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## The Beef Steer

The beef steer is soaring high and the cow jumps over the moon, figuratively speaking, as the market each day shows a better tone for beef.

It is a great day that witnesses the beef steer and his sister prancing back into public favor, for the cattleman has had a period of depression that took more courage than a soldier possessed to stay in the game. Many fell in the financial whirlpool and were sucked under. The ranches and ranges were of no value because people could not use them and make them pay taxes. But, now it is different. With beef at present prices we will see the old cattle days return for this interior country. The big hatted cattleman will be once more the picturesque figure we once knew as he walks down Main street with his big cigar held at a Joe Cannon poise and in his flask pocket will be deposited a roll of bills that would choke the proverbial Missouri mule.

The old Klamath is coming back from a cattleman's standpoint.

## In the Death House

Instinctively we shudder at the thought of Ruth Snyder in the death chamber last night. As to Henry Judd Gray, we hardly give him a thought—he was a man; he had killed deliberately, coolly and with malice aforethought; he paid for his crime with his life.

But Ruth, the once beautiful Ruth, in the death chamber is a different matter. We turn pale at the thought of a woman being strapped to the electric chair, of a woman murmuring her last prayers before she atoned with her life for a crime, of a woman—a member of the weaker sex—surrounded by men, being executed in the prison house.

Instinctively, we say again, we shudder and turn pale; for deeply ingrained in all of us is the feeling that woman should be protected.

But soberer reflection brings up back to the conclusion that justice was meted out in Sing Sing prison last night. It was not revenge; it was society protecting itself against combined murders, against more cold-blooded and carefully plotted homicides.

**ALLEY FLATTENED.** GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 13. (AP) — Stanley Rogers tossed Tom Alley twice last night after Alley had taken the first fall with an airplane spin. Rogers headlocked Alley for both falls.

**VOTE ON TARIFF** WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (AP) — The senate agreed today to vote on Monday at three p. m. on the resolution of Senator McMaster, republican, South Dakota, calling for immediate revision of the tariff.

## The Luckiest Day, Friday the 13th

### Thirteen Bound Closely to Nation's Fortune; History Proves Day is Good One for U. S.



Don't feel that you ought to stay indoors and keep your fingers crossed just because Friday happens to be Friday the 13th.

According to the superstitious lore of the ages Friday the 13th may be fraught with evil omens—but America, at least, ought to regard the day as the luckiest on the calendar.

Friday and the number 13, either together or separately, have played a large and significant part in American history, and anyone who thinks they are unlucky will have to take a second guess.

**Pershing's Birthday.** To begin with, it's supposed to be the height of ill luck to be born on Friday the 13th. Yet General John J. Pershing, wartime commander of the A. E. F., was born on such a date, and it must be admitted that he has risen pretty high for a man whose life began under unfavorable stars. The exact date of his birth was September 13, 1859.

Then, as everybody knows, there are 13 stripes in the American flag. Originally, when that flag was first raised at Fort Mifflin, there were 12 stars also. And, of course, there were 13 colonies at the time of the Revolution.

If 13 were an unlucky number for America, George III ought to have won that war in no time. But the combination proved so lucky for America whose revolutionary commander customarily signed his name Geo. Washington, in which there are exactly 13 letters—that on June 13, 1778, the kingdom of France decided to come to the new country's aid, and thus made certain the success of the war for independence.

You might notice that there are 13 letters in "revolutionary," too.

As if they were aware of these things, the fathers of the Republic then proceeded to work 13 into the American scheme very effectively.

For our national motto they picked "E Pluribus Unum," which has 13 letters. On the parchment of our country they put an eagle, each wing of which has 13 feathers. They laid the foundations of the White House on October 13, 1792. They organized the Northwest territory on Jan. 13, 1787.

So much for our early history. Now let's come down to modern times.

Woodrow Wilson, wartime president under whom America was victorious in its greatest war had 13 letters in his name. And there are 13 letters in the signature of his military chief, J. Pershing. The great American victory of St. Mihiel was won on Friday, the 13th.

