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## OVERTURNS REPUBLICANISM.

Startling Result of New York Election. James S. Havens, a Democrat, Elected Over Geo. W. Aldridge for Congress in a District in New York That Has Been a Rock-Ribbed Republican One for Twenty Years—A Paralleled Victory to Foss, of Massachusetts.

Rochester, N. Y., April 19.—More than 16,000 voters of Monroe county changed from the Republican to the Democratic column to-day and elected the first Democratic Congressman that has represented the Thirty-Second District in twenty years. James S. Havens, a Democrat running on a tariff reform platform, defeated Geo. W. Aldridge, for a score of years the ruler of the county Republican organization, by 5,900 votes.

Monroe county, which comprises the Thirty Second Congressional District, is normally Republican by about 6,000. James B. Perkins, whose death in the middle of his third congressional term necessitated a special election to-day, carried the district in 1908 by 10,167 votes.

Havens had arrayed against him one of the strongest political organizations in the state. Yet in a campaign lasting but 17 days, and with hastily constructed machinery, he accomplished one of the most remarkable overturns in political history.

The result of to-day's election takes its place beside the Democratic victory in the Fourteenth Massachusetts District, where Eugene N. Foss was sent to Congress from a district supposed to be as rock-ribbed Republican as this one.

Rochester is a city of both homes and factories. Monroe county is one of the State's garden spots, crowded with productive farms. Mr. Havens rode to victory on a platform advocating tariff reform in the interests of the consumer, a revision of the duties on wool and woolen goods, a removal of the tax on hides and lumber, a removal of the tariff on iron ore, an income tax, and, finally, advocating independence of all political bosses of any party.

Mr. Aldridge, his opponent, contented himself with general proclamations in favor of the policies of the Republican administration. On the tariff proposition he was regarded as a "stand-patter."

Both candidates declared for reciprocity with Canada, an employees compensation act, a parcels post and a postal savings bank.

## Bradstreet's Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., April 21.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and vicinity:

The condition of trade this week is generally termed irregular, some lines showing activity, while others are quiet. Collections are reported slow in practically every line. Wholesale dealers in hats, caps and kindred lines have their travelers out with fall samples and report ordering up to expectations. Wholesalers of shoes and rubber goods report good orders for future shipments. Those engaged in all lines of the tobacco industry report activity. Produce is quiet, however shipments of spring vegetables from North Carolina and Northern markets are noted. Dry goods are quiet. Dealers in seeds and fertilizers report active ordering. Retail trade is fair.

## Crop Report.

In some sections frost has injured the fruit crops and cool weather has retarded crop growth this week. Winter wheat is reported in good condition. Corn planting is in progress and farmers are preparing for a fair cotton acreage.

## Balloon Fell 8,445 Feet.

Eschwege, Prussia, April 18.—A commission of aeronautic experts has investigated the wreck of the balloon Deltzsch when four lives were lost, and has decided that the balloon was not struck by lightning, but that the envelope probably burst through exterior pressure. The apparatus recovered from the wreckage had registered a hurricane wind and indicated that the gondola began to fall from a height of 8,445 feet.

## Ten Girls and One Man Killed.

Budapest, April 19.—A boiler exploded to-day in a match factory at Szegeden killing ten girls and a man. Eighteen girls were dangerously injured.

## GENERAL NEWS.

There were 207 business failures during the week ending April 14, against 240 in the previous week.

Congressman Dalzell of Pennsylvania, after serving in the House 23 years, must now fight for a renomination in a republican convention. His bitterness toward the insurgents is not stimulated.

Emperor Francis Joseph received Mr. Roosevelt in Vienna Friday with practically all the honors shown sovereigns. The aged monarch gave the former President a private audience. Owing to a storm the Emperor was unable to return the call of the American.

Two negro men were killed near Amboy, Ga., a few days ago, and five white men are under arrest for the crime. It is said that the negroes were arrested charged with a criminal assault on a white woman, were released on bail and that they afterward boasted of the crime. This led to the killing.

