

Five Nominees Will Make The Race For President

Democratic, Republican, Progressive, Socialist and Prohibitionist Candidates.

Uncle Sam's Full Hand. Which One of the Five Will Take the Trick?

By JAMES A. EDGERTON. THERE will be five candidates for president before the voter this year, a full hand—Woodrow Wilson, Democrat; William Howard Taft, Republican; Theodore Roosevelt, Progressive; Eugene Victor Debs, Socialist, and Eugene Wilder Chafin, Prohibitionist. Most of these are old friends, as Governor Wilson is the only one of the number that has not been a nominee for president before. Roosevelt ran as the Republican candidate in 1904, Taft as the Republican candidate in 1908, Chafin as the Prohibition candidate in 1908 and Debs as the Socialist candidate in 1900, 1904 and 1908. Running for president gets to be a habit with some men.

These five candidates give the voter a wide range of choice, varying all the way from the water wagon to the band wagon. Of course there may be a difference of opinion as to which candidate is driving the band wagon, but this is as it should be, for if we knew to a certainty the contest would

scales at nearly twice as much as his Democratic opponent—or he does, that is, if the scales don't break.

In this age of divorce and complex marital relations it may be worth while to note that all of these candidates for our highest office are happily married and are men of clean lives, showing that, whatever we as a people practice, our ideals are still right, and we choose as our representatives men who live up to these ideals.

At Home on the Stump.

All five of these candidates are naturally effective campaigners. If we had orators nowadays, which mercifully we have not, some of them might even be classed under that head. Yet they are better speakers than the old school conventional type of orator who used elocutionary arts, twisted the eagle's tail and talked for effect. These leaders of today speak directly and simply, telling what they mean in the language understood by the average man. Nearly everybody has heard one or more of these candidates, not a few

the lives of these men or at least of some of them by heart. To give a biography of President Taft or Colonel Roosevelt, for example, would be like painting the sun or enjoying the Almighty. Painting the lily, gliding refined gold or carrying coals to Newcastle would not be a marker to such a performance. Wilson, Chafin and Debs are not so well known, perhaps, but encyclopedias are in common use and time and space are precious.

It is enough to say of Mr. Chafin that he has been prominent in the Good Templars, having been head of the order in two states and a prominent national official, that he is a practicing lawyer, that he was superintendent of the Washingtonian home in Chicago, candidate for congress, for attorney general of two states and governor of Wisconsin on the Prohibition ticket, author of "Lives of the Presidents," "Lincoln, the Man of Sorrow," "Washington as a Statesman" and other books, and a man who says he was never sick a day and can turn handspins and do the same athletic stunts at fifty-nine that he did as a boy.

Debs Once In Jail.

As for Debs, he started as a locomotive fireman, was salesman for a wholesale grocery house, city clerk of Terre Haute, member of the Indiana legislature, secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, president of the American Railway union, in which capacity he conducted the famous Chicago strike and was put in jail for his pains, helped organize the Socialist party and is leading it now for the fourth consecutive time. Grover Cleveland was originally christened Stephen Grover, amputating

FROG IN HER STOMACH FOR NEARLY A YEAR.

It Clawed, Crawled and Even Croaked, Washington Woman Asserts.

A live frog that clawed and crawled and croaked lived for nearly a year in the stomach of Mrs. L. V. King of Washington.

After reducing the woman to a living skeleton the frog was finally excreted by physicians with a large pump.

The frog is now preserved in alcohol. It measures all told about seven inches.

As a tadpole it was swallowed by Mrs. King in well water last August. Weeks passed before the woman realized there was some living creature in her stomach. She consulted doctors, but they laughed at her.

Last spring the frog, now reaching to its full growth, began to climb into her throat and nearly suffocated her, and several times she fainted with pain.

Two months ago, Mrs. King declares, the frog began to croak. She distinctly heard it many times, and her relatives bear her out. She went to a hospital, and the frog was pumped out of its hiding place.

The frog lived ten minutes in a tub of water. It croaked and sang just like any "regular frog." Then it died.

According to physicians, this is the first time on record that any creature of the proportions of this frog has ever lived in a human stomach for the period of eleven months.

PREFERS HOME TO POLITICS.

Mrs. Hamilton's Five Children Make Her Refuse Assembly Nomination.

"My advice to woman," said Mrs. A. L. Hamilton, wife of a former assistant superintendent of schools in Pasadena, Cal., "is to keep out of politics until their babies are grown up. Women should take an interest in voting and affairs of state, but let that interest be passive until the little ones at home are able to care for themselves."

Mrs. Hamilton, who was formerly president of the state mothers' congress and at present is head of the southern district of the organization, refused the prohibition nomination for the assembly, declaring her duty was first to her children and her home and not to the state. She is the mother of five children, and if she were elected to the assembly would be absent from home for many months of the year. This fact decided her to refuse the nomination.

"I will neglect my home for nothing on earth," said Mrs. Hamilton. "As one of the leaders in the mothers' congress, I could not consistently sacrifice my home duties for a political position."

END TO ALL FIGHT PICTURES.

Taft Will Sign Bill Forbidding Interstate Traffic in Films.

Prizefight moving pictures became a thing of the past in the United States when the house passed the senate bill prohibiting the transportation of such moving picture films between the various states and territories or from foreign countries.

Heavy fines for violation of the proposed law are fixed by the bill. The president, said to be in complete sympathy with the legislation, is expected to affix his signature to the measure.

Southern members of congress were especially interested in the proposed law because of the race feeling stirred up by the exhibition of the Jeffries Johnson moving pictures in their section of the country. Senator Simmons of North Carolina and Representative Sims of Tennessee pressed the bill in the senate and house.

GOV. WILSON'S APPLE TREE.