Our prosperity rests on our industries, and if they should have had luck the country as a whole would share it. But there are exactly 13 letters in the name of one of our biggest corporations—General Motors—and there are 13 letters in the title of another industrial giant, the Standard Oil Co., which has enjoyed fortune's smiles for years.

Now let's examine Friday a bit. Is it unlucky?

**Friday a Good Day.** Not for America, Columbus sailed on a Friday and discovered land on another Friday. The Declaration of Independence was introduced on a Friday. Cornwallis surrendered on a Friday. And, as if that isn't enough, in 1776, when George III called for a day of fasting and prayer in Britain to insure the defeat of the rebellious colonies, he issued his proclamation on Friday the 13th.

**Radio Program**

KGW, Portland.—6-7 p. m., dinner music; 7-8, studio entertainment; 8-9, Wrigley hour, the Pacific coast network; 9, Log Cabin time signals; 9-10, Memory Lane hour, Pacific coast network; 10-10:30, concert by the Motor Coach Entertainers; 10:30-12, Order of Hoot Owls.

KOIN, Portland.—6-7 p. m., dinner concert; 7-7:15, amusement guide; 7:15-8, Benson hotel orchestra; 8-8:10, junior string orchestra; 8:10-9, studio program; 10-11:30, dance frolic.

KEX, Portland.—6-7 p. m., utility; 7-8, studio concert program; 8-9, studio features; 9-9:10, talk; 9:10-12, dance frolic.

KMO, Tacoma.—7:30-8:30 p. m., studio entertainment; 8:30-9, music; 9-10, diversified program.

KMY, Spokane.—6-7:15 p. m., orchestra concert; 7:15-7:30, feature program; 7:30-8, concert; 8-10, Pacific coast network concert.

KJR, Seattle.—6:45-7 p. m., time signals, theatrical and market news; 6:20-6:30, news; 6:30-7:30, dinner concert; 7:30-8, studio features; 8-9, concert trio and soloist; 9-10, studio program; 10, time signals; 10-12, dance band.

KOMO, Seattle.—6-6:45 p. m., children's program; 6:45-7, auto information; 7-8, orchestral program; 8-9, concert through the Pacific coast network; 9:10, studio features; 10-11, novelty program; 11-12:30, dance music.

KFOA, Seattle.—6-6:30 p. m., courtesy entertainment; 6:45-7, touring information; 7-8, concert orchestra; 8-10, Pacific coast network concert; 10-10:30, "Henry and the Boss"; 10:30-12, Hoot Owls from KGW.

KYA, San Francisco.—8-10 p. m., studio program; 10-11, dance entertainment.

KGO, Oakland.—6-6:55 p. m., little symphony orchestra; 6:55-7:30, utility; 8-9, concert thru Pacific coast network; 9-10, N. B. C. concert; 10-11, dance orchestra.

KNX, Los Angeles.—6 p. m., Biltmore hotel orchestra; 6:30, courtesy concert; 6:45, talk; 7, Charles Hamp; 7:30-8, feature program; 8-9, courtesy program; 9, Biltmore hotel orchestra; 10,

## Opinions on Chances of Al Smith Victory Widely Differ

By **RODNEY DUTCHER** NEA Service Writer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—One of the most widely espoused beliefs today concerning the Democratic presidential nomination is that Governor Al Smith will take it in a walk. There is, however, a marked division of opinion among politicians here as to whether he will get the nomination at all.

The picture is somewhat blurred. Politicians who once said that Smith had no chance at all are now willing to concede that he has "a slight chance." A minority still professes to believe that he has not. They expect the two-thirds and unit rules to beat him.

More light probably will be shed during the forthcoming meeting here of the Democratic national committee and the Jackson Day dinner. The committee, according to the present dope, will pick Cleveland as the party's convention city. Indianapolis could have had the convention for the asking, one is informed, but Indiana Democrats wanted it held elsewhere. They hope and expect to elect a state ticket in Indiana next November and a

repetition of the Madison Square wet-dry religious struggle on the home grounds would be likely to spoil everything.

