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Candidates, Prospective And Past

Presidential candidates are bobbing up over night, and will continue to bob, no doubt, in the months intervening before the meeting of the National Republican and Democratic conventions in the early summer.

It is significant of the indecision of the people, as well as of the candidates, that there should be so many who are evidently in a receptive mood for consideration by the party leaders and none who stands out as the "logical" choice of either party.

The time is growing short in which leadership may be developed. The country has never stood in greater need of wise guidance than it stands just now. Never have there been such stupendous questions to be decided nor such great need that they be decided right. Never has there been a more evident and general determination to evade assumption of responsibility for anything that may affect the election results in 1920. Never has there been a lower ebb of patriotism and Americanism in high places, never a scunter consideration of the nation where such consideration might possibly interfere or conflict with personal ambition or prospects.

The public is sedulously looking for a man who shows that he has the courage to lead the country through the difficult years of the next administration. That will be the only issue in the next presidential election, whatever political policies may be brought into the discussions. It is going to be the man who has the confidence of the people as a leader, one whose loyalty to the public interest has not been made questionable by his attitude as to our international relations or by his position in domestic affairs. The men who have been prominent in both parties, most of whom have been industriously destroying what prospects they might have had for choice to head the party ticket, are bound to find that their records in the period since the signing of the armistice have been much more carefully considered by the general public than they have thought to be the case. There is little time in which they may retrieve their sorry records, but their only hope lies in trying.

The "Unprivileged Kid"

The "unprivileged kid" is to have consideration by the "privileged" men who make up the membership of the Chicago Union League club, under which organization a club for boys who need some boosting over the hard places in life are to be taken care of and given that needed help.

The history of America should give to the American a peculiarly open mind as to the value of making the most of the boys of the poor. So many of our great men have sprung from conditions that must have seemed to their early fellowtownsmen to be most unlikely surroundings for greatness that we cannot afford to overlook the poverty-stricken lest we fail to give opportunity to an embryo statesman and leader.

This project of the Union League club to give opportunity to the "unprivileged" boys of Chicago is one which accords with the demand of the times that we look to the char-

acter of the citizenship of those who are to be the voters of the future. That there may be a Lincoln hidden away in some obscure home is a possibility. That there is abundant material to make into good citizens or to allow to grow up into bad, is a certainty.

To Promote Mutual Understanding

A real beginning is being made towards a fuller understanding between the people of the British Isles and the people of the United States in the recent endowments of chairs of American history in English universities and of English history in American universities.

There can be no understanding of a nation without a knowledge of the events that have had a moulding influence over it. No prejudice can remain where there is mutual understanding, a condition that it is most desirable to develop and to cultivate between this country and Great Britain.

The war has left the world expectant of great things from the English speaking peoples. The opportunity for leadership in every line of endeavor is ours if we have but the courage to seize it and the ability to improve it. We shall get farther towards the American and the British ideal of democratic institutions if there is co-operation between the English speaking peoples. To effect that the rising generation must know their overseas cousins better than this generation has known them, must understand them as we of this generation have not understood them, must be able to look from the point of view of the other members of the English speaking family and so be able to adjust our differences without difficulty. This happy change the establishment of departments of the history of American history in British universities and of British history in American universities will help to effect.

Indoor Leaguers Show Excellent Stick Work

As was promised last week, the batting averages of all 400 or better batters in the Winnetka Indoor league is presented for your perusal. It will be noticed that Pete Lucchesi is holding down the leading position, .015 in front of Andy Anderson, who follows with a clip of .625. And as you go down the list you will perceive the names of all your favorite players. The averages of the games of last week are not included in this list. And now you may glimpse the "dope":

BATTING AVERAGES.				
Teams.				
Cubs			.458	
Reds			.400	
White Sox			.395	
Giants			.323	
Games A.B. H. Pct.				
Lucchesi	6	25	16	.649
A. Anderson	4	25	16	.625
J. Wood	6	21	13	.619
F. Kasmer	5	18	11	.610
C. Eastman	6	25	15	.600
Lyons	2	5	3	.600
O. Voltz	5	17	10	.588
A. Eckart	2	7	4	.572
H. Ilg	4	20	11	.550
H. Duty	5	22	12	.545
J. Dethloff	5	17	9	.530
H. Voltz	6	25	13	.520
H. Carpenter	6	22	11	.500
F. Eckart	6	25	12	.480
L. Gutekunst	4	17	8	.470
Wm. Dutz	4	15	7	.467
H. Anderson	6	23	10	.461
Chas. Stordeur	3	11	5	.454
H. Odh	3	9	4	.440
G. Peterson	5	21	9	.428
B. Blow	6	19	8	.421
W. Dehmlo	5	17	7	.412
Blasius	6	27	9	.409
Paul Kreger	6	25	10	.400

WOMAN TO HEAD FIRM SHE HELPED BUILD UP

Fifteen years ago Miss Anne Scott, then a miss of twenty, just out of business college, a full-fledged stenographer and bookkeeper, obtained a job at \$12 a week with a broken down manufacturing plant at Bantam, Conn.

