

HERALD SPEAKS OF W. M. SMITH

SPARKS CLAIMS THAT HE IS A FIT FIGURE TO SUCCEED FORDNEY.

Frank M. Sparks, writing in the Grand Rapids Herald has the following to say in regard to William M. Smith:

While practically every congressman from Michigan has opposition of some sort in the primaries this year there are two districts in which the fight is particularly interesting because tried and experienced congressmen from those districts are not candidates for re-election and the fields are open for all comers.

Particularly interesting is the battle in the Eighth district where Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, the dean of Michigan representation in Washington, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, author of the tariff bill now before congress and always welcome to re-election in his district, is retiring voluntarily. "Joe" Fordney has for many a long year been a figure in Michigan politics and in Washington, but "Joe" has had enough. To write one tariff bill is about the work of a lifetime and "Joe" has now written his. So quitting, he leaves the great big Eighth district wide open.

Fordney comes from Saginaw, the largest city in the district. Saginaw desires to retain the representation from that district. It will have one and perhaps more candidates in the field when filing day comes around, Aug. 12. But there are other sections of the big district which believe it is their turn to have a congressman and they have pretty generally united upon William M. Smith of St. Johns, as their standard bearer.

The Eighth district consists of Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, and about one-fifth the total population of the district is in Saginaw city. Except for Saginaw the district is an agricultural one and it is on this basis largely that the district outside of Saginaw claims recognition and the right to name the representation in the congress. So long as "Joe" Fordney was on the job, everything was satisfactory to the rest of the district, for "Joe" Fordney represented the farmers of his district and of the nation as perhaps no other man did. But "Joe" is out, and so the agricultural section seeks representation through William M. Smith.

Herbert E. Powell of Ionia was practically in the game at the time but has recently published an interview in which he withdraws his name from consideration and urges the nomination of William M. Smith.

Almost before the ink was dry on Fordney's statement that he would not be a candidate for re-election, a "Smith-for-Congress" Club was organized in Shiawassee County. The president of the club is Seth Q. Pulver, of Owosso, former prosecuting attorney, commander of the American Legion post and under consideration for keynote of the fall Republican State Convention. The secretary is State Senator Byron P. Hicks, one of the most substantial members of the last two senates. The treasurer is John Y. Martin, former representative in the legislature and one of its best members.

In Gratiot County, J. N. McCall of Ithaca, has come out strong for Smith in his Gratiot County Herald, and in Ionia the statement of Herbert E. Powell speaks loudly for the sentiment there. Of course Clinton County where Smith has long lived, and been active in everything that goes toward making the county prosperous and happy, is for him and is being most thoroughly organized.

William M. Smith is no new factor in Michigan politics. For many years he has been a day and night worker for the Republican party. He is one of that type of men who never looks at the clock. When there's work to do, he tackles it and sticks to it until the job is done. As a member of the State Senate a few years back he was one of its real leaders and one of its deep thinkers. Few bills got by "Bill Smith" if they had jokers or confounders in them. He took his job seriously and he worked.

As a member of the Industrial Accident Board, he gave all his energy to the task and when he was named a member of the Michigan Utilities Commission, he brought to that body a legal knowledge and an energy which has been no small factor in the decisions and work of that body. Beyond all this, William M. Smith is a fine, clean type of man. If he should be sent to Congress, none need doubt, but that he will be on the job all the time. He will be at work with his tireless energy and devotion and with the experience of service will become another real Michigan figure in Washington.

ENTERTAINS W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Maud Munn, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Froeh, was hostess to Frances Willard Union at the July meeting. There were thirty present, and each reports a very enjoyable time, while words fail to describe the bountiful "pot luck" supper. Each year Mrs. Munn opens her farm home for the mid-summer meeting and it is always a delightful affair. The delegate to the State Convention was unable to give the report but it is understood that Mrs. McGee, the District President, will be with us for the September meeting and will report the convention at that time.

Keep moving. You can't expect the world to lag behind with you.

Local News

Reed Ruggles was a Saginaw visitor Saturday.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers 02 ttc Mayor Charles R. Murphy was in Saginaw on business Tuesday.

Don't miss "Molly O," Strand Sunday and Monday.—advertisement Mr. Carnahan of Mt. Pleasant called on friends Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dyer of Lansing visited relatives here over Sunday.

