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MR. SLEEPER SAYS THAT HE IS "DRY."

Republican candidate states his position in letter to Mr. Spafford.

TOTAL ABSTAINER PERSONALLY

Not only that, but has always contributed heavily to the "Dry" cause.

About the only election comment of any movement in this section is the wet and dry question and the attitude of political candidates with reference to that question. The silence of Mr. Sleeper on the question, prompted Mr. Spafford, a dry leader in this county



for many years, to write to the republican candidate for his views. Grant Hudson, superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, told Mr. Spafford recently that Mr. Sleeper has always been one of the largest contributors in his section and his nomination and election is eminently satisfactory to them. The Sleeper letter follows:

Bad Axe, October 18, 1916.

C. D. Spafford,

Charlotte, Michigan:

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 14th, is before me. You of course know just how I stand upon the question, just the same as I always have. And you know what I have done in our own county. But you must bear in mind that I am a candidate of the republican party, and the party as a party has taken no position on this question. Neither has the democratic party as a party taken any stand. Each party has considered this question as a social, moral and economic question. You know if I am elected governor, it will be my duty to see that the laws of the state are enforced and if the prohibition amendment is adopted by the people then it would become my duty to enforce this provision of the constitution. If amendment carries, I will do everything in my power to make the state dry and if it does not carry I will do everything to see that our laws are enforced and make strict ones if necessary. That is the position I took when I went into the campaign and I see no reason for changing it.

Yours very truly,

A. E. Sleeper.
(Charlotte Republican)

KICK FROM ENGINE CRUSHES HIS HAND.

Ernest Crawford of Lawton met with a serious and painful accident last Tuesday. He was employed in the power plant, and was repairing a gasoline engine. There was a "Kick" left in the thing some where, and when he loosened the bolts the cylinder head blew out, shattering the left hand. He was brought to Paw Paw where the injured member was dressed by Dr. Maxwell, assisted by Dr. Charles. All the hand was cut away except the thumb and little finger, which were left and can probably be saved.

"BLUE BIRD" FEATURE.

Tonight (Friday) is "Blue Bird" night at the Idle Hour Theatre. The "Blue Bird" features are the very best that money can buy. They are clean, always tell a good story, and the pictures are clear and distinct. The feature this week is Louise Loveley in "Tangled Hearts". Don't miss it.

Rev. H. B. Gebhart of Covert called on Paw Paw friends last Saturday.

BALLOT JOB IS NOW IN HANDS OF CLERK

The True Northerner job presses completed and delivered to the county clerk this week the ballots for the coming election. It was the largest job of ballot printing ever done in Van Buren county. There are four amendments and the regular ballot, making five sets of ballots of 11,700 each, a total of 58,500 ballots. Each set has to be perforated, numbered and wrapped in two packages, to comply with the absent voters law, for each precinct. There were a total of 220 packages in this job. It required just a half ton of paper for the work. The entire force have been kept busy night and day including Sunday, and there has been very little time left to spend on the newspaper. We ask therefore the indulgence of our readers for any omission or lack of news in this issue. We will make up for it later.

THE GIRL AND THE GAWK

"The Girl and the Gawk" played by a stock company at the Longwell opera house last Monday evening was a real treat in every sense of the word. The play was a nice clean production and was exceptionally well given. Each player seemed to fill the bill as far as his or her character was concerned. The specialties were also new and made a hit with the audience. The quick hand drawing done by one of the actors was as good as some of those seen on our lecture and Chautauqua platforms.

SLASHED WAITER WITH RAZOR

Steve Hunter a colored waiter on the City of Chicago boat from South Haven to Chicago was convicted in circuit court this week of assault on a fellow waiter on the same boat. A razor was the weapon, and considerable cutting was done according to the testimony. He has not yet been sentenced.

PRAISES NORTHERNER FOR STAND

Press of county doing its share in the big liquor fight.

