

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Henderson, Ky.,

April 1st, 1907.

Hon. Charles A. Hardin,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

My Dear Charlie:-

Your precious, old fashioned, heart warming letter is just received. Of course you may "regard the matter as settled", and I shall stop with you when I come. You know that even were I disinclined to accept the kind invitation of Prof. Ensminger, so flatteringly extended, that your request would settle it, unless matters of the most urgent importance prevented. As it is, I am both pleased and honored by this invitation, honored that I should be requested to follow so consummate an orator as Dr. Powell, and infinitely pleased at this evidence of the confidence and regard of my old friends.

If possible and if agreeable to you and your good wife, I shall bring Sue and the boy along. If I remain more than a day in Harrodsburg, however, it will be more than probable that she will be with her brother. As far as I am concerned, you will have me on your hands as long as I am there.

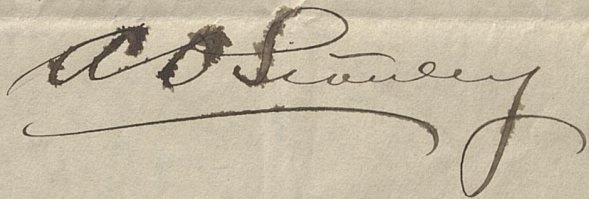
I know that I shall be handsomely received, in coming to Harrodsburg, I don't think of the size of the audience or how I shall be regarded as a public speaker; there are any number of occasions for that sort of thing with every public man, even where he is blessed with no greater ability than I

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possess. It is of the warm, tender, affectionate welcome for "Owsley", the opportunity to meet the friends of my boyhood, the chance to spend a happy, quiet evening with you and yours. These are the things of which I am thinking, and with these pleasing expectations, I shall almost impatiently await the time that brings me to Harrodsburg and to you.

Remember me with much love to your dear wife and mother, and with liveliest regard to my good friends in Harrodsburg,

Yours as ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. O. Sweeney". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

WALLACE MUIR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 510 TRUST BUILDING
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Lexington, Ky., July 20, 1907.

Hon. Chas. Hardin,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Dear sir:

Not having heard from you during this week, as I had expected since our conversation over the phone, I thought possibly your letter might have been mis-carried, and therefore I write to inquire whether or not you had written me. I have watched the proceedings of the Grand Jury very carefully and up to this time, they have not taken any action in our case, and I am informed by several members of the jury that no action will be taken.

Trusting you are well and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Very truly,

Wallace Muir
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WALLACE MUIR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 510 TRUST BUILDING
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Lexington, Ky., July 26, 1907.

Mr. Chas. Hardin, Atty.,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Dear sir:

Please pardon my delay in ~~not~~ answering your letter of a few days ago, as the answering of same was inadvertently overlooked on my part. Your letter with enclosed check for \$200.⁰⁰ was promptly received, for which accept my thanks. The grand jury has since said time adjourned and made no report or indictment whatever upon this case, so I take it that it is at an end.

Thanking you for same and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wallace Muir

RG/WM.



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Oct. 8, 1912.

Judge Charles A. Nardin, Circuit Judge,
Thirteenth Judicial District,
Harrodsburg, KY.

My dear Sir:-

The Board of Prison Commissioners have passed the following resolution:-

"The Board of Prison Commissioners designates the Branch Penitentiary at Eddyville as the "Kentucky Penitentiary", in which shall be incarcerated all convicts over the age of thirty years, and such other convicts as are habitual criminals or guilty of atrocious crimes. The Board further designates the Frankfort Penitentiary as the "Kentucky State Reformatory", in which shall be incarcerated all convicts thirty years of age and under and all first offenders. This is the first step in transforming the Frankfort Prison to meet the requirements of the Reformatory Law."

We are anxious to have the co-operation of the Circuit Judges and request you to send all prisoners convicted of murder and other atrocious crimes to Eddyville, and all persons convicted of lesser offenses to Frankfort.

The law provides that all convicts thirty years old and under shall be confined in the Frankfort Reformatory,



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but I take it that this does not refer to those convicted of murder, rape or incest.

Under the present contract system we cannot carry out fully the provisions of the Reformatory act, but the plan we have adopted will soon change the population of the two prisons.

Kindly let me hear from you as to the practicability of the suggestion.

Very respectfully,

Daniel E. Sullivan
Chairman Board of Prison Com.

Per. *E. H. Ray*
Secretary Prison Com.

