

Thomas Endorsement Unsolicited?

Statement by Mr. Fliegel

There has been much publicity concerning the endorsement of Judge Thomas by the lawyers of Jackson County, Oregon. Judge Thomas in an open letter to Mr. Hough, which was published in the newspapers, referring to the Josephine County endorsement, said:

"Being gratified by the unanimous act of your bar, I naturally showed it to the attorneys of Jackson County bar, who of their own accord circulated and placed in my hands a like endorsement containing the names of all but two of the attorneys of this county."

Mr. Elizabeth Freese of Talent published a letter asking for the truth concerning the endorsement, which has never been answered. There has now been handed me a circular letter by the so-called Jackson County Republican Committee, from which I quote:

"However, in April some of the Medford attorneys, who had read the Josephine County endorsement, talked the matter over with Judge Thomas and it was agreed that a like endorsement by the lawyers of Jackson County would be a nice thing. The endorsement was drawn up by them and signed by all members of the bar in Jackson County, with the exception of two, Mr. A. E. Reames and Mr. W. E. Phillips. JUDGE THOMAS DID NOT ASK A SINGLE LAWYER TO SIGN THIS ENDORSEMENT."

I do not know why this so-called Republican Committee would make such a statement. Frank P. Farrell, chairman of said committee, was present at the recent bar association meeting when myself and Mr. Hanna were called upon for a statement concerning the circulation of the endorsement in Jackson County and heard the truth concerning the matter. I am at a loss to understand why all this publicity concerning this endorsement without demanding a statement from the men who circulated it, myself and Mr. Hanna. I have never been confronted by either Judge Thomas or the so-called Republican Central Committee, concerning this endorsement, since I handed it to Judge Thomas.

Because of the manner in which the endorsement was obtained, it is only just to the attorneys who signed it that the truth be published in answer to the foregoing. The endorsement in Jackson County originated with Judge Thomas calling me on the telephone, in response to which I went to his office. I was handed the Josephine County endorsement by Judge Thomas and requested to obtain a like endorsement from the lawyers of Jackson County and was told that he would have Mr. Hanna assist me. Judge Thomas stated that he would have no opposition at the election, otherwise he would not request the endorsement. Judge Thomas further stated that the endorsement was for the purpose of obtaining an appointment to the Supreme Court bench should a vacancy occur, stating further in substance that there is likely to be at least one or two vacancies in the next few years and that such an endorsement could not be obtained immediately upon the death of an incumbent, that it would not look right to circulate such an endorsement at once and that to be on an equal footing with Multnomah County, such endorsements must be on hand for quick action. With that, I drew an endorsement virtually copying the one from Josephine County as I was instructed to do, by Judge Thomas, and called on Mr. Hanna and explained to him just exactly as the matter was stated to be by Judge Thomas. While I was there at Mr. Hanna's office, Judge Thomas telephoned Mr. Hanna in regard to the matter. After considerable discussion by Mr. Hanna and myself and other attorneys, and believing that the endorsement would not be used for any other purpose than the intended purpose, and further believing that Judge Thomas would have no opposition in the coming election, we circulated the endorsement explaining our mission and the purpose to all the lawyers who inquired and in that manner, and none other, the endorsements were obtained.

J. F. FLIEGEL, Medford, Oregon

Statement by Mr. Hanna

In view of the fact that at the time Mr. Fliegel and myself circulated the endorsement of Judge Thomas, we did so upon the solicitation of Judge Thomas, and so told some of the attorneys, and in view of the fact that Judge Thomas in his letter to A. C. Hough, published in the newspapers of this county, stated, "Being gratified by the unanimous act of your bar, I naturally showed it to the attorneys of the Jackson County bar, who of their own accord circulated and placed in my hands a like endorsement containing the names of all but two of the attorneys of this county," and the Republican Central Committee having mailed to the Republican voters a statement to the same effect, it now has become a public issue as to whether Mr. Fliegel and myself have told the truth.

