

Democracy Speaks

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For many years the Republican Party in Cambria County, as elsewhere, has endeavored during campaigns to divert the attention of the voters away from the issues. This year is no exception. Andy Gleason and his Co-GOP Boss, John F. James, executive editor of The Tribune-Democrat, are waging a scurrilous campaign in which they are attempting to bamboozle Democratic leaders.

The voters, however, will not be fooled by any such trickery. It has been proven in past political campaigns in Cambria Co. that the voters are not deceived by such techniques. Is it because the candidates of the Republican Party are so weak that Gleason and James refuse to discuss their merits? The candidates of the Democratic Party are outstanding as the voters will generally agree at the polls November 8th. They have made excellent records in office.

The contention of some Republicans that "it is time for a change," is ridiculous. Should a public official be discharged if he has made an excellent record in office? If the theory that he should be replaced held true, why shouldn't it be extended to private industry? Such a practice by private business would be hailed as utterly silly.

If the contention of Republican leaders of firing competent public officials were to be applied to business, many of the outstanding leaders in industry would be replaced by men who lack experience. The campaign cry of Republican leaders is therefore utterly ridiculous.

The issue in this campaign is the ability of the candidates to conduct the affairs of the county and city respectively. Andy Gleason and John James are attempting, however, to draw a "red herring" across the political scene in an effort to divert the attention of the voters from the weaknesses of their candidates and the qualifications of the men who seek office on the Democratic ticket.

As in past campaigns, the issue in this one is the ability of the candidates to serve the people. The voters will decide the election on that issue, which is as it should be. I know that citizens are familiar with the qualifications of the Democratic candidates. However, I desire to refresh their memories. Therefore, from now until election I will discuss the fine abilities of these men and I feel certain they will gain overwhelming victories.

Heading our county ticket are three men who are outstanding in the legal profession. They are Attorney Alton A. McDonald of Ebensburg, candidate for Judge of Common Pleas Court; Attorney David C. Wolfe, Johnstown, for district attorney and Judge A. A. (Jimmie) Nelson, Ebensburg, who is seeking reelection as president Judge of the Orphans Court.

The backgrounds of these men fit them ideally for the high positions to which they aspire.

The careers of McDonald and Wolfe run along very similar lines. Both are graduates of the Dickinson School of Law. Both served as assistant district attorneys under Samuel R. DiFrancesco. No member of the Cambria County Bar stands higher in reputation among their fellow attorneys and the members of the court than do Mr. McDonald and Mr. Wolfe.

Both men are veterans of World War II. Mr. McDonald served with the 65th Division, Third Army, in the European Theater of operations and was awarded the Purple Heart medal. Mr. Wolfe entered the Army in May 1942 as a private and served until May, 1946, in the Field Artillery. At the time of his discharge he held the rank of major. His service included duty in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. There is absolutely no doubt that Mr. McDonald and Mr. Wolfe hold the highest qualifications for the offices which they aspire.

With Mr. McDonald on the bench of the Court of Common Pleas Cambria Counties may be assured that they will have an excellent judge who will administer justice in keeping with the highest traditions of our courts. I am certain you will agree that David Wolfe, with his fine background, has shown that he is fully qualified to be our district attorney. He will conduct the office in a vigorous manner and see that justice is done in all cases.

As to Judge Nelson, who is a veteran of World War I, there is likely no man in public life in Cambria County better and more favorably known to the people than Jimmie. Both the Democratic and Republican parties have shown their confidence in this excellent judge by according him nominations for another term.

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