CENTRAL HOTEL

M. F. GRANT, PROPRIETOR

21 S. MAIN STREET

PHONE 173

CYNTHIANA, KY., 2 - 8 1914

Hon. C. H. Harshey
Harrodsburg Ky.

Dear Sir:

My Bro. (Ben. R. Moore) ask me to write & ask you if you could give him any information as to how he could get a position as Lock Keeper on the Sky. River. He is very anxious for this place and I am anxious for him to have it.

Up until a year ago he was a very hard drinker but was allways a gentleman drunk or sober. I thought at one time he was a hopeless case. but I never gave him up. at last he quit. joined the Church last June and married a mighty nice girl and works every day now

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loses any time. And I think
 he is trying to do something.
 And I want to encourage him
 all I can. but you know
 I am not in a position
 to help any one in securing
 a place like that.

He is the man for the
 place. he is a fine mechanic
 and would be a useful
 man in that place.

He has lots of friends and
 makes friends wherever he
 goes. but none of us can
 land these things without
 the right man behind him.

I hope you are getting along
 nicely. And am for you in your
 next race though I cannot vote
 in your district. With best wishes
 yours,
 J. D. Moore

Ida B. Barclay

Chas. A. Hardin,

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Judge Thirteenth Judicial District

March 21, 1914.

(PERSONAL).

Hon. Ollie M. James,

Washington, D. C.

My dear friend:

Mr. George Weatherford of Hustonville, Kentucky, informs me that he is an applicant for the post office there, and has made a request of me that I write you with regard to his fitness to hold the position. I am not familiar with the state of public sentiment in Hustonville, nor do I know who are the applicants, however, it gives me pleasure to state that Mr. Weatherford is an excellent man, a true and tried democrat and one who the party looks to for efficient work when needed in his section. There can be no question made of the temperamental and business fitness for the office. Mr. Weatherford lives in the County of the residence of the Hon. Harvey Helm. I do not know his position in this matter, and I would not have you construe me to mean that I would like you to push the claims of Mr. Weatherford over the objection of Mr. Helm and thus embarrass you and reflect upon the ability of Mr. Helm to properly suggest the name of the right person for the place.

This letter is intended to merely to suggest the splendid qualification and fitness for the place and my endorsement of them.

Very respectfully,

Mch 28th 1914

Mr Eph. Pennington,

Stanford, Ky.

Dear Friend;-

In the last conversation I had with you, when in Stanford we had a fairly complete understanding as to what you would undertake for me as my political friend and adviser. I take it that your business cares, which must be great, growing out of the vexatious ~~and~~ responsibilities of your position as road supervisor, has interfered, and naturally so, with following up our understanding, as I understood you would write and keep me posted as to political conditions as they arise in your County. I hope that you can find the time to write me fully as to what is being done and said in any matters that might touch my interest or be of value to me. Your political sagacity is such as I can depend on your knowledge of affairs and your advices. You know that you are the only one in Lincoln County upon whom I am depending for information and loyal aid when needed in furtherance of my political interest. Let me hear from you as soon as you find time.

With kindest regards to yourself and wife and your dear little girl, I am,

Your friend,

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Harrodsburg, Ky. Dec 28th 1914

Mr Eph Pennington,

Stanford, Ky.

My Dear Friend;-

I have never been so much at sea over anything as to to what you expect me to do with reference to the note in the State Bank & Trust Company. I called to see Mr Edwards this morning, and inquired as to its having been paid. He informed me that it had not. I asked him if he demanded of me that I pay it, and he said he would give me a few days.

Eph, you told me when I left Stanford that you would visit me at Lancaster, and see that I was protected in the matter. When the note first fell due, I wrote to you to know what you would have me do, as your friend and one ^{who} you entertained a desire to help you in any way in my power. I received no answer to my letter.

The position that I am in now is that I cannot learn from you what you would have me to do. If there is anything about this note or transaction which you have not explained to me, or any embarrassment over it, please let me know. Do you remember that when you got me to indorse this note, that you told me that there was more than enough money coming to you from the County to pay it, ~~xxx~~ when it fell due, and that you would see to it. Now, Eph, have I not shown to you my friendship and interest? Have I ever failed to serve you when called upon? Do you think it lies in me not to help you in any matter in the future where your interest is shown? If anything has transpired in your mind or attitude towards me, be frank and let me know. The only thing I ~~g~~ have asked of you has been to give me the opportunity to serve you. I am not worried about the amount of

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the note or any loss it may entail upon me. The thing that troubles me most is that you do not seem to answer the call of my friendship and interest in you by doing the things you promised me you would, or even answer my letter. If you want me to pay this note and tear it up, write me. If you want me to see that it is paid, write me, and let me know what arrangements to make. I only want to know what to do.

