

ROOSEVELT HEADQUARTERS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alabama came here to help nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt. We propose to stay here and vote for him until that duty is accomplished. The Democratic Party would be a joke throughout the nation if it should yield its choice of a candidate. It would be cowardly to yield. We are made of sterner stuff and we have no thought of weakening or quitting the fight.

The Democratic electorate of this country will not submit to the dictation of a few cities like Jersey City, Tammany New York City and Boston, and we will not submit to any orders from them as to whom we shall nominate.

I have talked with my entire delegation and they are all likeminded.

WM. W. BRANDON  
Former Governor of Alabama and  
Chairman of the State Delegation

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## TO THE VOTERS OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

I am constrained to answer a card printed at 10 o'clock at night, to be circulated the day before the election for the purpose of aiding Mr. Fox in his candidacy for Circuit Judge. Had it not been for an accident I would not have known of the card soon enough to have defended myself against the implication it contained.

Mr. Voter, be candid and fair with me. What do you think of a man who had been with his opponent, near him and in the same town during the day without mentioning the fact to him, waiting until the night time to have secretly published a card, which contains the following language quoted from a letter written him, or for the public, by the person he had promised if he succeeded in being elected the Master Commissioner's place under him, to-wit:

"That from investigation there will be used against him (meaning Mr. Fox) for the purpose of corrupting voters of the District thousands of dollars in money and whisky, and that he, the Master Commissioner, will not go up against a proposition of money and whisky in the election with "conversation and a glass of water" and in the same card signing a letter addressed to the voters containing this language: "A man aspiring to the honorable position of Circuit Judge is in his opinion unworthy of the office if the title to the same is procured by corrupting and debauching the citizens of his district, and that he does not believe in the use of money and whisky in elections."

Why did not Mr. Fox show me the card and give me a chance to defend myself against its imputation? Why did he have it printed at night to be circulated on the day before the election? Why did he not have it published sooner so as to give a full opportunity for explanation or discussion? Why did he not charge me with using or furnishing whisky or money directly and not by insinuation? I will tell you, Mr. Voter: Mr. Fox knows in his heart that I have not furnished or caused to be furnished any money or whisky, and I hereby repudiate as false and untrue the charge that I am using any money or whisky, or causing it to be used. I am sorry to say anything that may cause feeling in a race that has heretofore been conducted upon a high plane, but I do mean to say that the chivalry that ordinarily characterizes the Kentuckian, who is brave and true to the traditions of his State, is wanting in the act of my opponent, who would attempt to give circulation to a card that might affect my reputation, which could have been written many days before when an ample opportunity would have been given to protect myself against its slime. I wish to say and repeat that I have not put up any money in this election, nor used or procured to be used any whisky. If any money or whisky has been used it is without my personal knowledge.

It is very absurd to suggest that a poor man running upon his record as Judge would put up "thousands" to aid in his election. I think it needs no argument or further suggestion to clear myself of the imputation contained in the card. It shows upon its face that it is purely and simply a political movement made by one in an attempt to avert an impending and certain defeat.

Respectfully,

C. A. HARDIN.

## TO THE VOTERS OF MERCER COUNTY

I want this to be my final word. I became a candidate for the Legislature before LeRoy S. Bonta and before he announced. I am for the submission by the Legislature of an amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky, giving the people the right to vote on the question of a "bone-dry" prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, without compensation to distillers or brewers; and will vote for it when submitted. I will not vote for any speaker of the House or for any organization of the house that does not, in my opinion, in good faith, stand for the same thing.

I repudiate, as false and unworthy, the statement of one candidate of another, or the statement of any gentleman, that either candidate for Representative is dishonorable enough to secretly attempt to defeat a measure for which he declares, by inserting a joker, or in any other way.

I deem it unworthy for any man to employ any agency to import men from other States and other Counties into Mercer County, to reflect upon the truth of his opponent and tell the people, who know them both, how to vote.

I am against any man employing such tactics and for any honest and sincere man who falls victim to such unfairness.

There are those who cruelly charge that I am insincere. In a spirit of kindness I would suggest, as evidence of the truth of my position, on the whiskey question, that there have been two historic battles in Mercer County against the saloon. Then the saloon was entrenched in real power, both in politics and in business. A Local Option fight came up in Harrodsburg. Though not living in town I spent the day at the polls for the success of the "drys" and we won, and the saloon was put out of our city forever. I say this "lest we forget." It was not popular then to fight against whiskey. It is now.

When the lines were drawn in the Democratic party on the question of the County Unit plank in our platform, I worked day and night for its adoption against fierce opposition, and had the honor of reporting, as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions in our County Convention, a Resolution binding the delegates to its support in the Louisville Convention, where it was adopted as a party measure. I say this "Lest we forget."

It is popular now to fight for temperance—it was not then.

My opponent was not actively engaged in any of these fights in Mercer County, but stepped in when everybody is for it, to claim the reward.

