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Office of Secretary of State

Sara W. Mahan,  
Secretary of State

Frankfort

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Mr. Joseph F. Garbutt  
Hopkinsville Ky

Dear Sir:

Your Notification and Declaration as  
( Democratic ) Candidate for State Senator  
\_\_\_\_\_ District has been received  
and filed this date.

Sara W. Mahan,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

By - C. D. Roberts

C. D. Roberts,  
Chief Corporation Clerk

Ladies and Gentlemen;

As ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Archer of the staff of this Station has just told you, I am a candidate to REPRESENT YOU IN THE STATE SENATE for the next four years, and I am making this talk tonight, BECAUSE I WANT YOUR VOTE and YOUR SUPPORT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY on Saturday. *and give this message is for the voters in Hopkins and Christian Counties.*

If I did not feel that I was FITTED and QUATIFIED to fill this Most IMPORTANT office BETTER THAN MY OPPONENT CAN FILL IT, and fill it BETTER THAN HE HAS FILLED OTHER STATE OFFICES to which you have elected him,

I WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE. *I have the education, and I have had the experience in other states, and will look after the job.*

I was born in Christian County thirty three years ago, and I represent the FOURTH GENERATION of GARNETTS, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN DIRT FARMERS, TAX PAYERS, AND DEMOCRATS.

The salary that goes with <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ office of State Senator is very small, amounting to about \$300 a year. But if I can accomplish something worth while for our people of Hopkins and Christian Counties, then I will feel that I have been well paid.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES like NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS, seem to be made only to BE BROKEN, So I am not going to make PROMISES that I KNOW CAN'T BE KEPT. Rather, I am going to make ones that I KNOW I CAN, AND WILL, KEEP.

I promise you I will be HONEST. And that my VOTE IN THE SENATE, WILL NOT BE GOVERNED BY ANY EXPECTATION OF POLITICAL GAIN FOR MYSELF, PRESENT or FUTURE. And I also promise that I will vote the sentiment of this DISTRICT, and that I will be accountable to YOU, and to YOU ALONE, for the way I cast my vote.

I have some very DEFINITE IDEAS, some of which I will touch on briefly.

First, TAXES.

Taxes will be one of the main problems at the next regular session of the Legislature. *And I will say here that I am against the retail sales tax, or any other additional tax burdens.*

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of many children of this district.

And altho I do not profess to be an expert or authority on educational matters, I do know that the Efficiency Comission has made constructive recommendations , and mapped out after much thought and labor , a programe which ,if followed,will do much to remedy the inequality that now exists and <sup>will</sup> get rid of the patch-work school laws under which we have been struggling for many years.

*kept*  
1 ROADS.

I am interested with all the people of Christian and Hopkins counties in the completion of our state and primary system. Some ofn our important county roads, <sup>in this very</sup> have been included in the primary system as long as twelve years and yet nothing has been done to complete them. *Smith*

I feel most qualified and informed on this phase of legislation, because my education and training have been

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that of a civil engineer. I have had six or seven years practical experience with actual road construction and paving work. It has been true in the past, ~~that the politicians~~ that the politicians, rather than trained engineers, have built the roads and were interested more in political machinery than in road machinery. ~~Some of our~~ people ~~xxxxxxx~~ of Hopkins and Christian Counties who are still in the mud and ruts, are too well aware of this situation. ~~I realize that~~ I realize that you people ~~xxxxxxx~~ feel that you are, <sup>like</sup> this "forgotten man" about which we hear so much. ~~I~~ <sup>But,</sup> I pledge to you that I will do everything in my power to see that our two counties get their part of any road money that is expended.

Ladies and gentlemen I am asking your support of my candidacy, in the interest of a New Deal, and if we are to have a new deal ~~with xxxxxxxx~~ <sup>to quote</sup> ~~the brilliant young Congressman John Young Brown~~, we "Must have it dealt from a new deck and not use the same old marked political deck that we have had before." <sup>to quote the brilliant young Congressman</sup> "Our people," says Brown, "would welcome a new deal and would support a new deal. However, it takes more than talk to convince people of Kentucky that those in charge of the state Government are in earnest when they adopt the high-sounding phrase <sup>like it is</sup> of the "new deal" in the nation."

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"The old deal, <sup>of</sup> Kentucky, leaves the State budget for the fiscal year ending in 1933 with a deficit of approximately \$1,300,000. The first step in the new deal copied after the Roosevelt new deal will be the balancing of the state budget, without any additional taxes".

Roosevelt's new deal started with a blanket ~~which~~ slash of federal expenditures of 25% ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> included even the salary of the president himself. And I ask you follow such an example? Instead of using the banking department the highway department, the educational department, and the all/other 76 bureaus and agencies, as political weapons, to take care of loyal henchmen, let's have a new deal and use these for the interests of the citizens and tax payers.

