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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1912.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy. —Emerson.

ATTACKING THE COURTS.

The Wayne Independent has resumed its attack upon the Courts. In a recent issue it says editorially:

"Another cause of the rapid increase of socialism in this country is the lack of confidence people have in the courts. They see the big and influential criminals escaping justice while the poor and unimportant men who commit petty crimes are railroaded to state prisons."

This statement is as incorrect as it is unwise and unfair. It is not true that the poor and unimportant do not have equal justice in the courts of this country with the rich and powerful. The courts of Wayne county furnish a good criterion. What citizen of Wayne county ever suffered injustice at the hands of its courts because he was poor and without influence? Go back to a time within the recollection of most of us and look down the line of our judges, beginning with Judge Henry M. Seely in 1884. Does any one recall that during his ten years on the bench any suspicion arose that Judge Seely was not dealing out exact and temperate justice to all persons, rich and poor alike, who came into his Court? Take the fifteen years service on the bench of the late Judge George S. Purdy. Will the Independent dare to assert or even to intimate, that in any single instance Judge Purdy was ever swayed in his rulings or judgments by the social or financial position of any litigant? Take the present incumbent of the office, Judge A. T. Searle. Who will say that in his incumbency of two and a half years any one has suffered injustice at his hands by reason of lack of means or of influence?

What is true in Wayne county is true of the adjoining counties, as many of our citizens know, and of the entire state. And what is true of Pennsylvania is true of all other states in the Union. The people of this country have confidence in their judges. With wide opportunities of choice they have selected certain men to occupy the bench because they have had confidence in them. They have confidence also in the good sense and integrity of their juries made up from among themselves. And the judge and jury constitute the court. It is possible that here and there may be found a partial or a venal judge. Rare instances of the kind have been well authenticated. And all will agree that no condemnation or lawful punishment can be too severe for an occupant of the bench who prostitutes his high office. But one corrupt judge, if there be such, in a thousand does not give license to any one to make a general onslaught on the bench. If the Independent can substantiate the partiality or corruption of any judge let it do so. If his fault is proven he should be driven from the bench. But when it charges the courts of the country as a whole, including the courts of Wayne county, with favoritism and venality it is going too far. Attacking the courts is a dangerous business. Attempting to undermine the confidence of the people is playing with fire. It is giving aid and sympathy to the enemies of good government. It is inspiring with courage criminals and anarchists and all those who pray upon or seek to destroy organized society. It is the duty of a public journal to uphold the just authority of the courts and the law and not to seek to destroy it.

DUTIES OF STATE DELEGATES.

In another place in this issue is printed an interview with Homer Greene in which he discusses certain statements made by Messrs. Crossley and Samson, Roosevelt candidates for delegates to the State convention, concerning their attitude toward him as a candidate for Congressman-at-Large. Mr. Greene's statement is an eminently fair one, but he might have added that while Messrs. Samson and Crossley are doubtless excellent young men, the value of their services to the party as delegates at the state convention, if they are elected, is exceedingly doubtful. As Mr. Greene says, their sole apparent purpose in standing as candidates is to help the Roosevelt candidacy.

But there are other things to be done at the state convention besides electing delegates to the national convention. An auditor general and a state treasurer are to be nominated, as well as four congressmen-at-large and thirty-eight presidential electors. But not the least important business of the convention will be the adoption of a platform of principles. It is hardly to be supposed that young men who have not up to this time manifested any deep interest in party affairs will be capable of rendering any great service in the building of a party platform. It is the undoubted desire of Wayne county Republicans that Hon. C. Fred Wright shall receive the nomination for state treasurer, and it is understood that Messrs. Samson and Crossley will, if elected, vote for him. But their assistance to him would necessarily be confined to their votes. Having no acquaintance with influential Republicans or party workers outside the county, and no familiarity with party rules, customs and methods, they could, no matter what their desire, be of little service to Mr. Wright in his contest for the nomination. Nor do we fully agree with Mr. Greene that his nomination for congressman-at-large is only among the remote possibilities. We believe the convention will think twice and stretch a point before it will lose the opportunity of strengthening the state ticket by the addition of his name. And if it should be necessary to do some work for him at Harrisburg, the efforts of Messrs. Samson and Crossley would, for the reasons above given, be practically futile.