Smith looks especially strong because no dry Protestant candidate has yet appeared to challenge him. Governor Donabey of Ohio probably could have most of the Southern delegations. But he knows that if he were to start out as the opposition candidate the Smith folks never would let him win. His hope is that he may eventually be nominated as a compromise.

Neither are any Democratic favorite sons to be found strutting out onto the stage. "If I had any state delegation for any number of ballots and it then should happen to go to Smith," says one anti-Smith senator who has been urged to allow his name to be used, "I'd never get back into the senate. My constituents would believe that I had double-crossed them in the hope of the vice presidential nomination or something."

"Once we're in the convention, we won't have any trouble rounding up our delegates from the Indiana next November and a South behind the most conven-

ient candidate we can set up against Smith," says another anti-Smith leader. "Donabey looks as good to me as anyone right now."

Incidentally, such men as these privately raise the threat that they will promote a third candidate, representing the dry South, if Smith is nominated by the convention. Your correspondent hears more and more of this kind of talk. At this early date, he doesn't dare suggest whether it is a threat or a promise.

Nearly everyone admits that Smith has made an excellent governor of New York. After that his enemies first explain that he is badly handicapped by his religion and then proceed to attack him on the ground that he is wet and that he has shown a grasp neither of national issues nor Democratic principles.

There is much dispute among Democrats as to just what Democratic principles are, but Smith's foes point out that Senator Copeland, one of his John the Baptists, came but the other day in favor of the protective tariff and that Tammany congressmen are notoriously opposed to immigration restrictions.

All that, of course, is not likely to impress the Smith armies. On the other hand, Smith unquestionably has made progress in the west. The whole question can corral enough western delegates to add to his eastern delegates and so beat the South.

Many politicians in both parties believe he can; most of the Republicans seem to believe so, perhaps partly because if one of their boys were as far out ahead in this race as Smith is in his party's there would be no contest. It is also interesting to note that some of the anti-Smith leaders profess willingness to let Smith name the party candidate, no matter who his choice may be, so long as he doesn't nominate himself.

Nothing makes a writer so sore as to read something good that he himself has thought of a thousand times and never had the sense to write down.

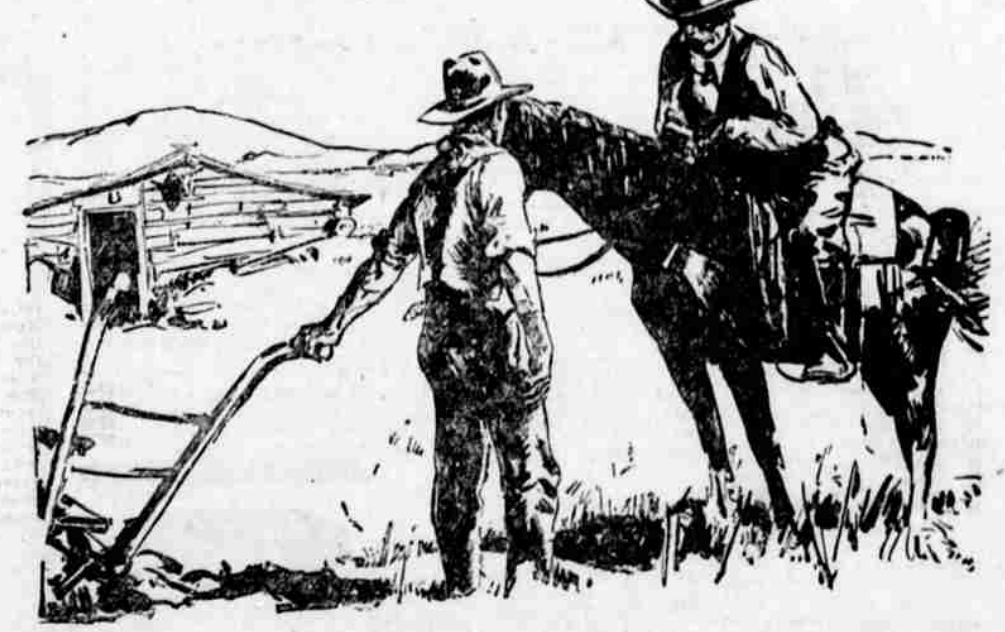
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