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SMITH VICTORY ASSURED

Survey of Situation by Counties

Now that the campaign for Congress in the Eighth Congressional District is drawing to a close it will doubtless be interesting to the electorate of the District to have a summary of the general conditions in the various counties.

In the northern end of the district the campaign is arousing very considerable interest and enthusiasm on behalf of several of the candidates, but in the distant part of the district it has been very quiet and the indications are that the spathy will continue and that the vote will be light, the reasons for this being that the candidates, most of whom are from this section of the district, are not so well known in distant sections.

In order to give as far as possible a fairly accurate forecast of the present conditions of the campaign, the writer has conferred with prominent persons in each county in the district. While, of course, no accurate forecast can be given at this time, the following is the writer's best information as the probable results in each county in the district.

In King George County the vote will be small, probably not more than 400. The leaders in this county predict that Smith will carry the county, with either Ball or Mackey running second, but no one will have a plurality of any consequence in this county.

In Stafford County the contest is close between Smith and Ball, with Keith running third. The vote polled will probably be from 800 to 1000, and the plurality in that county will not be great for any candidate.

In Louisa County, the vote will probably be about 1,000, and Smith will carry the county. It is predicted that he will get more majority than the combined vote of all the candidates. Keith will probably run second in that county, and Ball or Mackey third.

In Orange County, the home county of DeJarnette, it is difficult to make any accurate forecast. It is said that every candidate in the contest will receive a portion of the vote, which will probably run from 800 to 1000. The indications are that DeJarnette will carry his home county.

Smith will carry Culpeper County, Keith running second and Ball running third. The vote there will be about from 1100 to 1200.

Smith will carry Fauquier County, with Keith second. Ball's vote in that county will be negative, and Mackey will also receive a like vote in that county. The vote polled will probably run around 2000, as there has been quite an active campaign there.

In Loudoun County, the vote will probably be around 2000 to 2200. The county seems safe for Smith by a healthy plurality, but whether Ball or Keith will run second is problematical.

In Prince William County there will be from 800 to 1000 votes. The indications are that Smith will carry the county by a fair plurality. Keith will be second and Ball third.

In Fairfax County conditions are somewhat uncertain. The vote polled will not exceed 2000. Until Keith's entry it was safe for Smith by a large majority. The contest there is between Keith and Smith with Ball running a weak third. The result in the county is expected to be close, with Smith still the favorite.

In Arlington County Ball is expected to carry it by a good plurality. As to how much lead Ball will take in that county will depend upon how much friendly Republican vote he is able to bring into the Democratic primary. Usually about 1300 votes in a Democrat primary are polled, but in this case the Ball supporters claim there will be about 4000. The County is normally Republican. The Ball-Goth organization in that county is leaving no stone unturned, and is expected to yield Ball a good plurality.

Alexandria City is conceded to Smith by a large majority over all candidates. The question there is how much vote will be polled. The qualified vote is 6000, and the Smith sup-

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED BY FRIENDS

On Wednesday evening, July 16, the hospitable home of Mrs. Elizabeth Spies on Battle Street was the scene of a lovely bridal shower, given by Mrs. M. M. Ellis, in honor of Miss Cora Louise Merchant, whose marriage to Mr. Delmar R. Domdera of Milton, Pa., will take place July 24. After the guests were assembled, the bride-elect was ushered into the room. Before she could recover from her surprise, there came a knock at the door and little Miss Ann Frances Whitmore, niece of the hostess presented Miss Merchant with a letter written in verse telling her of a still greater surprise awaiting her. The directions led her upstairs where there stood a large doll-house filled with beautiful and useful gifts which were displayed and greatly admired by those present. The company was then ushered downstairs where they were entertained by several pious selections by Miss Virginia Speiden and dancing by Miss Ann Frances Whitmore. Then followed delicious refreshments in the dining room. The color scheme of the evening was pink and yellow and was beautifully carried out in the favors, and tall candles and flowers on the long table. A handsome bride's cake was placed before the guest of honor, who cut and served it to her friends. The cutting of the cake was preceded by the reading of a poem which told the guests what they might expect to find hidden therein. The entire evening was a most enjoyable one. Miss Merchant is popular among the young people of Manassas and has been a faithful teacher in the primary department of the M. E. Church, South, for several years. She will be greatly missed in the community.

