

SULLIVAN COUNTY COURT.

1912—1918.

- J.F.Yoakley, Chairman. L.H.Denny, V.Ch'm.
D.A.Barger, Cl'k. J.E.O'Dell, Dep'ty Cl'k.
1st Dist. N.D.Morton, Will C Gammon, Emmett.
2d Dist. Jas H.Jones, R.H.Martin, Bristol. R.F.D.
3d Dist. M.E.Webb, J.K.Stephens, Bluff City.
4th Dist. C B.Earhart, Blountville,
Hugh Webb, Bluff City.
5th Dist. H.H.Masengill, R.F.Smith, L H.Denny,
J.S.B.Smith, Blountville.
6th Dist. J.J.Holt, Blountville,
S.R.Morrell, Arcadia.
7th Dist. J.H.Pettyjohn, E.S.Rogers, Ind.Spr,.
8th Dist. Wilson Malone, Bruce Gunning, B'ville,
9th Dist. John Anderson, J E.Norris, P.Flats.
10th Dist. A.B.Ketron, S.D.Faust, Arcadia
11th Dist. Geo C.Shipley, J,B.Fleenor, Kingsport
12th Dist. David Roller, Chas Crum, Kingsport.
13th Dist. J.Dulaney Depew, Fordtown,
Geo Fields, Kingsport.
14th Dist. J.F Yoakley, Fordtown,
Will Pickens, Jonesboro.
15th Dist. Frank Gibson, T.J.Duncan, Fall Branch.
16th Dist. A.J.Giesler, J.C.Brown, W.S.Bare,
Bluff City.
17th Dist. J.P.Rader, J.H.Swan, W.A.Ray,
Bristol.
18th Dist. A.S.Barnes, P.H.King, Ind.Springs.
19th Dist. J.A.Flick, Harr, S.D.South, Emmett.
20th Dist. J.F.Gross, Carl Allison, Piney Flats.
21st Dist. Andy Odell, Emmett,
J.L.Smith, Bristol, R.F.D.
22d Dist. M.L.King, Stanley Thomas, Emmett.

SCHOLASTIC POPULATION

SULLIVAN COUNTY

July 1914.

1st Dist.	M 175	F 173	Total 348
2d Dist.	M 123	F 137	260
3d Dist.	M 202	F 198	400
4th Dist.	M 135	F 131	266
5th Dist.	M 340	F 362	702
6th Dist.	M 132	F 144	276
7th Dist.	M 184	F 159	343
Col. "	M 2	F 4	6
8th Dist.	M 123	F 113	236
9th Dist.	M 222	F 200	422
10th Dist.	M 133	F 123	256
11th Dist.	M 210	F 206	416
Col. "	M 9	F 5	14
12th Dist.	M 124	F 121	245
Col. "	M 11	F 8	19
13th Dist.	M 209	F 202	411
Col. "	M 4	F 2	6
14th Dist.	M 152	F 132	284
15th Dist.	M 222	F 204	426
Col. "	M 3	F 1	4
16th Dist.	M 373	F 345	718
" Col.	M 18	F 19	27
17th Dist.	M 163	F 159	322
Col. "	M 12	F 14	26
18th Dist.	M 148	F 169	317
19th Dist.	M 174	F 142	316
20th Dist.	M 120	F 123	243
21st Dist.	M 86	F 78	164
22d Dist.	M 72	F 56	128
County, Male	3822	Female 3677	T. 7499
Col. "	59	" 44	" 103
Bristol "	346	" 862	" 1708
Col. "	126	" 140	" 266
Gr. Total M.	4853	F. 4723	T. 9576

HEADQUARTERS OF THE
Republican Campaign Committee

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

A. B. Matron Egg

My dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in appointing you a member of the Republican County Congressional Executive Committee for the 10th Civil District of Sullivan County.

I trust you will find it convenient and agreeable to accept the appointment and join us in an effort to secure a full vote in the coming Primary Election to be held October 8th, 1910, and for the upbuilding of the Republican party of the County.

Yours respectfully,

W. J. McIlwain

CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

GUIDE TICKET

For U S Senator

Vote for one

K D MCKELLAR X 39
NEWELL SANDERS 76

For Governor

Vote for one

AUSTIN PEAY X 38
ALF A TAYLOR 81

For R R Commissioner

Western Division

Vote for one

W N BEASLEY 43
PORTER DUNLAP X 29

For Representative in Congress

1st Congressional District

Vote for one

J T FUGATE 73
B CARROLL REECE 89

State Senator 2nd Senatorial District

Vote for one

D A BARGER X 34
R H MARTIN 78

Direct Representative in General

Assembly

Vote for one

J M YOAKLEY X 47

Floterial Representative

Vote for one

W W GAMBILL 40
J D HAMILTON X 42

Johnson City, Tenn.,

November 17, 1910.

Mr. A. B. Ketron,
Bloomington, Tenn.

My dear sir:-

I thank you very much for your congratulations of November tenth. About the only spot in the entire country offering much satisfaction to the Republicans, as a result of the November elections, is found in Tennessee. I trust that the affairs of our Party will be so conducted during the next few years, as to make Tennessee safely Republican.

At any time I can be of service to you, command me.

Yours very truly,

Sam. R. Sells.

SAM R. SELLS
1ST DIST. TENNESSEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1912.

Mr. A. D. Ketron,
Bloomingdale, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Ketron:-

I have your invitation of July the 9th to deliver an address to I. O. O. F. 's at that place on August the 3rd. I wish it were possible for me to accept this invitation, which I very much appreciate. However, it is impossible for me to think of leaving here until Congress has adjourned. As you know, the prospects that it will do so speedily, are not very bright. If I cannot be with you, however, my very best wishes attend you, and I trust you will have a pleasant and profitable celebration. Thanking you again and renewing my regrets that I cannot be with you, I am,

Your friend,



Piney Flats Tenn
July 22/12

Mr. Aldley Ketron

Please do all you can
for me on Day of Election
any thing I can do for you
I will gladly do I will
win sure of I can carry
the Republican vote I will
get at least 500 Democrat to
stand by me do all you can

J. O. Morris

SAM R. SELLS
1ST DIST. TENNESSEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1912.

Mr. A. B. Ketron,
Bloomingdale, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Ketron:

I have yours of August 16th relative to charges against M. L. Hicks at Arcadia. I have just called up the First Assistant Postmaster General and he informs me that charges were preferred against Hicks last January, and that they have been investigated but recently. He also informs me that the report of the Inspector has not yet reached the Department.

This was the first intimation I had received that charges had been preferred against him. The papers are with the Inspector and I was unable to ascertain by whom the charges were preferred, but I understand that they relate to the alleged used of money and whiskey in some election.

I have filed a request that no action be taken until I have been notified. I do not understand why Mac himself did not write me about this, as I could have had the case dismissed without an investigation. I think it, however, improbable that anything will come of it, and I assure you that I shall be glad to do what I can for him.

