

Oklahoma went for Roosevelt. Now, really, don't that name sound just like that?

Did you send in a guess yet? If you can guess it, you are surely a political prophet.

The James A. Garfield Club, of Dayton, O., recently endorsed President Taft unanimously.

Len Small is still working hard for the nomination with just as good prospects as anyone to win.

The ground hog has got himself hated this year, and it was reported that he would be shot on sight if he dared to stick out his head.

Not much has been heard in this immediate vicinity about John E. W. Wayman's candidacy for governor. He is making a splendid fight and is going some.

There is no good reason for the talk that Taft could not be re-elected, and these reports when traced comes from democratic sources. The democrats want Roosevelt nominated.

The New York primaries will be held Tuesday, March 26, and the prospects are good for a nearly solid delegation for Taft. It is reported that Roosevelt will withdraw if New York goes for Taft.

H. T. Ireland is a candidate for renomination for the legislature. He is one of the best men in the lower house and the district is fortunate in having such men to represent them.

Hon. James Lyon, of Pontiac, is a candidate for renomination for member of the state board of equalization. He has a splendid record on the board and deserves every republican vote at the primaries.

The press representatives in Washington recently voted three to one for Taft, and also thought Roosevelt could not be elected if nominated. This is only a straw, but it a little better than some of the others.

A recent straw vote in Indianapolis gave Roosevelt a big majority. The preferential presidential primaries held later gave Taft a three to one majority. That's the difference between facts and fancies in politics.

Senator Ira L'ish is a candidate for renomination and on account of his splendid service deserves it. The republicans of this district know that Senator well, and know that he has always voted and worked for the best interests of the people.

The democratic candidates for governor—Caldwell, Dunne and Alschuler—are making a neck-and-neck race. They are good men. Alschuler was a candidate before and run 38,000 votes ahead of his ticket, and may be nominated on that account.

Chauncey Dewey, of Chicago, the boss of the Roosevelt movement in Illinois, hasn't much of a primary record. He was one of the principal opponents of Senator Hopkins, after the Senator had carried the primaries. He now pretends to want a presidential preference primary.

Governor Deneen has been here and received a good reception. It is expected that the other republican candidates for governor will be here and visit Livingston county. Give them a grand reception. They are all good men and we shall take pleasure in supporting the winner.

The agitation of the recall of judges and decisions, and the questioning of the honesty of judges, was probably largely accountable for the cold-blooded murder of a judge in Virginia last week. Judges are human and have their faults, but as a body they are high-class, honorable men and deserve the highest respect of the people and nothing should ever be done to lessen the dignity of the judiciary.

Two weeks from next Tuesday, April 9, will occur the state wide primaries. The vote will nominate all the state officers, congressmen, senators, representatives, members of the state board of equalization, county officers, committeemen, and the law also provides for a preferential vote for U. S. senator. The race for governor is an exciting one. The conventions all follow within two weeks

and then the agony will be over until the November election.

Col. Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, has been appointed western manager of the campaign of President Taft with headquarters in Chicago. Col. Smith is recognized as one of the most sagacious and at the same time one of the squarest men in public life in Illinois. He is big enough to fill any office within the gift of the people in the state and he is just the man to place at the head of the president's interests in Illinois.—Harvard Herald.

The democrats in Congress are just the same old free traders they always were, and are not fooling anyone by passing tariff bills. They never would pass tariff bills if they thought for a minute that they would become laws. The republican party will handle the tariff from a practical, business standpoint, from information furnished by a non-partisan commission for that purpose, and when changes are made they will be made with the welfare of the country in view. No republican should be fooled by any bluffs by a democratic congress playing politics.

A local newspaper beats the world as an advertising medium, says an exchange. A handbill attracts attention by accident. The newspaper carries your message to the waiting audience. The fence and barn-door ad is a corpse that may be gazed on by a few neighbors who have to go near it. The newspaper ad goes into the house, takes a seat in the family circle, and talks right to the heart of many thousands of people who pay for that kind of entertainment. They love the family paper and read it with confidence. Nothing equals a good, live local paper when it comes to reaching the people. Try it and see for yourself.

There has been a remarkable change in the political situation all over the whole country. There was a time when if the matter of presidential preference had been submitted to the republicans, President Taft might have been defeated, but at the present time he would win easily in any manner it might be placed before the people. The republicans have begun to study the situation and see no good reason why President Taft should not be renominated and elected. The new scheme of Mr. Roosevelt regarding the recall of judges and decisions, and his absolute promise not to accept a third term, has been thoroughly looked into by republicans, and a large majority of them think it would be unsafe to nominate Roosevelt. There

is no longer any question regarding the renomination of President Taft.

