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CONGRESSMAN SMITH'S RECORD

ONE OF NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENTS AND COUNTRY AT LARGE

Authority On Tariff

Speech on This Great Governmental Problem Considered one of Ablest Delivered in Congress during Past Fifty Years

The COlorado Record sums up the achievements of Hon. W. R. Smith in the following manner:

William Robert Smith, who has been in Congress as representative of the Sixteenth congressional district since March 4 1903, is one of those public servants who has won the confidence of the entire congress as well as of the people of his district. His success is due to the exercise of those qualities of statesmanship that have enabled him to take a leading position on all great national questions, without however, slighting or becoming unmindful of the simplest needs of his immediate constituents.

It takes a man of commanding influence in congress to accomplish the more important things that Congressman Smith has achieved; and courage, common sence and integrity are the things that lift a congressman above the average membership of the house and make it possible, even though an opposing political party be in control, for him to get what he goes after.

In congress Judge Smith is regarded as an authority particularly on the tariff, on anti-trust legislation and railroad regulation. He is consistently and steadfastly progressive. Some democrats are progressive in spots, but Congressman Smith has "come clean" in his progressiveness. He was progressive in the boss ridden days before Woodrow Wilson cast down the corrupt politicians of his party and William Jennings Bryan purged the Baltimore convention of the influence of Wall Street. It is needless to say that Congressman Smith was an original Wilson man and was among the first members of Congress to declare for the New Jersey Governor for president.

But long before the momentous turn in the tide of American politics, which has naturally made his one of the strong hands that uphold the progressive administration of President Wilson, Congressman Smith won a measure of distinction in the house of Representatives that enabled him to bring from a republican congress two great boons—one particularily tor Texas and the other for the whole South.

The first feat referred to was to amend the Reclamation Act so as to extend to Texas the benefits of the national reclamation law, which set aside the proceeds from the sale of public lands in the western states for the construction of vast irrigation projects in public land states. Congressman Smith faced a double arduous task, because for one thing Texas has no public lands and consequently contributes nothing to the reclamation fund, and also because Texas is a solidly democratic state and had learned to expect small comfort from an overwhelmingly republican congress. So hopeless did the situation appear that no Texan had ever undertaken to win this great boon for his state. But such was Congressman Smith's standing among his legislative colleagues and so effectively did he present his case, both to President Roosevelt and to congress that the Smith Bill was adopted and Texas was placed on an equal footing with other western states in the enjoyment of the provision of this act.

The second important act that congressman Smith put through a republican congress was the inauguration by the Federal government of a campaign to eradicate the catlle tick. The work that the federal government has done throughout the South as the result of Congresman Smith's first appropriation for tick eradicatiou six years ago has been a blessing to cattlemen throughout the south.

The extension under the Smith law of the provisions of the Reclamation Act to Texas has already begun to bear rich fruit for West Texas. First came the Elephant Butte Irrigation project in New Mexico by which eighty thousand acres of arid land in West Texas will be turned into an oasis. This $9,000,000.00 project resulted from the unceasing efforts of Congressman Smith.

The most receut results of Congressman Smith's activity in behalf of west Texas was to commit the department of the Interior to the creation of a vast irrigation project on the Pecos River and for this purpose $10,000.00 has been alloted for making the necessary survey of the Pecos Valley, the expedition for which has already been organized.

In varions ways Congressman Smith was able to do handsome things for the cities in his district For El Paso the metropolis of Western Texas, he obtained a $360,000.00 public building and site, besides obtaining for Fort Bliss an appropriation of $500,000 for additional barracks and quarters, making it a regimental post. For San Angelo, he obtained a $120,000 building and site; for Mineral Wells and Stamford, $60.000 each; for Abilene a $10.000 weather bureau and station and for Sweetwater he has paved the way for a fine public building by an appropriation of $7,500.00 for a building site.

But Congressman Smith's services to the people he represents and to the democratic party does not rest on the list of material advantages gained for his constituents, but on the intelligence with which he has discussed and voted on the great national questions. His vigorous speech on the tariff has been classed as one of the three best speeches by democrats in the last fifty years. The other two speeches included in this category were by William J. Bryan and former congressman Redfield, who are now in the cabinet. So impressed was Mr. Bryan with congressman Smith's speech on the tariff that he reproduced it in full in the Commoner and commended it in glowing terms.

On the subject of railroad rate regulation and trust regulation Congressman Smith has been consistently progressive and always right and the declarations of the Baltimore platform and the recommendations of President Wilson are directly in accord with the bills he introduced and the legislation he urged during his long service on the important committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. In this connection it is interesting to note that Congressman Smith violently opposed the subsidy to the shipping trust in the way of free coastwise traffic through the Panama canal.

This is such a violation to the treaty obligations and of all democratic teachings against special privileges that President Wilson has called upon Congress to repeal the repugnant clause and it is upon such staunch democrats as Congressman Smith that the president is depending to uphold the honor of the country, and the traditions of the party in his effort to right a grievous wrong.