I am,

Your friend,

Sam R. Sells

Adam B. Bowman, Mgr.

E. C. Wallen, Sec.

M A S S E Y ' S H E A D Q U A R T E R S .

Johnson City, Tenn. Oct. 10, 1912

My dear Sir:

You have been appointed by the undersigned to help organize your district and county for Hon. Z. D. Massey for congress.

You perhaps know him well. If you do, he needs no introduction by me. If not, I wish to say in the outset that Mr. Massey has worked his way from a day-laborer, logger, farmer, teacher, etc., and is a noble citizen and gentleman. I vouch for his integrity as a man and public official. He has been tried and found not wanting. He is sober, honest and industrious.

You have been appointed as a member of his organization in your district. I want you to poll your district by the 20th of October and let me know how many Sells and how many Massey men, and write on the reverse of this letter what you think of your district and county.

Now do not delay this matter, but let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Adam B. Bowman

Chairman of Campaign Committee.



Mr. A. B. Ketron,
Bloomington
~~Florida~~

Tenn.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Johnson City, Tenn., November 18, 1913.

Rev. A. B. Ketron,

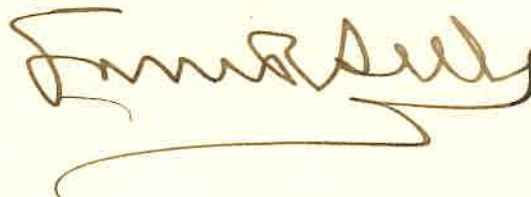
Bloomington, Tenn.

My dear sir:-

I have yours of the 14th. I am doing all I can to prevent the change of routes from Arcadia to Hiltons. I trust that our efforts will be successful. I am going back to Washington shortly, and will call at the Department and present this matter in person.

I am,

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Senate of Tennessee

NASHVILLE

Jan .14, 1915.

J. P. WORLEY,
Bluff City
Senator Hawkins, Sullivan
Counties

Mr. A. B. Ketron,

Bloomington, Tenn.

Dear Friend Ketron:-

I have your letter regarding Starnes and I assure you that I will be glad to do what I can for him. I have written him fully explaining the condition of affairs here at this time.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of your friendship to me and that I will be glad to serve you in any way, I am,

Your friend,

J. P. Worley

SAM R. SELLS
1ST TENN DISTRICT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1914

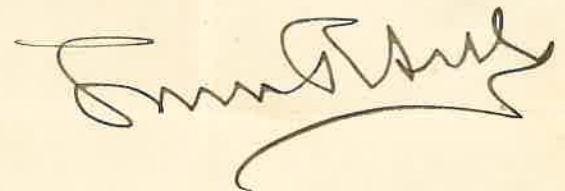
Mr. A. B. Ketron,

Bloomington, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Ketron:-

Answering yours of the 18th, I am taking up this case today and shall render you every assistance in my power. I hope ~~you~~ will be able to get the matter satisfactorily arranged.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam R. Sells", with a long, sweeping underline.

SAM R. SELLS
1st TENN DISTRICT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

August 19th, 1914.

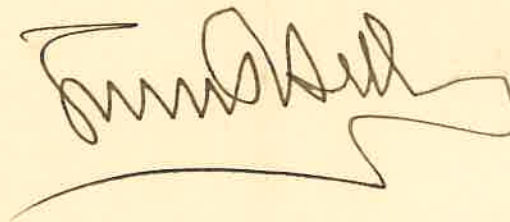
Mr. A. B. Ketron,
Bloomington, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Ketron:-

My County manager advises me that he has appointed you to help manage my campaign in your District. A job of this kind is all work and no pay, but it would be a very great favor to me and one which I would thoroughly appreciate if you will accept the place and do what you can to assist me on September 5th.

I would be pleased to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam R. Sells". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

SAM R. SELLS
1ST TENN. DISTRICT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON

July 11, 1917.

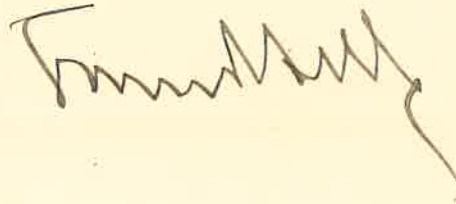
Mr. A. B. Ketron,

Bloomington, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Ketron:-

Answering yours of July 9, I shall be glad to take up the matter of the proposed rearrangement of R. F. D. service in that vicinity and do what I can to continue the present arrangement. I will have to wait until the report of the inspector reaches the Post Office Department, after which I will take steps to aid you as far as may be possible.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam R. Sells", written in a cursive style with a long tail on the final letter.

Constitutional Convention

To The Voters of Tennessee :

On Thursday, August 5, 1926, all qualified voters of the State will have the legal right to vote on the official ballot, "For a Convention" or "Against a Convention." If the number of votes cast "For a Convention" be greater than those cast against it, then a Constitutional Convention shall be held at Nashville on Thursday, November 18, 1926. (S. 1, Ch. 80, A. 1925.)

If the Constitutional Convention is ordered on August 5, 1926, then at the general election on Tuesday, November 2, 1926, one hundred and thirty-two delegates, apportioned among the respective counties or districts as are members of the present general Assembly, are to be elected and will meet on Thursday, November 18, 1926, as heretofore stated.

In compliance with Chapter 81, one hundred and seventy-five candidates for delegate have qualified and their names have been widely published and are, or can be known to all voters.

The nine subjects only, on which the Convention is to submit amendments to the people, to be voted on separately, at some subsequent election, are set out in the Act, and in the written pledge or nominating petition, signed by each of the candidates and endorsed by not less than twenty-five qualified voters. It follows :

I am a candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention. I give my solemn pledge that, if elected, I will vote in said Convention to submit to the people, for their ratification or rejection, proper amendments only on the following subjects :

- (1) To improve our system of taxation and assessment, so as to conform to present day economic conditions;
- (2) To restrict the Legislature to general legislation, and to relegate all legislation of a purely local character to the respective counties and municipalities;
- (3) To reduce the membership of the General Assembly, and to make the compensation of members commensurate with services rendered;
- (4) To increase the membership of the Supreme Court in order to speed the administration of justice, to empower said Court to pass upon the constitutionality of all bills referred to it by the legislature for such purpose, before their final passage;
- (5) To render it easier, as the occasion may arise, for future amendments of the constitution to be made;
- (6) To authorize the legislature, by proper legislation, to induce a more general exercise of the right of franchise;
- (7) To extend the term of office of Governor to four (4) years, and make him ineligible to re-election to an immediate succeeding term; and also to extend the terms of other officials, where the legis-

lature shall deem it necessary; (8) That the one subject clause of the Constitution, i.e., Article 2, of Section 17, shall not apply to the adoption of an official code by the legislature; (9) To authorize the legislature, where deemed necessary to abolish the fee system.

When delegates meet in Convention on November 18, 1926, in addition to the usual oath, they "shall swear to strictly observe their pledge to the people as made in their respective nominating petitions." (Ch. 81, A. 1925.)

