

REPUBLICANS ENCOURAGED

With Governor Landon and Col. Frank Knox busy completing the plans for their campaign, and the Democrats meeting this week at Philadelphia the voters of the nation are paying attention to things political. The Republicans, as a general thing, went to Cleveland without too much confidence but they left the convention imbued with new zeal and fired with the hope of success this fall. The Democrats, on their part, were apparently running the danger of becoming overconfident, many of their leaders being sure that the election was as good as won.

REACTION UNCERTAIN

It is a bit too early to attempt to size up the situation and as the campaign develops, with its publicity and partisan tirades, the average reader will have a hard time separating the noise from the cause. On the surface it will be impossible to fathom what is going on underneath, in the minds of the voters. There may be a great shift to Landon or to Roosevelt but until the ballots are tabulated the so-called expert opinion will be largely guesswork.

A case in point is the Liberty League's furious propaganda that swept over the country for about a year, creating in the minds of many people the idea that it evinced a great changing going on. The peak was just before Al Smith's "take a walk" speech. Afterwards, when the dust had blown away nearly everybody agreed that the League got mighty little for its money and even its friends expressed the opinion that the organization was useless so far as influencing public opinion decisively was concerned.

PROPAGANDA AHEAD

There will, likewise, be a great propaganda for Roosevelt and for Landon, some of it representing honest opinion but most of it being purely synthetic stuff put out by the axe-to-grind crowd in both camps. The casual reader will waste through much of the denunciation and false praise without any ability to appraise the pulse of the voter. Moreover, on some issues there will apparently be no line of demarcation between the general principles espoused by the parties although, possibly, the speeches of Governor Landon and President Roosevelt will draw the issue to a fine point. In fact, it is more than likely that more attention will be paid to the addresses of the two candidates than to the platform declarations of the parties themselves.

Commentators point out that the campaign will be largely a battle of personalities, a contest between the two men, alike in many respects and unlike in others. Gov. Landon, little known in the nation before the amazing success of his drive for the Republican nomination, may be able to continue the successful propagation of his fame and rise to new heights of popular acclaim and esteem. On the other hand, President Roosevelt is no baby in understanding the public mind, or in gauging the trend of popular thought, but is a master political strategist of the highest order. It is to be a real battle between two super-antagonists.

THE G. O. P. PLATFORM

The Republican platform, adopted at Cleveland, is not a direct challenge to most of the New Deal principles. Rather, it is an adroit acceptance of many of the Roosevelt undertakings, coupled with condemnation of certain methods and the promise of better performance. There is emphasis upon State participation in the costs as well as the achieving of desired social goals. Mr. Hull's efforts to reduce trade barriers is commended and the Peck policy of specific barter is adopted for the disposal of farm surpluses. The budget will be balanced, not by increasing taxes, but by cutting expenditures, drastically and immediately. Sound money is upheld, with the statement that this includes two requisites, a balanced budget and, a currency expressed in terms of gold and convertible into gold when this can be done without injury to democratic economy and the producers of agricultural products and other raw materials.

Before the Republicans assembled, the assumption was that the Constitution would be an issue of tremendous importance. This, however, has largely passed out

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Al Smith Joins Open Campaign Against Roosevelt

Bolt Is Threatened By Five Leading Democrats If Roosevelt Is Named At Philadelphia

STATEMENT ISSUED SUN.

Nomination Of Genuine Democrat Urged, Farley Says No One Surprised By Action Of Group

New York, June 23.—A direct fight against the renomination of President Roosevelt at the Democratic National convention this week in Philadelphia was opened Sunday by former Governor Alfred E. Smith and four other Democratic dissenters to the New Deal.

In a joint statement timed for publication just one day before the start of the Philadelphia convention, Smith, former Governor Joseph B. Ely, of Massachusetts, former Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, former Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby and former State Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Cohalan demanded "the putting aside of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the substitution of some genuine Democrat."

