
ROOSEVELT DRAWS CROWDS

Tells Missourians That Whisky Is Usually Ally of Crooked Politics.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—Col Theodore Roosevelt spoke in Kansas City, Mo., at noon today, and in Kansas City, Kan., just across the State line, tonight. In both places the halls were crowded, and at the noon meeting all the near-by streets were thronged.

Tonight, on the Kansas side, the occasion was like a holiday. An overflow meeting was arranged, but just as the Colonel finished his speech a heavy rain set in, and the open-air programme had to be abandoned.

In his address before the Jackson County Progressives Col. Roosevelt laid particular stress on the appeal made by the Progressive Party to the people to think out political problems for themselves.

"The fundamental appeal I have to make to the American people is that they be true to themselves," he said. "I ask you to review the problems before us today and then vote as you believe. If you honestly disbelieve in the power of the American people to govern themselves; if you fear that a pure democracy is not a safe instrument in this country; if you disbelieve our economic and labor platform, then vote against us.

"The Republican Party of today says to you, 'Don't abandon the party of Abraham Lincoln.' I say to you, 'Don't abandon the principles of Abraham Lincoln.'"

The Colonel asserted that whisky was usually an ally of crooked politics, and complimented the Progressive Party in Jackson County, Missouri, for "having the courage to face the issue while the other parties sidestepped."

The theatre where the meeting was held was crowded and there were many women present.

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