In stating my connection with the circulation of the endorsement of Judge Thomas by the Jackson County attorneys, I do not want to be more severe than the truth, nor will I be more uncompromising than justice requires. My introduction to the matter came through Mr. Fliegel who called at my office, bringing with him an endorsement of Judge Thomas by the attorneys of Josephine County. At this time Mr. Fliegel stated to me that Judge Thomas had requested that I join Mr. Fliegel in circulating a like endorsement among the attorneys of the Jackson County bar. At this juncture I was called on the telephone by Judge Thomas, who inquired whether or not I had seen Joe Fliegel, and I stated to him that Mr. Fliegel was then in my office, and Judge Thomas replied to me, "I wish you would get that thing started right away." The thing referred to being the endorsement by the Jackson County bar. That ended the conversation by the Jackson County bar. I would have inquired more fully of Judge Thomas the object of his endorsement, but from the above quoted conversation over the phone I was satisfied that Judge Thomas did not desire to discuss the matter over the phone. I then stated to Mr. Fliegel that I was at a loss to understand why Judge Thomas wanted the endorsement that he had requested me to circulate, as at that time he was the only Republican candidate for the office and there was no Democratic candidate and we had no intention of having any other attorney intending to run for the office. Thereupon Mr. Fliegel stated to me that when Judge Thomas requested the circulation of this endorsement that he had advised him that he did not want the endorsement for use in the present election, but that he was looking forward to a vacancy on the Supreme Bench and that he wanted these endorsements in his files so that as soon as there was a vacancy on the Supreme Bench he could send in these endorsements and beat the Multnomah bar to the appointment. Mr. Fliegel further stated in substance that Judge Thomas said that it would be indecent to circulate an endorsement for the Supreme Bench before the incumbent, whose vacancy he might be seeking to fill, had at least been buried, and that unless he had something like this endorsement to send in immediately upon the vacancy the Multnomah bar would beat him to the appointment. I told Mr. Fliegel that I felt that it was very poor policy and a rank violation of judicial ethics for any judge to solicit any attorney to circulate any such endorsement and that I would have to confess that I felt extremely reluctant to take any part in the circulation of any endorsement. Mr. Fliegel stated that he felt exactly the same way about the matter. After revolving the matter in our minds we sought the advice of four other attorneys and explained to them that Judge Thomas had solicited us to circulate this endorsement and it was the consensus of opinion of these attorneys, that it was highly improper and an unpardonable violation of judicial ethics for him to have done so, but inasmuch as there was no other candidate at that time for the office, and as Judge Thomas had stated and represented that this endorsement was not to be used in the present campaign, but was to be used as a boost in securing an appointment to the Supreme Bench, we concluded that we had better not antagonize the judge by refusing to circulate the endorsement.

When we submitted the endorsement to the attorneys the same question arose in the minds of many of them as arose in our minds, viz.: what is the reason for this endorsement at this time? To those who inquired we stated the object of it had been stated by the judge to Mr. Fliegel. Many of the attorneys who signed the statement appeared to be reluctant in doing so, and many of them stated, "What else can we do?"

Some days after this endorsement had been circulated I was in Judge Thomas' office on business and he said, "Herb, I want to thank you and Joe Fliegel for circulating that endorsement. The reason I asked you and Joe Fliegel to circulate the endorsement was that I knew that you are in good standing with all members of the bar and are not the type of men who would expect anything from me on account thereof."

H. K. HANNA, Medford, Oregon

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HOOVER TELLS FRIENDS THAT HE'S SATISFIED

Not Making Prophecies, But Informs Friends General Outlook Good—Campaign Strategy Adhered To—Keeping Clear of Personalities.

By James L. West, (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—While Herbert Hoover charges in no political prophecies, he has informed his friends that he is satisfied not only with the general outlook over the country, but also with the manner in which the major strategy of his own campaign is working out.

This strategy has been to confine his addresses to a discussion of the issues and his own philosophy of government and keep clear of personalities and controversies which might obscure what he regards as the fundamental principles in which the public is primarily interested.

That plan was followed in his pre-convention campaign and he has adhered to it rigidly since his nomination, although at times there has been no small amount of pressure put upon him to depart from it in specific instances.

Aside from his public addresses, he has made few statements for publication and only one of these has dealt with claims of the opposition. This was his statement that the Kellogg-Briand treaty constituted the greatest contribution to world-wide peace and was a complete answer to the charge of the Democrats that the Republican party had done little in the cause of peace.

Not once since the campaign opened has Hoover mentioned in an address or public statement the name of his Democratic opponent, and only upon a very few occasions has he referred to the Democratic party or the opposition. This in itself is somewhat unusual in political campaigns.

While Hoover himself has confined his efforts to outlining his position and that of his party, Republican leaders have been active in replying to the assaults which have been made on the party recently. Cabinet officers, senators and others are assuming the country in person or by radio, replying to Governor Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic candidate, and other chiefs of the opposition party.

MEETING CALLED BY GOVERNOR TO STUDY FINANCES

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—To study the financial condition of the state and the methods of preparing estimates for the biennial state budget, Governor Peterson has called a meeting of all officers of state, county, city, and township, and of all boards and commissions and executive officers of the various institutions and departments for next Monday, October 15.

With the passage of the 1927 act placing the state budget in the hands of the governor, and recent appointment of Senator George A. State budget director, a new system of placing the state's financial needs before the legislature went into effect.

In a statement yesterday the governor said he believed the establishment of the federal budget in 1921 when the president of the United States called into conference between 500 and 600 federal officials.

The state emergency board also meets next Monday to provide funds for the state penitentiary and for the state-aided charitable institutions in Portland.

