

SURVEY OF PROBABLE WHITE HOUSE MATRONS

Several Prominent Women Are Discussed as Available "First Ladies"

Two prominent Washington matrons who already have, as Washington society expresses it, "worked in the White House," might, as a result of the 1928 elections be returned to that historic building to live.

They are Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who as Alice Roosevelt spent many of her girlhood days there, and Mrs. William G. McAduo, who as Eleanor Wilson, danced the turkey trot in the fine old building at the end of Pennsylvania avenue.

"Alice Roosevelt can stand on her head," says the Woman's Home Companion in discussing possible future first ladies. "It is an accomplishment of which she is very proud and one quite in keeping with her reputation for being able to turn the rest of the world upside down. She cannot help causing talk. But she has many other qualities besides her ability to attract and hold public attention which fit her especially for the job of mistress of the White House."

Among other possible first ladies discussed in the magazine are:

Mrs. Newton D. Baker, "a thorough serious woman who could run the White House on Coolidgean principles of economy and thrift."

Mrs. William Borah, who is "able and thorough." Mrs. Charles E. Hughes who is "quietly efficient"; Mrs. Dawes who is "experienced and conscientious"; Mrs. Lowden who is "dignified and wise" and Mrs. Hoover who is "too good to be true."

STATE TREASURY HAS GOOD-SIZED BALANCE

Illinois has \$41,391,225.78 in her cash account according to the monthly statement of State Treasurer Garrett D. Kinney. This total includes all cash accounts.

Interest earned on state funds during the month of March totalled \$85,913.56, according to the report, while for the first three months of the present year interest received totalled \$255,217.72. Added to the total for 1927, interest earned on state funds totals \$1,255,349.84.

The total bonded indebtedness of the state is \$145,294,500. The principal items of this indebtedness are state highway bonds of \$97,000,000 and soldiers' compensation bonds, \$48,277,000.

Women, according to Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the National League of Women Voters, "are teaching the men new tricks at their old game of playing politics." If we remember aright, it was the claim of the suffragists that granting the franchise to women would result in the elimination of trickiness from politics.—Springfield Union.

ST. CHARLES CADETS VISIT SPRINGFIELD

Boys of State School Given Excursion to Capital of State

More than one hundred and fifty cadets from the St. Charles School for Boys were treated to an excursion trip to Springfield recently by Major Wm. J. Butler, managing officer. The party is the second which has visited the capital city during the month.

Major Butler is seeking to awaken a wider interest in the boys under his charge as a means of rehabilitation, and the trip to Springfield was made for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the youngsters the many points of interest about this city. A visit was paid to the state capitol, Centennial building, Lincoln's tomb, while during the evening an exhibition drill was presented at the State Arsenal.

In ages the boys range from 9 to 18 years. Major Butler is working on the theory that by taking the boys to points of interest in the state they will be awakened more speedily to their opportunities and better fitted to become useful citizens. In many cases these trips are the first the youngsters have ever enjoyed away from their home communities or the state institution.

JUDGE OVATIONS BY WASTE PAPER RESULTS

New York Street Cleaners Can Tell Magnitude of Welcome by Rubbish

The street-cleaning department of New York City is well qualified to pass judgment upon the relative importance of ovations given to noted personages by the metropolis. Following the parade in honor of the transatlantic flyers recently, 1,500 tons of ticker tape, wastepaper and confetti were scraped from the streets.

This required the services of 1,200 "white wings," who began work at 10 a. m. and completed their task eight hours later. Based on the actual weight of the paper shower cast from thousands of windows along the route of the parade, the ovation given to Von Huenefeld, Koehl and Fitzmaurice was third in order among the city's great demonstrations.

It fell short of that for Lindbergh by 300 tons and was 1,700 tons under the record for the Armistice celebration. But it far exceeded the receptions for Commander Byrd, Gertrude Ederle and others. And Commissioner Taylor estimated that it cost the city \$16,000 for his department alone. It is small wonder that these transoceanic flyers were astounded as the clouds of paper descended upon them, says the Philadelphia Ledger.

