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## Al Smith Hailed Next President At Washington

### Nomination Seems Imminent — An Echo of Conference Between Wheeler and Smith — Smith Personally Favors Prohibition.

### WOOLEN LOOMING AS V.-P. FAVORITE

### Hosts Enjoying Hospitality of Houston — Women Won't Vote for Al.

By William P. Helm, Jr.  
Houston—The militant Democracy is swinging into battle. To date the fighting, however, has been confined almost wholly to the family—a battle for the bottle, as one apt alliterant has artfully asserted. The insurgent Democrats see the dust kicked up on the horizon by their political foes, the Republicans, and soon will advance to the fray; but for the moment there is a little difference of opinion that must be adjusted, a few wrinkles in the uniform that must be ironed out. And until that job is done, the Republicans will have to wait for their fight.

Those self-sufficient persons who have caviled and railed at the party of Jefferson, Jackson and Wilson, ill-naturedly asserting that the Democrats can always be depended on to gum things up in their own house, are chuckling now. The tangled thread of party opinion has got itself into a swell snarl on the wet-and-dry issue. But there is a sword for the Gordian knot, and there is an answer for the riddle here; and Democracy in its own sweet time and way undoubtedly will find it.

And then, doubting Thomases, look out. When the Democratic party settles its own differences, spans its wayward, plots its course and clears for action, there is going to be a fight of the history-making kind. For the Democrats here sniff victory from afar. They are in fighting mood. They have a leader who knows his own, his foes, and the ways of politics. Battle-scarred Al Smith, veteran of many a campaign and one of the greatest vote-getters of the day, is hailed here as the next President of the United States. And at this time, his adherents apparently are firmly convinced they are right.

This story, like the one written at Kansas City two weeks ago, is wired back to Washington for distribution there in advance of the big doings of the convention. It is unfortunately one of the handicaps of the weekly papers that this has to be done. So what is said here may be changed before the story reaches the reader's eye. But as it is written it stands and is sent out under those circumstances.

Up to the present time, Al Smith has seemed virtually assured of the nomination on the first or second ballot. His lieutenants and managers, Van Namee and Mayor Jimmy Walker from their vantage point in Houston's chief hotel, the Rice, seem to be directing the fight in true Southern style. There is little here of the blah-blah of East Side politics. "The Sidewalks of New York," thus far, has been subdued if not actually suppressed. In the breezy but gentle-mannered new South, Houston is the setting for a gem, and the Smith managers are not going to offend the decencies by sticking a cheap imitation in that setting.

The entire New York delegation, it appears, has been picked with the idea in mind that it must know how to adapt itself to the somewhat leisurely and always courteous manner of the Southerners. There is in evidence none of New York's vaunted and boastful superiority—that empty sounding emitted by some of New York's devotees who have not yet learned that their old home town isn't all of the United States. That sort of boastfulness not only would make wavering Southern delegates exceedingly weary, but would possibly result in turning delegates from the Smith standard. So it is not being done.

As this is written, the fight is on over the platform and especially the law enforcement plank. It will be a dry platform, notwithstanding the editorial yapping of the New York World for an out and out wet plank. The World's editorials have hurt Smith greatly in the South which, because of the presence of a large negro element, is thoroughly committed to the Eighteenth Amendment. Copies of World editorials have been wired here by anti-Smith forces and widely distributed. If Smith could silence his good friends on the World he would make more friends here—at least that is the opinion of some of his adherents.

It was this correspondent's privilege to know intimately the late Wayne B. Wheeler, leader of the Anti-Saloon League. In fact, this writer collaborated with Dr. Wheeler in writing, for publication, his history of the Anti-Saloon League two years ago. It is an unwritten part of that history that Smith and Wheeler met in a New York club in 1924 when the Democratic national convention was deadlocked over Smith and McAdoo, and that Smith sought to soften the bitter fight made against him then by the

## DR. WORK TO RUN THE HOOVER CAMPAIGN

Washington, June 21.—The Republican national campaign was launched today in Washington under the supervision of Secretary Hoover and Senator Curtis, its presidential and vice-presidential nominees.

A group of 24 members of the party's national committee met the candidates at the New Willard hotel, and in an enthusiastic and expeditious session ratified the slate of committee officers presented to them and authorized the first steps in the campaign.

