

## To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds--Good Reading Makes Good Men

### BAY STATE PROGRESSIVES TO FIRE GUNS FOR ROOSEVELT

Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, Former Governor Fort, of New Jersey and Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, Will be the Head Liners in Tremont Temple Tomorrow Night

Boston, Mass., March 1.—The opening gun in the campaign to swing Massachusetts into the Progressive Republican column at the election next fall will be fired tomorrow night. The local committee of the organization has completed arrangements for a mass meeting to be held at that time in Tremont Temple, with Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas, and former Governor J. Franklin Fort of New Jersey, as the headliner speakers. The personnel of the speakers' list is taken to indicate that the affair is to be a Roosevelt demonstration, though the promoters of the meeting declare that its sole object is to boom the progressive cause in this state, without regard to any individual candidate.

At the same time, it is apparent that President Taft still has many warm and faithful friends in Massachusetts and the old-line party leaders express confidence in their ability to keep the state in line for the President's re-nomination and re-election. One of the stumbling blocks in the way of smooth sledding for the Roosevelt boom here is the attitude of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, for many years past the acknowledged leader of the Republicans of Massachusetts. Senator Lodge, though a college mate and life-long personal friend of Col. Roosevelt, is unalterably opposed to some of the latter's policies, particularly his support of the judicial recall, and it is not believed the Senator can be prevailed upon to support the movement for Roosevelt's nomination.



WOODLAND SCENE IN WASHINGTON PARK.

### MATTAMUSKEET MARSH LANDS IN WASHINGTON SCANDAL NOW

State Is Hoodwinked Into Passing a Law to Enable Speculators to Acquire Valuable Holdings. Some Ugly Charges Against Attaches of Agricultural Department

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Additional light was thrown Wednesday night on the Everglades scandal, but on the proposed exploitation of the Lake Mattamuskeet marsh lands in North Carolina. John Selp, a North Carolina land owner, read to the committee letters showing that Willet M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, sought to make money out of the marsh lands, which had been passed upon favorably by J. O. Wright, then a department engineer. Mr. Hays, according to Solicitor McCabe, became interested in the lands from a sociological standpoint but discovered he might make some money and telegraphed Wright to reserve \$100,000 in stock for him and his friends. This investment, Hays figured, would net \$500,000 or more.

Of the remainder of the stock \$250,000 was to be sold and the receipts were to be used for drainage. "When I discovered that Wright was receiving a commission of \$5,000 for acting as the sales agent of the State of North Carolina I feared that his joint interest might affect our title and so I finally withdrew the proposition. "Before we could go ahead with the deal, however, certain changes had to be made in the State laws. Wright, who was all the time on the payroll of the Agricultural Department, went to the State capital and had the laws changed so that our scheme would go through. "I afterward received a letter from Wright to the effect that he had sold the land to other people and had collected his commission from the State. "Hays Wanted to Bet Let In. The letters showing Hays' interest in the scheme were read into the record. They were in Wright's handwriting. Here is one of them: "I was speaking to Mr. Hays, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, about the survey we made in Hyde County and he became very much interested and invited me to come to his office and talk the matter over with him. He thinks there is a great opportunity to make some money and frankly said he would like to become interested in a company to purchase the lake and develop the land. He says he can secure the capital and was confident that he could sell the lands at from \$40 to \$50 per acre when drained. "These lands were sold finally by the State at \$2 an acre. "In a second letter Wright said Hays would go down and look the proposition over. Hays did go down and look the land over with Wright and a photographer of the department, who took some pictures of the lands and the lake. The McCabe statement says: "Hays paid his own expenses on this trip as far as Washington, N. C., and from that point back to Washington, D. C., his expenses were charged to the Government."

### NO NEGRO REGIMENT

Bill to Organize One in Empire State Is Being Fought Before Legislature—National Guard in Time of Peace Is 'Semi-Military and Semi-Social'

Albany, Feb. 29.—The Assembly Committee on Military Affairs gave a hearing today on Assemblyman Nelson's bill providing for the organization and equipment of a colored regiment of infantry in New York City. Prominent negroes of New York said social discrimination was all that kept members of their race out of the National Guard. Lieut.-Col. Allan L. Regan of the Adjutant-General's Department appeared against the bill, declaring that the measure encroached on the power of the Governor; that the added force is not deemed necessary by the Adjutant-General's office and is not now desired by the War Department, and that the bill omits to provide the means for equipping the new regiment.

