

BRILLIANT PERSONALITIES MARK LEADING WHITE HOUSE ASPIRANTS

Any of the four outstanding candidates would flood Presidential mansion with color. Governor Smith seems to be favorite at present time.

By ROBERT FULLER

(Special Correspondent, Democrat). If any one of the four outstanding Democratic candidates for the highest office in the land is elected, the country will be assured of a colorful president.

Governor Al Smith of New York, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, or Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland—take your choice, any of them will fill the bill for personality.

Governor Smith seems to hold the whip hand just now, but the backers of the other three point out that many things can happen before the Houston convention in June. Governor Smith's own feelings and the fact that he is a Catholic may militate against him when the time comes to choose a candidate, at least the Republicans believe so.

Meanwhile friends of Governor Smith are hoping that the always plain-spoken Senator Reed will say something out in Missouri or in one of his speaking tours that will get him read out of the party as he once was just now, though, Senator Reed stands strong with the party leaders in his home state and some of the others. Senator Reed is likewise not a believer in national prohibition.

While Senator Walsh is a Catholic he is dry. Senator Walsh has been in the public eye recently through his activities as leader of some important congressional investigations. His request for a probe into the doings of the "power trust" was turned down a few days ago.

Governor Ritchie is another candidate with pronounced wet views, who will get the votes of a number of delegates at the Houston convention, according to present indications.

But any of the four will furnish color and ability, plenty of it.

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS FOREST WEEK, APRIL 22-28

President Coolidge has officially designated the week of April 22-28 for nationwide observance of the annual "American Forest Week." In a proclamation announced by the United States department of agriculture.

The president set apart the week, he said, "for public discussion of our forests and of what must be done to safeguard and restore them." He emphasized particularly the need for suppressing the forest fire evil and pointed out the benefits to agriculture, industry, commerce and national life that will result from making the forest lands of the United States fully productive of continuous timber crops.

"The rehabilitation of our forests demands first of all that the forest fire evil be suppressed," the president declared. "Many of the forested states, with the co-operation of timberland owners, have undertaken organized protection against forest fires, and in recent years, under the Clarke-McNary law, the federal government has given its support to the movement. This co-operative enterprise must be extended and strengthened until every forested county in the United States is safeguarded against forest fires."

"But we are still far from the goal of complete protection. Every year, on the average, 80,000 fires scourge our woodlands, steadily undermining their vitality. For this bad situation, the blame falls equally on us all. Public agencies rarely provide adequate protection against fire, the timberland owner is too often indifferent to his property, the forest worker is too often neglectful of the future forest, the average citizen is too often careless with fire in the woods. We must all gain such respect for the forest that its destruction through indifference or carelessness shall be unthinkable.

"We cannot permanently abuse our forests with impunity. The soil is the ultimate source of all our wealth and of life itself. One-fourth of our American soil is best suited for forests. Much of it is already idle. More of it is being made idle by destructive logging and fire. Yet we cannot safely permit our forest land to lie fallow and useless any more than we can permit our farms and factories to lie idle.

"To make our vast empire of forest land fully productive of continuous crops of timber will have momentous consequences in our national life. It will give agriculture the advantage of a new and valuable crop. It will afford permanent employment to millions of men in the forest industries. It will provide raw materials for many industries. It will furnish traffic for our railroads. It will maintain foreign and domestic commerce. It will restore our forests as conservers of soil and water, and as givers of health and pleasure to our people.

"We already have made a beginning in forest renewal; but the task is stupendous and we should permit no satisfaction over what has been done to blind us to the magnitude of what remains to be done."

Democratic Candidates?



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The four presidential possibilities for the Democratic nomination, Governor Alfred Emanuel Smith of New York, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland.

WOOL MARKET BETTER ACCORDING TO OUTLOOK

Raleigh, March 7.—The wool market will be better this spring than in the past two years is the cheering news that comes to sheep growers from some of the dealers.

In a recent letter received at State College from G. P. Williams, former sheep extension specialist in this state, he says that the outlook for better prices this spring is very good. Wool from Piedmont North Carolina should be worth 40 cents a pound or better while the mountain wool will likely be around 35 cents.

"The best information that we can give to farmers about handling their wool at shearing time this year is to keep it free from chaff and dirt and quit using the small feed bags for stuffing it in," says Earl Hostetler, in charge of work with sheep at State College. "We have found that wool shrinks and dries out badly in these small bags. In many cases it loses its natural softness."

Mr. Hostetler states that in a number of counties, the sheep growers are pooling their wool with the farm demonstration agent who in turn gets bids from the various buyers. By selling in large lots at a central point, better prices are secured, especially when good care has been taken in shearing, in keeping the wool clean and in keeping it carefully after shearing.

In view of the better outlook for prices this spring, it will be advisable to handle the wool with extra care this year, states Mr. Hostetler.

FOR DRIVERS WHO DRINK

Greensboro Record.—The decision of the state supreme court that drunken drivers may be convicted of manslaughter should serve as a warning to those idiots who persist in operating automobiles while they are under the influence of whiskey. The case went before the high court from Cabarrus county, where a young man—crazy drunk—drove his automobile into one driven by a preacher and fatal-

ly injured the preacher's little daughter. He must now serve a sentence of from ten to fifteen years in the state prison.

There is no excuse for such conduct. Automobiles are sufficiently dangerous in the natural order of things. Those who mix gasoline with whiskey not only show a disregard for their own lives, but what is worse, they show a disregard for the lives of others. They deserve the severest punishment possible under the law.



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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

By John Joseph Givens, M. D.

Pyorrhoea

During winter days when more and heavier food is usually eaten—and with more to divert our minds into other channels, we are liable to neglect our teeth and gums. Pyorrhoea is one of the most common as well as one of the more serious affections, furnishing as it does, a source of infecting germs to many organs beneath. It should be prevented, if possible, by due sanitary precautions within the area involved, your dentist being always your advisory lieutenant.

Pyorrhoea means literally, a "flow of pus." Doesn't sound good about a fellow's mouth, does it? Pretty sure to infect the food he eats, and send it on down to the active absorbents of the intestine, for distribution into the system. A good many

bodily disorders are credited to pyorrhoea, rheumatism being one, if we judge correctly.

The site of pyorrhoea is at the junction of the gums with the teeth. If you look critically, you will see the angry, inflamed borders of the gums, darker red, and swollen appreciably. It is not a painful condition, but a little pressure on the gum will usually bring out the tell-tale discharge, and the diagnosis is easy.

Perfect cleanliness is our best preventive. There are numerous good mouth-washes to be had, and tooth brushes galore. Don't use your own judgment buying either medicine or brush; ask your dentist—then keep the gums and teeth clean.

Once with pyorrhoea, I cannot give you a technical remedy, but practically speaking, I have a friend who told me he cured his very severe case with common salt. He said he had it in its worst form; he was salting his cattle, and took a mouthful of salt himself to relieve a bad taste—held it in his mouth a half-

hour; said he cured himself in one month, using salt daily.

POPLAR GROVE NEWS

The pastor, Rev. G. W. Sebastain of North Wilkesboro, closed a ten days' revival at Poplar Grove Baptist church on February 22. There were 18 accessions to the church by experience and will be baptized on the second Sunday in May. The meeting was more like an old-time revival than we have had for years. The pastor, of whom the members are justly proud, did some excellent preaching and the community is very much revived spiritually.

The Sunday school here is progressing nicely with Mr. Collis Austin as superintendent.

The farmers in this section are very busy at present preparing for their spring crops.

Mr. Z. T. Greene and family took dinner with Mr. P. M. Williams last Sunday.

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