

THIS IS REGISTRATION WEEK—HAVE YOU QUALIFIED?

BRYAN PICKS IOWA MAN AS WINNER FOR DEMOCRATS

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Washington, April 7.—William Jennings Bryan has looked over the list of men available for the Democratic nomination for the presidency and has come to the conclusion that Edward T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, who hails from Des Moines, Iowa, is best equipped, best qualified and best suited to the Democrats of the rank and file of the party for a progressive candidate.

Bryan's views have been disclosed to leading Democrats with whom he has recently been in informal conference here. Curiously enough Meredith himself is not an aspirant for the nomination but is an avowed supporter of William G. McAdoo, for whom he is trying to get the Iowa delegation.

DOESN'T FAVOR PALMER

But the Commoner thinks the Wilson lead hangs too heavy around the neck of McAdoo, and while he is personally fond of the former secretary of treasury and has a high regard for his ability, he thinks the son-in-law argument would be a difficult one to surmount in the campaign.

As for Attorney General Palmer, Bryan chafes because of the injunction issued by Palmer against the coal miners. The Commoner thinks the Democrats should keep in the good graces of labor, and while he approves heartily of Palmer's prohibition views he doesn't think the attorney general can qualify as a friend of labor.

To all the candidates on the list Bryan applies this test—prohibition, woman suffrage, friendliness to labor, capacity for business administration and recognition of the interests of the farmer.

MEREDITH PROGRESSIVE

Meredith supplies all of these qualities. He ran for governor of Iowa on a dry ticket and is known as a champion of prohibition. He has ardently supported woman suffrage. He has taken a broad attitude on the question of labor and was appointed a member of the public group in the president's first industrial commission.

Meredith is, moreover, a successful business man. He is the editor and publisher of Successful Farming, one of the largest farm periodicals in the country. He is a promoter of other large business enterprises and thinks in terms of business efficiency. He favors the League of Nations, and has been a consistent supporter of President Wilson.

THE FIGHT IN IOWA

As a matter of fact Meredith has never taken himself seriously as a presidential aspirant. Many of his friends, however, who are not inclined to think he has much of a chance this year even with Bryan's support, say he would make an excellent candidate four years from now, as he would by that time have acquired an intimate knowledge of government administration through his membership in the cabinet.

Meredith is himself one of the "Big Four" in Iowa's delegation to the Democratic convention at San Francisco. While he has worked hard to have the delegation go uncommitted, he is at the same time eager to have Iowa support ultimately the candidacy of William G. McAdoo on the floor of the convention. Other members of the Iowa delegation are striving to have Iowa's delegates instructed now under the unit rule for Palmer. There will be a state conference of Iowa Democrats next week when no doubt the supporters of McAdoo and Palmer will begin the battle for an instructed or uninstructed delegation.

WILSON STILL RULES

Meanwhile the attitude of William Jennings Bryan is significant of the course he intends to take. Bryan himself is not likely to be a delegate to the convention. Nebraskaans here insist that there are more wets than dries in the Democratic primaries in Nebraska, and that Senator Hitchcock and a wet ticket of delegates will win. This makes Bryan all the more anxious to select a leading dry from the neighborhood state of Iowa to support. Whether he is a delegate or not Bryan is out to make the Democratic convention dry. And Edward T. Meredith is and has been a pronounced advocate of prohibition for many years. So the spectacle presents itself of a former secretary of state in the Wilson cabinet supporting the presidential nomination of the secretary of agriculture as against the attorney general and former secretary of treasury in the same cabinet. Whatever the dramatic episode of the Jackson day dinner may have spelled at the time, they have failed to introduce any substantial element to compete with the hold which the Wilson men seem to have on the fortunes of the Democratic party. Even Bryan selects a Wilson man as his own candidate. And the next nominee, whoever he is, will be approved or disapproved on the record of the titular leader of the Democratic party—Woodrow Wilson.

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