

AL SMITH NOW TOPIC OF TALK IN MIDDLE WEST

Attended Religious Ceremonials at Chicago But Moved in Political Atmosphere None the Less

THEY SHOUT "AL"
Chicagoans Followed New York Governor Wherever He Went and Begged Him to Return

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Chicago, June 28.—Governor Al Smith's "tour" of the Central West has started a torrent of political gossip. The New York chief executive insisted he came west merely on a vacation and to spend a couple of his vacation days at the Eucharistic Congress of the Catholic Church. During his stay in the West the Governor religiously refrained from discussing politics. No end of adroit questioning could make him break this rule.

Nevertheless the governor moved in a political atmosphere and wherever he went there politics went also. Governor Smith stopped off in Chicago, "rested here in Chicago for two days and a half, journeyed to Milwaukee to spend six hours, and then hiked away to Columbus, Ohio, before entraining for the return trip to Albany. It was rather a strenuous vacation, to say the least—a vacation interspersed with conferences, which at another time would assuredly have been called political.

It is so common to see a campaign manager had out lined a trip for Governor Smith at this time he could hardly have made a better selection. Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio are four states from which the Governor might have reason to expect support for the Presidential nomination in 1928. This is especially true of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. As a matter of fact the Governor's visit to Milwaukee was quite generally put down as an expression of his gratitude for the support the delegation from that state gave him at Madison Square Garden in 1924. He won the Wisconsin primaries that year and his supporters in the state are getting ready to back him again two years hence.

The state Democratic conference will meet in Milwaukee next week to devise ways and means of getting back on the official ballot of the state, for Democracy has been at rather a low ebb in Wisconsin where the real battles are between the LaFollette and "Regular" wings of the Republican party. In no place publicly on his tour of the West has Governor Smith mentioned politics. But it has happened that his visits to the central states have coincided with a tour of the far West by Judge George W. Oviary, chief of Tammany Hall, who has been "nominating" Al at every station along the road.

Judge Oviary says the Governor will run again this fall for his fourth term at Albany and then will "go on to triumph" in 1928. It also happened that while he was in Chicago Governor Smith was hailed everywhere by his fellow Catholics as "the next President of the United States." He just smiled the famous Smith smile at all these allusions and dismissed the subject forthwith. Despite the rather vocal optimism of Judge Oviary Governor Smith still has his doubts about ever getting that nomination. Although the governor made a speech here in Chicago in which he thanked God that New York was "free of bigotry" he still feels there is enough of prejudice left against Catholics to prevent that faith being named for the Presidency two years hence. In spite of this the governor did not hesitate to take advantage of the Eucharistic Congress publicly to proclaim anew his loyalty and love for his church.

Colored Defendant Found Guilty Of Grabbing Suit

Accused of having attempted to run off with a suit of clothes from the store of O. B. West & Co., on South Polk street, on May 18, Johnnie Boone, alias James Boone, colored, was found guilty by Trial Justice Sawyer in recorder's court Monday morning. Upon request of Walter L. Cooxon, representing Boone, Judge Sawyer reserved judgment until Tuesday morning, to give the defendant time to offer any evidence which might serve to mitigate his punishment.

The negro denied stoutly having committed the offense charged, asserting that he had only been in Elizabeth City about three weeks, having come here from Beaufort. Miss Evie Riggs, attractive maid of perhaps 18 summers, was the principal witness for the State. She positively identified Boone as the negro who, she said, went into the store on May 18, while she was working regularly there, and snatched up a blue serge suit and started away with it, after having rammed about the store for some time, offering various pretexts to divert her attention from the clothing.

She rushed to the street, she continued, and called for help. In leaving the store, the negro dropped the suit in the doorway, and ran. Boone was arrested Saturday, and was taken before her for identification.

Mr. West, proprietor of the store, brought smiles to the faces of courtroom spectators when, in answer to a question from Mr. Cooxon as to the value of the suit, he testified it was worth \$20. "You mean it sells for \$20 don't you?" the attorney queried. "There is often quite a difference between what an article is worth, and what it sells for." "No sir, I mean it's worth \$20," Mr. West replied emphatically. "I paid \$20 for the suit, and it was worth it."

Trial Justice Raps Open Sewer Menace

Orders to the police to arrest and bring before him whoever was responsible for leaving water and sewer excavations improperly guarded after nightfall, with consequent peril to the public, were issued by Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer in recorder's court Monday.

"Many complaints have come to me that sewer and water excavations are being left unguarded at night," the trial justice declared, in commenting upon the matter. "That is a violation of both the city and State laws, which require that such excavations be barricaded and properly lighted. It is fortunate that the city hasn't one or more suits in its hands for bodily injuries and destruction of property resulting from this."

