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FOSS' POLITICAL MIRACLE.

Democratic Candidate for Congress At Special Election in Old Colony District, a Republican Stronghold, Overturned a Republican Plurality of 14,000 and Converted it into a Democratic Majority of Over 5,000—Elements in the Contest—The Old Bay State Sounds the Bugle of This Democratic Year.

Brockton, Mass., March 22.—The national political weather-cock turned democratward in Massachusetts to-day when the old colony section, one of the Republican strongholds of the State, placed Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, one of the country's leading exponents of reciprocity with Canada, in the congressional seat of the late Wm. C. Lovering.

Mr. Foss accomplished what was regarded as almost a political miracle, turning a Republican plurality of 14,250 into a Democratic victory of 5,640.

The vote to-day was: Eugene N. R. Buchanan, of Brockton, (Rep.) Foss, of Boston, (Dem.) 14,980. Wm. 9,340.

It was the most overwhelming defeat that the Republicans have met in Massachusetts since Governor Bates was overthrown by Wm. L. Douglas six years ago.

The result is considered of more than State-wide importance, for Mr. Foss stumped the Fourteenth district on national questions and the people backed him up with a whoop.

It was the first contest to be decided by the voters since the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill became operative and had a peculiar interest on that account. Mr. Foss, who has figured in several campaigns, first as a Republican and latterly as a Democrat with moderate protectionist leanings, left the Republican party last year on the issue of Canadian reciprocity and became the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He failed by only 8,000 votes to carry the State at that time.

Another subject which was discussed in the campaign was the high cost of living. The Democratic campaigners charged the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and the failure of the Republican party to properly supervise the trusts, with being mainly responsible for the high cost of living.

The Fourteenth district has been the most consistently Republican district in Massachusetts and has never before elected a Democrat to Congress.

The remarkable shift of votes to-day is difficult to analyze. The Republican leaders admit that their party in the district was divided. Twenty-five thousand ballots were cast to-day, which is about four-fifths of the average vote in the past three Congressional elections.

Congressman-elect Foss is a prominent manufacturer, banker and capitalist of Boston. He had been twice defeated for Congress in the Eleventh district. He is a brother of Congressman Foss, of Illinois.

NO MORE WORK ON SUNDAY.

Carnegie Steel Company Puts New Rule in Effect.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 20.—The plants of the Carnegie Steel Company in Pennsylvania and Ohio were practically closed down to-day for the first time in years, and will hereafter be on Sunday. An order of President Alvah C. Dinkey, of the company, is that Sunday labor must be reduced to an absolute minimum, and that the repair work which has been done ver generally on Sunday, employing several thousand must hereafter be done during the secular week.

HAS SIXTEEN SOLDIER SONS.

Mrs. Brandon Contributed to Both Sides in Civil War.

Moundsville, W. Va., March 22.—Mrs Sarah Brandon, of this city, aged 109, holds the United States record as the mother of the largest number of civil war soldiers. No less than sixteen of her boys served in the battles of that war, fourteen on the Union side and two with the Confederates, while her total family was twenty-three.

Her twenty-three children are also the parents of large families. The eldest, Hiram, is eighty-nine years old, while the youngest, Evan Brandon, is seventy-two years of age and works daily in a coal mine.

LETTERS BY TELEGRAPH.

Western Union to Inaugurate a New Service Known as Night Letters at Nominal Rates.

Announcement is made by the Western Union Telegraph Company that it will shortly be prepared to handle long night messages at the rates customarily charged for ten-word day messages.

It appears that the Western Union has a large employed mileage of wire at night which is not earning anything. These wires must be maintained in any event to take care of the regular day business, and it is apparently the idea of the new interests in the Telegraph Company to let the public have the benefit of them. The announcement states that "A special Night Letter service will be established as soon as practicable. The charge of this service will be the standard day rate for ten words, for the transmission of fifty words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate will be charged for each additional ten words or less."

To be taken at these rates, "Night Letters" must be written in plain English language, that is to say, code words or communications written in foreign languages will not be accepted. The messages will be taken at any hour up to midnight and transmitted at the company's convenience during the night for delivery the following morning. For the present, the new service is confined to Western Union offices in the United States. The tariffs charged for Night Letters are so low, it is expected that the new service will be largely availed of by business concerns and others to quicken their correspondence by using the Telegraph instead of the mails. A high letter sent by telegraph, will reach its destination at the opening of business hours the following morning, thus saving as much as three or four days when long distances are involved.

DEATH OF J. A. STEVENS.

Passed Away After a Brief Illness Tuesday Morning.

