

HOOD-PRATT BASKET PICNIC On Farm of Wm. H. Wallace

To the Democratic Tax-payers of Jackson County:

We are passing through the most trying epoch in the history of our county. A gang of free-booters, who have robbed the tax-payers for over a decade are in the saddle. Their corrupt methods are without a parallel in the history of our state. They have eclipsed the reign of public plunder that obtained in our state just after the Civil War. They take the people's money and debauch our elections. In secret caucuses they pick our candidates for our offices, in whose selection the honest voters of the county have had no voice. Those placed in charge of the public revenues obey the mandate of the corrupt masters who have made them and the work of rapacity mis-appropriation and embezzlement goes on. Conditions have at last become intolerable.

For more than a year I have constantly suggested that the tax-payers of Jackson County ought to organize and put an end to this shame to our reputation and civilization to say nothing of the tremendous and increasing burden of taxation being placed upon our people, but so far nothing has been done.

On my own responsibility and initiative, therefore I hereby donate my farm, lying about mid-way between Lee's Summit and Blue Springs to the tax-payers of Jackson County both in city and country to be used by them on Saturday, July 26, 1924, for the purpose of holding a county and city wide BASKET PICNIC, that we may consult together organize and fight to the end the enemies of honest government in our midst. All who know my farm are agreed that no cooler nor more beautiful place can be found anywhere than the 150 acre woodland pasture, just south of my house. All are invited to attend, especially the noble women of our county.

I have given much attention to County matters for a number of years, especially during the tenure of the present County court, and I shall answer the outrageously false claims now being made as to what has been done for the county by this Court I shall use facts and names and shall tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I expect to procure some of the best speakers, women and men, in city and county.

Mrs. Henry L. Ess, R. L. Hood, Judge Pratt, Judge E. W. Hayes, Judge John I. Williamson, Ex-Supreme Judge, Attorney L. T. Dryden, and others will speak.

Wm. H. Wallace