Commander Russell Raynor, of New York City, President of the State National Guard Association, also argued against the proposed legislation. He described the National Guard in time of peace as "semi-social and semi-military organization."

Joined in Matrimony. Mr. J. A. Cherry and Miss Sudie Roberson were united in marriage Wednesday night at 7:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberson, near this place. Rev. R. V. Hope of the Christian church of Washington, officiated. After the ceremony the wedding party were served with a sumptuous wedding supper.

Annual Sportsmen's Show. New York, March 1.—"Bigger, Better and Busier" is the slogan of the 18th annual Sportsmen's Show, that today and will continue through the coming week. The exhibition this year has the familiar setting of outdoor life, with a liberal display of trophies of the chase, but many features of the program are entirely new. Some of the foremost marksmen of America will be seen in the shooting championships and special events at the targets will be held for boys.

The management has set aside tomorrow as Boy Scouts' day and next Tuesday will be Children's Day. A feature of Children's Day will be a barbecue upon the stage, when each child can enjoy a hunter's feast.

Georgetown's Big Meet. Washington, D. C., March 1.—Never has an athletic meet in the capital brought together such classy performers as those who will compete in Convention Hall tomorrow night at the annual indoor carnival of the Georgetown University athletic association. While every one of the events on the program will bring out big fields of the best in their respective classes, it is in the relay races that the most popular interest is manifested. In these events the contestants will include the crack teams of Cornell, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Carleton, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and other of the big Eastern colleges.

Alabama Christian Endeavors. Athens, Ala., March 1.—With a preparatory service this afternoon, the 32nd annual convention of the Alabama Christian Endeavor Union was opened under conditions that give promise of one of the best meetings in the history of the organization. The proceedings will continue over Sunday and will include addresses by a number of the religious workers of wide prominence.

### BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

March came in somewhat like a lion, which means that according to tradition, and DeVoe, she will go out like a lamb.

The Susanna, commanded by Capt. Oliver Lepton, is in this port undergoing repairs to the damage wrought by her being capsized in the storm of the 21st of February, while she was going from New Berne to Belhaven for a cargo.

Work on the new government building has reached that stage where we can watch her grow.

The case of H. B. Stillely vs. S. R. Fowle & Son is occupying the attention of the Superior court again today.

"Faison," the large dredging boat being built here for the Miner Engineering Co., of Washington, D. C., is about completed, she having been given her initial docking yesterday afternoon. She is practically ready for work now, but some interior work is being done on her in the yards here, which will probably require two more weeks work.

### RECORDER'S COURT.

There was only one case of interest in Judge Grimes court this morning, and the most interesting feature of that was the disparity of sizes between two boys of the same age. Ernest Clark, a youth of 14 and not much under size for one of his age, had called Arthur Zigler, another youth of nearly twice his stature, and physique, nick names, which Zigler resented, and as he claims was held up by Mr. Frederick Frank, seeing the disadvantage under which the smaller boy was laboring, intervened. The trouble occurring in Mr. Pratt's yard where the smaller boy had sought refuge when pursued by Zigler. In this case Zigler was fined \$1 and the cost, total \$5.50. A charge of obscenity against a woman was dismissed, as the evidence submitted was not sufficient to warrant a conviction.

### THE WEATHER.

Fair except rain near the coast tonight or Saturday. Moderate north winds.

### DEATH OF MR. DAVIS.

Mr. Calvin Davis Died in This City Yesterday Afternoon.

At the residence of Mrs. John Dudley in West Second street, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. Calvin Davis, who has been ill for the past five weeks, suffering from an attack of jaundice, died. The deceased was 39 years of age, and unmarried and up to the time of his illness was an employe of Messrs. Swindell and Fulford. He was regarded as a faithful employe and had for about eight years served his last employers. The remains were taken to Morehead City on the 2 o'clock train this morning, where the interment will take place this afternoon.

### MARRIAGE THIS MORNING.

Mr. Wm. D. Minor came to this place something over a month ago from Macon, Ga., leaving behind him a widow whom he later expected to take unto himself.

