

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

By ROBERT T. SMALL (Copyright 1926 by The Advance) 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. Mrs. 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 husband and a wife.

The Texas experiment is already his reputation in the state of Pennsylvania. She 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 if Mrs. Pinchot is able once more 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 and 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 having "smuggled wine 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 test public sentiment 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. In 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 of rewarding friends or punishing enemies 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.

There has been discussion for some time as to what should be done in the future with the husbands of women elected to high office. In the past the wives of husbands in high office have been more or less content to hide their lights under a bushel. It has been supposed that husbands would not be so quiescent, at least as a rule where the wife takes the lead in a family, the husband generally is found to be ultra quiescent.

Pa and Ma have set the style of dividing the office. Governor and Mrs. Pinchot are doing virtually the same thing. So perhaps here we have the solution without much difficulty after all.

Wins Unusual Honor



Tracy Z. Baker, Harvard's star athlete, has been awarded the greatest honor of a player can attain at the university. He was given the Tracy Z. Baker memorial cup for all round excellence with the Crimson football team and the Barrett Wendell bat for being the leading offensive pitcher. He has won letters in baseball, football and hockey.

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

By J. L. WRIGHT (Copyright 1926 by The Advance) Elizabeth 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 B. Nelson, who founded the News as City Star 39 years ago, that paper and at least ten million dollars worth of other property, mostly real estate, became the property of Kansas City, Mo., the 4th Senator of Mrs. Lavinia N. Nelson, widow of Mr. Nelson, the publisher and chairman of the publication and that family.

But there will be no objections to decide the newspaper's policies. City officials and other officials will be called upon to decide what conditions the paper will support.

Instead, the presidents of the state universities of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma today are taking over the estate. They will appoint two trustees who will publish the paper but they are required by the Nelson will to sell the paper within two years.

Proceeds of that sale and of sale of the other property expected to total more than \$20,000,000. will be invested in securities and the income of approximately one million dollars a year will be spent for painting, sculpture, tapestries and other works of art for installation in a municipal museum.

And there will be no rush on present day artists to Kansas City to stock up that museum. The Nelson will provides that no art work shall be bought unless the artist has been dead at least 30 years.

Establishing the museum will carry out a lifelong dream of Colonel Nelson. After his death 11 years ago his widow and Mrs. Kirkwood carried his ideals in publication of the Star as nearly as they could. Irwin R. Kirkwood, husband of Mrs. Kirkwood, never ceased to stand guard for the policies that her father advocated when alive.

Members of the family stated that Mr. Saunders had begun to take a lively interest in his surroundings this morning, for the first time. They and Doctors Walker and Saliba were hopeful that the period of greatest danger had passed. Mr. Saunders was taken ill last Tuesday night, and family and physicians almost despaired of his recovery until yesterday.

Now, however, barring complications, there is every hope for his recovery, according to Dr. Walker.

Baptist Students Have "Darned Souls" Club Rochester, N. Y., Mar. 3. — The Rochester Journal and Post Express says today that a "darned souls" society has been formed by students of the University of Rochester, Baptist institution, "to prove the necessity of Athelton and to abolish belief in God and all religions based on that belief."

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.

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.

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. He expects to return home Friday.

Among other matters, the board is expected to take up a recent suggestion for the removal of Chowan College from Murfreesboro to another North Carolina city.

Indirect Value Of Hotel Stressed By Leigh Sheep

Modern Hustler 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.

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MODERN LIQUOR KILLS QUICKER

Proportion of Alcoholic Deaths Six to One and Keeps Increasing

By OWEN L. SCOTT (Copyright 1926 by The Advance) 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 excuses are given principal blame for the high death rate among them.

This view, however, is not held by other chemists who have investigated the liquor problem. They claim that the poisons contained in present day intoxicants are primarily responsible for the mounting number of deaths. While more people may be drinking to excess, they think that less would lose their lives if consuming decent liquor.

Whatever the underlying cause the Chicago figures indicate that alcohol deaths continue to increase alarmingly. For the past year the increase was 55 per cent the number jumping from 166 a year ago to 258 for the past year. Winter months show the great number of deaths with the average around 25. In the summer there is a decided let up.

No one ventures to offer a sure-fire plan for cutting down the drink toll, so it is taken for granted that it will continue to increase.