The United States Steel Corporation has announced the adoption of a plan for the relief of employees injured in the service and for families of men killed in work accidents. During temporary disablement single men will receive 35 per cent of wages and married men 50 per cent, with contingent additional allowances. A plan is under consideration for pensions for aged employes.

Having served seventeen days as private secretary to Mrs. Taft, mistress of the White House, Miss Mary Dandridge Spiers, of North Carolina, has resigned and beginning Monday she resumed her duties in the War Department. Her successor has not yet been chosen. All that Miss Spiers would say in regard to the matter was: "You can simply say that I thought it best to resume my duties at the War Department." For ten years prior to April 1, when she became Mrs. Taft's secretary, Miss Spiers was in the office of the surgeon-general of the army to which place she will return. She is a native of Halifax county, North Carolina.

The death of a stroke of apoplexy of James T. Woodard, president of the Hanover national bank of New York, takes away one of the best-known and most forceful bankers in the country. He had been president of that institution since 1877 and under his administration it had grown from a bank having \$8,000,000 of deposits to one of about \$100,000,000. He was made president of the New York clearing-house association in 1898 and as chairman of that body during the panic of 1907 he came into most favorable financial notice. He was a Democrat in politics, a close friend of Grover Cleveland, and as delegate to the convention of 1884 helped to nominate him for the presidency. He was born in Maryland nearly 70 years ago.

Two dead, one dying and probably one or two slightly wounded are the results of a Sunday afternoon battle in a family feud of long standing, which took place late Sunday in Emanuel county, Georgia. The dead are: A. S. Collins, a well-to-do farmer, and his son Willis Collins, both of whom died during the progress of the fight. Marion Lewis is so badly wounded that he is expected to die at any moment. The battle was between the family of Collins and the family of Lewis, and was the outcome of a dispute over a public road crossing. The two families reside less than a mile apart and the county line runs between their homes. They met in a lane Sunday afternoon, near the Lewis home.

Eulogies were delivered in the House of Representatives Sunday in honor of the memory of the late Representative James Griggs of Georgia, who died in January. Speaker Cannon personally called the House to order, but relinquished the chair to Representative Livingston, dean of the Georgia delegation. Eloquent tributes touching upon the life and character of the dead statesman who had been one of the most popular members in the lower branch of Congress, were heard from many speakers. These included Representative Rodenberry, Mr. Griggs' successor, and Representatives Howard, Hardwick, Hughes, Edwards, Brantley, Lee, Adamson and Bartlett of Georgia; Champ Clark, minority leader of the House; Representatives Robinson of Arkansas, Pou of North Carolina and Ellerbe of South Carolina.

## BLIZZARD IN MIDDLE WEST.

Fruit Crops Damaged by Snow and Ice Promiscuously.

Chicago, April 17.—A blizzard prevailed in the Central Western States last night and to-day, doing much damage to growing vegetables.

At some points in Iowa ice formed to the thickness of four inches. The peach and apple crops over almost the entire State have been ruined.

In Minnesota there was considerable snow and cold, but the crops had not advanced far, and little damage was done. In Illinois, Wisconsin and parts of Michigan it was severe enough to damage all early vegetables and the fruit trees.

Snow fell in Missouri.

## NEWS OF INTEREST.

United States Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, who has been very ill at Daytona, Fla., for several weeks, is much improved and will be taken to his home at Lynchburg in a few days.

Earl D. Wilson, the Naval academy football player whose neck was broken during a scrimmage in a football game last fall, died Saturday. His condition had been critical and hopeless since he was hurt.

Mark Twain, America's great humorist, is seriously ill at his home at Redding, Conn. The hundreds of thousands that he has made laugh will join in a prayer that his life may be spared many years yet.

Ten persons were killed Thursday in the wrecking of a Northern Pacific freight train west of Spokane, Wash. Several of the injured and all of the dead were tramps, about twenty of whom boarded the train at Pasco.

