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PARAGRAPHS

Add to list of fireside plans being made at this time of the year: transatlantic hops.

If Alma, alleged patricide, had used a "Gat" the deed could have been done so much more gracefully.

As we get it, the plea is to come out and be battered with the sweet thought that another team will be chosen next season.

"Condition of Charlotte Millionaire Very Good," headlines a daily. And it should continue to be so if the tax assessor doesn't give him too much worry.

The fifteen-dollar-a-week New York clerk who would divorce his \$4,000,000 heiress-wife on the grounds of desertion had best change his plea to insanity.

Papers report that Mayor Jimmy Walker is having "the time of his life" in New Orleans. And what did the New York preacher say about Jimmy's abstinence some weeks back?

Writes young Whitener, son of Wheelhorse Mike, from S. C. to his mother, "Don't worry, mother. I'm all right." But no report comes as to how Lowden's campaign is doing in the Palmetto state.

George Washington, reputed father of this country, had nothing on the young chap along lines of frankness and self-respect who read in the Good Book this aphorism, "God loves those who love themselves."

NOTHING BUT PRAISE

The Tar Heel basketball team that entrains for Atlanta tonight to compete in the eighth annual southern conference basketball tournament deserves nothing but praise for its splendid record made during this season. With a string of unbroken victories over all teams in the state, the Flying Phantoms may look forward to a degree of success with expectancy and with reasonable assurance.

It is to be regretted that two of the mainstays, Bill Dodderer and Carr Purser, suffered injuries in the Wake Forest game Monday evening which may keep them from participating in the tourney. The campus and the Tar Heel sympathize with these two stars and hopefully expect them to be in the line-up of the Tar Heels before *finis* is written of the annual gathering in Atlanta.

In the six times that Carolina has contested in the tournament an enviable record has been made that is worthy of the highest commendation. In addition to four conference championships, the University of North Carolina basketball team has won a

reputation in Atlanta for clean, hard playing, unquestionable sportsmanship and a spirit of never-say-defeat that has endeared the Tar Heels in the hearts of the sports-lovers of Atlanta.

The Tar Heel hopes that the Flying Phantoms will bring home the bacon, and expects the University's representatives to add more to our reputation during this tournament.

TAINT' SO, TAIN'T SO

Dav Carol

Egad, Boswell, the man accuses us of being an Irish Catholic with a nigger in the woodpile and a Pope up our sleeves.

When the writer accepted the position as associate editor of this journal, he anticipated no such attack as that made upon him in Tuesday's TAR HEEL. He never, never expected to find himself with entertaining religious zeal of any kind, be it Catholicism or Holy Rollerism. How proud his conscientious parents would be!

But this is serious. Mayhap 'tis vital. For the associate editor's critic may tell the Ku Klux Klan on 'em. Then his Irish neck will be in a twist shore enuf.

Hence, the writer thinks that something should be done to save the associate editor from the dastardly foe. He wishes to announce that the Dinnite Senate will be armed to the teeth and tonsils, and will defend anybody from everybody for anything.

Furthermore, he extends a hearty welcome to all Irish Catholics to join in this commendable enterprise of saving the associate editor from the Kluckers and this Aberdeen devil. He goes so far as to point out to these churchmen that Tuesday's Open Forum writer insinuated that their Pope was a nigger in a woodpile. To arms, ye sons of Erin!

As for ourselves, you bet your boots that we're Americans to the core. Hurrah for the Democrats, the Stars and Stripes forever, liberty and union one and inseparable, I'd rather be right than president, whoever touches a hair of yon grey head, in God we trust, my country, my country, e pluribus unum.

Anyway, begorra, oi ain't Irish.

OPEN FORUM

FORMER MAGAZINE EDITOR DEFENDS SMITH

New York City

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Although the person who wrote the letter headed "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" appearing in the TAR HEEL February 16 signed himself "Out-Stater," he failed to designate the state from which he came. Aside from any geographical reference, I'd say that he is in a fairly bad state at present.

However, I'd like to reply to his diatribe directed at a man whose name he seems to know. Out-Stater has one virtue. When he puts his foot down he covers a hell of a lot of territory.

For instance, he made the statement that Governor Alfred E. Smith has been unable to get a bill through the New York Legislature for the last four years. Out-Stater would have to go back little more than a week ago, if he reads the public prints, to find that Governor Smith carried a bill through both the Senate and the lower house in less than two days, securing unanimous votes in each case. And the bill was one which gave to investigators appointed by the Governor unusual power and liberty of action in any investigation decided upon by the Governor.

Out-Stater might also inform himself on the Constitutional amendments adopted and rejected in the state elections in New York last fall.

And when he says that Governor Smith draws his support from the slums of the world's largest city, I'd like to ask him just what percentage of the city of New York is given over to the slums he has read about. And since when have the greatest metropolitan dailies become confused with the slums?