No better plan could possibly be devised whereby the people are absolutely safeguarded against any possible radical tampering with our fundamental law.

The high character and standing of the candidates who have qualified is an ample guarantee that the Convention will submit proper amendments on the nine subjects and none others. Everyone, with an open mind, must admit that these are subjects that look solely to ensuring future prosperity for our state.

Heretofore, the only objection to a Constitutional Convention having any merit, was that the people did not know who would be elected delegates to a Constitutional Convention, nor what radical and unwise course the Convention might adopt. This objection, under the present plan, has now been entirely eliminated. The people now know who will be delegates and that under their pledge and oath what the Convention will do.

The situation is narrowed to the question: Shall the people be given the privilege to vote their sentiments on amendments on the nine subjects set out in the Acts and pledge of candidates?

That this plan to correct certain admitted defects in our Constitution has inspired confidence among the people, is best evidenced by the fact that both of the great political parties in the State; one hundred and twenty-seven members of the present General Assembly, the Farmers' Convention, County Courts, City Councils, Chambers of Commerce, Civic organizations, Labor Unions and the League of Women Voters, have, in no uncertain terms, voiced their endorsement of this movement to remedy defects that economic changes in the last half century have brought about.

The nine subjects, on which only are amendments to be formulated and submitted to the people, are fully discussed in a pamphlet which will be mailed to any one who cares to read it.

This Committee is without sufficient means to conduct a suitable campaign to inform the people about these proposed amendments, but confidently relies upon the Press, having the welfare of the State at heart, to give the people the facts, in order that they may vote advisedly on August 5, 1926.

JOSEPH H. ACKLEN, *Chairman,*
State Central Committee on Constitutional Convention.

To The Magistrates of Tennessee:

The Magistrates of Tennessee, if united in action on any public question, can control, to that extent, the political destiny of the State. Magistrates are nearer to the people than any other office-holders, and are thus enabled to more surely gauge public sentiment on any important subject affecting the general welfare. Magistrates are quasi-guardians of the peoples' rights, and are, therefore, properly jealous of any infringement on their imposed duties. Magistrates have heretofore opposed any movement that might perhaps in any way affect their constitutional offices. The situation at this time, however, is different from what it has ever been. Thus reasons applicable in the past do not apply to present conditions.

Heretofore, an open and unrestricted Constitutional Convention, with unknown delegates yet to be elected, offered just grounds for grave doubt. Acting upon that old maxim: "We had better bear the ills we have, than fly to those we know not of," Magistrates, generally, have voted against and defeated an open Constitutional Convention. The present plan, as clearly outlined in Chapters 80 and 81, Acts 1925, which acts, together with a pamphlet explaining the nine subjects therein set out and on which alone amendments are to be submitted, has been mailed to all Magistrates. These acts absolutely safeguard Magistrates from any infringement upon their constitutional offices. They do more, for under Subject 2 it is proposed to limit the General Assembly to GENERAL LEGISLATION and RELEGATE ALL PURELY LOCAL LEGISLATION TO THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY COURTS. Local legislation will thus be where it ought to be, exclusively in the hands of the Magistrates.

No fair-minded man will deny the proposition that the County Courts can legislate for the Counties far better than any man or delegation sent to the Capitol, there practically at the mercy of members from the other ninety-four counties. Local legislation by the General Assembly has been the curse and bane of politics in Tennessee, and the sooner we are rid of it, the better for all the counties of the State.

Most Magistrates are men of mature years and sound and conservative judgment. The opportunity is now offered them, and it may not again occur in a life time, to do their respective counties and the state at large, an inestimable service.

Wherever this matter has been fully understood, County Courts have endorsed this wise movement for a Constitutional Convention. By such a Convention alone can this evil of local legislation by the General Assembly be remedied,

Magistrates should not only use their utmost influence, but on August 5, should appear at the polls and there, as well as elsewhere, explain to the voters the great importance of voting "For a Convention."

This Committee has no funds with which to conduct the usual campaign. The pitiful sum contributed by a few public-spirited men, none of whom are office holders or aspire to be, has been wholly insufficient to properly put before the people the great importance of correcting, among others, this great defect in our fundamental law.

If Magistrates will wholeheartedly give their aid and assistance in this cause, the fight is won, and in thus winning it, they will have firmly established HOME GOVERNMENT, and thus conferred untold blessings on the people they represent.

JOSEPH H. ACKLEN, *Chairman*
State Central Committee on Constitutional Convention

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

506-507 EXCHANGE BUILDING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



Hon. A. B. Ketron,
RFD Kingsport, Tenn.

ESTES KEFAUVER
3d DIST., TENNESSEE

HOME ADDRESS:
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY

SECRETARIES:
HENRIETTA O'DONOGHUE
FRANK J. BRIZZI
LUCILE MYERS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE:
ROBERT S. BRADY
McMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 29, 1948

Dear Friend:

As we approach Election Day, I want to thank you for the interest you have taken in my race for the U. S. Senate. I am anxious to make a worthwhile contribution to the people of our State and to our Nation through serving as your United States Senator. I hope you will do as much as possible for Gordon Browning and all of us nominees until the final vote is counted.

I assure you that if given the opportunity of being in the Senate, I will cooperate and be as helpful as I can.

Thanking you again and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Estes Kefauver

GET OUT THE VOTE!

for the democratic nominees

**TENNESSEE
GENERAL ELECTION
November 2, 1948**



**WOMEN'S DIVISION
TENNESSEE DEMOCRATIC
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Tom Ragland, State Chairman
1525 Riverview Road
Chattanooga 5, Tennessee



HUDSON PRINTING & LITHOGRAPHING CO.
CHATTANOOGA

A MESSAGE TO THOUGHTFUL TENNESSEE CITIZENS

These are not ordinary times. We are in one of the great crises of history. The next few years will probably determine whether this will be a world of war, tyranny, famine, pestilence and death or whether it will be a world of peace, justice and a steadily rising standard of living.

At a time like this the selecting of our public officials takes on unusual significance. The decisions they make may literally mean life or death to us and our children.

In Gordon Browning for Governor, and Estes Kefauver for U. S. Senator we have two nominees who stand for the things that most Tennesseans stand for. They have the training and experience needed in these serious times.

They understand the dangers abroad in the world. They know the need for sound government at home to make our democracy equal to its role of world leadership.

For these reasons we urge all citizens of Tennessee to vote on November 2 for Gordon Browning, Democratic nominee for Governor and Estes Kefauver, Democratic nominee for U. S. Senator.

We also urge you to vote for our splendid Democratic nominees for the utilities commission, Hammond Fowler and J. B. Avery, Sr. and all Democratic nominees.

Let's get out the vote and give these men a land-slide victory.