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The September loss, however, was \$100,000 less than for the preceding month of August and \$227,000 less than in July of this year.

The total fire loss in the state for the nine-month period ending September 28 was \$3,626,000, while for the corresponding period in 1927 it was \$2,489,000.

The heaviest losses for September were the destruction of a logging camp in Clackamas county with a loss of \$100,000, the burning of the Ethel building at The Dalles with a \$16,220 loss, and the \$12,000 loss of a sawmill and equipment in Yamhill county.

MUMMIES FOUND ON ALEUT ISLAND WILL BE STUDIED IN SENIOR YEAR

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Oct. 12.—(AP)—With four mummies, relics of an ancient civilization that inhabited the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, the Stoll-McCracken expedition has returned here today after a summer in northern waters.

The age of the mummified bodies, which members of the expedition were unable to determine, will be ascertained by the American Museum of Natural History in New York under whose auspices the scientific expedition was made. The bodies, all well preserved, were found in a tomb reminiscent of a civilization much higher than that now known by either Alaskan Eskimos or Indians. The buried chamber was divided into two compartments.

In the larger of the two, the body of what was supposed to be the chief of the tribe, wrapped in otter and other valuable skins, and many yards of straw matting which would have taken several native weavers many months to make. Two children, supposedly those of the chief, lay in the outer chamber, wrapped similarly.

In the adjoining compartment were the bodies of a man and woman, which, according to legend, were the chief's seamstress and most valued hunter who were killed and buried with him. They were wrapped only in matting. Spears, arrows and other implements of the hunter were fastened to the man's body.

RASKOB TRIED TO PREVENT SPEECH BY HANSBROUGH

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(AP)—John F. Raskob, Democratic national chairman, issued a statement today asserting that he had personally tried to prevent former Senator Henry G. Hansbrough of North Dakota from delivering the speech in Minneapolis yesterday in which Hansbrough credited Herbert Hoover with owning large oil land concessions in Colombia and Mexico.

Having heard that the former senator planned such an address, Mr. Raskob said he tried unsuccessfully to reach him by telephone and telegraph to stop his delivery knowing that there was "absolutely no truth in the charge."

"I know there is absolutely no truth in the charge," said Mr. Raskob, "and I think it is a gross pity that Hansbrough should have made such a charge without first trying to verify it."

The chairman said that Hansbrough, who was a Republican senator for many years and is now heading an independent committee for Governor Smith had no connection with the Democratic national committee and that he had made and would make no speeches as an official representative of that body.

Oregon Weather.—Oregon, Friday and Saturday, becoming unsettled Saturday over the northwest portion, local frosts tonight; warmer Sunday. Moderate variable winds, becoming southerly.

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A Contrast in Principles and Parties

Republican Democratic

FOR the protection of labor, industry, agriculture and citizenship the Republican party started the protective tariff. The Payne-Aldrich bill which was wiped out by Democratic leadership in 1913 and the Fordney-McCumber bill which went into effect in 1922, closed America's doors to the free entry of European manufactured goods, produced by cheap labor, and the livestock and agricultural products of South America, New Zealand and Australia. Under these a duty of 42 cents a bushel was placed on wheat; 15 cents a bushel on corn; 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound on cattle; 50 cents per hundred pounds on potatoes; \$2 a head on sheep and 31 cents per pound on scoured wool.

THE Democratic party has always opposed a high protective tariff. It stands for "tariff for revenue only" or a "competitive tariff." When the Underwood law went into effect there followed in its wake a near panic that was only averted by the World War in Europe. Wheat, corn, cattle, sheep, wool, potatoes and other products were placed on the free list. The farmer suffered from foreign competition, and scores of factories closed down and brought on unemployment and bread lines. Revenue for government expense became so low that the Stamp Act of October 22, 1914, went into effect and a tax was required on all notes, deeds and mortgages and perfumes and other sundries.

THE tariff is the safe-guard of American industry, agriculture and commerce. If changes are to be made in existing tariff laws they can best be entrusted to friends in the tariff party—the Republican party. Protection against foreign competition means prosperity. If you would have a continuance of prosperity—

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We believe that the office should be free from politics; that the office should seek the man and that the man should not seek the office; that the judge should not use the great power of his office to promote his candidacy; that he should be well grounded in the law; that his chief concern should be the conscientious performance of his duties; that in his conduct of the office he should not be influenced by any personal considerations; that as between litigants he should be to the spectator of persons; that as between lawyers representing those litigants he should have no preferences. Above all, that he should be a man in whom the bar and all the people can repose implicit confidence, for only then will his official acts be justly above suspicion.

Believing that Harry D. Norton of Grants Pass possesses all these qualifications and is the best qualified man in this district for the office, we are associated together to promote his election.

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