





In this grave crisis in world affairs, the great state of Michigan should not be controlled by the ultra-conservative elements of either party. The burdens of taxation must be equalized. The wealth of this country must be more fairly distributed. The machine must be made the servant and not the master of the toiling masses.—Patrick H. O'Brien.

# O'Brien for Governor News

Progress toward a more orderly system of society will be by evolution instead of revolution—a planned system of production and consumption. The trend to this is apparent now and the final result will be in about 20 years we have glided into a new social system by the back door.—Patrick H. O'Brien.

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## Patrick H. O'Brien Leads Fight of People for Social Justice

### STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF PLAN URGED BY PATRICK H. O'BRIEN TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC SECURITY

PUT THE unemployed men to work and at the same time increase the general wealth of the State by a gigantic State-wide internal improvement program, is the plan advanced by former Circuit Judge Patrick H. O'Brien, of Detroit, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the Primary election on September 13. Mr. O'Brien, known throughout the State as a sincere champion of the "forgotten man" and an acknowledged "crusader for human rights," in words and in deeds, under his plan urges the use of unemployed labor to improve the physical character of the State.

"My plan for the State," said Mr. O'Brien, "is to put the men to work and there will be a market for the produce of the farmer and he will be able to pay his taxes. Give the working classes an opportunity to share as equal heirs in the heritage of our civilization.

"Then you can tear down the jails and your worries about taxation will be at an end. They will produce the wealth to pay the taxes, to furnish the market for the produce of the farms and the output of the factories. They will beautify the cities and make the canals. They will reforest barren plains in the State.

"Give the unemployed a leadership that this crisis demands and they will go forward to the creation of a new and happier era where social justice and a larger life for all the masses of our people will be the result.

labor is potential capital and as Lincoln said labor is prior to and independent of capital and would have existed whether capital had ever existed.

"The Republican administration in the State of Michigan and in the nation has been that you can't do anything about it. Their theory regarding the unemployment situation is 'let it ride.' Consequently our Republican friends have let the depression ride until now the capitalistic system of industry is ready to fall down about our heads.

"We have got to support the unemployed and their families anyhow. The unemployed are not looking for private charity. They accept it rather than starve. They want to maintain their self respect. They want to be useful. They want to get back a sense of security.

"If the leaders of public opinion were really sincere and anxious to restore employment, it could be done and it would not take very long to do it. To help, I have suggested the above plan.

"Therefore, the only hope the unemployed have for a change is under the leadership of men and women who are willing to see into the heart of modern life and look intelligently at the future. There is need of social reconstruction. We must have a leadership that will organize the forces of modern production and consumption so that there will be found a place for every honest man and woman to make a decent living and to share in the benefits of the program of 'social justice.'

"As a further aid to solve the unemployment situation I advocate a shorter working day and a five-day week."

"I propose a survey of the industries of the State, of the resources of the State and I believe that as a result of that survey the State as a municipal entity could issue bonds to encourage reforestation and other industries or activities that would furnish employment and at the same time increase the general wealth of the State.

"Particularly and immediately, the State of Michigan should either loan to the city of Detroit and other lake cities, or underwrite the bonds for the docks, to improve the harbors, to build docks and slips large enough to accommodate the sea-going vessels that will come from the far corners of the earth to our ports as result of the signing of the treaty between United States and Canada for the St. Lawrence to the sea deep waterway project.

"What is the use of digging a deep waterway to the sea, if we are without the harbor facilities to welcome and accommodate the shipping that will be promoted by the deep waterway? The harbor of the city of Detroit is a disgrace to the city and to the State of Michigan. Put idle men to work improving it. Build the docks and slips and have a river drive from Mt. Clemens to Trenton for a start.

"If we are in earnest about it, we can solve the problem of unemployment in this country. Unemployed

### Patrick H. O'Brien Advocates Reduction of Automobile Taxes

"In reducing taxes," said PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, recently, "if I had my way, I would cut the cost of licenses on automobiles in half. I would get rid of the nonsense of changing license plates every year—once in three years should be often enough. Drivers' licenses should be for life or during good behavior. Let's get rid of the nuisance of drivers' licenses every three years. The automobile industry is a Michigan industry. Let's set an example to our sister states by fostering this industry which has done so much for Michigan."

### SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAM Advocated by P. H. O'Brien

Unemployment Insurance—by contributions by the employer, employee and the State; Old Age Pensions—instead of a system of poor-houses; Adjusted Compensation — for workers injured in the course of their employment and the extension of compensation to occupational diseases.

