

## WASHINGTON FOLK TELL ABOUT WHAT COX WORE AND ATE

He Liked Creamed Oyster Stew  
but Was Always Too Busy to  
Finish His Dish, Says Waiter.

(United News)  
Washington, July 10.—Governor James M. Cox was very partial to creamed oyster stew, country sausage and shortbreads of beef amply flanked by candied sweet potatoes, D. Parker, head waiter at the House of Representatives restaurant, recalled in reminiscing over Cox's terms in congress. But, he added, the Democratic nominee never seemed to allow himself time to enjoy them fully.

"He was always in a hurry to get back to the floor," Parker, who has been ministering to representatives for the past 25 years, said of the governor's ability as a trencherman. "I don't remember his losing any time at all. He was always asking me if I could not get him something in a hurry."

### DEAN OF BARBERS AGREES

"He and Whittaker and White of the Ohio delegation always used to eat at that little room in back there," Parker went on, indicating a small room screened off at the rear of the house restaurant. "The Ohio delegation stuck pretty close together in those days. Governor Cox always seemed to have a smile. I have never seen him angry. He had a good line of anecdotes, and was a great jollier, as I remember. I have never found any member I could say anything better of than I can of Governor Cox."

John Williams, dean of the house barber shop, touched his black skull cap in memory of Cox, and corroborated Parker's praise.

"He used to 'jockey' a lot," he recalled with a chuckle. "That was in the old days when we did our barbering up in the house cloak rooms, and I was in the Democratic cloakroom and used to shave him regularly. No, he hasn't got a particularly tough beard; he's fairly easy to shave. A very pleasant man, I call him."

### FRIEND OF CLARK

Wallace Bassford, clerk of the minority, remembers Cox as one of former Speaker Champ Clark's most intimate friends.

"One of the most effective, forceful speakers in the house," he called him. "He was very popular among the members. Everybody called him 'Jim,'" he added. "His daughter, Helen, now Mrs. Mahoney, and Speaker Clark's daughter, Genevieve, now Mrs. James Thomson, were great pals while he was here, I remember."

"This nomination has, I think, been very pleasing to the Clark people," Bassford went on. "Of course, they would have liked to have seen the 'old man' chosen, but this is their next best."

Other veterans of the house side of the capital recalled Cox's neatness of dress, his sense of being always well

## DELEGATES TAKE BREATH AT ASHLAND



Members of the Oregon delegation to the Democratic convention and others who attended the big gathering at San Francisco snapped while their train halted at Ashland on her return journey.

### NEAT BUT PLAIN

"He was very pleasant to do business with," said J. Martin McKee, head of the house folding room, who aided Cox in the matter of sending out his franked speeches and other documents when he was making his drive for reelection to the house, and later when he was a candidate for governor of Ohio.

While a representative, it seems that Cox was not partial to statesman's garb, leaning neither to the up to date cut-away morning coat of the Jimmy Wadsworth variety, nor to the flowing black Prince Albert, and black Windsor tie makeup so often affected by southern and deep western members. No one who had known Cox in congress recalled him as dressed other than in plain business clothes while about his duties on capitol hill.

### ALWAYS HARD WORKER

Representative Tom Heflin of Alabama, the only veteran member of the house left loose about the capitol today, had this to say of Cox: "He was a splendid, industrious member, a hard worker. The training that he has had equips him wonderfully well for the office of president. He has been a member of congress, the governor of a great state—and will be president of the United States."

Heflin, it need scarcely be added, is a Democrat.

**Dogs Are Profitable**  
New York, July 10.—(U. P.)—Eli E. Barnes, "hot dog" vendor, was sued for divorce by his wife who demanded \$75 weekly alimony. She declared her husband makes \$10,000 a year from his "dog" stand in Coney Island.

## Cox's Record in Ohio Rich in Achievement

(In the accompanying article in the Independent, written during Governor Cox's first term, Hester E. Howford gives a graphic picture of the administrative ability of the now Democratic presidential nominee.)

