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We're For The Best Man.

"We are they all, all honorable men."

Having admitted that it is a Democrat, of a somewhat saffron-canine kind, whom it comes to the election of Presidents, we might answer that question easily and truthfully by stating that The Mercury is "for" the nominee of the New York convention. But the question as to preference for that honor still persists.

Being a Democrat, but a most indifferent and unenthusiastic politician, we are not tearing our new Easter shirt in the cause of any of 'em. Originally, we had little doubt of the conspicuous fitness of William Gibbs McAdoo to lead the hosts of the unterrified. We have no doubt of Mr. McAdoo's ability, honesty and his adherence to the real progressive wing of the party now. That he accepted legitimate employment at the hands of a corporation that seems to have been playing ducks and drakes with both high and low at Washington does not condemn him in our eyes, but, in the opinion of The Mercury, it will be most difficult to "put over" a majority of the voters that such employment was honest and legitimate. Mr. McAdoo may be nominated and may win, but it seems to us that he will carry a handicap, most unfortunate—it is true, and most unjustly, but a handicap just the same.

The Mercury thinks Mr. Underwood would make an excellent candidate and a brilliant president, but we do not believe that Mr. Underwood can be nominated. Neither do we believe that Mr. Cox will be able to command the necessary votes in the convention, though we think he would prove as strong a candidate as Mr. Underwood.

In our opinion, the advertising, whether or not it does the man justice, that Al Smith has received by reason of his "wet" leanings, would make his choice as the Democratic standard-bearer a most unwise one. We do not believe any President will be elected with the prohibition question forming the main plank in his platform. It is one of the curious quirks of the liquor question that the "drys" smile and the "wets" cry. Ask any ex-alcoholic.

Whether John W. Davis would be considered too conservative to oppose the exceedingly conservative Coolidge, we don't know, but we like the man. He is a high-class three time chief would make a good president. If Governor Carter Glass, of Virginia, were to see another son of a sire at all times it is a pity that he isn't the party's choice. Knowing ones tell us that Glass will be sure to have the "from the South" and "from the West" in his speech, but, for all of that, though why hailing from the South quite a few out of the way places are running in beyond us. And there is Ralston, of Indiana, the "silver haired" statesman of the Wabash, a favorite, by frankly ignorant of the Democratic record of Senator Ralston. We believe Editor Will Sumners, of the Elizabethtown News, doesn't like him because he is reported by a political writer as being "hated by nobody."

Are there others? Being no politicians, we may have left out some. Fact of the business is, we kinda like what we have and that be in the "dark horse" that will come out at the wire in New York. And we don't mean our perennial Mr. Bryan, either.

Lies are the currency of politics, many people say. Perhaps they may be used to be set the stage for the Augean stables at Washington, so, if we are not badly deluded, so far, all the lies that this regretful year that will be the true batch is Progressive.

More Fishermen Wanted.

Oho, however thinks we need no more fishermen visited Mr. Amelie life and Mr. Mary Hamm Mr. Joe Tribble, Mr. Bill Angling as Mr. Bill Angling as chord, Mr. Bill Angling as chord, Mr. Bill Angling as chord,