

## The Political Outlook

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(Continued from last week.)

Whenever the "goat" appears for slaughter to start the ball a rolling for the Governorship of this state, we will know more about what to say as to the final outcome. Prophecies on what the procedure will be when it gets to the Supreme Court is a question that is undefinable just now. Predictions and indications are merely words which can only be construed as meaningless and void. In studying this most intricate question that baffles all the wise politicians there must be a way of settling this dilemma. Why not some enterprising citizen, or for that matter, some aspirant for gubernatorial honors, make a proposition to the Woman's Suffrage Party, and offer them, say five or ten thousand dollars and have them call a special session of the legislature to decide the matter, in their case, and at the same time have the legislature pass on the Governorship. The state would not be out anything; the legislature would be paid their salaries and the Governor would be relieved of the anxiety and the women could go ahead and nominate candidates for offices.

The much talked of combination between Mr. Stanfield and Mr. Simpson to control the destinies of the state is one of those periodical "scare heads" that usually appears as "dope" by the opposition press for the purpose of disrupting the "moral" of the unsophisticated voter. Whether either one of the named gentlemen will run for office again, I don't believe they are so befuddled as to think for a moment that they could tie both ends of the state together in a knot that would choke the center into submission. It's too silly to give credence to this journalistic yarn.

Should Mr. Stanfield again make his announcement to throw his sombrero in the senatorial ring at the next primaries he will have a much better chance of winning than he did the last

time, and he stands a very good chance of beating Senator Chamberlain at the election because next year is going to be a republican year.

As to Mr. Simpson I opine that should he make up his mind to run again for Governor, it would simply be a walk-away. During his last campaign he made many friends, but he entered the race too late. If the people throughout the state only knew him as well as they do in his own county the other fellow would get so disgusted with himself that he would forget all about having run for an office. Rumors are flying thick and fast among the "inner circles" of the wise ones that our Mayor is a possible prize ringer for the job which our friend "Pat" McArthur is holding down with all his might. Whether it is true or not that he is trying to give "Pat" a drubbing has not as yet been announced officially. The A. F. L. may sanction and endorse his candidacy and also other patriotic organizations, but the mayor will have to get busy with squaring himself with those country guys that were down at the legislature last year, and at least ask their forgiveness. In the meantime it will be our business to run this rumor down and see if the surprise is a fact or simply one of those pat hands.

In county politics there is an undercurrent of unrest and very little said. "Premature" seems to be the slogan the candidates use when being approached, otherwise the "click-et-at" at the Court House are brushing their fine feathers to light into the fray when the opportune time arrives. Each candidate will be bedecked in various colors of isms, issues, promises, reforms he has done in his office, how much money he has saved the taxpayer and many other incidents and for what he stands and for what he doesn't stand. So if the reader can beguile himself with patience until after the holidays, he will then begin to see the brightness of the stellar stars some bright morning dancing in the "ether" of the political firmament twinkling and beckoning as much as to say: "Look at me—what do you think of me?"

## Found Dead in Bed

Though she possessed thousands of dollars, Mrs. Anna Rucastle, aged 54, wealthy recluse of the Montavilla section, starved and froze to death. Her lifeless body was found Sunday in the little shack at 54 East 82nd street, which she called home. She had large sums of money on deposit in local banks. She owned a fine, well built house in Montavilla. She was heir to a vast English estate. Yet she sacrificed her life to the desire to amass a large fortune. Mrs. Rucastle owned a house at 54 East 82nd street which she rented. She lived in a woodshed in the rear of her property. The shack was built of cheap grade lumber, with inch wide cracks between the boards. She refused to buy wood or coal. A tiny oil stove served both for heating and cooking. The shack was floorless. A rough bed, a table and a discarded chair were the only furniture. The bed was scantily covered. It contained only an old mattress and a single worn comforter. It was a scene of poverty. It was a hovel where hardship, suffering and lack of comfort were written in every one of the gapping cracks, on the cold dirt floor, and the rude articles of furniture. Yet the woman was rich. Certificates of deposit amounting to \$1500 were found in her purse. The house in front of the rude shack is worth several thousands of dollars. It rents for \$20 a month. The woman's husband is in England, settling an estate which would have brought about \$50,000. She received allotments of \$50 a month from Europe. The aged woman was a recluse to the extreme. She visited none of her neighbors. Efforts to make acquaintance were scorned. Mrs. Rucastle was last seen alive Thursday. Neighbors noting her disappearance called the police. Patrolman Howard kicked down the frail door. On the rude bed, covered by the single comforter, lay the body, blue with cold, wasted and shriveled from lack of food. The body was taken to the morgue.—News.

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