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WILL RUN FOR CONGRESS

Albert Stevenson, of Mineral Wells, Will Likely be a Candidate for National Honors.

The Press has it on the very best of authority that Hon. Albert Stevenson, of Mineral Wells, is seriously considering becoming a candidate for Congress from the Sixteenth District in opposition to Hon. W. R. Smith, the present congressman. Mr. Stevenson is a well known lawyer of Mineral Wells, and is in every way qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires.

There are rumors of other proposed candidates for this office, but none of these other reports can be verified at this writing by The Press. It looks like the race will be between Mr. Smith and Mr. Stevenson. They are both good men. Mr. Smith has made a good representative of the Sixteenth district in the national Congress and Mr. Stevenson possesses the qualifications necessary to make a good congressman as well. It will be for the voters of the district to decide between these two gentlemen, both of them exceptionally well fitted for the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Your Boy.

Ozona Southwest Texan.

Don't coddle your boy. If you want him to be a brave manly boy—a boy who will respect himself—don't be always asking him if his throat feels sore, and if his head aches, and if he is sure he has not been sneezing.

Don't teach him to believe that a few drops of rain on his back will prove fatal. Don't fill him with terror of the north wind and of the bracing cold of winter. Don't talk to him when he is eating and enjoying the food his system craves, about dyspepsia and liver complaint. Let him climb trees, and have him taught to swim, and row, and play ball. Let him drive a horse, and harness it, too. Don't tell him he cannot do a thing that he undertakes.

Don't throw cold water on his plans for doing great things, even if you know he must fail. Give him a chance to try. Let him have a place where he can saw,

and hammer and whittle to his heart's content, without being warned that he will surely cut his fingers off, and without being reprimanded about the clatter he is making.

A boy needs freedom and scope in which to develop. Cramp him when he is young and you cramp him for life.

Teach him to bear trials with courage. Don't fill him with a silly dream of sickness. Perhaps half the diseases from which we suffer are purely imaginary, and every physician knows it, and tries to keep the mind of the patient so employed that he will have no time to think of himself.

Too much coddling has ruined many an otherwise fine boy. The mothers—God bless them!—mean well, but they are not wise always, and their boys grow up weak and dyspeptic, and languid for the lack of a little courage which has been completely educated out of them if they ever possessed it.

Don't coddle your boy. If he is sick nurse him as tenderly as you please, but don't coddle him and make him sick for the sake of nursing him. Teach him to be manly and independent; to have a courage for any fate, and nine chances in ten are in his grasp for success in life. It is not the timid, hesitating, apprehensive man who rises, but the man who sees the opportunity and who says, "I will grasp it."

A Tribute to West Texas.

The issue of June 18, of the Current Issue, a weekly "journal of opinion" published at Austin by Messrs. Wortham and Wasson contained on its cover page a photographic likeness of Hon. Claude Hudspeth. The Current Issue thus pays a compliment to West Texas and to Claude Hudspeth, who is recognized in Austin as a good man, a brilliant speaker and a resultful legislator.

The travel on this branch of the Santa Fe continues to grow. Prospectors are coming into the territory from Brownwood to San Angelo at an enormous rate and no passenger train runs these days on the Santa Fe branch except that it is in a crowded condition.

Carnival Will Be Held

San Angelo Business Men, Under the Solicitation of Phil Lee and Charlie Metcalfe are Doubling Their Old Subscriptions and Many New Subscribers are Coming Forward.

Monday morning Phil C. Lee, a chip off the old block, son and namesake of one of the founders of a progressive San Angelo, hunted up Charles B. Metcalfe and proposed to the latter that the carnival be held. He thought the people of San Angelo really wanted a carnival, he knew that West Texas people expected a carnival and he proposed that he and Mr. Metcalfe make an effort to push the matter to a successful conclusion. Metcalfe has been regretting the dropping of the carnival idea for some time and has on numerous occasions upbraided his San Angelo friends for their seeming apathy upon so important a subject. So now there will be a carnival. The fact that Phil Lee and Charlie Metcalfe are working to that end is proof sufficient that a carnival will be held. But there are other proofs.

When Lee and Metcalfe got to-

gether they obtained the old subscription list and went to see the old subscribers with a view to getting them to double their former amounts. In this they were surprisingly successful. Almost all of the twenty-five dollar subscribers made their amounts fifty and many new ones were added to the list in satisfactory sums within a few hours soliciting. And now we know that a carnival will be held. We need no further proofs. A meeting of the subscribers to the carnival fund will likely be called for within a short time, permanent organization effected, committees appointed and work begun at once thereafter. Such good news will be hailed with delight by all San Angelo people and many of those throughout San Angelo's great trade territory as well as all of West and Central Texas. There is to be more taking backwater. The carnival of 1905 is an assured success.

SMITH AT EL PASO

One of the Border City's Leading Newspapers Comments on Congressman Smith's Career.

Congressman W. R. Smith, of Colorado, who is in the city on a visit, says he just dropped in to see if there is anything that El Paso needs or wants, before he leaves for the national capital as he expects to reach Washington early and does not know if he will have time to come back here before then.

Mr. Smith declines to discuss the congressional race from this district, but admits that he is not afraid of any opposition that has developed so far and says he believes his constituents will stick by him at least until he aids them in completing a number of measures which have been taken up at their request and suggestion. With El Pasoans, for instance, the Engle dam matter is not entirely settled since there are matters always arising at headquarters that need attention and it is reasonable to suppose that the El Paso people will wish him to remain in office to look after them. Other sections, it is safe to say, have matters equally as important to them and it is hardly expected that they will wish to give up their representative, who is thoroughly acquainted with their needs and wants, for a new man. Accordingly, Mr. Smith is not worrying a great deal at this time anyhow.

