

STRENUOUS TIMES IN THE SEVENTH

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The distinctive features of the three campaigns have been: Young, organization; Volstead, personal solicitation; and Dowling, advertising.

Not a Spellinging Time.

None of the candidates has made speeches, for a very good reason; they could not get audiences. People have been too busy and too little concerned to turn out to hear candidates. The candidates had to go after them. The only chances for oratory were Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and the old settlers' picnics.

Platforms have also been scarce. Dowling has been the only man to formulate a statement, which included free lumber, disability pensions, indorsement of Roosevelt, and tariff revision. Informally, Young declared himself on much the same lines later on. Volstead has made no statement, and prides himself on being a candidate without a platform.

Talk of the Records.

All three have public records on which to stand or fall. Senator Young is one of the best known attorneys in the northern part of the district, and Mr. Volstead in the southern end. Senator Young has served four years in the Minnesota house and eight in the senate, and his record has been much discussed. The opposition has pointed to his vote against the gross earnings bill in 1899 as the weak spot, but his legislative friends, J. F. Ja-

cobson and Lieutenant Governor Smith have vouched for his sincerity on that proposition. Mr. Volstead as county attorney of Yellow Medicine county has made both friends and enemies. Mr. Dowling was speaker of the last house of representatives, and in that position succeeded in antagonizing several members from this district, who are very busy against him.

Heavy Vote is South.

Dowling and Volstead both figure that the south end of the district will name the man. The seven southern counties are more populous than the seven northern ones which used to be in Eddy's seventh district. The north half is Young's stronghold, while he does not have much foothold in the south except in Redwood and Lac qui Parle. The six old second district counties cast for Lieutenant Governor two years ago 1,138 republican votes and 2,574 votes. The seven northern counties cast 8,399 republican votes. The disparity will be still greater at the primary election. In all the southern counties there are lively contests for legislative and county nominations, which will bring out a large proportion of the vote. This is not generally true in the north. There in some cases the ticket is already named, and in the others there are only two or three places contested. The local "scraps" are expected to be great factors in bringing out the vote, and Renville and Redwood expect to cast close to the 1900 figure. The 1900 vote with the number conservatively estimated for next Tuesday, compare for the two sections as follows:

As They Will Turn Out.		Probable Primary Vote.	
Southern Counties—	1900 Vote	1900 Vote	1900 Vote
Renville	2,574	2,200	2,200
Redwood	1,924	1,600	1,600

Lac qui Parle 1,714
 Lyon 1,200
 Chippewa 1,065
 Yellow Medicine 1,565
 Lincoln 1,112
 Total 8,000

Northern Counties—
 Kandiyohi 2,070
 Swift 1,639
 Big Stone 1,050
 Stevens 1,008
 Grant 931
 Traverse 635
 Total 8,399

The Volstead claim is that their man will split even with Volstead in the six old second district counties, and Renville will put him ahead, while both Dowling and Volstead will draw in the north enough to hold Young down to third place.

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If Volstead had not entered, Dowling would have walked off with the nomination. His candidacy would make it easy for Young but for the fact that Volstead has rounded up many farmers in Young's own territory. Young's strength in Redwood, Lac qui Parle and Chippewa counterbalances this.

Dowling Claims.

Dowling claims Renville nearly solid, and pluralities in Redwood, Lyon and Chippewa, with an even break in Pope and a good vote in every other county.

A Dowling Estimate.

The Redwood Renville has made a Dowling estimate, which was published to-day. It runs as follows:

	Dowling	Young	Volstead
Renville	2,200	500	700
Kandiyohi	300	500	700
Redwood	1,100	700	700

Lac qui Parle 200
 Lyon 500
 Chippewa 400
 Yellow Medicine 400
 Lincoln 100
 Total 1,600

Volstead Estimate.

	Volstead	Dowling	Young
Renville	550	200	500
Kandiyohi	550	200	500
Redwood	700	200	300
Lac qui Parle	700	200	300
Chippewa	800	300	300
Yellow Medicine	500	400	200
Lincoln	200	100	100
Swift	200	100	100
Big Stone	200	100	100
Stevens	150	100	100
Grant	100	100	100
Traverse	100	100	100
Total	6,750	4,300	3,550

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The Volstead Estimate.

	Volstead	Dowling	Young
Renville	550	200	500
Kandiyohi	550	200	500
Redwood	700	200	300
Lac qui Parle	700	200	300
Chippewa	800	300	300
Yellow Medicine	500	400	200
Lincoln	200	100	100
Swift	200	100	100
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The Young Estimate.

