

WILLIAMS IS GIVEN SUPPORT

Fithian Platform Declared To Be Device to Catch Voters "A-comin' and A-gwine."

DALLAS, Ore., May 17.—It is evident that Candidate Fithian's platform, like the usual "catch 'em a-comin' and a-gwine," is designed to catch 'em.

Would you prefer the glorious Fourth of July to come in the middle of January? He will gladly make the change. Does the law of supply and demand need alteration? He will cheerfully amend it. Are you opposed to the law of gravitation? He will have it repealed.

Are you a farmer? He loves farmers. Lots of farmers—lots of votes. Are you a stock raiser? He is fairly hooping to add the stock raiser. Lots of you in Oregon, and a stock raiser's vote is always welcomed. Returned soldier? He is the soldier's friend. True, he does not just precisely specify what he would do for you but he wants you to know he is going to do it. Lots of veterans in Oregon—and election only two days ahead!

Mr. Fithian is an estimable gentleman but his so-called platform reads strangely like the usual pre-election bunk. It doesn't possess even the redeeming element of novelty. That the voters will permit themselves to be influenced by a few glittering generalities is not highly probable.

The platform of a candidate for republican national committee can be expressed in less than a dozen words: "Keep Oregon out of the hands of the democrats." Reverse the English and you have the ideal platform for a candidate for democratic committee. Nothing more is asked or expected of a candidate for this office. National committees will not be called upon to make law as long as our senators and congressmen are able to sit up and take

nourishment—and senators and congressmen are always able to do that. It will be noted that Mr. Williams' opponent carefully refrains from telling us how he would proceed to work his proposed miracles—probably for the very good reason that he doesn't know himself.

His candidacy for national committee at this time, carefully analyzed, practically amounts to this: He wants the office. Probably does not want it personally as badly as some of his supporters want him to have it. Among these supporters, it is safe to say, will be found the disgruntled and the disappointed—those who cherish a grievance against Committee Williams because he lacks the miraculous power to provide a job for every itching applicant. And so they raise the shout, "What has Williams done?" To which Williams' friends and even his fair-minded opponents reply: "He has done all that a political party can ask or expect its committee to do. He has done so much that the national committee has distinguished him with the office of vice-chairman—an honor never before accorded to a far-westerner aca-

The writer of these lines is under no personal political obligations whatever to Ralph Williams. In fact, it has so happened that in past political lineups of a purely local character, Mr. Williams and the writer were usually on opposing sides. But that any man would be willing, for the mere sake of petty pique or personal revenge, to help tear down a fellow man, who has won to high distinction in the nation through sheer ability and faithful service to his party, is beyond this writer's comprehension.

Ralph E. Williams is entitled to another term. He has earned it by meritorious service. When we go into the voting booth a week from next Friday let us keep in mind this big, outstanding fact: Back in 1916, when the good and kindly Woodrow gave us the walloping of our lives, Mr. Williams led the fight that held Oregon in line as the only republican state west of the Rocky mountains.

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