THIRD CALL ISSUED FOR GENERAL STRIKE

Fairmont, W. Va., June 28.—A third call for a general strike of Northern West Virginia coal miners, effective July 5, was issued here today by Van A. Bittner, international representative of the United Mine Workers of America.

Tough Job



Judge Charles A. McDonald, former chief justice of Chicago's criminal court, has a tough job. He has been appointed to investigate Chicago's election frauds, the present crime situation and the supposed intrigue between crime and politics in that city.

NEW PLAN FOR GETTING JURIES

County Commissioners here Relieved of This Task, It is Proposed

Raleigh, June 28.—That the judicial system of the State is already benefiting from the work of the State Judicial Council, created by the last Legislature to work out recommendations looking toward the constructive revision of legal procedure in North Carolina, is most evident following only the third meeting of the conference held Friday in the Supreme Court rooms.

Graham Bell Takes Norfolk Position

In order to avail himself of the wider opportunities offered by the broader field in a larger city, Graham W. Bell, cashier of the Industrial Bank here, has tendered his resignation, effective August 1, to accept a position in the bond sales department of the Guaranty Title & Trust Corporation, of Norfolk, it is announced. His successor in the bank here has not been named.

Pugh Delights Highway Delegates With Speech

Elizabeth City Man's Address at Wilmington Convention Last Week to be Reprinted and Broadcast Over State; Warmly Praised

High acclaim was accorded C. R. Pugh of Elizabeth City, by those attending the annual convention of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association in Wilmington last week, over an address which he delivered at the convention, in which he outlined the many advantages accruing to North Carolina from the great coastal highway which the association is sponsoring.

Slot Machines Hit Death Blow By Judge Sawyer

Largely as a result of protest from feminine quarters, slot machines of the type which deliver a more or less uncertain quantity of merchandise or redeemable tokens are to be barred from Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County after this week. Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer in recorder's court Monday instructed both the city and county authorities to agree and bring before him for trial any person running such machines on and after next Monday.

In directing that operators of the machines be brought to an accounting, Trial Justice Sawyer stated that he had received a very severe "curtain lecture" from a woman at Sunday School Sunday, to the effect that these alleged gambling devices were corrupting the morals of the younger generation. He added that when the bars recently were let down to the machines while a Supreme Court decision as to their legality is pending, the city and county literally were flooded with them. The decision of the higher court has not been announced yet.

TELLS ABOUT SALARY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Washington, June 28.—More information about the \$130,000 dry law enforcement fund of the Pennsylvania Women's Christian Temperance Union was sought today by the Senate campaign funds committee.

William B. Wright, Deputy Attorney General of the Keystone State, was a witness. Wright, whose home is in Baltimore, said he undertook dry law enforcement in Pennsylvania in February, 1923, at the request of Governor Pinchot and that he received \$6,000 a year and expenses.

MOM'S RIGHT



You bet, Mom's right, so you ought to call 357 and see that "Mom's Pop," the family comic strip, goes with her on her vacation. It will make the days brighter for her.

Rivals, but Close Friends



James H. McPherson (left) and Charles M. Carlton (right) are partners in retail tire store at Wichita, Kas. McPherson is a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket, and Carlton seeks the same office as a Democrat. No matter who wins, however, they will continue as partners—and friends.

FIRST CONCERT PLEASURES CROWD

Boys' Band Shows Benefits of Training in Program on Courthouse Lawn

Although the weather wasn't all that might have been desired, a good-sized crowd was on hand on the courthouse lawn Sunday afternoon for the opening summer concert of the Elizabeth City Boys' Band—and those who attended expressed themselves as delighted and astonished by the excellence of the program.

ARE SEEKING PARDON FOR ALVIN MANSEL

Baltimore, June 28.—Riot squads were called out today when a crazed negro shot three policemen and probably two other persons before being killed by a wounded patrolman in Northwest Baltimore.

COTTON MARKET

New York, June 28.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 18.25, October 16.71, December 16.61, January 16.35, March 16.32.

Medicine Vendor Boasts Too Soon

Falling to make good on a boast he is reported to have made earlier in the week, when he learned that the city police and County authorities were on his trail, Roy Plexico, representative of a Charlotte patent medicine firm, tumbled into the toils of the law in Hertford Saturday, and is awaiting a hearing in recorder's court here on a charge of peddling medicine without the proper licenses.

"If they don't get me now, they won't get me," Plexico is said to have remarked the other day, as he departed from the offices of the police department in the First & Citizens National Bank Building. Sheriff Carmine and members of the police force later chased him vigorously but in vain until Saturday, when the sheriff received a tip that Plexico was in Hertford.