	Young	Volstead	Dowling
Renville	400	1,200	700
Kandiyohi	400	1,200	700
Redwood	500	400	550
Lac qui Parle	500	400	550
Chippewa	500	400	550
Yellow Medicine	425	370	250
Lincoln	125	700	200
Swift	100	200	100
Big Stone	100	200	100
Stevens	100	125	25
Grant	100	100	15
Traverse	100	400	300
Total	6,630	4,855	3,905

Mr. Schmahl appears to have allowed to large a vote in some of the northern counties, and too small in the south.

It is noticeable that Dowling puts Young third, and that Young figures are useful in a way, but they are mainly for the consumption of the handwagon voter, who is looking for the winner and wants to know who he is.

Dems and Pops May Vote.

Democrats and populists are a factor to be reckoned with in the election. They have no incentive to vote the democratic or populist ticket at the primaries, for their tickets are already put up. They generally vote among republicans, and it is thought that a great many will vote the republican primary ticket. In Renville county the democrats all like Dem and Pop and appear to help him out. They have no candidate for congress, and want to take a hand. It is probable that the Dowling vote at home will be consoling from this source. All this is not at all pleasing to the Young men, who are raising a hue and cry against permitting outsiders to assist in republican nominations. They threaten to use challengers.

Dowling Strong at Home.

The towns of Renville county are practically solid for Dowling, and not only solid but enthusiastic. The Young strength is very scattering there, but Volstead will cut some figure in the county. The four western townships adjoining Granite Falls, are strongly Norwegian, and he has canvassed them carefully. They are claimed for Volstead, but Dowling claims three of them, conceding only the town of Hawk Creek. Dowling is now touring the country districts of Renville on the trail of Volstead, who has been in that territory for some days, and was reported yesterday at Palmyra.

L. E. Lambert, a lumberman at Renville, has a scheme for keeping the farmers stirred up. He displays signs with all signals over his office, and they are always consulted by the farmers when in town. He now floats a white flag with "R" painted on it. When the farmer asks what that means Mr. Lambert says, "Why, don't you know? That's the day we vote for Dowling."

In Volstead's County.

Yellow Medicine, Volstead's home county, is conceded to him by a large margin, but the country districts are stronger for him than his town of Granite Falls. Though no organized fight is made on him here, Dowling has some old friends, and Volstead some enemies, which will result in a good-sized Dowling vote. It was in this county that Dowling spent his boyhood, and he is remembered by many of the older ones. Then Granite Falls is open for an hour's ride from Renville. A. W. Winter, Theo. Maybom, the Rice brothers, Dr. Huston and Dr. Stratton are openly for Dowling. Senator Schell is in for Young on the ground of personal acquaintance, but there is little Young talk in this county.

Two Factions in Redwood.

Redwood county has a hard factional fight. The Young leaders, James A. Larson and Julius Schmahl, are in the crowd

which has controlled the politics of the county for years. The new element that is in revolt is back of Dowling, headed by A. M. Welles of the Renville. Volstead has canvassed the Norwegian communities, and is expected to run a strong third. Dowling is expected to carry Redwood Falls, Morgan, Sanborn, Renville, Wahassoo, North Redwood and Vesta. To Young is given Lambertson, Walnut Grove, Wanda and Delhi. Volstead will carry Belview and Seaford.

Dowling and Volstead both claim Lyon county, where Captain C. C. Whitney has been the chief Dowling boomer, while Virgil B. Seward is sponsor for Volstead. Dowling will run well in both Marshall and Tracy, but the country is mostly for Volstead.

Complications in Lincoln.

Lincoln is conceded to Volstead, but here the senatorial fight in the seventeenth district cuts a figure. The Lincoln county candidate for the senate, C. W. Stites at first vied with rival, John G. Schutz of Marshall, in booming Volstead. Both wanted the Volstead strength in Yellow Medicine, but when the Volstead papers came out for Schutz, the ardor of the Stites men for Volstead cooled perceptibly. This has made some votes for Dowling, who has also gained in Tracy whether because of a postoffice deal or not.

In Chippewa county, Montevideo is strong for Dowling, and he claims the county, but Volstead also wants the big end of Chippewa's vote, and the situation is agreed to be very much mixed. Young and Volstead both want Lac qui Parle where Jacobson has underfoot to look with favor on either.

Betting Their Belief.

Young has been the favorite in the betting, running generally even against the field. Big money has been put up by Messrs. Stabek of Renville and a Willmar business man. The latter offered 2 to 1 against Dowling some weeks ago, and was taken by Mr. Stabek for \$500 worth. Later another bet was made of \$500 even, Young against the field. Mr. Stabek wants some more of the 2 to 1 money, but the Willmar man prefers the even bet on Young, and the negotiations are pending for increasing the stakes. Volstead men here are also trying to get connection with the Willmar capitalists.

—Charles B. Cheney.

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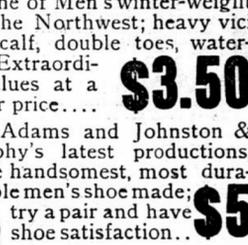
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