discussed the majority situation with him, but he is going to be elected and without much trouble, either."

"Senator Vire told the members of the committee not to be alarmed over this particular attention he paid the independent wards."

"A self-constituted committee composed of many people who do not live in the city brazenly proclaim a slate."

"When the independents who have been against Republicans for revenue only learned that members of Congress were to get \$5000 a year there was a riot in the independent camp. They all wanted to get the piece of the change."

"I don't want any of you men to think that I care anything personally for the street-cleaning contracts," he asserted.

"It is the smallest part of my business," added the senator, whose words seemed to indicate that he might voluntarily retire as a street-cleaning contractor.

"This is not a Vire contest," he continued, "but I am willing to take anything that is handed to me during the campaign."

"The city committee headquarters were crowded with ward leaders and workers when Harry C. Ransley, chairman, called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Lane. Applause greeted the veteran politician who acts without estimating the results."

"The independents then were compared by Mr. Lane to the hunter who was swallowed by the bear, Senator Penrose was termed 'the big grizzly' who swallowed the hunter."

"The only platform against Judge Patterson," Mr. Lane shouted, "is that he is the Vire-picked candidate."

"He is not. He was for the charter. I was not because it was a blow at Vire supremacy."

MEAT PRICES RISE DESPITE U. S. PROBE

"Cheap Cuts" Go Up From Three to Eight Cents a Pound in City

DEALERS BLAME SHORTAGE

Prices of the so-called "cheap cuts" of meat have jumped from three to eight cents a pound in Philadelphia.

Retailers who purchased their supplies from the wholesale meat dealers today set their prices in accordance with the increase.

The retailers say they must advance their prices because the wholesaler does. The wholesaler says the price boost is caused by an unusual shortage of lighter cattle at this season.

The best grades of beef and other meats are virtually the same price as they were last week. They haven't jumped. But they haven't dropped.

New Scale of Prices

On Thursday the War Department put a new scale of prices for surplus foodstuffs into effect "to meet reductions recently made by retailers."

"The reductions recently made by retailers have not been felt in this city. I thought prices would go down with the government move to reduce the cost of living and the tagging of so much cold storage stuff," said William Kamens, a retailer who operates seven meat markets in various parts of the city.

"But I find instead that prices have jumped and I can see no reason whatever for it. It is most unusual at this time of the year. Pork, which is ordinarily cheap at this season and which last week retailed for about thirty-five cents, is this week forty cents. Last week I bought it wholesale for thirty cents a pound and this week it is thirty-six cents, and I buy it in 2000-pound lots, too."

Big Increase in Lamb

The cheaper cuts of lamb have jumped highest, according to this dealer. The price this week is about ten cents higher than last. Beef has advanced about three cents on the pound.

"Our retail prices," said Mr. Kamens, "must depend on the supply and demand, as well as on the locality of the store and the competition with which we must deal. This is why prices vary in different sections of the city. We can't set any general price that will hold good in all localities because conditions governing the sale differ. If wholesalers had some set price for their stuff, we might be able to fix most prices for our customers, but I doubt if the government or any one else could fix fair meat prices that would be fair in all sections at the same time."

Wholesalers explained today that the jump in prices was only in the lighter cuts and cheaper grades of meat.

"It is due," explained H. D. Reese, a wholesaler, "to an unusual shortage at this time of the year and I think it is only a local condition and will last only a few days. The best grades of beef and other meats are virtually the same price as last week. They are already so high I don't see how they could go higher. But they are going to remain on that level, I believe. Class cattle are scarce and hard to get and there is a big demand for the best meat. That is going to keep the price up till after the first of the year, no matter how much agitation there is to cut the cost of living."

Prices of Today

Some of the prices quoted on meats today were: Lamb chops, 55 and 60 cents a pound; pork chops, 58 cents; round steak, 55 cents; sirloin steak, 50 cents; mutton steak, 60 cents.

At chain stores, prices for lamb vary from 30 to 35 cents a pound. Other prices averaged about as follows: Chicken, 45 cents; ham, 42 cents; bacon, 48 cents; rib beef, 28 to 34 cents; loin pork, 52 cents; veal chops, 40 cents; and steaming beef, 28 to 35 cents.

BURLINGTON PRICES LOW

Philadelphians Buy Food at Big Savings in Community Markets

Philadelphia housewives invaded the Burlington, N. J. farmers' market this morning in the first attempt at cooperative neighborhood buying ever known in that town.

Groups of neighbors united in hiring trucks and wagons which were sent to Burlington in charge of "purchasing committees" who bought fruit and vegetables in bulk from the farmers who gather there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, to meet commission men.

The Philadelphia "committees" found they were able to buy fresh farm produce at big savings on city prices and at the same figures at which farmers were selling to commission men and dealers. They appeared delighted with their bargains and told farmers they were "coming again."

Be Sure to Register for Mayoralty Election

In order to qualify as a voter in the mayoralty election you must be registered. The first registration day is Tuesday, August 26. The two following registration days are September 2 and 6. Registration hours at the various polling places, 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. and 4 p. m. to 10 p. m. The primary election will be held September 16.