Mr. Smith says conditions are excellent all over his district and that all people are apparently prosperous, the season having been a good one and favorable for both cattle ranges and farms. In the farming section, he says, the people are all busy with their crops and in the cattle sections the stockmen are smiling and watching their cattle fatten on the fine grass.

Mr. Smith is highly elated that steps are now being taken to enlarge Fort Bliss, since it was at his direct instigation that the war department took up the matter, a little over a year ago. At the time the commanding general of the army had reported against the enlargement of the post and Mr. Smith faced a hard proposition, but later when a new commanding general and the quarter-master general came here to inspect the post, they saw that Mr. Smith's contentions were right and that Fort Bliss was worthy of being a larger post. The result is that the money has already been appropriated for a field officer's residence, a non-commissioned staff officer's residence (for two families) and a barracks for the band, which means a regimental headquarters. Bids are to be called for at an early date,

the money being available now.

The Washington Star a few days ago contained an extended account of Engle reclamation project and its history. In the course of the article a noteworthy tribute is paid to congressman W. R. Smith as follows:

The author of the bill which marks the beginning of the work of the reclamation service in Texas is representative William Robert Smith, from the Sixteenth district of the Lone Star State, which is said to be the largest congressional district, being 500 miles from east to west. He is said by his fellow members of congress to be a man of remarkable personality and magnetism. In fact one member declared that his success in having a bill passed carrying such a large appropriation, after former failures to have it pass, was due in a large measure to "his old fashioned honesty of purpose and his irresistible personality."

The only other office ever held by Mr. Smith was that of district judge, which position he filled for six years previous to his election to congress.

He was first appointed by the governor and such was his popularity that he was twice re-elected without opposition, receiving practically a unanimous vote. Mr. Smith was born in 1863 and takes pride in being a native Texan.

Ten of his uncles and his father were soldiers of the Confederacy. His parents were from Georgia where there is a large family connection. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm in Smith county. He attended the country schools, afterward completing the course at the San Houston normal school at Huntsville, Texas.

In 1885 Mr. Smith began the practice of his profession and two years later following the advice of Horace Greely to "go west," he located at Colorado, Texas, where he was married and where he has since made his home.

Next to his absolute devotion to duty and the cause of right, his chief characteristic is a fondness for all things legal. It was noticed in connection with the work done for his constituents in the Rio Grande valley that Mr. Smith displayed marked diplomatic ability. Having had almost from childhood to depend on his own efforts, he is of practical, tactful turn of mind. He is careful for results rather than display, and in any undertaking has a strong faculty for taking hold of the essentials, wasting no time for non-essentials. And any undertaking calls forth on his part great energy and determination, which usually results in its accomplishment.

Mr. Smith hopes to be instrumental in having the national irrigation laws extended to in-

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clude the whole of Texas. One of the 55 counties in his district (Tom Green county) is of greater size than the state of Rhode Island.

Judge Cunningham's Candidacy.

Judge J. F. Cunningham of Abilene is here on a short visit.

The object of the Judge's trip to this city is to prepare the way for his candidacy for the nomination to congress.

Judge Cunningham is an able lawyer, and has long been prominent in the political circles of Western Texas. He has decided to take time by the forelock, and is, therefore, in El Paso to impress his candidacy on the voters, and let them know that if possible he intends to succeed Congressman W. R. Smith.

Judge Cunningham is accompanied by Judge D. G. Hill, county judge of Taylor county, and a prominent citizen and attorney of Abilene. He is also accompanied by Judge Woodruff, of Sweetwater. The latter is a son-in-law of former Congressman Cockrell, who represented this district in congress some years ago, and is the man who defeated Col. John M. Dean of this city for the nomination at the time the Colonel aspired to congressional honors.

The Cockrell influence has always been regarded as carrying great weight in this district, and it is understood that Judge Woodruff is campaigning for Judge Cunningham as the special representative of the Cockrell interest. Judge Cunningham announces that he will speak in every county in the district, and promises the people a warm and lively campaign. While the Judge has re-

A GOOD LITTLE SHOW

A Fall of Rain Friday Evening to go ens Up Things and Cools the atmosphere. Don't

A nice little shower in the back evening about 6:15 whistled and freshened up the sermon, and grass and bounteous and warm atmosphere dignity and by cool condition. "Unceasingly, of sufficient importance on your attention was not a "tra yourself or a "hill soaker" but wet or pleasant little shower, comes enough to give one a gentle wetting and of sufficient precipitation to thoroughly settle the dust and moisten the parched earth.

ceived a warm reception in this county, he finds that some of the political leaders are inclined to postpone giving any positive pledges until the full field of aspirants for the office develops, as it is not at all unlikely that El Paso herself will have a candidate to offer.—El Paso Herald.

Judge W. H. Blanks, of Sherwood, was in the city Monday. Judge Blanks reports a good rain at Sherwood Friday, also at the Rucker ranch and from indications he thinks that the Big Lake neighborhood got a good wetting as well.

Conductor J. R. Thompson who has been ill at the Landon for several days was sufficiently recovered Saturday afternoon to make the trip home. In company with Mrs. Thompson and daughters, Misses Dott and Alice and son, John, Mr. Thompson left Saturday afternoon for Temple.

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