

WAITING TO SEE WHAT GOVERNOR AL IS GOING TO DO

Amazing Tribute to the Hold Gov. Smith Has on Empire State Is Fact That Republicans Wait

KEEPS 'EM ANXIOUS Governor Is Good Politician and He Just Let Them Spend Their Time Trying to Figure It Out

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New York, Aug. 12.—It is an amazing tribute to the hold Governor Smith has on the Empire State that the Republicans at this time are unable to find a man of real prominence to take their nomination.

But Governor Smith, good politician that he is, keeps his political opponents on the anxious seat. He is like President Coolidge, who refuses to be smoked out on the third term proposition.

Of course, it is true that Governor Smith has far outdone solemnly and "irrevocably" that he was "through with public office."

As Tammany and Al Smith are inseparable, the politicians generally have come to believe that Judge Olaney knows what he is talking about and that the Republicans are confronted once more with the Hercules task of trying to knock the governor down.

Republican leaders feel their task of beating the governor is not being made any easier by the religious attacks by Bishop Leonard, of the Methodist Church.

There was hope for a time the Republicans could get some good upstate "dry" for the gubernatorial nomination, but Senator Wadsworth and other leaders have felt such an arrangement would make the Republican ticket a laughing stock and they have demanded a "good wet" as running mate for the wet Senator.

The whole situation is something of a muddle for the Democrats appear to be just about as hard pressed to get a rousing opponent for Senator Wadsworth as the Republicans are to get some one to oppose Governor Smith.

There has been talk from time to time that what virtually amounted to a "deal" had been entered into by friends of Governor Smith and Senator Wadsworth, but this has been vehemently and honestly denied.

Old Time Fiddlers Convention To Be Held Here

An old time fiddlers' convention will be given here Friday, September 19, in the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Elizabeth City Boys' Band.

All the fiddlers from North Carolina and Virginia, especially from the eastern section of North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia, are invited to participate in the contest.

As an inducement three substantial prizes are to be offered. These will be announced later in this paper.

In the convention only old time music will be played by the fiddlers. Some of the favorite tunes will be Arkansas, Traveler, Mississippi Sawyer, Fisher Horn, Pipe and Devil Dream.

In connection with the fiddlers' convention a Charleston contest will be staged, thus combining the old and new arts. The Charleston contest will be staged so that the younger generation will have a chance to show the people the new art of using their legs as well as their hands and to defend the charge that the younger generation is a lazy one.

Those desiring to enter either contest must send their names to Leslie Waldorf, Elizabeth City.

CITY CONTRACTS TO BE LET SOON

Bids for Water Plant and White Way to be Opened Tuesday Morning

Contract for the biggest single unit in Elizabeth City, the municipal improvement program—the water purification plant and its "accessories"—is to be let by the City Council, in joint session with the Utilities Commission, at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

At the same session, bids are to be opened for the proposed white way here, to be installed the entire length of Main street, on Road street from Church street to Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church; on Polindexter street from Church to Polindexter Creek; and on Water street from the City Market to Polindexter Creek.

In connection with the utility contract, bids are to be received for a water purification plant with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons a day; a pumping plant to be operated in conjunction with it; a 50,000 gallon steel "wash" tank; a million gallon water reservoir; and a concrete secondary settling basin.

The Council, of course, reserves the right to reject all bids. No estimates of the cost of the projects are available, the city engineers declining to commit themselves further than to say that the expense involved will be "less than half a million dollars."

COTTON MARKET New York, Aug. 12.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 16.29, Dec. 16.17, Jan. 16.17, March 16.38, May 16.58.

New York, Aug. 12.—Spot cotton closed steady midling 17.70, a decline of 15 points, a Futures, closing bid: Oct. 16.21, Dec. 16.13, Jan. 16.16, Mar. 16.31, May 16.50.

Beware of Black Cats and Ladders Tomorrow -- It's Friday, the 13th

Beware of black cats tomorrow. Do not walk under a ladder, and when night falls, be exceeding careful in the matter of the shoulder over which you look at the moon. Most important of all, do not be the third person to light your cigarette off one and the same match.

Watch your step tomorrow, for it will be Friday, the Thirteenth, when dire calamity stalks abroad in the land, hunting eagerly for prey. It is the day of days when that left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit, which you have cherished these many months, may prove most valuable. Who knows?

VIRGINIA DARE DAY'S PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Representative Lindsay C. Warren to Serve as Official Representative of North Carolina

MUSIC, ADDRESSES Band Concerts to Add Colorful Note of Harmony to Occasion; Many Expected to Stay Thru Week

The program for Virginia Dare Day, to be observed on Roanoke Island Wednesday, with thousands present from all parts of the country, was announced today by the committee in charge.