ANOTHER DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA

Washington, March 3. — The Senate today passed the bill of Senator Overman, Democrat of North Carolina creating an additional Federal district for North Carolina.

Rev. R. W. Prevost left Wednesday for Atlanta, where he will attend a Bible Class on 14 at the Baptist Tabernacle.

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.

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, conditioned upon payment of the court costs.

Tom Cherry, charged with a like offense, and also with assault, was acquitted on the latter count. The jury disagreed on the former, and upon the advice of counsel, Cherry entered a plea of guilty and was given a suspended sentence of a year upon payment of the court costs.

Crowds attending the court were regaled during the noon recess by a traveling medicine vendor who was accompanied by a pair of colored entertainers, one a banjo player and the other a clog dancer.

"When I look out over this crowd, I see more of a demonstration than I have seen in many a day," the seller of nostrums declaimed, following up with a graphic word picture of the tortures awaiting those who neglected their livers. As a clincher for his "spiel," he distributed a pamphlet entitled, "Why Thousands Die Every Year."

A term of Superior Court for trial of both criminal and civil cases will begin at Camden County Monday, to continue a week. Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, who presided over the Currituck court term just ended, will hold forth at Camden also.

The Currituck term ended early by reason of continuance of all civil cases, this having been decided upon because of the bad condition of the roads.

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 Menden'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.

Jack Burnham motored to Norfolk Tuesday on a business trip.

'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 the case. He was convicted of striking a girl in a dance hall and destroying one of her eyes. He 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 let your back ache, never wear a back brace that buttons up the back. Her arms are so flabby that she can't attend to them herself. Photo shows her demonstrating the flexibility of her joints.

DEMOCRATS ARE COMING OUT OF WINTER HIDING

It is Reported on Good Authority That They've Hired a Real Live Bona Fide Press Agent

DONKEY AWAKENS

By ROBERT T. SMALL (Copyright 1926 by The Advance) Washington, March 3. — The first forlorn stirrings of renewed activity at the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee have been detected by keen observers. They have come with March, the month of the spring equinox, and many indicate that the opposition party is about to emerge from its long winter hibernation.

It is reported on excellent inside authority that the Democrats either have hired, or otherwise obtained a press agent. The general opinion is that the move has been made long time ago, for the bureau and newspaper men who confront the new man are well-nigh overwhelmed.

To all outward appearances the Democratic National Committee has all but slipped into innocuous desuetude since the last campaign. Clem Sawyer, of West Virginia, who was made chairman by John W. Davis in 1924 has resigned his position, but there has been no functioning by the committee. A few stenographers and clerks have been retained in the Washington headquarters, but they have had to do much knitting and sewing to fill in the wide gaps between dictated letters, or other communications.

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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 freight train in the South Bend early today.

Officials of each road began investigation and reported that an open switch was responsible for the crash. A tow-train and his helper near the scene were held for questioning by the coroner's jury.

ELECTRIC POWER BE DISTRIBUTED NORTH TO SOUTH

Atlanta, March 3. — The Atlanta Journal in a copyrighted story from New York today said that within a few days the electric power companies of this country will have established physical connections of their transmission lines except that they will not be able to take advantage of present transmission system to deliver the power to the eastern half of the United States.

The Journal indicated that the J. M. Mitchell, president of the Electric Bond and Share Company in New York, and obtained plans of the great intercontinental distribution of electric power.

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EXPRESSES APPROVAL ANDREWS' PROPOSAL

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

FANCY AUTHORITY SHAKESPEARE DEAD

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

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 3. — Cotton futures opened today at the following prices: March 18.87, May 18.25, July 17.95, October 17.17, December 16.92.

New York, March 3. — Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 15.45, an advance of 20 points. Futures, closing bid: March 15.11, May 15.65, July 15.90, Oct. 17.25, Dec. 16.92.

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 (Copyright 1926 by The Advance)

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 is a good thing. 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 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.

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 by the final report. 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 law breaking, for his concern inclusion 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 inquiry. 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 ten o'clock this morning with many State reports to be brought before the assemblage.

NEW CANNING FACTORY FOR WASHINGTON, N. C.

Washington, N. C., March 3. — A new industry, the Washington Canning Company, will open for business in this city Thursday, operating a canning plant for the packing of oysters, fish roe and probably vegetables. The plant will also have machines to manufacture oyster shell lime.