Hubert Work, secretary of the interior was elected national chairman, and announced that his resignation from the cabinet would be presented to President Coolidge before the end of the month.

To aid him the committee approved the selection as vice-chairman of Ralph E. Williams of Oregon, Mrs. Alvin T. Hert of Kentucky and Daniel E. Pomeroy of New Jersey.

## Cummock Woman Has Disappeared

### Suggestion for Foul Play—Rumor Races Over County That Mrs. Joe Sheffield Had Been Thrown in River.

Chatham was fed up Monday on a rumor that another woman, also her child, had been thrown in Deep River. A telephone message from Mrs. J. P. Clapp of Siler City to Sheriff Blair asked for him to make an investigation. Mrs. Clapp was afraid her daughter, Mrs. Joe Sheffield, and infant had been thrown into Deep River by her husband.

The sheriff was on a raid at the time, but on arrival Monday afternoon, he and Deputy Desern went to make an investigation. They found that the woman has been gone several days having disappeared from her Cummock home with the child during one night last week.

While the family live in Lee county, the officers went to Sheffield's home and he said that she has run away with another man, he presumes. Twice before, it is said, after trouble in the home she has gone away and got a job, but has heretofore told her people where she was. Sheffield consented to come to Pittsboro till an investigation should be made.

Sheffield is a miner, having lived here for quite a number of years, and is reported by Officer Desern as a good kind of fellow, but rough. The officials see enough of the mysterious to deem the matter worthy of investigation, but it is a Lee county matter, though a native of Chatham has disappeared.

They had a private interview lasting more than 30 minutes. What a story it would have made in those hectic days! But it was one of those big secrets that didn't leak out. Dr. Wheeler told me of it a year later. Wheeler went away from that interview with Smith's assurance that Smith would be entirely willing to make a fight on a bone-dry platform. Wheeler gathered then the idea that Smith personally was dry; that his wet pronouncements were honest reflections of the sentiment of a wet constituency as Smith interpreted those sentiments; and that Smith himself would honestly and sincerely endeavor to carry out the mandates of the law as it stands.

In other words that Smith as governor of New York was wet because New York was wet, as Smith saw it; but that Smith as President of the United States would be dry because the United States is dry by Constitutional Amendment—such was the impression Wheeler thought Smith wished to convey. And so unless Smith has changed—which is unlikely—the chances are that he will make the fight on a dry platform and will clarify his stand.

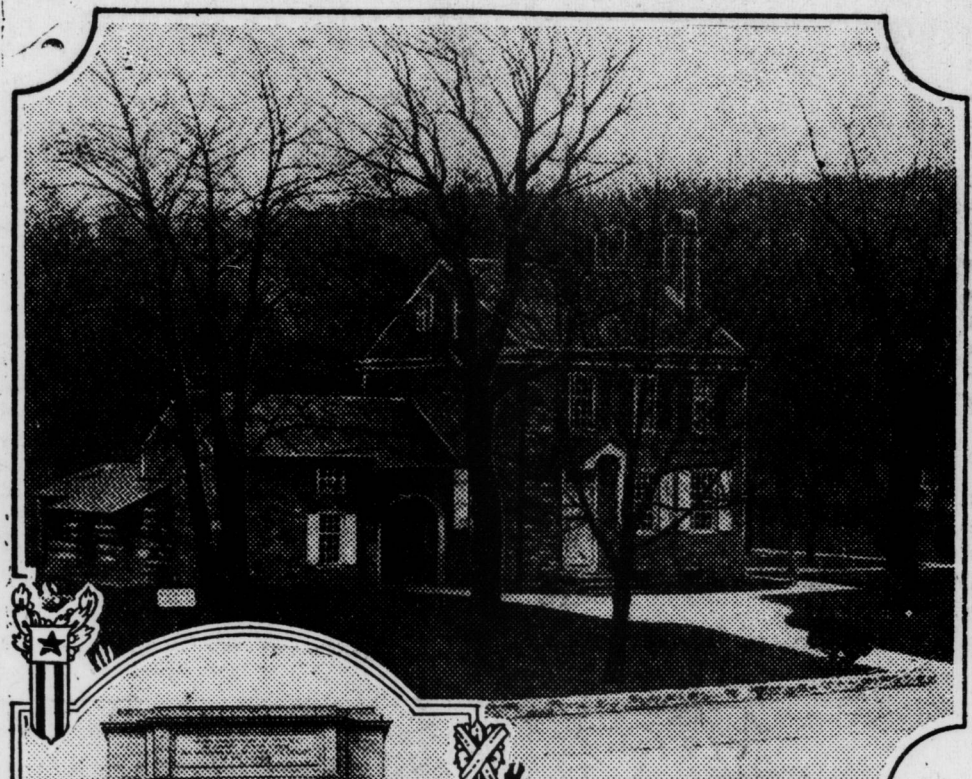
It seems now to be Smith for sure, though Senator Reed of Missouri, the brilliant speaker whose tongue has tasted of venom, is heading up the scattered opposition and plans a bull dog fight. He is no more acceptable to the dries than Smith, but they may turn to him to beat Smith and then turn to somebody else to beat him. Dr. McBride, the Anti-Saloon League leader, and his cohorts are riding the platform committee hard, and one of the dry leaders, Mrs. Mollie Nicholson of Maryland, President of the Democratic Women's Law Enforcement League, declares on behalf of her organization of 75,000 that the girls simply won't vote for Al.