Gen. G. S. French, the oldest living Confederate General, died at Florida, Alabama, Wednesday, aged 93 years. He graduated at West Point in 1843 and was the oldest living graduate of the academy. He served in the Mexican War.

A series of earth shocks, varying in intensity, swept over Costa Rica last week doing damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000. No loss of life was reported but the people were panic-stricken and many in the cities fled to the open country.

H. C. Kennedy, of Crawfordsville, Ind., an expert in the manufacture of matches, was killed in an explosion at the plant of the Acme Match Company in Roanoke, Va., Thursday. Kennedy was alone in a mixing room when the accident that cost him his life occurred.

Three men who are alleged to be implicated in the killing of Deputy United States Marshal Anderson, in the mountains near Oakman, Ala., last week, were arrested Thursday and placed in jail at Oakman. Anderson and other officers were fired on from ambush.

An international congress of Indians, to be participated in by every tribe of Indians in the United States, and some from Mexico and Canada, is to be held in Muskogee, Okla., beginning June 27 and ending July 4. This is expected to be the last general conference of the aborigines of the American continent.

It is announced from New York that substantial increases in wages by the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation will soon be announced, to become effective May 1. The proposed increase will apply to a large majority of the corporation's 225,000 employes, and, in round figures, will increase the pay rolls of the Steel corporation by about \$9,000,000 annually.

## TWO PLAYERS KILLED AT BAT.

One Hit Over the Heart and Another In Temple.

Freeburg, Ill., April 17.—William Schmidt, aged twenty-eight, a member of Freeburg's Nine Stars baseball team, was killed here this afternoon while playing with his team against a St. Louis club. While Schmidt was at bat a thrown ball from the St. Louis pitcher hit him over the heart. Schmidt started to take first base as a result of being hit, but after walking a few steps threw up his hands and fell to the ground, dying a few minutes later. The St. Louis pitcher was held for the coroner.

Another player was hit on the temple by a pitched ball yesterday, and died to-day.

## GREAT STORM SWEEPS SOUTH.

Damage Done is Estimated at Two Million Dollars. Five Persons Killed in Mississippi District—Crops Badly Damaged—Many Buildings Were Wrecked.

New Orleans, April 16.—Hissing through five Southern states with cyclonic speed, a storm that finally blew out to sea to-night has done damage conservatively estimated at \$2,000,000 to crops and property, and left a trail of dead and wounded in its path. As yet it is impossible to compile the exact number of dead. From the tribone coast of Louisiana there came stories to-night that there has been heavy life loss, while points in the interior of Mississippi tell of casualties in country districts now inaccessible of interrupted wire service.

While the major portion of damage has been done to growing crops yet scores of buildings, residences and business houses have been unroofed or demolished in the five states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama.

When the gale blew over the Sturgis, Miss., district to-day, five persons were killed by the collapse of a store building. Bradley and Chapel in the same district report four deaths by lightning. In Southern and Central Alabama there was much damage to property.

At Greenville and Bruton scores of residences and business houses were unroofed and demolished. There were many minor accidents but no life loss is reported except in the country district of Bruton, where eight negroes were killed by lightning while gathered under a tree in the field.

Reports of life loss from the tribone coast of Louisiana, where 300 deaths were caused by a storm last September, have not been verified and it will be tomorrow before communication can be established with that territory on account of interrupted wire service.

## SELMA NEWS.

Mr. C. W. Richardson is having his residence remodeled. When finished it will be a very handsome residence.

Messrs. W. A. Green and L. D. Debnam have bought a farm about one and a half miles from Selma on the "Noble road" and will make a model farm of it.

Mr. C. S. White, Superintendent of the Lizzie and Ethel Cotton Mills, has bought Mr. Adkins' farm on the edge of Selma and will build on it soon.

