

DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE

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The suggestion now for the nomination of a southern democrat comes chiefly from the class of papers and politicians that took delight in "knifing" the democratic candidate.

Let all democrats who love genuine democratic principles beware of "Greek's bearing gifts."—Lincoln, Ill., Daily Courier.

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Foraker and Taft

The Ohio republican state committee on July 30 met and adopted a resolution endorsing Secretary Taft for president, also one declaring that the Taft men do not seek the defeat of Senator Foraker.

On the day before the meeting Senator Foraker gave to the newspapers a copy of a letter. The letter is addressed to C. B. McCoy of Coshocton, N. Y., a member of the republican state committee, and is intended as an expression of the senator's views to be presented when the committee meets at Columbus tomorrow. The interview of Governor Harris, in which he favors the indorsement of Foraker for senator and Taft for president, and encourages the suggestion of his own name for another term as governor, and various recent publications are taken as the text for the letter which, in part, is as follows:

"I learn from the newspapers and otherwise that a resolution is likely to be offered at the next meeting of the central committee, to be held in Columbus tomorrow, July 30, indorsing Secretary Taft as Ohio's candidate for the presidency, and I have seen it stated that a resolution is likely also to be offered indorsing me as a candidate to be my own successor in the senate of the United States, and in today's papers is published what purports to be an authorized interview with Governor Harris, favoring this proposed action in indorsing Secretary Taft and expressing friendship and good will for myself with respect to a continuation to my public services, but disclaiming a desire to have himself indorsed as his own successor in the governor's office.

"In view of what Governor Harris has seen fit to say, I trust it is not out of place for me to call attention to my former expressions of this view, and to report that I do not think the state central committee has any authority to pass on any such subject.

"When we are through with the elections of this year we can take up in an orderly way and without injury to any interest, as the next business to be transacted, the settlement of our presidential preferences.

"I learn also from the newspapers and otherwise that it is claimed, that as a reason for the proposed action, that Secretary Taft is the only candidate Ohio has for the presidency and that on such account from sentiments of state pride, we should unite in his support, and that for this reason the committee should take the proposed action at this time so that the whole country may be advised what Ohio intends to do next year.

"I see it stated almost every day in the newspapers as a reason for the claim that Ohio has only one candidate for the presidency, that I have not at any time announced my candidacy for that office. It is true that I have never made any such announcement. A candidate for the presidency must assume, first, the great and serious responsibilities of leading the party in the national campaign and, if successful, he must then assume the grave and serious responsibilities of administering the executive offices. These responsibilities are so grave and so serious that any man might well feel highly complimented and greatly honored to have his fellow citizens name him in such a connection, but at the same time they are so grave and so serious that any ordinary man might well hesitate to proclaim himself qualified for such responsibilities, or prefer, at least, to wait until invited by his party associates to undertake such duties.

"It is because I entertain opinions of this kind that I have not made any

announcement of my candidacy for any office, and, in view of what may be inferred from these expressions, I do not deem it necessary that I should. But this is not a matter to be settled by sentiments of state pride, commendable as they are. If there were not any differences of opinion among republicans state pride would probably have great weight, but today there is a wide difference of opinion of republicans on such an important matter.

"Every republican has a right to espouse any view he may entertain and inasmuch as Governor Harris represents that such is his view, I do not wonder that he prefers Secretary Taft as his candidate for the presidency, for on a number of occasions Secretary Taft has taken pains to announce that he is in favor of an immediate revision of our tariff. I observe also that most of the leading supporters of Secretary Taft in our state entertain similar views, according to the expressions I have seen attributed to them in the newspapers, notable among them ex-Governor Herrick and Theodore E. Burton. When, therefore, we are asked to commit ourselves to the candidacy of Secretary Taft we must do it with that fact in mind, that he entertains the views he has expressed on this subject and that if we make him our candidate the campaign of a necessity must be a campaign of the revision downward of the tariff schedule under which the country has been brought not only to an unprecedented, but to a universal prosperity.

"I do not believe that we should discredit what the republican party has done for this country under the policies represented by the Dingley tariff law by making our campaign of next year an attack upon that statute.

"If we postpone the matter of settling our preference as to a candidate until we can go before the people and discuss this question, as we will have an opportunity to do if we select our delegates to the next convention at primaries, our respective views can be presented and the people can judge between us and thus act intelligently. I think this much is due to the farmers and the wage workers, as well as to the manufacturers and other business men of our state, who will necessarily be immediately and seriously affected by any kind of tariff revision.

"If we can be given time to discuss this subject, as I propose, I may change my views about it, but without further advices it is impossible for me, notwithstanding the high character and the great ability and the distinguished services of Secretary Taft to favor his candidacy.

"Inasmuch as the time is short and this is designed for the public as well as for yourself and the committee, I take the liberty of giving a copy of it to the public press at the same time I put it in the mail."

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