

Frederic Haskin's Letter

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS.

The Adams-Jackson-Crawford-Clay Race of 1824

Editor's Note: The foregoing is the first of a series of 34 articles by Mr. Haskin in which he will discuss the most interesting features of each of the presidential campaigns from 1824 to 1920. This series of articles will be valuable to everybody interested in the present campaign for president, and will contain much interesting historical information of the kind usually overlooked in the histories—the incidents and the stories of the campaigns. Taken as a whole, this series will form a complete history of the quadrennial struggles of the American people to choose a president. Cut them out and paste them in your scrap book.

When the citizens of Blount county, Tennessee, held a mass meeting at Maryville early in the year 1823 they little thought that their action was to revolutionize the methods of choosing a president of the United States; that they were to be responsible for the beginning of political party organizations in this country; or that they were to take the first step in the movement which succeeded in obtaining recognition of the fact that a man has a right to aspire to the office of president, whether trained or untrained in statecraft. These vitally important things which directly resulted from the Blount county mass meeting became issues in the campaign of 1824 and caused that contest for the first time in which the American nation selected a president according to the general methods still obtaining.

This Blount county mass meeting started all the trouble. It refused to be bound by the then recognized rules that a president must be selected from among those schooled in statecraft and experienced in administration. Every president up to that time had been a man directly connected with the separation from England and the formation of the republic under the constitution. Each president had been either vice president or a cabinet officer in the administration preceding his selection. The people had practically nothing to say in the matter of choosing electors and such a thing as popular interest in a presidential campaign was unknown. Furthermore, with the exception of the four years of John Adams' administration, the head of the government had been a Virginian and a representative of an exclusive clique which set much store by knowledge and culture, however democratic they may have been in their theories of government.

The idea of the succession to the presidency was finally fixed in the minds of the politicians. It appeared that four candidates appeared on the horizon. They were John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts, secretary of state; William H. Crawford of Georgia, secretary of the treasury; John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, secretary of war, and Henry Clay of Kentucky, speaker of the house of representatives. So it appeared that the outcome was safe whatever the party, for every one of the aspirants was a trained statesman of prominence in the administration. Then this Blount county mass meeting appeared on the scene. It powdered while one "first Monday," and then adopted a resolution formally nominating for president of the United States, Andrew Jackson of Tennessee. This originated what would be known in 29th century political nomenclature as the "Tennessee Idea." Andrew Jackson had been a great soldier. Everybody recognized that fact and everybody praised him for the strategy of the Horseshoe and the military genius of the battle of New Orleans. But he had little or no experience with the congress of Tennessee. This originated what would be known in 29th century political nomenclature as the "Tennessee Idea."

Andrew Jackson had been an excellent campaigner. Jackson had been pooh-poohed and laughed at in the beginning, and fiercely denounced as a murderer and adventurer later on, when his strength became apparent. Adams was accused of traitorous connections with the British government, of treachery in the war of 1812 and of designs upon the republican form of government. He was a Unitarian, and the opposition press made the most of his unorthodox convictions, declaring that he didn't believe in Jesus Christ. In reply, the Adams people published a correspondence between John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams, discussing religious subjects at length. One Crawford newspaper, a fair sample of the others, solemnly protested against the religious into the campaign and then went on for two columns to characterize Mr. Adams' religious views as being inimical to true Christianity. Yet this campaign brought into prominence the first popular candidate for president, and he acquired a popularity of both popular and electoral vote, although losing the election. The people of Blount county were forced to wait another four years to see their idea triumph. In Pennsylvania and he had been in Pennsylvania and he had been the state over to Jackson.

Today's Anniversaries

- 1518—Ann of Cleves, the fourth wife of Henry VIII of England, born in Cleves. Died in England July 16, 1557.
1692—Seven women were executed at Salem, Mass., for witchcraft.
1776—Nathan Hale was executed as a spy at New York by order of General Howe.
1845—John White, speaker of the 27th congress, committed suicide at Richmond, Ky.
1863—General McClellan, in command of the army of the Potomac, occupied Harper's Ferry.
1876—Seymour, two and a half miles from Paris, surrounded by the Germans.
1896—The French won a notable victory over the Hovas at Madagascar.
1898—The Russian emperor and empress arrived in Scotland on a visit to Queen Victoria.

Dr. William Bradley M.D.
Is Exercise Beneficial?
Can an adult with less satisfactory muscular tone, good health, and vitality, improve his condition by a little more exercise, and the way to absorb that is by means of general exercise.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Bottle Washings.
My baby is 15 months old and I suppose she ought to be taking milk from a cup, instead of the bottle now. But she refuses to do so. How can I make her take it from a cup?
Answer—A baby should be taught to drink water from a cup by the time she is six months old. Your baby will take the milk from the cup if you take the bottle away once and for all and simply fight the battle out with her until she concludes that she is going to have pretty poor pickings unless she takes food from the cup.