There was in the statement which was addressed "to the delegates of the national Democratic convention of 1936," an expression closely akin to a threat to bolt if Mr. Roosevelt should be renominated.

If the anti-Roosevelt drive failed, they said, "then patriotic voters of all parties will know unhesitatingly to what standard they must rally in order to preserve the America of the great leaders of the past."

All five have been openly hostile to President Roosevelt's policies for some time, but this was their first move in concert.

As early as December, 1935, Ely made it known he would support Smith if he sought the Democratic nomination this year. Smith, however, has made no move indicating he desired it.

It was Ely who in 1932 led the unsuccessful fight for Smith's nomination.

Smith's leadership of this newly formed "stop Roosevelt" movement followed by six months his speech in Washington before the American Liberty League in which he threatened obliquely to "take a walk" if Mr. Roosevelt

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V. W. REEVES SUFFERS ILLNESS IN MARYLAND

V. W. Reeves, who left Sparta several days ago with Mrs. Reeves and his granddaughter, Nina Edwards, for a several days visit with relatives and friends in Maryland, suffered a severe hemorrhage of the stomach last week end was seriously ill for a few days. His condition is reported to be slightly improved.

Mr. Reeves was at the home of his daughter when the attack occurred but was removed to the hospital as soon as his condition permitted. It will be several weeks before Mr. Reeves will be able to return to Sparta.

ANDY OSBORNE MAKES GOOD RECORD WITH SHEEP

Andy Osborne, of near Turkey Knob, has made a record with three ewes that is regarded a challenge to the sheep growers. These ewes raised six lambs which weighed 545 pounds on June 11, netting him \$49.07. His wool netted him \$4.20 at thirty cents per pound, making a total of \$53.27 net from the three ewes.

Had his wool been sold through pool it would have brought him \$1.05 more than is netted, it is said. Had four of these lambs been castrated they would have brought \$3.30 more, providing they had obtained the same weight, it is further pointed out.

ALLEGHANY HAS SIXTEEN STUDENTS AT A. S. T. C.

A total of 16 students from Alleghany county are enrolled for the last summer term, 1936, at Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, according to figures recently released by college authorities.

Improvements Are Being Made At Sparta Cemetery

Improvements are being made in the appearance of the Sparta cemetery.

The burial grounds are being cleaned and set in grass. Donations to be used toward meeting the expenses incurred in this work from persons who have relatives buried there, would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone desiring to make donations may send the donation to D. F. Sturdivant, Sparta undertaker.

Barkley Flays Foes Of New Deal In Keynote Speech

Kentucky Senator Makes Vigorous Defense Of Roosevelt Acts. Memory Of Will Rogers Honored

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 25.—The Democratic national convention, in session here, was sent into a succession of noisy celebrations tonight by a burning keynote attack upon the opponents of the New Deal. This convention highlight left only a whirl of platform differences to ruffle the surface of Rooseveltian harmony.

The temporary chairman—Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky—left the milling throng of delegates hoarse and weary after he had poured fire upon the heads of Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Landon. The present nominee, he charged, had urged inflation through printing press money no less than three years ago.

As had those who took the speaker's pulpit of this vast hall before him, the Kentuckian raised high the names of Roosevelt and Garner—looking to their assured renomination before the week is out.

As had others, he inspired cheers with his castigation of the American Liberty League. Behind each reference many read indirect reference to Alfred Emanuel Smith.

Conspicuously absent here tonight—his seat on the teeming floor filled by an alternate—the 1928 Democratic nominee appeared destined to take his walk

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Congress Ends 74th Session; Tax Bill Passed

Washington, June 23.—Sine die adjournment of the 74th Congress, which topped off the administration's program Saturday by finally approving the troubled-studded tax bill, came Sunday after a determined—but listless—filibuster had spent itself.

Just before midnight youthful Senator Holt (D., Va.), one of those who had been filibustering against the Guffey-Vinson coal control bill with a sharp attack on John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, gave up and the Senate quickly adjourned.