HUDSON RIVER BRIDGE TO BE BIGGEST EVER

Span Will Exceed All Others, According to Advanced Description

An engineering structure that will outclass in lofty grandeur the Pharos of Egypt and the Colossus of Rhodes, ancient wonders of the world, will take its place among the famous buildings of the New World when the great Hudson River Bridge, now being built at a cost of \$75,000,000, is opened to traffic in 1932.

Designed to connect New York City directly with New Jersey this greatest bridge in the world will represent one of the greatest feats of mankind, says The American Magazine in giving full details of cost and construction of the project. Othmar H. Ammann, years ago a hard working engineer in Switzerland, brought the dream for the great structure to this country years ago and his present position as chief of those supervising the building of the bridge was given him only after he had worked for years on plans for it.

"From pierhead to pierhead the span will be 3,500 feet in length, twice as long as the next greatest span in

the world," says the magazine. On both sides of the river will be towers rising 600 feet above the water, 150 feet higher than the Pharos and four times as high as the Colossus at Rhodes. In the modern world we have one edifice, the Singer Building in New York, that is exactly the same height as the bridge towers. The only edifices that exceed them in height are the Eiffel Tower, the Woolworth Building, the Metropolitan and one or two other New York skyscrapers. But a spire supports nothing but itself while a bridge tower is comparable to a great giant, a sort of Atlas who carries on his shoulders a massive yoke."

The bridge will have capacity for 30,000,000 vehicles annually.

PIONEER DRAMATICS ON COAST DESCRIBED

Touring Thespians Had to Show In Frontier Saloons and Such Places

The days when the stage of the west coast of the United States usually consisted of a bar room or someone's village store, when "claret, served during the performance" was as common as water, and murder and lynching were accepted as part of

daily life are described in "Troupers of the Gold Coast," a story of the life of Lotta Crabtree in the Woman's Home Companion.

In describing the early acting days of this stage star whose name was to become famous in all parts of the country the writer necessarily brings in much history of the California wilderness of the early fifties.

"They played in bar rooms; and since many a bar was the village store, the troupe put on their entertainment in the midst of ham and canned meats, red and blue flannel shirts strung across a line, and mining implements stacked by a counter."

Murder and lynching were frequent in these towns of the Pacific coast's earliest troupers.

"Money was the object of the friends who perpetrated the affair," said a brief newspaper note on one murder, and in another account appeared an item saying that one group was "so exasperated that they lynched the man."

Hats Get Their Growth

Hats, says a woman's fashion expert in the Woman's Home Companion, have a way of growing as the sun gets hotter and they don't always grow in symmetric regular shape.

STATE CHARTER ISSUED TO SHERIFFS' SOCIETY

State charter has been issued to the Illinois Sheriffs association with headquarters at Geneva. The object of the organization is social and political. Incorporators are Sheriff James Kent, Sangamon county; Sheriff C. H. Herman, Madison county, and Sheriff I. L. Urch, Kane county.

In the Sphinx Gallery
Modern Youth is the riddle over which today there is such endless discussion.—The American Magazine.

An Obvious Outcome
It must be obvious to anyone familiar with agriculture that the farmer who is lacking in energy, enterprise, judgment and courage will rarely extract more than a fair living from the soil, says a commentator in Farm and Fireside.

According to our European critics it is perfectly all right for Great Britain to protect her interests in the Suez Canal by intervening in Egypt but it is rank imperialism of Uncle Sam to do anything toward defending his canal rights in the western hemisphere.



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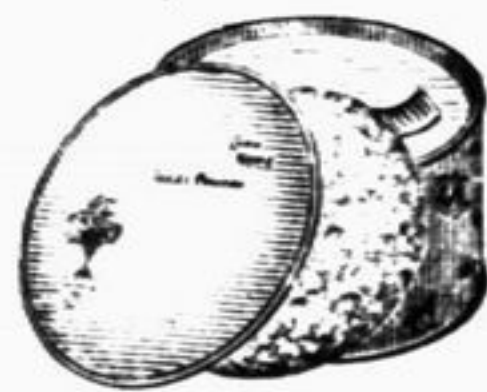


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