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A LETTER TO CLYDE

My Dear Clyde:

I received your letter about circulating petitions to carry out the policy of the State Republican Committee to enable the people to propose and adopt amendments to the state constitution by the initiative without submitting them to the legislature.

I was a little bit surprised because none of the Clark county members of the committee, so far as I know, were invited to the meeting at which this proposal was adopted as a policy or principle of the Republican party of Nevada. I suppose, however, that a group of the Republican State Committee who live in Reno have in their superior wisdom and more mature experience assumed the authority to speak for the Republicans of the state.

My first thought as to this new policy sponsored by the Republican State Committee was that our party is now to out-deal the New Dealers. In other words, steal their thunder by going to extremes which even the overwhelmingly Democratic state administration and legislature would not go. Thereby we can seize the New Deal vote and ride into power next election as the popular party.

A noble thought, truly — if it would work. However, the memory of more than fifty years as an active Republican causes me some misgivings. And I wonder if we should now abandon our traditional policy of standing for a safe and sane government; for preservation of the system which has made the United States the most liberal country in the world, and which has assured for the common people security, rights and privileges such as no other nation has known.

I wonder now if it would not be better for the Republican party to try to preserve those checks and balances under the Constitution of the United States which so far have kept us secure from absolute dictatorship on the one hand, and from destruction through the momentary hysteria of misguided people on the other.

We see in Washington an effort to make the courts subservient to the executive power which, if successful, would take from the common people the only means by which their hard-earned liberties may be protected. We see more and more the tendency to take government out of its orderly and established channels and make it the creature of mob hysteria — a government of men and not of principles.

I think I would prefer to have the stability of our state constitution maintained. Sometimes I think it is even now too easy to tack on unwise amendments.

I quite agree with you that the people should rule. That, it seems to me, is the idea at the very foundation of the Republican party. And admitting our occasional mistakes of policy or administration, that is, I believe, still the soul of

the Republican party. And we would like to have them rule soberly and thoughtfully and according to the rules as established under the constitution.

The Republican party should and will, I believe, insist that the rule of the people should be safe and sane and deliberate and not hasty and thoughtless.

I can imagine no matter which might require amendment of Nevada's constitution which may not be carried out if the majority of the people so will under present conditions. But I can visualize a constant series of unwise political jobs being put over if we shall encourage every disgruntled person to go over the state circulating petitions for this or that. We have observed that busybodies can get people to sign a petition to do anything.

I am writing a letter much too long, my dear Clyde, but I cannot close without commenting on your article, which is being widely published in the state press, in which you make very serious charges against "The ultra-conservative die-hard element" of the Republican party opposing this initiative policy. And you direct that remark more directly at the Reno Evening Gazette which you declare is "The paper which opposes all progressive legislation."

I, myself, have disagreed with The Gazette occasionally as to matters of Republican policy, yet I would much regret having The Gazette read out of the Republican party because it is not sufficiently "liberal," or because it may just at present, on some points, differ from those who have been chosen as temporary heads of the Republican party in the state.

We may all admit that the Democratic "liberal" policies have sometimes been helpful to the country. However, we are now confronted with a political situation whereby the so-called liberalism threatens the stability of our government and the security of the people. It seems to me that the best thing the Republican party can do is to try to preserve the rights under the constitution so dearly bought by the common people for their own protection and not chase off after false gods in the effort to out new-deal the New Deal.

And, it occurs to me, had this matter about which you are writing somewhat bitter letters to the newspapers been talked over by the members of the Republican State Committee at a meeting called for that purpose, we would not now witness the distressing spectacle of this family quarrel in public, but would have arrived at a policy on which all Republicans would be in happy agreement.

I fear, my dear Clyde, that I am convicting myself in your mind of being one of that "ultra-conservative, 'die-hard' element." Yet that is farthest from my desires. I hope still to follow the leadership of a party that is, in the fullest sense, the party of human liberty.

With very kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

CHAS. P. SQUIRES.

Two-Story Cars For Streamliner

"Two-story" Pullmans will be among the new features of the two 17-car streamline trains now under construction, to be delivered this fall for service between Los Angeles and Chicago and between San Francisco and Chicago, according to officials of the Union Pacific railroad.

In these unusual sleeping cars, designed by the Pullman company, there will be "upstairs" and "downstairs" single bedrooms, each with sufficient headroom for the passenger to stand erect.

The new Union Pacific trains will be the first streamline trains to carry accommodations of this type,

and are the result of long experimentation to obtain the most comfortable arrangement of the rooms. All the usual toilet facilities obtain in each bedroom. For daytime use, these cars are suitably furnished for comfortable lounging and complete privacy.

The new Los Angeles train will replace the present 11-car streamliner on the Chicago-to-Los Angeles run, will follow the same fast thirty-nine and three-quarter hour schedule and will be known as the "City of Los Angeles" when it goes into service. It is designed to carry 244 passengers, nearly 50 per cent more than the present streamliner on that schedule.

The new San Francisco streamliner will be called the "City of San Francisco" and also will operate on a thirty-nine and three-quarter hour schedule.