

Dr. Pardee Calls On Citizens to Elect Stephens

Alameda County People Are Asked to Wear Masks and Support Governor

OAKLAND, October 25.—Former Governor Dr. George C. Pardee, vice-president of the Republican State Central Committee, mixed public health and politics in the following statement to voters of Alameda county, sent out today by the Alameda county Republican Central Committee:

"The first thing every citizen must think about at this time is to free our State from influenza. To all voters I say, 'Wear your mask' and do all that your health authorities require of you. Patriotism begins right at home, your own home. If you want to be careless of your own life, at least do not help to kill anybody else. You may have a kick against wearing a 'mask—we've all got kicks against something or other—but if you enjoy good health and are confident of your immunity from disease, thank God for it, and prove your gratitude by using the common sense that the same good God has given you.

"After life and health, a long way after, yet of supreme importance, comes the question of our choice of those who shall direct our public affairs. A few days hence the people of this State must choose a leader. Here again we face a problem far greater than any merely State issue. Men proved to be one in heart, sentiment and action with President Wilson's war policies are the only ones who need apply to the people of America for support at the coming election. In California this question is absolutely settled. In his every action and expression Governor Stephens has demonstrated his unswerving loyalty to the President and to his country. In this great example to the people of California Governor Stephens has known neither Democratic nor Republican parties. Americanism alone and untainted has been his political creed and patriotism his practice.

"His opponent has a record of another kind. There can be no comparison made. The independent candidate represents a type altogether different from that of California's 'War Governor.'"

Theodore Bell traveled over this country in 1912 denouncing President Wilson, and his unfair, if not positively disloyal, utterances at that time are still fresh in the public mind. On the question of the Federal regulation of the liquor traffic, Bell is avowedly and absolutely opposed to the President and to a Democratic Congress. In Alameda county we have the plainest evidence of Bell's ideas of loyalty in his remarkable letter to one Sykes, a secessionist of Berkeley.

"The voters of Alameda county are overwhelmingly Republican, as the primary showed. Governor Stephens is, we are all proud to say, a Republican. It is for us to do our plain and loyal duty and vote for the Republican candidate because in voting for him we are once more pledging our support to our country and our President in the most critical moment of our national life."