It's a fine old row, but it will soon be over, in all likelihood, and then the campaign will go on in earnest. A minor irritant is the fight over the Vice-Presidency. As this is written, Evans Woollen, Indianapolis banker, seems to be favored. But for the fact that the Constitution provides that President and Vice-President must hail from different states, Jimmy Walker, the popular, would have a good chance to go on the ticket.

Houston is hospitable. She even staged a lynching on convention eve, and is doing all possible to make her guests comfortable. Courtesy has been unflinching and the party is thoroughly enjoying the fracas.

## VALLEY FORGE PLANS TWO MEMORIALS TO HONOR HEROIC SOLDIERS OF 1778

### Library and Non-Denominational Church Will Rise on Broad Acres Near Philadelphia—Celebration Arranged for June to Mark 150th Year.



Washington's Headquarters and Memorial Arch at Valley Forge. The Walk Approaching the Arch Has Been Chemically Treated.

for which will be laid June 19, 1928, as the closing feature of the Sesqui-Centennial observance.

History only will have a place on the library shelves. Each state will be represented by works dealing with the history of that state and the library will have, therefore, 43 alcoves. Valley Forge continues to be the center of interest of thousands and thousands of visitors from every section of the country, as well as from abroad.

Railroads and automobile bus companies regularly run excursions to the famous old shrine of patriotism and on Sundays and holidays even the broad acres of Valley Forge are taxed for space by the huge throngs. In addition many visitors travel by private motor cars over the excellent roads, kept in splendid condition by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

All roads to Valley Forge run through a landscape of remarkable beauty, artists agree, and these roads are treated, as necessity arises, with chemicals, especially calcium chloride to lay the dust.

Only 32 miles from Philadelphia, the shrine has long been one of the favorite objectives for daily excursions for Philadelphians, as well as for visitors to that city who have combined the Valley Forge trip with a tour of other places of historic interest, such as Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House and other relics of the Revolution.

That interest is expected to be stimulated by the forthcoming celebration



VALLEY FORGE, scene of the Continental Army's martyrdom and heroism in the depressing days of 1777 and 1778, will furnish the background for a great national observance of the 150th anniversary.

Imposing memorials are planned for the big cantonment outside of Philadelphia, chiefly a Washington Memorial Library and a Washington Memorial Church, non-denominational.

While the details for the celebration have not yet been announced, it is believed that they will be most comprehensive and picturesque, including participation first of all by the thirteen original states and then by all forty-eight states.

The Washington memorials will rise on the site of the Zulich mansion, destroyed last spring by fire. The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, founder and rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, has received assurances of gifts that will make the memorials possible.

