

# POLITICAL POT WAXING WARM

### Montana Outlook Somewhat Chaotic So Politicians Decline to Make Predictions.

HELENA, Mont., (INS)—Montana leading politicians are sure of nothing and refuse to make any predictions on the 1924 political outlook other than their expectations that a number of exceptionally warm contests will develop.

The Republican party is partly split over Governor J. M. Dixon's policies since the legislative session and his tax program of four years ago, and the Democrats, also, are running into a battle over the party approval of William Gibbs McAdoo at the national convention in June.

Former Governor S. V. Stewart filed the nominating petitions of the Democratic party for McAdoo for president.

J. M. Burlingame, of Great Falls, for years a stalwart in the ranks of conservative Republicans, in Montana, and for a month now has been sagaciously "gathering the hosts."

In an effort to cut into the strength of both the old party organizations, a "third party," under the Farmer-Labor banner, already has launched a quiet campaign in Montana for United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin.

Former Governor Stewart has at present the advantage of a fairly united organization behind him, and there are several Democratic "wheel horses" out in the open for McAdoo.

**Watch for Delegate.**  
Senator T. J. Walsh, now nationally prominent as prosecutor for the Senate oil investigation committee, has filed for delegate to the Democratic national convention, but has not mentioned any particular candidate on his petition, as is his option under the Montana primary laws.

Democratic leaders are fencing with the Farmer-Labor organization, in the hope of securing its support. The Republicans, however, are not only assisted by the Farmer-Labor element, but are also suffering from attacks within their own ranks.

**Shelley Johnson Aide.**  
O. H. P. Shelley, the Republican national committeeman, who took this coveted honor from Thomas A. Marlowe, of Helena, four years ago, after a bitter controversy, is at the head of Shelley Johnson's campaign in Montana. Shelley admits a lack of funds will make his campaign difficult, but he dominated the Montana delegation at the Republican national convention in 1920, after a campaign that was carried on quietly for several months. As a result his quiet campaign is considered more dangerous than his openly organized efforts.

The out-and-out "third party" group, made up to some extent of the more vigorous Non-Partisan League, is also handicapped by lack of funds. Incidentally, this group throws upon the term "radical" being applied to it. Its platform is "somewhat advanced," members say.

Montana's gubernatorial fight is expected to be the real center of attraction this fall. While the Democrats in Butte, Helena, Billings, Kalispell and Great Falls are quietly grooming their entries for the state primaries to be held in August, the Republicans are slow in getting started because of some party friction.

**Farmers Back Dixon.**  
Governor J. M. Dixon, who was mentioned as a successor to Secretary of the Navy Denby, has the Republican "farmer vote" solidly behind him. His views on taxation, however, earned him the underlying enmity of the so-called conservative Republicans, who fought him openly through two legislative sessions.

The Ku Klux Klan, reported to have a strong following throughout the state, is expected to be a factor in the state primaries. This organization, however, with its operations, will probably confine its activities to factional fights on the county and legislative tickets.

Although not yet announcing his candidacy, it is believed Senator Walsh will run for reelection to the United States Senate.

### RUMANIA PLANS CONTROL OF HER OILS, MINERALS

BUCHAREST (AP)—A new mining law of very considerable importance to the foreign oil companies operating in Rumania, is now being prepared by the government, and will shortly be presented for parliamentary ratification.

The law is intended to give full legislative power to that part of the new constitution which provides for the "Nationalization of the Sub-Soil," meaning the taking over by the state of all the sub-soil mineral wealth not actually leased or concessioned at the time of the adoption of the new constitution. The state, therefore, now owns 100 per cent of every extensive area of proved oil lands, and the new mining law will determine the conditions under which these lands can be leased for exploitation, and what production royalties must be paid to the state.

From official announcements it is apparent that under the new law concessions to exploit proved lands will only be granted to companies that are considered as "nationalized," which means that such companies must be controlled by Rumanians, and that Rumanian subjects must own a majority of

# MANY VISITING AT THE PARK

THE PARK (Special)—Mrs. Lydia Vandervanter had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Charles Hutton, Lower Powder, and Mrs. John Vanorder, Big Creek, who came to the Park Monday, returning home in the evening.

Clara Lay, of the Union high school, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lay.