Sincerely your friend.

P.S. Please answer this at once, as I assume from what the Cashier said, he would act at once. I have never written to Reed, as you are the only one I looked to or knew in the transaction. Write me fully so there can be no misconception as to what to expect.

SIXTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 13th., 1914.

Hon. Chas. A. Hardin,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Dear Charlie:-

I dont think I have ever replied to a letter received from you some days ago in which you complied with a request fro our friend "Hickory Bill" Singleton that you endorse his daughter for appointment as postmaster at Waynesburg. I never succeeded in settling this matter until this morning, when Miss Singleton was appointed. I am glad you will be pleased with her selection.

I suppose you are as busy as I am these days, (and if you are you deserve more sympathy than either of us receives), but if there is any thing of a little nature there that you think I should know, or if there is any other matter in which I can serve you, I will be glad to have a line from you.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very truly,

Harvey Helm

Copy J. H. B.

Danville, Kentucky,

April 21, 1914.

Mr. Eph Pennington,
Stanford, Kentucky.

My dear Friend:

I am utterly at loss to interpret your conduct with reference to the note executed at your request to the State Bank and Trust Company in Harrodsburg. As I remember the transaction, you came with Mr. Read and requested me to secure you this loan, stating that it was for the purpose of buying a half interest in a garage at Stanford, and that you thought that you would ultimately take an interest in it. You also stated that you had money coming to you upon your salary as road engineer, and that you would meet this note when it fell due, which you did not do, and have given to me no reason for it. I accepted it as unavoidable on your part, and believed that you would adjust the matter in some way.

I am informed by Mr. Edwards, the cashier, that he gave Mr. Read and yourself notice, and neither of you gave it any attention, or even wrote him that you had received it. I called you up and you told me that you would see to it. When, at Court at Stanford, you asked me if I took you to be a crook, my reply was that I believed you to be anything else, and you said that you had an arrangement whereby you could raise the money, and you would see me at Lancaster during my term of Court there. You never came to Lancaster, never wrote me a line or offered me any explanation of why you did not

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comply with your promise voluntarily made. In the meantime, the Bank has been pressing me for some adjustment of this matter. Not hearing from you, I again called you up, and you told me that you would meet me on the first day of my term of Court in Boyle. You did not meet me, nor did you write or offer me an explanation why you did not. I again called you up, and you told me that you would meet me at Danville on last Monday. You did not come to Danville, nor did you offer me any explanation for not coming.

All I have asked of you in this matter, was to place me in a position where I could serve you, to tell me what you wanted me to do with reference to this note, what your purposes are, so that I can offer some explanation to the Bank. Since knowing you, my attitude has been that of a friend. I appointed you as my Master Commissioner, feeling that when I did it I was lending you a friendly hand and helping you along in life's struggle. I did it for that motive, believing that you were appreciative and manly. I do not hold you to any obligations, nor ask of you anything in return, but I do think that inasmuch as I have responded to every call made upon me, you should treat me with justice in this matter. It is not a matter of dollars; it is a matter of principle.

Again I ask you to let me know what you want done with this matter. I am still willing to serve you, but I do want something definite. When I talked to you last, you told me that you would no longer neglect letters I wrote you. Eph, do

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72 S. W. 306
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J. H. B.*

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not disappoint me again. My requests are kind and reasonable. For your own sake, answer this letter and let me know what to expect.

Respectfully,

Hustonsville Ky. June 5-15-

My Dear Sir

Fox was here today and seemed to make some progress, at least some said they had not expressed themselves, and one man who was formerly for you, said he was going to vote for him - Fox. Mr Ike Lanfair of Danville was with him and also Mr Monte Fox. I am going to be in Danville Monday about 2 P.M. if you happen to be there will see you. If you came to Hustonsville soon would like to see you. This is Confidential and am sure you will treat it as such
Yours Truly
Stanly Robinson



C.F. CRECELIUS
SECRETARY

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE
FRANKFORT

June 15, 1915.

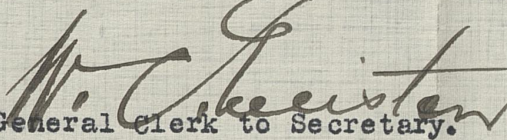
Mr. Chas. H. Hardin,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your "Notification and Declaration" papers, the filing of which, permits your name to appear on the Primary Election ballot.