His congregation has bought a site covering 15 acres for the buildings and an unidentified donor has promised funds for the Library, the cornerstone

## MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

Cape Fear township has rendered up four stills since Saturday morning. Three of them were taken in the Merry Oaks section Saturday, and only the approach of a storm kept the operators of one of them from being captured. Four negroes were seen, but a bad wind and rain storm scattered them before things were ready for making a raid. Monday in lower Cape Fear, the officers got Younger Farrell and Cliff Taylor

at a still, and arrested Shelton Fields on such good evidence that he with the others submitted to the charge of distilling. They were released upon \$300 bond each and will await the fall term of court for trial and judgment.

Younger Farrell is a native of the Pittsboro community and was one of the men who found the body of Mrs. Terry. He lives in the Avert Ferry section and is known as a great fisherman and trapper, but himself got trapped this time.



## Dr. Frank Crane Says

### THE MAN WHO KEEPS HIS WORD

It is like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land to run across, as we do occasionally, a man who keeps his word.

You may be able to sue on written promises and contracts put in writing, which are usually binding, but somehow the man who does not keep his word strictly is a slippery customer and it is hard to get hold of him, even with a piece of writing.

The fundamental security for a man doing what he promises is, after all, character.

If a man has character and is upright you are safer in lending him money than if he gives you a mortgage on his farm. Doing business with a liar is never satisfactory. Somehow he will attempt to wriggle out of his promises.

It is easy to detect the strictly

honest person. When he owes you money he does not avoid you, but openly and frankly pays you something on account right along, if he cannot pay the whole amount.

The test of the fundamentally honest man is his punctuality in meeting his engagements or in frankly explaining to you why those engagements cannot be met.

The courts are full of people trying to evade their plain engagements.

A man who is in debt sincerely tries to meet that debt whether it hurts him or not. It is very trying and very disturbing to our faith in human nature to find a person who is always looking for alibis, always seeking explanations for not doing as he said he would do.

The good loser, the man who loses and yet is cheerful is the man who is after all one of the chief pillars of the social fabric.

## GIVEN EIGHT MONTHS, CONVICT ASKS FOR TWO YEARS

Atlanta, June 21.—Tom McGee, it would appear, is a glutton for punishment. He was arraigned in city criminal court before Judge Jesse Wood Wednesday on charge of being a vagrant.

"Why don't you go to work," asked Judge Wood.

"I can't find work except on the chain gang," Tom McGee replied. "If it pleases your honor, I would like to be returned to the river camp, where I formerly fed the hogs. The hogs haven't been doing well since I left."

"Eight months ought to be long enough," remarked the court.

"Can't you make it two years?" pleaded Tom McGee.

"Eight months feeding the hogs ought to be sufficient," replied the judge.

## EDITORIALS

### BE HONORABLE

Boys and young men start out in life with the idea that one's success depends upon sharpness and chicanery. They imagine if a man is able to "get the best of a bargain," no matter by what deceit and meanness he carries his point, that his prosperity is assured. This is a great mistake. Enduring prosperity cannot be founded on cunning and dishonesty. The tricky and deceitful man is sure to fall a victim sooner or later, to the influences which are forever working against him. The future of that young man is safe who eschews every shape of double dealing, and lays the foundation of his career in the enduring principles of everlasting truth. The man who succeeds is the one who even avoids the suggestion of an unfair game.—Selected.

General Nobile has been rescued from the ice floes of the Arctic, but several of his companions on the airship which was wrecked are still lost, as are the greatest of all explorers, Amundsen and companions, who were themselves wrecked somewhere. There is no telling how many more will be lost trying to rescue those already lost and then those to be lost ad infinitum. It looks like a perpetual rescue game, and if it ends happily, should not have to be repeated. There is nothing in the Arctic worthy of such sacrifices.

If the railroads do not make money, they have government protection. If the utility companies, telegraphs, light plants, etc., do not make money at present rates, they seek higher rates from the corporation commissions. If American manufacturers cannot compete with foreign ones, they are protected with a tariff. But the poor farmer must sell as best he can. It is truly to be hoped that either a direct means of helping him will be found, or the government protection will be withdrawn from the other industries so that all may root hog or die alike. The convention in session at Houston has a great problem before it in respect to farm relief.