The Argus chronicles with extreme regret the death of Mr. J. A. Stevens, more familiarly known throughout the county, which he one time represented in the Legislature, as "Tobe" Stevens, which occurred this morning at 9:10 o'clock, at his home in this city, corner of Virginia and West Walnut streets, after a prostration, which befell him at his farm, beyond the river, yesterday, whither he had gone in the morning, as was his custom, in apparent good health. He was found in an unconscious condition and removed to his home here, but never regained consciousness, nor could the attending physician divine his trouble.

He is survived by his devoted wife and five children, three sons and two daughters, two sisters, Mrs. John A. Toler and Miss Amy Stevens, two brothers, Mr. W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield, clerk of the superior court of Johnston county, and Sheriff E. A. Stevens, of this city, a wide circle of near relatives and a host of friends.

Mr. Stevens had not been well for months, being troubled with a complication of ailments, and his death, more or less sudden, came not entirely unexpected.

He was a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, of this city, and Neuse Lodge of Odd Fellows, and his funeral, under the auspices of this lodge, will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, his pastor, and the interment will be made in Willow Dale Cemetery.—Tuesday's Goldsboro Argus.

USED DYNAMITE TO BREAK LAND

Palmetto Farmer's Plan of Tilling His Farm Blasts Things.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 22.—J. Henry Caldwell, a farmer living near here this afternoon broke up an acre of land with eight hundred chags of dynamite, the explosive being used for breaking the land for cultivation instead of the plow.

Mr. Caldwell claims that blasting land with dynamite is the best method for sub-soiling and that it can be done more cheaply than with a plow. Many persons from the city and the county were present to witness the novel method.

SALES FALL NEARLY ONE HALF.

"Meat is Higher Now Than I Have Ever Known it to Be Before," Said A Local Dealer, Who Had Suspended Business Because His Sales Had Decreased—Said Poor Could Not Buy Meat at Present Prices.

In going through the city market yesterday afternoon, it was observed that three of the stalls were vacant; and, upon inquiry, it was learned that the occupants had suspended business on account of the present high price of meat.

Discussing the situation, one of the meat dealers said:

"Meat is higher now than I have ever known it to be before, I usually suspend business for a short time in the summer months, but I am doing so this year a month earlier than usual. During the past month or so sales have fallen off nearly one-half. Nearly all my customers are working people and they can not buy meat at the present high prices."

"Do you make as great a profit when meat is as high as it is at the present time?" was asked. "Well, I do if I can sell," said the dealer, "but at the present prices many of the people have almost stopped buying, especially the poorer class."

Of the other two dealers, one had never before suspended business, not even in the summer months, while the remaining one had only been in the city market for a comparatively short while.

It is understood that the dealers will resume business next fall, when they do not have to use so much ice, but at the present high prices, they do not find it profitable to keep on selling meat, as the sales have greatly decreased.

Much has been said about the high prices of meats, but never before have any local dealers found it necessary to suspend business on account of them.—Wednesday News and Observer.

TAUGHT HOW TO BE WIVES.

Girls in Boston Begin Course in Matrimony School.

Boston, Mass., March 20.—A school of matrimony, in which the prime essentials of instruction in successful wedded happiness are now being taught, is the latest innovation among Boston's modern training institutions.

In this school a group of girls, including some from many of the best families in the city, are being trained five days weekly in the arts which will equip them to become ideal wives, mothers and homemakers.

HOOKWORM NOW IN NEW YORK.

Southerner Operated on for Appendicitis Furnishes Surprise.

Utica, N. Y., March 21.—The hookworm has been discovered in Chenango county. The victim is a native of the South, who recently moved to Afton from Alabama. When taken sick he was operated upon for appendicitis. His appendix was found to be in good condition, but suspicious-looking worms were removed from the intestinal tract. They were sent to Binghamton for examination and promptly pronounced by the bacteriologists as hookworms.

Death for 44 as Jolt Wrecks Train.

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 21.—More than two score persons were killed and almost as many more were injured to-day in the wrecking at Green Mountain of two Rock Island trains running over the Chicago Great Western tracks from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo. Several of the injured may die. Several of the dead are so horribly mangled that identification may be impossible.

Report Shows 10,363,240 Bales Ginned

Washington, March 21.—The census cotton report shows the crop of 1909 to be 10,363,240 bales, counting round as half bales and including linters, compared with 13,432,131 for 1908.

Cotton estimated by ginners as remaining to be ginned and included in the statistics for 1909 is 49,488 bales. The average gross weight for the crop counting round as half bale, and including linters, is 496.5 pounds, compared with 505.8 for 1908.

The number of ginners operated for 1909 crop was 26,660, compared with 27,598 for 1908.

CONGRESSIONAL REVOLT WINS.

