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Sketches of Those Most Prominently Mentioned for Nomination at the Denver Convention for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.—Written By Staff Representatives of the United Press.

St. Paul, Minn., June 30.—"By far the best medicine that ever came out of a drugstore."

This is the way Frederick B. Lynch, treasurer of the Minnesota state Democratic committee, a few days ago described John Albert Johnson, governor of Minnesota. He referred to Johnson's early employment in a drugstore at St. Peter, Minn., and his subsequent achievements for the people of his state.

Johnson, who was put out in the eleventh hour to run against Bryan for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, has been clear in a drug store, auditor for a lumber company, editor of a country newspaper, a state senator, and, finally, governor. He rose from the most abject and cruel poverty, being obliged to leave school in his twelfth year and go to work so as to keep his mother from continuing the labor of taking in washing to support the family.

But through it all he preserved his optimism and his faith in human nature. Today his character is a series of delightful contrasts. He is conservative in his personal beliefs and tastes, disliking ostentation or display and deprecating anything like personal advertisement. Yet, so simple is he in his views, that, when he was introduced to Speaker Cannon one day in Washington while the house was in session, he took it as a matter of course that he should sit on the speaker's desk with his back to all the members because there was no extra chair on the dias for him.

He is beloved by the people of Minnesota for having given them a 2-cent railroad passenger rate and for having delivered the farmers from the extortions of the twin trust. He is one of the greatest fighters ever known when he believes the public is being victimized but he can cast from his mind all thoughts of the serious side of life when the umpire's "Play ball!" rings up to the grandstand. And he knows no greater pleasure than ice skating.

He is distinctly a "baseball crank." Whenever the St. Paul team plays at home, the governor is on the job at the stand, cracking peanuts and "rotting" for the team like mad. If, perchance, some matter of state keeps him from the game, his private secretary knows it is his business to get the score by telephone and communicate it to the governor as soon as the last "out" has been called.

In the winter he slips off from his office, his skates under his arm, and skims across the ice for hours at a time. When he was at Old

Point, Va. last spring, he got into the water without anyone being aware who he was. But he could not resist the temptation to turn a back somersault off the springboard into the waves, and this attracted so much attention that pretty soon his identity was generally known.

Johnson's love of baseball, skating and swimming explains his healthy mode of thought and his calm, bright outlook on life. What he cherishes in his heart as his idea of true greatness is shown by the following remark he once made to a friend:

"As a life work, I would rather be able to provide for the needs of a family, enjoy the fellowship of good friends and good books, and write one book that would be read a hundred years from now, than to be able to amass all the money in the world."

The governor was a great student and reader all his life. When he was 12 years old and got a place in the drugstore in the little town of St. Peter, he pored over his books far into the night. He has kept up this habit ever since. The result is that, although he never went to school after that first employment, he possesses a style in writing and speaking that is clear, forceful and eloquent.

Now 47 years of age, he often looks back and recalls that he is distinctly a product of the country store and that he owes much of his success, much of his knowledge of human nature and all of his Democracy to the discussions which went on, night after night, when the men of the village were grouped about the big stove in the drugshop.

One of the things that twice helped him, a Democrat, to carry a normally Republican state overwhelmingly for the governorship, was his early history. He started to work at \$10 a month, and, as soon as he was getting \$12, he could no longer let his mother work. From that time on, he supported his mother and the other children of the family. Later he turned down an offer to play with a professional baseball team at a tempting salary. Then he was offered the editorship of the St. Peter Herald.

Like "The Gentleman from Indiana," he built his future as he sat in the little office of the town's paper, chronicling the comings and goings, the births and death of his fellow men and women. And he made the editorial column of his paper a real power in that and adjoining counties. Also, like "The Gentleman from Indiana," he became a finished public speaker and a deep thinker on political subjects.

Thus it came about that the people turned to him as deserving political honors. In 1898 he was elected state senator and again in 1900. In 1904 he was elected governor by a plurality of 8000, while Roosevelt carried the state by 181,000. Two years later he was reelected by 88,000. Among his achievements as governor are cited the increased assessed valuation of the U. S. Steel corporation in Minnesota, from \$22,000,000 to \$190,000,000; a reduction of railway rates from 10 to 30 per cent; 2-cent passenger rate; a free state labor bureau, and a reformed system of taxation.

Johnson is not a "society light." Both he and Mrs. Johnson long ago made up their minds that there was nothing much to be gained by drinking afternoon tea in unlimited quantities. Although they have met all the social demands that go with the gubernatorial office, they have stopped there. Mrs. Johnson is as much of a reader and student as the governor, and, when anything of moment comes up, it is to his wife that he turns for decisive counsel.

Naturally modest and retiring, Johnson continually objects to doing the things his friends want him to do in order to bring him into the limelight. When they suggest some-

thing of a theatrical nature, something that looks like pandering for publicity, Johnson immediately takes to his heels. His political managers tear their hair, argue with him and beg, but it is of no avail. For instance, the subject of his making a speaking tour throughout the country to show himself to the people was brought up. His friends thought it would be an excellent plan. But right away the Johnson modesty stepped in, and the plan was doomed before it had been half outlined.

"I've been elected governor of Minnesota. I'm employed to work for the people of Minnesota, and here I stay," he said. And all that argument and pleading could get out of him were two speeches, one in Virginia and one in Alabama, and the Alabama speech was made after the people of that state had refused to endorse him for the presidency.

New York Hotels that Have Passed. New York builds hotels fast, but it loses them fast as well. To the death roll of famous hostleries is added now the name of the old Everett house. And this within a four-year period, which has seen the passing of the Morton house, the Hotel Cambridge, the Normandie, the Vendome, the Sinclair, Leggett's and the Fifth avenue.

A little further back the registers were closed finally of the old Metropolitan, the St. James, the Brunswick, the United States, the St. Cloud, the St. Nicholas and the Stevens house. The Windsor disappeared with fire and tragedy.

Some hotels remain, but not the same. The Hoffman house and the Grand are practically new; the former Grand Central, scene of the Stokes-Fish shooting, is now the Broadway Central.

There is much old and highly decorative furniture in the Everett house. He told that three special pieces cost \$7500 originally, a fact which is interesting but not impressive in these times of multi-million palaces for lavish guests. But if twentieth-century hotels show marvelous advances over the old-time houses in luxury of outfitting, it is true, perhaps, that they are behind in other regards. A Christmas table d'hote of 1850 is noted at Rathbun's for which 13 entrees were listed, with eight roasts and 11 kinds of game. And the best champagne was \$2 a quart!—New York World.

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