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THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

Whatever the outcome of the presidential contest in the United States, the announcement of the nomination of Governor Wilson by the unanimous vote of the Democratic convention is of special interest as marking the rise of a new force in the higher plane of American public life.

When comparing the public life of England and the United States it has been customary in the past to remark, as one of the most conspicuous differences, that political life in the former country claims the services of a far larger number of men of the finest intellectual type. The absence from political life in America of men like Lord Morley and Balfour, who combine with the highest qualities of statesmanship, distinction in scholarship and literature, is cited in support of this view. The public life of any country that is able to attract such men is undoubtedly the richer for their services. Hence the interest in the rapid rise of Governor Woodrow Wilson, formerly president of Princeton University, author of the best history of the United States extant and a recognized authority on economic science.

It is only a little more than a year ago since Woodrow Wilson left the presidential chair of the university, which through his efforts had been raised to a position in the front rank of American institutions of learning, to contest for the Democratic gubernatorial election in the then Republican state of New Jersey.

The many who were inclined to sneer at the entrance into politics of the university professor, and who predicted his defeat, received with a shock of surprise the news that Wilson, after an aggressive and exceptionally brilliant campaign, had been elected by approximately 50,000 plurality over a strong and clean opponent.

During his term of office he succeeded in enacting a program of progressive legislation which included the new Election Law, providing for the purification of the elective franchise and the prevention of fraudulent voting; the Corrupt Practices Act, a sincere and effectual attempt to exterminate fraud and corruption in primaries and elections; an Employers' Liability Act; a stringent Public Utilities Law, providing for the regulation of public utilities by commission, and a law providing for the establishment of the commission form of government in the municipalities of the state.

There appears to be little doubt that, if elected, he will make an able president. There are those, however, who, while paying the highest tribute to his abilities and personal integrity, declare that he has not the popular qualities which will ensure his election in November. Will they be disappointed, as were those who predicted his defeat in the gubernatorial contest in New Jersey?

We leave the political prophets to answer that question, content to know that by keeping silence where few Canadians have the right to speak, we shall at least avoid the discomfort which many of their number will experience when the result of the poll is declared.

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN

The city council took a step in the right direction when it appointed a committee to confer with the City Planning commission and the Parks board on the question of playgrounds for children. Up to the present, however, one important and necessary provision has been overlooked. The City of Calgary should follow the course adopted in the larger modern cities and appoint a supervisor of playgrounds. It is of vital importance to provide the children with space in which to play, but a provision only less important, is that of teaching them how to play.

The city council could not do better than to appoint to this position such a man as Mr. J. M. Sharpe, the secretary of the Boys' department of the Y.M.C.A. Since coming to the city Mr. Sharpe has devoted most of his time to organizing the boys of the city into leagues for the proper playing of athletic games. He organized the Schools' Hockey league of last winter, and the Junior and Juvenile Soccer leagues. He was one of the founders of the Schools' Lacrosse league and was the originator of the Playground Baseball league, whose work has just been brought to such a successful conclusion.

When the Women's Canadian club decided to arrange the races for the children of the city, which

were held at the fair grounds on Monday, Mr. Sharpe was the man selected to direct them. Some four hundred children participated in the races and every event was run off with speed and dispatch. As an organizer of athletic activities among the younger generation, Mr. Sharpe cannot be excelled.

The city council would make no mistake in securing the services of Mr. Sharpe. He understands the problem of the playground thoroughly, and his character is such that the children who are brought under his influence would be better for the association with him.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With the recommendations of the parks board, the city planning commission and their own special committee before them, the city council should have no hesitation in allowing the ratepayers, at the first opportunity, to give their approval to a scheme for the purchase of park spaces in those sections of the city where no such provision has yet been made. The time will come when such provision will have to be made and the city council will do well to "do it now."

The Tory press is daily asserting that the reciprocity issue was killed and buried last September. Their repeated assertions of the fact suggest a fear, which is perhaps not unfounded, that it shows an inclination to stir in its grave. If it be dead its ghost is certainly displaying remarkable activity in Saskatchewan and the Borden-Haultain forces seem to be in some doubt as to whether they will be able to "lay" it.

A French scientist has discovered a germ which he believes will be able to deliver the knockout in the first round of a bout scheduled with the germ that is responsible for old age. The latter has had the championship for so long, however, that it will be unwise to bank too much on the chances of this new aspirant for the title.

William Jennings Bryan, in the Congressionalist, has an article on religion and politics in which he asks whether the two will mix and answers the question in the affirmative. He might have cited as evidence in support of his contention the dispatches that advised the world that Bill Taft celebrated the successful operation of the "steam roller" by attending church on the Sunday following the Chicago convention.

A critic of American history attributes its dullness to the absence of feminine influence in public affairs. No future critic will be able to say the same of British history. Whatever may be said of public affairs in England at the present time, any suggestion of dullness that is due to the absence of feminine influence is the last criticism that can be made. Premier Asquith and his associates would willingly dispense with a little of the feminine influence even at the cost of increased dullness.

Stories of the Streets

(By Harry F. Burmeister.)

The melancholy days have come, the toughest of the season. When Freddie Lowest near Panama is simply out of reason. The dannels that the highbrows wore are once again motting.

