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WHO FOR GOVERNOR?

MR. JONES AND MR. WARFIELD

What Each One Says About His Candidacy —Mr. Gorman And The Presidency—Trend Toward Jones.

Senator Arthur P Gorman is expected to return from Europe on or about the 15th day of August. That will be in the midst of the campaign for the city primaries, but it is not expected that Mr. Gorman will take any part in that contest as between rival candidates for the nomination. His chief concern, so his friends say, is the election of the men nominated, whoever they may be, and to secure this success he will make a great effort.

Among the closest friends of the Senator there is a confident expectation that he will be nominated next year for President of the United States. The tone of the Democratic press throughout the United States, they claim, indicates the certain trend of sentiment toward the Maryland Senator. They say that he is one of the few prominent men upon whom all classes of the party can unite, and when nominated the Gorman following believes that the same influences which caused the election of Cleveland over Blaine will cause the election of Gorman over Roosevelt. Cleveland had the confidence of the business interests of the county and Blaine was not considered by the business people a safe man.

In order for Mr. Gorman to put himself in position for the nomination he must carry Maryland next fall. It won't do for a Republican Governor to be elected in Maryland if Maryland is to present a candidate for the nomination. Hence the anxiety of the Gorman people for a strong candidate for Governor whether the candidate is a Gorman man or not. This is a secondary consideration.

Trend Toward Jones.

One gentleman, in discussing the relative strength of Senator Spencer C. Jones and Mr. Edwin Warfield, said: "We have been told that Mr. Warfield will have a walkover for the nomination and that everybody is for him. Democratic primaries have been held in three counties, and in two of them, namely, Talbot and Queen Anne's Mr. Warfield's name was not mentioned. In the other one, Cecil, an avowed Warfield ticket was put up and it was beaten in every election district in the county, and by an overwhelming vote.

"Mr. Warfield will carry Howard county and his friends expect to carry Carroll. But in Carroll I understand a determined fight will be made against him. I predict that nearly all the counties will follow in line with Cecil, Queen Anne's and Talbot and send unpledged delegations to the State convention. Mr. Warfield's only chance of success is to have delegates elected and pledged to him. In Baltimore city each of the four legislative districts will elect its seven delegates separately. If the Crawford county, or direct voting, system is adopted by the committees, then the delegates from these city districts will be pledged to whichever candidate receives the most votes. In this way the city delegation may be divided between the two candidates. But in my judgement Jones will get all of them."

What Senator Jones Says.

Senator Spencer C. Jones talked with a representative of the Sun about his candidacy for Governor. He said:

"The idea that I have announced myself as candidate for Governor simply to carry the Montgomery county primaries is absurd. I could accomplish nothing by that, except to make myself ridiculous. Why should I want to carry the Montgomery primaries unless it is as a step to the nomination by the State convention? I would have no standing in that convention unless the delegation from my county supports me. The office of Governor of Maryland is a high and honorable one and worthy the ambition of any citizen of the State. I have long aspired to it and had the support of my county for the nomination in 1891 and again in 1895. I did not succeed in those years, but gave a loyal support to the gentlemen who were chosen. If my friend Mr. Warfield should get the nomination this year he will have no more earnest supporter than myself. If I should receive the nomination I have not the slightest doubt that I shall have his cordial support. It is my purpose to make an earnest effort before the people at the party primaries. If I am nominated I want the nomination to come from the people, and an active contest will be made at the city primaries as well as at those in the counties. Such a contest, if carried on in the proper spirit, is wholesome for the party and will tend to interest the voters and bring them out on election day. If any soreness or bitterness results from the primary contest it will not be my fault.

For Democratic Success.

"My great desire is to have the Democratic party succeed at the November election, not only in the election of Governor, but the General Assembly. I think it is for the material advantage of our mother State that the government should be in the hands of the Democratic party, and in the event of my nomination I have little doubt of a favorable result. To be Governor of Maryland will be the gratification of my highest political ambition, and I would devote every effort and all my power to promote the welfare of the people. There is much in this line which should be accomplished and to that end I would devote myself. By so doing I would accomplish two things—the advancement of the State and the promotion of my party, to the principles of which I have always been devoted."

When asked about the prospects of success at the primaries Colonel Jones said:

"It is too early yet for me to speak confidently. I go into the campaign upon my own initiative and of my own motion, not as an organization candidate nor as an anti organization candidate. I have received no pledges or proffers from any organization, either in the city or in the counties. But I have received assurance of sympathy and support from every part of the State and from most influential citizens. My appeal is to the Democratic party and not to any part or faction of it. I have no reason to suppose that the organization people will oppose me nor that the anti-organization people will oppose me. I am not conscious of ever having done anything to offend either, and for that reason I believe I have a right to expect the support of the united party in the event of my nomination."

Mr. Warfield's Position.

Mr. Warfield talked freely to a reporter of the Sun concerning his position.

Asked what were the relations between Mr. Jones and himself, he said:

"Mr. Jones and I have been friends for many years. He was one of my groomsmen."

"Why did you announce yourself as a candidate in Montgomery county?"

"Because the Crawford county system of primary elections is in force there. My sole object was to ascertain how the Democrats in that county feel toward me as a candidate for Governor—nothing more, nothing less."

"Will you be a candidate at the primaries in Baltimore city?"

"Yes. I want the Democrats of this city to have an opportunity of voting for me direct, because I am anxious to know whether I am the choice of a majority of them and also because I believe such an endorsement will insure success in the State."

"Do you believe in party organization?"

"I do believe in party organization for the election of candidates and for the conduct of party affairs, but I do not approve of the use of party machinery for the nomination or selection of tickets. Every Democrat, be he an officer of the party or a private in the ranks, should be free to make his own choice of candidates at primary elections."

"Have you taken any part in any of the county primary contests?"

"I am not meddling in county contests and do not intend to do so. I want the support of every Democrat and will not be a factional candidate."

"Have you outlined any policy of administration should you be elected Governor?"

"I have not. My determination will be to administer the affairs of the State for the best interests and the good of the whole people."

In No Combination.

"Have you formed any political combinations or alliances to secure the nomination?"

"Most emphatically, no. I am not so anxious for the position that I will sacrifice my self-respect and the regard of others by entering into any deal or combination or understanding to secure the nomination."

"Mr. Warfield, it has been charged or insinuated that the nomination was promised you four years ago, because of your magnanimous action toward Governor Smith at that time. Is that true?

"I thank you for asking me that question. I brand that assertion as absolutely and maliciously false. No man ever dared to broach such a thing to me. I went into the convention and placed in nomination Hon. John Walter Smith as the Democratic candidate for Governor because my manhood dictated that as the honorable and proper action for me to take as a true Democrat who had the best interests of the party at heart. There was no promise made to me or understanding, explicit or implied, looking to my nomination for Governor at this time or to any political preferment for me of any nature or character."

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