The papers are correct in form and are filed in this office, as of this date.

Yours very truly,


General clerk to Secretary.

CHAS. C. FOX
ATTORNEY AT LAW
DANVILLE, KY.

August 14, 1915.

Judge C. A. Hardin,
Harrodsburg,
Kentucky.

Dear Judge:

You have gotten the nomination for Circuit Judge, and will no doubt be elected in November, and I write this note to express my hope and wish that your life may be spared, to faithfully and efficiently meet and discharge all the duties of that responsible office, and to say further that, I hope and pray, that you will be even more efficient and faithful in the discharge of those duties, than I would have been, had I been elected.

Respectfully,

Chas. C. Fox.

E. D. PENNINGTON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Circuit Court

Sept. 11 1915.

STANFORD, KY., _____ 191 _____

Judge C.A. Hardin,

Harrodsburg Ky.

Dear Judge:-

Enclosed you will find the clipping of Jesse Lynn card, which was taken from the Interior Journal.

Jess is now taking orders for a mail order liquor house, selling whiskey, beer etc; dont you think he is a little inconsistent in that ,at one time he uses only "conversation and ice water" and now selling the stuff he thought sohorrible before the election.

He tried to sell me a case of beer this morning, told him no thanks, that I was now on the ice water end of the proposition.

Everything is quiet here, Ed Morrow speaks this afternoon, do not expect much of a crowd ,unless the ~~neg~~ negdoes come out.

With best wishes,

Your frænd,

E. D. Pennington

R. N. SIMPSON
MINISTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
HARRODSBURG, KY.

Jan. 1, 1916.

Senator Ollie M. James,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

In requesting your vote against the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors in our national capital I was confident that I addressed a member of the federal body that has controlled municipal affairs in Washington, and is recognized as ^{the} governing body of that locality.

I was not advised of the fact suggested in your letter that the people of Washington had any voice in their municipal government. As a Democrat I believe in the voice of the people on any matter of legislation, but I thought that the situation in the District of Columbia was peculiar and unique, and that I addressed a member of the body to whom our Constitution has granted the right "to exercise exclusive legislation, IN ALL CASES WHATSOEVER, over such district as may.....become the seat of government of the United States;" a body that of its own right and privilege abolished slavery in that district in the passage of the "Omnibus Bill" that immortalized an already famous Kentuckian who introduced the resolutions containing the abolition measure. In my telegram to you I was pleading for the abolition of a traffic in that district which involves not merely the body but the soul.

Respectfully,

Robt N. Simpson

Adair County News

MRS DAISY HAMLETT, MANAGER

COLUMBIA, KENTUCKY.

June 15, 1916.

Judge C. A. Herdner,
Harradsburg, K.

Dear Judge:

The Adair Circuit Court
will open the first Monday in July.
I have talked to a number of Democrats
and the opinion is unanimous that on that
date would be an opportune time for
you to come to Harlan to make
a speech. The Court is invariably largely
attended. If you can come let me know
and I will advertise the affair suitably.

Very truly,

J. E. Merrill

Lancaster, Ky., Nov. 29, 1916.

General W. B. Haldeman,
Editor of the Louisville Times,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your courteous letter duly received requesting of me, as Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, my view point and an expression of opinion as to the position assumed by the Times favoring the earliest action possible in the submission of a constitutional amendment relating to prohibition in the State of Kentucky. I am glad of the opportunity of giving my views and opinion as an individual democrat and citizen of Kentucky. I do not think I should speak as Chairman of the State Central Committee or official head of the party. I do not purpose to dictate any future action of our party or committees. I agree with the Times that a constitutional amendment submitting the question of State-wide Prohibition should be submitted at the "earliest, practicable and legal moment." What I mean by legal moment is the time and session authorized by the Constitution of Kentucky, and what I mean by practicable moment, is such a time as will give opportunity

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for a full and deliberative consideration of the subject by the people of Kentucky. It is certain that the people of Kentucky want the question settled, and it is equally certain that they should be given the right and opportunity for so doing. It is a question which has become so acute and all absorbing in the public mind that all questions seem to be subordinated to it. It breaks into the counsels of both of the great parties of the State, demoralizing party programs, and standing in the way of much needed legislation. It should be settled and settled by a non-partisan vote. If the Legislature of 1918 submitted the question it would at once be taken out of politics and cease to be a political question and the people of Kentucky, irrespective of party or faction, influenced only by the consideration of the welfare of the State, could freely vote upon the subject. This much I say as a citizen of Kentucky without reference to my party affiliations.

