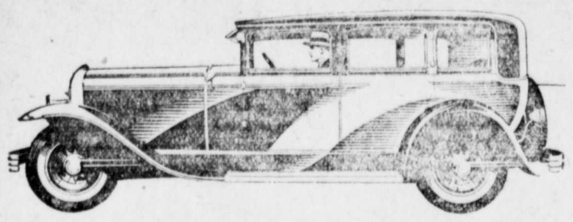
WEDDING NOTES

RICE—ROE

Mr. James W. Rice, of Philadelphia, and Miss Sara E. Roe, of Sharon Hill, Pa., were married at a quiet ceremony on Monday afternoon, August 27th, at the Chestertown M. E. Church with the Rev. Dr. Corkran officiating. The bride was attended by Miss N. Ruth Vance, of Glenolden, Pa., and the groom by Mr. B. Clarence Roe, of Sharon Hill, brother of the bride. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Groves and their children, relatives of the bride. After the ceremony, the young couple went to Black, Md., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Groves where they will spend the next two weeks, after which they will return to their home in Sharon Hill.



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ROBINSON ASKS CONTEST BE ON ETHICAL PLANE

Vice Presidential Nominee Finds "Political Serpents Hissing;" Would Arouse Hatreds.

SEES FARM PROBLEM AS MAIN CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Accepts Nomination Stressing Need of Real Law Enforcement and Honesty In Government—Scores Hoover Stand.

Hot Springs, Ark., August 30.—Senator Joe T. Robinson of this state accepted the Democratic nomination for vice president here tonight in an address pledging his party to adequate farm relief, an honest endeavor to enforce prohibition, the maintenance of a merchant marine and the eradication of corruption from the national government.

Claude G. Bowers of New York, the temporary chairman at the Houston convention delivered the notification address as chairman of the notification committee. The ceremonies took place at the Arlington Hotel before one of the largest gatherings in the history of Arkansas.

The nominee made a plea for a frank discussion of all the issues of the campaign without bitterness. Public attention has been concentrated on political affairs to a degree of intensity never before known, he said. In this campaign, he said, voters are interested not only in the issues, but in the personal characteristics of the candidates.

"The preliminary events of the contest indicate that in order to avoid bitterness, the leaders on both sides must display a sense of justice and fairness by refusing to become the beneficiaries of political influences and processes which they themselves are unwilling to employ," he continued. "In this way, and in no other, may the poisons of slander and libel be counteracted and overcome."

Arouse Prejudices

The quadrennial contest presents an inspiring spectacle when conducted with high standards of ethics, Senator Robinson said. But, he continued:

"Numerous political serpents are hissing in the dark and striking from cover, and with venomous malice seek to poison the thoughts and arouse the prejudice of those who will decide issues of far-reaching importance."

The spokesman of a party has a duty to tell the whole truth, he added, but "he proves himself unworthy if he knowingly accepts advantage from falsehood, even though not uttered or inspired by himself."

Senator Robinson characterized the attitude of the two parties with respect to the agricultural problem, the outstanding issue of the campaign. Both platforms recognize the distressed condition and hold out promises the relative value of which is apparent, he said.

The Republican party in 1924 gave virtually the same promise it gives this year, "to take whatever steps are necessary to bring back a balanced condition between agriculture, industry and labor," Senator Robinson asserted. However, the McNary-Haugen bill, prepared under the direction of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace had just been defeated and to regain the confidence of the farmers President Coolidge, in the 1924 campaign promised to call a conference to consider legislation for the next Congress.

The doctrine which Mr. Hoover has adopted originated from the conference which followed, Senator Robinson said. This doctrine provided that agricultural production should be limited to the demands of the domestic market "and with only such foreign markets as may be profitable."

The Capper-Williams bill followed the general lines of this recommendation. It was supported by Mr. Hoover, Senator Robinson said, but was opposed by the farm organizations and defeated.