Martha Ragland

Mrs. Tom Ragland, State Chairman
Women's Division
Tennessee Democratic Campaign Committee

**For Highlights in the
Life and Platform of Gordon Browning and Estes Kefauver Turn the Page** 

Highlights in the Life and Platform of Gordon Browning and Estes Kefauver Emphasize those Qualifications all Thinking Citizens of Tennessee Want in their Political Leaders



GORDON BROWNING

GORDON BROWNING *democratic nominee for Governor*

Born on a farm in Carroll County, Tennessee, 58 years ago. Attended public schools and graduated from Milan high school. Attended Valparaiso University and has law degree from Cumberland University. . . . Married Ida Leach of Huntingdon where they have since resided. Is an active member of the Methodist church. . . . Elected to Congress from the Eighth Congressional District in 1922. Served with distinction for six consecutive terms and retired undefeated. . . . Elected Governor of Tennessee in 1936. Established the debt retirement system and a program for financing the state government that still stands. . . . Introduced the social security program, the department of conservation, a merit system, reforms in the prison and other state institutions. Widely acclaimed as one of the best governors Tennessee ever had. . . . Volunteered for service in World War II at 53. Sought active service but was placed on the staff of General Eisenhower. Returned home a lieutenant colonel. . . . While overseas and without his knowledge was qualified as a candidate for Governor in 1946. Received 120,000 votes and carried 39 counties. . . . Nominated for Governor in the Democratic Primary, August 5, 1948 in a record vote by grateful Tennesseans.



ESTES KEFAUVER *democratic nominee for U.S. Senator*

Born in Monroe County, Tennessee 45 years ago. Educated in public schools of Madisonville; graduated from the University of Tennessee and the Yale Law School. . . . Chosen 'The Young Man of the Year' in 1937 by the Chattanooga Junior Chamber of Commerce. . . . Served a short time as Tennessee Commissioner of Finance and Taxation in 1939. . . . Elected to Congress from the Third Congressional District, 1939, and has been re-elected four times. Has received nation-wide recognition for his Congressional leadership, marked particularly by his brilliant defense of TVA. . . . Chosen by Collier's magazine as one of America's ten outstanding Congressmen. . . . Married Nancy Pigott and has three children: Eleanor, seven; David, two; and Diane, nine months. . . . Co-author of a book, "20th Century Congress," published in 1947 and widely praised as a major contribution to the science of government. . . . Is a member of the Baptist church, the Tennessee and American Bar Associations, the American Political Science Association and the Sons of the American Revolution. . . . Nominated for United States Senator in the Democratic Primary, August 5, 1948 by an overwhelming majority vote of his fellow Tennesseans.



ESTES KEFAUVER

MR. BROWNING'S PLATFORM

EDUCATION: The five point TEA educational program with some modification of the first point.

SOUND FINANCE PROGRAM: Continuation of the debt retirement system and a sound program for financing the state government.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION along the lines recommended by the Frierson Commission. Particularly repeal of the poll tax, broadening of the tax base and home rule for cities and counties.

REMOVAL OF THE SALES TAX on food, medicine and work clothes if present revenues permit, or when the tax base is broadened by constitutional change.

INDEPENDENT GAME AND FISH COMMISSION to insure long-range planning.

RURAL ROAD PROGRAM that will eventually place an all-weather road in reach of every farm in the state.

WELFARE PROGRAM: A sound welfare program with increased social security grants for children, the blind and aged. Improvement of our state institutions for the insane to provide adequate treatment.

AN END TO BALLOT THIEVERY: Reform of the election laws.

RECREATION: Development of Tennessee's state parks and forest system. All effort to stop the waste of our forest and soil resources from fire and erosion.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Strengthening of our department of public health.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY: Full cooperation with the TVA and every effort to realize its vast possibilities for our state and region.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE: Expansion of the University and cooperation with TVA and Oak Ridge.

ECONOMIC BALANCE: Development of a balance between agriculture and industry that will make Tennessee unsurpassed as a place to live and work.

FOR ALL THE PEOPLE: Honest, economical and efficient administration of the state government. An independent administration dedicated to serve the best interests of all the people.

MR. KEFAUVER'S PLATFORM

WORLD PEACE: Continued work for world peace with faith that it can be attained. Support of the United Nations, the European Recovery Program and the Reciprocal Trade Program of Cordell Hull.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY: Continued support of the TVA as a great national asset in peace and war and a great benefit to the people of Tennessee. Expansion of the rural electrification program.

NATIONAL SECURITY: Will continue to support all measures for keeping our country strong as long as world unrest and the threat of Communist aggression make it necessary.

AGRICULTURE: A long range farm program to maintain farming income on a full parity basis, intensified soil conservation program, an extended crop insurance program, the AAA.

ROADS: Increased federal contributions to secondary and feeder roads.

SOCIAL SECURITY: Expansion of the Social Security program and larger grants to the aged.

HOUSING: A long range housing program for vet-

erans and others in need of decent housing at reasonable prices.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION: Increased pay for teachers; improved facilities; the school lunch program.

OPPOSITION TO FEPC: Continued opposition to FEPC, the anti-lynch bill and the non-segregation recommendation of the President's civil rights program.

MONOPOLIES: Promotion of small business and protection of it from unfair competition. Strengthening anti-trust laws against monopolies. Continued efforts to reduce cost of living and danger of boom and bust.

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT: Continued effort to improve the machinery and efficiency of Congress and the Executive Department.

VETERANS: Diligent concern for the needs of veterans and their families.

FREIGHT RATE EQUALIZATION for the South.

FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE: Concern always for the welfare of the average citizen rather than the favored few. The well-being of this nation and the world depends directly on the well-being of the average man.

	REECE	SELLS
Bills introduced and passed by the House:	110	50
Absent from the Roll call of the House:	50	365
Answered Roll calls of the House:	939	270

During this time Congressman Reece has secured more than five times as many Federal appointments for the District as did Mr. Sells.

Reece has secured more than a million dollars of Federal money for the construction of highways in the First District.

Sells did not secure a dollar of Federal Aid on roads during his first two and one half terms.

Reece has secured the purchase of about 75,000 acres of Federal Forest land in the District.

Sells did not secure the purchase of anything like this much during his entire ten years in Congress.

Who will now insult the intelligence of the citizens of the First District by claiming that Reece's record does not compare favorably with that of Sells. The fact is that he has already accomplished more for the First District than Mr. Sells did during his entire ten years in Congress.

OUTSIDE POLITICIANS WANT TO DOMINATE FIRST DISTRICT

It is a well known fact that Congressman Reece has been an interference to the politicians of Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis in plying for personal gain their profession of rotten politics. He has borne the brunt of the battle for decency in Tennessee politics. This has naturally incited the animosity of disappointed office seekers and their friends. It is evident that they would like to destroy Congressman Reece and get a Congressman from the First District whom they can control. In looking over the available material, they naturally decided that Mr. Pierce who had been used on the text book commission would best suit their purpose. He conferred with Mr. Hal Clements of Knoxville and other politicians from over the state. They promised to get behind him and try to put him over. It is not known what he promised in return in the event of his election. The only thing he had to offer was a promise to surrender the interests of the First District to the insatiable thirst for power and personal gain of the unscrupulous politicians of outside the First District.

