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IN BEHALF OF THE CANDIDACY OF WILLIS MAHONEY, DEM-  
OCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

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*Good even my friends,*  
~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

Writ in our country's reddest blood are the cruel records of the struggles and sufferings of patriotism, while laboring to give birth to a new nation. Hallowed by age and sacred memories are the nightmare tales of Valley Forge, when despair in vain sat brooding over the smouldering fires of hate, and the cold dark night of disappointment settled like a pall over the sons of liberty. Just when the night was darkest, Tom Payne brought hope and cheer in his book "The Crisis", whose opening words "These are the times that try men's souls" are known to every schoolboy. When the long, dark night was over, and the morn of liberty's day began to break, our fathers gathered together to formulate a plan of government. After due deliberation, these great men adopted our far-famed Constitution as it came from the hand of Governor Morris, a dreamer and very unorthodox. When the heel of the oppressor was upon the neck of the Colonies, when foreign soldiers were quartered in American homes to compel submission to royal tyrants, there came to us from across the seas, one who said "Where liberty is not, there is my country."

In speaking to you for Mayor Mahoney this night, I do so with no political aims or motives of personal gain whatsoever. Mayor Mahoney knows better than to offer me any political plum, for no political plum can ever interest me.

The question has been oft asked of recent weeks "Why did Dr. Robinson personally interest himself in Mayor Mahoney's campaign?" and I am here to tell you just why I did that. I think I am well enough known that any thinking man or woman knows that I would not be allied with the cause of Mayor Mahoney unless I were absolutely convinced that his principles and ideals were of the very highest type, and not only that, but were for the good of the common people of the State of Oregon. I was practically raised in this State. My father-in-law, as you know, is Judge Leavitt of Klamath Falls. I learned the drug business in Portland in the old Portland Hotel Pharmacy, and before I had won national

and international recognition, Portland was my home.

It has been stated in the local papers that the Mahoney campaign is the most capably directed and perfectly financed of any campaign ever waged in the State of Oregon. The question has been asked, "Where is all this money coming from?" Ladies and Gentlemen, *nearly* every dollar spent in this campaign has been donated to the campaign by myself. I have paid for every radio talk and have also paid for, or will pay for, *nearly* every piece of printed literature that has been distributed. Personally I am not a politician. I happen to be so situated that politics hold no charms for me, but I am interested in the cause of right and justice, whether in Idaho or Oregon.

When I saw the three great newspapers of Portland aligned against Mayor Mahoney; when I saw the Power Trust pouring out dollars by the thousand to defeat this man; and when officials of the Power Trust told me personally that they could not afford to see Mayor Mahoney elected; and when I saw the crystalized opposition directed against my friend who stood there without a dollar to his name, I analyzed the cause of this opposition, and believe it or not, I am absolutely convinced that every fundamental upon which Mayor Mahoney's campaign has been built, is a true fundamental.

A few years ago, this marvelous country of ours faced destruction and revolution. Whether due to the Republican party or not, I am not going to state, but the fact remains that had it not been for the master mind and the master hand of that visionary Franklin D. Roosevelt, bloodshed and revolution would be rampant in this fair land of ours today.

Our past system of government at places has been rotten to the core, and in places still is rotten to the core. The heel of the capitalistic oppressor is at the present time still upon the neck of the common people, and were it not for men like Mahoney, this cruel oppressive heel would be very apt to stay there, but thank God, every so often, He raises up a man who not only has convictions, but has courage enough behind those convictions to freely and frankly state them. Such a man, backed by the principles of spiritual right and might always comes out a victor.

You have heard people say, and you have read in the newspapers "What has Mahoney ever done, and what is his past record?" All right -- let me tell you. Mayor Mahoney was born in the city in which I now reside-- Moscow, Idaho. He comes from one of the finest families that ever inhabited that country. His uncle is a resident of Portland, and his father lived in Washington when Washington was still Oregon. His uncle, Dr. McLean was for 16 years president of the University of Idaho; and while many attempts have been made to discredit Mayor Mahoney, every last one of them has failed. One of Oregon's ex-governors at the present moment, is running around Whitman County with detectives and a district attorney trying to dig up something against this boy's character in his attempt to crucify him in the interests of the Power Trust and the invisible government of the State of Oregon, from which, the records disclose, he has received much money during the past few years.

I have known this boy for a long time, and I am saying to you tonight, that regardless of the prediction of the Oregon Journal that his opposing candidate will carry every precinct in the State of Oregon, Mayor Mahoney will come very close to being nominated by a 2 to 1 majority.