Governor Smith has, almost without qualification, the support of the New York Times, whose conservatism and integrity is unquestioned; the World, a paper politically independent and fearless in its attack on corruption in either party; The New York Sun, which is staunchly Republican; the New York Telegram and the whole Scripps-Howard chain, which recently announced that it would support Herbert Hoover and Alfred E. Smith, in the order named; the Evening World and any number of lesser metropolitan dailies, exclusive of Hearst papers, possibly.

Consider that the majority of the people in New York State are Protestants. This State has elected Governor Smith four times, once when the state voted overwhelmingly Re-

publican for the President of the United States and at the same time went Democratic for Governor Smith.

Out-Stater pleads against bigotry and fear of bigotry and yet indicts Governor Smith for political and personal honesty in the matter of prohibition. If prohibition is "the greatest moral achievement in the twentieth century," and the majority of the people in the United States hold that opinion, what can Alfred E. Smith, as President, do about it? President Coolidge, with all his acknowledged influence and popular support, seems to be unable to push over his Big Navy bill.

And not one of Governor Smith's bitterest enemies, not even young Teddy Roosevelt, has ever referred to him as a "straw." If the Democratic party "is as a drowning man," it was placed in this predicament by party leaders who refused to recognize in 1924 the worth of an honest and powerful statesman, for reasons directly contrary to that part of the Constitution Out-Stater has never read.

And when was it that our rebellious "forefathers" fought against rebellion? Or good liquor, for that matter? And whose forefathers framed a Constitution guaranteeing equality to all religions and creeds?

Unfortunately, quibbling and derivative attempts to dislodge dogmatic convictions which seem to grip the Solid South will do little to advance the cause of Governor Smith. His great achievements in the State of New York make little impression on voters outside the State because they cannot visualize the unique conditions which exist in this state.

To tell them that Governor Smith's record of fine social legislation was made in the face of a hostile Legislature produces a doubtful reaction. Out-Stater himself cites it as an argument against the man. The majority of the State Legislature is Republican and yet that majority represents approximately 40 per cent of the population of the State—the up-state districts.

The Republican majority in the Legislature is able to maintain a lopsided apportionment of the elective districts by voting down any bill calling for a re-apportionment. Thus they are able to perpetuate the Republican majority, although a certain district in New York City containing 90,000 people has the same representation as an up-state district with less than 10,000 population.

It is in the face of such odds as this that Governor Smith has brought New York State forward in educational and social legislation to a rank which is second to none in the United States.

JULIAN STARR, JR.

DEFENDING DAVID CARROLL

Editor of TAR HEEL:

It seems very clear to me that Mr. Buxley Williams was kicking Mr. David Carroll more than he was Al Smith. I don't know but that he did it without thought, or maybe because he wanted people to know that he had heard that Al Smith had intended running for President, and that he was a Catholic.

No, Mr. Carroll is not a Catholic, although his name was used by a Catholic family. There are probably quite a few Catholics named Williams. Mr. Carroll happens to be an Episcopalian. But why let religion interfere with politics? We want today to have the man in the office who is most familiar with the duties of the office, and who, at the same time has the ability to carry on these duties. May I ask: What other Democrat is more fitted for these duties than Alfred E. Smith? He has held the office of Governor of the state of New York, a state with a population equal to that of any two of our Southern Sea-Coast states. Not only did he merely govern the state, but he governed it in a most efficient and commendable way. His motto at that time was, "Progress."

As to the Pope's ruling the United States, or even trying to, I beg to differ strongly with Mr. Williams. The people of our country would never consent to the dictation of the Pope. They would throw Mr. Smith out of the office far faster than they did Andrew Johnson, of Reconstruction times.

To be true, "Politics and Catholicism do not mix," and I dare say that they never will. Mr. Smith did not let his religion interfere with his governorship of New York, and it is reasonably safe to believe that he will not do it in this case.

Then, too, Al Smith might be a Yankee, but when one takes it into consideration that our present, and late Presidents are both Yankees (north of the Mason-Dixon line), that argument would not very well be an argument.

American principles do not want to give the Protestants the full power of government. Did our forefathers not settle this country for religious equality and freedom? Are we going to act directly against those principles? I dare say that no true son of America

is ever going to abuse those privileges for which our forefathers bled and died that we might enjoy.

Here's hoping that we get the right man for President, regardless of his party or church affiliations.

HENRY E. GIBBONS, JR.

MORE ABOUT AL SMITH

Editor of TAR HEEL:

Dissension! Is there dissension in the Democratic party? Will there be a split in the Democratic ranks over Al Smith? Some are of the opinion that such a split is imminent; and various factions even now are marshalling their forces for the coming struggle.

This is especially true of the national party, but what of the newly formed local party? In that hazy, embryonic formation mutterings and dissatisfaction concerning the nomination of Smith have been heard. Will there be a split in the local party? That a split is not the remotest contingency is hardly to be denied.