So Hard On the Buttocks.
We have nine children, ranging in age from two years to 14, and as you may imagine, they are pretty hard on better, not to mention shoes and things. Will you be good enough to tell me the relative nutritive values of creamy butter, dairy butter, vegetable oleomargarine, ordinary oleomargarine and peanut butter?
Answer—The state should pay comfortable royalties to a family who would collect the cost from unmarried men of 30 or older. Creamery and dairy butter are equally nutritious and wholesome. We'll mark them 100. Ordinary margarine (made largely from animal fats) would stand about 80. Vegetable margarine and peanut butter each about 65. If each of the children drinks at least a pint of fresh milk daily for the fat-soluble vitamins and water-soluble vitamins or growth elements which fresh milk contains it is immaterial whether they have butter, animal or vegetable margarine or peanut butter on their bread. Animal margarine contains some vitamin, but vegetable margarine contains practically none. About one-tenth of the weight of butter or of oleo as purchased is water, and about one-third of the weight of either is development of enormous muscles, for that would prove a handicap in every way. The purpose is merely the improvement of circulation and metabolism. Indeed the sedentary man or woman taking exercise for the sake of enjoying health should eschew anything resembling extraordinary muscular development as beneficial, and strive rather to acquire that normal muscular tone of the whole body which insures good posture and good carriage and prevents the numerous ailments and weaknesses attributable to faulty posture.

Brain-fag, that tired feeling, jumpy nerves, and the various manifestations which are hypothetically designated apoplextionization, are generally best remedied or prevented by daily muscular exercise. What the tired metabolism needs is a little more oxygen, and the way to absorb that is by means of general exercise.

THE Soda Habit.
I have found a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, dissolved in a glass of water, three times a day, before each meal, beneficial in treatment of sour and stiff knee joints. How long may this be continued without harmful results?
Answer—Perhaps a week. Smaller doses of soda taken internally for various purposes are usually harmless, but you are taking enough to maintain alkaline urine reaction, and that may not be wise.

THE Lark Mayor of York, as the Washington Times calls him, has probably fallen from the good graces of the Sunday editor of the Chicago Tribune by his persistent hold on life. Y'ee, the Trib's rotagravure spread of the MacSwiney family last Sunday, with its accompanying comment, had been arranged on the assumption of "was" instead of "is."

W-e-i-l, in this case it's the Little Knocked That Count.
Mr. and Mrs. Knock will make their home in Kewanee, where Mr. Knock is employed at the Kewanee Boiler company.

What's In A Name? BY MILDRED MARSHALL
ZENAIIDA.
Beloved of the gods is the name Zenaida. It comes from the ancient Greek and means "daughter of Zeus." Though it has belonged to other than pagan deities and has at no time named a saint, it is very popular in all European countries, especially among the Russians. Of late years, France has made it one of her favorite feminine names and the Bishop of Milan, carried the name into England.
The star sapphire is Zenaida's talismanic gem. It is indeed fitting to adorn one who belongs to the gods. Ancient superstition claims that good fortune of every kind shall accompany the wearer of the star sapphire through life. Saturday is her lucky day and 2 her lucky number.

Argus Information Bureau

- Q. What is meant by "gas rule"?
A. A. American history this name was given to certain rules passed by congress from time to time to prevent petitions with reference to the abolition or restriction of slavery. Since then the name has been applied to similar procedure in congress, legislatures and conventions.
Q. What is the origin of honeydew?
A. Honeydew is a term applied to the sweetish secretion which exudes from certain insects from the leaves of some trees. It is a form of bleeding which appears only when an abundant supply of atmospheric moisture and a high temperature permit the development of a considerable sap pressure. Some kinds of manna are the dried honeydew or saccharine excretions of certain plants.
Q. What is the world's distance record for throwing a baseball?
A. The world's distance record for throwing a league baseball is 291 feet, 3/4 inch made by R. C. Campbell of North Adams, Mass., on Oct. 5, 1887.
Q. Who was called the Watchdog of the Treasury?
A. This title was first given to Congressman Elihu B. Washburne, on account of his insistence upon economy.
Q. Is there anything that can be put on milk cows to keep the stable flies off?
A. There are a number of fly repellents on the market. The best method of combating the fly, however, is to get rid of the breeding places, by using every sanitary precaution. The dairy and milking barn should be screened. Traps baited with molasses will attract...

LAUGH, BURN YE, LAUGH!