While I without an overcoat am shivering and aching. Old Sol, old top, I scolded you about one week ago. 'Because you slipped us sunshine when I felt we needed snow. But listen Bo, don't take it hard, come, let us get together. Forget this line of plumbertalkers' have some summer weather.

Tough, isn't it, when you've shot the family roll for a section of summer scenery and have it all figured out how you're just about ready to paralyze the avenue. Then all of a sudden this careless individual who deals out sundry varieties of temperature, loses his calendar and turns loose some November weather. 'Yea, Be some tough.

Alvin Solberg, the realty operator, is one of the sorely oppressed. And by the way, you want to make that Sol-berg name—sounds like a cross between sunshine and the Bering sea. Do you get me? Solberg is still chafing under the sarcasm of a prospective purchaser, who, when shown a homestead recently, announced in no uncertain terms that he considered houseboats unsanitary and added:

"But I'll take a lease on these lots during July and August and give you \$3,000 for the skating privileges."

"Billy" Stokes—William would sound almost blasphemous—was discussing "weather" yesterday and expressing his feelings in no uncertain terms. Out of fairness to Mr. Stokes please don't misinterpret the "no uncertain" part. Quoth Will:

"Two men were passing through Texas on a Southern Pacific train. One of them gazed drearily through the window at the expanse of desert and remarked: 'All this country needs is some rain and a little better society.'

"That's all they need in Hades," was the rejoinder. "But Hades doesn't figure with this place," came back the first speaker. "Texas Rangers attention!"

J. C. Drury, proprietor of Gienn Ranch, at Cowley, and Harry Pollett, from the same place, are in Calgary for the exhibition. Both are "regular fellows" and raconteurs of the old school.

"It's a decade (pronounced deck-ed) since I was in Calgary," exclaimed Pollett yesterday. "Goodness gracious (or something unlike that) what a growth!"

"Why decked?" inquired Drury. "Don't be a boob always. That is pronounced decade—'jong' as, like lay. It was always 'decayed'—explanatory spelling—when I went to college."

"So was the college," rejoined Pollett. This one is about a thoughtful man: He rushed into a well known buffet, ordered a Collins fizz, deposited a dollar bill and admonished the "wine clerk"—that's highbrow chatter for barkeep—to keep the change and incidentally keep a lookout for the purchaser today:

"I feel that creeping paralysis coming over me that tells me that I'll not have any money tomorrow and I want you to buy me a drink when I'm broke."

Mark Drumm calls this "lethargic foresight." Following the boxing contest at Bassano between Bayley and Allen for the lightweight championship of the Dominion, Mark Drumm told this one during a fight fanfest:

"Young Griffio, the most illiterate as well as the cleverest boxer the world has seen, was approached by a promoter who wanted to match him with Kid Lavigne. 'I'll give you \$1,500 for your bit,' he explained. 'That's easy money, Griffio.' 'Griffio scratched his head. He couldn't count money and he was puzzled. Finally he exclaimed in disgust: 'Nothing doing. I won't take a cent less than a thousand.'

"The match was made."

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PRESIDENT CHAMBERLIN IS ON HIS WAY WEST
Says the Grand Trunk End of Transcontinental Will Be Finished on Time
Winnipeg, July 1.—President E. J. Chamberlin of the Grand Trunk arrived here from Chicago today, and will leave the middle of next week for the West to introduce Morley Donaldson, the new vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Are You a Good Judge of Advertising Here is a Chance to Test Your Judgment
The Commercial Review is a business paper of Alberta and British Columbia. Its object is the development of trade between those two great provinces. The last issue was a particularly attractive number of 40 pages. It contained more Alberta and British Columbia advertising than any other publication. An Australian business man in a recent letter to the Commercial Review said:

CHANGES IN DIRECTORATE OF THE UNION BANK
Quebec, June 29.—In connection with the removal of the Union bank head office from Quebec to Winnipeg, several changes in the directorate were made at a meeting held yesterday in Quebec. The Hon. John Sharples of Quebec, who president, becomes honorary president. Mr. John Galt of Winnipeg succeeds the Hon. Mr. Sharples in the presidency. Mr. William Price of Quebec and Mr. R. T. Riley of Winnipeg, vice-presidents. Col. John Carson of Montreal was elected a director to replace the late Mr. E. C. Hale of Quebec.

TORONTO MAKES A RECORD IN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS
Toronto, July 1.—The past month has been the largest for June in the history of the Toronto customs room in the matter of collections. The amount taken in for the past thirty days is something over \$1,800,000 compared with \$1,211,000 for the same month last year.

LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED
London, July 2.—Leave to appeal was granted in the case of Cotton vs. Rea.
KAISER'S SON AN AUTHOR
Berlin, July 2.—The German Crown Prince has become an expert in almost every kind of sport and is devoting his leisure time to literary work. He is writing an exhaustive account of his hunting adventures, and the work will shortly appear as Stuttgart under the title, "Extracts from My Hunting Diary." The author of the book will be described on the title page as "Frederick William, Crown Prince of the German Empire and the Prussian Kingdom." The greater part of the book will be devoted to the Crown Prince's tiger hunting expeditions in India. Twenty-eight photographs, taken either by the Crown Prince or the Crown Princess, will be reproduced as illustrations. The book will be divided into thirteen chapters. The Emperor sanctioned the publication of the book, but he has asked to see the proofs.

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