The opening number will be a concert by the Naval Base Band, transported to the island from Norfolk especially for the celebration. The concert will be followed with an invocation by Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.

Representative Lindsay C. Warren, of the First North Carolina District, who will represent the State officially at the ceremonies, then will introduce Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, and the other notables present.

The singing of "The Old North State," North Carolina's anthem, will be the next number on the program. The first, fourth and fifth stanzas will be sung by the assembled throng, and the second and third stanzas as a solo number by Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, head of the Department of Latin at Wake Forest College.

The ambassador's address will be preceded by the singing of the International Hymn, to the tune of "America." When Lord Howard has finished his speech, a second concert will be given by the Naval Base Band, and the formal exercises will be concluded with a benediction by Bishop Joseph Blount Chesire, president of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, under whose auspices Virginia Dare Day will be observed.

The crowd then will make a pilgrimage to the star shaped mound where stood Old Fort Raleigh, home of the Lost Colony, and shrine of the United States. The site of the ancient fortification is only a few hundred yards from the spot where the exercises will be held.

Before departing on the return trip to Norfolk late in the afternoon, the Naval Base Band will give a third concert.

Various entertainment events for the remainder of the week are being arranged on the island, including with a farewells program in Manteo, principal town in Dare County, Friday night. Many of the visitors are expected to stay over for jaunts to Nags Head, ocean resort near which the Wright brothers made the first heavier-than-air flights, to dread Cape Hatteras, and other points of scenic, historic and recreational interest.

Beginning Sunday, the entire week will be devoted to a county wide celebration in Dare, in honor of its returning sons and daughters, thousands of whom, living in various parts of the country, have been invited to spend the week with their kin and friends of earlier years. Until Wednesday, the (Continued from page 1)

Bust of Ellen Scripps Wins Prize



A Certain Scripps, internationally known sculptor, with a \$500 prize offered by the Fine Arts gallery in San Diego, Calif., with his bust of Mrs. Ellen Scripps. The bust is considered an unusually good likeness of the well-known California philanthropist.

Former Ball Stars Argument Over Hoe To Scintillate In Game Friday Ends With Drama In Court Here

Stars that scintillated in ball-dom in years past again will shine on the diamond here Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when the Professional Men and Mechanics will clash at the new high school park, under auspices of the Elizabeth City Baseball Association.

A little argument over the whereabouts of a line of the garden variety at the home of Cora Hartman, colored, last Monday, resulted in the presence of Cora and her husband, Willie, in Recorder's court Thursday morning in the role of defendants, and James Horkins, who occupies rooms at the Hartman home, as prosecuting witness.

Matters went from bad to worse, Cora sat her pistol, and threatened Horkins with it. He forcibly took the weapon away from her, and that temporarily ended the encounter.

When Cora's husband came home, she gave him a dramatic and apparently unselfish account of the affair, the upshot being that Willie was accused in court Thursday of having slapped a cross section of Hades out of Horkins. Both Cora and Willie were charged with assault.

Attorney C. E. Bailey handled the cases for the State, in the absence of Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., who is spending a week at Nags Head.

HEARING OF BANK SUIT CONTINUES

Action for Collection of \$25,000 Note Probably Will be Ended Today

Hearing of evidence in the suit of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company for collection of a note for \$25,000 signed by the stockholders in the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Columbia, which was absorbed by the plaintiff bank in 1922, continued Thursday, with attorneys for both sides expressing the hope that it would be finished late in the afternoon.

The hearing is being held before W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, N. C., referee appointed by Judge Henry A. Grady at the last term of Superior Court here. No decision is expected from Mr. Rodman in the immediate future, it being anticipated that he will review all the evidence carefully before making known his judgment in the case.

The defendant stockholders are basing their case on the contention that the Carolina Banking & Trust Company failed to exercise the proper diligence in collecting certain notes and other securities given as collateral for the \$25,000 note about which the present action hinges. The plaintiffs contend, on the other hand, that every effort was made to expedite these collections, and point to the fact that the notes and securities in question were listed as "slow and doubtful" at the time the Columbia bank was absorbed.

FUNERAL LITTLE GIRL The funeral of Miriam Louise Price, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Price, who died at her home in Raleigh Tuesday night at 9:45 was conducted at the home there Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The body was brought to Elizabeth City Thursday and the burial services conducted at the grave in Hollywood Cemetery by Rev. R. W. Frost Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

Besides her parents she is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price of this city.

DEMOCRATS ARE GETTING ACTIVE MONTHS AHEAD

Discussions As Warm as Though the Next National Convention Were Not Any Time Away

WILL FIGHT SMITH Friends of McAdoo Say They'll Stay in the Race Just to Defeat Al and So the Controversy Goes

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Washington, Aug. 12. Presidential politics is not altogether the preoccupation of the Republicans nowadays for the Democratic leaders throughout the country are as active as if the next National convention were a few months away.