Messrs. W. T. and C. F. Kirby, R. E. Richardson, James G. and W. G. Earp left Monday morning for Edenton to fish and to see the fisheries.

## He Smashed His Lantern.

Diogenes was still looking for that honest man.

"What town is this?" He asked a bystander.

"Pittsburg," was the reply. Whereupon the cynic viciously smashed his lantern against the nearest lamppost.

"Even a searchlight would be of no use here," he growled as he struck out for the nearest suburb.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## THE MEETINGS HAVE CLOSED.

The series of revival meetings which have been carried on here for the past several weeks were brought to a close last night with a service at the Baptist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. H. King. The services began with a week of preaching at the Presbyterian church, in which a series of forceful sermons was delivered by Rev. Mr. Curtis, of Hamlet. After a week's intermission Rev. J. M. Culbreth, the pastor, began the work at the Methodist church. He was assisted in the preaching by pastors of the Baptist and the Presbyterian churches. Last Thursday night the meeting was transferred to the Baptist church. The preaching was done by Rev. Mr. King and Rev. Mr. Culbreth. A series of strong and forceful sermons has been delivered and much good has been done. Quite a number of people have made professions of faith in Christ and several have joined the churches. The Christian people of the town have shown a beautiful spirit of co-operation and many have had their faith strengthened. It is hoped that the seed sown will bear a bounteous harvest in the bye and bye.

## STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Judge O. H. Gulon of the New Bern district has sent his resignation to Governor Kitchin. Judge Gulon was elected to his present position in 1906.

Governor Kitchin has appointed George P. Pell, of Winston-Salem, Judge of the Superior Court for the Eleventh Judicial District, to succeed Judge E. B. Jones, resigned. Judge Pell is about 40 years old and was at one time a newspaper man.

Col. Paul B. Means, a prominent lawyer of Concord, died in the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte Wednesday. Col. Means represented his county in the Legislature four times, once as a member of the House and three times as a member of the Senate. Col. Means was 66 years old.

Maj. Charles M. Steadman, of Greensboro, has entered the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fifth District. There are three other candidates in the race—Gen. B. S. Royster, of Granville, Judge E. B. Jones, of Forsyth, and Dr. George Mebane, of Rockingham.

Hon. Romulus Z. Linney, a prominent lawyer of this state, died suddenly at Taylorsville last week. He was born in 1841. He was admitted to the bar in 1868 and for more than forty years was one of the State's leading lawyers. He served three terms in the State Senate and three terms in the National House of Representatives. He was a Democrat in his early public career, but later joined the Republicans and served in Congress as a Republican.

The Raleigh District Conference of the Methodist church held at Oxford last week chose E. T. White, of Oxford, F. B. McKinnie, of Louisville, W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield and B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, as delegates to the Annual Conference next fall. Among those who preached during the sessions of the conference were Rev. M. A. Smith, of Kenly, Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Smithfield and Rev. P. D. Woodall, of Zebulon. The next District Conference will be held at Zebulon. It is said that one of the most interesting addresses of the Conference was by Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Smithfield, on "The Human By-Products of the Cotton Mills."

There has just been equipped at the state's prison a library of 447 volumes for the use of prisoners. It is conveniently located and has writing and reading room adjacent. The convicts are allowed certain hours for the library conditioned on good behavior. The central prison now has eighty prisoners in the regular convict department and fifty-four in the criminal insane department. There are about 800 convicts out on contract work and at work on the farm. Warden Sales has just given the prison and grounds a thorough spring cleaning. He has also equipped the dining room with neat substantial white table crockery to take the place of the tin ware that has been used for years.

## Record of Pardons Issued by Patterson.

Gov. Patterson, of Tennessee, who recently pardoned the arch murderer, Duncan B. Cooper, seems to have the record beaten for giving pardons. The following is his record:

956 pardons issued in three years and two months.  
152 murderers freed.  
103 illicit liquor sellers.  
174 persons convicted of carrying weapons.  
124 persons convicted of larceny.  
402 persons convicted of other misdemeanors.  
Average nearly six pardons a week.  
Record for one day, 38.  
Work of 152 Judges, 228 lawyers, 1,824 jurymen in murder cases nullified.—Ex.