Editor True Northerner:

I have been a constant reader of The True Northerner for more than fifty years and have invariably found it advocating such measures as were designed for the upbuilding of the community, both morally and financially, and I congratulate the paper for the splendid attitude it has taken with reference to the pending prohibition amendment, which if adopted, will make the saloon an outlaw and make the map of Michigan all white. I wish to emphasize the fact that it is just as necessary to vote "No" on the so-called "Home Rule" amendment, which is advocated by the saloon element and expressly intended to nullify our present local option law, as it is to vote "Yes" on the prohibition amendment. Let no voter be deceived by the spacious and misleading slogans of "Personal liberty" and "Home rule" with which the advocates of the open saloon seek to deceive the people. They tried the same game in Ohio and won out, and now there are saloons in some forty counties of that state that were formerly dry and wished to remain dry. Should the fake "Home rule" amendment be manipulated in our constitution there will without doubt be saloons in every county in Michigan. I also wish to congratulate the county press in general for the stand taken in this matter. Every Van Buren county paper has declared squarely in favor of State wide prohibition and against the proposed saloon amendment.

A Voter.

STORK STILL AHEAD.

There were 3,544 deaths reported in Michigan during the month of September and 6,788 births during the same period of time.

COTERIE PUTS ON LECTURE COURSE.

Best course ever planned here. Opening number November 27th.

The ladies of the Coterie have arranged this year for one of the very best lecture courses ever put on in Paw Paw. The talent is the very best that money could buy, and a great treat is in store. Were it not for the ladies, Paw Paw probably would not have a course, but they are the ones who have taken the matter in hand, and insured a rich course for the winter.

While the ladies have taken the initiative, the real success of the venture is up to the gentlemen. When one of the ladies call on you with tickets, don't try to put her off with a hard luck story, but dig down and buy the tickets. Do it not only for the Coterie, but for yourself and family; for the uplifting of society and the betterment of the community in general. Every citizen in Paw Paw and the surrounding country owes it to himself to buy tickets for the coming lecture course, and thereby assist in making this the best course ever held here. We cannot give the features in this issue, but will do so later. The first number comes on November 27th.

HELMER S. PETERSON.

Word comes the first of this week of the death of Helmer S. Peterson at his home in Galesburg, Illinois on October 19th, of consumption. He was a young man thirty-four years of age and married only since last March. He owned a farm two and a half mile west of Paw Paw where he spent a part of each summer with his friends Mr. and Mrs. Lenn Huff, who have charge of the place.

Idle Hour tonight, Blue Bird feature.

FINE POINT IN THE VAIL LIQUOR CASE

George Vail of Decatur was convicted in circuit court Wednesday of a violation of the liquor laws. This was not a real local option case, and was the first complaint of its kind made in this county under the new Judicature Act. Vail runs a pool room in Decatur and lives upstairs in the same building. At the rear of the pool room are two rooms, one used as a garage and one as a store room. The liquor on which the charge was made was found in the garage, and the point in the case was "Did this room in which the liquor was found constitute a part of his residence". Bonds were given, pending a review of the case by the Supreme court. A decision will be awaited with interest, as it is a new point in this county at least.

CELEBRATED TENTH BIRTHDAY

Monday afternoon Master Wendell Reidl celebrated his tenth birthday by inviting about twenty of his little classmates to aid him in the festivities. Many games were played and little Miss Ruth Harrington captured the prize. A big luncheon consisting of everything in the culinary art that could possibly appeal to the appetites of a growing future generation was served at five o'clock by Mrs. Reidl. Wendell received many gifts from his young friends to preserve as mementoes of the happy occasion.

RESULT OF THE STRAW VOTE

The veteran O. W. Rowland has taken a straw vote. He interviewed the first hundred men who called at the County clerk's office, and if any reliance can be placed on a Straw ballot, everything looks like Hughes, Sleeper and a "Dry" state. Several of those interviewed were undecided, but following is the result of the ballot: Hughes 65; Wilson 30; Sleeper 56; Sweet 21; Prohibition Yes 76; No 18; Home Rule Yes 15; No 75.

CLOSE CAMPAIGN WITH AUTO TOUR

Republicans plan whooper party for tour November 3rd, and 4th.

