

Senator Owen's Tribute to Mr. Bryan

Addressing an audience at Hastings, Nebraska, April 10, Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma said:

"The Democratic party has proven to the nation by its acts that it is the great progressive liberal party of the country, in spite of the fact that it has within its ranks Democrats of conservative tendencies.

"Only with a very progressive, constructive platform and candidates whose records are in harmony with such a platform can the Democratic party hope to win the congress and presidency.

"I hope I may be pardoned if I say that the progressive Democrats of the United States are deeply interested in the attitude of Nebraska, and hope that William Jennings Bryan will have an overwhelming indorsement as a delegate to the San Francisco convention. We need him on the resolution committee. If he goes from his own state with a great indorsement, it will give him prestige in presenting the progressive principles upon which our national success must depend.

"If he is defeated in Nebraska it will give courage to the friends of the liquor traffic and to the enemies of woman suffrage, and will tend to discourage the moral forces which are essential to a victorious campaign.

"The national democracy is very fond of Bryan, not so much because of his brilliant oratory and convincing logic, as because of his great love for the people, his splendid moral force, and his unwearied devotion to the cause of justice. Surely it can be truly said of Bryan for all these years 'that he has kept the faith.'

"I should think every church, every preacher and teacher in the state would appoint himself or herself a committee of one to support him NOW—for who has served them better or more devotedly than he?"

"I should think every Nebraskan would feel proud of the glorious Nebraskan who has done so much to honor the state of Nebraska as a great moral, political and spiritual leader, and, as exemplar of these forces, has written the name of Nebraska so high in the esteem of the people of the other states and of the world.

"In every state to admiring and applauding thousands he has carried the best ideals and the name of Nebraska.

"Shall the friends of the liquor traffic deny him now the right to represent Nebraska and to serve his party and humiliate him with an undeserved defeat?"

"May not the Democrats of the nation rely with confidence on Nebraska to show its appreciation NOW of the great and noble son of Nebraska whom the democracy, three times called to its service as national standard bearer?"

"Shall the everlasting faithful services of our three-times-chosen standard bearer be rewarded in his own home state by defeat for a delegateship because he has loved morality and peace and fought the liquor traffic?"

"I have absolute confidence in the people of Nebraska that they will support their noblest and beloved son."

FATHER O'CALLAGHAN'S TRIBUTE

Below will be found a letter from Father O'Callaghan, formerly president of the National Catholic Temperance Union, and an active supporter of prohibition:

Apostolic Mission House, Catholic University, Brookland, D. C., April 1, 1920.—The Hon. William Jennings Bryan, Lincoln, Nebraska. My dear Mr. Bryan: The cause which you have made your own in Nebraska is one which concerns every good citizen of the United States. It is the cause of law and order. It appeals particularly to those of us who have had a part in securing the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution, because it is against the enforcement of this amendment that the lawless forces of the nation are now arrayed.

Running true to form, the "wets" have distorted the decision of the Supreme Court which asserts the right of Congress to fix upon an alcoholic content for the purposes of law enforcement, into an assertion of its right and the legislative right of other bodies to make alcoholic beverages non-intoxicating by legal enactment.

The evident purpose of these agitators is the nullification of the eighteenth amendment. It is astounding that any should be deceived by the partisanship which cannot hide its selfish purpose and which never has had regard for truth. It is incredible that any court of highest jurisdiction will uphold any law which nullifies the fundamental law of the land. If prohibition has been achieved against the will of the people, it can be repealed by the same process by which it was enacted. Insistence upon the due processes of law and defense of them, distinguishes the law-abiding citizen from the lawless inhabitant of the land, who esteems personal liberty above civil liberty, and who respects no conflicting rights unless compelled to do so. The advocates of nullification are demoralizing the national conscience and bringing into contempt most fundamental principles of law and order.

In this emergency you are manifesting that courage which has always been characteristic of you. I cannot withhold the expression of my admiration, and the utterance of my best wishes for success. You have always seemed to me the finest type of incorruptible character and courageous manhood among our public men of these past twenty-five years. You have never failed us who have believed in you from the beginning of your career as a national leader. The intimate friendship of these later years has only deepened my appreciation of your worth. In days like these the world needs men in public life that can be trusted. I know of none who have given such oft-repeated proofs of trustworthiness.

Although you must fight in the arena of local politics, you are championing a great moral and patriotic cause which has claim upon the support of all friends of sobriety as well as of all upholders of law and order. If the Democrats of Nebraska do not make you their delegate-at-large to San Francisco, they will discredit themselves in the eyes of most good citizens, whether Democrats or Republicans. Outside of some partisan opponents, all citizens recognize the fitness of your being a spokesman for the democracy of Nebraska. But whether Nebraska recognizes the fitness of things or not, it cannot prevent you from being the spokesman for millions of your fellow citizens of whom I am proud to be one. With every best wish, I am devotedly yours in Christ.