Smith presents a figure that both attracts and repels. His popularity is based primarily upon his personality, and upon his record as a remarkably successful state executive. What is more appealing to the populace than the catchy phrase "from the sidewalks to the White House" breathing its message of equality that is so dear to the American heart? But what is more repellent to American tastes than the various epithets that the famous mud-slingers of the Republican party can and will hurl at him. Don't fall for the early Smith propaganda before the opposition lines up and counter action is brought to bear against him. Smith, Tammany Hall, and his supporters are straining every nerve in a frantic effort to create favorable sentiment and cop the Democratic nomination. But will he get it? The writer begs to doubt that he will.

In spite of the tolerant, humane, and unprejudiced viewpoint so fondly held by the average college man as regards to prohibition and Catholicism, it is quite another matter to expect ordinary voters to be likewise so unbiased.

Al Smith presents perhaps the best known figure in the country today, who can be attacked on grounds of prejudice. The Republican party realizes this; its attack upon Smith has been silent to a great extent because it has not deemed it feasible to waste money fighting a candidate whose chance of securing the Democratic nomination is admittedly considered hazardous by his staunchest supporters.

If Smith were only a Catholic or a wet, his chances of being nominated and elected would be considerably brighter, but being both his chances are practically nullified. The dries and the anti-Catholics will be only too glad to unite in a potent force that will contribute largely to his defeat.

Will dissension occur as a Smith candidacy is being advanced? Line up third party factions. Line up. HENRY ROANE.

LET 'EM KNOW ABOUT POLITICS

Editor of TAR HEEL:

It has been my pleasure to visit in North Carolina for the past week. Everywhere I have seen unusual signs of progress, of course. But it seems to me that more important than all of North Carolina's good roads and wholesome industries is its inquiring spirit. The people of this state are on the *qui vive*, I think, more than are the inhabitants of any other portion of the South. They do not let their pride run to conceit; they are not self-satisfied.

Perhaps you wonder why I elect you my confidant of these observations. The answer is that the present attitude of your paper toward national politics, as reported in today's papers, is one of the most impressive examples of enlightenment that I have ever seen. I wish to commend you on your program of inviting different speakers to advocate candidacies for the presidency. I realize that there is strong prejudice against races and religions in the South; hence I admire the systematic method which you are adopting of having new thought introduced in your community. Surely sons and daughters of men so eminent as those produced by the early South cannot always look upon only one side of questions.

At any rate, if students in the state institutions attack problems as you have met this important one, our educational system may survive the criticism which now assails it from all sides. I suggest that you make a special issue of the "wetness" of Governor Smith. Or perhaps the individual honesty of Senator Reed, as opposed to non-personal, party rule. Make them think!

A LOVER OF THE SOUTH.

Those who wish to tryout for the Alabama-North Carolina debate on the Smith question will meet tonight in 202 Murphey Hall at 7:30 p. m. Professor W. E. Caldwell is to speak.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

I do not intend to make these columns the battle ground of a political or religious controversy, but would appreciate the space in the Open Forum necessary to print this, a reply to a recent article on Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion.

The above mentioned article appeared in the issue of February 16, and was written by one who styles himself "Out-Stater," and who might well have said "Outrecuidant."

Without commenting on whether or no Al Smith has had a bill passed by the legislature in the last four years, or whether or no he could have polled a winning vote outside of New York City, because of these asserted facts I know nothing, I would like to ask this:

Does the "Out-Stater" know, that this state with "its pure Anglo-Saxon stock" was one of the first to be founded in this country, and that the reason for its founding was the fact that the religious intolerance of those in England, that were then in power, made life unbearable for the Catholics and the numerous new sects?

Does he know so little of the Catholic Church that he places it on the level of a fraternity of men, and that fraternity with no openly avowed purpose of existence?

Does he try to lead us to believe that the Catholic Church furthers ignorance and bigotry?

Does he not know that the Catholic Church was instrumental in preserving the most sacred of all the written documents that are man's heritage?

Does he not know that for many centuries the only schools in existence were those that were conducted by the Religious, or by private tutors instructed by them?

Does he not know that the Catholic Church has ever preached tolerance and peace among men?

These things certainly do not admit the appellation "ignorant and bigoted."

Does he not know that to be a real member of the Catholic Church, one must live a life that admits of no criticism?

Does he not know that Al Smith is a real Catholic?

Does he not admit that a man of this type would make a President of the highest order?

None of our Presidents so far has ever been the target of such a scathing denunciation on account of his religion. Must we wait until the most prosperous, peaceful, and tolerant period of the history of the United States to denounce a quality of a man, that would be an asset to our country, rather than a liability, were he to be elected?

"A SMITHIST."

Peacock Accepts Position With A. P.

Bill Peacock, class of '27, has recently accepted a position with the Associated Press and will assume his duties Monday.

Mr. Peacock was formerly connected with the Alumni Review in the capacity of business manager. While a student here, he was assistant editor of the Yackety Yack, and also connected with other campus publications.

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