Sometimes we're very sad; Sometimes, in fact, we feel just awful bad—Do not, conducting. Then you feel the urge To write a dreary drag.
And sometimes we're so dumb; To that fall urge. Result: our lines are dumb; Our readers shake their heads and say, "Beep beep!" That bird has gone to get.

For some time we indite A paragraph that brings US keen delight; Then others read it—and they frown, "Y'ing!" O Death, where is thy sting!
This—this is stranger still—A where we fashion minus care or skill Wins wild acclaim and they, hilarious, Gasp, "Oh, the funny cuss!"

LILLIAN RUSSELL, called on Warren Gamaliel Harding in Marion, Ohio, yesterday. Mr. Harding is the versatile gentleman who, according to Critic Cox, has played eight different parts in the League of Nations drama. That alleged histrionic talent doubtless endears him to the Theophrastus of Mrs. Russell.
"Richard," (With the Excesses of the Straw Hat) "Is Himself Again."
(From a United Press dispatch.)
As the convention adjourned Richard Yates, nominated for congressman-at-large, drove up in a spring wagon. He wore a straw hat and a smile. He was given a vociferous welcome and made a short speech while standing on the seat of the wagon.

THE price of limes and henrys is back to the pre-war status, thanks to the princely generosity of Mr. Ford. He ought to be a king.
LET'S crown him—"Henry the Fourth!"
R. E. M.G.

Problem in Who's Who.
(From the Galesburg Republican-Register)
Mrs. Lates, the bride in this event, is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Algot Anderson.
Mrs. Lates, the groom, is the eldest son of Mrs. Frank McDowell of Victoria, Ill.
SOMEWHERE we read the other day the question: Why are pants a "pair" of pants? Why not just a pant? We don't know, but we'll continue to wear pants and not "just a pant." Unlike Dick Yates, we're not running at large—for congress or anything else.

ONE YEAR AGO
Beginning of the great steel strike in the United States.
The prince of Wales was enthusiastically welcomed in Vancouver.
Italy asked the allies to drive the Austrians out of France.

Both candidates are keeping busy in spite of the result in Maine.
What's Daily Doing: competing with Los Angeles for a desirable place to move out of?
We can imagine that even the striking of a match makes a New York banker jump these days.
The hard coal miners will not convince the public that it is not a strike, but merely a "reaction." They haven't sent one sovereign postal card.

A Blow at America.
Speaker Stout and his reactionary colleagues for the second time within a year have ousted the Socialists from their seats in the New York assembly. The action comes close upon the reelection of these men by increased majorities in each of their districts and in the face of the fusion of the Republican and Democratic party organizations.

The Crime of Violence.
The Wall street explosion has much more serious implications for America than the mere fact which it reveals of the continued activities of a small body of crazed and embittered outlaws in the midst of the citizenship.
If the explosion was actually the result of a bomb plot, it adds simply one more proof of the futility of violence to accomplish the results which its authors might be supposed to be aiming for.

Better Halves.
For nearly four hundred years married men have referred to their wives as their better halves. And with good reason, no doubt.
But it is interesting to know just when this colloquialism for wife made its appearance. Bookish people declare that the phrase is first found in English literature at least in Sidney's "Arcadia." That is a publication of the sixteenth century.

For a Continuous Foreign Policy.
Negotiations are said to be in progress between the state department and Japan relative to settling several points in dispute between...

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

A COMPLETE SURRENDER.
By Elsie Marion Kendall Frost.
The little white bungalow stood half-hidden by trees at the edge of the wood. In front, roses grew wild and at one side a hammock hung invitingly, beneath two spreading oaks. Very attractive it looked to the stranger toiling up the path in the July heat.
Around the corner came a young woman in pink morning dress and a man from beneath which peeped little tendrils of golden hair.

"That's Rose, if you don't mind, I am going to lie down awhile."
"That will be nice, madam, and perhaps you can sleep. The living room is very comfortable, and I will spread an Afghan over you. Mrs. Worthington will be home to dinner, and her husband, too. We have it at 6:00."
"Is she a Jew?" mused the guest as she lay watching Rose clearing the table. "She reminds me of the old song, 'O tell me, pretty maiden, are there any more at home like you?' She is too cultured for a household drudge."

woman of that type. I said I would never own her, and I meant it; but, oh, I am so lonely, and I want my boy! I just had to come here today."
"Perhaps you will like your daughter," interposed Rose.
"Never! She stole my boy, and I can't forgive that. It would not have been quite so bad if she had been a star; but a poor little low-down actress that paints her face and smokes!"
"Who?"
"Who? That's the name of the actress. I happen to know that she was the leading lady in a fine stock company."