### Pointed Statements

"Every dollar that is taken by the State from the taxpayer must be used for the general welfare."—PATRICK H. O'BRIEN.

"In appropriating money, the need and destination of every dollar in what ever remote corner it may be spent must be known."—PATRICK H. O'BRIEN.

"People today want clear headed, strong minded, fighting men at the head of government."—PATRICK H. O'BRIEN.

"The affairs of the office of government must be administered in the interests of all of the people."—PATRICK H. O'BRIEN.

### Patrick H. O'Brien Urges Repeal of the Prohibition Law

"A straight and unqualified repeal of the Eighteenth amendment to the Constitution and the restoration of the control of liquor to the States is urged by PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

"Control of liquor," said Mr. O'Brien recently, "should be restored to the states. I do not believe in Federal interference in State matters.

"Fundamentally, the liquor question ought not to be a political question but by inserting a police regulation into the fundamental law of the land, the liquor question has been brought into the arena of practical politics and has been made consequently a political question. It is only by and through political machinery that it can be and must be repealed."

### "The Man of the Hour"—"The Lincoln of Today"



PATRICK HENRY O'BRIEN  
Candidate for Democratic Nomination for Governor  
HIS LIFE

BORN in Phoenix, Keweenaw county, Michigan, PATRICK HENRY O'BRIEN received his early education in the public schools of Michigan. Admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court, he started the practice of law in Calumet, Michigan, in 1899. He was the village attorney at Laurium, Michigan, from 1901 to 1906 and was a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket in 1908.

Four years later he became Circuit Judge of the Twelfth Judicial circuit at Houghton, Michigan, comprising the counties of Houghton, Keweenaw and Baraga.

In 1913, the famous copper strike in Northern Michigan was in progress. An injunction obtained by the owners of the copper mines against the working men in the mines came on for hearing before Judge O'Brien and it was his decision that dissolved the injunction.

A year later, as member of the Michigan delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, Judge O'Brien was called upon to second the nomination of WOODROW WILSON for president and he took an important part in the succeeding campaign. He has long been recognized as one of the foremost orators of the State.

In 1922, Judge O'Brien resigned from the Circuit bench and moved to Detroit to enter the practice of law where he is continuing his practice at the present time.

Judge O'Brien was counsel in the case of Clinton vs Spencer, a proceeding to set aside the Southfield Sewer Assessment. After a study of the question, Judge O'Brien reached the conclusion that the building of costly sewers was not authorized by the county drain law. The question had never been raised before and the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan upheld Judge O'Brien's contention and thousands of dollars were saved to the taxpayers in that assessment district.

About a year ago, Judge O'Brien was of counsel in the proceeding to test the validity of the Alien Registration Bill, which was a law providing for the registration of aliens in Michigan. The result was that the Bill was declared unconstitutional.

Judge O'Brien has served as Professor of Law at the University of Detroit, specializing in the subject of Constitutional Law.

He is married and has four children, Gerald K., William D'Arcy, Mrs. Mary L. Nertney and Daniel P.

### O'BRIEN, MICHIGAN'S LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE CRUSADER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, APPEALS FOR A "NEW DEAL"

PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, of Detroit, foremost liberal and progressive leader of the Democratic party in Michigan today and the choice of thousands of citizens for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the Primary election on September 13, appeals to all the liberal and forward-looking people in the State to join with him in an unselfish struggle for more economical government in a recent statement.

"I am asking the people of Michigan to vote for me," said Mr. O'Brien, a former Circuit Judge, "because of what I stand for and not because of personal reasons.

"What I stand for may be summed up in the phrase 'Social Justice' which includes a willingness to work loyally and steadfastly to make Michigan a better state for the people to live in. The result of this program will be to find a place for every honest man and woman to make a decent living and to share with everybody else as equal heirs to our civilization.

"It is my idea that the government should be the servant of the masses. It should be an agency for the purpose of improving the condition of the masses. If possible, it should add to their sense of security and in every way improving their economic position.

"Instead of the State government as under its present administration taking a lofty and detached attitude toward these every day problems of society, I feel that the state government should be made the people's government and should be responsive to the welfare of the people of the State.

"If elected, I propose to devise and actively press the adoption of well considered progressive legislation; to appoint men of experience and high qualifications; to hold all public officials strictly accountable and to move without fear or favor should that trust be betrayed and to give the best administration within my power, holding myself equally responsible to every section, every class and every citizen of the State which elects me its chief executive.

self in office contrary to all principles of popular government.

