

McAdoo and Smith Dope Out Different Formulas To Win

Smith Says East and Solid South Will Give Him Victory With Little or No Help from West, While McAdoo Points to 1912 or 1916, With LaFollette to Say Which

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New York, June 21.—Every convention has in the back of its mind one thing—how can the prospective candidate win if he is nominated?

Each of the two leading candidates for the Democratic nomination—William Gibbs McAdoo and Governor Al Smith—depends on two opposite formulas for getting enough votes in the electoral college. It is the strength or weakness of McAdoo or Smith according as you view their chances.

But mingling with the delegates even at this early stage of the game, one encounters the statement on the part of the Al Smith managers that he would win by a combination of Eastern states plus the solid South. The McAdoo managers reserve the right to alter their formula, depending on whether Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin runs or simply refrains from supporting the Coolidge-Dawes ticket.

Here is the way the Smith people look at the electoral table if the governor of New York who has twice carried the empire state is the nominee of the Democratic party and if on the ticket with him is some Westerner of appealing strength like Charles Bryan, governor of Nebraska, and brother of William Jennings Bryan:

States	Electoral Votes.
Alabama	12
Arkansas	9
Connecticut	7
Delaware	7
Florida	6
Georgia	14
Illinois	29
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	10
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	18
Mississippi	19
Missouri	18
New Jersey	14
New York	45
North Carolina	12
Oklahoma	10
Rhode Island	5
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
West Virginia	8
Total	272

Necessary for a majority, 266.

The Smith supporters do not concede that the West would be forfeited. On the contrary with a Western man for Vice President they think many states would be won but they insist that all the West put together does not count as much as the sure states of the populous East where Al Smith is popular.

Turning now to the McAdoo camp, one finds that the managers are applying two ideas—the vote as cast in the 1916 election if LaFollette does not run on a third party ticket, and the vote as cast in the 1912 election if LaFollette splits the Republican vote by running as an independent Republican. With LaFollette in the field, the McAdoo managers would count on their favorite carrying states like Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois, Oregon, in addition to many Western states.

"I believe," said Thomas B. Love, the Texas leader, "that McAdoo would carry all the states Wilson did in 1912 and that LaFollette would carry the Roosevelt states of that year."

Daniel C. Roper of South Carolina, another ardent McAdoo man, believes that if LaFollette does not run the McAdoo vote in the electoral college would be the Wilson vote of 1916 plus Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and South Dakota.

There is no question as the convention assembles that McAdoo and Smith lead the field and that the other dozen candidates are hoping for a deadlock so that one of their number may be nominated.

The first of the "dark horses" is John D. Davis of West Virginia, former ambassador to Great Britain, who appears to be almost as strong in the ranks of the Smith delegates as he is among the McAdoo supporters. He has more second choice votes now than any other man in the convention. The managers of McAdoo and Smith are aware of this and are, of course, fighting vigorously against the idea that any one else should be named but their respective favorites. Never-the-less the boom for Davis grows daily.

The contest over the platform promises plenty of oratory and debate. The three main points of contention are the planks relating to the League of Nations, light wines and beer and the Ku Klux Klan. Inasmuch as the platform is adopted before the balloting for President and Vice President begins, which probably will be Thursday, the kind of platform accepted by the convention will in a measure indicate the kind of candidate who will be chosen.

The fight about the Ku Klux Klan seems to center on whether that organization should be named and specifically denounced or whether the declaration should cover all organizations given to taking the law unto their own hands. As for prohibition, Woodrow Wilson sent a light wine and beer plank to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco; but it was not presented by his spokesmen. It might be revived here. On the League of Nations, there are two schools of thought—those who want an unequivocal declaration and those who

TWAIN IN WRONG ABOUT WEATHER

Famous Remark That Everybody Talked and Nobody Did Anything About It Disproved.

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New York, June 23.—Mark Twain was wrong about the weather. He said everybody talked about it but that nobody did anything about it.

Merchants and buyers and jobbers in a score of different sections of the country are doing something about the weather this week. They are buying or preparing to buy large quantities of goods. The harvest season now is under way and with the advent of warmer weather, the buying power of the great bulk of the population of the United States has increased.

Industries which have no connection with agriculture are benefitting from the increase in the farmers' purchases. The wheat harvest is on in Texas and Oklahoma now and will start in Southwestern Kansas about June 25 to July 1. Reports from Fort Worth and Amarillo indicate that the farmers of that section are not going to hold their wheat. They will market it at present prices. That means a power to spend between 50 and 85 cents for every bushel grown on the thousands of acres planted to this crop in the Southwest.

There are enough men to handle the harvest in the North Central district of the Texas Pan Handle and the plains sections of Texas. They are receiving around \$4 a day. The official Government labor agents announce, however, that 50,000 men will have to be brought in from the outside to accommodate the needs of the Southwest. That means a potential purchasing power of \$200,000 a day from the harvest hands alone. Four thousand men will be needed in the next week in Harper, Beaver and Texas counties Oklahoma, and they will be paid not less than \$3 to \$3.50 a day with board and lodging.

Kansas will need 40,000 men from outside the state to harvest its wheat crop and will begin paying them \$3.50 to \$4 a day and board inside the next week. The Southern part of Nebraska will start to spend money from crops and wage returns about June 25 in the Southern section while the impetus to trade probably will not strike Colorado merchants until July 1 or later.

Who benefits? First the merchants, for the buying of farmers and farm hands is dependent at least to some extent on the harvest and the weather. Merchants have not had their shelves over filled. If the buying of their sections is active, they must renew their stocks with consequent profit to the manufacturer, the industrial workers, the pro-

think whatever is said should be qualified by the general observation that nothing would be done to limit the sovereignty or interfere with the independence of the United States.

ducer of raw materials and the railroads.

Railroads already are making concessions to harvest hands in order to expedite grain shipments. Scores of thousands of cars are held on sidings awaiting their burdens of wheat which will yield big revenue to the carriers. These rates are usually applicable only to groups of 25 or more riding on one ticket to a definite point. The rain which fell over Kansas during the early part of the week is declared by farmers to have benefited conditions 100 per cent.

Crop conditions of the cotton growing states are improving, according to late reports from Louisiana and Mississippi and the prospect for revenue to growers is far better than at the end of May. As a result of this and the marketing of Southern fruit and truck crops, jobbers in that section say business is improving. Merchants are sending in more voluntary mail orders than at any time in the last three months. These generally are for small quantities but for prompt shipment and indicate a revival of consumer buying.

WILL INVITE CONVENTION B. Y. P. U. HERE IN 1924

When the delegates from Blackwell Memorial B. Y. P. U. to the convention at Wilmington made their reports at Sunday school Sunday morning the motion was passed that the convention be invited to Elizabeth City in 1924. The delegates were also requested to make their reports to the church at the evening service next Sunday. The delegates were Elgin White, Miss Eloise Aydtlett, and Miss Nellie Hastings, the latter being elected one of the vice presidents of the State B. Y. P. U. in last week's convention.

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