

THE DEFEAT OF GAINES

A PICTURESQUE CONGRESSMAN

Relentless hand of Defeat Delegates to the Slender of Private Life Another of the Most Unique Characters in the National House—Is the Greatest Talker in Congress and a Great Fighter—The Abstemious Campaigner Who Prepares for His Defeat—Will Be Greatly Missed at the Nation's Capital City.

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It is a pity, from the standpoint of that variety which to our national life is not only spice but, as most newspaper writers see it in very essence, that the relentless hand of defeat seems to be overreaching to the most versatile and picturesque characters on the Washington stage. One by one the leaves are falling, as they say, and alas Tennessee! What's the matter with Tennessee, anyway? True she puts Fiddling Bob into our midst, but she has relegated to the shades of private life him of the sorrel top and the two-edged tongue, the brilliant, resourceful and fire-eating Carmack; and now not content with this, she has retaken unto her own bosom our own John Wesley Gaines.

John Wesley Gaines, John Wesley Gaines! Thou monumental pile of brains, Tennessee relies on thee, John Wesley Gaines, rely on him no longer? What is, in very truth now, the matter with things?

One day a certain Democratic member of the House crossing the Capitol grounds met Gaines walking briskly towards the Capitol. The sunny civil bill was up to consideration which most members are accustomed to leave to the members of the appropriation committee, so that very few members were in their seats or thought it worth while to stay in the House.

"Where are you going, John Wesley?" asked the other member. "I'm going back to the House," replied Gaines. "I started out for a little walk, needing the relaxation, but as I got across the street here, I began to think that something might go wrong in my absence, and my conscience would not let me neglect my duty; so I am hurrying back."

He stays on his job, and in that respect the other members of the House might well emulate him, though it would not do for all of them or for even one-third of them to talk half so much as he does. John Wesley never loses an opportunity to make a speech, and though there are many herabots who do not enjoy it always, he never fails to say something interesting. It is not always to the point, though it is always to some point, and generally illuminates the subject. When he does not illuminate it he turns on the Greek fire which gives rich colors of variegated hues. The official reporters of the House who take down in shorthand every word said, transcribing it for the Congressional Record, say that "Jimmie" Mann, of Illinois—the official buffer for the Speaker—starts more talk and John Wesley Gaines does more than any other members of the House, and that these two are the chief contributors to the Congressional Record.

There is not literally any telling what Gaines goes through. Usually he does not know when he gets up what he is coming to, but he keeps a-going till he arrives somewhere, and nearly always, before he sits down, he has caused an uproar of laughter, either at his own expense or at the expense of the unique turn he has given to the subject.

Gaines is a laughing stock to many, and to a few he is a veritable pest and abomination, though these few are not of the highest order of men. Not very many take him seriously, as a rule, but many feel really disturbed by him. He is genial, kind, good-natured, and if he takes himself more seriously than he ought he somehow does not seem to expect that anybody shall take him as seriously as he does himself. He has the respect of practically everybody, and he recognizes in him a man of unquestioned integrity and of unflinching courage. He is a fighter, and he is a fighter for the right, too, even though he does, perhaps, make a mountain out of a mole hill.

Because of the picturesque bearing, the buzz-saw style of debater, and the hyperbolic periods with which he is accustomed to close his continuous recurring remarks, Gaines does not get full credit for the unusual ability with which he is endowed. The ablest campaign text-book perhaps ever prepared was by this same John Wesley Gaines. And the preparation of a campaign text-book in these times when issues are sometimes hard to define and when the Democratic party has some serious "isms" is no mean task. Might a few public men there are about Washington or anywhere else in the country but would have bungled the task. It was intended by the congressional campaign committee that Gaines should again get up the text-book this year. Whether he is working on it or not is not known. Most likely he has had all of his time consumed in his campaign. Now we may hear from him.

Take him all in all, John Wesley Gaines, for all his too much and too interpretative speech, is about as valuable a man as uses about this capital, and he will be missed for far more than his habit of filling up the Congressional Record and furnishing small-talk stories for the newspaper fellows in the press gallery.

BIG DAY FOR BESSEMER CITY.

The Fourth Will Be Celebrated With a Barbecue, Speaking by Several Well-Known Men and the Reading of a Poem.

Special to the Observer.