SCHOOL BOOK PRICES

It was not by chance that they selected Mr. Pierce as the man they could dominate. They checked up on his record and saw that he was a member of the Tennessee Text-Book Commission in 1925 which was manifestly dominated by the book trusts. The exorbitant prices fixed by Mr. Pierce and his colleagues on this commission are so well known to the parents of the First District that it is not necessary to give the details here. Remember that the price you must pay for your children's school books was fixed by Mr. Pierce and the other members of the commission.

REECE FAITHFUL TO DISTRICT

Congressman Reece has given his full time and attention to the duties of his office since he has been in Congress. He has been a faithful and efficient servant of the people and deserves renomination. He has never turned a deaf ear to any call for assistance from any citizen of the First District, rich or poor, black or white, high or lowly.

When you go to the polls on August 5th and vote for Congressman Carroll Reece you will be voting to protect your rights as a citizen and loyal republican of the First District.

—Published and distributed by Carroll Reece
Campaign Committee, E. C. Alexander,
Manager, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Carroll Reece For Congress

Republican Primary August 5th.



HE BELIEVES IN Honesty in Public as well as in Private Life.

He is an honest, upright, capable and well qualified man from the mountains of Johnson County, who has always had the confidence of the good, honest people of Tennessee.

Republicans of The First District:

In asking for re-nomination Congressman Carroll Reece is standing squarely on his record during the time he has been honored as your representative in Congress. In view of the fact that he is standing on this record it is deemed proper you should be informed as to the facts pertaining to it.

His opponents have made and published many statements regarding him and what he has done that are absolutely untrue. The people of the First Congressional District are intelligent and will not be misled by a campaign of abuse and misrepresentation. What he has done as your Congressman is all a matter of record. If his opponents will not concede that these are all facts let them point out the errors from the record. If they do not bring the record to prove any statements they make against him you will be justified in putting it down at once as a falsehood put out purely for the purpose of trying to gain political advantage.

Facts From The Record

THE RECORD DOES NOT LIE

The following facts are taken from the Official Record and cannot be contradicted. All matters referred to may be checked by referring to the Congressional Record or by writing the Department of the Government concerned.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Congressman Reece has always stood for the development of East Tennessee and its resources. He has been largely instrumental in initiating and getting through Congress a bill providing for the establishment of a great national park in the Smoky Mountains including about three hundred thousand acres of land in the First Congressional District. During his last campaign Congressman Reece promised the people he would not cease his efforts until the park was established. This bill has been signed by the President and the park will be established as soon as the land can be taken over by the government.

DEVELOPMENT OF EAST TENNESSEE WATER POWER

Congressman Reece has co-operated with the government in getting a complete survey made of the rivers of East Tennessee as a result of which hundreds of thousands of dollars in capital will be attracted here. It was through his efforts that the original appropriation for this purpose was made.

GOOD ROADS

Since Congressman Reece has been in office there has been expended or contracted to be expended \$1,680,708.96 in the construction of Federal Aid Highways in the First Congressional District. During this time there has been appropriated from the federal treasury a total of 400 million dollars for Federal Aid in the construction of highways. Through the efforts of Congressman Reece the First Congressional District has received more of this Federal road money than most other Congressional Districts have received.

NATIONAL FORESTS IN FIRST DISTRICT

Since Congressman Reece has been in office he has succeeded in getting the government to purchase about 75000 acres of mountain land in the First District as a national forest reserve for which has been paid about a half million dollars.

FARM RELIEF

Congressman Reece was born and reared on a farm and lived and worked on his father's farm until he was 22 years old. Since he has been in Congress he has co-operated to the fullest extent with the farmers' organizations and others interested in farmers legislation in getting through Congress bills designed to lighten the burden of the farmer and increase the prices of his products. Without exception he has always voted in the interest of the farmers.

EX-SERVICE MEN

If there is any one thing that Congressman Reece has given his time and attention, to the neglect of other things, it has been the interest of the ex-service men of the First District and their widows, orphans and dependents. He is one of the outstanding heroes of the World War from the First Congressional District which has furnished so many brave soldiers for all the wars in which this nation has been engaged. When the call to arms was sounded, Carroll Reece left his work and enlisted without delay. He entered the service in April 1917 and served overseas with the 102nd Infantry nearly two years. He was at the front for 210 days, was engaged in 20 battles, was decorated for bravery in action with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Croix de Guerre with palm and cited for gallantry by General Pershing, Marshal Petain, General Hale, General Edwards and Colonel Lewis. The following citation by his Commanding General will indicate the character of his service:

RESCUED WOUNDED MEN UNDER FIRE

"In leading his company through four successful actions, Lieut. Reece was twice thrown violently to the ground and rendered unconscious by bursting shells but upon recovering consciousness he immediately reorganized his scattered command and consolidated his position. On several occasions under heavy enemy machine gun fire he crawled far in advance of his front line and rescued wounded men who had taken refuge in shell holes."

(Signed) HENRY C. HALE, Major General
"Commanding 26th Division."

When Mr. Joel N. Pierce, one of the opponents in this campaign tries to slur the honorable war record of Congressman Reece, as he did in his announcement and is doing in his speeches, he insults every honorably discharged soldier from this patriotic District. Congressman Reece offered his all when our country was in danger. Mr. Pierce offered nothing and boasts that he was "exempted from the draft." Also during the Spanish-American War many East Tennessee boys of same age as Mr. Pierce responded to McKinley's call for volunteers. Pierce did not.

REECE PASSED MOST BILLS

Congressman Reece secured the passage of more than one hundred bills that he has introduced. This is more bills than have been passed by any other member of Congress from Tennessee during the period covered. Many of these bills were for the relief of worthy citizens of the First District. He has always stood ready to render assistance in any way possible to the good people of the District who sent him to Congress. Some of them were very important bills for the benefit of the whole country. There was the Reece-Capper bill passed in the 68th Congress which saved the State of Tennessee alone tens of thousands of dollars in the purchase of road building machinery and from which practically every county in this District has benefitted. Then there was his bill giving an honorable discharge to minor soldiers of the World War who were given a bad discharge on account of enlisting under age, for which he will have the everlasting gratitude of thousands of patriotic boys.

REECE SECURED LIBERAL SHARE OF TENNESSEE PATRONAGE

Congressman Reece has secured more than forty general patronage appointments for men and women of the First District. The salaries of all these appointees amount to more than \$100,000.00 a year. In order to avoid controversy Congressman Reece compiled and distributed a list of these positions.

REECE'S STANDING IN CONGRESS

The fact that Congressman Reece has gotten more bills passed than any other Congressman from Tennessee since he has been there, should convince any fair minded man or woman that he stands high with his colleagues and has the co-operation of the republican administration. Remember that every member from Tennessee has been in Congress longer than Congressman Reece with the exception of three - those from the 3rd, 7th and 8th Districts. This is a record of which every loyal republican of the First District is proud.