Not long ago Mr. Bryan went over to Harrisburg to teach the members of the Pennsylvania legislature a few lessons in "reform government," and incidentally how they might secure it. He proceeded without any preliminaries from the abstract to the concrete and started his audience when he said: "Look at Governor Cox of Ohio. Here's a reformer who asked for 66 reforms, and he got 56."

This suggested to me that it would be worth while to go to Columbus to talk with the man who had been inaugurated governor early in January, 1913, and who had been elected by 166,323 plurality, an unprecedented event in Ohio.

I found him in his outer office, mingling freely with a host of callers. "Have they taken good care of the people down in Chillicothe since the flood?" he was inquiring of one constituent, meanwhile the governor's hand resting on his friend's shoulder.

In a little while my turn came. "You asked for 66 reforms and got them?" I inquired.

"Yes, we got them," and, once he had spoken, I knew why. There was no spirit of boastfulness, but the voice of the comfort and happiness of

one. The professional man or the business genius cannot be efficient without the services of men who must engage in hazardous occupations in contributing their share to the welfare of a society. This condition creates an unusual content. It means that the miner, the engineer, the factory hand, the mill-worker, must take greater risks in earning their livelihood than their brothers who maintain themselves by occupations requiring greater technical skill. It is but fair that the man who is injured while serving his fellow-men in a menial capacity should be cared for by society for whom he must continually take risks."

### INTEREST IN CHILDREN

Governor Cox's interest in children was brought to the attention of the nation when he championed in congress the bill for the child labor bureau. Several congressmen suggested that the bill was unconstitutional. Cox turned upon them, calling their attention to the fact that they saw nothing unconstitutional in appropriating money for studying the diseases of hogs, but as soon as it was proposed to take some means of stamping out disease among human beings the cry "unconstitutional" was raised.

Fifty-six reforms are a good many. We think a man is well served when he gets one-quarter what he asks. But James Cox seems always to have received all that he asked. He works in close sympathy with men like nothing so well as labor—real labor. He bought two newspapers on the verge of bankruptcy, paid for them, and today they are among the most prosperous journals of the state.

The poor and needy mothers of Ohio are rejoicing over the passage of another pension act, which enables them to keep their children at their own bedside.

The judges system has been adopted in Ohio and it is one of the most conspicuous features of the reform movement. A score of useless state boards have been abolished. It was discovered that four boards, consisting of 45 officers, had 15 officers with duplicate duties and 10 officers with triplicate duties. Every useless office was abolished. Departments have been consolidated and three commissions created to do the work.

Other progressive legislation includes reform of educational institutions for juvenile delinquents, which provides for scientific classification of all vicious or feeble-minded children, that they may be committed either to an industrial school or to a school for the feeble-minded, depending upon their development.

### REFORMS IN OHIO

The blue sky law prohibits the sale of fictitious securities. All brokers must be licensed by the state. Violations of the law are felonies. The taxing machinery of the state has been reorganized so as to catch tax-evaders. Tax assessors will be appointed, rather than elected by the people.

The direct primary law has been extended to all elective offices of the state, county, city and town. Separate ballots are provided for state and national elections.

In the interest of the home market basket, a new act provides that whoever convives with another to fix the prices of foodstuffs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Dry foodstuffs must be sold by weight instead of measure.

To conserve the forests, such lands are exempt from taxation not to exceed 20 acres to a farm. The state forester may take over waste land and plant it with seedlings. To promote the public health, \$20,000 was appropriated to use in a campaign against tuberculosis and counties were required to send visiting nurses to instruct patients how to care for themselves.

A state board has been created to censor motion picture films. Judges on the bench are prohibited from practicing law in or out of court.

Twelve months ago the state was a backward one from a progressive point of view. Now it is distinctly progressive. It is being reformed on a business basis, because Governor Cox is a business man. Before new laws are put on the statute books he is sure to get expert advice from disinterested persons.

I asked him if he wished to be put down as a conservative progressive. He replied: "Two radically opposed schools of thought are evident. One places property rights superior to humanity and human rights. The other holds that property has no rights. The man who comes between these clashing interests—the progressive, so-called—is the real conservative."