## QUADRUPLETS ON FIRST TRIP.

Canadian Parents Receive Gift From King For Babies.  
Ottawa, April 17.—The first quadruplets that ever went into the Canadian Northwest have just passed here on their way to Lacombe, Alberta. David Grant and wife, of Wentworth, Nova Scotia, are the parents. His majesty the king gave them a present of \$500 for each of the quadruplets, two boys and two girls, aged eleven months, all alive and well. With the \$2,000 they declined to go West.

## OVERMAN BLOCKS MOVE.

Senator Kean, Backed by Postmaster Hitchcock, Attempts to Have Stancil Confirmed, But Overman Holds The Matter Up.

Washington, April 20.—The Stancil postmaster case had another round and a fall last week. In the absence of Senator Penrose, chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, Senator Kean, who is not even a member of the committee, went down, got the nomination of Stancil, brought it to the Senate, and made a motion to give it immediate consideration. This was blocked by Senator Overman and others who knew the facts in the case. It is generally believed that Postmaster General Hitchcock, who was at the Capitol at the time, was behind this move.—Charlotte Observer.

## ROBESON SWEEP BY A CYCLONE.

Home of Mr. William Stone Torn to Pieces, His Mother Killed and His Wife Seriously Injured.

Lumberton, April 18.—A cyclone passing near here yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock did considerable damage in some sections. The house of Mr. William Stone, who lives about three miles northwest of here, was blown to pieces, his mother killed and his wife sustaining very severe injuries. She is in the hospital now. Thence it pursued a northeast course destroying a good deal of timber till it reached the Powersville settlement, about ten miles northeast of this city, where it destroyed the residence of Mr. Hugh Musselwhite. Mr. Musselwhite and three children were badly injured, but so far no other accidents have been reported.

## BLOW TO BLIND TIGERS.

R. J. W. Redfern Convicted at Wadesboro, and Closes Near Beer Joint.

Wadesboro, April 20.—In the Superior Court to-day R. J. W. Redfern, for many years a business man here, and a man of considerable property plead guilty to violation of the prohibition law in one case, and four other cases against him were dismissed on the payment of costs. Redfern is in a pitiful physical condition and was brought to court by the sheriff on an instant capias. Redfern agreed to close his near-beer place to-day and sentence was suspended until the next term of court on account of his condition. The conviction of Redfern and the closing of his place of business is a knock-out blow to the blind tiger business here. Up to this time Solicitor Stack has convicted every violator of the prohibition law this week.

## COBB WITHERS REPRIEVED.

Mecklenburg Negro Granted Thirty Days—Governor Kitchin to Look Into the Case.

Raleigh, April 20.—There will be no electrocution at the State's prison tomorrow. Cobb Withers, the Mecklenburg county negro, sentenced for the murder of John Leary, was to have paid the death penalty some time during the forenoon, but Governor Kitchin announced a reprieve granted until May 27 in order that he may look fully into the merits of application for communication to life imprisonment. The application filed by his counsel, J. F. Newell, of Charlotte, has the endorsement of the trial judge, a number of the jurors who tried the case and a large number of citizens of Charlotte. The prisoner, himself, wrote to the Governor some days ago appealing for a new trial.

## John Beckwith Caught in Virginia.

John M. Beckwith, who was to have been tried at Smithfield last September court for doing a general blind tiger business in town, ran away during court week and has been keeping out of the way of officers since that time. Wednesday of this week he was located in Petersburg, Va., and locked up for safe keeping until an officer can go from here to bring him back.

## No Hops For Her.

There is no hope for a woman who cannot manage to be on time at a bargain sale.—Chicago Record Herald.