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John R. Brinkley Political Rally in Wichita, Kansas

This is a photograph of a Dr. John R. Brinkley political rally in Wichita, Kansas. Brinkley entered the 1930 governor's race as an independent write-in candidate. The ballots were already prepared when he decided to run so anyone voting for J. R. Brinkley had to write his name correctly. His platform advocated better highways, free textbooks, a lake in every county, tax equalization, cheap automobile license plates and community health clinics. Brinkley's slogan was "Clean out, Clean up, and Keep Kansas Clean." Harry Woodring won the election by a narrow margin over Frank Hauke with Brinkley a close third. There is speculation over the 1930 vote count because there were some irregularities.

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