

A CONFUSION OF NAMES

Wife of Democratic Candidate Gives Out Letter Taking Strong Stand on Smoking Habit.

New York.—For the first time since Woodrow Wilson became the Democratic presidential candidate has Mrs. Wilson appeared.

What Mrs. Wilson wished to have fully understood was that if she becomes the first lady of the land she will not, as has been said in a widely distributed interview, have packages of cigarettes in her personal desk at the White House and indulge in smoking them with her callers.

Through Governor Wilson, Mrs. Wilson asked that publicity be given to a letter she had written to the editor of the State Journal at Columbus, O., repudiating an alleged interview with her in which she defended cigarette smoking for women.

"Dear Madam—I can scarcely think of any greater calamity to the young women of the nation than to read such a preachment as your interview offers them. I am a workingman, and I see men lose their jobs almost every day because they are incapacitated for work by the use of the cigarette. If smoking does this for strong men what will it do for girls and women?"

The "interview" was indeed a cordial endorsement of the woman smoker. Here are some of its assuring phrases, all credited to Mrs. Wilson: "A woman writer for a syndicate of Sunday newspapers asked Mrs. Woodrow Wilson if she agreed with Gertrude Atherton's opinion of the smoking of cigarettes by women. She smilingly exhibited three cigarette boxes piled in the corner of her desk, all but empty."

"Why shouldn't a woman smoke if she enjoys it?" she queried. "Why hasn't she just as much right to a cigarette as a man. Certainly I agree with Mrs. Atherton that any existing prejudice against women smoking is to the last silly and absurd."

"Smoking cigarettes is a question of manners, not morals. It promotes good fellowship."

"Some women feel that a cigarette calms their nerves and helps their brains into working order. Personally smoking diffuses my thoughts instead of concentrating them. I enjoy it as I enjoy after dinner coffee. Both are pleasant ways of ending and finishing off; both add to conviviality and good fellowship."

The editor of the Ohio State Journal, it was clear, had been much incensed at the apologies for the cigarette habit among women attributed to Mrs. Wilson, as he wrote on Aug. 10 an editorial in which he called for the defeat of Governor Wilson or a repudiation from his wife. If there was no mistake about it, he wrote, "Mrs. Woodrow Wilson shouldn't be mistress of the White House."

If the Ohio editor was emphatic, Mrs. Wilson was certainly not less so. After the reporters had said they would gladly publish her letter to the Ohio editor she asked for an hour's time in which to write one. This was what she prepared:

"Dear Sir—I have just received a copy of the Journal with your editorial entitled 'Smoking Women,' and I beg leave to deny indignantly the statement that I approve of women smoking cigarettes. The interview upon which your editorial was based is a pure invention. I intensely dislike the cigarette smoking habit for women—in fact, so strong is my feeling on the subject that my real danger lies in being unjust and unkind in my judgment of those who differ with me in this respect."

"But certainly no woman in our household ever has or ever will smoke, quite apart from the bad taste of it, I believe with you that it has an extremely injurious effect on the nerves."

ELLEN A. WILSON. ("Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.")

Governor Wilson, in approving the letter sent out by Mrs. Wilson, offered what he thought might prove an explanation for the interview.

"I do not think it was maliciously invented," he said. "There is a rather well known writer who signs herself Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, and she no doubt has been confused with Mrs. Wilson."

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow was formerly married to a relative of Governor Wilson, and it is understood that her views on the matter of women who smoke are different from those held in the household of the Democratic candidate.

It is reported that papers which are supporting the bull moose have ordered extra fonts of "I's." And they will be needed when Teddy gets to talking.

Wonder how the colonel likes being an outcast?

Mrs. B.—It doesn't always pay to husband one's resources.

Mrs. W.—Why not?

Mrs. B.—Well, judge so from Mrs. Goodthing's experience. She let her husband have the \$10,000 she inherited from her grandmother and he lost it all in speculation.

DEMOCRACY MUST BE A WORTHY INSTRUMENT

People Trust It, Says Woodrow Wilson, and It Must Make Good.

Sea Girt, N. J.—Woodrow Wilson at the "Little White House" at Sea Girt is daily called upon to demonstrate his ability as a ready speaker.

There is not a day passes but what he meets various delegations who call to assure him of their support.

In speaking of political machines to the Brooklyn Democratic Club Governor Wilson said: "Machines are bad, but an organization may be very essential. For instance, I have been surrounded by an organization here in New Jersey while doing my best work. A machine uses its political opportunities for the selfish ends of its members. No members of our organization would ever think of doing that. Public opinion in New Jersey has drawn the distinction. It has killed the machines, and it is going to keep the organization going."

"It seems to me that we are standing in the presence of something higher than allegiance to the Democratic party. The country has been disappointed in the Republican party, and it is turning to the Democratic party. That party is willing to show the way toward those things which must be realized."

"Some gentlemen seem to find it easy to make personalities out of politics, but it seems to me that whenever that is done politics is debased."

"Men who are in search of reform are now resorting to the Democratic party, because, for my own part, I do not know where else they will turn to expect the results. There is no discounting the strength and serviceability of a united party, and the splendid part is that the Democratic party is united."