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The jury in the Jim Brown murder case rendered a verdict of not guilty in district court early Thursday morning after being out all night, The case was called for trial Tuesday and consumed practically all the time of the court this week. Brown was charged with killing Dr. Stephens at Camp Springs a few month's ago. Self defence and the unwritten law were plead by attorneys for the defence. The state made a stout fight and District Attorney Stinson is credited with having made a very able speech for the prosecution.

F. M. GERMAN PASSES AWAY

F. M. German passed peacefully into the beyond Monday night at his home in Snyder after an illness lasting just eleven days.

The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, brought on by a light attack of lagrippe. The deceased was seventy-six years old. He was an ex-confederate veteran and immigrated to Texas shortly after the war, coming from Missouri, his native state. He was among the first settlers of Scurry county and was its official surveyor for many years. He is survived by a widow seventy-four years of age and six children: Frank German and Mrs. J. F. Aldridge of Bonham, Texas; Mrs. Syl Wasson of Waco, Texas; Mrs. Carter of San Angelo, Texas and John and W T. German of Snyder, Texas. He had a cheerful word for everyone up to within a few hours of his passing when he passed quietly away at exactly twelve o'clock Monday night. He died poor in worldly goods but immensely rich in friendly acts to his fellow man and the gentle influences of a life perhaps as near perfect as it is possible for human kind to approach.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. U. C. Howard after which the body was laid to rest by the Masonic fraternity.

RABBIT CHASE

A number of people went out from town Friday and joined others from the North-east part of the county in a rabbit chase. The net result of the day's work was 230 scalps. The county commissioners are greatly aiding the farmers in maintaining a bounty on the destructive jack rabbit.

DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Thomas adjourned court here Tuesday and left for his home at Anson. He will convene court at Clairemont next Monday. The following cases were transfered: Both the Latham cases, charged with the killing of John Stewart, were transfered from Scurry county; one to Jones and the other to Haskell. The Albert Tinker case was transfered to Jones county.

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FOR CITY MARSHAL:
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Will Rogers

FOR MAYOR
J. Z. Noble

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE
and Com. Pre. No. 1.
G. W. Brown

Commissioner Precinct No. 4
and Justice of the Peace
T. L. WINSTON.

About all the leaders in the House, past, present and prospective, coalited, as they might say, to overthrow the President in the matter of the canal tolls. There were ex-Leader Clark, present Leader Underwood of the Democrats, Leader Mann of the Republicans, Leader Fitzgerald of the Tammany delegation, Leader Murdock of the Progressives, and prospective Leader Kitchin of the Democrats. It was a formidable array of leadership, truly, and if the followership had been in proportion, the President must have suffered a serious reverse. But the followership was sadly disproportioned to the abundance of leadership. Only 177 could be mustered to follow this leadership on the question of closing the debate on the rube fixing a time for a vote on the repeal bill, whereas 208 mustered with those who acted as lieuteuants of the President. For the Democratic leaders, particularly Messrs. Clark and Underwood, the outcome was signally disastrous, for out of 289 Democrats voting, 89 voted with them as against 200 who voted against them. But the statistics, impressive as they are, fall short of suggesting the full extent to which the leadership of Messrs. Clark and Underwood were repudiated for the vote was on the question of limiting the debate and restricting the freedom of house, a proposal that is much less attractive than the proposal to repeal the exemption clause in the canal act.—Dallas News.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Big Springs will be in Snyder Monday and Tuesday, Mar. 23, and 24. Office at Manhattan Hotel. adv.

PEACE, THE PLOWMAN'S HOPE

Pro-Anti Conventions Have No Rights Voters are Bound to Respect.—Dove of Peace Cooing to the City Business Man.

Fort Worth, Texas.—We would not feel that we had fully performed our duty to the citizenship of Texas if we did not make a final statement of the attitude of the Farmers' Union toward the coming convention of so-called constructionists. We have two serious objections to that convention. First, it is undemocratic; second, it is a factional convention. The Terrell Election Law prescribes the manner in which nominees for the Democratic party, as well as all other parties, shall be chosen and the methods pursued by the prohibitionists and that adopted by the oppostition is outlawry and a crime against good government.

We do not see how a convention called for the purpose of defeating prohibition can be anything but an anti-prohibition movement, for an anti convention by any other name is an anti just the same. Factional issues madden men and those who contribute toward making factional strife paramount in this campaign deserve to be crushed at the polls. We believe it would be as impossible to keep liquor representatives out of that convention as it would be to keep a duck out of water, and the farmers will have nothing to do with any convention whose leaders represent or have represented special interests, liquor or otherwise.

Like the prohibition convention, it has no rights that voters are bound to respect. We are as much opposed to an anti-prohibition faction in this campaign as we are to a prohibition faction. In our opinion no man, as a candidate of any faction, can be elected Governor of Texas, and none should be. The people of Texas are tired of factional strife and peace is the plowman's hope.