EXPERIENCE VALUABLE TO DISTRICT

Seniority is the greatest asset to a Congressman in accomplishing benefits for his District. This is a well recognized fact. In view of this, most Congressional Districts keep the same Congressman for a long period. All leaders have been in Congress ten years or more. Congressman Reece is rapidly gaining a position of prestige and leadership for the First District. Why send a new man to Congress who would have to begin at the foot of the class.

RECORDS OF REECE AND SELLS COMPARED

Mr. Pierce says that Congressman Sam R. Sells was a great Congressman. The Record shows that Congressman Reece has done more than twice as much during the two and one half terms he has been in Congress as Sells did during his first two and a half terms. The following data taken from the Congressional Record gives you the facts:

Board of Appeals for me and remained there practically all of one day.

What he has done for me I know of him doing for others. My ex-soldier friends, I believe where criticisms have been made, if all the facts were known it would be found that Mr. Reece did all possible for you, in the light of their presentment.

May I ask, how your hopes are to be strengthened in one who has never shared with you in the hardships of War? Remember campaign pledges are often forgotten. In the case of Mr. Pierce there are no soldier ties to bind. This is written, that justice may be rendered to whom justice is due.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(Signed) Thomas C. Hurley"

Notwithstanding the statements to the contrary published and broadcasted by his opponents, Congressman Reece has given the bulk of all federal appointments in the First District to ex-service men and every one familiar with the facts know this. His opponents point out a few instances where an ex-service applicant was not appointed postmaster or rural carrier. In one of these in-

Mr. Pierce's War Record

Mr. Pierce did not offer his services in either the World War or the Spanish-American war although he was eligible for service in both. He has the audacity to publicly boast that he was exempted from the draft and to insult every veteran of the First District who served honorably by slurring the decorations received by Congressman Reece for risking his life to rescue his wounded comrades.

When this country was in the throes and perils of a Great War, Congressman Reece left his school duties and offered his all in its defense.

Mr. Pierce offered nothing and appears to be proud of it. He seems to think it was a joking matter, a proper subject for ridicule, that a First District man went beyond his duty and risked his life in rescuing wounded comrades.

VOTE FOR CARROLL REECE FOR CONGRESS
Republican Primary August 5th

stances the man they prate about so vociferously happened to be one of those unfortunate boys who received a dishonorable discharge from the Army.

In another case protests were filed, supported by affidavits, showing the applicant was an unfit person and guilty of such misconduct on the part of himself as to render his appointment impossible. The opposition refers to these subjects but have never shown the details of the cases, nor the entire facts involved.

Remember that since Congressman Reece has been in office there has been appointed upon his recommendation about three hundred men and women in the District. When Mr. Pierce bewails the three or four instances where ex-service men were not appointed, why does not he in justice mention the hundreds of ex-service men that Congressman Reece has had appointed?

The reason is that he cannot face the facts.

Remember that any one who boasts about escaping the draft and shows no regard for honorable war service when this country was in danger is not going to be worth very much to any ex-soldier, his widow, his orphans, his friends or the people in general. This is not the kind of material from which true servants of the people are made.

The man who has been tried and found true on the firing line and has the high character and honorable record that Carroll Reece has, is certain to serve the people better than one who is dishonorable enough to pick out unwarranted instances and tell half-facts in an attempt to poison the minds of the ex-soldiers to get their votes.

Prepared and distributed by the
Carroll Reece Campaign Committee,
E. C. Alexander, Manager,
Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Congressman Carroll Reece Has Been Faithful to His Comrades in Arms

Congressman Reece has not sought to use his distinguished war record to gain personal or political advantage and seldom, if ever, refers to it. Since one of his opponents, Mr. Pierce has sought in his printed circulars and speeches to prejudice Congressman Reece's comrades by speaking disparagingly of his honorable record as a soldier and slurring the decorations he received

for bravery on the field of battle where so many of his comrades and friends fell, it is deemed proper for his friends to call the attention of the people of the First District to the loyal service he rendered during the war and the faithful manner in which he, as your Congressman, has stood by the soldiers, their widows, orphans and dependents.

His War Record

Immediately upon the outbreak of the war Carroll Reece left his school work and entered the service. He went overseas in October 1917, where he served nearly two years. He was at the front 210 days

and was engaged in 20 battles. Whether this service to his country was loyal and devoted may best be determined by the following citations taken from official records of the War Department:

General Pershing Says Reece Displayed Ability and Determination

"He led his company brilliantly in the attack upon St. Mihiel Salient and during the operations of the 26th Division north of Verdun. Confronted later by a task of great difficulty when placed in command of a battalion, which suffered heavy casualties and became badly disorganized, he

displayed marked ability and determination in reorganizing his command and moulding it into a good fighting unit, able, under his leadership, to achieve valuable results."

(Signed) Gen. John J. Pershing."

General Hale Says Reece Rescued Wounded Men Under Fire

"In leading his company through four successful actions, Lieut. Reece was twice thrown violently to the ground and rendered unconscious by bursting shells but upon recovering consciousness he immediately reorganized his scattered command and consolidated his position. On several

occasions under heavy enemy machine gun fire he crawled far in advance of his front line and rescued wounded men who had taken refuge in shell holes."

(Signed) Henry C. Hale, Major General
Commanding 26th Division"

Marshall Petain Says Reece Led His Company in Four Successful Attacks in Six Days

This officer of great bravery from the 23rd to the 28th of October, 1918, in the Bois D'Ormont, north of Verdun, gallantly led his company in four attacks against the enemy. After these attacks he reorganized his scattered units and repulsed the powerful counter-attacks of the enemy.

Later, disregarding the great danger, he personally went forward into "No-Man's Land" and carried wounded men back to the lines."

(Signed) Petain, Commander-in-Chief of
the French Armies in the East."

General Edwards Praises Reece's Gallant Conduct and Devotion to Duty

"I have read with much pleasure the reports of your regimental commander and brigade commander regarding your gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on October 23-29, under heavy enemy fire—Bois d'Ormont, north of Verdun—

and have ordered your name and deed to be entered in the record of the Yankee Division."

(Signed) C. R. Edwards, Commanding
26th Division."

His Comrades Loved and Admired Him

Part of a letter referring to Lieut. Reece written by Sergeant Ramsey to his brother following an attack:

"When we went over the top the last time, he was right there with a bayonet and a rifle, and I said to myself, the first Dutchman that gets him does not go back to tell about it."

Part of a statement made by the

twenty-four men of his company who survived:

"A braver soldier never lived. He is the type of officer who lost self out of consideration for the men under him and out of devotion to duty."

"He was simply like a father to us; our interests were always uppermost in his mind. He unquestionably loved us and in turn we loved and admired him."

