

We Select a National Flower



WILD ROSE



GOLDENROD

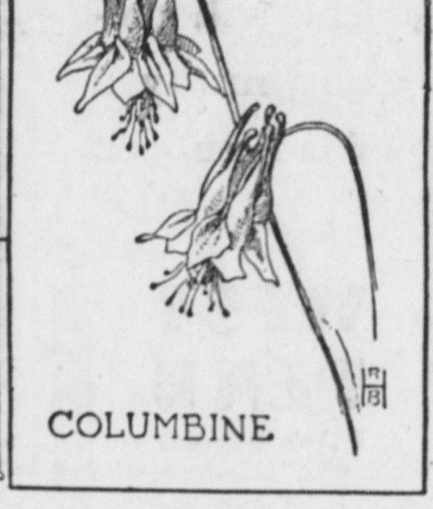
By ELMO SCOTT WATSON



LAST we are to have a national floral emblem. At least, we shall have one if the wishes of the people, made known as the result of a nationwide referendum, are translated into legislative action by congress. For, by a big majority, the American people have chosen the wild rose as the national flower in a voting contest, conducted by the American Nature association, which closed recently. When the ballots were counted it was found that out of a total of 1,067,578 the wild rose had polled 492,811 votes, almost twice as many as those received by the columbine, the nearest contender. So there seems to be no doubt as to the wild rose's pre-eminence in popular favor.



VIOLET



COLUMBINE

The columbine received 261,451 votes, which in turn was more than twice as many as those received by the runner-up—the violet, which had 96,403. Fourth place went to the goldenrod with 84,112 votes. The "big four" in this contest simply ran away from the other candidates. For the phlox, which early in the campaign was listed with the goldenrod as a strong contender, received only 30,942 votes. The American Beauty rose received 30,482, the daisy 18,860, the mountain laurel 13,082, and the dogwood 9,024. A total of 32,500 votes are listed as "scattering" since they were cast for various other flowers not named by the American Nature association in announcing the result of the election.

It will be noticed from the above that Pennsylvania is the only state which does not have a state flower. Curiously enough, it was the Keystone state which led all the others in the total number of votes cast in the recent referendum. Pennsylvania's total was 111,256 votes. Ohio was second with 78,848, New York third with 63,835 and Wisconsin fourth with 50,779.

The wild rose won in every state except Colorado, Florida, Minnesota and Washington. Without any group actively working for it, with no "campaign committee" in any state, and with a number of organizations actively trying to defeat it, it withstood every assault upon the lead gained early in the campaign. The columbine supported vigorously by the newly organized Columbine society during the last days of the referendum, had 281,451 backers, who threatened, during early December, to sweep under the rose in a flood of votes. When the contest closed, however, the leader was still gaining.

It is interesting to note that in choosing the wild rose as our national symbol, new honor has been paid to a flower which has always been a favorite of mankind. Two thousand years ago in Athens the rose was crowned "queen of the flowers," but even before that the romantic songs and legends of the Babylonians, Persians and the Chinese testified to the fact that it was cultivated in the earliest days. It became the national emblem of England and in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries it gave its name to a long series of civil wars, the War of the Roses, between the adherents of the House of York, who wore the white rose, and those of the House of Lancaster, who wore the red rose.

"How decisive was the choice of the people," says Arthur Newton Pack, editor of Nature Magazine, the official publication of the American Nature association, "is indicated by the standing of the seven other leading candidates. More than 65 per cent of the vote was divided between the two leaders and there is no question of these being the national favorites. The violet, goldenrod, American Beauty rose, phlox, daisy, dogwood and mountain laurel, which finished in the order listed, never had a chance of victory. All the other flowers, grouped under "scattering," received but 3 1/2 per cent of the total."

For this reason the states of Georgia, Iowa, New York and North Dakota can take pride in the fact that their state emblem has been chosen as the national flower. The list of state flowers is as follows:

Mr. Pack also points out the fact that this referendum accurately reflects the sentiment of the nation in the matter of choosing a national flower since the million votes cast probably represent as large a proportion of nature lovers as do the totals in a Presidential election in representing the grand total of eligible voters. He regards it as significant that the proportionate vote cast for the leading candidates varied little after the 100,000 ballot mark had been passed, except in the last days of the campaign.

