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JOS. W. FOLK, THE MAN IN THE PUBLIC EYE TODAY

A Man Who Has Made Good His Campaign Pledges, Is Giving
the Great State of Missouri a Thorough
Cleaning.

The seventh son of a seventh son is supposed to be endowed with remarkable qualities. But if William Allen White is to be entirely credited, Mr. Joseph W. Folk, governor of Missouri at the age of thirty-six, and "one of the half-dozen real leaders of civic honesty in America," is a seventh son of a seventh son and yet is "a most ordinary young man equipped with the usual physical and mental accoutrement." There is nothing mystical about him or his success. The only difference between him and many another young gentleman in Vanity Fair, says Mr. White, is that Folk "has sense enough to be honest and make it pay." Mr. White tells the story of Folk's career in his usual vivid style in McClure's for December. It is a stimulating and reassuring story.

After he succeeded in getting born, in Brownsville, Tennessee (his ancestors on both sides having fought in the American Revolution), young Joseph got the usual education of an American boy in an American country town and finished off at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, graduating with the law class of 1890. After practicing law a short time in Brownsville, he went to St. Louis, and achieved his first prominence as attorney for some striking street-car employees. As a result of this prominence, he became the Democratic nominee for circuit attorney in St. Louis, and was elected. Then he began to surprise people. He had told all his friends that he would enforce the laws; but all candidates said that and they supposed Folk was like the rest. He surprised them by meaning it. The orator who nominated him in the convention laid the usual stress, for oratorical purposes, upon Folk's pledge to enforce the laws. When Folk afterward put him in jail for "boodling," a great many people saw the joke, but the orator did not see it. "Ed" Butler, who was the organizer of "the election thugs" for the Democratic machine in St. Louis, and who dictated most of the nominations, tells his little tale of woe as follows, according to Mr. White:

"It was like this: I was going to nominate a man named Clark—good fellow, and all right, 's far 's I know, when in comes Harry Hawes to my office one day and says, 'Colonel, how bad do you want that man Clark?' An' I says, 'well—I dunno; I've promised it to him.' 'Well,' Harry says, 'I got a young feller name Folk I want to have it.' That was Harry's way. He wanted to be a leader. An' he knew he could n't beat me fair; so he done it the other way. I says, 'well, I'll see Clark and see what he says.' And I seen him and he says he didn't need the office particularly, and I says, 'well, if you don't, Harry Hawes's got a young feller name Folk that's been attorney for the Union labor fellers and settled up their strike for 'em, and Harry kind o' wants to name him,' and so the next time I seen Harry I says, 'bring your little man around,' and he done it and I looked him over, and there didn't seem to be anything the matter of him, so I says all right and he was nominated. An' look what he done—spent four years tryin' to put me in the penitentiary—that's the kind of a man Harry Hawes is. He's a leader now, and I'm out. An' that's how he done it."

Mr. Folk began operations by securing the indictments of a number of election thieves, most of whom had worked for his own election. Then he started in on boodling councilmen. "Within three years Folk uncovered in St. Louis more corruption than had ever been uncovered at one time and place in the civilized world." Prior to that, not an indictment had ever been secured in Missouri against a public official for "boodling." Folk, in four years time, brought forty cases, convicted twenty of the accused, and though the state supreme court ordered the release of twelve of them on technicalities, the remaining eight are now serving time in the penitentiary. All sorts of efforts to stop him and to entrap him were made. Court-essans were set upon him. He was threatened with assassination. It was said by the corruptionists that as soon as his term of office was ended they would make it impossible for him to live in Missouri. This last threat was so often repeated that he concluded that his only chance of safety lay in completing the work he had begun and totally destroying the power of the corrupt forces. And so he became a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. He made a whirlwind campaign of the state. Every member of the state central committee of his party—the Democratic—was against him. So was the state administration and all the politicians of note. And "an unlimited campaign fund" was subscribed to defeat him. With no social prestige,

no special oratorical ability, no peculiar talent for political organization, no personal magnetism, no campaign fund to speak of, he closed his canvass with a unanimous nomination in the convention. It was a most signal triumph for simple, straightforward honesty and unquestioned courage. Says Mr. White: "A great moral issue was moving among the people. That issue concerned the enforcement of the annulment of law, and Folk dramatized it. His career, and the fight made upon him for that issue, cast him as the hero, and Americans never fail to applaud the hero and hiss the villain." Although on election day all the other Democratic candidates on the state ticket were defeated by about 15,000 plurality, Folk was elected by 50,000 plurality, running 8000 ahead of Roosevelt.