Dr. L. P. Cooke and William F. Riefler have been for many years active in the service of the Republican party. They are thoroughly familiar with its rules, customs and methods. They have a wide acquaintance with influential Republicans throughout the state. They are aggressive and resourceful. It stands to reason that if anything is to be accomplished by the Wayne county delegates in behalf of men in whom Wayne county is especially interested, that accomplishment is vastly more certain if the business is entrusted to experienced hands. In the meantime, whether they win or lose, we welcome Messrs. Samson and Crossley to active participation in party matters in Wayne county. The Republican party has room and work to do for all the clean, candid, intelligent young men who believe in her principles.

AN INTERVIEW.

In view of the announcement made through the Independent that Messrs. Samson and Crossley, Roosevelt candidates for delegate to the state convention, would, if elected, support the candidacy of Homer Greene for congressman-at-large, a representative of The Citizen called on Mr. Greene at his office to obtain his view of the matter. Mr. Greene authorized the following statement to be made:

"My present concern is in my candidacy for delegate to the national convention. I am not seeking the nomination for congressman-at-large, nor do I think it probable, owing to territorial necessities, that the

state convention would consider placing one of the nominations for congressmen at large in this district. I think the candidacy of Messrs. Samson and Crossley has been put forth solely in the interest of Col. Roosevelt, and was not intended to be in any sense antagonistic to me as a candidate for congressman-at-large had I been such a candidate. The matter is however of very little importance compared with the larger questions involved. My personal interests, whatever they may have been, or may still be, should not enter into the consideration of the voters at the primaries. The issue at stake is far greater than that. Permit me to say also that I consider

the candidacy of these young men a sign of party health rather than a party menace. They undoubtedly represent a sentiment within the party. And however strong or however weak that sentiment may be, it should have the right to express itself at the primaries. Fortunately, under our present system, the fullest opportunity is given for the expression of divergent opinions at the primaries. And for this opportunity all men of all parties should be truly grateful. If therefore the candidacy of Messrs. Samson and Crossley give any considerable portion of the Republican voters of the county an opportunity to express by their ballots an opinion that otherwise could not be so expressed, then their candidacy is to be welcomed and not condemned.

"Let me say, finally, however, that it is my personal conviction that the candidate for delegate to either the national or state convention who commits himself unreservedly to the candidacy of Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Taft or any other seeker for the presidential nomination, is making a serious mistake. He is putting himself in a position where the success or failure of one man's ambition counts for everything, and the success or failure of his party counts for nothing in comparison. I believe this to be a mistaken policy. I believe the uninstructed, unfettered delegate, in this crisis, is in a way to do vastly better service to his party and his country than the one who goes committed irrevocably to the fortunes of any single candidate."

Republican Club Indorses Taft; Denounces Recall.

Whereas, William Howard Taft, the President of the United States, is a candidate for renomination by his party, after four years of efficient and successful administration of the affairs of the government; and

Whereas, Upon the subject of recall of judges and of judicial decisions he has consistently, wisely and ably maintained the integrity of the bench, the independence of the judiciary and the finality of decisions of courts of last resort;

Resolved, That the Republican Club of the City of New York hereby indorses the administration of President Taft and his candidacy for renomination by the Republican party; and

Resolved, That the Republican Club hereby expresses its unqualified disapproval and condemnation of the doctrines of recall of judges and of judicial decisions. Such doctrines are contrary to the settled policy of the Republican party and the constitutional theory of the government. They are Populistic to an extreme degree. They substitute impulse and passion for the well considered judgments of courts of last resort, reached after careful research and study by judges of experience, trained and best qualified to determine grave constitutional rights; and

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Republican Club it has become and should be the wise policy of this country that no single individual should fill the great office of President more than two terms; and

Resolved, That the president of the club appoint a committee of twenty-five, with power to add to its membership, for the purpose of co-operating with other organizations to secure their adoption of similar resolutions and their indorsement of the principles herein expressed.

Political Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for a delegate from the Fourteenth Congressional district to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago in June, favoring the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for President. Primaries April 13, 1912.

D. R. STEPHENS,
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