HAMILTON MEMBER OF PARTY

County candidates, many republicans and probably Sleeper will join. Bloomingdale Band

The republicans of Van Buren county will close the campaign with a two days automobile tour of the county on Friday and Saturday, November 3rd, and 4th. There will be an evening meeting at South Haven at the close of the first day, and one at Paw Paw Saturday evening to close the tour. Hon. E. L. Hamilton, congressman from this district, all the county officers, and many prominent party workers from all parts of the county will join the party, and it is expected that there will be more automobiles in line, than in any political tour in the history of the county. The Bloomingdale band will furnish the music for the two days, and it is likely that Hon. A. E. Sleeper, candidate for governor will be in the party. County Chairman, R. W. Broughton has the preliminary arrangements well in hand, and republicans in every precinct in the county are expected to get busy, make arrangements to join the party and assist in every way possible in making this round-up of the campaign a "Hummer." Following is the schedule for the trip as announced by the chairman.

Friday November 3, 1916.

Gobleville.....8:30 A. M.
Bloomingdale.....9:20 A. M.
Breedsville.....10:40 A. M.
Bangor.....12:00 Noon
South Haven.....4:00 P. M.

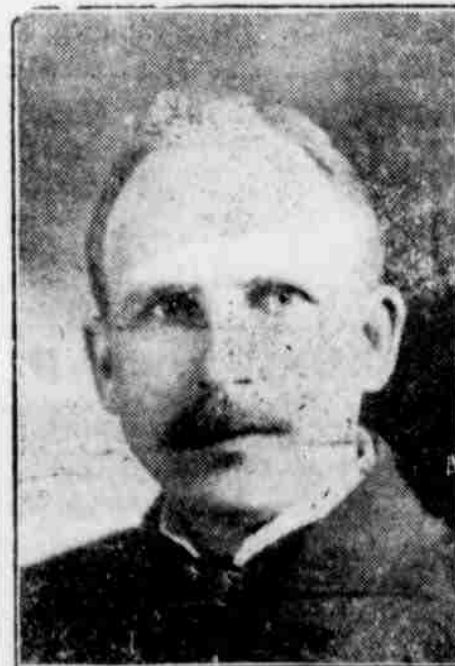
With an evening meeting

Saturday November 4th, 1916.
Covert.....9:00 A. M.
Hartford.....10:30 A. M.
Lawrence.....1:00 P. M.
Decatur.....2:30 P. M.
Lawton.....3:45 P. M.
Paw Paw.....5:00 P. M.

With an evening meeting.

HAMILTON FAVORS WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Endorses it personally and will work for amendment to that effect.



Congressman Edward L. Hamilton is one of the many men in public life who has given his unqualified endorsement to woman suffrage. His letter endorsing the movement has been sent to the headquarters of the new party, and fourth district women have pledged him their support. In his letter he declared that he favored the proposition personally and would work for a constitutional amendment to that effect.

ENTERTAINED MOTHERS.

Last Friday afternoon the pupils of the fourth grade entertained their mothers along with a few invited guests from 3:30 until 4:30 in their room, which was tastily decorated with autumn foliage. A short program was given after which the young ladies assisted by the gentlemen of the grade served ice cream and cake.

DON'T BE MISLED

The Prohibition question is a social, moral and economic question.

It has no place in party politics.

The sponsors of the dry movement do not want it connected up with the personal candidacy of any individual.

Mr. Luren D. Dickinson refused to be a candidate for Governor on this ground.

Albert E. Sleeper, the Republican candidate for Governor, and Republican candidates for state and county offices, all pledge themselves to enforce the laws and make MICHIGAN DRY if the Prohibition amendment carries.

If it is defeated Albert E. Sleeper will insist on a strict enforcement of the present liquor laws or those which may be passed by the legislature.

Vote for Albert E. Sleeper for Governor, Luren D. Dickinson for Lieutenant Governor, Alex J. Groesbeck for Attorney General, Coleman C. Vaughan for Secretary of State, Samuel Odell for State Treasurer, O. B. Fuller for Auditor General, Grant Fellows for Justice of the Supreme Court, and Charles E. Townsend for United States Senator.

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