

## IT MAY BE NEITHER COOLIDGE, DAVIS NOR LA FOLLETTE

### WORKINGS OF OUR ELECTION MACHINERY

Unusual Political Situation  
Makes Possible Choice of  
Either Bryan or Dawes.

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Fancy a conservative newspaper publishing on its first page a story to the effect that neither Coolidge nor Davis nor La Follette will be elected President of the United States in November. At first glance such a statement might seem outside the realm of possibility, but the political situation is complex and the election machinery such that it does not require much imagination to foresee the possibility, if not the probability, of such a situation. Almost anything may happen in November.

There are 531 votes in the Electoral College. The electoral college is composed of electors from each state, equal in number to the number of Senators and Representatives to which the state is entitled. For example, New York state has two Senators and 43 Representatives. Therefore, New York has forty-five votes in the electoral college. The total membership of the electoral college equals the total membership of the Senate and House—531. In voting it will be remembered that the People vote for the electors of their states, these names appearing on the ballot, and not those of Coolidge or Davis or La Follette.

The Constitution provides that a majority of these 531 electoral votes or 266, is necessary to the choice of a President. The person having the greatest number of votes, of course, wins when there are only two candidates in the field, but with three the complexities begin.

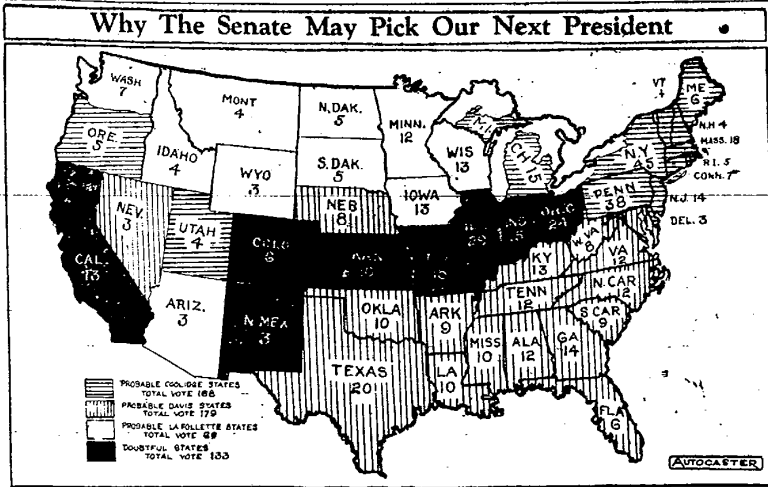
Here is the constitutional clause: "The person having the greatest number of votes (in the Electoral College) for president shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if no person having such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers, not exceeding three, on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately by ballot, the President."

Now let us turn to the situation. If the candidate receiving merely the largest number of electoral votes could be chosen, then the entry of La Follette into the field would be unimportant, according to unbiased and astute political judges. But this is not the case, and there are many political observers who regard it as highly unlikely that a majority of the electoral vote will be won by any of the candidates.

The second Monday following January, the electors in each state chosen at the November election, meet in their respective state capitols and declare for their candidates. The votes will then be sent by messenger to the president of the Senate in Washington. They will be counted on the second Wednesday in February before the joint session of the House and Senate.

Then the result will be announced

## Five Young Women on Hike to Adirondack Mountains



If no candidate has a majority—two hundred and sixty-six votes—then the House of Representatives must immediately convene for the purpose of choosing a President. The choice being limited to the three highest candidates, would mean that the House would have only the option of choosing one, either Davis, Coolidge or La Follette.

How House Votes.  
Here is where the election machinery takes on a different color. There is no voting by individuals in the House. Moreover, each state has only one vote. Rhode Island's vote equals that of New York. The vote of each state is determined by a majority of the Congressional Representatives in that state. This point grasped let it be remembered that the "blobs" in several delegations hold the balance of power. Thus the La Follette-Wheeler candidacy becomes something to be reckoned with.

Anyone familiar with the line up in the House last year can see how likely it is that neither Davis nor Coolidge would be able to obtain a majority vote in the House in February. A deadlock is quite on the cards—a repetition of the Democratic National Convention, perhaps, until March 4, 1925. At that time, the new House comes into being, but THE NEW HOUSE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CHOICE OF A PRESIDENT.

In the event of a deadlock until the disintegration of the present House the duty would pass to the Senate, and here it must be remembered that THE SENATE VOTES ONLY FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND NOT FOR THE PRESIDENT. If the country stands without a President, then that office, being vacant, must be filled by the man chosen as Vice-President by the Senate.