Speaking as a party man I would point out the fact that Kentucky in the last election gave, as I understand, fifty thousand more votes to our great President than it did in his former race, and the Republican vote in the mountains was four thousand less than usual, and our

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majority in the State was twenty-eight thousand, an unprecedented majority in the presidential year. I believe this was due largely to the policy adopted and adhered to by our Campaign Chairman, J. Campbell Cantrill, and his committee, in not allowing any factional question to arise within party counsels and in selecting and organizing party workers all over the State without reference to factions or their position on any question dividing our party. To maintain this status should be the object nearest the heart of every true democrat. The submission of this question to the people of Kentucky, who are not only intelligent, but who are independent and proud and made so by the consciousness of their sovereignty and the ability to assert the right at the poles, would be essentially democratic and preeminently wise. Justice would then be done and a much vexed question settled. Our party would be aided in its program or progress on the lines of social justice and constructive legislation, looking to a greater Kentucky. It would give us, let us hope, the opportunity of forgetting our differences and uniting for a common service. It is the only way we can maintain solidarity as a party and work successfully for our great State and Nation.

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which has given us liberty, peace and happy homes.

You ask in your letter for my opinion in construing Article 10 in the Rules of the Democratic Party as to whether or not the State Central Committee could act for the party in the matter under discussion at this time. I can not construe Article 10 as giving the Committee any right to suggest or shape the thought or policies of the democrats of the State. I am persuaded that any official action upon the part of the Committee along the line suggested could not be based upon any rights delegated to the Committee by the Convention creating it.

Sincerely yours,

CAH/SSM

Dictated.

Chas. A. Hardin,

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Judge Thirteenth Judicial District

Harrodsburg Ky. Jan. 6th. 1917

Rev. Father Gabe

Harrodsburg Ky.

Reverent Father:-

I appreciate very much, your good offices, together with Father Hogaty in the matter of the prosecutin of Mr. Puyer. I have taken up the matter with you, without consultation with, or suggestion from any one. My interest grows out of my high regard and deep affection for Emmitt Puyer whom I have been associated with socially and officially for quite a number of years. He feels, without a question, that his father is innocent, but at the same time, has not questioned the good faith of the Newtons in their insistence on a prosecution. His father is an old man and, as I understand, was visiting the grave of his wife with his mind occupied with thoughts of sacred import, under those circumstances he met the child at a point plainly observable from the windows of a number of houses. He had a great fondness for children and was in the habit of caressing them and fondling them. If he undertook to caress the child, it is believed by Mr. Emmitt Puyer that it was without any criminal intent. I can understand how it may have frightened the child and so excited her, as she might have made such a report as to give rise to the honest belief, that a criminal assault was intended. It occurs to me, that in considering the man, his age the circumstances and surroundings, if criminal violence was offered

Chas. A. Hardin,

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Judge Thirteenth Judicial District

he was in law and morals irresponsible. It seems to me a prosecution which would picture in a Court room an old grey headed man on one side with his noble son, his aged sister and his beautiful grand children and on the other ~~side~~ a lovely young girl with her outraged father, and friends in deadly contest, would be the most fearful of ~~tragedies~~. The strain of a ~~man's~~ fierce trial upon a sweet innocent child, with the conception which would be driven upon her soul of unmentionable beastallity could not be any thing but fearful in its result upon her young life.

I have seen the wreckage of one young girl, when the circumstances were such it could not be avoided, by reason of a trial under a similar charge, when the guilt was apparent and the trial a necessity. I appreciate beyond expression the undertaking of Father Hogarty to protect the situation in the interest of justice and mercy. I am sure the matter whatever the result, will be safe in his hands. Will you kindly convey to him, my great regard and reverential respect With the assurance that any thing he can see to do, which will relieve the terrible situation will be greatly appreciated by me and, I am ready to abide his suggestions and consult with him personally in the interest of a peaceful and proper solution of the unfortunate affair. I am sincerely Reverent Father with great respect

Your friend,

Chas A Hardin

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CLERK.

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 12, 1917.

Judge Charles A. Hardin,
Danville, Kentucky.

My Dear Judge:

I herewith enclose you, for your own
information, the letter spoken of in your letter to
me of the 10th instant.