In every struggle between the Republicans and Democrats in the County for ascendancy for the last fifteen years, I have been in the midst of the battle, receiving scars, for the success of my party. My friends told me that they believed my record as a Democrat would be appreciated and entitled me to the vote of the County.

Mr. LeRoy Bonta is an estimable gentleman. I have not said a word against him, nor allowed my friends to do so, and shall work for him and vote for him gladly if he receives the nomination. I have not doubted the sincerity of his spoken purposes.

As to the good ministers—the followers of the lowly Nazarene—who have intimated, to my dishonor, that I was not right on the "State wide question" or that I would not do what I proposed, I have nothing harsh to say. I hope to be selected to show them their mistake, so they will not, in the future, without talking with the person whom they oppose, do another the wrong they have done me. If I am defeated, I can turn to the Lord they follow who can read the human heart, for the vindication and the truth they have denied me.

To the men who have slandered me, not knowing it, and who do not know me personally, I ask you to inquire of C. D. Thompson, of the First National Bank, Bush W. Allin, of the Mercer National Bank, Geo. W. Edwards, of the State Bank & Trust Company, or any neighbor I have or have ever had, for my character for truth and good citizenship.

Respectfully,  
J. M. (BURR) MOBERLEY.

## TO THE VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY:

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Several weeks ago I announced through the Interior Journal that in the event of the election of Honorable C. C. Fox as Circuit Judge, in the coming election, I would be named by him as Master Commissioner of the Lincoln Circuit Court. Since that time I have actively campaigned in his behalf, and have met with much encouragement. I feel deeply grateful to my many friends who have been so kind as to take an active interest in my behalf. However, I believe from investigation that there will be used against him for the purpose of corrupting the voters of the district, thousands of dollars in money and whisky. Mr. Fox has announced that he would not use any such methods in securing his nomination; he will not do so, and he is unwilling for his friends to do so. I think this position very commendable, but under the circumstances I am unwilling to continue actively in this race, and I now release him from his pledge to name me Commissioner, and I release my friends from their promise made me to support Mr. Fox on my account.

In conclusion, I desire to state that I will vote for Mr. Fox, and my withdrawal is simply because I cannot go up against a proposition of "money and whisky" in the election with "conversation and a glass of water." Thanking my friends for the interest they have taken in my behalf and assuring them that I deeply appreciate the same, I beg to remain,

Your friend,  
JESS. C. LYNN.

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## TO THE VOTERS OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

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In response to the above article I desire to say that it is true that I do not believe in the use of money and whisky in elections. A man aspiring to the honorable position of Circuit Judge is in my opinion unworthy of the office if his title to the same is procured by corrupting and debauching the citizens of his district.

If I am nominated on August the 7th it will be by the votes of the honest citizenship of this district and not by the use of money and whisky. I would rather be defeated than to be nominated by using such methods. A man who sits in judgment upon the rights and liberties of others should assume those duties with clean hands and a pure heart.

I make this appeal to you in the closing hours of the campaign and trust that my position will meet with your approval at the polls on next Saturday, August 7th, 1915.

Very truly yours,  
CHAS. C. FOX.

# A Card

Mr. Leroy Bonta addresses a cynical card to the voters of Mercer County, in which he insinuates much and says very little. It is interesting to know that the Rev. Bunyan McLeod, from Nova Scotia, now preaching in Harrodsburg, who changes his automobile as often as a dude his glove, did in his fine Hudson motor to Danville, accompanied by the Rev. Minor Clark and others, while my opponent was enjoying himself at the Fair and saw to the printing of Mr. Bonta's card in one of the newspaper offices there and brought them back for distribution. In this connection and in the light of the extreme activity of some of the preachers directed against me. I will first address myself to the charges that somehow somewhere I used the words "Damn preachers." Mr. Bonta says it was a "beautiful tribute" and he knows them better than I do. Yet I think he must be mistaken. They deserve better. I cannot recall using the words, I must confess that I have been sorely tried and have found it hard to restrain myself under the injustice that has been done me. If I should have used the expression in the excitement of the political contest, it was hasty and unthinking and I am sorry to have wounded the delicate sensibilities of Mr. Bonta, for I am sure he feels REALLY HURT, and of course is not publishing the expression for political purposes. For his lofty intellect would not buzzard-like swoop to carion, when he could feed on the Ambroisa of high and noble principles. I wish to say I have a high respect for the ministers and as I think of those dear men, God bless them, like Mr. Vaughan and Dr. Deering of the Methodist church, whom my people loved so much, it seems as if they have whispered to me through memory, that there is a justice above the thoughtless judgment of those who have given me no hearing, and have unwittingly listened to those that would traduce me. Mr. Bonta says he has no judge in Chas. A. Hardin to aggressively canvass the County for him. Judge Hardin has done no such thing. He has attempted to defend his good name, which was dragged into this race and linked up with a lie deliberately told by Frank McGarvey, while arranging secret meeting with the Rev. Clark in churches to organize against me, which was shown by publication in the paper, attested by good witnesses and goes undenied. He would intimate that Gov. Stanley is aiding me. If he is, I do not know it. He has attempted to defend the DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION and himself, against charges brought against him by imported speakers from Oklahoma, Covington, Lexington and other places, and whether they be Republican or Democrat is not known to me. They can not rep-

