

THE TRUTH ABOUT WYATT AIKEN

(Political Advertisement.)

To the Voters of the Third District: The scurrilous attack made on me by one J. M. Baker...

The situation did not change as quickly as Baker would have us believe...

And now, after having been taken care of for all these years, he has traveled his bonafactor in his old age...

Many people will recall the fact that when A. C. Latimer first ran for congress Baker fought him most outrageously...

AS TO IMMIGRATION

Dominick's man Baker accuses me of having favored unrestricted immigration, and of having introduced a bill with this end in view.

A SLIMY TRAIL.

At the opening campaign meeting at Newberry, when Mr. Dominick was making a garbled and misleading statement as to my record in Congress...

THE MCALLA CAMPAIGN.

Baker says the cause of my ill-will toward him is that he supported the late lamented I. H. McCalla in his campaign against me.

HOW BAKER LANDED.

Baker says I opposed his election as Secretary of the United States Senate. I did do that, and my only regret is that my efforts were not successful.

THE PURE FOOD LAW

It is charged that I voted against the pure food bill. This is another half-truth, which is worse than outright falsehood.

AS TO THE SPEECHES

Deker makes the insinuation that I have not written the speeches that I have made in Congress, that I have had to get somebody else to prepare them for me.

of some very valuable data collected by Mr. McBee for the benefit of the members of Congress...

Every two years the democratic campaign committee issues a Campaign Handbook, for use in the pivotal districts, and for the guidance of Democratic speakers and editors...

AS TO ABSENTEEISM.

It is charged that I have been away from the House a great deal while it has been in session, that out of 991 roll calls I was absent 253 times.

Dear Sir:—In response to your inquiry we, the members of the Committee on Ways and Means of the Sixty-second Congress...

(Signed.) Yours very truly, O. W. Underwood, Henry T. Rainey, Cordell Hull, A. Mitchell Palmer, Claude Kitchen, Lincoln Dixon, Andrew J. Peters, Francis Burton Harrison, W. S. Hammond, D. W. Shackelford, Elie M. James, Wm. H. Clegg.

If Baker will read this statement he will find attached to it the name of Hon. Ollie M. James of Kentucky, who was a member of the Ways and Means Committee in the Sixty-second Congress...

THE ANDERSON POSTOFFICE

It is charged that I have kept an unworthy man, a republican, in office as postmaster at Anderson, because of political cowardice.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

It is charged that I was not made Chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia, in spite of my seniority, because I had been neglectful of duty in attending the committee meetings...

Some months ago, Mr. Cochran, the postmaster at Anderson, and the assistant postmaster and the assistant postmaster's father, after having been friends for a long time, became estranged and some bitter feelings ensued.

THE CANAL VOTE.

I am criticised because I did not vote with President Wilson on the canal tolls matter. This has been thrashed out time and again, but I had as well say something about that, too.

It is true that when the difficulty between the postmaster and the assistant postmaster first occurred some good people at Anderson wrote to me that they thought the postmaster should be removed.

It is true that these ministers of the city of Anderson did sign a petition to the President, asking that the postmaster be removed. Two of them I understand, have but recently come to Anderson and they had not had time to get acquainted with conditions.

favoring a ship subsidy is equally false. On the other hand, if the coastwise ships using the canal have to pay tolls, and that will be in the interests of the railroads...

Baker characterizes Mr. Cochran as "a drunken sot." Mr. Cochran is able to take care of himself, and Baker will probably be called to account for such language.

So much for the Anderson postoffice. There has been no vacancy, although a desperate effort has been made to create one.

As I have stated, if I had had my way Mr. Cochran and every other Republican postmaster in the country would have been removed long ago.

I have every reason to believe that if it were left to the patrons of the Anderson postoffice, 90 per cent of them would vote for Mr. Cochran to serve his term out.

Several persons have stated that they heard Mr. Dominick say, just after this vote was taken, that if he had been in Congress he would have voted just as I did.

THE USE OF MONEY.

It is charged that I have spent a great deal of money in my campaign, that I have "degraded and corrupted politics." This must be amusing to those who never knew a great deal of money, because I have not had it to spend.

"LITTLE THINGS"

It is charged that my work in Congress has consisted of "little things." Well, life itself is made up of little things. I have always believed that a man who does little things well does a tolerably big thing.

It is given to but few members of Congress to get their names connected with national legislation. Take the new tariff law, for instance.

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SIXTY-SIX BILLS

nick that I have secured the passage of only 66 bills since I have been in Congress. I have not counted them, but if there were as many as 66 bills that is probably 50 per cent greater than any other member of Congress has to his credit during my service.

campaign without making any direct reference to Mr. Dominick, but since he has seen fit to help circulate false statements about me I will tell the truth about him.

IN CONCLUSION

I have tried to answer this slanderous attack fully, although I believe it has not cost me votes, because I felt that I owed to my friends, who have been so true to me in the past, an essential charge if it is because I have overlooked it.

And in conclusion I want to say that I have lived all my life in the Third District, more than half a century, and am now serving my sixth term in Congress. My life has been an open book. I know the people of the district, and I believe they know me.