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all over the United States.

I am glad to say that two of the candidates on the State Ticket are going to stay over for the night meeting tonight. I wish I could be in two or three different places at the same time, but I have to go on with Judge Dowd to Salamanca, and then from there to Jamestown for a night meeting.

I am told, and I hope it is true, that there are a lot of Republicans in this crowd. (Applause.) You know, we Democrats in the State of New York might just as well be perfectly frank and tell everybody that about the only time that we elect Governors and people on the State Ticket is when we get a lot of Republican help. (Applause.) That is one reason why the present Governor of the State of New York always gets elected. (Applause.) I am mighty glad this year that people seem to be taking so much interest. In every city in this State, in fact in every community all over the United States, there are more people registering, more people

going to the polls than ever before, and it is a mighty good sign, because no matter which way the election comes out, I will be glad if the decision is made by the largest vote possible. We want a complete expression of opinion from the people all over the United States. We believe on one side of the fence that the issue, both nationally and in the State, is one of progressive government and conservative government.

We here in New York have had a pretty good example, a pretty good taste of progressive government during the last few years, since Alfred E. Smith has been our Governor. (Applause.) We believe that it would be a mighty good thing for the United States if the whole country could have an experience of progressive government like the kind we have had. (Applause.) And we, who are running on the Democratic State Ticket are appealing to the voters of all parties for a continuation of the splendid government that we have had in Albany under Governor Smith. (Applause.)

I can't be here long enough to take up a lot of individual issues. You people are reading and are making up your own minds, and I hope very much that when

the votes are counted in November, that in the rock-ribbed Republican counties we will make a mighty good showing, both for the National and State Democratic Tickets.

I wish I could stay with you, but as I said, we are leaving behind two of the members of our party to talk to you tonight, the candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, Colonel Lehman, and the candidate for Attorney General, Mr. Conway.

Some time I hope I will be back to see you and I hope that I will be able to come back here in an official capacity. (Prolonged Applause.)

I am particularly happy, particularly glad to be able to meet here, because I would go a long way to the home town of my old friend Judge ~~W. W. Wood~~ ~~Wood~~. There is not a finer citizen anywhere in the State than Judge Wood. Judge Wood is not only a fine citizen in this community and this county, but like all the other communities and counties in the State, there is a great deal of interest in this election, not only among Democrats but among Republicans, too, and we are finding a new type of voter