Power Taken from Speaker Cannon—The House Will Name the Rules Committee and the Speaker Will Not Be a Member of the Committee—House Refused to Oust the Speaker.

The revolt in the house of representatives which began early last week culminated last Saturday afternoon when the combined vote of the Democrats and the insurgent Republicans accomplished the purpose for which the fight was begun.

When the House met at 12 noon Thursday no one foresaw exactly what was coming. Representative Norris, of Nebraska, saw that the time was ripe for ousting Speaker Cannon from the Rules Committee. Accordingly he introduced a resolution which in its amended form is as follows:

"There shall be a committee on rules, elected by the House (hitherto the committee of five, like all other House committees, has been appointed by the Speaker), consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party and four of whom shall be members of the minority party. The Speaker shall not be a member of the committee, and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own membership.

"Resolved, further, That within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee, and immediately upon its election the present committee on rules shall be dissolved."

This frightened the regular Republicans and placed Mr. Cannon in a position where he must either rule that the resolution was out of order and then be overruled by the House, or allow a filibuster in order that the evil day might be put off as long as possible. Motions to adjourn were made and voted down and the House kept in continued session from Thursday noon till Friday afternoon at two. A recess of two hours was then taken and later adjournment was made till Saturday noon.

In the meantime each side had planned to go into the fight to win, with the result that the Norris resolution above mentioned passed by a vote of 191 to 155.

Upon the announcement of the result Speaker Cannon dared the House to Declare the Speaker's chair vacant, whereupon Representative Burleson, Democrat, of Texas, offered a resolution to that effect. But this was the time when insurgents "fell down." They refused to vote with the Democrats, with the exception of nine, and the resolution was lost by a vote of 191 to 155. So Speaker Cannon is retained but is shorn of his power at the head of the Rules Committee.

Death Near Benson.

Mr. Curtis Reaves died at his home near Benson on Wednesday of last week. He was an old man and some time ago had a severe cold for a week or two. Then he seemed to lose his mind and it is said did not eat anything for seventeen days before his death. During that time he spoke few words and took but two or three drinks of water. He refused to take medicine. His remains were interred at Hodge's Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

Dr. Stiles Will Make His Home Raleigh

Raleigh, March 21.—In an address before the Raleigh division of the medical department of the University of North Carolina last evening, Dr. Charles W. Stiles, now chief of the division of zoology of the United States department of public health, and head of the Rockefeller million dollar sanitary commission for the eradication of the hookworm, declared his purpose to make Raleigh his home for the future. That is, while he and his family will spend much of their time in Washington, they will have Raleigh as their place of legal residence. In fact, the actual transferring is now being made.

Mine Preserves Dead Over Year.

Mount Vernon, Ill., March 19.—The bodies of four miners entombed in the West Frankford mine a year ago last February by an explosion were recovered to-day. The corpses were well preserved and easily identified.

TWO EYES JABBED OUT.

Women With Long Hatpins Dangerous at Times—Two Men Blinded By Them.

Lafayette, Ind., March 15.—Dr. James D. Hillis, city health officer, is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital suffering from an injury caused by a hat pin that may cost him an eye.

Dr. Hillis visited a local vaudeville theater, and in the crowd he was shoved against a large hat worn by a woman in front of him. She turned quickly and the point of a hat pin caught the physician squarely in the left eye, tearing the eyeball.

Brussels, March 15.—A court here has awarded \$2,000 to a man who was blinded in one eye by a woman's hatpin. He was standing on the platform of a street car which stopped suddenly with a jerk, which caused the hatpin to pierce his eye. The damages were assessed equally against the woman and the car company, each being condemned to pay \$1,000. Thus ended a case of unique interest in local court annals.

Musical Entertainment.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the Opera House at Selma will be given a musical entertainment for the benefit of the Methodist and Baptist churches of that place.

A most enjoyable program has been arranged and all who attend are promised a great treat. Admission, adults, 25 cents, children 15 cents.

Dies as he Enters Church.

York, Pa., March 21.—As he placed his foot upon the sill to enter the Free People's Church, at Long Level, to attend the Sunday evening service, George Olewitre, an aged canal boatman, was stricken dead from heart trouble.

LYNCHED MEN "SUICIDES."

So Says Arkansas Coroner in Verdict On Negroes.

Marion, Ark., March 19.—According to the verdict of the Coroner, Bob Austin and Charley Richardson the negroes lynched here yesterday for aiding and abetting a recent jail delivery, "came to their death by suicide."

The Coroner in his verdict made no mention of the facts leading up to the "suicides." These facts included the breaking open of the jail by several hundred men and taking the two negroes out of the jail to the Court-house square, where they were hanged.

