

FERGUSONS SET NEW FASHION IN POLITICAL JOBS

Ma Admits They've Both Been Governor and She Thinks It's Double Team Job, Anyhow, She Says

PINCHOTS BITTO

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Washington, March 3. — Mrs. Ma and Pa Ferguson are going to set a new political precedent by running for governor of Texas as a couple. Ma Ferguson practically did that two years ago, but then the Lone Star State was divided as to whether Ma was going to be governor in her own right or whether Pa was going to be governor for her. Ma now insists that both Fergusons have been governor and the job calls for a double team and a wife.

The Texas experiment is already taking its repercussions in the state of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ferguson reported that Governor and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot are going to run for the Senate. Governor Pinchot has made no secret of the fact that as chief executive of the Keystone state he has leaned heavily upon Mrs. Pinchot in whose political judgment and sagacity he is said to have unbounded faith.

Mrs. Pinchot already has started the campaign for her husband and is making speeches in many parts of the state. She is directing herself largely to the women of the commonwealth and it is easily to be surmised that Mrs. Pinchot is able enough to lead the powerful Republican machine in his home state and wrest the nomination away from Senator George Wharton Pepper. Mrs. Pinchot will feel that much of the responsibility of the Senatorship will fall upon her even if she is unable to include the Senator. She will also take personal issue with the forces of reaction.

Mrs. Pinchot is echoing her husband's sentiments about Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury. She charges Mr. Mellon with having thwarted attempts to enforce prohibition in Pennsylvania and says that permits issued by him have protected many illegal sources of alcohol. Mrs. Pinchot also accuses the Secretary of knowing of having smuggled whisky into Washington. She has demanded to know how the Eighteenth Amendment can ever be enforced with "a man like that" at the head of the enforcement forces.

The experiment of husband and wife control of political office is decidedly an interesting one. Ma and Pa Ferguson are going to try a public settlement on their share in the experiment by running again for office. At least Ma will be on the ticket as the runner, but everybody will know that Pa will continue to do business at the old stand in Austin just as he has done ever since the day Ma was inaugurated.

The great American people appear to be more startled over the fact that a woman official should call upon her husband for help than that a man official should openly ask his wife for assistance. Since men and women have come to political equality there is really not much to choose from in the two situations.

There are many Senators and Representatives here in Washington who openly admit that they owe their present jobs, to their wives. It is feminine tact, diplomacy and general help.

It was even commonly admitted a few years ago that President Harding had risen to the highest office of the land through the influence of his wife, who was a far better politician than her President-husband ever had been or could ever hope to be.

Mr. Harding had wanted to remain in the Senate. Mrs. Harding wanted him to go to the White House. Mrs. Harding put him in the pre-convention primaries and held him there against his constant wish to withdraw. Mrs. Harding had a will of steel; Mr. Harding was something of a drifter. Mrs. Harding had her way and she let it be known after the election that in certain matters she would have the final word at the White House. Mr. Harding had implicit faith in his wife's political judgment or intuition, or whatever you choose to call it.

Wins Unusual Honor



Tracy Ziskow, Harvard's star athlete, has been awarded the greatest football player can attain at the university. He was given the Max Baer athletic memorial cup for all round excellence with the Crimson football team and the Barrett Wendell bat for being the leading offensive performer. He has won letters in baseball, football and hockey.

Here's One City That Owns Its Newspaper At Least For A Time

By J. J. WRIGHT
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Kansas City, Mo., March 3.
This city today owns one of its largest newspapers, property worth a million dollars a year and estimated to be worth in excess of ten million dollars.

By provision of the will of William F. Nelson, who founded the Kansas City Star 39 years ago, that paper and at least ten million dollars worth of other property, mostly real estate, become property of Kansas City upon his death. Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Lavinia N. Nelson, now Mrs. Lavinia N. Nelson, is the sole executrix of the will and is the only one who is permitted to publish the paper but they are required by the will to sell the paper within two years.

HOUSE REFUSES TO REPORT MEASURES

Washington, March 3. — The House military committee by a 10 to 11 vote today refused to report the bill to create a department of national defense.

It also refused by another close vote to report the measure proposing to create a military service and likewise a 10 to 11 vote refused to report the bill to create a military service and likewise a 10 to 11 vote refused to report the bill to create a military service.

DR. THAYER TO ATTEND BAPTIST BOARD MEETING
Dr. James H. Thayer, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, will leave Wednesday night to attend a meeting of the board of education of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh.

CLUB DIRECTORS MEET
The board of directors of the Elizabeth City Country Club met Tuesday night for consideration of various routine matters and a proposal for extensive realty development adjacent to the club tract. No action was taken upon the latter.