As governor, Folk, we are assured, is "not letting down." In spite of great legal difficulties, he has effectually put a stop to race track gambling in St. Louis. He has enforced the laws against selling liquor on Sundays, so that "the hotel bars and all drinking places are closed on Sunday in the first-class cities of Missouri for the first time in the history of the state." He has secured any number of sadly needed laws relating to railroads, while vetoing bills that were manifestly unjust to the roads and designed as "strikes." And as a result of it all, the value of land in Missouri since Folk began operations has increased twenty per cent, the annual immigration has increased twenty-five per cent, the Sunday business of the local street-cars has increased twenty-five per cent, the Monday deposits in the savings banks "have increased remarkably," and the number of arrests in the three cities where statistics are available has decreased twenty per cent, and the Sunday arrests have diminished forty per cent.

So much for what Folk has done. As for the man himself, Mr. White gives us this description:

"He is a smallish man in stature, being a trifle less than five feet seven in height, but some day he will be stout. He is of the sack-coat size and build and temperament—as Roosevelt is—but finding himself a public man, he dresses the part in what we of the West call a Prince Albert coat, a garment which seems to give citizens confidence in their officials. And leads one in to the core of the man's character—caution. If the word 'foxy' could be knighted into polite diction, it might be applied to Joseph W. Folk. For, though intrigue is foreign to his nature, and though he never walks on his toes, and has no stomach for shams and pretenses, every step he takes is taken with direction; every word he says is weighed carefully—though hardly painfully as a stupid man's words are doled out to cover his ignorance; and every act, public or private, which may have the least significance upon those who witness it, is measured by some wise rule. Hence the Prince Albert coat; hence his abstinence; hence his unruffled front; hence the conventionality of his daily walk. Nor is this veneer. It comes from his heart. Fearing the effect on young men who might see him smoking, Folk has given up his cigar and pipe. He is as modest as a girl, and yet he is worldly-wise enough to know the force of the example of a public man; and he willingly sacrifices his comfort that he may not violate this trivial obligation to the people. His language is as clean as a woman's, and it comes from a carefully weeded heart. Add to the picture of a frock-coated, smooth-faced, clear-eyed, shy-mannered, self-deprecating young man, a black soft hat and a boyish smile playing elusively over a countenance regular and oval, and it needs but a few touches to make it live."

He is, furthermore, "deeply pious, without being in the least sanctimonious and without any cant." He is "rigid in his observance of conventionalities," though not in the least punctilious about formalities. He is godunatred and genial, but never humorous, sarcastic or flippant. His dominant passion is public service, but he "seems to have no confidants, no advisers, no board of strategy." His honesty seems to Mr. White the result of a deliberate conviction, of faith or creed, that honesty is the best policy. Intellectually he is not yet as big as he is morally; but he is growing. He is not a person of broad and catholic culture. The effort to make him a presidential candidate is deprecated by Mr. White, who asserts that not Folk's best friends but his most unswerving enemies are those who talk the loudest about him as a candidate for President in 1908. "To many of those who know him best and admire him, most he does not yet seem to be of size or of strength for presidential timber; or better,

perhaps, it may be said that he does not seem to be of such size and strength as he will be after ten years more in the school of life, and that the kind of a president he might likely make three years from now is so much inferior to the president that they hope and believe he would make ten or a dozen years from now, that they dislike to see him wasted on an earlier opportunity."

GEER FOR GOVERNOR

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer has announced his candidacy for the governorship before the Republican primaries.

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