HUNDREDS DIE IN STORM.

Fifty Fishing Boats Reported Lost on Japanese Coast.

Tokyo, March 19.—Many fishing boats have been lost in the recent storm along the coast. It is reported that not less than 50 of these craft have been sunk and 800 fishermen drowned.

JOHNSON'S WIDOW AIDED.

Fund Raised in Minnesota to Make Her Life Happy.

St. Paul, March 22.—A fund of \$22,000 has been raised in this State to provide a permanent income for the widow of Gov. John A. Johnson for the remainder of her life.

Gov. Johnson left an estate estimated to be worth about \$37,000. His old friends believed the income from this not enough to pay for his widow's necessities and allow her any money for pleasures or luxuries.

Boy Hangs Himself.

Hanover, Pa., March 20.—The body of Ralph Wildasin, seventeen years old, was found suspended from a rafter in a barn yesterday by his father. The cause is not known.

Change of Appointments.

Rev. Thomas J. Hood has changed his appointment at Pauline Baptist church from the third to the first Sunday. He will preach there the first Sunday in April. He expects to preach the third Sunday in April at Sardis and Woodard school house. He will preach Saturday night also at Sardis.

TEACHER NOW A MILLIONAIRE.

RISES from \$40 a Month to Income Of \$140,000 a Year. Now Owns 100 Miles Square of Oregon Land, Embracing Portions of Three Counties. A One Thousand Dollar Cigar.

From a country school teacher at \$40 a month to an annual income of \$140,000 a year seems a long step. True, it took twenty-seven years to accomplish it, but that is the record of "Bill" Brown, Central Oregon's eccentric sheep king.

"Bill" controls 100 miles square of Central Oregon. He owns 9,600 acres, so located that this land includes the water holes and springs, making a territory 100 miles east and west and the same distance north and south, where he is monarch of all he surveys. The land covers portions of Harney, Lake, and Crook counties, each of which is larger than many Eastern States.

Brown started at the grass roots, and after teaching school a while he, with two brothers, got a small band of sheep and herded them themselves. They located on the eastern slope of Wagon Tire Mountain. In 1889 "Bill" bought out his brothers and has since gone it alone. With a bunch of raisins and a loaf of "sour dough" bread in his pockets he would start from his cabin and graze his sheep across the Central Oregon plains, sleeping on the ground, sometimes with a sheepskin for cover, oftener with nothing. He would kill a sheep when ever necessary to give his dogs meat and would roast a haunch of mutton for himself over a fire.

He was as much alone as Robinson Crusoe for months at a time. Only the coyotes howling at the moon, his dogs, and the sheep kept him company. Even now, when herders leave "Bill" takes their places till others can be found. He has often herded bands of 6,000 and 7,000 sheep for weeks under these circumstances. He owns, as nearly as he can tell himself about 6,000 horses and 1,000 head of cattle. He has 18,000 sheep, and he branded 5,600 lambs last spring. His income last year was about as follows: Six hundred horses, sold at \$70 per head, \$42,000; 4,000 wethers at \$3.50, \$14,000; 4,000 at \$3.25, \$13,000; 18,000 fleeces of wool at \$2, \$36,000; cattle and other items make the total up to about \$150,000 for one year's work.

"Bill" Brown is a bachelor and religious. Many churches and schools are indebted to him for donations. He is a Methodist, and abhors tobacco. Recently he was in an Eastern Oregon town where the Methodists wanted to build a church. He decided to give them \$1,000. Soon after a man with a cigar in his mouth came up to "Bill" and introduced himself as the pastor of the flock. Did he get the money? Nary a cent. That cigar was an expensive one, for it cost the congregation a cool thousand.—Washington Herald.

CANAL'S GREATEST FEBRUARY.

More Dirt Removed From Big Ditch Than in Any Second Month.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Work on the Panama Canal is booming. The last edition of the Canal Record shows that more material was taken out of the Culebra cut last month than in any other February since ground first was broken for the canal. The total was 1,259,413 cubic yards; the daily average was 54,757, and Steam Shovel No. 214 also broke all records for the daily average of 2293 yards, while on one day Shovel No. 213 made another record by taking out 4909 cubic yards of rock and earth.

Pinchot to Meet Roosevelt.

Washington, March 22.—In response to a telegram from former President Roosevelt it became known here to-day that Gifford Pinchot, late chief forester of the United States, sailed from New York Saturday on the steamer President Grant and will meet Mr. Roosevelt when the latter reaches London.

Three Killed and Twelve Hurt.

Lexington, Ky., March 22.—Three persons were killed and 12 others injured in a collision between two freight trains on the Kentucky central division of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at White station near Berea, Ky., early to-day.