Assuring you of my kindest regards,

I am,

Very truly your friend,

Ollie M. James

Enc.

J/P



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Chicago, Ill. Jan. 13, 1917.

Honorable Chas. A. Hardin,
Judge of 13th Judicial District of Ky.,
Danville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of yours of the 10th inst., I note the information you desire to obtain regarding one Claude Pettibone, of 1035 La Salle Ave., this city. I will give this matter early attention, and on completion of the inquiries will report the result of same promptly.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

M. A. Flanagan
M A N A G E R.

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SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

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COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND EXPOSITIONS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January,
Fifteenth,
1917.

Hon. Charles A. Hardin,
Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Dear Judge:-

Your letter in behalf of Mr. E. C. Poynter received, and I will immediately get in touch with Wiley and urge him to carry out your request.

Shortly after your open letter suggesting the submission of the prohibition question to the people of Kentucky was printed, I wrote you a letter endorsing your stand in every detail and am sorry that you did not receive it. I wish however, to state in this letter that I endorse in full the views which you outline. I wish also again to thank you for the able counsel and splendid assistance which you rendered me as Campaign Chairman, and beg to assure you that it will always be a pleasure for me to try to serve you or your friends whenever I can possibly do so.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. B. Cantwell

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June 15, 1917.

Dear Fellow Democrat:-

A crisis confronts the democratic party in Kentucky. In the past, we have fought against every form of special interest. We are now, and have been for some years directly confronted by the most malignant special interest that ever threatened the welfare of a free people, the liquor interests. We have now come to the parting of the ways. The democratic party in Kentucky must either openly and vigorously oppose the liquor corporate interests or lose its place in the confidence of the people. We must continue to lead as the champion of popular government; but there is no such thing as popular government while the liquor power dictates the activities of political parties and tells them what they shall and what they shall not do.

It is now proposed that the legislature to be elected in November shall submit to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment prohibiting the beverage liquor traffic in this state. The legislature will be asked to let the people decide this question. The liquor power says that the people shall not be permitted to make this decision. On this proposition, the democratic party MUST align itself on the side of the people, who have the right to decide. We cannot continue to hold our place with the people unless we give them this democratic privilege.

The liquor corporate interests are at work seeking to prevent the democratic party from taking the same stand against liquor corporate domination that it takes against the domination of every other special interest. This issue must and will be decided by the character of the men nominated for the house and senate in the forthcoming primary to be held on August 4th. In all districts composed of more than one county, the last day for filing petitions of candidates is on June 25th. In other districts, the candidates have ten days more. So what is to be done, must be done immediately.

The liquor corporate interests are having their candidates declare for submission, the understanding being that they will seek to defeat the will of the people by submitting an impossible amendment, one that will contain a rank compensation clause or some other impracticable feature that will cause the amendment to be rejected at the polls.

This scheme to deceive the people must be defeated. We therefore appeal to you to closely scrutinize every democratic candidate who

comes out for either the house or senate before the primary election. For the supreme welfare of the party we appeal to you to openly and vigorously oppose every candidate who cannot convince the dry democrats of your vicinity that he will stand four square for the submission of a real dry constitutional amendment to the people without any compensation or other offensive features. Don't permit the dry democratic forces to be split up at the primary election with two or more dry democratic candidates, thus allowing the wet candidate to be nominated. DON'T DO IT!!

We appeal to you as one interested in the welfare of the democratic party to see that no doubtful democrats get away with the legislative or senatorial nomination, in your district, by any sort of pretext or combination. The democratic party MUST align itself openly against the liquor power or be compelled to lose its place as leader of popular government in this state. We cannot continue to champion popular government, and, at the same time have our actions dominated in any manner by the liquor special interests.

If the democratic party does not accept this opportunity to grant the people this democratic privilege to free themselves from liquor special interests, the republican party will. WE MUST BEAT THEM TO IT.

We wish the name of every real democrat in this state to be enrolled with the Democratic Forward League. If you have not already done so, will you not sign and return to us one of the enclosed enrollment blanks and get your democratic friends to sign the others? If you will send us the names of loyal democrats, we will write them asking for their enrollment. We will send you more blanks on your request - as many as you can use.

When any political party ceases to go forward, it begins to go backward. Don't let the democratic party go backward. Let the other fellows do that. The conscience of the nation demands that the sinister liquor special interest must go and the democratic party MUST respond to that demand.

Very truly yours,

A. J. W. Alexander
Chairman