The days were hanging heavy on his heart and he wearied of the distance between them, and had her to meet him in Raleigh, yesterday. His intended, Mrs. M. S. Law, was in the capitol city, according to appointment, and they took the train for this city, arriving here at 2:30 this morning and stopped at the residence of Mr. J. R. Battersworth, where at 10:30 this morning they were united in marriage by Rev. H. P. Dilloh, pastor of the First Baptist church.

### This Date in History, March 1.

- 1780—Bank of Pennsylvania, the first in the United States, chartered and located at Philadelphia.
- 1781—Final ratification of the Articles of Confederation announced by order of Congress.
- 1790—Congress passed an act ordering a general census.
- 1809—Frederick, Francis Chopin, celebrated composer, born. Died Oct. 17, 1849.
- 1817—Alabama territory formed.
- 1876—James H. Hackett made his first stage appearance at the Park Theatre, New York.
- 1897—The United States Senate refused that the recognition of Texas as an independent nation was proper.
- 1881—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific Company organized.
- 1888—Congress admitted to the Union.
- 1898—The war between Paraguay and Brazil ended with the defeat and death of President Lopez.
- 1899—The capitol of Minnesota dedicated by Gov.
- 1899—Lord Roberts and British forces entered Kimberley.
- 1911—United States census, by a vote of 45 to 44, refused to accept Senator Lorimer, of Illinois.

### JUPITER PLUVIUS LOSES CAN OF ANGLE WORMS.

See Some Angel Fisherman Finding Four Luck Discards His Bait.

Port Richmond, L. I., Mar. 1.—"I'm a truthful man," sighed Capt. William Duffy, commander of the ferryboat Sagoyne City, which plies between Sagoyne Point, N. J., and Port Richmond, S. L., when the boat docked at Port Richmond last night. "I say I'm a truthful man, but when the Colonel here of the experience I had tonight will you be sure I'm a nature lover and add my name to his Snailies Club. "We'd just left Sagoyne Point when we ran into a severe snow storm and high winds from the north. After the snow stopped we had what I thought was a fair sail. This continued for five minutes. Then I went on deck and discovered we had been in a storm of snail worms. "For six days now what they were—snail worms. The docks were slippery with 'em, and I gathered up

two canfuls to prove to the Colonel or any other doubter of my word that I speak the truth. Here they are. Look at 'em," and the captain pulled forth the cans containing worms. "How do you account for a storm of snail worms?" was asked. "Well, maybe the high winds have driven the tide back and uncovered worms wintering along the Jersey shore and the worms were picked up by the squall that swooped down on us tonight and were blown on my boat. That's the only explanation I can give. And I don't want anybody to ever hint I'm a liar."

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### MORE THAN \$75,000,000 STOLEN FROM DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Republican Administration Has This Charge Laid at its Door. Large Corporations Have Been Main Offenders. Secretaries too Closely Allied With 'The Interests'

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Though grafters have been found in every government department and huge sums of money stolen in one way or another, the Department of the Interior leads the list of departments in furnishing rich spoils for financial pirates. During the last 25 years it has been estimated that more than \$75,000,000 has been stolen from the government in the shape of lands. Real estate firms, mining concerns, and other corporations had laid greedy hands on valuable mineral lands in the west and in Alaska. In Alaska alone the total land grabbing has been estimated at over \$200,000,000. This is one of the fruits of a Republican administration. Land speculation in the early days was confined mainly to the ranchers. This form of land grabbing was termed "illegal fencing." From that the frauds extended to real estate dealers who bought soldier scrip, homestead entry deeds, lieu scrip, and other forms of government deeds conveying public lands to private owners. In later days corporations entered the field until practically all lands in the west were owned by syndicates.