Bessemer City, July 1.—Bessemer City will celebrate the Fourth. George Bros. are planning a big barbecue. Already they have seats put down, a speakers' stand erected, lunch counters and their grounds cleaned up. It is expected they will have 10,000 people. Speeches will be made by Marion Butler, A. E. Holton, John A. Holbrook, Jake Newell and possibly others. H. F. Conble will give a slight-of-hand performance for the young folks. Gaston Littlejohn, a successful farmer-post just outside the town limits, will recite his poem, "A Fourth of July Jubilee." This effort is expected to win the poetic laurels from the Observer's favorites, Miss Peterson and all the rest. The Observer's most critical of critics is invited to come up and hear and be convinced. We have confidence in our poet and know the honor is bound to swing to him. From July 4th it shall be Gaston Littlejohn and some more and more gifted poet still unknown to fame, shall spring forth.

BISHOP POTTER SINKING.

According to Physicians the End is Slowly But Gradually Approaching—Sick Man Remains Conscious.

Copperstown, N. Y., July 1.—Bishop Henry C. Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, is tonight near death's door.

The bulletin issued by his physicians during the day related in brief the aged divine's steadily decreasing vitality. In no case did the doctors hold out hope of a favorable termination of the bishop's illness and in their last statement for the night they indicated that the end was slowly and gradually, but to all appearances surely approaching. But the means taken to keep up the patient's strength have been in a measure efficacious, and it was believed that to-night that the bishop had still sufficient vitality to carry him through the night at least.

One factor in helping the sick man to pass a fairly comfortable way was the cooler weather which prevailed.

The bishop has remained conscious throughout the day and his communications with those about him in the sick room have been invariably cheerful in tone. He remains free from pain and despite his extreme weakness retains complete command of his mental powers. To his cheerfulness and courage his physicians attributed much of the remarkable resistance to the course of his disease which he is displaying.

DR. HARVEY PRESIDENT.

Superintendent of Stout Training School Heads the National Educational Association—Unsuccessful Effort For Endorsement of Simplified Spelling.

Cleveland, O., July 1.—Lorenzo Dow Harvey, Ph. D., superintendent of public schools and superintendent of the Stout Training School, of Menominee, Wis., was elected president of the National Educational Association at the general business session of the association to-day. Professor Harvey was opposed by Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State University, Columbus, and J. H. Phillips, superintendent of public schools, Birmingham, Ala. Other officers elected were:

Treasurer, A. H. Chamberlain, Pasadena, Cal., who was re-elected and twelve vice presidents. Among those chosen were: Fourth vice president, C. B. Gibson, of Georgia. At this session general resolutions were adopted giving an expression of the association upon various educational topics. An unsuccessful effort also was made to have the association endorse simplified spelling.

SMALL SUM CAUSES BIG TROUBLE.

A Family Row Results Over a 50-Cent Item and One Man Now Lies in Hospital With Lead Beneath His Skin.

Special to the Observer.

Asheville, July 1.—A serious shooting scrape occurred in the Hans Rees Sons' tannery section of Asheville this morning when Wallace Massey shot John Carter, his brother-in-law, through the left leg, the bullet completely shattering the big bone and coming out just above the knee. The injured man was taken to the Mission Hospital and it is feared that the leg will have to be amputated. Had blood, it is said, existed between Massey and Carter for some time and this morning, it is alleged, when Massey abused his wife and also Carter's sister, Carter left his work at the tannery when informed of the incident and went looking for Massey. He picked up a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver when Massey drew his pistol. Carter stopped and started to turn away when Massey fired. Carter walked a few steps and fell. He crawled for a distance of 30 or 40 feet before he became exhausted and was forced to beg help. His wound bled profusely. Massey made his escape. The direct cause of the family row and the trouble, it is said, had to do with an item of 50 cents.

THE YEAR UNSATISFACTORY.

The Period of Money Stringency is Felt by the National Treasury—Officials Looking Forward to a Larger Deficit Than Usual.

Washington, July 1.—From the Treasury standpoint the first year just closed has been a most unsatisfactory one. Since about the middle of October last, when the period of money stringency set in and the consequent depression in business began to be felt, there has been a constant falling off in government receipts to the month just closed. For June a surplus is shown of nearly \$4,000,000. This fact, however, is not significant as June is unfailingly a surplus month. Nearly all appropriations become available on the 1st of July and this year Treasury officials are looking forward to a deficit larger than usual. The amount of cash now in the Treasury vaults and available to meet expenditures is about \$70,000,000. In addition to this there is on deposit with national banks about \$153,844,000. A considerable portion of this sum is likely to be called into the Treasury within the next few days and it is thought the amount will not be less than \$50,000,000.

Mae Wood Indicted For Perjury and Forgery.