Discretion the Better Part of Valor.

We realize how trying it must be apon anti leaders to engage in peaceful pursuits while the air is thrilled with the bay of the greyhounds of prohibition as they strike the trail and set politics to the music of the chase and we know full well the power of the bugle call of mighty hunters as they make the welkins ring, marshalling their forces for the contest and challenging the brave to the battle; but discretion is the better part of valor and there are things far more important in our public affairs today than scrambling over a bottle of booze.

Be Not Deceived.

Let the farmers of Texas be not deceived by promises of either pro or anti for agricultural legislation "after the scrap is over." No party organized for the chase ever did anything more than pursue the object of their wrath or pleasure, and then divide the spoils and none ever will. No party or faction thereof organized to fight for or against prohibition ever plowed the fields, built factories or opened mines and none ever will. The prohibition question was here before we came and it will be here when we are gone. Like Tennyson's brook, it will run on and on forever; the final word will never be spoken. But it should not be permitted to perpetually torment the life of state. Let us have one administration of peace.

A Peace That Surpasseth Understanding.

The Farmers' Union stands for peace and we want a peace that surpasseth the understanding of the politicians who feast upon the offal of strife. Peace acquired by one faction conquering another is not sufficient. We want a peace that contemplates the retirement of liquor warriors, both pro and anti, as well as the elimination of the liquor question from this campaign.

Frightening the Dove of Peace.

We know of no spectacle more calculated to frighten the dove of peace than for an anti major-general to come galloping up to the convention with his saddle bags filled with recommendations, and nothing could more effectively point the crooked finger of suspicion at any candidate who might be selected than to have his name put forward by a man or men whose pockets are filled with plunder from the distilleries and whose occupation is that of sapping the lifeblood of the breweries. It is as if a cat were to spring upon the dove of peace.

Such an act would be an outrage against the peace of the commonwealth that could only be excelled in vulgarity by prohibition leaders fighting booze both in the bar-room and out, coining fame in the counterfeit molds of righteousness and making indecent exposures of ambition that shock the morals of society.

Farmers Must Stand Together.

There is no use for a farmer to take part in a convention or series of conventions where his vote is not considered in the final count and government by delegates who are not responsible to their constituents is immoral and silences the voices of the people in the selection of candidates. We want to again urge the farmers to have nothing to do with the precinct, county and state Democratic conventions on April 4th, 6th and 14th, respectively, but to stand as a jury passing upon the platforms and conduct of all candidates who offer for the July primary and select a governor freed from domination of special interests of whatever character.

The farmers of Texas, both pro and anti, must stand together in their efforts to secure peace, giving the prohibitionists and the anti-prohibitionists as a faction, identically the same treatment. Peace can only be obtained by hurling belligerant pro-anti leaders down the precipice of obscurity and clubbing obstreperous politicians into the dungeons of silence.

The City Business Man's Problem.

With these few remarks, we leave the Fort Worth convention in the hands of the city men. There never was in the history of Texas, such an opportunity presented to smash machine rule and exterminate bossism as is now offered to the voters of this State and they can do it by withering the Fort Worth convention with silence and placing business above polities in the July primary.

The dove of peace now sits cooing upon the shoulders of the city business man. Will he frighten it with prejudice and indifference or caress it with courage and wisdom? We shall see.

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In an article headed "What I would do if I were president," Joe J. Taylor of the Dallas News takes up nearly two colums of valuable space telling apout it, when everybody knows he would spend most of his time waiting around the treasury window for that $6,250 per month stipend. —Plainview News.

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Such is the record of W. R. Smith. He is a native of Texas, having been born in Smith County, where he spent the early years of his life upon his fathers farm, afterwards began the practice of law at Tyler in the office of Duncan & Hogg, before the latter become Governor of Texas. Mr. Smith has been identified with West Texas since 1888, when he became a citizen of Colorado, his present home. His style of democracy and his efficiency as a lawyer appealed to Governor Culberson, who appointed him district Judge in 1897 and his fairness and common sence so appealed to the people of his district that they elected him for two more terms, and then in 1903 sent him to Congress, where they have kept him ever since because of his fidelity, integrity and ability. In such a career may well be found double cause for congratulation: Congressman Smith on his record and the sixteenth District on its congressman.

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MRS H. A. GOODWIN DEAD

Mrs. H. A. Goodwin, wife of H. A. Goodwin, died at the family residence Friday, March 27, in west Snyder.

The deceased with her husband came to Scurry county in an early day where they have since made their home. She was a devoted Christian wife, the mother of several children who will call her name blessed. The remains were tenderly laid to rest Saturday in Snyder tcemetery in the presence of a large concourse of friends.

District attorney Jas. Stonson left for his home at AnsonWednesday.

J. C. Snuffer of Camp Sprlngs was in town Wednesday.

See H. M. Boyd for complete abstracts. Office over First State Bank. 3-tf

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