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My friends, this is a different story from what it was the last time I was in Rome. That was eight years ago, and 1920 was a pretty chilly year for Democratic candidates, but this year it is a pretty chilly year for Republican candidates. (Applause.) And the perfectly remarkable and extraordinary groups that we have met on this trip throughout up-State proves the

In the Republican communities that we have come to, people are turning out and listening. They come to see the candidates. They are reading the issues, and I don't think there is any question about how the State of New York is going a week from next

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You know, we are all a pretty warm-hearted people, we Americans, and I think this year we have decided to do two things, and that is, to get rid of

a certain chilliness down in Washington (Applause), and the other is to try to keep for another two years, a little warmth in Albany. (Applause.)

The issues are very simple, and as Mr. Conway said, it really in the final analysis is a question of whether you want to go on with progress or whether you want to stand still.

I am perfectly delighted with the campaign that my opponent, Mr. Ottinger, is making. He is making votes for me every day. (Applause.) It amuses me a little that after the six years of opposition in the Senate and the Assembly by the Republican leaders, opposition to almost every progressive measure that Covernor Smith has advocated, now the Republican candidate for Governor is going around claiming that he is for everything that Smith is. (Applause and Laughter.) You know, I don't believe it is going to fool the people. Our fight, in this campaign is not against the Republican Party, the rank and file of it; our fight is against the type of leadership that that party has had in this State, and there is no question but that the same old leadership that has blocked Smith, tried to block him

time time after time on that splendid program of legislation, is still in control of the Republican Party.

You know that they tried to block him on everything;
on his educational program, on his health program, on
his labor program, on his child welfare program, and
as we know in this section of the State, on his water
power program. So the people are not going to be fooled.

We are running — we Democrats — on exactly the same .

proposition, to carry out the program of Governor Smith
and to take up the new questions of the day in the same
spirit of progress that he has taken them up.

How about the question of parks? You know perfectly well the difficulty that Governor Smith has had in persuading the Republican Legislature to stand for the extension of the park system of this State. I happen to be a member for several years of the State Council of Parks, and I have been Chairman of our Taconic Park Commission down on the East side of the Hudson River in Dutchess, Putnam and Columbia Counties. And I took tremendous interest today, just during this past hour, in driving down a road that I have never been on before - through that wonderful piece of scenery in the Rome-

Boonville Gorge, and I am glad that that has been set aside on the Smith program to be made into a State park, and I can assure you that I will do everything to expedite the acquisition of that gorge and the making of it into the kind of a State park that will benefit all the people in this section of the State.

That is the kind of forward-looking legislation that we have been getting in the State of New York, because Governor Smith has insisted on it, and he has, when the Legislature has failed to back him up, gone to the people of this State and made the proposition so clear to them that they have given him their almost unanimous support. I am confident that this year both on the national issues and the state issues, the voters of the State of New York are going to support the broad, liberal, progressive policies of Governor Smith, and I hope that they will support the same kind of policies that I have been advocating in this State. And I hope that the next time I come back to Rome that you will let me come back in an official capacity and let me stay a little longer. (Prolonged Applause.)

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