New York, July 1.—Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who aided United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, was indicted by a grand jury to-day on charges of perjury and forgery.

Miss Wood is charged with having signed Senator Platt's name to a document acknowledging her as his wife. The perjury indictment is based on Miss Wood's testimony in the divorce action when she testified that she was married to the Senator at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, 1391.

Mercer's Endowment Fund Made Up.

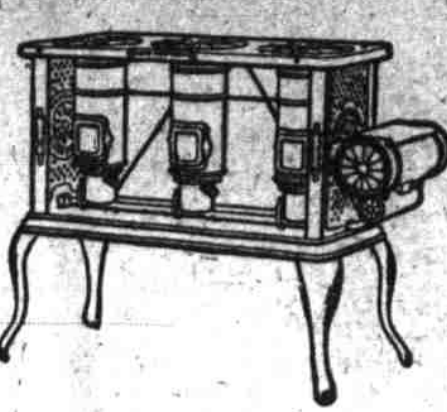
Macon, Ga., July 1.—President S. Y. Jamison, of Mercer, to-day announced that the institution's additional endowment fund of \$300,000 had been made up. To-night Dr. Jamison, wised Secretary Buttrick of the general education board, that the consolidated of the endowment had been met. The general education board had subscribed \$75,000 on condition that the Georgia Baptists would raise the remainder of \$300,000 by June 6th.

Goetz Retains His Title.

Seattle, Wash., July 1.—Frank Goetz, of Humboldt, Iowa, maintained his right to the world's championship to-night when he outclassed Dr. B. T. Roller, of Seattle, winning two consecutive fights in 15 minutes and 25 seconds and 25 minutes and 54 seconds, respectively.

Put This Stove in Your Kitchen

It is wonderfully convenient to do kitchen work on a stove that's ready at the instant wanted, and out of the way the moment you're done. Such a stove is the New Perfection Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove. By using it you avoid the continuous overpowering heat of a coal fire and cook with comfort, even in dog-days. The



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is so constructed that it cannot add perceptibly to the heat of a room; the flame being directed up a retaining chimney to the stove top where it is needed for cooking. You can see that a stove sending out heat in but one direction would be preferable on a hot day to a stove radiating heat in all directions. The "New Perfection" keeps a kitchen uniformly comfortable. Three sizes, fully warranted. If not with your dealer, write our nearest agency.



ENGINEER SHOT TO DEATH

TURNER SMITH KILLED STUZZ.

Seaboard Air Line Engineer at Raleigh Shot and Killed by a Home and Revolver. Four Pistol-Shot Wounds That Are Fatal—Rattled Window Blinds and Did the "Peeping Tom" Act, Returning Alive—Being Driven Away Twice—Turner Put Four Bullets in Him as He Flees—Deceased Leaves a Wife and Eight Children at Roanoke, Va.—Jury Holds Inquest and Takes Evidence in the Case—Turner Is Being Held a Prisoner.

Observer Bureau, Raleigh, July 1. Bleeding from four pistol-shot wounds Engineer R. M. Stultz, for six years in the service of the Seaboard Air Line, was shot and killed in the washroom of the roundhouse of the Seaboard freight station here early this morning. Fellow engineers and others gathered about him and did what they could for him and asked how he came to be shot. Stultz refused to make any statement whatever and died before physicians, hastily summoned, could reach him. Stultz had been riding in a train to take out passenger train No. 81 southbound and had on his overalls for the trip.

A very short time after Stultz appeared at the roundhouse of the Seaboard, a young carpenter who was formerly a fireman on the yard engine of the Seaboard, reported to the police that he had shot some man as he ran away from his house two squares from the roundhouse after having repeatedly frightened Smith's sister by rattling the blinds and evidently doing a "peeping Tom" act. Smith was riding in a train to take out passenger train No. 81 southbound and had on his overalls for the trip.

A Sherman Leaves Cleveland To-Day. Cleveland, O., July 1.—Traveling in a private car, Representative James S. Sherman, Republican vice presidential candidate, accompanied by Mrs. Sherman and a physician, will leave Cleveland to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Are Your Kidneys Well?

Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, Inflammation of the Bladder, Bad Blood and Nervous Troubles caused by Sick Kidneys. English-McLarty Co., Inc. has a new and powerful medicine, HINDIPO, will cure all forms of Kidney and Nervous Troubles, and will guarantee it in all cases. Can't you afford to try it at their risk? It costs you nothing if it doesn't do the work.

Sent by mail to an address, prepaid, on receipt of 50 cents. Six bottles, \$2.50, under a positive guarantee. For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.,

The Davis White Sulphur Springs

HIDDENITE, N. C.