The House which had been standing by while the Senate sought to break the bonds of the filibuster followed suit at 12:39 a. m. E. S. T., and the second Roosevelt Congress ground to an end.

Galleries were packed by gay crowds, eager to be present when the big show on Capitol Hill was finally ended. Time and again they had to be warned by presiding officers to restrain themselves.

In the closing rush not only was the Guffey-Vinson bill, designed to replace the outlawed original Guffey coal control act, filibustered to death, but the controversial food and drug bill was killed when the House refused to agree to the conference report.

Having turned the tax bill—estimated to produce \$800,000,000 in new revenue—over to President Roosevelt in mid-afternoon, the House and Senate sat down to hold a wake with the Guffey-Vinson bill, sentenced to death by the filibuster.

Galax Firemen To Hold Celebration During Next Week

Carnival Attractions To Be At Felts Park All Week. Gigantic Parade To Be Held On July 4th

Citizens of Alleghany, Grayson and Carroll counties who are thrilled by patriotic celebrations and carnival attractions are looking forward to the annual Firemen's celebration to be held in Galax at Felts park all of next week—the week of July 4. The celebration is scheduled to get under way on Monday, June 29, and continue throughout the week, ending on Saturday night, July 4.

Midway attractions will be furnished by the Crystal Exposition Shows and will, it is understood, consist of a large number of shows, rides, etc., designed to furnish amusement for all who may attend, both children and grown-ups.

The program for Saturday, July 4, is to begin with a gigantic parade scheduled to form at ten o'clock at Twia County Motor company, North Main street and move southward along Main street to the entrance to the carnival grounds at Felts park. This parade, which is to be led by the Galax American Legion Jr. Drum and Bugle corps, will include, it is expected, several other groups, representative of organizations or interests.

It is hoped that firemen from Pulaski, Radford and Marion will be present to participate in the parade.

Plans for the parade include participation by the "Spaniards" and "Scotch Highlanders" who attracted much attention at the Crowning of the May Queen at Felts park several weeks ago. At four o'clock, a water battle is to be held at Felts park between Company No. 1 and Company No. 2 of the Galax Fire department.

Unusual interest is expected to be shown in the day set aside for the celebration of American independence—July 4—this year, in view of the fact that the day falls on Saturday, a day which generally is devoted to pleasure-seeking by thousands of persons, especially in the summer time.

The grand opening of the celebration will take place Monday at 6:30 p. m.

Tuesday is to be "Children's Day" at the carnival from 2 to 5 p. m. On this day a daylight display of fireworks will be an outstanding feature. Climbing of a greasy pole and catching of a greasy pig will also be added features of the program for Tuesday. A prize will be given to the child who can climb the greasy pole and the child that catches and holds the greasy pig can have same.

Wednesday night, a torchlight parade will be held, the line of march to move along Main street to the carnival grounds entrance at the South end of the thoroughfare.

A "live baby" is to be given away, as a feature of Thursday night's program.

Friday night will see a grand display of fireworks, as one of the outstanding free attractions of the celebration.

Daily free acts and band concerts will also be added attractions for those who attend the annual celebration sponsored by the Galax fire-fighters.

SPARTA BOY DOES GOOD WORK IN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Johnston Sanders, an honor student of the graduating class of 1934 from Sparta high school, studied at a business college in Winston-Salem during the past winter and for the past month has been in Sparta in the employ of the Bureau of Public Works.

Mr. Sanders has made an enviable record in the business college, having been classed by an official in the college as the best student who has enrolled for the courses which he took.

TO HOLD DECORATION AT MT. ZION SUNDAY, JULY 5

Decoration services are to be held at Mt. Zion cemetery on Sunday, July 5.

In preparation for this occasion, the cemetery is to be cleaned on Thursday, July 2.

