

Smith Is In Running If Democrats Forget West

Old Line Politicians Who Count on Victory by Combination of East with Solid South Favor Smith But a Catholic and a "Wet" Distasteful to the South

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This is the sixth of a series of nine articles by David Lawrence on presidential possibilities and impossibilities giving an appraisal of the political assets and liabilities of the men most talked about today for the Republican and Democratic nomination. Mr. Lawrence has just finished a tour of the Western part of the United States with President Harding and is now enroute to Europe to make a detailed survey of reconstruction problems there. At the conclusion of this series, Mr. Lawrence's daily cable from Europe will begin exclusively in The Advance.

Governor Al Smith of New York is the natural and inevitable candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency if the party decides to be wet.

He has made the fight for state rights on the prohibition question. He has twice carried New York state, which has the largest electoral vote in the Union, and he has a sympathetic following in the other populous Eastern states.

What Democrats would be more likely to urge if anything is that the entire prohibition question be taken out of the hand of the Federal Government for enforcement and left to the individual states to interpret and regulate. They would say to the dries—"you have prohibition wherever a majority of the people of the sovereign states in the union want it, but do not interfere with the people in those wet states where a majority would prefer light wines and beer."

The issue would be states rights and not whether prohibition is a good thing or not. Governor Al Smith's memorandum signing the repeal of the Mullen-Gage law would be the platform of the party. The document has been analyzed and supported by some of the best legal minds in the country and regardless of the attitude taken in Western states the fact is that there are a great many votes available to a Democratic candidate who stands on the state rights idea, for prohibition is still a live issue in the Eastern states, however arid the West may have become.

The Democratic leaders will have to decide first of all whether they can win by a combination of Eastern states and Southern states. If that is their strategy they will forget about the agrarian discontent in the West and center their efforts on a wet candidate.

There is one phase about Al Smith's candidacy which bears no relationship to the prohibition question. It is his religion. Politicians say that a Catholic could not be elected President of the United States and that it would be futile to nominate him. This is predicted on the theory that religious warfare would ensue and that the candidate of the other party would be the beneficiary of such a strife.

On the other side of the question are some interesting facts. For instance, a Catholic has recently been Chief Justice of the United States, namely Edward Douglas White. Several Catholics have been elected to the governorship of various states of the Union. Many Catholics have been members of the Cabinet. There are a great many people, however, who would resent the issue of religious bigotry and who would take the position that if the empire state of the Union could afford to ignore religious questions and elect Al Smith governor, so might the Federal electorate itself.

Al Smith's opportunity, however, will not turn on anything but the prohibition question. His chances will be quickly determined just as soon as it becomes apparent that party leaders want to make an issue of prohibition. The fight between the wets and the dries inside the Democratic party must be made first. The last Democratic convention revealed that kind of a deadlock and it resulted in neither side being able to get a plank in the platform.

The question which friends of Al Smith are asking is when in the recent history of the Democratic party has there been a man who could demonstrate such strength in the empire state. The elements that have gone to make up Al Smith's popularity in New York state are to be found in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Will the Democratic party try it with a light wine and beer plank? If they do they will be bold enough to consider Al Smith. The Democratic party conventions are controlled as a rule by the organizations of the more populous states. Al Smith has played ball with Tammany.

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Charles W. Collins of Chicago, formerly counsel to the Bureau of Budget, has been appointed Deputy Comptroller of the Currency at Washington.

ny. He would start out with New York's ninety votes and probably would have the sympathetic support of Illinois and New Jersey and Massachusetts. It's too early to say how far his candidacy will get but he will be in the running if the Democrats decide to make the fight on state rights.

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D. H. Otis, Madison, Wis., Director of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers' Association, will be present and address the conference. J. H. Puelicher of Milwaukee, President of the American Bankers' Association, also is expected to attend.

As the meeting will bring together leading agricultural and banking men of the Southern states, it will be of more than passing interest. The principal object is to discuss methods of bettering conditions in the farming industry.

A feature of the conference will be the presentation of a rural credits program by Miss Harriett M. Berry, whose efforts in behalf of good roads in the state figured considerably in the present \$50,000,000 program.

Besides the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, other institutions in the fifth federal reserve district to be represented are Georgia Institute of Technology, Alabama Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mrs. N. T. Aydtlett and children Sanford, Gaither and Mary, are spending the week at Point Harbor camping.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Markham and daughter, Miss Margaret Markham and their guest, Miss Ella Zeigler of Edenton left Wednesday to spend some time at Nags Head.

LEGAL NOTICES

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING OF RAILWAY CARS

Be it ordained that no railroad, their agents or employees, shall leave or park any coach, car, gondola, tender or engine within fifty (50) feet of either side of North Road Street, where said Norfolk Southern Railroad crosses said street, and any agent or employee of said railroad leaving or parking any said car, coach, gondola, tender or engine within the prohibited distance, shall be individually guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance, shall upon conviction be fined Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

This ordinance shall go into effect ten (10) days after ratification.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 9th day of July, 1923.

J. H. SNOWDEN, Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN ELIZABETH CITY.

Whereas, by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, at its session in 1921, passed and ratified on March 20th, 1921, an act, regulating motor vehicles crossing railroads, at public road crossings, and whereas, in said act, was the following proviso: "This act shall not interfere with the regulations prescribed by cities and towns." Now, therefore, be it ordained, that no railroad shall be required to put up any notice on any branch or spur line, crossing any street of Elizabeth City, but said railroad shall put up notices on the right side of its track, at each street crossing on its main line, not less than fifty feet from the crossing, reading "N. C. Law—Stop" and said notice shall be printed in red letters, not less than six inches high, upon white boards forty by fifty inches, upon posts not less than ten feet from the ground.

Be it further ordained, that each driver of a motor vehicle crossing any main line of any railroad crossing any street of Elizabeth City, shall bring his or her vehicle to a complete stop, not further than fifty feet of any of said crossings.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance, shall upon conviction be fined Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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