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WILSON'S SUCCESS
TO BE CONSPICUOUS

Political Writer Predicts Popular
Administration for Democratic
President.

Woodrow Wilson has a running start toward a conspicuously successful administration, according to W. W. Jermaine, Washington correspondent for the Seattle Times, who discussed the prospects for the Wilson administration in last Sunday's issue. The article continues in part:

"Since he went into the White House he has not made a move which has provoked hostile criticism. The press and popular opinion all over the country have been strikingly unanimous in their expressions of approval and good will. It has been made entirely evident that the people generally, regardless of politics, are desirous that the administration should succeed. In view of this attitude and of the sensible manner in which Mr. Wilson has inaugurated his administration, it would seem that nothing but a vital mistake or a most serious mishap can prevent him from having an administration among the most popular in the nation's history. Perhaps it might even be said that if he can get by the tariff revision of the next six months without a serious setback, success will have become almost certain.

"An opinion formed at this time is not so premature as appears at first sight. Thinking back to the early days of the Taft administration, the reader may easily recall that the first sinister rumblings had been heard well in advance of inauguration. The cabinet announcements were promptly followed by a charge that the men selected were 'reactionaries.' The appointment of Ballinger had aroused the conservationists. Taft's break with Roosevelt had already begun to make a popular impression. Fred W. Carpenter, the first secretary to Taft, had already invited criticism by interposing foolish and unaccountable barriers against those who wished to feel the pulse of the administration. Four years ago today the Taft administration was headed toward the breakers. Today the administration of Woodrow Wilson is sailing in deep water.

"Mr. Wilson has promptly come to the front with excellent poise, evident judgment and a certainty of his own mind. He shows that he has thought things through for himself and is not afraid to rely upon his own judgment, whether or not those judgments coincide with precedent and the usual view. Such decisions as he has made have come out clearly, carrying the conclusion that they were final. Every step taken by Mr. Wilson thus far has shown that he has a mind of his own and intends to use it.

"Thus far in the presidency Mr. Wilson has broken more precedents than it is easy to enumerate. In each case the break has come naturally, being the expression of his own personality. They have shown that he was just his own kind of a man. The country evidently likes to have a man of that kind in the presidency and has applauded at every turn.

"In essentials he has already shown himself the boss of the situation. He has barred office-seekers from the White House and has given positive indications that he will not run an administration chiefly devoted to dispensing patronage. He has renominated several bureau chiefs who have been notably successful in Republican administrations. He has shown that he is not a spoilsman.

"But most important, he has cleared the boards for the big business of his administration. His time will not be occupied as was Mr. Taft's, by an overwhelming mass of little national moment. He will devote his attention in his own way to the big concerns of the country and he will make up Mr. Wilson's mind about what ought to be done. Nobody else but Mr. Wilson, it now seems tolerably clear, will make up the presidential mind. And the strong indication is that the people are strong for precisely that kind of a president."

A Good Man Rewarded.

(Colfax Commoner.)

Press dispatches state that John Pattison, formerly of Colfax, has been promised the position of federal judge for the Philippine Islands. The Commoner congratulates Mr. Pattison and the government upon this good news. No man is more deserving or competent than "Honest John" Pattison, of whom the people of Colfax and the state of Washington are proud.

John Pattison is in every way fitted for such a position. He has the "judicial temperament," the knowledge of law, the honesty and courage of his convictions. He has fought hard for the party. He has stood for the right. He is true to his friends and to his convictions. President Wilson has made no mistake in the selection of John Pattison for this important post.

ETHEL ROOSEVELT TO WED.

Daughter of Former President Will Be
Wife of Young Physician.

One of the big social events of the next few months will be the forthcoming wedding of Miss Ethel Carow Roosevelt, second daughter of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Her parents have formally announced the young woman



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MISS ETHEL CAROW ROOSEVELT.

an's engagement to Dr. Richard Derby, son of the late Dr. Richard H. Derby of New York.

Miss Roosevelt is widely known. She spent more years in the White House than any young woman before her.

UNCLE JOE STILL POPULAR.

Former Speaker Receives Ovation Before Retirement.

Despite all the storms of political strife that have swirled about him and which finally resulted in his defeat for



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UNCLE JOE CANNON.

re-election recently, Joseph Cannon, famously known as "Uncle Joe," is as popular as ever.

Uncle Joe has retired from congress as representative from the Eighteenth Illinois district. He was given a farewell dinner in Washington recently, at which high honor was paid him.

RICH BOY'S NEGRO PLAYMATE.

Parents of Vinson Walsh McLean Rear
Lad With Pickaninny.

If Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. McLean of Washington have their way little Vinson Walsh McLean, the "\$100,000,000 baby," will not grow up to be a



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VINSON WALSH McLEAN AND NEGRO PLAYMATE.

snob. Vinson, who is just six years old, has a negro boy his own age for playmate.

The little ones have been reared together, and the McLeans virtually have adopted the pickaninny to be brother of the small millionaire.

HELPING MAKE A PRESIDENT.

Chief Justice White and General Wood
Important Figures.

When Woodrow Wilson, erstwhile governor of New Jersey, was formally made president of the United States, Chief Justice Edward D. White, who administered the oath, likewise shared in the honors.

