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The Congressional Situation.

On Saturday, April 11th, 1908, the Republicans of the 27th Congressional district, composed of the counties of Armstrong, Indiana and Jefferson will be called upon to choose a candidate for Representative in Congress. As the nomination of a proper man on the Republican ticket in this district means his election, it is incumbent upon the members of that party to exercise wise discrimination in the selection of a candidate.

Under the law providing for uniform primaries in this state the matter of choosing candidates for Congress is left to a direct vote of the people of the district, the names of the various candidates for that office being placed upon the ballots in all of the counties composing the district, and the person receiving the plurality of the votes is the nominee. This is as it should be, as the people are thus given an opportunity to select their own representative.

Under the old conference system each of the counties composing the district endorsed a man for Congress, and each candidate was represented by three conferees. Under the resulting conference a deadlock was almost inevitable. It was then a matter of leaving the designation of a candidate to an umpire appointed by the State Central Committee or distributing the honors according to political expediency or the exigencies of the "rotation" system, necessarily without proper consideration for the people to be served.

An intelligent and patriotic citizen, charged with the responsibility of helping to select a public servant, naturally feels bound to perform that duty conscientiously, with a view to doing what is best for himself, his neighbor and the public service. If the average citizen were asked by his neighbor to select a man to build a house for him, such citizen would feel obliged by good faith and the principles of good neighborhood to engage the services of a skilled and experienced carpenter, one who was honest, painstaking, trustworthy and of reliable habits. In like manner a good citizen will exercise the same care and act upon the same motives in choosing a public servant by his ballot.

The Republican has no interest in the contest for the Congressional nomination in this district other than that of good citizenship. Now that we have a new system of nominating candidates for Congress, under which the four counties constitute a geographical division it is important that we should start in right. To do this we must act upon rational business principles, having in mind the good of all, otherwise we may fasten on ourselves indefinitely

the absurd and pernicious rotation system.

Under that system it is impossible that the people of this district, or of any district, should ever have competent representation in Congress.

The House of Representatives is composed of 392 members, the majority of whom have had experience there extending over a period of from ten to thirty years. In so large an assembly the real business is necessarily done in committee. Under the rules and practices of the House, committee appointments go by service, and a member is not regarded as being eligible to appointment to one of the great committees until he has been re-elected for the fourth term and has a reasonable assurance of retaining his seat. Committee chairmanships are also out of the reach of the rotation member, as they go by seniority. This is a wise and necessary rule, as the business of the country is of too great importance to trust to those who have had no opportunity to become familiar with the subjects to be considered. Before a member can be of any great use to his constituents or to the country he must be recognized by appointment to one of the important working committees. He must become familiar with his duties. He must acquire a large acquaintance with the members of Congress and with Department officials, and be recognized as a diligent and faithful representative. Then the oftener he is returned to Congress the more friends he has there and the more influence he acquires. He receives favors by being able to grant them. Before he can get he must have something to give.

Other things being equal, a man's usefulness in Congress, up to the time his faculties are impaired by age, is in precise proportion to the length of his service.

To acquire prestige in that body it is absolutely essential that a representative have an opportunity to work his way up. Under the system that has been in vogue in this district for many years a representative in Congress barely begins to get acquainted with his constituents, and to learn how to be useful to them when he is supplanted by another legislative tyro, and thus we are always represented by an apprentice. The selection of a candidate for Congress is therefore not a matter of gratifying any man's ambition who may covet the honor, or of favoring any particular county, but is purely one of doing what is best for the 200,000 people who compose the district.

On account of these considerations, which should appeal to the understanding of every man who thinks, we regard it as being to the best interests of the

district that W. O. Smith, who has had the experience of four terms in the legislature and of two recent terms in Congress, and is a comparatively young man, being still in the forties, should be returned to Congress. We believe he has the qualities to make good. He is energetic, obliging and trustworthy. He takes pleasure in doing promptly and efficiently every possible service for every one of his constituents. He is a man of studious habits and of upright character who is able to grasp intelligently the important questions that arise in Congress. He takes an active interest in the welfare of the old soldiers, the laboring man and the country in general. He believes in clean and wholesome politics and has always been a staunch Republican. If given the opportunity we believe he would develop into a useful member, and one who would be a credit to the district.

These are a few of the reasons why we are for Smith, and we believe they are sound reasons.—Clarion Republican.

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\$1.50 Ladies' Sweaters	\$1.19
\$2.00 Ladies' Sweaters	\$1.69
Flannellette Night Gowns	69c
\$1.00 Mercerized Skirts	89 cents
\$1.50 Mercerized Skirts	\$1.19
Children's Fleece Union Suits	19 cents
All Ladies' Coats reduced 25 to 35 per cent.	

Reduction Sale Ladies' Suits.

All Ladies' Suits go in this sale—some one-fourth off, others one-half off.

SEPARATE SKIRTS

Were \$4.50, 5.00, up to \$7.00, go in this sale at \$2.98
Lot small size Ladies' Jackets, \$6.00, 8.00 and \$10.00 values go in this sale at \$2.98.
Children's coats cut 25 to 35 cent.

Reduction Sale Umbrellas.

American Union Taffeta Seven Ribbed Paragon Frame, silver handles, pearl centers, cheap at \$1.50, our price only—

98 cents.

Lot of Hooded and Fascinators sold for 25, 35 and 50c—your choice of these at 19c.

Reduction Bearskin Hosiery.

We want you to try our Bearskin Hosiery for boys and girls. Best hose you ever had for 2 pair for 25c.
Napoleon Hi-Top Button Boots for Ladies, patent leather and gun metal. Both the same price—\$3.00 the pair.

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Reduction Sale Men's Hi-Cut Rubbers.

Hood's Snag-Proof Rolled Edge Heavy Rubbers, sold everywhere at \$2.50. Our price for this sale only \$2.19.

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\$3.50 shoes cut to \$2.98
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