As further evidence of Mr. Hoover's stand, Senator Robinson quoted from a statement by Mr. Hoover in the Pacific Ruralist of February 7, 1924:

"Generally the fundamental need is a balancing of agricultural production to our home demand."

The 69th Congress passed the McNary-Haugen bill, with a vote of 57 per cent of the Democrats and 52 per cent of the Republicans, he said. President Coolidge vetoed it. In the last session after it had been modified to meet some of the objections to it, the bill was passed again with increased majorities. Again the President vetoed it.

"These facts prove that the Republican party is either incapable of successfully dealing with the question or has deliberately violated its express promises to the farmers of the nation," Senator Robinson declared.

Mr. Hoover now asserts that "an adequate tariff is the foundation of farm relief," that inland waterways must be developed to assist the farmer and co-operative marketing must be stimulated by the extension of federal credits, Senator Robinson continued.

Increased tariffs can afford no relief, he argued, and the farmer will scarcely wait for the development of waterways. If co-operative marketing is the solution why has the administration failed to apply it, he asked.

In contrast, he said, the Democratic party recognizes the principle of distributing the cost of control of surplus crops over the marketed units whose producers are benfited. The party further recognizes "the right of farmers to lead in the development of farm policies," and "that adequate credit facilities and better administration of the farm loan system" must be assured in the interest of the farmers, Senator Robinson said.

"We repudiate Mr. Hoover's proposal to limit farm production to the domestic demand, as calculated to belittle, rather than to encourage the great industry of agriculture," he said.

"If a more equitable and executive plan than that comprised by the equalization fee is discovered, it should be adopted," Senator Robinson continued. "The time has come, however, when an economic adventure is justified in behalf of the millions who engage in that industry without which civilization could not survive. The Democratic nominee for President has committed himself to prompt and decisive action in accordance with the principles outlined in our platform."

Senator Robinson declared there had always been room in the Democratic Party for a difference of opinion as to the best means of promoting temperance and suppressing traffic in alcoholic beverages. He pointed out that a proposal for changes in the existing system was submitted to the resolutions committee at Houston but was rejected. The convention realized the futility of attempting to secure unanimity on the proposal, he said. The platform provision as finally adopted condemns the Republican party for insincerity in promising obedience to the Eighteenth Amendment, "after having flagrantly disregarded for eight years that amendment and the law for its enforcement," he declared.

"The convention recognized," he said, "that the Democratic party is neither a prohibition nor an anti-prohibition organization but if entrusted with power its duty would be to enforce all laws."

"To one who for twenty-five years has uniformly supported measures for prohibition, it has been disappointing to note the methods and agencies employed by the Republican party in the enforcement of the national prohibition laws," Senator Robinson continued.

He said the question should be treated as moral and economic rather than political and that many claiming to be reformers have clouded the subject with confusion and misunderstanding. These people, he said, have discredited the motives of those who display moderation and fairness in the discussions on the subject and of those who are dissatisfied with present conditions.

"President Wilson vetoed the Volstead Act," said Senator Robinson. "The integrity of his purpose was not questioned; his good faith was generally conceded."

Senator Robinson then referred to Governor Smith's telegram to the Houston convention in which he pledged himself to enforce prohibition "to the limit of my ability without reservation or evasion."

"This language is an unqualified acceptance of the obligation to enforce the law to the best of his ability," declared Senator Robinson.

The vice-presidential nominee pointed out that the enforcement of prohibition under the last two Republican administrations has been under the Treasury Department, "whose head, prior to national prohibition was largely interested in the liquor business." He referred to the fact that Senator-elect William S. Vare of Pennsylvania, whose action in swinging to Mr. Hoover at Kansas City was largely responsible for the nomination of the Republican candidate, was elected on a platform containing a single plank, the repeal of national prohibition.

"Can it be said that because Governor Smith believes that, without returning to the old evils of the saloon, temperance and respect for law can be promoted through changes in the existing system, he is a nullificationist and an enemy of the Constitution?" he asked. "Such arguments impeach the intelligence of their authors," he declared.

