

5,000 Committee Will Not Follow Move of Thomas

Officers Accuse Executive Secretary of Attempt to Mislead Members in Presidential Campaign.

Officers of the Committee of 5,000 refuse to permit the rank and file of the committee to be influenced in their presidential vote at the election next Tuesday by the change of mind of Elmer E. Thomas, executive secretary of the committee.

Mr. Thomas has announced that he will vote for Cox. W. T. Graham, president of the committee, now comes out with a statement accusing Mr. Thomas of attempting to mislead the members of the committee in a letter stating his position.

President Graham's statement follows:

Sees Nothing Strange.
Omaha, Oct. 27, 1920.
"Editor Daily Bee:
"There appeared in a recent issue of one of the Omaha papers a letter under the caption, 'Elmer E. Thomas will vote for Cox.'
"There is nothing strange about this. Mr. Thomas has been a democrat all his life, when he was not a populist.
"In the letter he says that he has changed his mind since early in the campaign, when he said he would not vote for Cox. He did say this repeatedly with the statement that the record of Mr. Cox was such that he did not think it wise to exalt him to such a position.
"Mr. Thomas was very positive in his convictions at that time, that the election of Mr. Cox would be most unfortunate. Mr. Thomas is executive secretary of the Committee of 5,000, and it has been the custom of the committee, prior to local elections, to recommend candidates for the various offices, having in mind their attitude toward the

liquor laws and the enforcement of the same, but no recommendations have ever been made as to presidential candidates.

Others Will Not Follow.
"Many members of the organization have been waiting for recommendations for the coming election, and while the matter was pending Mr. Thomas rushed into print stating that he had changed his mind, and that he is for Cox.
"He has a right to change his mind, and a right to vote for Cox, and a right to express himself, but he must have known that a letter from him, although signed by him personally, would lead many of our membership to believe that he was expressing the sentiment of the officers of the committee.
"This certainly would be a reasonable inference, and the letter was altogether misleading.
"The reference to Cox and the league was made on his own responsibility and without the know-

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edge of the Committee of 5,000.

As president of the committee I wish it understood that no action has been taken, or will be taken, with reference either to Cox or the league.
"Our recommendations will be confined to the judicial, county and state tickets."
"Yours truly,
"W. T. GRAHAM,
"President Committee of 5,000."

Minneapolis Woman Makes G. O. P. Address at Fairmont

Fairmont, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—A republican meeting was addressed here yesterday by Mrs. C. A. Severance devoted the greater part of her speech to criticism of the proposed league of nations, particularly Article 10 which she stated would do away with the Monroe doctrine and require the presence of an American army abroad.

Nebraska Farmers May Burn Corn Due to High Price of Coal

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn may be burned as fuel by farmers in northern Nebraska this winter. High-priced coal and a bounteous but low-priced crop of corn is the reason. New corn, unshelled, now brings 3/4 of a cent a pound or \$15 a ton. The cheapest soft coal is \$15 and it has to be hauled. A wagon box 30 inches high is required to hold a ton of unshelled corn and that amount makes a hotter fire and will last longer than a ton of coal.

Beatrice Business Men Offer Site for New Hotel

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Spe-

cial.)—A number of business men of East Court street will raise \$7,500 to purchase the site at Eighth and Court streets for the proposed new hotel and will present the site to committee in charge if it agrees to build the new hotel at that location.

Big Sixth for Harding, Congressman Kinkaid Says

O'Neill, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—An overwhelming sentiment for Harding and the republican ticket in northern and western Nebraska, is the way Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid, of the Sixth congressional district expresses it. He returned to O'Neill from a trip which included 20 counties of the district.

"I find the sentiment for Harding very strong," says Judge Kinkaid. "Another noticeable feature of the campaign is that the people are not excited. Everyone's mind seems to be made up and one hears very little discussion of politics."

Restrain Seizing of Railroad for Taxes

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Woodrough in federal court has issued a temporary order restraining Sheriff Charles Hart of Knox county and Ed Matthews, county treasurer, from levying, seizing and selling property of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company or the Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad company for taxes. In asking for the restraining order, attorneys for the railroad state that the Knox county officials are threatening to seize the railroad property and sell it in order to satisfy distress warrants which the treasurer plans to issue. They say the county has levied 20 mills tax and that this has been held unconstitutional in the district and supreme courts.

Ten Hurt in Explosions.

Saragossa, Spain, Oct. 27.—Ten working men were injured and much material damage caused by two explosions, one in the gas works and the other in the electric power plant, which resulted in a great fire.



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JOHN M. MATZEN State Superintendent SHOULD BE RETAINED IN OFFICE

One of the most important officers of the state, to be elected next Tuesday, is the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Everybody should be deeply interested in the election of the best available candidate.

John M. Matzen, the present incumbent, has had 24 years' experience as an educator in the state; has always been active in matters of statewide nature; is constructive, clear-cut in his decisions and has a thorough grasp of the needs of our schools. His administration has been eminently sane and practical and has enlisted the cooperation of the teachers and school officers.

For these reasons, we unqualifiedly recommend Mr. Matzen and ask his endorsement at the hands of the voters of Nebraska.

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