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The Party in National Politics, the Individual in Local Politics

AN EDITORIAL

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The Chicago Defender is independent in politics. It wears the yoke of no master. It is the hireling of no politician, the heeler of no particular party. It weighs the candidates for public office solely as to their fitness and makes such recommendations as it believes will be for the best interests of the Race. In a national campaign, such as we are now passing through, interest in the election of a president has a tendency to blind us to the necessity of a careful review of those seeking important though lesser offices. For this reason we suggest that a careful survey be made, especially of the local field, with a view of giving your vote to men, regardless of the party or faction to which they may belong, whose records and reputations warrant your support.

We distrust the radicalism of LaFollette. We believe him to be a dangerous experiment in the administration of government. He stands upon a platform, some of the planks of which are dangerously unsound, so we must cast this ticket into the discard. The scholarly attainments and legal ability of John W. Davis are to be admired. However, we must confess he is to be feared as the nation's chief executive, because his election would bring the South back to power and influence at the national capital. This would be little short of a calamity. To the men and women who think, who love their country and who wish to see it continue to prosper, Calvin Coolidge and the Republican party stand boldly out as the best, safest and most logical advocates of the sort of democracy Americans crave. Even though we may be justified in feeling that the Republican party has not done for us all that it could or all that it should, nevertheless, in this three-cornered fight it is the safest faction to ally ourselves with today.

Ours is essentially a party government. Nearly every elective position, national and state, legislative and judicial, is chosen through

the medium of nominations made through and by party machinery. We usually have two major parties. Occasionally a third party springs into existence, growing out of abnormal and temporary conditions, but as a general rule they are short-lived and the party headed by LaFollette, from all indications, is headed for the rocks like the one sponsored by the late Theodore Roosevelt.

Why the Democratic party seldom, if ever, is supported by a majority of the electorate can be easily explained. In the first place, it stands for a tariff for revenue only, which virtually means free trade and free trade means low wages as well as cheap products. Again its attitude upon public questions is the opposite of what its name implies. Democracy means a government of, for and by the people, in which all stand upon an equal footing and enjoy equal rights and privileges without restraint or limitation. The history of the party is just the opposite of this. Hence, the Democratic party is shouldered with the responsibility of every wrong, every injustice, every criminal act which is calculated to undermine, if not to destroy, the foundation of our government.

So, we repeat, in this national election it is of the utmost importance to keep the Republican party in power. We can afford at this critical time to take no chances, to make no experiments. We know what we have in President Coolidge, a man safe and sound to the core and one who can be relied upon to keep this country out of foreign entanglements. Vote the straight Republican national ticket and our country will continue to prosper.

It is to be regretted that the voters at the coming election are to be confronted with a ballot so large that it is bound to be confusing. For this reason we strongly urge our voters to put a cross in the circle at the head of the Republican column and thus remove the danger that might arise from attempting to scratch the ballot.