Senator Robinson pointed out that only such modifications as meet with the approval of public opinion are possible no matter who is President.

Senator Robinson continued:

"Having in mind that the law for enforcement of prohibition has been discredited because good faith efforts have not been made for its enforcement, the conclusion is asserted that a breakdown is not threatened by mere proposals for modification, but rather by indifference of the public to proper execution and by corruption and inefficiency of many enforcement officers. It is recognized that the people constitute the reservoir of all political power and have the right, in the constitutional manner to call for changes in either or both the Constitution and the law. The executive has no power to modify either. It is in no sense an attempt at nullification to suggest changes in the Constitution or the law. Nullification exists in refusal or willful failure to enforce.

Honest Enforcement

"To summarize, the Democratic platform does not commit the party for or against modification. It does pledge the nominees to an honest effort to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment and the laws enacted pursuant thereto. Governor Smith has promised his best efforts to enforce prohibition. His personal opinion that the law or the Constitution should be changed to make certain better observance and enforcement, does not affect his disposition or ability to perform that duty."

On the subject of the Merchant Marine, Senator Robinson asserted:

"While the necessity for Government ships continues, and until they can be transferred under satisfactory conditions for private operation, the service should be kept efficient and should be improved to meet competition with foreign lines and to provide for the expansion of our commerce."

He said the Democratic party recognizes that an adequate merchant marine is essential to the safety of the nation and the independence of its commerce. However, he said, Democrats have never advocated as a permanent policy Government ownership and operation of shipping. The party has refused to approve "reckless sacrifice and favoritism in the sale of vessels," he declared.

The platform makers of the Republican party recognized that the corruption at Washington was a major issue of this campaign in their effort to anticipate the declaration on the subject by the Democratic party, Senator Robinson said.

"While rare cases of fraud may be regarded as unavoidable in any business comparable in volume to that of the United States, it becomes a matter of general political concern when the party in power proves so derelict as to fail to prevent shocking and repeated departures from standards of common honesty in the transaction of the public business," asserted Senator Robinson.

If the principle enunciated in the Republican platform had been applied by the Republican administration it would have been unnecessary for the Senate to advise the discharge of an Attorney General "who had flagrantly disregarded the obligations of his office and contributed to the pollution of the fountain of justice," Senator Robinson continued. "The country would have been spared the spectacle of an executive sustaining this faithless officer until public sentiment compelled dismissal, and the dismissal would have been made without expression of confidence in the faithless officer by the chief executive," he said.

Smith's Record

Likewise, he went on, there would have been no necessity for the Senate to urge the retirement of a Secretary of the Navy who had approved the contract by which the oil reserves were given to private interests through the bribery of a fellow cabinet officer, the Secretary of the Interior.

"Throughout almost four terms the Democratic nominee for President has served as chief executive of New York," Senator Robinson said. "During all his service the searchlight of hostile scrutiny has been thrown in full glare on his administrations. That Governor Smith's record has stood the test is evidence of that extraordinary executive ability and fearlessness required in a President of the United States, who is expected to safeguard the Government against such thieves and crooks as have plundered it during recent years."

In conclusion Senator Robinson said: "The safety of our political institutions depends on fair elections and honest government. You may never expect clean government if nominations or elections are to be bought and sold. Of course, such methods do not meet with approval by the majority of the Republican party. Many Republicans condemn the indifference of their leaders to the ignominious record mentioned—a record which never could have been made if the watchmen on the towers had not fallen asleep.

"The Democratic party invites the cooperation of all who desire the administration of national affairs reformed in accordance with the principles set forth in its platform.

"Mr. Chairman Bowers, and ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, the nomination for Vice President is accepted with sincere appreciation of the honor and the responsibilities that are associated with it."

STRIKING EXCERPTS FROM SENATOR ROBINSON'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE.

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