Attacks of Opponents Proved Unfounded

One of Congressman Reece's opponents, Mr. Pierce, has been constantly blabbing about him not having done anything for his comrades of the World War. The record of Congressman Reece belie his utterances in every regard. Most of the ex-service men of the District personally know what Congressman Reece has done for them individually. As to the general character of his work for them in Washington will you believe the slanderous accusations of one who showed no disposition to serve in the World War or any other War or will you believe the statements of the official representatives in Washington of the Veteran's organizations? These are all high minded patriotic Veterans who are devoting their time exclusively to the interests of the ex-service men. They would doubtless be disappointed to see a man sent to Congress from this patriotic First District who is so unpatriotic as to boast that he did not serve in the War and who has so little regard for the honorable service rendered our country on the field of battle as to

publicly cast aspersions on the decorations received by Congressman Reece for going out into No-Man's Land and rescuing wounded buddies at great danger to his own life.

Washington, D. C.
June 2, 1926

J. D. McDonald, Commander,
Dixie Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
National Sanatorium, Tenn.

Dear Comrade McDonald:

Naturally, as Chairman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislative Committee and in fulfilling my duty as such, I have had occasion to become familiar with the work of the various member of Congress, and to keep close tab on their interest in the veterans of all wars, not only in respect to assisting and having benefit legislation passed for them and their dependents, but also in assisting them and their National Representatives with their claims and troubles.

Now that the present session of the 69th Congress is drawing to a close, I am pleased to say to you that the Honorable B. Carroll Reece, your representative in Congress from the 1st Congressional District of Tennessee, has always been found to be a diligent, faithful and efficient worker in behalf of the veterans and their dependents. In fact, everyone here in Washington looks upon him as one of the best

friends that the veterans have in the House of Representatives.

He has been instrumental in getting through Congress by his personal efforts, over and above those of the average Congressman quite important legislation for the veterans.

I have particularly in mind just at present, his bill providing for the honorable discharge of those who served in the World War and who were discharged on account of minority enlistments. A copy of this law has just been received from the Government Printing Office after it has passed both Houses of Congress and been signed by the President. The veterans are very fortunate indeed, in having him as not only a member of that important Committee on Military Affairs, but also the fact that he is Chairman of a Sub-Committee in which position he is of inestimable help to the veterans' cause and has accomplished much. He has never once failed to respond to any call that this organization has made upon him and they have been many.

If there ever was a man who represented his District and his State as well as the Veterans' cause, Comrade B. Carroll Reece, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, is that man and I think he should be induced to continue his work in Congress.

Let us do everything we can to keep him there.

With best regards, I am,

Yours in comradeship,

(Signed) Edwin S. Bettelheim, Jr.
Chairman

"American Legion National Headquarters

Washington, D. C.

Western Union Telegram

W. R. Montgomery,
Sevierville, Tenn.

Carroll Reece, ex-service man and Mem-

ber of Congress from your District, has consistently supported all legislation advocated by the American Legion in any way affecting the ex-service men of the World War. His thorough knowledge of these legislative matters and his own experience make him a leader on soldier legislation. He has consistently worked for the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill and he introduced the resolution that forced the Ways and Means Committee to report the bill. We look to him for guidance and counsel and consider him one of the best friends of the American Legion in Congress."

(Signed) John Thomas Taylor, Chairman,
"National Legislative Committee, The
American Legion."

AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Telegram

Washington, D. C.
May 27, 1926.

"Harry A. Smith, Commander,
King's Mountain Post,
American Legion,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Retel twenty-fifth. Carroll Reece has been exceedingly helpful in furthering proper interests of disabled men and their dependents and has co-operated in all other matters coming under purview of this office. He has never to my knowledge turned his back on a worthy case.

(Signed) Watson B. Miller, Chairman
National Legislative Committee
American Legion."

Letter of Mr. Thomas C. Hurley, A Disabled Soldier From Greene County

Tampa, Florida,
June, 1926

"I note that Mr. Joel N. Pierce, who is opposing Hon. B. Carroll Reece for Congress from the first District, has much to say relative to Mr. Reece not being faithful to the trust imposed in him by his Comrades. It would indeed be unjust to Mr. Reece should I sit by, without a word in his behalf, and see him unjustly criticized and persecuted since he has done so very much for me.

My personal experience with Congressman Reece prompts the following facts:

I had a very hard but meritorious claim,

which necessitated the assistance of my Congressman. Upon application, I found in him one who was ready and willing to do all possible for me, going further than his official duties required that justice might be rendered. He called at the Veterans Bureau in person quite a number of times. He called on me at the National Sanatorium, at Johnson City, Tenn., and then when I was in the Navy Hospital at Washington, D. C., in December 1924, he and Mrs. Reece called to see me on Christmas day, while I was confined to bed, presenting me with a Christmas present.

In January, 1925, he went before the

PRICES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND FIGURES DO NOT LIE

Pierce claims credit and honor for lowering the price of one book 11 cents. Here is the way it was done: The price was raised from 18 cents to 50 cents, and then lowered to 39 cents; thus raising it 32 cents to get to lower it 11 cents, and leaving it actually 21 cents higher than the 1919 adoption. Some honor to this.

Here Are Some Figures:

Old Book Prices	What You Pay New
.24 Primer40
.18 Speller39
.84 Primary Geography	\$1.21
.34 Primary Arithmetic57
.90 Civics	1.03
.48 Grammar60
.75 Thompson's History U. S.	1.05
.57 Sixth Reader83
\$1.52 Ancient History	1.72
1.33 Advanced Geography	1.70
.34 Wentworth Primary Book57
.17 Exchange Price Primary Book03 THREE CENTS

The exchange value of many books was completely destroyed, leaving the old books without value upon the hands of the parents.

PIERCE HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT HE IS PROUD OF THIS TEXT BOOK RECORD; BUT NO ONE ELSE HAS BEEN FOUND WHO IS PROUD OF THIS GROSS OUTRAGE.

Again Pierce says that he is not responsible for the adoption, which is an admission that the text book outrage is embarrassing to him, but he is recorded as having taken full part in the entire adoption and should bear the responsibility.

CARROLL REECE WOULD NOT HAVE SACRIFICED THE RIGHTS OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN, BUT WOULD HAVE STOOD UP, LIKE THE MAN AND SOLDIER HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE, AND FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT.

"Choose you this day whom you would have serve you."

You can secure additional copies of this text book from Carroll Reece. Headquarters. Elizabethton. Tenn.

Pierce Offers Weak Defense to Present HIGH PRICES OF BOOKS

Pierce attempts to fool the people again by quoting 1924 prices, but he fails to state that Tennessee had no contract nor legal adoption in 1924, and that that year the publishers were allowed to fix their own prices for books. On the back of this leaflet is the state contract price of 1919, and the state contract price of 1925. Pierce helped to fix the latter upon the people of Tennessee. You pay less now for all commodities than in 1919, EXCEPT your SCHOOL BOOKS.

