

**WHO WILL THEY NOMINATE?**

Who will be the democratic standard bearer of 1920, somebody asks. Well, we can only arrive at conclusions by equations or mathematical deductions, subtractions or something else. Prophecy, at this particular time, is after all, a conjecture. We might have just as well been asked whom the republicans were going to nominate and we might get out of answering, by passing that query back in return, but —

Wilson will in all probability not be a candidate. He has said so. He wouldn't be elected if he were to make the race. Precedent is against him. The women of the nation are going to vote at the next election. They will be a determining factor in the naming of a candidate. They will not vote for nor accept a candidate, known as a "wet" man. The next democratic nominee, must be known as a "dry". This excludes Cox of Ohio. It excludes Champ Clark of Missouri and it makes Hitchcock's boom look like thirty cents. There is a great anti-militarist sentiment in the country — some people call it pacifism. No successful candidate can run counter to it in time of peace. It too will be a determining factor. Putting them all together, the nominee must be noted for his stand upon a "dry" nation, his progressiveness and his reluctance to militaristic rule. What other democrat of pronounced views and standing in the nation, fits the bill so completely as W. J. Bryan? What other man could garner more of the women's votes than this man who has made such a fight to drive the liquor power from out the nation? What other man so completely represents the anti-militaristic spirit? What other man is more progressive and will meet the demands of a progressive citizenship better? There are

those who will pooch-pooch at this prediction of Mr. Bryan's comeback but in high political circles they are not questioning its possibility. A peculiar condition confronts us and the nation is in a peculiar frame of mind. — Blue Hill, Nebr., Leader.

**WHERE ROBBERS DEFY THE PUBLIC**

Charlie Bryan was right — dead right — when he declared that the only way Governor McKelvie could cut the high cost of living, was in the licensing of the dealers in food stuffs, but the governor held that his pet project — the code bill — would take care of the situation. It doesn't. In the hearing being conducted under that bill, there has been disclosed a condition that ought to be met and yet it won't be — the code bill can't touch it. The robbers in food stuffs have been found, but there is no power to put the brand upon their gluttonous sides. The governor can listen to the brazen admittance of robber greed and his investigators may blush with shame at the seemingly depraved nature of the men admitting it, but he is powerless — his commission is powerless to stop or to curb the brigandage — the holdup now going on.

Listen here — at the probing being made by the state at Lincoln last week, Mr. Scott, of the Stacy-Scott commission company, admitted that this company made thirty per cent net profit last year. \$30,000 on a capitalization of \$100,000. That the overhead expense was twelve per cent. Therefore every dollar's worth of commodity reaching their hands was skyrocketed in price forty-two per cent. Then comes a Mr. Whitnack who deals in car load lots. He sells commodities to the jobber. He sells to Stacy and Scott. Let's see what his exaction of tribute is before he passes it on to Stacy and Scott to take their forty-two per cent whack. He says in his evidence, that he had \$18,000 invested in the products he buys — products enroute from producer to the jobber. His net earnings were \$9,000, or a nice little sum of fifty per cent on the capital invested in food stuff. This added to the hike given by the jobbing house, makes a total of ninety-two per cent of an advance upon everything handled by these two go-betweens of the producer and consumer and the local merchant hasn't been counted in.

If this isn't high handed robbery; if it isn't real refined and gentlemanly brigandage, we want to know just the course necessary to commit it. And yet, there is no law to reach these men who, without faltering and without stuttering, tell us that they have between them, hiked the necessities of life intrusted to their keeping, nearly one hundred per cent to care for their net profits. No wonder a bushel of potatoes that costs them one dollar per bushel, becomes a \$2.25 cent commodity when it reaches the table of the poor wage earner. No wonder the farmers hope that some way may be provided to shear the profits of the leeches who fatten off the blood of the held-up consumer. Packers robbers? Well, they have been getting their share of the honors, but pass a goodly portion on to the wholesalers where it justly belongs. — Blue Hill, Nebr., Leader.

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