THOUSAND BAPTIST WOMEN AT MEETING
Raleigh, March 3. — One thousand Baptist women from all parts of the State were in attendance here today at the annual Woman's Missionary Union convention.

Indirect Value Of Hotel Stressed By Leigh Sheep

Modern Hustle Would Bring Many Who Otherwise Would Avoid Elizabeth City, Chamber of Commerce President Declares, in Interview

The importance of a modern hotel for Elizabeth City as an advertising medium and as a means of bringing large indirect revenue, apart from whatever profit might be made directly from its operation, is stressed by M. Leigh Sheep, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Few of our citizens realize the powerful advertising value of a modern hotel for this or any other progressive community," Mr. Sheep declared today. "In the first place, such a hotel is the show window of a city. It displays to commercial and industrial representatives who are regular visitors, tourists, and to convention delegates, the real progressiveness of a community.

"This, I believe, is especially true of a community which finances and builds its own hotel. It appears that, no matter how many other good buildings and institutions there are, the first and often the final impression of a city is the excellence of its hotel — or the lack of it. Some one has said — and truly, I think — that people now travel from good hotel to good hotel, and not from city to city. Tourists, especially, and experienced travelers generally, avoid cities which lack modern hotel comforts.

"This advertising feature is worthy of serious consideration, for this makes the hotel an indirect as well as a direct source of profit. Other communities which have financed their hotels at home have found that the profits from their operation have been in many instances secondary to the profits which have accrued indirectly.

Mr. Sheep cited the fact that the Chamber of Commerce had received many letters and telegrams from communities that have financed erection of modern hotels. Almost without exception, these have stated that money invested in improved hotel accommodations has come to the investors with substantial interest.

MODERN LIQUOR KILLS QUICKER

Proportion of Alcoholic Deaths Six to One and Keeps Increasing
By OWEN L. SCOTT
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Chicago, March 3. — Eloquent evidence of the death dealing qualities of hard liquor being consumed by the public is contained in an analysis of deaths due to alcoholism made by the Cook County coroner's office today.

This showed that six persons are being killed by the modern drinks where one was killed by prohibition. Deaths for the past year in this county from alcoholism reached the rather astonishing total of 258. For the year ending June 30, 1919, before prohibition, the number of deaths was 40.

The coroner's chemist, William D. McNally, attributes the growing multiplication of alcohol deaths to excessive drinking rather than to unusually poor liquor. He says that drinkers nowadays show not the slightest caution concerning the volume of their consumption. Their excesses are given principal blame for the high death rate among them.

Another DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA
Washington, March 3. — The Senate today passed the bill of Senator Owen, Democrat of North Carolina creating an additional Federal district for North Carolina.

DEFENDANT USES QUEER PHRASE IN APPEAL TO JURY

Jesse Goodwin, Charged With Forgery, Is Convicted Despite Claim Enemies "Framed" Him

Court Term Closes
Sessions in Currituck Enlivened by Medicine Vendor and Entertainers; No Important Cases

Currituck Courthouse, March 3. — (Special) "After having considered the situation carefully, I am convinced that if my presence had been absent from the county, I would have fared better."

In this original fashion Jesse Goodwin, defendant at the bar in Currituck Superior court on a charge of forgery, made up his case in an impromptu appeal to court and jury yesterday. He was convicted despite his plea and was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Goodwin charged that he had been "framed" by enemies in Currituck County, and expressed regret that he had failed to follow the advice of friends that he leave the county.

Court adjourned late in the afternoon, after a number of relatively unimportant cases had been disposed of. Noah Carter, convicted on a charge of selling liquor, was put under suspended sentence of two years, conditional upon payment of the court costs.

WARREN VISITS ELIZABETH CITY

Representative from First District Attends Hearing on Wildfowl

Representative Lindsay Warren, of the First North Carolina District, spent Tuesday night here, departing Wednesday morning with Solicitor Walter Small enroute to Mendon's, Virginia, for a public hearing on a proposal to check the flow of salt water into Currituck Sound, and thereby to halt the exodus of wildfowl which feed on freshwater grasses.

Many residents of Currituck County attended the hearing, which was being held Wednesday afternoon. Among others, from that county, E. R. Johnson, representative of Currituck in the General Assembly, was present and expressed his views on the subject. Government engineers who recently surveyed Currituck Sound attended also.

Those urging protection of wildfowl, which constitute an important source of revenue in Currituck through the attraction they hold for sportsmen from many parts of the country, contend that the only means of checking the inflow of salt water is by installation of locks in the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal.