(Received too late for publication last week.)

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION

A very interesting and charming demonstration was given in the Methodist Church, Friday evening, by the Loyal Temperance Union and the W. C. T. U.

The first number was the "broom and brush" brigade in which verses were recited alternately by three boys and three girls illustrative of "sweep-sweeping" away opposition to prohibition.

A "light-line" demonstration followed in which fifteen ladies and fifteen girls of the W. C. T. U. took part. Prior to the demonstration a message from 15 foreign countries was radioed in by the aid of a loud speaker. Then the ladies, dressed either in white or light color, brought in a lighted candle and a flag. They sang "Home, Comrades, We Are Coming," while the girls marched in with unlighted candles and flags. Before the song was finished they turned and lighted the candles of the girls, and all marched off the stage and returned, having left the flags and candles off stage.

A duet by Mrs. Broadus and Mrs. George Baker followed. The meeting closed with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

MINNEVILLE

There will be a special meeting at the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Minneville, Sunday at 3 o'clock, p. m., July 27, when Rev. W. A. Hall will preach, and all of the officers of the Manassas Church will have a joint meeting there to consider matters of special interest to the community. Everybody welcome.

Mr. H. M. Pearson, principal of the Bealeton High School was a week-end visitor at his home.

Porters, who are very active, expect to poll 4000, and if this is true, Smith will receive over 3000. The remaining votes will be split between Ball, Keith, and Mackey in about an equal number.

GARDNER BOOTHE REPLIES TO ATTACK ON JUDGE SMITH

TO THOSE "WHO DESIRE TRUTH" ABOUT SALE OF BANK BUILDING

GARDNER L. BOOTHE
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Alexandria, Virginia,
July 14th, 1930.

To Whom It May Concern:

My attention has been called to certain newspaper attacks upon Judge Howard W. Smith, candidate for Congress from the Eighth Congressional District. These attacks have to do with the settlement of the affairs of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation some twenty years ago, in which Judge Smith was receiver and one of the six commissioners of sale. It was made to appear in these articles that there were grave irregularities, and it is further charged that Judge Smith, while one of the commissioners of sale, purchased at a grossly inadequate price for himself and associates the bank building of the defunct trust company.

I am the only survivor of the six commissioners of sale except Judge Smith and Mr. J. G. Hiden, who is ill. I, therefore, state the following to be the facts, which can be proven by the records in Alexandria by any person who wishes the truth.

This property was sold by the six commissioners of sale appointed by the court, and was sold at public auction to the highest bidder after full advertisement and for the best price obtainable. The six commissioners who sold the property were Judge J. K. M. Norton, now deceased, Judge Samuel G. Brent, now deceased, Richard C. L. Moncure, now deceased, J. George Hiden, who is ill, Howard W. Smith, and myself. At the public auction of the building the highest bidder was the Alexandria Gazette Corporation, of which Robert S. Barrett was president, editor, and general manager. The proposed sale was reported to the court by these six commissioners with the statement that the sale was fairly conducted; that the property sold for the highest price obtainable; that no better price could be had; and the commissioners unanimously recommended to the court the confirmation of the proposed sale. There was ample time for upset bid, and every effort was made to obtain a higher price, after which the sale was confirmed by the court. The property had been constructed for bank purposes and was not adapted to general business uses, and for that reason could not have been expected to bring a higher price.