resent the Forward League for Dr. Alexander the head of it says that it is not the purpose of the League to attack or tear down the Democratic Administration. I assume he thought it should be left for the Republican leaders. Mr. Bonta seems to be very proud of an article he wrote last February and which was published in the Democrat and Herald. He assumed to question me on my position on certain public questions and now asks me why I did not answer. He asked me if I was not for State Wide Prohibition for the purpose of defeating it by inserting a joker or by some other trick. Mr. Voter, suppose I should ask you if you were a liar or a thief, would you feel like answering it? Yet Mr. Bonta would ask me in substance if I was dishonorable enough and degraded enough to tell the people that I was for a thing and secretly design to defeat it. I did not answer it, because the question was an insult. I would not think of asking him such a question at I thought too well of him to believe it was possible. I did not answer it, because I did not want to engage in personalities. Does Mr. Bonta think it is necessary to answer his insulting question in order for one to be elected to office in this County? He chides me because I would not meet him in public debate. The reason I did not, was because I thought then that there was no issue between us, that we were both Democrats and stood for the same thing and could not discuss the question without engaging in personalities and reflecting upon each other. I think more of my party's good than of my own interest and would not do anything to disrupt it. I never heard a political discussion between Democrats that did not hurt the party. I will never build myself up knowingly at the expense of breaking up my party. I can see nothing in Mr. Bonta's card except an attack on the Democratic Administration and a suspicion of the truth in my political attitudes. I can only humbly call upon the people who know me to protect me against unjust insinuation and insulting questions and to judge me by the standard I have raised in this race. While suffering all, I have cast no reflections upon Mr. Bonta and said naught against him. He even says that I come out at the eleventh hour on the State Wide question. I ask you Mr. Voter as I have been all over this County for weeks and weeks and have told you how I stood, to repudiate the false charge. Read the card that Mr. Bonta answered and ask yourself do I deserve the attack that is made upon me in the card that he had published? Isn't it not a fact that Mr. Bonta is trying to make himself the hero of the "Little Jack Horner" drama? You remember that "Little Jack Horner sat in the corner eating a Christmas pie, he put in his thumb and pulled out a plum and said 'what a good boy am I'."

Respectfully,

J. M. (BURR) MOBERLEY.

# Notice!

## Voters of Mercer County

Special Election for the Election of Representative In Congress From the Eighth District of Kentucky.

## PROCLAMATION!

“Whereas there is a vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the Congress of the United States, for the Eighth Congressional District of Kentucky composed of the counties of Adair, Anderson, Boyle, Casey, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Shelby and Spencer, by reason of the death on Mch. 2nd, 1919, of the Honorable Harvey Helm, who was regularly and duly elected at the regular election on the 5th day of November, 1918, and,

Whereas, the Congress of the United States will convene at an early date in extraordinary session of indefinite duration, now, therefore,

It is ordered that an election for representative in Congress from said Eighth Congressional District of Kentucky shall be held in each voting precinct in the counties aforesaid on Saturday, August 2nd, 1919, for the purpose of filling the vacancy as aforesaid, and in compliance with the law in such cases made and provided, it is directed that this proclamation be twice published in the Danville Advocate, of Danville, Boyle county, Ky., and the Richmond Register, of Richmond, Ky., two daily newspapers of general circulation in said district, at least twenty days before said election. A copy of this proclamation will be sent by mail immediately to the sheriff of each county in said district and the said sheriffs of the counties named above, will hold and conduct said election at the said time and in conformity to the Statutes made and provided for general elections.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Capitol in Frankfort this 12th day of May, 1919, and in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor,

A. O. STANLEY,

J. P. LEWIS, Secretary of State.

E. MATT CARR, Asst. Secretary of State.”

Now, I, Clell Coleman, Sheriff of Mercer County, hereby give notice that I will open the polls on the said 2nd day of August, 1919, from 6 A. M. to 4 P. M., in each of the voting precincts of this, Mercer county, and provide ballots, boxes, booths and all other paraphernalia necessary to the proper holding of said election and the receiving of the votes of all legal voters of the county who desire to cast their votes for one of the candidates for election to fill the vacancy in the office of representative in Congress from the 8th District of Kentucky, caused by the death of the Hon. Harvey Helm, who had been elected and commissioned for the term ending March 3rd, 1921. The said election will be held at the regular or accustomed voting place in each of the precincts of the county, and will be conducted by the regular election officers, and will be conducted in all other respects under and in conformity with the laws governing regular elections in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

CLELL COLEMAN,  
Sheriff of Mercer County.