The other day the board of directors of the plant, the Bantam Ball Bearing company, now a million-dollar concern, met at the Pennsylvania hotel in New York and elected her president and general manager to succeed W. C. Rogers, retiring, who

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.
Howard Hammond, 500 Gregory avenue, and Harold Nelson, also of Wilmette, returned home this week from Wayland academy, Beaver Dam, Wis., for the Christmas holidays.

ROAD BUMPS LOSE JAZZ-TIME WALLOP, EXPERTS DECLARE

When a ship pitches and rolls in the trough of a heavy sea, why doesn't a sailor fall overboard? How does he balance himself?

You've seen the daring bareback trick riders at the circus? You know what a thrill they give as they race around the track, standing legs apart, a foot on the back of each horse. How do they keep their bodies in balance and at ease as the horses rise and fall in the plunge of their mad gallop?

When you've found the answer you've guessed a good part of the reason why the new three-point suspension springs on Overland 4, the new light car recently announced, act the way they do on the roughest, bumpiest roads on which they have been demonstrated in this locality.

An engineering explanation of the why and wherefore of the springs takes in much of interest about the principle of the lever and much more of instruction about distribution of thrusts, the force of blows and the like. Then you learn that in some magical, mathematical way this new type of springs has done the same work for the bumps in the road that the music master does for the notes in the scale.

In the novice's hands, these notes may run into a choppy discord, bumping the senses unpleasantly. The master provides harmony from the same notes and the result is pleasing and comfortable to the ear. The master engineers who designed Overland 4 have done something of the same sort of work through Overland 4's springs. They have found a way to harmonize the bumps in the road; synchronized them, is the engineering phrase. And the result is an apparent floating over ruttier, bumpier highway in smooth, rhythmic travel, rather than in the rag-time jerks of ordinary riding.

There has been so much popular and scientific interest in the new springs that E. H. Belden, vice president in charge of engineering for the Willys-Overland company has been asked to explain why these springs give the entirely new sensation over bad roads.

"To begin with," Mr. Belden says, "the new spring suspension has turned out exactly as we would like to have it. The new design has aroused the interest of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and all other high grade automobile engineers, as a new standard spring suspension."

"In Overland 4, the springs sweep in a diagonal from a point on the chassis frame fifteen inches beyond the axle at front and rear. The effect is that of four light, flexible levers carrying passenger load on an even keel while lifting the road wheels over rocks and bumps without disagreeably jouncing the passengers.

"No illustration is so apt, perhaps, as that of the circus performer or the rider in the old Olympic games. He urges his horses forward in a wild gallop. He has a foot on the back of each of his two horses. He must maintain balance and equilibrium. And he does. His legs come up and go down with each plunge of the horses beneath but his body remains steady.

"The springs on Overland 4 act like the legs of this circus rider. The body

of the car and passengers remain on an even keel while the springs allow the wheels to lift and lower rapidly and easily over the bumps and the ridges and the thanky-ma'ams of the roadway. The blow of the bump on the road has at last been taken away from the spine of the passenger.

"It is because of this flexible lever action that we have found that Overland 4's springs automatically eliminate bobbing. Fully to describe the total effect of the springs a new word has been added to the automobile to describe this car's spring suspension. That new word is "spring-base".

"In the ordinary car, wheelbase has denoted also the center of thrust or load suspended on the springs. Not so in Overland 4. The springs meet the chassis fifteen inches beyond the axles. That gives us springbase, 30 inches longer than wheelbase. There wheelbase of 130 inches but in securing that, we have actually improved upon the established economy advantages of the short 100-inch wheelbase."

NEW YEAR SERVICES.

The program of the Wilmette Congregational church for the coming week includes a New Year sermon by Mr. Lloyd, the pastor, on Sunday morning; an Automat party for high school and college men and women on Tuesday evening; an Old Year service on Wednesday evening, New Year's eve, at which time a reception will be tendered to all who have become members of the church during the past year. The officers of the church will be in the receiving line. The evening will conclude with a religious service in the auditorium.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

The Mothers' Jewels and Home Guard society of children of the Wilmette Methodist church were entertained last week at a party given by Mrs. Fred Mason and Mrs. Harry W. Mons at the Mons' residence, 92 Oakwood avenue. The children rendered a very enjoyable program.

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