JUDGE O'REAR OPENS CAMPAIGN

Fires First Broadside in Speech at Elizabethtown

CLEAR STATEMENT OF POSITION

Pays His Respects to Machine Politics —Tells Some Interesting Political History — Discusses County Unit Plan—Criticises Election of Bradley to the Senate.

The principal issue in this campaign is the Democratic machine, and the principal question is whether or not the people are going to have the political home, the corrupting influence and the dominating power of the machine legislature destroyed. Shall we go back from the bid of old the states, Kentucky and Tennessee, where the machine has been destroyed, or shall we go forward with those states, that are now in the front rank of progress, and throw off the domination of the machine and control of the people?

When we call for a new and better government, for restoring to the people the rights of which they have been robbed, we are told by the machine politicians that we are simply sore-heads and enemies of the party, and that we are attempting to destroy the party organization. This charge is therefore aimed to fool the people of the state into the belief that the party is one of the organizations of the people through which politics in order that the people may express their will in the government of the state. It is my purpose to enter the campaign.

In the first place, we are not concerned as to what is the matter before us can apply a remedy. We are not concerned as to what we are going to do after we get control of the state, the people, the controlling power, the machine, will be in control of the state government, and they will determine whether or not they will continue in their present course or change it. We are not concerned about that. We are concerned about the present duty to apply a safe and fair remedy.

As to the judgment and opinion that the Democratic party of Kentucky, or the people of Kentucky, or the people of the state of Kentucky be made check? Shall the people of Kentucky be denied the right of the ballot box? Shall the people of Kentucky be appealed to in this matter to become the judges? Shall we go to the people of Kentucky and ask them to express their opinion of the present administration in Kentucky?

Shall the people of Kentucky be honest enough to say whether or not they are satisfied, if not to point out that Kentucky is not a fit place for the people to live? Shall the people of Kentucky say whether or not they would be an advantage to the state to undertake to rid herself of the domination of the machine? Shall the people of Kentucky say whether or not they are abused and throttling her progress? Shall they say whether or not they are under the heels of the state machine and machine-ruled. It can not be established by the machine that the people are afraid to express their opinion. The people are entitled to know the facts with respect to the matter.

And we say here that the first inquiry is to know whether or not there is a machine, whether or not the machine is a menace to the commonwealth, and if it is, then the people are entitled to the right to overthrow the machine. Shall the people stand? Is that the reason why the machine has been so long entrenched and intrenched so that a state convention and a partial purchase for twenty years appropriation of the people's money has been carried off in the interest of the machine politicians?

The Democratic Machine.

No further back than four years ago—and not quite that long ago—the people of Kentucky, by which the principal political issue was the question of the election of Senator McCreary whether or not it charged that the grand Democratic party of Kentucky was dominated by the political machine, was knocked in that statement by Attorney-General Hays, who backed up that statement by a grand number of the Democratic press of Kentucky, and by the Democratic state committee of Kentucky, the final court, the court of last resort, the court to which we all look for justice, and the court that we all look to in time? Were the people mistaken? Answer, yes or no. Were the people mistaken? Were they misled? Were they misinformed? If it was, we all know, the fact is known to the people of Kentucky, and the people of Kentucky have been accustomed to find the complete control of Kentucky's political affairs by the machine, and the machine has been known as the party. If by an accident or misfortune the party should be defeated at the polls, it was a "fatal misfortune from Kentucky." It if be true that the party is the people, and the people are the party, then the machine is the party, and the party is the machine. Democracy is confined to the machine. Democracy is the machine. Democracy is the machine. Democracy is