Karl R. Adams and Harry Orwig spent the week end at Stepherson lake.

Attorney Julius Kirby of Saginaw visited with Alma friends Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Washburn and family are enjoying a vacation at Lake George.

Ask your groceryman about Maple Nuts. It's something good to eat.—advertisement 58-25

Prosecuting Attorney Romaine Clark of Ithaca was in the city on business, Monday.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-11

O. L. Smith of Lansing, assistant attorney general, was an Alma visitor Monday evening.

Miss Perthena Kuns of Whittier, California, is visiting at the home of her brother, P. E. Kuns.

Special this week, vanilla or maple nut ice cream, 40c per qt. DeLuxe Candy Co.—advertisement

Miss Myrtle Hoolihan of Saginaw visited with Mrs. Ruggles at her home here the first of the week.

Sheriff A. T. Willert and Under-sheriff Earl Willert of Ithaca were in the city on business, Monday.

Professor and Mrs. F. E. West and son left this week for a vacation tour of the northern part of the state.

Fred Slater, who about a year ago moved to Texas with his family, was in Alma on business the first of the week.

Mr. John Bridge of London, Ont., was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Ruggles the first of the week.

Mrs. Malcolm Smith spent the week end in Ann Arbor with her husband, who is attending the university coaching school.

Tanlac is a family medicine, as good for children as it is for grown folks. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

Mrs. Frank Rudeck who has been enjoying a months vacation from the Gaffney Style Shop returned to her work, Monday.

Mrs. Mabel Cleland of Whau-keahua, Wis., is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Strong, for a few days.

Pomona Grange will meet with Monitor Grange near Breckenridge on Saturday, August 5, Master Redman has announced.

Don't suffer any longer. Get your stomach in shape by taking Tanlac and eat what you want. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

Rev. Robert J. Reith of Cheltenham, Eng. has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson. He started on his return journey to England, Tuesday.

D. L. Johnson and family, who have been enjoying a trip through the Northern part of the state for the past two weeks, have returned to their home in Alma.

The Alma Civic Improvement League will meet with Mrs. Francis King, on Friday, August 4. A special program that promises to be a highly interesting one is being arranged for this meeting.

GOOD VAUDEVILLE ACTS

The vaudeville acts given Wednesday evening from the stand on Superior street were among the best acts which have so far been given by the Alma Merchants Bureau, and were well appreciated by the large crowd that witnessed the trio of acts in spite of the counter attraction in the shape of the carnival company.

Of late weeks there has been a most noticeable increase in the size of the crowds that have been attending the Wednesday evening free shows that have been given on the streets of Alma, making it very evident that the people of the vicinity are highly appreciative of the free shows.

Corresponding decreases in the size of the crowds that are attending the band concert in St. Louis, Ithaca, Shepherd, and other nearby towns shows most clearly that the people prefer the vaudeville acts to the band concerts, which in the smaller towns and cities do not differ to any great extent. With the vaudeville entertainments such as the merchants have been giving the people, new and novel acts are being shown each week and the different attractions are proving a most desirable means of drawing people to Alma.

Work on Chemistry Building Started

The firm of Owen, Ames & Kimball of Grand Rapids, which has the contract for the remodeling of the second floor of the old gymnasium at Alma college, which is being made over into a modern chemistry building, has started work on the structure, which will be completed before College opens in September. New style chemistry desks or tables at which four people can be seated are to be used in the rooms of the chemistry department on this floor.

When the work is completed the college will have the most modern chemistry building of any of the small colleges of the state, and one that will be well in keeping with the desires and aims of the Greater Alma College.

BLOOMER GIRLS WERE DEFEATED

ALMA INDEPENDENTS PILE UP ENOUGH IN FIRST TWO INNINGS TO WIN.

The Alma Independents walloped the Western Bloomer Girls Sunday in a good contest by a score of 6 to 4, the local outfit chasing over enough runs to win the contest in the first two innings, when Miss Doran was on the mound.

Anderson went to the mound in the third inning and from that time on the Alma aggregation found it hard to connect for hits. Only once after he went to the mound was the local outfit able to put a runner around the sacks.

