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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1931

We are trying in the age of the electric light to teach national economic progress with a candle.—Nicholas Murray Butler

An Impression Justified.

Some weeks ago we set down in these columns our impressions of Judge Ruby Laffoon, Democratic candidate for Governor of Kentucky. The editorial was laudatory and expressed the conviction that in their candidate the Democratic party is blessed with a man of rugged honesty, of undoubted sincerity, endowed with that rarest [illegible]

Strength Lies In Organization.

A political battle, apparently won, may be lost through lack of organization. There can be no doubt of this fact and practical politicians everywhere recognize its truth.

It is also true that a "chain is no stronger than its weakest link," and the party organization of Nicholas county is an important link in the chain of State-wide Democratic organization.

The Mercury urges Nicholas county Democrats to rally to the cause. Do it NOW, not in the closing days of the campaign.

Your County Chairman, Jim Will Martin, and your County Chairwoman, Mrs. B. F. Reynolds, are both workers, experienced and able, yet alone they cannot reach that efficiency of organization that is requisite to a majority worthy of one of the banner Democratic counties of the Ninth District.

Go to them; offer your services. Show that your interest in this fight—which is a fight of the people—is genuine. Prove that your Democracy is not confined to whooping it up on election night. If you will, The Mercury knows that Nicholas county will prove one of the strongest links in the chain of Democratic organization in Kentucky.

A Record Of Accomplishment.

So admirable has been the record of accomplishment of the present Highway Commission, as compared with that of the Sampson-controlled Commission, that leading county newspapers of Kentucky, the independence of whose editorial policy is unquestioned, discount with able editorials the announced purpose of the Republicans to attack the integrity of that Commission.

Two of these editorials—one by Henry Lawrence, of Trigg county, and the other by Joe Richardson, of Barren county—appear in this issue of The Mercury. A record of accomplishment speaks for itself.

Poison Darts.

(Joe Richardson in Glasgow Times)

Republicans are centering their attack on Ben Johnson, head of the Highway Commission. They forget this is state, not national election, and that the dirty, mean, despicable methods used then won't work now. Mr. Johnson, an honest man and clean, has nothing to fear from political assassins, unless it be gangrene from poison darts fired at him.

Ben Johnson

(Gen. Henry Lawrence in the Cadiz Record)

Since party candidates were nominated and the plan of contest for the fall political campaign outlined in party platforms in Kentucky, there has not been a gathering of Republicans in any section of the state that bitter attacks were not made upon Hon. Ben Johnson, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

For more than forty years Ben Johnson has been a conspicuous figure in the official life of Kentucky and the nation.

In Kentucky he has been member of the Legislature and Speaker of the House, State Senator and Collector of Internal Revenue.

For twenty years he was the Representative in Congress from the Fourth district.

During all this time he has been the subject of criticism, just as all men of conviction and positive force are criticised. But not once has there been the breath of suspicion upon his honor as a citizen or a capable and honest public official.

While in Washington as a member of Congress he was criticised because he often interfered with the plans of [illegible]

Grandfather and the Boys

One way to keep the spirit youthful and the outlook on life cheery is to have a daily romp with your grandchildren. At least this recipe seems to work happily for Judge Ruby Laffoon of Madisonville, Democratic candidate for Governor of Kentucky. This picture shows the judge and his two grandsons, the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson of Madisonville. The lad who sits abaft the pony is "R. W.", aged 10 years. The little fellow seated in the front row is Tommy, the tempestuous, aged 2 years. Judge Laffoon usually starts his day with a 6 o'clock call upon these youngsters at their farm home which is about a mile and a half out of Madisonville.

30 Years Ago

Thursday, September 19, 1901

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53 YEARS AGO

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What Editors Of Kentucky Newspapers Are Saying

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Laffoon Opens Democratic Campaign Pledging Honesty And Economy for Kentucky

Program Is Outlined For Better Handling of State Business.

Plans for Highways, Institutions and Schools Are Given Approval.

DEMOCRACY'S STANDARD BEARER

JUDGE RUBY LAFFOON
of Madisonville

Thousands Hail Promise of Less Taxes, Rigid Cut in Expenses.

Tragic and Costly Failures of Republicans Are Pointed Out.

For the citizens of Kentucky—lower taxes, rigid economy in state government, a business administration, better schools, more highways, modern charitable and penal institutions, promotion of general prosperity to benefit the farmer, the capitalist, the manual laborer and white-collar worker alike.

To this program Judge Ruby Laffoon pledged himself and his party in a notable speech with which he opened his campaign for governor at a huge Democratic rally at Winchester on September 12.

"In simple words made plain," the Democratic standard bearer pointed out the costly and tragic failures of Republican government, both national and state. He electrified his audience with an eloquent plea for a return to competence, honesty and simplicity in government according to Jeffersonian tenets.

A summary of Judge Laffoon's speech follows:

Never within the memory of one now living has such distress been witnessed on every hand in our country. Dispirited and heart-broken men and women are crying "what shall we do?"

Those in power are answering over and over, parrotlike, "be ye not disconcerted, for prosperity is now at hand."

Will you let them deceive you further with this false answer?

Republican Promises.

President Hoover promised: "We will soon, with the help of God, be in sight of the day when poverty shall be banished from this nation." And he promised further: "I will establish a Federal Farm Board which will protect the farmers from the depression and demoralization of seasonal gluts and periodical surplus."

To keep his promises he called Congress in special session. At his behest Congress revised the tariff law and passed a law authorizing formation of a farm board.