It Will Replace the One Under Which Lee Surrendered to Grant.

The famous old apple tree near Appomattox Court House, Va., under which Lee surrendered to Grant, long since carried away piece by piece by souvenir hunters, is to be replaced by a tree planted by Governor Woodrow Wilson.

Colonel George A. Armes, U. S. A., owner of the Appomattox farm, made a visit to Governor Wilson with the news that the Democratic presidential nominee has accepted an invitation to visit the historical place to plant the new tree within the next few weeks.

It is expected that the trip to Virginia will be made with a party including a number of senators and representatives and that a visit will be paid to Monticello, Jefferson's home.

POSTOFFICE CHECKS CRIME.

1,063 Arrested For Filching \$120,000,000 From People.

Since Postmaster General Hitchcock instituted the policy of putting in jail men who use the mails to defraud the total number of arrests up to the close of last fiscal year, June 30, was 1,063, and the amount of money filched by these criminals from the American people is conservatively estimated at more than \$120,000,000.

The number of indictments secured was 1,007. Four hundred and eighty-two persons have been convicted, and 874 cases are awaiting trial.

Destruction of Wild Animals.

The greatest destruction of wild animal life in the history of Siberia was caused last year by the requirements of fashion. The returns for the fur trade, \$4,000,000, exceeded those of 1910 by \$500,000.



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1, ROOSEVELT; 2, TAFT; 3, WILSON; 4, CHAFIN; 5, DEBS.

lose interest and no one could place bets. Nobody gets excited over a horse race that is a dead sure thing.

When a man gets into the election booth alone with his God and a stub pencil he can be thankful that he has a list of such able citizens to pick from. Of course four of them will not be elected, but don't tell any of them beforehand that he is to be one of the rejected, for he would not believe it. There is something about running for president that makes every nominee harbor the secret notion that he is the people's chosen and anointed.

All Physically Fit.

In the matter of age the candidates are well bunched, all of them in the fifties. Roosevelt is fifty-three, Taft fifty-four, Wilson fifty-five, Debs fifty-six and Chafin fifty-nine. Physically, they are all in the pink of condition, as befits men with such a foot race ahead. Of the five three are college men, Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson, and three are writers of books, Roosevelt, Wilson and Chafin. Strangely enough, these three are writers of history. In the matter of pastimes, Taft and Wilson play golf, Roosevelt plays tennis and several other things, Chafin is something of an athlete, and Debs—well, Debs' pastimes are running for president and making Socialist speeches.

Three of the candidates live in the state in which each was born—Taft in Ohio, Debs in Indiana and Roosevelt in New York. Wilson was born in Virginia, practiced law in Georgia and now hails from New Jersey, while Chafin was born in Wisconsin, hailed from Illinois when he ran for president four years ago and now lives in Arizona.

Debs is the tallest of the five, measuring about six feet. The others are of medium height, Wilson being about five feet eleven. All are of good weight, although Mr. Taft tips the

have heard all of them, for they have been campaigning or lecturing for the past twelve or fifteen years, and some of them longer. Chafin is a Chautauqua lecturer, Debs was a labor advocate before he took up socialism, Wilson has been speaking before college societies and learned and civic bodies for many years, while Roosevelt and Taft have made enough whirlwind tours of the country to give a large part of the populace a chance to see and hear them in action. One of the refreshing things about these 1912 candidates is that they are all simple and frank. There is little of the old political trick of concealing thoughts, balancing statements and befogging the issues. The American people will not stand for that sort of thing now. They would rather a speaker should make breaks than lack in candor and directness. The public wants straight from the shoulder utterance without poses or trimmings.

Practical Idealists.

Putting aside partisan bias and looking at these candidates simply as men, they are a gratifying exhibit of Americanism. Democratic institutions are a distinct success when they produce such leaders. Clean morally, mentally and physically, ready to give utterance to the faith that is in them and to fight for their principles, idealists and yet practical men of affairs, these candidates reflect credit on our national character and are of the best type of American gentlemen. The most gratifying thing about them is that they are typical, not geniuses removed from the crowd, but expressing the average man at his best. The genius has his place, but not in executive position. The need there is for common sense, honesty, public spirit and level headed, well balanced character.

This is not a biographical sketch. That is not needed. Most people know

the Stephen with his own hand. In like manner Woodrow Wilson was named Thomas Woodrow, but shed the Thomas as excess baggage. By the way, have you ever observed that most of the presidents of the United States have had but one first name? Fact: Drop your own inference. As to Wilson's career, he was the son of a minister, was educated at Princeton and Johns Hopkins, was professor of political economy in two or three colleges, president of Princeton, governor of New Jersey where he licked the bosses in his own party, wrote several books on history and political economy and is just about now the most observed man in this republic.

Taft and Roosevelt.

Then there are Taft and Roosevelt, more familiarly known as Bill and Teddy, whose careers, as before remarked, everybody knows forward and backward.

The colonel has been a cowboy, police commissioner, civil service reformer, rough rider, mighty hunter, historian, faunal naturalist, founder of a new party, contributing editor and originator of the Ananias club.

Mr. Taft has held appointive offices almost continuously since he left law school, among others being county prosecutor, state judge, federal judge, internal revenue collector, governor, secretary of war, far traveler, pacificator of islands, peace advocate and a man who could do some rather hard fighting when driven into a corner.

Which one of these five will be the next president of the United States? Well, dear voter, that is for you to say. Here is the list, and it is a pretty fair list at that. Make your pick. I wouldn't tell you which one will be elected if I knew, which I do not, although I may be vain enough to think I do. In the language of the classics, dear voter, it is up to you.

Clean Sweep.
"Why does the woman take the name of the man she marries?"
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