AUTO LICENSES GOING SLOWLY

Many Will be Left in Lurch Unless Demand Speeds Up in Next Few Days

Raleigh, June 28.—A lot of North Carolina automobile owners are going to get caught in the final grand rush to get their automobile license plates and come up on July 10 with nothing but the old null and void plates in their possession, unless they show considerably more speed than has been evidenced the past three weeks, according to officials of the Automobile License Division of the Department of Revenue.

The boys were repaid in freshly laundered uniforms, and "did their stuff" in a way which would have shed lustre upon seasoned musicians. In particular, did they please with several difficult operatic numbers. Director Leslie D. Waldorf was in charge.

The value of the tireless efforts he had put into the job of training them during the months which have elapsed since last summer, when they were the center of attraction at many public events.

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This State Second in Traffic Deaths

Atlanta, June 28.—Automobile, railroad, steamboat, airplane and horse drawn vehicular traffic killed 1,127 persons and injured 6,575 in 11 Southern States during the period from January 1, 1926, up to and including yesterday, a survey conducted by the Associated Press revealed today.

Florida led with the number of killed and injured with North Carolina second. North Carolina had 290 killed and 423 injured. A pedestrian is safe only when he is riding. The trouble with being a follower is you get dust in your eyes.

CONTRACTS LET FOR ERECTION NEW THEATER

Will be Handsomest of Kind in This Part of South; Modeled Closely After Loew's Newest One

COST ABOVE \$150,000

Construction to Begin in Next Few Days; Local Firm Is Awarded Contract for Plumbing

Contracts have been let and construction is to begin in the next few days on Elizabeth City's new \$150,000 Carolina Theater. It was announced today by officers of the Carolina Investment & Insurance Co., Inc., which is backing the project. The theater will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year, barring unforeseen exigencies.

The new theater will be operated by the Carolina Theaters Corporation, of Asheville, which runs a chain of similar enterprises in various North and South Carolina cities comparable in size with Elizabeth City. It will be one of the finest in this part of the south, according to its sponsors, the design parallel closely that of the new Law Theater, in Norfolk, which has excited the wonder and admiration of thousands who have viewed its handsome and luxurious appointments.

Contract for the main construction of the Carolina Theater was awarded to the R. L. Blalock Construction Company, of Kinston. The wiring went to the Thompson Electrical Company, of Raleigh, and the plumbing to the Ideal Plumbing & Heating Company, of this city. Contract for the new scientific ventilation system was let to the American Heating and Ventilating Company.

The total of the contracts is about \$85,000, and the lot represents an investment of about \$60,000, making the aggregate cost approximately \$145,000, exclusive of furnishings, which will be installed by the operating company. These are to include a handsome pipe organ, and seating arrangements of the most modern design. It is stated, and will bring the aggregate cost of the theater to \$175,000, at least.

The Carolina Investment & Insurance Company is a subsidiary of the Carolina Bank and Trust Company, of this city, which owns the Carolina Bank Building, occupying the half square fronting on Main street of which the rear half will be occupied by the theater. An arcade entrance to the theater is to be cut through the center of the bank building, affording ready access to it from Main street. It is diagonally across the street from the Virginia Dare Hotel, modern 100-room hotel, on which construction is to begin at an early date.

After careful consideration, the directors of the theater company decided not to undertake to skimp on any detail of the construction, but to erect a building of a thoroughly attractive and permanent type with no detail of beauty or utility overlooked. One decorative item alone, a handsome ornamental ceiling, will cost close to \$16,000. The building itself will be of brick with a steel frame supporting a sheet steel roof. The structure will be fireproof, and of a type approved by the underwriters of the country.

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But when it comes to boll weevils, the situation is far different, according to Mr. Leiby, for while few have been reported to date, this is to be expected because of the lateness of the season. And whether the cotton crop in this State will suffer from the devastations of the weevil now depends almost entirely upon climatic conditions through July and August.

The first weevil found this season was on a farm near the Aberdeen boll weevil laboratory, on June 17. This was just 17 days later than the first weevil was found a year ago. And because of the lateness of the season, indications are that there will not be as many weevils as last season.

But the final outcome is up to the weather man, Mr. Leiby says. If the weather remains hot and dry through July and August, the chances are that the boll weevils will do very little damage, and that the crop loss from the weevils will not amount to more than 5 per cent. However, if three months are damp and warm, conditions will be most favorable to the development of the weevils, and the damage may amount as high as 10 or 15 per cent.

Contrary to general belief, the season thus far has been favorable to the weevils, because the cotton has not yet advanced far enough to permit them to get busy, because the buds were not as many as last season.

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