The industrial world is in a continuous state of adjustment and readjustment. The extended use of rayon is making necessary new factories, while the existing cotton factories can hardly live. It would seem sound sense to utilize some of the cotton mill buildings to house rayon plants instead of building new ones. The cotton mills must be thinned out as the farmers are being thinned out. When fewer plants can supply the demand, it is a sheer waste for the present number to try to survive. All suffer from a shortage of work as at the present time. To keep everybody busy in productive activities in this day of constant change in the manner and material of life is a problem. The world wants more things than ever, but different things almost every year. The producers of the new prosper, while the makers of the old languish until the balance is struck by the death of the excess of producing plants.

Plenty of forage means much to the farmer. The next two weeks will largely determine the supply for the next season.

Prof. R. L. Paschal is in the county for the summer. Bob has made

## Siler City Features Independence Day

### Big Parade, Band Music, Patriotic Speaking, Athletic Stunts, Fire Works, Etc.

The Fourth of July at Siler City will have all the necessary features to make a holiday long to be remembered. The program for the day begins with music by the band at 9:15 and from then on there will be something doing almost steadily until bedtime.

Parade of floats and decorated autos at 9:15. Free acts for everybody on platform on the square at 10:45. Patriotic addresses at 11:11:45 more band music; 12:15 free acts; 1:15 music; 1:30 Athletic events, with prizes for winners; 2:45 Free Acts; watch this one, GREASY PIG TURNED LOOSE AT BALL PARK; 3:45 Baseball game, Burlington vs. Siler City; 6:15 music by string band; 8:15 fire works in front of high school building; 8:30 Play, "Andy Gump," at school building.

Besides this program there will be a merry-go-round, a ferris wheel, Venetian swings and other forms of amusement here all day for any one who wishes to patronize them. One of the best clowns ever seen here will entertain you. He is a real clown and not a local man dressed up like a clown.

### TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Hadley township Sunday school convention will be held at Sapling Ridge Methodist church, July 14. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. A public dinner will be served. Everybody invited to go and carry a basket.

Corn planting has been in progress ever since the weather got dry enough for the land to be plowed. The recent showers have served to make the badly prepared land more readily workable. If Chatham makes a good crop this year, there is little to fear hereafter because of late planting. Wheat, damaged by the winter cold, is turning out surprisingly well, as the seasons up to harvest time were good for it.

The well for the town's water supply is going down in the southeastern part of town. Dowdy and Butler, of Coal Glen, are the contractors, the price being \$7.50 per foot. The well is ten inches in diameter. The site was suggested by the state geologist, who thought rock interference in that quarter of town was less probable than in the higher section.

Her aunt, Mrs. R. P. Johnson, received a letter from Miss Minnie Bell, who sailed Saturday, June 9, for England. The letter was received just fifteen days from sailing, and would indicate that the world does not have so great need of quicker transportation across the waters.

Miss Louise Petty was home from E. C. T. college for the week-end. Also Mr. D. C. Beard, who is employed in the building operations going on at the college, was home.

Prof. G. H. Gorrell of Wake Forest preached an able sermon at the Pittsboro Baptist church Sunday.

There will be an ice cream supper given under auspices of the ladies of Mt. Pleasant church, Baldwin township, next Saturday evening, from 5:30 to 10 o'clock. In addition to cream, sandwiches and other edibles will be sold. Proceeds go to benefit of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hall of Holly Springs visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Bright Sunday.

Judge Tom Pace of Oklahoma, who is visiting home folk in Maxton and Chatham, and his brother, John Pace, spent a few days at the latter's summer lodge at Pace's mill.

Mrs. S. G. Harrington of Sanford-Jonesboro, formerly known in this community as Miss Wilma Arnold, is visiting Misses Pauline and Emily Taylor.

Mrs. Geo. H. Brooks was called to the home of her brother, Mr. Walker Stone, near Apex, Sunday, by the death of the latter's little son William, which occurred after only a day of illness with colitis. He was three years of age.

It is noted that the marriage of Miss Ola Harmon appearing in the dailies is located at her home instead of Mt. Zion church.

Senator W. P. Horton addressed the Siler City Rotary club Monday and enjoyed their fine dinner. Mr. Horton says the club is a live bunch.

a most enviable reputation as an educator in Texas.

Farmers have had an easy time this spring so far as work is concerned, but they are catching it now, what with the harvest on, crops behind, and stubble land needing seeding to peas.