Although outwardly the talk of candidates is an essential part of the discussions, the real maneuverers are being made with reference to the absorption of the two thirds rule. All elements in the party seem to be voting toward the majority rule idea. Whether this sentiment will continue until convention time is of course impossible to say as candidates may influence opinion. When it is apparent that some one candidate is in the lead, and is likely to be nominated the desire to block a nomination may become strong enough to cause the withdrawal of support for the majority ballot rule.

Generally speaking, however, the friends of the various candidates are saying now they are willing to take a chance on the majority rule. It may be surprising to those who do not follow politics closely but the friends of William G. McAdoo and Governor Al Smith are almost as aggressive today as if there had been no convention in 1924 at Madison Square Garden. There is this difference, however—the McAdoo forces are now expressing concern over the apparent growth in strength of Governor Smith. McAdoo men say they will stay in the race if only to block Smith and so goes the chatter just as it did in 1924—almost as irreconcilable as the factions were in the League of Nations controversy.

The two things which were heard everywhere in 1924 were that Al Smith could not be nominated without funds, and because his nomination would mean the reopening of religious warfare. Today the swing in sentiment in Eastern states is counted as an omen on the wet question and particularly because a referendum has been suggested as a means of Democraticly disposing of the issue. As far as the religious question, some Democratic leaders who were not Smith men in 1924 are beginning to say that until the Democratic party demonstrates that it has no religious prejudices it cannot hope for unity and that even if Al Smith were not elected, the party could reap the benefit of its breadth of viewpoint and be in a position in future elections to retain the votes of the tolerant citizenship of the country. Talk like this is so widespread that it has provoked some alarm among the followers of other candidates who now are discussing ways and means of blocking Smith. In 1924 they were talking of how to block McAdoo.

All this furnishes another reason for possibly taking a compromise candidate. In Ohio the Democrats think that Alben Parkers is their man. Having won the Senatorial nomination in a pivotal state, he has of course, yet to win the election. If he does, it is assured that he will figure prominently in the talk of a compromise candidate.

Merchants Warned Of Confidence Man

Business folk in this part of the State have been warned to be on the lookout for a plausible stranger giving the name of P. A. Ryan, and purporting to be identified with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, of Wilmington, Delaware. As evidence of standing, he is said to offer articles of incorporation of a proposed Du Point Ryan Paint Company, in Missouri.

Ryan is accused of having given worthless drafts on the Du Point Building Corporation, and worthless checks on a Wilmington, Delaware, bank. He is described as about six feet tall, slender, dark eyes and complexion, black hair, and is or pretends to be partially crippled on the left side, dragging his left foot as he walks. He apparently is 40 to 50 years old, and generally walks with his head down.

When last heard from Ryan is said to have been dressed in old blue trousers, yellowish shirt, dark gray felt hat, with paint spots on clothes and shoes. He claims to be from Chicago, and sets forth various business intentions, giving orders for goods for shipment.

The foregoing warning has been received at the Chamber of Commerce here from Richard Sylvester, manager of protection for the du Point Corporation. Ryan last was reported as working in southeast Missouri.

MINERS BROUGHT OUT ALIVE AFTER WEEK IN DEPTHS

Salem, Ky., Aug. 12.—All five miners who were imprisoned by the cave-in at Hudson mine last Thursday were brought to the surface alive this morning.

Randolph Cobb was the first man to reach the top of the shaft. He called to the crowd which waited anxiously "hello boys, I am not sick."

Roy James, for whom little hope had been held as he had been separated from the other miners when the cave-in occurred, was next to appear. George Castiller was third. He was delicious and in a critical condition as a result of pneumonia.

J. B. Wilson was the fourth man and Harry Watson the last man to appear. Watson was in a hilarious mood. He called "where's my horse? I want to ride him home."

The miners were greeted with cheers when they appeared. A dense throng on the mine property pressed forward and it was necessary to detail National Guardsmen to restrain the crowds. The miners said during their long vigil underground they had never given up hope of rescue nor had anyone of them become downcast.

They had four matches between them. By burning miner's lamps which they had one at the time they were enabled to have light for a long time. Finally darkness fell. After that they lost all sense of time.

PARTY LEADER TO SPEAK HERE

G. O. P. Senatorial Nominee to Deliver Address Monday Night at 8

Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, Republican candidate for the United States Senate in the November elections, and regarded as one of the finest speakers in the State, will deliver an address at the courthouse here Monday night at 8 o'clock. The general public has been invited to attend, regardless of party affiliation.