Lemke Nominated For President On 3rd Party Ticket

Coughlin To Support Nominee. Chairmen Of Major Parties Decline To Comment On News

Washington, June 23.—Friday saw the formation of a new political party with Representative William Lemke, North Dakota Republican, as its presidential candidate. The news of the formation of the new party followed closely an announcement of support from Father Charles E. Coughlin, head of the national union for social justice.

Lemke, making his announcement in a formal statement, said the new organization had been designated the "Union party of the United States." Thomas Charles O'Brien, former district attorney in Boston, was designated Lemke's running mate.

Standing on a fifteen-point platform, described as intended to "save democracy and put a permanent end to the so-called depression," the North Dakotan announced his drive was against the "reactionary elements of both of the old parties."

"The issue is slavery—economic slavery," Lemke said.

Father Coughlin, in a prepared radio address at New York, predicted the new party would receive support from "agriculture, labor, disappointed Republicans and outraged Democrats, independent merchants and industrialists."

In Chicago, Dr. Frances E. Townsend said the Townsend convention in July at Cleveland would consider and decide whether his old age pension movement would support Lemke.

In his elaborate platform, Lemke undertook to provide for his farm mortgage refinancing plan, and included home mortgages refinancing as well. He called for legislation to insure farmers a profit, old age security, opportunity for all youth to earn a living, decentralization of monopolies to aid small industry, and to provide for a central bank of issue and the recalling of all tax exempt securities.

One of the first to comment was Senator Metcalf, (R.-R. I.)

"Isn't that wonderful," he said, "I'll do all I can to see he doesn't get any votes in Rhode Island."

"I think he's very foolish," said Senator Burke, (D.-Neb.) "What support he gets will be drawn from the Democratic party which is the liberal, progressive party today."

"It's a good move," said Senator Frazier, (R.-N. D.) "There has got to be a progressive alignment of some kind. He will be a real people's candidate."

The chairman of both Democratic and Republican national committees had little to say.

Methodist W. M. S. Meets In Home Of Mrs. Warren

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church held its monthly meeting June 19, at the home of Mrs. Dalton Warren.

Mrs. Jay Hardin was leader of the program and presented Rev. A. B. Bruton as guest speaker. The topic used by the Rev. Mr. Bruton was "Church and Disadvantaged Communities."

A number of business matters were discussed and it was decided the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. J. T. Inskeep at Roaring Gap with the Young Peoples chapter holding a joint meeting with the senior group. The younger society will have charge of the program.

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the program.

ROOSEVELT IS KEPT WAITING BY DOUGHTON

Washington, June 22.—President Roosevelt waited 10 minutes today on Congressman Doughton, who, instead of arriving at the White House at 11:10 as scheduled, did not appear until 11:20 a. m.

Doughton said, "I just called by to say good-bye before leaving after the close of the Congress."

Freak Pig Born At Prison Camp Now On Exhibit

D. C. Shores, superintendent of the Alleghany County Prison camp, has on exhibit at his office at the camp an unusual freak of nature in the form of a pig, which has the trunk of an elephant, the snout of a rhinoceros and one eyeball, with two pupils, in the center of its forehead, and is hairless except for its eyebrows.

The pig, a female, large and well developed, was one of a litter of five born last week to a young Berkshire sow, which is the property of the prison camp. The pig was born dead. Only two of the pigs were living but the other four were normal. The fifth, the freak, was preserved in a formaldehyde solution and may be seen at the camp.

The pig has the trunk in the middle of its forehead with a passageway, as in an elephant's snout, extending back into its head. The large protruding eye is located below the trunk, and directly below that, the formation of the upper jaw resembles that of a rhinoceros with one tusk in the center.

Fight To Abandon Two-Thirds Rule Joined By N. C.

Doughton Proposes That State Favor Abrogation Of Time-Honored Rule. Is Joined By Others

Philadelphia, June 23.—As the Democratic national convention got under way here today, the North Carolina delegation swung in behind the move to abolish the two-thirds rule.

Following the leadership of National Chairman James A. Farley, the delegation broke loose from the tendency of some Southern states toward retention of the rule requiring a two-thirds convention majority to nominate candidates for the national party ticket.