In all the twenty years that have passed, I have not before heard expressed any claim that the property was sold for an insufficient price. The various interests involved were represented by the most eminent lawyers in this part of the State who were actively assisting the commissioners and receivers. There was no criticism of Judge Smith's conduct during the time that these affairs were being settled, nor has there been any since until this campaign for Congress. Had Judge Smith's conduct in connection with this concern been reprehensible, he would not have been elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Alexandria by a large majority; he would not have been unanimously endorsed by the Bar of this city for Judge of the Corporation Court; and he would not have been selected by the Governor of Virginia as Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit for which position he was not a candidate.

As stated above, to those who desire truth the records of the court can be seen here.

Respectfully yours,
GARDNER L. BOOTHE,

Campaign Pledges

The average intelligent man or woman who follows politics is realizing more, day by day, that political platforms are mere securities to bait the public and are soon forgotten.

Fifteen years ago politicians promised to empty the jails through the means of national prohibition, but they did not do it. Today politicians tell us that they will empty the jails with legalized whiskey, but they won't do it. The whole question is mere bunk so far as the politician is concerned. He is simply looking for votes instead of trying to do something to help the country.

What the ordinary head of a household is most concerned about now is why wheat is selling for eighty cents a bushel and fat cattle selling for less than feeders cost a year ago, with little reduction in flour and beefsteak.

What we need to do is bury the fanatical and radical politician and put the reins of government in the hands of safe, sane men, who will respect their oath to uphold and maintain the constitution and work out the great economic questions that are today confronting this country.

Men aspiring to high political office should be required by the public to stand on their official record, for by the past you may judge the future. Now that the congressional campaign is drawing to an end and we

have had an opportunity to study all of the men who are aspiring to that office, there is no doubt in our minds that Judge Howard Smith is the outstanding candidate. His record as President of the Common Council, as Commonwealth Attorney and as Judge of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, and as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, and the City of Alexandria, speak for him, and there is nothing that any other candidate or friend of any candidate can say or do that will change the official record of Judge Smith.

We shall unhesitatingly support him and sincerely trust that he will continue his quiet and dignified policy of campaign so becoming to the high office to which he aspires and so annoying to his opponents, all of whom seem to take a vital interest in Judge Smith's candidacy.—Orange County News.

DOMDERA-MERCHANT

The wedding of Miss Cora Louise Merchant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Merchant and Mr. Delmar R. Domdera, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Domdera, takes place this afternoon at Waugh M. E. Church in Washington, Rev. Allan S. Moore, pastor, officiating. Only the immediate families of the couple will witness the ceremony.

FAIRFAX FOR SMITH

Mr. Carl Allensworth, of Vienna, was a visitor in Manassas this afternoon. Mr. Allensworth says that to the best of his information that Judge Smith will carry Fairfax County by a substantial majority.

JUDGE SMITH TO BROADCAST

Judge Howard W. Smith will address the voters of the Eighth Congressional District over Station WMAL on Saturday evening, July 26th, 1930, from 7:45 to 8:00, on the issues of the campaign for Congress.

KEITH REPLIES TO REV HEPBURN

July 17, 1930.
Rev. David Hepburn, Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sir:
I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, a reply to which has been delayed due to my absence from Fairfax.

Before receiving your letter I published an announcement of my position in regard to the Eighteenth Amendment. Of course, so long as it is a part of the Constitution, it must be upheld, but when it was placed in the Constitution, it was an abandonment of the policy of this country from its foundation as to the division of power between the National and State governments, and an abandonment of the policy of local self-government adhered to by the Democratic party from the days of Jefferson, to which policy I heartily subscribe.

You refer to the vote of our people on Statewide prohibition fifteen years ago, but our people have never been afforded the opportunity to vote on the question of Federal prohibition. The laws enacted since the Amendment, so long as they remain in effect must be upheld, but in my opinion some of them go beyond the power conferred by the Amendment and some of them are subversive of other provisions of the Constitution. All such laws should be repealed or brought into conformity with the Constitution taken as a whole.

In response to your inquiry as to measures that may be introduced to strengthen the laws wherein experience has proven them to be weak, I believe that we already have too much law on the subject.