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| Alabama..... | Goldenrod |
| Arizona..... | Saguaro cactus |
| Arkansas..... | Apple blossom |
| California..... | Poppay |
| Colorado..... | Columbine |
| Connecticut..... | Mountain laurel |
| Delaware..... | Peach blossom |
| Florida..... | Orange blossom |
| Georgia..... | Chester rose |
| Idaho..... | Syringa |
| Illinois..... | Violet |
| Indiana..... | Tulip tree flower |
| Iowa..... | Wild rose |
| Kansas..... | Sunflower |
| Kentucky..... | Trumpet vine |
| Louisiana..... | Magnolia |
| Maine..... | Pine cone |
| Maryland..... | Black-eyed susan |
| Massachusetts..... | Mayflower |
| Michigan..... | Apple blossom |
| Minnesota..... | Moosebalm |
| Mississippi..... | Magnolia |
| Missouri..... | Hawthorn |
| Montana..... | Bitter root |
| Nebraska..... | Goldenrod |
| Nevada..... | Sage brush |
| New Hampshire..... | Purple lilac |
| New Jersey..... | Violet |
| New Mexico..... | Rose |
| North Carolina..... | Cactus |
| North Dakota..... | Goldenrod |
| Ohio..... | Prairie rose |
| Oklahoma..... | Scarlet carnation |
| Oregon..... | Mistletoe |
| Pennsylvania..... | None |
| Rhode Island..... | Violet |
| South Carolina..... | Yellow Jessamine |
| South Dakota..... | Passion flower |
| Tennessee..... | Bluebonnet |
| Texas..... | Bluebonnet |
| Utah..... | Sage lily |
| Vermont..... | Red clover |
| Virginia..... | American dogwood |
| Washington..... | Rhododendron |
| West Virginia..... | Rhododendron |
| Wisconsin..... | Violet |
| Wyoming..... | Indian paint brush |

Another interesting development was the failure of the phlox, a leading contender early in the campaign, to make a good race for the honors, especially when it apparently had so many points in its favor, one of its strongest supporters was Dr. Edgar T. Wherry, a well-known government botanist and chemist.

State	Wild Rose	Columbine	Violet	Goldenrod
Alabama	10,614	827	1,918	3,496
Arizona	1,029	224	124	184
Arkansas	1,933	80	205	376
California	14,997	8,091	3,293	2,892
Colorado	4,767	5,474	275	637
Connecticut	5,886	3,755	535	1,787
Delaware	2,526	625	157	439
D. C.	3,514	955	589	259
Florida	4,176	27,422	653	734
Georgia	5,704	234	1,106	4,086
Idaho	2,526	925	157	439
Illinois	20,160	23,114	4,205	3,927
Indiana	10,040	5,765	2,037	1,684
Iowa	26,250	6,858	3,340	3,011
Kansas	6,602	794	578	1,204
Kentucky	3,736	737	432	2,318
Louisiana	3,197	110	231	269
Maine	6,393	964	735	1,485
Maryland	1,758	871	453	285
Massachusetts	4,890	4,962	737	682
Michigan	22,392	7,026	4,445	3,166
Minnesota	11,949	18,891	7,896	994
Mississippi	4,611	179	1,305	2,421
Missouri	15,376	3,771	3,131	2,348
Montana	5,466	1,217	418	677
Nebraska	3,301	635	348	1,530
Nevada	524	124	33	131
New Hampshire	1,066	528	236	374
New Jersey	11,783	9,473	3,507	1,734
New Mexico	673	142	121	146
New York	26,224	21,003	4,972	2,561
North Carolina	5,430	2,296	1,765	2,128
North Dakota	23,637	7,172	1,197	3,356
Ohio	33,361	18,742	9,054	9,195
Oklahoma	3,956	698	1,401	842
Oregon	7,136	1,208	1,062	1,243
Pennsylvania	60,875	17,814	10,201	4,537
Rhode Island	735	340	391	61
South Carolina	1,383	159	284	492
South Dakota	2,370	2,363	275	304
Tennessee	15,197	2,208	161	2,631
Texas	13,086	1,410	3,282	4,209
Utah	2,148	1,501	48	274
Vermont	1,140	1,440	68	223
Virginia	4,312	2,148	478	1,836
Washington	8,191	35,096	3,323	1,551
West Virginia	6,177	2,394	1,207	1,726
Wisconsin	30,629	6,287	12,855	3,042
Wyoming	22,405	646	270	407
No State	934	5,113	48	40
Totals	492,811	261,451	96,403	84,112

The violet is the state flower of Illinois, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. Yet both Illinois and New Jersey gave more votes to both the wild rose and the columbine than they did to their own state flower. Both Rhode Island and Wisconsin gave more votes to the wild rose than to the violet, but both placed the columbine third in the running. A similar situation is shown in Nebraska and North Carolina where the goldenrod is the state flower. Both states voted for the wild rose over their state flower. In Nebraska the goldenrod was second with the columbine third and the violet fourth. But in North Carolina the state flower was placed third, beating out only the violet.