The decision to support the move for abrogation was reached at the delegation's caucus immediately before the convention opened. Only nine votes were cast in opposition, and after the poll the unit rule was invoked binding the state's 26 votes for replacement of the two-thirds rule with one making a simple majority sufficient to nominate.

Representative R. L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, a delegate from the state's Ninth district and strong Roosevelt supporter in congress, proposed that the state favor abrogation. He was joined by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, chairman of the delegation, and J. W. Winborne, of Marion, chairman of the state executive committee.

Importance Of Dog Vaccinations Is Emphasized

Attention of Alleghany county citizens has been called to the fact that Thursday, July 30, will be the last day in which they may obtain the rabies vaccine treatment for dogs.

Aside from the fact that all who fail to comply with the law, which requires each dog owner to have his dog vaccinated or pay a fine of \$10, the obligation to have the work done as a civic duty, it has been pointed out, should cause each dog owner in the county to attend to this matter.

It is said that it is essentially necessary that all dogs in the county be vaccinated, not only for the protection of the owner and his or her family, but for the protection of the public in general.

The county has made the work a free service by giving credit for the charge of fifty cents in each case when the tax is paid on the dogs. Therefore, it is understood, only those who own young dogs, not old enough to be listed for taxes, are paying for this protection and

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Gov. Landon To Be Notified In July Of His Nomination

Notification Ceremony To Take Place On Broad Steps Of Kansas Capitol In Topeka On The 23rd

TO TALK WITH LOWDEN

Nominee And Family Now On Vacation Sojourn In Colo. To Make Speaking Tour Of Eastern States

Topeka, Kas., June 23.—Governor Alf M. Landon, Republican nominee for president, is to be formally notified of his nomination on the broad steps of the Kansas state Capitol Thursday, July 23. The ceremony will formally launch his campaign for the presidency.

The governor said yesterday his acceptance speech, tentatively set for 8 p. m. (central standard time) would be made shortly before he starts his first speaking tour of the East. The initial address of his tour probably will be made at West Middlesex, Pa., his birthplace.

In response to press conference inquiries Gov. Landon said he had no comment on the anti-Roosevelt statement of Alfred E. Smith and four associates, but he made this observation:

"The line of demarcation between fealty to party and loyalty to country is something for each citizen to determine for himself."

The governor also announced that he would confer here July 9 with Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, on "the farm problem as well as other phases of the national campaign."

Col. Robert McCormick, Chicago publisher, came here by chartered plane to confer at luncheon with the governor. On departing Col. McCormick said in an interview that he believed the third party movement, with Rep. William Lemke as its presidential candidate, would draw the bulk of its support from Democratic ranks.

With the designation of the time and place for Landon's notification—the same surroundings in which the late Charles Curtis twice formally accepted the Republican vice-presidential nomination—Topeka began planning for the notification of whom it believes is the first man from Kansas to be nominated by a major party for the presidency.

It had not been determined yesterday whether Rep. Bertrand Snell, chairman of the national convention committee on notification, would make the notification speech. At the governor's office attaches said Snell might not be able to attend due to con-

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EPWORTH LEAGUE TO BE FORMED HERE SUN. NIGHT

A meeting is to be held at the Methodist church on Sunday night, June 28, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing an Epworth league.

All young people interested in the formation of such a group here are cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

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He who takes a child by the hand takes the mother by the hour.

JUNE

- 25—Fire destroys 1,025 buildings at Selma, Mass., 1914.
- 26—Clarkson patents the bicycle, later named the bicycle, 1819.
- 27—Rebel General Morgan starts raids on Ohio and Indiana, 1862.
- 28—Chicago's first theatre is opened, 1837.
- 29—First California-Kentucky airplane flight ends, 1927.
- 30—Apples are first imported into the United States.

JULY

- 1—Start of National Battle of Gettysburg, 1863.

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