Mr. Hayes won new oratorical laurels in the recent State Republican convention when, in a debate with former Senator Marion Butler, he was credited generally with having completely bested his adversary. Senator Butler himself is widely famed as a debater.

It is told of Mr. Hayes that when he started to college, he was entirely without funds, and went to a friend for aid. The friend inquired how much he needed. "Well, I guess eight dollars will see me through," Mr. Hayes is said to have replied, and with that amount began his education at the University of North Carolina. Within recent years, he has taken an active part in the affairs of his party.

Mr. Hayes is expected to arrive here Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. In his address Monday night, he promises to discuss the issue of the campaign freely, fairly and vigorously.

ELIZABETH CITY GIVEN SPACE IN NEW BOOKLET

"North Carolina, the Fifth State Today," is the title of a most attractive booklet on the State's wealth, resources, history and possibilities, which has just been gotten out by the State Department of Conservation and Development at Raleigh. Wade H. Phillips is director of the department. Copies of the booklet have been received here.

Probably the most attractive feature of the booklet is an exceptional array of pictures, several of which are of Elizabeth City and the surrounding territory. Copies of the booklet may be obtained by writing to Mr. Phillips.

BOYS HAVE GOOD TIME SEEING WORLD IN FORD John Kramer, Kennedy Houtz, and Tyre Sawyer returned Tuesday after a two weeks tour of the northern part of the United States and the southern section of Canada. While gone they visited Washington, Richmond, Buffalo, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Rochester, Gettysburg and Niagara Falls.

BIGGEST STREET PROJECT TO BE BEGUN AT ONCE

Laying of Concrete Base on West Church to be Completed Next Week, if Plans are Carried Out

MAIN AND ROAD NEXT More Than Six Miles of Curbing and Guttering Installed Already; and 16 Miles of Sewers Laid

Laying of a four-inch concrete base on West Church street, from Persse street to Pritchardtown Road, is to begin Monday morning, and should be finished a week later, according to L. E. Johnson, engineer in charge of the job. Similar concrete bases are to be laid on Main and Road streets immediately afterward, according to Mr. Johnson, who is a member of the engineering firm of W. C. Olson, Inc., of Raleigh, N. C.

The contractor will begin at the Pritchardtown Road end of Church street, and will work eastward. They probably will start on the Road-Main project the following Monday morning, beginning at Hollywood Cemetery, and expect to finish before the bad weather sets in.

On West Church street, bricks are to be laid on the concrete base, and on Road and Main streets, asphalt is to be used for top surfacing. Mr. Johnson declares that the concrete base itself may be used satisfactorily for traffic in the event there is any delay in the asphalt surfacing, explaining that everything must be absolutely dry when the hot asphalt is poured on.

The concrete will require 15 days for setting; but the asphalt, when once laid, becomes ready for traffic as soon as it cools off—a matter of four or five hours. Therefore, the prospect of traffic tie-ups incident to this particular paving program is less serious than many had imagined. On West Church street, the concrete base is to be laid in three-inch thickness. On Main and Road streets, it is to be five inches thick, with a three-inch topsurfacing of asphalt.

About 35,000 linear feet, or more than six miles of concrete curbing and guttering has been laid up to the present, this comprising a little more than half of the total footage contracted for. Work is under way on Cedar street, and when that is finished it is to proceed on the following streets, in the order given: Lucust, Parsonage, Dyer from Church to Ehringhaus, Roanoke avenue to the city limits, Euclid avenue from the canal near the Market House to the city limits, Southern avenue, Raleigh and Morgan streets. The curbing and guttering probably will be finished in two months, according to city engineers.

A little more than one-half of the 25 miles of water pipes included in the city's improvement program have been laid to date, the engineers report, adding that it is uncertain when this particular job will be finished. The sewer pipe installations are proceeding rapidly and about 16 miles have been laid already, with only three or four miles still to be taken care of.

Among the minor jobs in the street improvement program is the laying of granite curbing on East Ehringhaus street, from Road to Water, and on Elliott and Dyer streets. The curbing on Road street is to be laid in much of its length, settled since it was installed originally.

Jumbled Page Contest Is Continued Until Friday at Eight P. M.

The Jumbled Page contest of The Daily Advance will be continued until Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Entrants who have not copies of Tuesday's issue of The Advance, may secure copies of the Jumbled Page at The Advance office free of charge.

This extension is granted at the request of contestants who have not completed their answers.

Out of 200 entrants in the last Jumbled Page contest only four got all of the jumbled lines correct. This should encourage contestants for the 12 prizes offered for the best answers to the advertisements running in Tuesday's paper.

Send your answer in. You still have an excellent chance to win a prize.