Major General Leonard Wood, at the head of the military phases of the inauguration, was a conspicuous figure. Chief Justice White may never have another occasion in his life marking such an altitude of conspicuous action.



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PRESIDENT WILSON (AT TOP), CHIEF JUSTICE EDWARD D. WHITE (CENTER), MAJOR GENERAL LEONARD WOOD (BELOW).

as his career has run a long course and is set in quiet channels. But with Major General Wood it is different. This military man is looked upon as about the most thoroughly seasoned and efficient of the first rank officers in the army.

For a time it seemed probable that he would be sent south to direct the American forces on the American border and in whatever actual service might occur there. He has been well seasoned by service in the Philippines.

There are few officers of high rank in the army today who have been under fire or have had real campaigning. Those who served in the civil war are about all gone.

PARIS PREFECT TO RETIRE.

Noted Head of Police Will Quit After
Successful Career.

Louis Lepine, prefect of police in Paris, is to retire March 23. This personage has won world renown as one of the best police officers in the world. M. Lepine was the first Paris prefect



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LOUIS LEPINE, PREFECT OF PARIS POLICE.

to successfully quell and rout the apaches, those bands of roughs which terrified the city. He organized a school for detectives and succeeded in breaking up the well organized auto bandits.

M. Lepine principally is famed for his feat in rounding up the band of auto bandits who recently were tried and many of whom were convicted. The band comprised over 150 bold characters throughout the republic. Their habits were anarchistic and murderous.

The outlaws worked with a splendid system of co-operation. The personnel included highly intelligent students of politics, who were at war on the social and economic system. Thus reasoning that society owed them a living and that it was contrived along oppressive lines, they preyed upon and robbed, insanely believing they were justified.

DIRECT VOTE FOR
SENATOR PROBABLE

Failure of Legislature to Amend
Primary Law Obviated by Federal
Amendment.

Despite the fact that the last legislature failed to enact a statute authorizing the direct election of United States senators, as recommended by Governor Lister, the consensus of opinion among politicians is that Washington's next senator will nevertheless be elected by a direct vote of the people.

This is based on the belief that before the next election the so-called Bourne amendment to the federal constitution will have been ratified by enough states to authorize direct elections. The votes of only three more states are necessary to make the amendment effective, according to the latest compilation.

The failure of the local legislature to enact such a provision in the primary law is not taken seriously among the Republicans, who declare the solons expressed their position when they ratified the Bourne amendment.

In political circles it has been insisted for a year or more that if a direct election plan were worked out Mayor George F. Cotterill of Seattle would be a candidate for Senator next year. If the opinion of politicians that the federal constitution will be amended in time is correct, Bourbon politicians expect Cotterill to be in the fight.

Ole Hanson is an avowed candidate and has been hurling challenges at Senator W. L. Jones for several months assuming that Jones will seek a re-election. If the North Yakima statesman has such an intention he has not taken the public into his confidence. Hanson will be a Progressive party candidate.

George H. Walker has been flirting with a senatorial ambition and used the congressional race against Dan Landon last year as a workout. Though Walker's friends have emphasized his candidacy since that time, he, personally, has taken no steps toward preliminary organization.

Whether or not former Governor McBride will be a senatorial candidate still is a matter of doubt. He was one of the most active Roosevelt supporters up and even after the Aberdeen convention that the former president had. He still is an admirer of Roosevelt, but McBride has at no time regarded himself as having abandoned the Republican party.

Press Comments

No Doubt About It.
(Nooksack Reporter.)

Guess there's no doubt but that Ernest Lister is governor, all right. Even the members of the legislature will agree to that.

They Realize It, Too.
(Wilson Creek World.)

Regardless of his politics, the people of the state would be in a sorry plight without a man of Governor Lister's stripe sitting on the lid at Olympia.

And We Will, Too.
(Colfax Commoner.)

Oh, for a Democratic legislature to have worked in harmony with Governor Lister. What a showing would have been made in this state! We must have it two years hence.

It Would Have Been Awful.
(Columbia River Sun.)

A taxpayer has to be propped up when he contemplates the possibility that Governor Lister might have stood in with that appropriation bunch at Olympia.

Republicans Solely Responsible.
(Big Bend Outlook.)

Out of over 1,000 bills introduced the legislature managed by hard work to pass 66. Some of these have been vetoed by Governor Lister, but in spite of this our state tax levy will be the heaviest in the history of the commonwealth. The responsibility for this rests solely on the Republican machine which controlled both houses of the legislature. What the tax levy would have been had the governor and legislature worked in harmony is a fearful thing to contemplate.

Greater Competition—Ablar Men.
(Island County Times.)

THE WASHINGTON STANDARD is probably right when it says that our state legislative body is too unwieldy and too cumbersome for the expeditious transaction of the state's affairs. Could we have a legislative body of say 27 or 30 and that in only one assembly, better results would be obtained, we believe. But how are you going to pick out the best 25 men in the state? Who shall be the judge as to their qualifications? That's the poser. Joe Brown thinks he is just as capable of running the state's business as Jim Jones, and there you are. It's a pretty hard matter to separate the wheat from the chaff when it comes to statesmanship, and the average legislative body has a large proportion of chaff in it.

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