PETER J. O'CALLAGHAN.

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WOMEN AND "NIGGERS"

(Lincoln Evening Journal April 7.)

When Arthur W. Mullen, Democratic national committeeman and candidate for re-election denied the story printed in an Omaha paper recently that he had told Mrs. Katherine Sumney and Mrs. Grace Richardson that the nation made a mistake in giving the ballot to "niggers" and should not repeat the same mistake with regard to women, he started something.

The original story reads as follows:

"In September, 1918, when the Susan B. Anthony amendment was to be voted on in the senate, two Omaha women interviewed Arthur Mullen, Nebraska national Democratic committeeman, to ask him to use his influence to persuade Senator Hitchcock to vote for the amendment. Mr. Mullen said that he believed in state's rights, and that each state should decide the qualifications of voters. He said he thought the government had made a mistake when it gave votes to "niggers" and he didn't want to see the mistake repeated by giving the right of suffrage to women."

To the truth of this statement, Mrs. Sumney and Mrs. Richardson make this affidavit: "State of Nebraska, Douglas county; ss: Katherine Sumney and Grace Richardson being first duly sworn, depose and say that the attached statement concerning a conversation between them and Arthur Mullen, national Democratic committeeman from Nebraska, is true, and that the conversation set out in said statement took place at the time and in the words therein stated.

KATHERINE SUMNEY,
GRACE RICHARDSON.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 5th day of February 1920. Ida M. Walters, notary public."

Don't Fail to Vote in the Nebraska Primaries, April 20.

Woman's Opportunity in Politics

Following is an extract from an address made by Mr. Bryan at a meeting in the Lincoln auditorium, March 26, held under the auspices of the Women's Democratic committee:

"Madam President, Ladies of the Democratic Committee and Gentlemen:

"I profoundly appreciate the opportunity which you afford me of emphasizing in my home city the great political changes that may be expected from the entrance of women into the political arena. The time is opportune, for the world is stirred by recent events and ripe for great progressive movement, and to make woman's advent into politics more opportune, the times demand the lifting up of ethical standards and the application of moral principles. Woman's conscience is therefore needed as never before.

"I feel that the Democratic party is in position to make a strong appeal for the support of the women of the nation whether we consider domestic problems or the nation's duty to the world. The Democratic position is one that must appeal to the women who are forward-looking and far-seeing. Benjamin Kidd, in his book on "The Science of Power," credits women with great attachment to race problems and claims that, even more than man, she works for the future. Surely this is a time when the future presents problems of such magnitude as to arouse our most earnest thought and demands most serious consideration. At home we must deal with the profiteer, and woman's practical knowledge on the subject will be tremendously helpful. The Democratic party is more free than the Republican party to take the side of the unorganized masses against the organized greed of those who would exploit their own customers.

"On the labor question the continuing toll of the average woman will make her sympathetic with those who, as producers in all the fields of industry, constitute the foundation of our nation's strength.

"Just at this time the women of America will feel it their supreme duty to hold the ground already taken on the liquor question. Their votes will build a wall of adamant against any return of the saloon, and their experience with the methods of those engaged in the liquor traffic will make them proof against any appeals that may be made in behalf of beer and wine. They know that throughout the ages wine, from the time when it made Noah drunk down to the present day, has been a mocker, and that however attractive it may be to the beginner, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." They know too that the beer saloon is but a kindergarten to the university of strong drink. They will oppose any re-opening of the question.

"The women of Nebraska will understand that the contest in this state makes a special appeal to them. They know that my fight for prohibition has not only given me a part in this great moral victory in the nation but that it is because of my support of prohibition that I am singled out for attack by the united liquor forces of the nation.

"Our party also makes its appeal to women because of its interest in the establishment of a league of nations especially designed to prevent war by compelling investigation before resorting to force and by providing for reduction of armaments and the abolition of secret treaties. Our entrance into the league will be on conditions that will leave us independent to decide for ourselves when it is proper to resort to war but will enable us by counsel and advice to make more remote the possibility of a resort to war. The league of nations will be of little value to the world without our nation as a member; with our nation a member, it seems likely to make the war out of which we have come the last great war of the world."

UNFORTUNATE MR. HOOVER

Mr. Hoover seems to have landed in the Republican camp just in time to be repudiated by the Republicans of Michigan, and he has another jolt coming—he is going to contest California with Johnson. Poor Hoover! If big business had just kept him in the background until the convention met they might have won out.