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Here's Why We Urge The
Defeat of Frank Rarick

(Editorial.)

We believe that Republicans of Kosciusko county have a right and a duty to decide for themselves, without any dictation, who shall be their party's candidate for public office. Since a place on the G. O. P. ticket in this county is usually tantamount to election, the party is under a double responsibility to name good men.

The large majority given Republican candidates in this country has its evils. The past 20 years has seen a small group of unscrupulous men get control of the party machinery and use that power to reward friends and injure all those who oppose them in any way, in or out of the party. They have had very little to do with winning elections—but have been right there to claim all the credit and, more important to them, get all the "gravy".

The past four years, the people of the county have expressed themselves at the polls, and in other ways, as being sick and tired of dictatorial, "one-man" politics.

Four years ago Frank O. Rarick of Warsaw, long time "yes-man" for the group, was DEFEATED at the polls by Republicans who did not want him to represent them as state senator.

A few weeks later, when a vacancy occurred through the resignation of another candidate, the "one-man" machine of Warsaw, placed Mr. Rarick on the ticket as the nominee for state representative — a position he now holds. The voters turned him down one month — the next month the "machine" put him back on the ticket.

In the primary, 1952, Mr. Rarick used the "machine" in an attempt to win the nomination for prosecuting attorney for Alvin Rockhill, son of Morrison Rockhill. Certain members of the G. O. P. machine set up headquarters, spread lies about one Republican candidate, had as usual the full support of the Warsaw paper, hauled the democrats to vote in a republican primary — and had the pants licked off them in the election. The attempt of Mr. Rarick to use the power of the county committee to elect one man, and worse, to blacken the character and political intentions of another G. O. P. candidate, was unfair, and worthy only of Kansas City Pendergast memory.

We have long been of the opinion that a public office holder should NOT hold an office in a political party. Even if he is honest and fair-minded, he would be subject to criticism for "playing politics". In the federal government, the Congress has made it UNLAWFUL for any public official to hold a political office.

Against the advice of The Journal, the Warsaw machine this year placed Mr. Rarick in the position of G. O. P. county chairman. He already held the office of state representative after being placed on the ticket by the same group. Mr. Rarick then went on to place his wife as head of the Women's G. O. P. movement.

Since the primary, Mr. Rarick has seen fit to "play politics" with north-end Kosciusko county. He has used the G. O. P. county

Wedrick Is Best
Man for Joint
State Senator

(Editorial.)

We are supporting W. R. Wedrick for joint state senator from Kosciusko and Wabash counties. Mr. Wedrick is a successful farmer and business man, from southern Kosciusko county. He is "self-made", has an excellent credit rating in Warsaw banks, has been one of the biggest men in the U. S. in the onion business, and as a livestock raiser. He has never sought a public office before. He bolted the Democratic party in 1940 and in 1944, because he believed his party was wrong. He was persuaded to run on the Democratic ticket for state senator, largely by Republicans from Jackson township, which is the present state senator's home township.

The Journal, in the past, has supported Senator Floyd Stevens, on the word of the Republican party organization in this county. At the request of Republicans from Mr. Stevens own community, a personal investigation proved we were supporting a man who has brought discredit on himself and the Republican party. There is a wide, wide difference, we believe, in the character and capabilities of the two men — Stevens and Wedrick. Republicans from Warsaw, Jackson township and North Manchester have submitted facts which make it impossible for us to support Mr. Stevens.

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