"The Republican party," continued Mr. O'Brien, "has been in power so long in the State that it has a great many political obligations which make it impossible for any one of its candidates to evidence an independent attitude toward the very serious and drastic reductions in State expenditures.

"If the voters of Michigan want a 'new deal' in the State government, if they believe in a wider social vision, if they are tired of wornout issues and palliatives, if they want to set their faces with determination toward a sun light of a new day, then I am ready to lead them. If they back me, I will go forward, and where there is a will behind this movement and honest and fearless leadership, we shall conquer Michigan for the larger life.

"We shall and will preserve the same fundamental things for which our country stands, that is, the right and opportunity of the individual to develop his talents in his way, to select his own occupation, to serve as best he can in the great cause that we all have at heart, the reconstruction of our social system to express the demand of the new day."

"Therefore, I urge the people of Michigan to elect a Democrat as Governor because in no other way can a free hand be secured in dealing with State problems in the interest of the general welfare of the people and in bringing to an end the political despotism which seeks to perpetuate it."

### Comments of Citizens Show Judge O'Brien's Ability as Statesman

"You cannot go wrong in selecting PATRICK H. O'BRIEN whom I love like a brother and who has fought for me in previous campaigns. He is a good Democrat and a good man." — William A. Comstock.

"Patrick H. O'Brien would introduce into State councils something of the human element sadly lacking under the regime of the Republican party."

"Patrick H. O'Brien, a human being, able, exact and resourceful statesman.

"Patrick H. O'Brien, touched by the sorrows of the ordinary people, sharing their joys—knows their hearts."

"Patrick H. O'Brien has the interest of all the people of the State at heart and his sincerity and courage should win for him State-wide recognition."

"Patrick H. O'Brien is an expert in government."

"Patrick H. O'Brien is proud of the title desired by every American statesman, the title to the esteem and affection of his fellow citizens."

### What the Public Press Says of Patrick H. O'Brien

"PATRICK H. O'BRIEN is one of the state's foremost champions of the 'forgotten man' not only in words but in deeds. He is known throughout the state as a man who, throughout his life, has been a crusader for human rights.

"Ever since the turn of the century he has been the leader of the progressive wing of the Democratic party in Michigan—even in the days when he constituted a minority of one in party councils. As counsel for the Detroit branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, he has appeared in the courts many times as the defender of the 'forgotten man' giving of his time and energy—working not merely talking.

"He was elected judge of the Circuit court in a strongly Republican district. He was re-elected several times without opposition because of the respect he had won from Republicans and Democrats alike.

"O'Brien's sincerity, in a year when liberalism happens to be popular could not possibly be challenged."—Detroit Times.

"PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, who was Circuit Judge in the copper counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, during the strike of 1913-1914 is nationally known as a leader in the fight for social justice. Ordinarily elected on the Democratic ticket, he was the choice of both Republicans and Democrats when his first term on the bench expired.

"Since he resigned and began the practice of law in Detroit he has been active in the liberal movement among the Democrats and in non-partisan associations for improvement of laws affecting working men and women. Judge O'Brien is asking the electors to vote for a Democrat because 'only in this way can we end political despotism in Michigan?'—Detroit Times.

### Land Contracts

"I am in favor," said Patrick H. O'Brien recently, of an EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION in case of the foreclosure of land contracts so that the working man will have an extension of the time to pay up his contract and save his home. It would be perfectly constitutional and proper for the legislature to say that no writ of restitution shall issue against any home owner before the period of one year from and after a judgment or decree of foreclosure."

### CAMPAIGN SONG

"ON TO VICTORY WITH PAT"  
There's a loud, loud plea arising  
From every heart in our State;  
"Give us Pat O'Brien for Gov'nor,"  
Cries electorate,  
"He's the poor man's friend,"  
they're singing,  
"And a stalwart Democrat."  
He is true and strong and fearless—  
ON TO VICTORY WITH PAT.  
(Tune: There's a long, long trail)

### WILL YOU HELP ?

Patrick H. O'Brien is fighting your fight, championing your interests and the welfare of yourself, family and children. Will you fight for him in the interest of good government by voting for him September 13, by interesting your friends to vote for him and if possible contributing a "mite" to help the cause of his candidacy for "Social Justice"?

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