Governor Cox is faithful to trust and public duty. He is energetic. He is sincere. He thinks in large terms. He appeals to the best in men and gets the best. He asked for 66 reforms. He got them.

## LA FOLLETTE WILL ACCEPT ON CONDITIONS

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formerly a member of the Reed college faculty, and E. E. Schwartztrauber, a teacher in the Lincoln high school.

**LABOR PARTY OPENS NATIONAL CONVENTION MONDAY MORNING**  
Chicago, July 10.—(U. P.)—Plans for the Labor party national convention, which will open here tomorrow morning, were announced tonight.

John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and a candidate for governor of Illinois on the Labor party ticket, will deliver the keynote speech.

The convention will be called to order by National Chairman Max S. Hayes, who will hand the gavel to Fitzpatrick after a short speech. The program following Fitzpatrick's speech, provides for the announcements of committees, election of chairman of delegations and a recess until the committees on rules and credentials and permanent organization report.

More than 1000 delegates have arrived to attend the Labor party convention. Several hundred more are expected tonight.

Each delegate to the convention will share a part of the expense of the convention by paying \$5 for his seat.

**BENHAM FALLS PROJECT IS FAVORED BY REPORT**  
Bend, July 10.—Of special importance to the people of Central Oregon, in view

of the interest taken by reclamation service Director Arthur P. Davis and visiting congressmen, who are spending the day going over portions of the Deschutes project already partly developed, is a telegram received here Saturday from the office of Congressman N. J. Slinnott, in Washington, D. C., in which announcement is made that the report of Professor W. O. Crosby on the Benham Falls reservoir site, the key to the project, has been received in the national capital by the acting director of the reclamation service.

Quoting from the report, the telegram says: "The conclusion is that the reservoir will be practically proof against leakage, even under a full head, and that the dam will prove satisfactory for an earth dam."

It is noted that report, of which an abstract is being prepared, contains no less than 88 pages, embodying the results of the work of Professor Crosby and associates in the course of several weeks spent in the Deschutes valley last summer.

The Benham Falls dam, according to the 1914 cooperative survey, would raise the water 54.5 feet, backing it up 18 miles, flooding 19,000 acres of land and storing 440,000 acre feet of water.

### FORD AND LAPOLLETTE TOO

**RADICAL FOR SINGLE TAXERS**  
Chicago, July 10.—(U. P.)—Principles, not candidates, are the important things to the Single Tax party, it declared in opening its national convention here today.

Forty delegates representing 20 states, cheered the declaration of National Chairman Robert C. Macaulay, Philadelphia, that "unless the committee of 48 adopts in its entirety the platform of the Single Tax party I, for one, will fight any attempt at amalgamation."

Delegates said neither Follette nor Henry Ford will be acceptable as presidential candidates. They are too radical, delegates said.

After a brief opening session, the party recessed to permit members to attend the committee of 48 convention.

### SOCIALISTS PLAN COUP TO

**STEAL LABOR CONVENTION**  
By Harold D. Jacobs

Chicago, July 10.—(U. P.)—The Socialists plan to "steal" the American Labor party convention, it was said by one of the "conspirators" tonight. While presidential nomination speeches are being made, probably Monday or Tuesday, one of the delegates, among whom are many Socialists, will present the name of "a man who has always been a friend of labor, who is now in prison for his defense of labor—Eugene V. Debs."

In an impassioned speech, the Socialist spokesman hopes to stampede the labor convention, which opens tomorrow, into endorsement of Debs, thus setting at naught the efforts of the committee of 48 to draw the labor organization into the proposed "third party."

## 5000 Draft Evaders Have Been Convicted And Sent to Prison

Washington, July 10.—(I. N. S.)—Five thousand draft evaders have been convicted in federal courts and given sentences of from 30 days to one year in prison, the department of justice announced today. There remain 30,000

cases to be investigated, officials say. Rapid progress is being made in clearing them. So far about 275,000 cases have been investigated by the department. This number does not include cases of desertion after induction into service, those having been handled by the military authorities.

**Forest Fires Controlled**  
Bend, July 10.—Forest fires, reported to be raging in the vicinity of Crescent, are under control, according to reports received here Saturday.

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