In the main, however, large corporations of the country have been the principal offenders. Real estate firms, mining firms, and other companies engaged in large industries in the middle west have been accused at different times of land grabbing. The most gigantic frauds, however, were those carried on by a ring of real estate dealers in San Francisco. Their mode of operation defied detection by the officers of the government for years. Dummy entrymen were procured and deeds to large tracts of land obtained. Lands worth anywhere from \$125 an acre to \$250 an acre were secured for from \$5 to \$500 per tract of 160 acres. Often the ring would have legislation passed by Congress which would be to their interest, such as the creation of forest reserves where thousands of acres of their property was located. In lieu of this land the ring would obtain deeds to other and more expensive lands. These operations were carried on successfully for years until in the administration of Secretary Hitchcock special detectives were employed to run down the thieves. A number of them were routed out of the General Land Office in this city and in some of the western states. Through these men information was gathered concerning the ring. Of one San Francisco firm the department got such information as practically cleaned up the greater part of the grafters in one fell swoop. The dominant member of this firm was a man of the highest reputation, prominent in club and social circles. He grew from poverty to affluence within a short while. After a trial which covered the history of his crimes for more than ten years, he was sentenced to the penitentiary. At present the Interior Department has classified the various forms in which homestead and other entries are made. They are the homestead entry, mineral and non-mineral, lieu scrip, soldier scrip and permanent deeds. In general the deeds convey 160 acres of land, the conditions of which vary with each grant.

Public clamor made it mandatory on the part of the government to undertake an investigation. Detectives were hired, special bureaus were organized, and the work of reclaiming lands illegally obtained from the government was commenced. The mare's nest thus unearthed brought within the reach of the law some of the most prominent men in public and private life. Numbers of the men were sent to the penitentiary and others were allowed to retain their good names and reputations only after the strongest pressure was brought to bear.

This condition of affairs greatly reflected upon the various Republican administrations. Not a Secretary of the Interior Department down to the Ballinger regime under Taft passed four years in office without having been under fire. Either as to his action in respect to the opening of the public lands to entry or in non-prosecution of the grafters who obtained lands from the government. Some harsh criticism was directed to several of the secretaries and in one case it has been openly stated that the Cabinet officer was "too closely allied with the interests" to dispel the cloud of graft.

### TEXAS SOLID FOR WOODROW WILSON SAYS JUDGE SELLS

MEETING AT WACO TOMORROW IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP STRONG WILSON SENTIMENT.

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

INDICATIONS POINT TO THREE-FOURTHS OF THE DELEGATES FROM THE LONE STAR STATE FAVORING THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR.

Austin, Tex., March 1.—Political interest in Texas is centered in a conference which is to be held at Waco tomorrow by friends of Woodrow Wilson, who expect at that time to lay the foundation for an aggressive fight to elect forty delegates to the Democratic National convention who will be in favor of the nomination of the New Jersey governor for president. The Wilson partisans in the Lone Star state appear confident of capturing the entire delegation, but feel they should wage as aggressive a fight as if they regarded the result in doubt. As the result of the Waco meeting it is expected that a vigorous campaign for a Wilson-delegation to Baltimore will be maintained up to the time of the holding of the State convention or the State primaries, if the last-named system of selecting the delegates is adopted by the State executive committee. There appears to be a popular demand for the holding of a presidential preference primary and in connection with the Waco conference tomorrow there will be a separate meeting of Democratic leaders from various parts of the State to consider the matter. Discussing the political situation in Texas, with respect to the chances of Woodrow Wilson securing the support of the Texas delegation, Judge Cato Sells of Cleburne, who is chairman of the executive committee of the Woodrow Wilson State Democratic league, says: "We are not only optimistic, but our confidence in the situation is justified by reports, coming through a systematic organization in practically every county in the state, which indicate that at least three-fourths of the Democrats of Texas are in favor of the candidacy of Governor Wilson, and that Texas will send a solid Woodrow Wilson delegation to the Baltimore convention."

Illinois Y. M. C. A. Peoria, Ill., Feb. 29.—Delegates representing the branches of the Y. M. C. A. throughout Illinois, have assembled here in force for the annual state convention, which opens tonight with addresses by Chancellor Frank Strong of the University of Kansas, and the Rev. Dr. William J. Williamson, of St. Louis. The two days' program is one of the best ever prepared for a meeting of the organization in this state. A notable feature will be a dinner at the Coliseum, at which 1,000 men are expected to attend.

### PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Mrs. C. W. Thomas, in response to a telegram, left last night for Atlanta, Ga., to be at the bedside of her sister, who is quite ill. Mr. Charles L. Morton, one of our popular young men, has been appointed a member of the executive committee of N. C. Agricultural Society, by President McLean.