Clarence Vanorder is getting along nicely with his broken shoulder, which he had the misfortune of injuring two weeks ago.

Kenneth Vanorder is working early and late putting in the crop for his father who is temporarily disabled.

Frank Wigglesworth is plowing, harrowing, drilling and working hard in a general way getting in the crop on the old South place.

Miss Ida O. Hunter spent Easter Sunday with her parents at the Big Log Cabin.

While on a visit to his parents Easter Sunday Little Jack Hunter caught fifteen trout in the afternoon. The creek is quite high, but he reports that he knows the hole where the trout will bite.

Guid Lay was down to Union Saturday bringing his sister Clara home with him.

A. J. Vandervanter was at the Springs on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou With, Big Creek, made a call on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vanorder Monday evening. They drove over in their car, reporting the roads in fairly good condition for auto riding.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirth have lived a long time in the Big Creek country. Two years ago they sold their big ranch located near The Dalles. But ever since they have been in the Big Creek home and friends they bought the old Kelly ranch and are now installed amidst their old friends and acquaintances, which are many and delighted to have them again in the neighborhood. Their children will stay at The Dalles until school is out, when they will follow their parents here.

Lola Wigglesworth spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vanorder.

Frank Wigglesworth was at Vanorder Flat, bargaining for a work horse with Archie Vanorder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vandervanter had a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vanorder on Monday evening by the way of a ride in an auto from their place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearing of Cove, accompanied by Edward Wolf had a joyful time during a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vandervanter Easter Sunday. They drove from Cove in their car, reporting the roads fair. Mrs. Dearing is a sister to Mrs. Lydia Vandervanter and Edward Wolf is the son of Mrs. Vandervanter, who is attending the high school at Cove. They all returned home during the evening after a splendid visit.

But Lay, the mail man, made his first trip by auto Tuesday, making such time that nearly all missed him.

Guy McSair and family has moved up into his home on Little Catherine Creek, from Union, where they make their winter home.

Activities are on at the Hall ranch. G. E. Hall, proprietor of the large dairy, was at the place Wednesday looking at the condition of the place and how the grass was progressing along for the feed of his many cows.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vandervanter, Mr. and Mrs. N. Dearing and Edward Wolf, drove to Big Creek by auto, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis on Easter Sunday, where a grand family reunion took place. They all enjoyed it and reported the roads in fairly good condition for auto riding.

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# CLOVER CREEK SCHOOL ENDED

CLOVER CREEK (Special)—School closed at Clover Creek last Friday, having had only an eight month term this year. Mrs. Carnes rewarded her pupils by taking them on a picnic. The school has been very successful this year and the children have progressed rapidly.

The farmers in general are progressing nicely with their spring work. The weather has been good and crops are being put in rapidly, no time being lost on account of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dahlstrom of Baker, without out from North Powder and spent the night at the home of Mrs. B. C. Dahlstrom, returning to Baker Friday morning.

The trees are just beginning to leaf out, which is considered fortunate, especially fruit trees, because the leaves aid in keeping the fruit from freezing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. DeVore and son Ray of Union were visiting on Clover Creek recently.

Wolf Creek people gave another dance Friday night. A number of Clover creek people were in attendance. There were also a number of people from other nearby points.

Miss Lillie Dahlstrom, Axel Dahlstrom and Perry Rattledge motored to Island City Sunday to report the roads in fairly good condition for auto riding.

Mrs. Claude Beale, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Matott and Miss Ruth Drummond returned Monday from a pleasure trip to The Dalles, where they were joined by Mr. Matott's brother. They made the trip in their car and spent their time fishing.

There has been much sickness in the neighborhood lately. Those on the sick list were Mrs. William Hanson, Mrs. D. W. Miller, Mrs. Claude Beale, Mrs. Chas. Grandy and little Joe Shambough.

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# DR. J. H. EWING IS VISITING IN LADD CANYON

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Frank Poole has been here from Milton visiting his sister, Mrs. Claude Beale.

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# PLANE KILLS HUSBAND; ASKS DOUBLE INSURANCE

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# SLOT MACHINE BARS ON PLANES WORRY BRITAIN

LONDON (INS)—Slot-machine bars threaten new trouble for the controllers of the drink traffic in England.

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