Willis Mahoney's fight against the Power Trust is a sane, logical and much needed fight. One of your leading newspapers told me today that it conceded the nomination of Mayor Mahoney. When I asked them why they did not support him, their representative said that the Portland Chamber of Commerce brought so much pressure to bear on this paper, that they just simply could not do it. I own a newspaper, and I would like to see any Chamber of Commerce or any other organization tell me that I dare not support any candidate I believed to be right. The dollar never has yet, and never will control my policies with that newspaper, and I take ads from the power company.

The fight against the Portland Chamber of Commerce is perhaps a just one, although I am very much surprised to see the Portland Chamber of Commerce taking such an active part to defeat Mayor Mahoney. You undoubtedly heard the proceedings of that Monday Noon luncheon of the Portland Chamber of Commerce broadcast from the Portland Hotel. All candidates for the office of Governor were invited to speak.

Mayor Mahoney's opponent being out of the City, a representative was allowed to speak for him, but in the case of Mayor Mahoney, who could not possibly be at that meeting, his representative, who happened to be myself, was not allowed to speak; and this did not sit very well with the members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce I assure you, nor did it sit any too well with the radio audience, for it lent credence to Mayor Mahoney's claims that the Portland Chamber of Commerce is dominated by the Power Trust.

Mr. George Wisting was taken from office in the Portland Chamber of Commerce and given a nice fat salary and a swell office alongside of Paul McKee, President of the Power company.

What this performance on Monday noon actually did was to make votes for Mahoney by the hundreds.

Now, in conclusion, let me say to the people of Oregon that the very fact that I am behind Mayor Mahoney proves to thousands of people who know me, that his cause is just and right, for you could not buy me to contribute 10 cents to the campaign fund of any candidate who could not prove to me that his platform was for the best interests of the people of the State of Oregon.

The Journal is so sure that Mr. Mahoney's opponent will be nominated that it publishes that statement upon the front page. That is what it says, but that is not what it thinks. The nomination of Mr. Mahoney is conceded by virtually every newspaper and every organization in the State of Oregon, and the results <sup>tomorrow</sup> ~~next Friday~~ night will prove that the fearless stand for right and justice taken by Mayor Mahoney has been, and still is, a winning stand.

If the Power companies and the agents of the invisible government would like to make another vicious attack in the fall on Mayor Mahoney, we are ready, and regardless of what the Journal thinks or says, the next governor of the State of Oregon will be the man whom it has been my privilege to sponsor, Willis Mahoney, the fighting Mayor of Klamath Falls.

Let every Democrat go to the polls and put a cross opposite the name of <sup>Mayor Mahoney</sup> the cleanest candidate in the entire field, and the only candidate having a constructive platform. <sup>Republicans may write in the name of Willis Mahoney</sup>

Let every thinking man and woman in the State of Oregon weigh carefully the reason for the intense opposition manifested so palpably in recent weeks against Mayor Mahoney-- Fear is on every hand -- The Power Barons are afraid of his nomination! The newspapers don't want it! The Portland Chamber of Commerce quite evidently is working hand and glove with the allied power interests to prevent his nomination!

Someone once said, according to sacred writ, "Beware when all men speak well of you"; and, to carry this a little further, I presume the same scriptural writer would have said, "When no man speaks well of you, you probably are the best man for the people."

This is no time for animosities, and, you will notice, that throughout the entire Mahoney campaign the name of his opponent has never once been mentioned either by word of mouth over the radio, or in the papers. The appeal has just simply been straight from the shoulder into the hearts of men and women who are convinced that the "New Deal" of our President, Mr. Roosevelt, should be allowed to operate in the State of Oregon.

The future of Oregon is at stake in this election. If you want the old political machine, dominated by the power millionaires, to control, then don't vote for Mayor Mahoney. If, however, you do want to see the dawn of a new day; a day of equality; a day of justice; and a day of peace -- then vote for Willis Mahoney.

This new day is dawning. The first faint, glimmering beams of the sunlight of this new day may be seen peeping over the dark night of chaos and discontent. But, just as surely as you are listening to my voice this night, the future pathway of the human race is upwards. It is <sup>in</sup> critical moments like these that the way sometimes seems hard and the day seems long. Sometimes it seems as if the goal may elude our search, and sometimes like a mirage the ideal toward which we are all striving seems to be nothing more nor less than a desert dream. If, as the sun descends, the vision fades to nothingness, and twilight darkening into night leaves you upon life's trackless sands, disconsolate; let not hope despair;-- for, if men, prophets, like Mayor Mahoney are followed, then just as sure as the day follows the night, on the morrow, you will reach that reality whose reflection has lead us on throughout the day.

This may seem like a strange political speech to you, but it comes from out the depths of a heart which yearns for the dawning of the new day.

Any system of Government which gives to one at the expense of the other is a very fragile and shallow system, so lets get down to fundamental justice and equality and send to the State House in Salem, a man having a divine vision and having courage enough with that vision to bring it into existence.

I thank you and good night.

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