It will take ~~more~~ more than talk to accomplish these things. It will take your vote. And you, the voters, will either profit or suffer on Saturday when you cast ~~your~~ <sup>this</sup> vote. ~~xxxxxx~~

In conclusion I again ask you to give me your support on Saturday. I am not a member of any ring or clique. If there is any slate, I am not on it. ~~xxxxxx~~ (I will speak) from this studio ~~one, xxxxxxxx~~ tomorrow night and have something of interest to say to you in regard to "ring control" and "clique control" and I trust you may be with me ~~xxx~~ and hear what I have to say. ~~at~~ 8 o'clock ~~tomorrow~~ night.

*I will deal with  
my opponent  
when I speak*

*Let me will be*

*I thank you.*

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Ladies and Gentlemen, of Christian & Hopkins  
Counties.

Again I come to you, to ask <sup>you &</sup> for your  
vote <sup>for State Senator</sup> on the Rem. primary tomorrow.

Most of you I have had the pleasure  
of seeing personally, and shaking hands  
with you, but to those I have been  
unable to see, I take this means of

expressing my appreciation of  
your support, and to you I make

the same pledge that I have made  
since the first day I announced my  
 candidacy; I will be honest; And

I will represent you and not some  
private or personal interest of my own.

Last night at this hour and over  
this station, I discussed some of the  
subjects in which all of you are  
vitaly interested; namely: Taxes, Schools

and Roads. I ~~took~~ my stand on  
legislation regarding these vital problems  
and again I promise you that ~~if~~ and  
when, I get to Frankfort, I will stick  
by my guns, regardless of any organized  
bodies or special interests, that may  
and will be there.

I am not a professional politician!  
I have never held political office!  
But I have had experience <sup>and</sup> contacts  
with several highly organized state govern-  
ments during the last six years. And  
altho I do not profess to have had  
the experience of my opponent,  
I assure you that I am capable to  
fill the office of State Senator, and to  
serve your interests to your advantage.  
Let me say here, that I consider my  
opponent a Gentleman. We live in the  
same block, only four houses apart.  
He is in Hopkinsville, and I know him  
well. I recognize him to be one of the  
if not the most, able orators in this section.  
My friends and his friends know



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always been the same friends, and he  
 have contributed to what degree of  
 political success he has attached —  
 but — (my opponent is considered as  
 a politician. He points with pride to  
 his previous political offices.) But I  
 now, <sup>the ones that know me best</sup> ~~our friends~~ feel that I will  
 best be able to serve the needs of the  
 people of this district. They know and  
 realize, that I have no political debts to  
 pay. That I have no grievances left  
 over from past political battles to  
 patch up. That I have the intestinal  
 courage to stand up for what I know  
 is right, and that I am safe, re-  
 sponsible, and deserving of this honor.  
 Therefore <sup>you</sup> they are actively supporting  
 me. I repeat, with pride I think, to the  
 wonderful endorsement printed in Wed

issue of the Mod. messenger, and  
 yesterday's issue of the Daily Ky. New Era.  
 I appreciate, more than words can  
 express the interest these men have  
 taken in my race, and the support  
 they have given me.

My opponent, in a paid advertisement  
 yesterday, said that some of the signers  
 of the original petition of  
 withdrawal that was given me,  
 had withdrawn their support from  
 me and were now supporting him.  
 I believe that he is misinformed as  
 to the facts of this.

It is true that he and his political  
 friends had their best to get <sup>support</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>also</sup> Mr. Wacker  
 of this petition to withdraw <sup>Man who is located in the</sup> <sup>county</sup>  
 employees of the <sup>state</sup> road department.  
~~man in authority, was sent, or went~~  
 of his own free will, into the seclusion  
 of the county that he lives, and attempted  
 the same thing  
 to suggest or persuade eight or ten

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merchants and business men to with-  
 draw their support. <sup>also.</sup> I am sure that he  
 was dissatisfied <sup>as was Mr. Barnes.</sup> with his results.  
 This man has <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>highway</sup> ~~state~~ <sup>state</sup>.  
 This man uses a state.  
 either uses a state or is  
 compensated for the use of his own state.  
 He is supposed to be at work on your road yet he is drawing your money,  
<sup>out and</sup> <sup>1</sup> Columbian in the primary of your road.  
<sup>1</sup> that the man is a member of the political Ring -  
 and is working not for your interests, but  
 to feather his own nest, and is  
 only one example of ring politics.  
 Another example of the way the political boss  
works, is the way they have  
 attempted to intimidate the voters  
 to are on The Federal Relief Road  
 work.

~~Due~~ The man who is conceded to  
be the Political base of Christian  
County. The Kingfish if you will,  
Mr. Tego Barnes,

personally called some of the  
men whose names appeared  
on this endorsement yesterday and  
tried to frighten ~~and~~ persuade them  
to withdraw their signatures. I know  
that ~~Mr. Barnes~~ is not proud of the supper ~~he~~ had.  
What is Mr. Barnes' interest  
in my opponent.

Mr. Barnes is drawing a salary  
from the county as County Treasurer  
yet he has been actively soliciting  
~~votes~~ and "beating the bush" for  
votes with my opponent.

His job must not be necessary  
if he can have so much time  
for it.  
to campaign for ~~anyone~~ anyone.

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