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Scraps of Humor



PUBLICITY

"How do you like your new publicity agent?" asked the film star's friend.
"Oh, he's wonderful!" she cried, beaming with enthusiasm. "We've been robbed twice, our house has been burned, our car has been wrecked, and I have had my life threatened by an anonymous enemy, since we employed him!"

Avoiding Controversy

"Have you decided on the ideas for your speech?"
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SPLENDID FOR COLDS



Traveler—They tell me this is a splendid place for coughs and colds.
Resident—That's a straight tip. I've had more colds since I came here than I ever had in my life.

Always Changing

"Times ain't like they used to be," it's a sad old lady.
And by history you'll see
Times always were that way.

Drop the Curtain

Stage Manager of Very Poor Revue (hearing sudden outburst of laughter)—Lor, is the comedian actually putting a joke over?
Sceneshifter (peering up stage)—No, it's a bit of scenery fell on 'is 'ead!

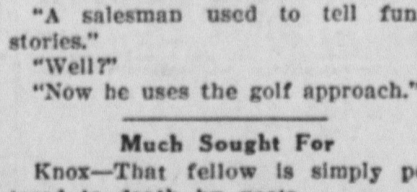
Self-Made in Junk Business

Van Blow—I went into the junk business when I was in my teens, and if I do say it myself, I am a self-made man.
Van Knox—Yeah, some junk.

Efficient

"Are office girls as good as office boys?"
"Seem to fill the bill about as well. Many of them can whistle."

SHADY TREE



Nuvorich (wittily, to visitor)—You see a storm destroyed all our shade trees. The only one left is our family tree.
Plain-spoken Friend—Why not use that? It's shady, I hear.

One Below

Little Willie had a mirror
And he licked the back all off,
Vainly thinking in his terror
It would cure the whooping cough.

The Drummer

"A salesman used to tell funny stories."
"Well?"
"Now he uses the golf approach."

Much Sought For

Knox—That fellow is simply pestered to death by poets.
Bnox—Is he an editor?
Knox—No, he empties the waste baskets in a newspaper office, and they want their poems back.

For His Wife

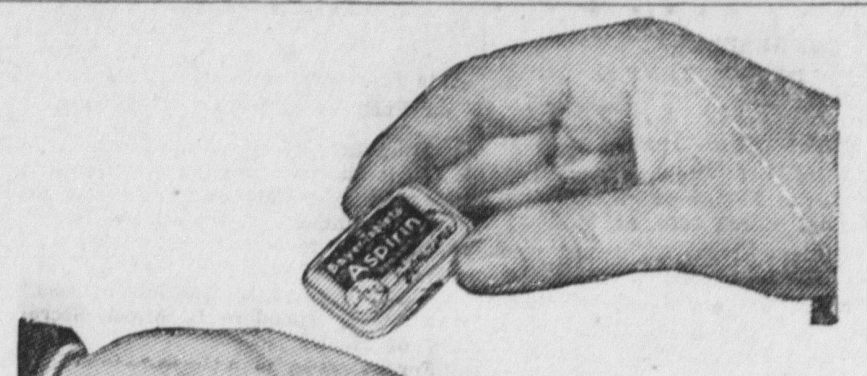
"What's the string round your finger for, Angus?"
"Oh, that's so my wife will remember to ask me if I've forgotten something that she asked me to remember."

Silence Golden Sometimes

Magistrate—You are charged with assault and battery. What have you to say?
Prisoner—Not a word, yer worship! It was sayin' too much got me into this scrape.

Far Enough

Ernest—Didn't you tell her she was pretty ugly?
Edward—I almost did. I got as far as "pretty" and she looked so pleased that I hadn't the heart to say any more.



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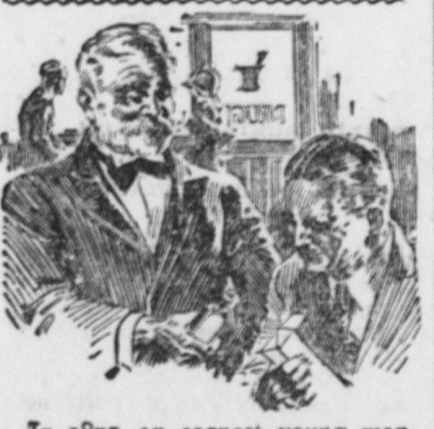
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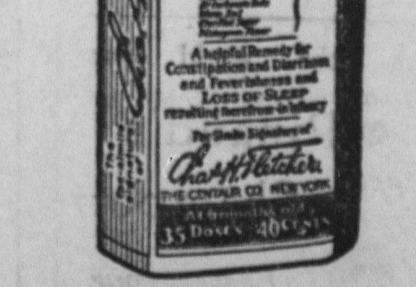
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