'Framed' by Tia Juana Authorities



Elmo Kaye Gordon, sailor in the U. S. navy, has been held in jail at Tia Juana, Mexico, for six months on a "frame-up," according to navy officials who have investigated them. He was convicted of striking a girl in a dance hall and destroying one of her eyes. The girl is working now in a Tia Juana gambling parlor, unharmed. Efforts are being made to secure Gordon's release. His home is in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Up the Back



Don't touch your back with anything but the best. Her arms are so tender that she can attend to them herself. Please always use Don't Touch My Back.

Three Are Killed In Head-On Collision

Chicago, March 3. — Three trainmen were killed and nearly 20 passengers injured, 15 seriously, in the head-on collision of an Illinois Central passenger train and a Michigan Central passenger train in the South Bend early today.

EXPRESSES APPROVAL ANDREWS' PROPOSAL

Washington, March 3. — Holding that the House alcoholic liquor traffic committee "does not show the public confidence," W. H. Stinson, national chairman of the prohibitionists, in a statement made public today expressed approval of Assistant Attorney General Andrew's proposal that a commission be created to conduct a survey of prohibition.

FAMOUS AUTHORITY SHAKESPEARE DEAD

London, March 3. — Sir Sidney Lee, famous authority on Shakespeare, died here today.

NEW CANNING FACTORY FOR WASHINGTON, N. C.
Washington, N. C., March 3. — A new industry, the Washington Packing company, will open for business in this city Tuesday, operating a canning plant for the packing of oysters, fish and probably vegetables. The plant will also have machines to manufacture oyster shell lime.

CONGRESS HAS DECIDED WANTS GET THE FACTS

Move Proceed From 'Wet' and 'Dry' Sides to Find Out All About Workings of the Volstead Law
NOT MERE OPINIONS
No Inquiry Will be Ordered Unless Line Is Drawn Between Facts and Opinions

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, March 3. — What are the facts about the operation of the Volstead law? Congress has just about developed a desire to ascertain them. And the curious thing is that the move proceeds from both the "wet" and "dry" sides.

Assistant Secretary Andrews, of the Treasury Department, in charge of prohibition enforcement, wants a commission appointed to be composed of men of judicial capacity and integrity. Secretary Mellon thinks the commission could accomplish little on both sides in the prohibition dispute would insist on making their own interpretation. As for Congress, the House Committee on Culture Traffic is getting restless because for more than a year it has had nothing to do. If no work is to be given them, the members say they want to be discharged from serving any further on a useless committee.

Just how a Congressional committee could do very much in an investigation which involves so many controversial aspects is difficult for the many opponents of the inquiry to see and they flatly assert that it would be time and money wasted. There will be no inquiry ordered, therefore, unless a line is drawn between fact-finding and opinion-giving. The committee at present is composed largely of members who have voted on the "dry side." What Assistant Secretary Andrews has in mind is a commission which is outside of Congress and to which witnesses may be brought who would be cross examined not with the idea of developing a particular issue but with the purpose of getting all the essential facts on the operation of the law.

Figures and statistics galore have been printed by various independent commissions and institutions but they usually have written their own interpretation of these figures. Even so comprehensive a report as that issued by the committee of the Federal Churches of Christ evoked opposition from various quarters because of a belief that the figures used did not prove certain conclusions or opinions given.

If there is a commission which can bring out a non-partisan report and one that will satisfy all sides as to just what the facts are, no doubt public opinion would be considerably influenced. The success of the Congress would in turn be given a justification for amending the law, either making it stronger or modifying it to accord with the solutions proposed. It is precisely because any change in law breaking, for his concern in the prohibition appointed by the Government is going to have weight with the public that both sides are eager to say just what the commission should be appointed and what the scope of the investigation will be. His reason is that any publicity given to the operations of the law will tend to discourage it.

The interesting thing is that even the man in charge of prohibition enforcement is anxious to establish the facts by a broad investigation, not with the purpose of legislation but with the necessity for obeying all laws on the statute books till the day they are repealed.

TEN COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED NEW YORK

New York, March 3. — The arrest of ten alleged counterfeiters here and the roundup in Philadelphia, Syracuse, Detroit, and other cities of some 30 "passers" of spurious currency was announced today by Joseph A. Palmis, chief of the New York district of the United States Secret Service.

D. A. R. CONFERENCE HELD AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, March 3. — The twenty-sixth annual conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution, altered into actual business sessions at the State gathering here today. Mrs. Edwin Gregory of Salisbury was presiding when the conference started at tea o'clock this morning with many State reports to be brought before the assemblage.

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