At this point we read another elimination. The Senate is limited to vote for the two highest candidates. So the likelihood is the choice would lie between General Dawes and Governor Bryan.

Different in Senate.  
Now we come to the Senate vote. The Senate does not vote by states like the House. The Senators vote as individuals, and a majority vote decides. The Senate membership

being 96, 49 votes would elect a Vice-President, who would immediately succeed to the Presidency, just as Coolidge succeeded Harding as soon as the vacancy occurred.

In the present Senate there are 43 Democrats, 51 Republicans and 2 Farmer Laborites. These figures would appear to ensure the election of Dawes, providing there is no change in the character of the Senate as a result of the November elections, and providing always, that La Follette would not switch a number of Republican senators from the Coolidge-Dawes ticket and procure the votes for Bryan. The margin is narrow, and La Follette might easily be the deciding factor.

One need only go back to 1916 to see how delicate is the present situation. In that year the electoral college stood 277 for Wilson and 254 for Hughes. A third party candidate controlling for example, the 13 electoral votes of California, would have thrown the election into the House. How many electoral votes La Follette will control as a result of the coming election to figure on. It may be something for the two dominant parties to consider seriously.

La Follette supporters are claiming he will carry between eight and sixteen states. If he carries only Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, such result would likely prevent either Coolidge or Davis from winning the necessary majority of 266 electoral votes necessary to elect the President. Even the electoral vote of any one state might prevent a majority.

### COUNTY BIBLE SCHOOL PICNIC

Nearly 500 People Enjoyed  
Fine Program—Canaseraga Came 100 Strong.

The County Bible School association held the first of its county-wide picnics at Eggleston Park last Wednesday, July 23. It was estimated that between four and five hundred people were on the grounds for the day, or the evening twilight activities. Canaseraga came one hundred strong and was the most largely represented of any one town.

Prof. R. W. Wingate of Alfred college and Mr. W. M. Pierce of Cornell University put the picnickers in a happy frame of mind with their mass singing. The demonstration of the Alfred and Alfred Station Daily Vacation Bible School and the singing of the male quartet were pleasing features. Dr. J. S. Luckey of Houghton College brot an inspiring message on "The Four Fold Life," and Atty. E. C. Hornburg of Wellsville, at the twilight service gave a helpful address on "The Use of Spare Time," which was well received. The recreation program of the afternoon, for the several groups was led by Rev. E. E. Davis of Wellsville, Clair Snyder and Miss Lois Bryson of Camp Shewanawa.

The success of this first county-wide Bible School picnic might well suggest a similar event next year.

### Improving Side Streets

The village fathers are doing a great piece of road improvement work this year. They are drawing cinders on to nearly all the side street and grading them and will cover the cinders with asphalt.

This method of road building has been thoroughly tried out in Wellsville, Belmont and other nearby villages with good success, and we have every reason to believe will be equally successful in Andover.

Years ago this was tried out in

Andover and would have proven well only for the tracking of the cinders into homes and business places. The asphalt will remedy this difficulty and give us a cheap but fine pavement on our side streets; both sides of Main on the south side of the Erie tracks and some on the north side.

After the cinders have been treated with asphalt two or three years it is claimed that the road will become almost as good as a genuine asphalt road.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends for their kind offers of assistance, for the beautiful floral offerings, and for the use of the cars, during our recent sorrow in the loss of our loved one.

Hiram D. Smith and family.

### Hooks at Friendship

Andover Hook and Ladder Company are attending the County Firemen's Convention at Friendship, as the News goes to press (Thursday.) We know our fire boys will size up as favorable with the other county organizations as any of the others. Here's hoping they come home with all the prizes.

### Notice

The parties who took the canvass from the Town of Andover's Topp-Stewart Tractor Tuesday night are known and unless the same is returned immediately, criminal action will be taken against them.

E. C. HOWLAND,  
Town Superintendent.

### BEAUTIFUL CLOCK FOR STATE BANK

Large Electric Clock Will  
Decorate Andover's Street  
In Front of Bank.

The timepiece that for years has guided the destiny of Wellsville people and their activities, standing as a sentinel before the door of the Citizens National Bank, has, this week, been removed to Andover and will in the future guard the entrance to the Andover State Bank.

