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## Gardner and Ashley.

So far as I know there have been no charges that particularly concern the people of Hammonton brought against Voorhees, Evans, or Wootten, Republican candidates respectively for Governor, State Senator, and Coroner. Those of the opposition have centered all their efforts on an endeavor to defeat Gardner and Ashley. The hopelessness of the case they try to make out against Gardner is shown by their illogical and unreasoning statements. Their fight against Ashley is much more bitter and determined, because they believe they can defeat him by false accusation and by harping on bootless and threadbare statements of facts. Let us briefly consider the so-called argument of the so-called (but nameless and therefore cowardly) correspondents from the various voting districts of the County.

It is claimed that Gardner was unprincipled in not voting for a certain set of Cuban resolutions. Let us see. Two sets of Cuban resolutions were passed: one by the House, the other by the Senate. After much time spent in debate, the House became tired and yielded to the Senate,—all but a very few members voting for the resolutions in their final form.

What principle was there involved; or what statement made in these resolutions for which at first a majority of the Congressmen would not vote? In these resolutions the following words occurred: "Resolved, that the people of the Island of Cuba, are, and of who ought to be, free and independent." This was a proposition contrary to fact in the then present time, and contrary to fact to-day. The people of Cuba were not free and independent, as is abundantly proved by the fact that we went to war to free them of their oppressors, and to give them a stable form of government; and moreover they have no right to be free and independent. They had the right to be freed from the tyrannous rule of an oppressive and decadent people; they had absolutely no right to the freedom and independence meant in this assertion, as the logic of events has most clearly proved.

Independence comes not because one is a member of the human family. If this were so, then babes, children, and even convicts would have as much right to freedom and independence as have men of honesty, culture and intelligence. Freedom is given men by law when they are capable of using it for their own well-being without doing despite to the rights of others. It is a product of advanced civilization, of quite mature evolution. And I again assert that the people of Cuba were not free; neither were they so far advanced in civilization as to be able to claim freedom as their right.

Had all Congressmen of the same opinion as Gardner, on this subject, been as brave as he, and as true to their convictions, the Cuban Resolutions would have been impregnable and an honor to our Country. As it is, through the failure of men to stand by the truth one weary hour longer, at least one statement in the Cuban resolutions was absolutely false, and our position in consequence was greatly weakened in the eyes of fair minded men the world over.

That first resolution entered to the group of men that had been howling long and incessantly for the recognition of the Cuban Republic. After the war had begun, what became of these men? Where did they betake themselves as soon as they found that the Cuban army was a myth and that the people of Cuba could not be given independence without doing them an injustice? Oh, where went the gaseous man from Texas? and the warlike Poroker? the sentimental Thurston? and the battle-brained Mason? Echo answers "where?" But the gentle breezy man, "To rest!"

No much for Gardner's vote on the Cuban resolutions. On that occasion, as well as at all other times, he has stood for the deepest and most patriotic feelings of the American people; and

to-day he is more worthy of the support of the voters of this district than ever before, because of his notable record in river and harbor matters, and his efforts to make the labor laws what they ought to be.

It is said that Mr. Gardner on one occasion treated the Hammonton delegation with discourtesy. This statement is absolutely false. I was one of that delegation. We were given an audience and talked over matters calmly and judicially, and all remember the interview with pleasure because of what we learned, and the cordial treatment we received at the hands of Mr. Gardner.

Nothing is said against either the character or public life of Leonard H. Ashley. Noble, fearless, absolutely honest and incorruptible in the performance of his public duties, his calumnies cast all these characteristics of the man aside and say that he is the candidate of the indefinite "ring," therefore should not be supported by independent Republicans. This statement is altogether beside the mark. The voters of this county don't want to be told how Ashley became the candidate of the Republican party for Assemblyman; they are not particularly concerned as to whether or not he is a "hail fellow well met." The social and jolly men do not always nicely discriminate between right and wrong. One cannot always count upon such a man to champion the cause of truth.

What the voters do want to know about Ashley is something as follows: if elected, will he do all in his power to support the administration of President McKinley? Will he always vote right on the bills brought before the legislature? Will he do all he possibly can to insure to the people of New Jersey just and stable laws, to the end that we may prosper and be protected in our rights? The answers to these questions can be found only in a study of the character and record of the man. Many years has he served the people. His record during the War of the Rebellion; while serving his State as an officer in the prison at Trenton; in the Sheriff's office at May's Landing; or when representing Atlantic County in the Legislature, is beyond criticism. Entering the army as a private, his bravery won him a Captaincy. Idolized by his men, in battle he was always a hero. In morals pure, in character incorruptible, in the service of his country, his state, or his county alike true, honest, and fearless in the performance of every smallest duty,—above reproach. Such are the character and record of Leonard H. Ashley. Will such a man, with such a record, now in the time of direst need, prove false to his constituents if again honored with a seat in legislative halls? Certainly not!

Look over the situation well and thoughtfully. Consider the fitness of the several candidates in the light of characters and records. Decide, then vote. In my judgment, you cannot possibly do your country, state, county a greater service than by voting for honest, heroic Len Ashley; or for John H. Gardner, the man, the patriot, the statesman. T. C. ELVING.

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