"Speak'g seriously, nothing affords me more genuine pleasure than to receive such greetings from men in Jersey who have at least tested my qualities. Because you have known me at close range and if you will be kind enough to vouch for me perhaps the rest of the country will be credulous of your report."

"I have spent a great deal of time since I became governor of New Jersey defending your character. It was supposed in the old days, when the board of guardians was in charge of the state, that you were all of you disposed to give the most monopolistic trusts of the country a great ringing welcome in New Jersey."

"New Jersey was known as the mother of trusts—a very troublesome and questionable family—and I had to spend my time outside New Jersey assuring the people of the Union that it had not been the fault or the disposition of the people of New Jersey that there were certain gentlemen who had undertaken to carry the Republican party in their pockets and to administer independently of the rank and file of Republicans in the state."

"New Jersey is progressive, but the United States is progressive, and we have here merely a delightful sample of the people of the United States."

"Now, these people are not bent on destroying anything, but they are bent on setting everything in order; they are bent upon justice; they are bent upon seeing to it that the people in general are partners of the government, as I was trying to show the other day. And the Democratic party is now placed under a peculiar responsibility. It has to prove that it is the worthy instrument of that zeal on the part of the people of the United States. If it does not prove it now it will never be given another chance to prove it. No party that proves unfaithful to that ideal will ever again be trusted by the people of America. And therefore we are standing at a turning point in our politics. We must make good or go out of business. In the vernacular, it is a case of 'put up or shut up,' because words are going to be discounted. Nothing will be honored except the actual carrying out of such programs as sensible men may unite in for the common benefit."

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Wilson will make the most accessible president who has ever occupied the White House. He is typically a Democratic man.

Wilson is the best equipped man nominated for the presidency since Lincoln.

George W. Perkins is sure a "bully" Progressive.

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

The \$10,000 That Fillmore Kept from Thurlow Weed

Ex-President Was Too Thrifty to Permit His Wife to Return to Financier Railway Stock He Owned.

By E. J. EDWARDS. Recently I told of the bow that reconciled Millard Fillmore and Thurlow Weed, two men whose names cannot be disassociated if one is to get a clear understanding of either's character or career. To-day my story is of the \$10,000 that the ex-president kept the great New York politician from getting; and it goes to illustrate William H. Seward's declaration that "Fillmore is an exceedingly good business man. He is very methodical, somewhat cautious, and as a lawyer he has been well trained to take nothing for granted. He is one of those men who believe that everything should be committed to writing."

"I repeat the anecdote as it was told to me by a gentleman who had intimate knowledge of Mr. Weed's pecuniary affairs."

"I don't know exactly when it was that Mr. Weed became a stockholder in the railroad known as the Albany & Schenectady," he said, "but I do know that he always had a sentimental interest in it. I often heard him describe his first ride upon it. He was one of the passengers who made the first trip on the railroad after it was built, and you may remember it was the first railroad in the United States to run regular trains."

"He became the owner of 100 shares of the road's stock some time before its consolidation with what is now the New York Central system. The stock appreciated in value until it was at last worth par, so that Mr. Weed's investment represented about \$10,000."

"I don't know what the reason was, but Mr. Weed did not hold the stock in his own name. It was held in the name of the president of the railroad, Mr. McIntosh. I have always presumed that Mr. Weed bought the stock of Mr. McIntosh, and, possibly because of his political leadership, he did not wish to carry it on the books in his own name."

"At any rate, not until some time after the widow of this railroad president had become the second wife of Millard Fillmore, who was then an ex-president, did it occur to Mr. Weed, who was notoriously careless about money matters, that it might be well to have his stock transferred to him. He thereupon wrote to Mrs. Fillmore, who was a most charming woman, stating that a block of 100 shares of stock in the Albany & Schenectady railroad, of which he was the owner, had always been held in the name of Mr. McIntosh for reasons that were satisfactory to both of them. But now he thought it expedient that the stock be transferred to him by her as the executrix of the estate left by Mr. McIntosh."

"Mrs. Fillmore, who was ready enough to take Mr. Weed's word, showed his letter to Mr. Fillmore, as a matter of courtesy, probably."

"Surely, in a transaction of this kind," said Mr. Fillmore, "there should be some acknowledgment, some documentary proof of real ownership. Mr. Weed cannot object if you write to him and say that you will be glad to transfer the stock to him if he will show you some memorandum showing that the ownership was really in him."

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Benefit of the Fit. "She said the dress wasn't a fit and the dressmaker had to sue for her pay."

"What was the outcome?" "The judge said as there was a doubt of the fit the dressmaker should have the benefit of the doubt."

CLOSEST FRIENDS. A.—Shadbury must be very intimate with Sir Horace Muggs. He calls him Horace. B.—On the contrary, Sir Horace's intimate friends call him 'Orace.'—Punch.

Then He Faded Away. Boreleigh—Chaperons are a nuisance, aren't they. Miss Phayre—Oh, not always. If it wasn't for my chaperon some men would hang around me all day.

First Drummer—I'm in the cord and twine line. Second Drummer—How's business? First Drummer—Tied up.

Sic Justitia. When lovely woman stoops to folly And gets the man she tries to kill, 'The jury soothes her melancholy' sends her into vaudeville. —Never mix sun slaked lime with manure, as it will cause the escape of ammonia, one of its most valuable elements.

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