The tariff law, most iniquitous piece of legislation ever enacted, has destroyed our foreign markets and thrown millions of our working people out of employment, forcing many of them to rely on charity for the bare necessities of life.

And the farm board has spent five hundred million dollars and forced down the price of the farmer's wheat to a point below cost of production. The same outrageous condition exists regarding every other product of the fields.

Mr. Hoover and his farm board have made a joke of the farm problem and will soon be crying for the abolishing of the board in order to save themselves from humiliation, since the only remedy [illegible]

[illegible] triment of the many and the advantage of the few. I shall recommend passing a law combining the duties of departments performing like services under the management of a single executive head, with complete co-ordination of administrative departments, the rigid enforcement of a detailed budget, and the enacting of a law appropriating no money for any purpose unless the bill carries with it a provision authorizing its payment otherwise.

Budget Enforcement.

We have too many boards and commissions with but few rendering due service. If elected I shall recommend passing of laws combining the duties of departments performing like services under one executive head, with complete co-ordination of the administrative departments.

Our platform calls for "the rigid enforcement of a balanced budget." The submission of a detailed budget to the General Assembly stating anticipated revenues and estimated needs of the state government would assist the Legislature in sorting out and reducing appropriations. I shall recommend that no law be enacted for any appropriation unless provision is made in the bill authorizing money to be set aside for that purpose or otherwise providing for its collection. If I am governor I will veto any bill passed by the General Assembly that does not conform to this requirement.

Most of the property in this state is now assessed higher than its sale value, but by rigid economy the government [illegible]

Northern markets than do properties north of the river. I pledge my efforts to bring to bear every influence possible to right this most serious wrong.

Better Banking Laws.

Laws governing banks and banking will be stringently enforced. Banking commissioners and examiners should be competent officials appointed after competitive examination. Pyramiding investments, dummy corporations and holding companies should be prevented. Corporations should not be permitted to become stockholders in banks, loans to bank officials should be limited and every precaution taken to protect stockholders and depositors.

Our platform is pledged to extension and improvement of our common school system, with equal advantages for every child whether living in city or county, and to introduce free textbooks as fast as finances will permit. It favors a liberal policy toward the state university, normal and industrial schools, and remuneration for teachers commensurate with their ability and training. I believe that vocational training for both white and colored children is one of the best services that we can render.

A well planned system of connecting highways of high-type construction is of primary importance. I promise in the name of the Democratic administration that these will be built as speedily as possible without discrimination, and that funds will get upon the roads instead of into the pockets of grafters. The present Democratic Highway Commission has built more roads in seventeen months than the Sampson-controlled commission built in twenty-four, and at a saving of more than ten million dollars.

Harrison's Many Failures.

The leaders of the opposing party admit that Mr. Harrison and those running with him haven't a remote chance of victory unless they receive an unprecedented majority of votes in Louisville. I cannot believe that any considerable majority will indorse the outrageous practices of the last primary in that city, which included corruption, force and fraud.

In his platform written by himself Mr. Harrison calls attention to his "conduct of the affairs of a great municipality." I desire to call your attention to the many lucrative positions given to persons not citizens of Kentucky, among them the director of welfare, $5,000 per year; superintendent of recreation, $2,800 per year; milk inspector, $5,000 per year; librarian, $7,000 per year; traffic survey, $14,707.44, and a zoning and planning survey which will soon be completed at a cost of $40,000, all of which has been [illegible]

Progress Made In State Campaign For Pure Milk

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

The Kentucky State Fair opened at Louisville Monday.

The Republican state campaign will be opened at Hazard Saturday.

Construction work on the new $1,500,000 postoffice building at Louisville started Monday.

A Presbyterian church was organized at Camp Nelson Sunday with 84 charter members.

Ten women two of them negroes, were paroled from the Frankfort reformatory Friday.

Rev. C. O. Turner, 37, ended his life by hanging himself in a barn near Mayfield last week.

Harvey Meyers, veteran Covington politician and lawyer, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week.

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M. A. Swift, 52, for more than fifty years engaged in the drug business in Maysville, died at his home Sunday night.

Paris business men have circulated a petition which will be presented to the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company requesting the opening of the redryer in Paris, which was closed last year.

Marguerite Padgett, 3 years old, died at her home near Vine Grove, Hardin county, Thursday from burns suffered August 22 when her dress ignited while she was playing with matches.

Merchandise valued at $500 was taken from the store of C. T. Smith at Sadieville, Scott county, early Monday morning by burglars who gained enrance to the building by breaking open a door.

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Miss Joe Enos McCray, 23, employe of the Lexington Telephone Company, was killed Sunday morning in an automobile accident on the Winchester pike when the machine in which she was riding with Dr. A. L. Johnson, Lexington physician, left the highway and overturned three times.

Ben Sexton, 21, of Indianapolis, who was granted a new trial by the court of appeals after being given a death sentence for the murder of a bank president following the robbery of a bank in Warren county, entered a plea of guilty Saturday and was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

Leslie W. Perkins, of Frankfort, Sampson appointee to the game and fish commissioin, last week filed suit in the Franklin circuit court to compel his recognition as a member of the commission. His action was caused by the other members refusing to allow him to sit as a commission member.

Following a raid on the home of J. I. Jayne at Evarts, Harlan county, Friday, warrants were issued for 200 men whose names were found on the membership roll of the local chapter of the International Workers of the World a Communist organization. Jayne is now in jail on a charge of criminal syndicalism.

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