Brooks, who hurled for the Independents, was not in as good shape as he has been in many previous appearances, and was taken for seven hits by the Bloomer outfit, one of them a homer. The Girls team counted their first run in the fourth inning and added two in the fifth, Miss Bohle scoring ahead of Leis, when he drove out the homer. In the seventh the final run counted.

Table with columns: ALMA, AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Archer, 3rd; Ryan, 2nd; Fitch, 6; Woodley, 1st; Stanton, 2d; McNeil, m; Cameron, lf; Wagner, ss; Brooks, p.

Table with columns: BLOOMERS, AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Bohle, 1st; Doran, 2d; Leis, 3rd; Anderson, m; McLean, 2nd; Buckley, c; Burke, lf; Harrison, ss; Brennan, rf.

Home run—Leis. Three base hit—Archer. Stolen bases—Wagner, Buckley. Left on base—W. B. Girls 10, Alma 7. Bases on balls—Of Brooks 5, off Miss Doran 2, off Anderson 2. Struck out—By Brooks, by Anderson 2. Hit—Of Miss Doran 3 in 1-1-3 innings, off Amalgam 3 in 6-2-3 innings.

DRAWING GOOD CROWDS

The Dykman & Joyce Expo Shows, in Alma this week on the Roller Mills grounds, as a benefit for Troop C 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard of this city, is proving to be the highest class carnival company that has ever played in this city.

People recognizing the company as the cleanest and best production of the kind that has ever been in the community are flocking to the grounds in greater numbers each night.

The beauty contest to find the most popular young lady in Alma is proving to be an attractive feature of the shows, and some high scores are being rolled up for the several young ladies who have been entered in the affair. Boxes for the voting in the beauty contest are located in all of the drug stores, where anyone who desires to vote for any of the candidates can deposit his votes for his favorite.

EAST ALMA

Misses Pearl and Mary Grove, Elmwood avenue, are visiting with the Parcher family of St. Louis.

Miss Florence Taylor, Linden ave., is visiting friends at Hillsdale and Toledo.

Mrs. Earl Gossett, Grove avenue, spent the week end at Tub lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin McMillan of Mt. Pleasant spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Leahy, E. Superior st.

Lewis Brink, who delivers milk on the east side, reports that twenty-three of his customers have moved to Lansing during the past few weeks.

John Mix was up Pine river on a fishing trip and caught nineteen pounds of excellent fish a few days ago.

A party of thirty employees of the Wheel plant were camping and fishing at Tub lake, near Grand Rapids recently.

The Frank Porter family, Grove avenue, who have been camping at Fifth Lake for ten days, returned home Monday.

Dan Cole, Jr., and Forest McGill spent some days together huckle-berrying last week.

Emminster Chapel Ladies' Aid meets Friday, July 28, with Mrs. W. W. Bragg, 1100 Michigan avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowen have a six and a half pound baby boy, born to them Monday.

Mrs. Jesse Augustine and son, Grove avenue, left Saturday for Ithaca and were proceeding this week to join Mr. Augustine in Lansing where they are likely to locate permanently.

Orin Snider is helping Mr. Anderson, west of the city, with his farm work. They have been harvesting a crop of rye.

Billy McIntyre is helping Amptor Otto, with his farm work.

The Rev. J. M. Gelston will give the third sermon on "Heaven, the Life," this Sunday, July 30, in Eastminster Chapel. These sermons have been greatly appreciated by the congregation. Rev. Gelston is in the first rank as a preacher and this community should not miss these opportunities of hearing him.

Dan Dickens, Grove avenue, has proceeded from Kansas City to Tampa, Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico. He is continuing the work of erecting supply depots in all the strategic points in this country for the Republic plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (nee Beulah Dyer, Grove avenue), have a baby daughter born to them Wednesday, July 12.

Chinch Bug Appears in South Michigan

The chinch-bug, a crop pest which has long been prevalent in states to the south, has recently appeared in southern Michigan counties in injurious numbers, according to Prof. R. H. Pettit, head of the entomology department of the Michigan Agricultural College. Mild winters of the last two years are believed to have resulted in the invasion of the southern edge of the state.

"Chinch-bugs winter in wild grasses and rubbish and along hedges and rail fences, migrating to grains in the spring," says Prof. Pettit. "Aside from fall plowing and burning, the control method consists in laying a barrier between the grain fields from which the bugs are coming and the corn fields toward which they are advancing."

