

RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT JUST A ROUTINE ASSIGNMENT FOR ALF LANDON, AUTHOR FINDS

Kansas Executive Refuses to Become Excited Over Prospects as Campaign Warms Up; Wife 'Frightened' by All the Hubbub.

BY ARCH STEINEL

"Alf, I didn't know you were such a great man. I'm getting frightened."

On Page 229—the last page of the book, "This Man Landon" (Dodd, Mead & Co.), Frederick Palmer, lecturer, newspaper man, and war correspondent, criticizes his book on "The Man From Kansas," Alf Landon, by putting these words in the mouth of the wife of the Sunflower state's Governor.

"I repeat that if this reads like a campaign biography, make the most of it, and the Governor of Kansas is to blame for it," says Mr. Palmer.

The book has forced itself on reading tables of the political-minded just as Gov. Landon has forced himself high in Republican minds as leading the race for the G. O. P. presidential nomination.

Between the opening page and the closing phrases on Page 229 a cinematic view is given of Gov. Landon.

Takes it in stride

Mr. Palmer goes to Topeka, Kas., to find out about "this Man Landon." He expects hubub and "Landon-for-Governor" signs and finds "Where I had expected whoopee, there was no whoopee." Making a presidential candidate appeared to be a part of the Kansas routine.

"It was told it was easy to meet Alf and that he is people."

"Landon's face struck me as not being characteristic of a man who had been long in politics and public life. Landon's face might be that of a business man or business-like college dean who never had held public office. It was an open face that belonged on the open door," Mr. Palmer writes.

The ante-room impression of Gov. Landon included a covert watch while he talked to politicians and an aged couple, former friends, who had been on relief. Gov. Landon gave the aged couple more time than the politicians.

The Politicians Like Him
It seemed to me bad politics to have been so brief with the political leader. Later, I was convinced I knew nothing about politics when the political leader (one who had been given but a few moments with Landon) said to me, "I like him. He sizes up fine. He'll make a good run if nominated."

The book brings Gov. Landon from his Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry and the family home in the Pennsylvania oil fields to Elba, O., where he was born. It takes him from the Marietta (O.) Academy to a home in Oklahoma, and later the Kansas oil fields.

Gov. Landon's father, a Teddy Roosevelt Republican, brought the boy Landon into the Bull Moose campaign.

At 25, he organized a county for the Progressives and carried it for them.

Fights Oil Corporations
His strippling conquest was stopped by his battle as an inde-

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

1 Grown-up	VON BLOMBERG	12 Bird's home	\$5200 IS REALIZED
2 tadpole.	VIE DEARER	13 Southwest.	FROM DOLL HOUSE
3 It is a tailless (pl.)	WERNER VON BLOMBERG	20 It is a vertebrate.	Riley Hospital to Get Sum
4 VERSE.	MET CONCEDED	21 Having sides.	From Showing.
5 Glacier block.	IN MAR KAA	22 Cross.	
6 Sketched.	IDEAS DAD ELFIN	23 Calm.	
7 Males.	SENT SINGE BARE	24 Gypsy.	
8 Opposed to verse.	TEED PUTTERS BROW	25 Mug.	
9 Circular fortification.	EM PAR E SAPNE	26 Way or.	
10 Narrow ways.	R ALIAS BELLOWS	27 Knave.	
11 Devours.	AVAL WAR TRES	28 Year.	
12 To move up.	OWES OASIS TAPA	29 Year.	
13 Covered avenues.	GERMANY GENERAL	30 Toward sea.	
14 Bad.	51 Pussy.	31 Chestnut horse.	
15 Fancy pigeon.	61 Existence.	32 Chestnut horse.	
16 Sketched.	52 Rubber wheel pad.	33 According to.	
17 Males.	54 Bell sound.	34 To depart.	
18 Opposed to verse.	55 The female lays her eggs in.	35 Neuter pronoun.	
19 Circular fortification.	56 It feeds on insects and small.	36 Musical instrument.	
20 Narrow ways.	57 It belongs to the genus.	37 Part of eye.	
21 Devours.	58 10 Indolence.	38 To assess.	
22 To move up.	59 Kind of fig.	39 Dined.	
23 Covered avenues.		40 Possesses.	
24 Bad.		41 You and I.	
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