Patterson Sees Seger at Shore

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another talk with Charlie Hall, chief clerk of Select Council. He's sick at his cottage down here, you know. I will see him again in a couple of days, and then I will decide."

In the course of his talk, Mr. Seger said that Senator Penrose called on him at his cottage "within the last ten days."

"The senator told me I had been with him for thirty years," Mr. Seger said. "But I told him he was wrong. I said I had been with Durham for the first twenty years, and as Durham was with him I followed along. But I was only with the senator for the last ten years, and I told him that during that time he had some of the hottest political fights of his life."

Mr. Seger referred to the fight of 1917 when Senator Penrose joined forces with the Town Meeting party after the criminal developments in the Fifth ward. Mr. Seger didn't go along with the senator, because, he explained, he had gone into the primaries with the organization and he would remain on that side.

"I couldn't stand jumping like that," he said.

Disfills New Charter

After he had referred to the visit of Senator Penrose, he said: "Lots of people have been down here trying to tell me what to do."

He said that he had promised to let the senator know what candidate he would support as soon as he let anyone know.

There is no doubt that Mr. Seger is against the new charter.

"I favor the old system of two legislative bodies in councils instead of the new plan of only one," he said. "If the last session had been held by one body a lot of bills would have been passed that had no right to. A small body will be more easily controlled, anyway."

Mr. Seger had reached this point in his interview when Judge Patterson and Mr. Abrams appeared. The councilman and his visitor were seated on the porch of the cottage, which is heavily screened, and it was impossible for the judge to see them from the street.

As he walked up the steps to the door the reporter went over to open it. It was then that the judge said hello and good-by in one breath.

Judge Patterson Returns

With Mr. Abrams, he started walking back toward the boardwalk. But when the reporter left they saw him go. And they returned.

Later, after the candidate and Mr. Seger had been together, the reporter returned.

Judge Patterson explained that when he first called at the cottage, he did not know who was with the councilman, and that he "didn't want to interrupt anything."

"Just happened to be on the next street," the judge said, "and I knew Mr. Seger lived here on Ridgeway avenue. So we thought we would come around and pay our respects."

He was asked if his candidacy had been discussed.

"No, not a word was said about my candidacy," he declared. "As a matter of fact, I would not bring up such a subject. We had a very interesting conversation, talking over old political fights."

Judge Patterson said he intended to go to Cape May tonight.

"Going to talk politics over there?" he was asked.

"No," he answered. "I am just going on a week-end visit that I planned some time ago. I am going to visit some personal friends."

Petticoat Government? "Knockout," Says Moore

"I received my first knockout blow today," said Congressman Moore in the Independent headquarters, Liberty Building.

"I received a letter from a man who was annoyed by the newspaper headlines which quoted me as saying that I'd be bossed only by my wife."

"This settles your hash," runs the letter. "We want no petticoat government in this town!"

OHIO WILL ARREST 40 FOOD DEALERS

Governor Cox Says Food Was Shifted Back and Forth to Keep Up Prices

PALMER PROMISES SUPPORT

By the Associated Press

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—Approximately forty warrants charging Ohio food dealers with violations of the cold-storage law, many of which are against local managers of the big Chicago packing companies, were issued by the state of Ohio today.

Arrests will be made immediately, according to Governor James M. Cox and Attorney General John G. Price.

In addition, Governor Cox appealed to United States Attorney General Palmer to seize approximately 2,500,000 pounds of meat and poultry which have been held in cold-storage houses longer than the period allowed under the Ohio law.

A statement issued by Governor Cox says the complaints are based primarily upon the operation of cold storage plants without licenses, the hoarding of foodstuffs over the period stipulated by law and the defacement and destruction of records which would show the date the supplies were received in storage.

Records Destroyed, Says Cox

"In the Sheriff street market house in Cleveland," Governor Cox said, "where there is an estimated total of 1000 tons of goods held over the time, we find unmistakable evidence of a defacement and destruction of records and the maintenance of a policy based seemingly upon the willful purpose to defraud the public after deceiving legal authorities."

"Goods have been shipped from the Monarch Storage Company in Chicago to the Sheriff street market house in Cleveland, returned to the first point of shipment, and then sent back again to Ohio. Just how many times the operation was repeated we do not yet know. It will require skillful auditing to determine, but we are prepared to say that shipment and reshipment were made and repeated in order to keep meats and poultry off the markets."

Washington, Aug. 15.—(By A. P.)—Every effort will be made to assist Governor Cox, of Ohio, in his campaign to put on the market foodstuffs now held in storage in that state, Attorney General Palmer said today.

Action on amendments to the food control act suggested by the attorney general as a means of reducing the high cost of living was blocked in the Senate agriculture committee. Chairman Gronna hopes the committee will act finally Tuesday.

The House agriculture committee proceeded with its hearings with a view to an early report on the amendments. Members of the House have been summoned to Washington in the hope of early action on this and other legislation recommended by President Wilson.

Chairman Gronna announced that a joint meeting of the House and Senate agricultural committees would be held tomorrow to hear witnesses representing the national grange and milk producers regarding the high cost of living.

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