FINE Mineral Waters. New Hotel with "Annex" (of 50 rooms, added this year) which are reserved for those who have no babies, and want quiet, comfort, and room away from noise, giving 2500 ft. altitude, 2000 ft. elevation, modern cold baths, long distance Bell Phone, 12 miles from Asheville, 25 through trains daily from Charlotte, 60 miles north-west. Altitude 1100 feet. Pleasant days and nights. Healthy location, beautiful scenery, splendid table fare, fine service.

For amusement Bowling Alley, Tennis, Croquet, Merry-go-Round, Shooting Gallery, Fishing, Boating, Bathing, etc., all for a MODERATE price of \$5 to \$7 per week for June and September, and for July and August \$8 to \$9 per week. Write today for Illustrated Booklet to DAVIS BROS., Owners and Proprietors Hiddenite, N. C.

Wall Paper Paints

Alabastine Jap-a-lac Calcimo Torrence Paint Co. 19 NORTH TRYON.

Heat prostrates the nerves.

In the summer one needs a tonic to offset the enervating that weather Nerve and Strength depression. You will feel better within 48 hours after beginning to take such a remedy as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Its prompt action in restoring the weakened nerves is surprising. Of course, you won't get it in a few days. In a few days, but each day you can actually feel the improvement. That tired, listless, spiritless, feeling will quickly depart when using the Restorative. Dr. Shoop's Restorative will sharpen a falling appetite; it aids digestion; it will strengthen the weakened Kidneys and Heart; it simply rebuilds the worn-out nerves that these organs depend upon. Test it a few days and be convinced. Sold by Muller's Pharmacy.

Budweiser advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and text: 'PARKLES with life. It has a brilliant glow—is full of solid nutriment—snappy and inviting to the palate—the combined soul of malt and hops—the cream of the harvest fields—the health bringing home beer. THE KING OF ALL BOTTLED BEERS. ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY St. Louis, Mo. HESSBERG, GUNST & CO., Distributors RICHMOND, VA.'

CAPUDINE advertisement: 'CAPUDINE CURES COLDS and GRIPP. Relieves the aches and feverishness. Contains No Anesthetics. COURTHOUSE BONDS. \$35,000 LEE COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA) COURT HOUSE BONDS. Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by W. C. James, Secretary, Bishopville, S. C., until July 14th, 1908, 12 o'clock m., for the purchase of \$35,000 non-taxable, interest-bearing coupon Court House Bonds of Lee County, S. C. Said bonds to be issued in denominations of \$1,000, will be dated February 1st, 1908, payable to bearer 20 years after date, with right reserved to county to redeem all or any part thereof after the expiration of 15 years from date of issue, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable at the office of the undersigned, at the place of payment of principal and interest to be designated at selection of purchaser. Bonds to be prepared, executed and delivered at earliest date possible after the award of same, and all bids must include all expenses of printing, issuing and delivery of bonds to purchaser without exception. Certified check free from conditions of 5 per cent. of issue must accompany each bid, made payable to R. W. McLendon, Chairman. In case of award, deposit will at time of delivery of bonds be credited to purchaser; checks of unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned. All proposals shall be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Purchase of Court House Bonds," which proposal shall be submitted in the name of the principal and not his agent, without exception, and the same shall be opened at the office of the undersigned, 12 o'clock m., July 14th, 1908, and award publicly made. No bid less than par shall be considered, and the right to reject any and all proposals or bids is hereby reserved. Further information furnished on application. R. W. McLendon, C. C. H. Com. June 14th, 1908.

MARRIED WOMEN advertisement: 'Every woman covets a shapely figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this liniment prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend makes the danger of child-birth less, and carries her safely through this critical period. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this remedy. MOTHER'S FRIEND. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.'

Guaranteed Whiskeys! advertisement: 'All our goods are guaranteed under the Pure Food Law. If not satisfactory, money refunded on return of goods. Goods shipped in plain packages same day order received. WE PREPAY ALL EXPRESS CHARGES. In August, Per Gallon: 3 Gallons, 4 Full Qt., 8 Full Qt. Our Specials: AMULET CORN Fine Old Copper Distilled 4 Full Qt. 8 Full Qt. \$2.65 \$5.00 COCKADE RYE Smooth and Mellow. 4 Full Qt. 8 Full Qt. \$3.15 \$6.00 COUSINS SUPPLY CO. The Old Reliable Richmond, Va. Mail Order House'