Regardless of what Pierce may say about the publisher's own prices of 1924, the people know that they are now paying too much for school books, and that they have been outrageously robbed under the 1925 Pierce adoption. Why didn't Pierce have the books kept at least as low as the 1919 prices? Why did he serve the books trusts instead of the people? Let the people who buy books for their children this year answer on August 5th, by voting against Pierce.

SECOND EDITION

THE SCHOOL BOOK SCANDAL

A text book that will give the people facts from the record as to increased cost of school books.

Read, study and then decide whether or not you should vote for any candidate who has helped inflict these high prices upon the people.

All explanations, promises, admissions, alibis, etc., cannot right this wrong, or lighten the burden which has been put upon the backs of the school children and their parents.

Any man who is unable or unwilling to protect the rights of poor school children should not be further trusted nor given another chance to betray the rights of the people.

REECE SHOWS UP TEXT BOOK RECORD OF PIERCE

Washington, May 26.—“Parents of public school pupils know that they are paying more for their school books than they did previously,” Congressman Carroll Reece declared today in a statement replying to a recent letter which is being circulated from P. L. Harned.

“There was no need of the spokesman for my opponent writing to Nashville for facts concerning the text book adoption, when any parent in the First District who sends children to school could have told him the truth about the high price being paid for school books—however he may not be seeking information and truth from those who are suffering from the high prices, but probably preferred to get his ‘facts’ from one directly connected with the text book adoption who would naturally stand ready to undertake to whitewash any member that served on the Text Book Commission. About the time this whitewash was being furnished from Nashville, the Nashville Banner, a newspaper of wide circulation and known throughout the country for its independent stand on matters and a paper well known for its truth and veracity, published an editorial containing the following:

“In the 1925 adoption the price of text books was increased perhaps on an average of 50 per cent. The prices in some instances were increased 300 to 400 per cent. The largest increase in prices were on books which are used most—the books which have to be purchased in greatest numbers.

“The exchange price of old books was practically destroyed. Old books which had been exchanged at 50 to 60 cents were reduced to 3 cents.

“When the increase in the purchase price and the reduction in the exchange price are both considered, it is a shocking outrage. Such tremendous increas-

es cannot be defended on the grounds that market conditions justified such an increase. That prices were at the peak in 1919 is known by all. That such prices had greatly declined by 1925 is also known. Why, in view of the material decline in market prices, it was necessary to greatly increase the price of text-books in 1925, is something that the average citizen has not been able to understand. That it was necessary to make such an increase, has not been and never can be shown. This adoption by this Text Book Commission, in 1925, produces an unsavory situation which should challenge the attention of the parents of the school children of this state.’

“The above editorial was not written in connection with my candidacy nor in reference to either of my opponents, but for the purpose of giving the truth to the people of Tennessee concerning the text book adoption of 1925. However, Mr. Harned stated that one of my opponents, Mr. Pierce, served on the Text Book Commission of 1925 and voted for the text book adoption. I am sure that the people will welcome any further argument from any of my opposition as to whether or not the Nashville Banner is telling the truth about the text book adoption. I believe the people of the First District feel just as the Nashville Banner feels about this text book adoption—that is, that the 1925 adoption cannot be defended or justified, that it produces an unsavory situation, and has challenged the attention of the parents of school children, not only in the First District, but all over the state. When my opposition have tried to further explain this unsavory text book adoption of 1925, I shall have further facts and figures showing the extent to which the school children and their hard working parents of the First District have been robbed by the text book adoption of 1925.”

PROMINENT TENNESSEE NEWSPAPER, IN EDITORIAL, GIVES FACTS AND FIGURES FROM PUBLIC RECORD.

Nashville Banner, Thursday, May 27, says:

Congressman Carroll Reece is being opposed in the primary campaign in the First district of Tennessee by Joel N. Pierce.

Mr. Pierce is a member of the Tennessee Text Book Commission and is being held responsible for the increased price of text books, as adopted in 1925, to the parents of the school children of Tennessee.

This increase is estimated at anywhere from \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00.

In his campaign Mr. Reece has been bomb shelling his opponent for countenancing this tremendous hold-up of the parents of our children for the benefit of the text book trust.

Mr. Pierce, driven to the wall, has called upon State Commissioner of Education Harned for a certificate of character and for defense of the gross outrage. The reply of Harned was characteristic, which means that it isn't or shouldn't be in the least effective. Harned's complete unreliability has been established.

The cost prices of the school books adopted in 1919 and those adopted in 1925 and their exchange values are matters of public record. They cannot be changed by official asseveration or any denials of professional politicians.

Mr. Reece was exact in his general charges.

Heretofore when new books have been adopted the old books were traded in by the owners at an exchange value of about half the price of the new books. By this exchange price patrons of the schools were saved large amounts in the purchase of new books.

Take one instance. The two arithmetics adopted in 1919 were the Wentworth-Smith series. The primary book in 1919 was listed at 34 cents, with an exchange value of 17 cents; the same kind of book was

listed in 1925 at a price of 61 cents, with an exchange price of only three cents. Other text books and the exchange prices thereon similarly cost the taxpayers large sums of money. There is no mystery about it. Any one can prove the cost by comparing the price lists of 1919 and 1925.

It should be borne in mind that in 1919, when the text books contract was made, prices of all material and labor was very high. Such prices were considerably lower in 1925, or six years later. The books adopted were far more costly than those of 1919.

Take for instance, the Child's World Primer. It was 24 cents in 1919; it became 40 cents in 1925. Readers were similarly advanced. The same geographies that had been priced at 84 cents and \$1.21 respectively, were listed in 1925 at \$1.33 and \$1.70, respectively. History price was increased from 75 cents to \$1.05, the very same book. Exchange values were as materially decreased. To illustrate: the Wentworth primary book, listed at 34 cents new in 1919, exchange value 17 cents; 1925 this book costs 57 cents, less three cents allowed for exchange of old books, leaving the net cost 54 cents against 17 cents in 1919. The Grammar School Book, listed at 61 cents new, could be bought for 30 cents plus the old book. All of the readers listed as adopted in 1925 were adopted for the first time in 1919. Each could be bought for one-half the list price, with the old books turned in. And so all down the line.

The long and short of the whole matter is that listed prices and exchange values adopted in 1925 being set down and the number of children in the schools of the state being known, an approximate estimate may be had of the tremendous increase in cost to the parents of Tennessee of the books adopted in 1925 of over \$600,000.00. Somebody has profited hugely; not the patrons of the schools. They bear the enormous loss.

Republican Primary Guide Ticket

For Congress

vote for one

O B LOVETT

JOEL N PIERCE X

B CARROLL REECE

For Members State Executive

Committeemen

vote for two

E C ALEXANDER

J GORDEN BOWERS X

E E HATHAWAY X

FRED H PARVIN

For Members State Executive

Committeewomen

vote for two

MRS MAMIE FULLER COOK

MRS DONA LIVESAY X

MRS BULA MASSEY PACK

MRS E CURTIS WALLEN X