The situation in regard to Illinois republicans supporting the president for renomination has cleared to a large extent since Col. Frank L. Smith took active charge of the campaign. His headquarters on the fifth floor of the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago present a busy scene. The Colonel and the heads of departments, and the latter with their clerks and stenographers, are all busy, and the results of this thorough work is already being felt in every county in the state. Nothing is allowed to go out of headquarters which could be considered the least unfair. There are hundreds of visitors there every day from all parts of the state. While the Colonel is probably the busiest man in Illinois he has time for a pleasant and encouraging word for all, and receives information from every part of the great state. The Colonel's business ability is enabling him to handle this immense business with the same skill he does his own.

Hon. John A. Sterling, of Bloomington, Congressman from this district, is a candidate for renomination, and will be nominated by a large majority. As a representative of the seventeenth district and Illinois in the lower house, he has advanced steadily from the day he entered congress. He has been a worker for the best interests of the people at all times. His legal ability has been acknowledged by his having been a member for years of probably the most important committee of the House—the judiciary. At present he is the ranking republican member and with the next congress republican, he will undoubtedly be chairman of that committee. If there is any reason why Congressman Sterling should not be renominated, no one has presented it yet, and there are the best of reasons why he should be: He has more influence in Washington than any new man could have for years; he has done splendid work for the district; he has secured new postoffice buildings for Lincoln and Pontiac, and Paxton, Dwight and other places will follow; he has fought and voted for what he thought was right at all times. There are thousands of other good reasons why he should be returned to congress.

A REAL CRISIS. (Bloomington Pantagraph.) Some people profess to see a crisis in the affairs of this country where none really existed, but there is one now in plain view of all and of well

defined proportions. This crisis has been precipitated by Theodore Roosevelt. Its substance is the breaking of his clear promise with reference to a third term and the promulgation by him of socialistic, if not anarchistic, doctrines.

The man who willfully deceives his neighbor in one particular thing has lost the claim to his confidence in every other respect. Roosevelt going back on his word—falsifying his word—with reference to the third term marks Roosevelt as to every question an unstable, capricious and unreliable man. It stamps him as a dangerous man—one unworthy of any exalted trust. The flimsy excuses offered to justify evasion and double dealing are so easily seen through that they only aggravate the offense. But the perfidy shown with reference to the third term is not the worst of the case.

Along with this violation of a solemn promise to respect a precedent, honored in all our history, Roosevelt has placed himself upon a platform which aims a blow at constitutional government. He has proposed to abolish representative government and return to tribal government, somewhat after the fashion long since in vogue among the American Indians, with a "Big Chief" as steward of the public welfare and the tribes as a whole using the initiative and referendum and recall." In short, he would cripple if not blot out one of the branches of the government—an independent judiciary—and make the decisions of supreme courts subject to review and recall by a town meeting. The plan is nothing but anarchy disguised with a few pleasing platitudes intended to calm the fears of patriotic men.

We offer the prediction—justified by every reason of the case—that if Roosevelt is nominated for President by the Chicago convention, on a platform of his dictation, party lines will be obliterated, so far as concerns the national ticket, the party will be sundered in twain and party discipline scattered to the winds. Such a nomination at the same time, would offer the democratic party the greatest opportunity it has had since the war and it is insanity to suppose that party will fail to improve it. With such a prospect of victory, to believe that democrats would leave their ticket for Roosevelt is a delusion that will vanish as the days go by between now and next November.

The people of this country forsook party lines once to save the Union. They will do it again to save the country from the folly proclaimed in Roosevelt's Columbus speech. If the people of the United States

would not violate the third term precedent for the "silent man on horseback"—standing for orderly, constitutional methods—they will not do it for the "Rough Rider," booted and spurred, with the bridle in his teeth and a revolver in each hand, charging the bulwarks of peace and order set up by the framers of the government. But we are not persuaded that the sober, thoughtful republicans of the nation will turn their backs upon Taft, who is now doing his constitutional duty as becomes the nation's chief, to break the precedent set by Washington, and observed until now, and take new risks with wild men and wilder theories. Taft can be re-elected, but Roosevelt, by his own declaration, is henceforth impossible.

THAT REMINDS US

That elections are so thick just now that one is liable to run into one and not know it.

That there ought to be arrangements to drain the streets. They resembled a lake last week.

That the people would be for anyone who could "recall" the weather.

That the Daily News says: "Every little delegate has a meaning all his own."

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

Table with names (Brown, Davis, Deneen, Hurburgh, Jones, Small, Wayman) and corresponding boxes for marking.

(Sign your name.)

Place the number in the square opposite each name as you think he will stand at the primary election April 9, and send to this office.

If you get them correct we will send this paper to you for one year.

Each one has one guess and the contest will close Saturday, April 6, 1912.

The above ballot must be used. The names are arranged alphabetically, and all the squares must be marked, from 1 to 7.

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