I am at a loss to understand why you did not ask the candidates their position as to the policy embodied in the Eighteenth Amendment and the laws enacted thereunder, whereby the power to control the liquor problem was transferred to the Federal Government, as this seems to me to be the fundamental question which is before the voters of this District. All the candidates should go on record on this question, but under the questions you have propounded a candidate may still evade this important issue as to which my position is stated in the enclosed announcement, a copy of which was published in all the newspapers of the Eighth District.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) Thomas R. Keith.

WINNERS OF WHEAT YIELD GUESSING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

A yield guessing contest was held at a field meeting at the wheat nitrate of soda top dressing demonstration of G. W. Spinks near Greenwich about two weeks before harvesting time and prizes offered for the three best estimates after the demonstration had been explained and the wheat carefully examined. In this demonstration three acres had been top dressed with 133 pounds of Champion nitrate of soda and three acres of the same natural fertility set aside without being top dressed as a check. The two plots, harvested and threshed separately, showed a yield of 26 bushels per acre for the top dressed section and 15 bushels per acre on the check plot, or an increase of 11 bushels for each 133 pounds of nitrate of soda.

W. H. Herring with his estimate of an eight bushels increase took first place, with M. D. Phillips second and A. A. Washington and R. H. Smith tying for third place.

Special Entertainment at Dumfries
Miss Beulah McNemar, gifted pianist, will stage a performance at the Dumfries School this Saturday evening for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society of Dumfries M. E. Church. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

ANNIVERSARY OF BULL RUN BATTLE

EXERCISES AT BATTLE PARK INCLUDE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

The sixty-ninth anniversary of the First Battle of Bull Run was celebrated at the Manassas Battle Park on Monday, July 21, with appropriate exercises, which included an inspiring address by Col. John R. Saunders, Attorney General of Virginia and other distinguished citizens. A number of gallant veterans were in attendance.



Col. John R. Saunders

Mr. John R. Rust, of Fairfax, presided. The invocation was made by Rev. William C. Everett, of Marshall. Among those who spoke were, Col. Charles T. Norman, Commandant of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Walter L. Hopkins, State Adjutant, S. C. V., Arthur C. Smith, Division Commander, Washington S. C. V., Mr. E. H. Allen, President of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Gen. H. Oden Lake, of Washington and Leesburg.

One of the most charming features of the program were the sweet recitations by Miss Lila Wallace, of Washington, whose selections were particularly enjoyed by the Veterans.

The important announcement was made that purchase of the Bull Run Battle Field from private ownership had been completed in full, with help of the Virginia Assembly and that active work was under way leading to establishment of a suitable museum and suitable memorials to mark the

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O. F. A. PICNIC WELL ATTENDED

On Saturday of last week the District Picnic of the Order of Fraternal Americans was held at Libeans Beach, near Manassas. A large crowd was in attendance, all bent upon securing relief from the intense heat and upon having a real good time.

State District Deputy George D. Baker, of Manassas, was in charge, and in his efficient manner made everyone welcome.

More than a hundred automobiles testified to the size of the crowd which was estimated at around five hundred.

The speaker of the day, W. H. Lamb, was introduced by Mr. Baker. The address dealt interestingly with practical citizenship and finer sportsmanship in the affairs of life.

Mr. Baker again spoke, telling many humorous anecdotes and outlining the basic principles of the order.

Fun then began in earnest and the afternoon was devoted to many original efforts to defeat the oppressive effects of the unusually hot temperatures prevailing. The whole event was a most creditable affair, reflecting much credit upon the fraternity and its splendid leadership.

ROAD CHANGE TO BE INVESTIGATED

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, John R. Sweeney, Gainesville merchant, petitioned the Board for a change in the county road leading from Chris Carrio to Bristol Road at Devlin's Grove. Superintendent H. L. ... will report on the same at the next meeting of the Board.

The contract which the Chairman of the Board had made with Mrs. Kate Bear for the purchase of shale rock was confirmed by the Board. A large number of miscellaneous accounts were audited and ordered paid.