This Wellsville clock evidently got discouraged down in that burg trying to regulate the unregenerate citizens of Allegany's metropolis. It has been given a bill of divorce from its first love and has turned its affections to the progressive Andover State Bank, advertising to the public that the place to put your dollars and make them work for you is the Andover State Bank.

The clock will be erected at the front of the bank, at an elevation that will make its dials perfectly visible from all parts of Main street. It has two dials, one facing either way. Let us hope that its two dials will not be different, as is so often the case with individuals with two faces.

The beautiful clock, even tho it does come from Wellsville, is perfectly welcome to a roosting place on Andover's Main street and it will be an additional attraction to our town, and shows the progressive spirit of Andover State Bank. If Wellsville has other worth while things seeking a better location we heartily recommend them to Andover and will give them a most hearty welcome.

### Oil Syndicate to Drill Near Purdy Creek

Canisteo, July 27.—Undeterred by many other unsuccessful efforts to find oil in paying quantities, a syndicate composed of Bradford, Pa., oil men have leased land near Purdy Creek for the purpose of making a quest for oil.

Half a century ago wells were drilled in this locality and a quantity of gas and oil in small quantities found. Several investigations of the land by expert locators have been conducted in this vicinity the past few weeks and the site at Purdy Creek was finally selected. Oil men who examined the ground declare that there are oil veins in abundance somewhere in that locality and are determined to find them.

Between Canisteo and Cameron numerous wells have been drilled. Oil of an excellent quality has been found but not in paying quantities. The Bradford oil men declare that there is both oil and gas in this section, but that it is a matter of just finding it.

### New Doctor Coming to Andover

H. G. Storer, M. D., of Cuba, announces his intention of opening offices in Andover soon after Aug. 1st. Dr. Storer will occupy the old Dr. Geo. E. Burdick office on Greenwood street.

Office hours 1-3 and 7-8 P. M.  
Sunday and holidays by appointment.

### FOURTEEN DAYS IN NORTHERN WILDS

Exciting Experiences With  
Bootleggers.—Visit Many  
Interesting Places.

"Three Little Girls in Blue." No. It was five young ladies in khaki. They were not in school but from the Rochester School for the Deaf. Included among the number was Miss Eleanor McFetridge of Andover, who is a teacher in that institution.

In company with four other girls from the school, three of whom could not hear a word spoken, they started on a hike for the northern Adirondacks.

In an interview with the News editor, Miss McFetridge said that they left Rochester at about 6 a. m., July 1st, dressed in khaki knickers and shirts, carrying army packs weighing twenty-two pounds each, besides the provisions they carried. They took the trolley to Webster, where their hike really began. A little way out of Webster they were picked up by passing automobiles and given a lift of about forty miles on their journey almost to Oswego. There they shopped a little and started on their journey when fortune favored them again and they were given a lift to within about 17 miles of Watertown.

The first night they camped out at a gas station and tourists camp site near Adams, N. Y. They did not get much sleep as it was cold and the party were not accustomed to sleeping out.

Wednesday morning the party got other chances to ride in automobiles. Two in one car were taken thru to Watertown, where they waited in the postoffice for the arrival of the others. The other three were picked up by a couple of young men, whom afterward they concluded were bootleggers. They drove a fine big car, and appeared to be nice young men. Their conversation was good and they were evidently Cornell University fellows as they were well informed on matters concerning the school. But when they stopped the car in order to take a little drink the girls became wise and concluded that walking was much better than riding and hiked the rest of the way into Watertown.

At Watertown the party attracted the attention of one of the reporters for a newspaper and they received a fine write-up in the evening paper. They remained the rest of the day in that city putting up over night at the Y. W. C. A., after an evening passed at the movies.

Thursday morning the brave five started out again on the trail at 9:45 a. m. and secured a ride with telephone repair men to Evans Mills. Then to Philadelphia with a lone tourist, where the whole town turned out on mass to see them. The girls hiked a few miles further on their journey when a truck picked them up and took the party to within a few miles to Gouverneur, where they purchased food and camped in a hay field near a farm house over night. The people there gave them honey, milk, pillows and supplied them with warm water with which

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"... He took my arm and opened the door, we sat down on the back seat of his beautiful car. Instantly he produced a flask, and from the pocket of the car a bottle and two glasses."  
"See what a thoughtful little boy I am," said Ted;  
"Ginger Ale for the ladies."  
"I propped my silver-slipped feet on the little seat of the car and sighed contentedly. "That's some dress, Sallie," said Ted; "but I'd

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