"This barrier must be made quickly. The one best suited to Michigan is a wide ditch, made by plowing a deep furrow and then dragging a log lengthwise along the furrow to pulverize the soil and crush the bugs in. During wet weather the bugs do not dry out, as soon as the soil dries out, however one must start the dragging of the log to keep the soil pulverized. Place post holes at frequent intervals along the bottom of the furrow and pour a little kerosene along the bottom of the furrow in the evening."

"Fall plowing kills the bugs in the fields plowed, but the danger comes the following spring from the bugs which migrate into the grain from the winter quarters. Crop rotation in the ordinary sense (meaning rotation by fields) is not adequate to control the pest."

The Governor of Illinois receives the largest Governor's salary in the United States, \$20,000 a year, while the Governor of Nebraska receives the smallest salary, \$2,500.

ALMA DAY

Next Sunday will be observed as Alma day at the Rock Lake Assembly. The East Superior Christian Church will be closed in order that all members may attend the Assembly. Autos will leave the church at 9:45.

Mr. Roger Zinn will be ordained to the Christian ministry by the local church at the Assembly Sunday afternoon.

Speaker and Lord Chancellor.

One difference between the speaker of the English house of commons and the lord chancellor, who occupies a similar position in the house of lords, is that while the speaker cannot take part in debates and can vote only when there is a tie, the lord chancellor is entitled to speak and vote on all occasions.

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Among the many newspaper endorsements of his candidacy are the following:

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY From Owosso Argus-Press—"The fine personal qualities of the man appeal to all who know him. The people of this district will have to go a long way to find a better man than William M. Smith to represent them in the halls of Congress."

From The Perry Journal—"William M. Smith of St. Johns appears to be the logical candidate for the Republican nomination to the office of United States Congressman."

GRATIOT COUNTY From the Gratiot County Herald—"The only candidate for Congress in place of Hon. J. W. Fordney from the Counties of Gratiot, Ionia, Clinton, Montcalm and Shiawassee, appears to be Hon. William M. Smith of St. Johns. After due consideration, all seem to have withdrawn from the race from every county of the five, and there is a practical unity of sentiment for Mr. Smith."

From The Alma Journal—"There is a great need of strong men in intelligence, experience, and a hard worker, is certainly fitted for the place."

IONIA COUNTY From Ionia County News—"One of the pleasing features of his candidacy is the fact that every County in the District, outside of Saginaw, has assured him of hearty, unwavering support, and in none of these counties will there be a candidate in opposition."

From The Portland Review—"Mr. Smith's only opposition is likely to come from Saginaw which city has been the home of the Congressman for thirty years. If the other counties of this district stand solidly for the St. Johns man, he can win the nomination. Mr. Smith is the type of citizen most needed in Congress today."

From Saranac Advertiser—"The man whose life work has particularly fitted and qualified him for this important position at this time is William M. Smith of St. Johns. He has paticularly fitted himself to look after the farm interests of this large agricultural district. He is in touch with the problems of the manufacturer and of labor. We believe he is the logical Congressional candidate to succeed Congressman Fordney."

MONTCALM COUNTY From Howard City Record—"Born and reared upon a farm, his whole life spent in an agricultural community, he is in close touch with the problems that confront us. He is an untiring worker, a giant of the councils of the nation and Mr. Smith, a man of courage, high in strength, physically and mentally, and would make a strong Congressman."

From Carson City Gazette—"The field appears to be clear outside of Saginaw County for the candidacy of Hon. William M. Smith of St. Johns, as successor of the prominent statesman from Saginaw."

CLINTON COUNTY From The Clinton County Republican—"The candidacy of Hon. William M. Smith for Congress has met with a cordial reception in the district. His ability is conceded on all sides, and his public experience will be valuable to him in Congress."

From Ovid Register-Union—"Mr. Smith, by reason of his ability, experience and clean record, is the logical man for this important post. From The Maple Rapids Dispatch—"The man who will come nearest to filling the Fordney shoes of any man in the district."

Endorsed also by many other newspapers of the district. Nominate Him at the Primaries, Sept. 12th This statement is published by the Clinton County "William M. Smith-for-Congress" Club. COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN, President. BLANCHE E. VAN DEUSEN, Secretary.

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