

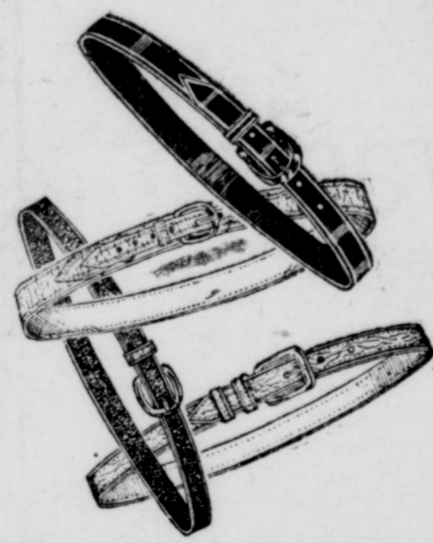
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Times Puts Taft Ahead in The Race

New York, May 30—The New Jersey primaries were the practical ending of the big fight on the republican side, and only twenty-two delegates remain to be chosen.

The times today finds that, on the face of the returns, New Jersey leaves Taft with 571 votes, or thirty-one more, than is necessary, and Roosevelt with 439, or 101 less than is necessary to secure a nomination.

The number instructed or pledged for Taft, and not contested is 391. The number instructed or pledged for Roosevelt and not contested is 425.

With the democrats, New Jersey and Texas have jumped Governor Wilson ahead by sixty-four votes. Speaker Clark had has 389, Governor Wilson 245, Chairman Underwood, eighty-four, Governor Harmon, thirty-six, and other candidates fifty-four, with 126 uninstructed and uncertain.

There are still 156 delegates to be elected.

Contract Awarded on Valley Railroad.

Fredericton, May 31.—Mr. G. H. Tucker, of Brownville, Maine, has been awarded the contract by the Quebec Contracting Company for one mile just above Springhill, and a short distance below where Messrs. Smith & Merrithew have their contract. It is likely that in a day or two other contracts will be awarded, a number of parties now being engaged in an inspection of the line between the Barony and Woodstock. Practically all the road between here and Woodstock will be done by sub-contractors.

Mr. F. A. Hibbard, chief engineer of the Quebec Contracting Company, left last evening for Montreal, and will return on Monday.

J. Fred Boyer of Victoria was in town on Saturday on business.

Oyster Culture In New Brunswick

Ottawa, May 31—An important meeting of the Fisheries and Game Committee of the Commission of Conservation will be held in Ottawa on Tuesday next.

Among the chief topics under discussion will be that of oyster culture in the dominion, an industry which has seriously fallen off during the past few years. At the meeting Dr. Joseph Stafford of McGill University, will acquaint the commission with the result of a minute and technical investigation which he has been conducting for the past few years on this important maritime industry, and in addition the question of conserving and developing the culture will be considered at length.

D. Stafford's investigation has been conducted in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, principally, and it is claimed that he has made a discovery which will be of great importance in the development of the industry.

In 1882 the oyster production of Canada was estimated at 64,645 barrels. In 1910, the last year when statistics were taken, it was found that it had fallen to 29,727 barrels. This serious falling off is attributed to the fact that the public have been allowed to exploit the beds indiscriminately and without regard to culture, or conservation. No attempt had been made at oyster farming, though in other countries it had been found satisfactory to hand over areas to private individuals who would plant them carefully, and pay a certain lease to the government. At the present time the difficulty of gaining a clear title to the oyster beds owing to the clash of dominion and provincial jurisdiction which has been a drawback in the matter.

In order to obviate this difficulty the commission of conversation last year recommended that the dominion government should take over the administration of the beds, drop all laws suits still pending, and give the provinces a percentage of the revenue acquired. In accord with this recommendation the department of marine and fisheries took the matter up and drew up a formal agreement whereby the provinces should waive claim to the administration of the beds in return for half of the rentals.

One of the first acts of the new government is coming into power, however, was to grant Prince Edward Island control of its own oyster beds, though Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had agreed to enter into the agreement framed by the late government.

The consequence has been that the American oyster trust, taking advantage of the smaller legislature in order to gain control, has been making negotiations already for the beds. This serious aspect of the case, it is understood, will be discussed at the coming meeting of the commission.

Dr. Stafford claims to be able to ascertain definitely the time when the oyster "spat" will settle, this being an important question in the problem of oyster culture since upon the freedom of the beds from slime depends largely a successful culture, and by being able to tell when the "spat" is ready to settle fresh beds may be provided.

The committee will be presided over by Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick.

Henry J. Seely, of Waterville, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. A. Lucas, of Sackville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Parsons.

R. E. Estabrooks, for some years a teacher in the High School, has tendered his resignation to the school board. While a member of the High School staff, Mr. Estabrooks has proved himself a most efficient teacher and the severance of his connection with the is a matter of regret.

The United Baptist Church was filled to the doors Sunday evening. The Choral Society, under the leadership of Dr. Baker, was present, and rendered with great effect several selections including "The Heavens Are Telling" from the Creation. This piece will be repeated at the concert to be given on June 11th. The chorus was well balanced and the harmony perfect. Rev. A. C. Berrie preached a powerful sermon, taking for his text "The Lost Christ."

The Reflections of X

Once more we are in the midst of an election; once more we hear "much argument about it and about"; once more we are beset with political excitement in all its varying degrees; once more we hear the loud voice and the taunting epithet. Once more, in brief, we are experiencing many things which are of no benefit to the country, but on the other hand are a positive injury both to its citizens as individuals, and to the dignity, efficiency and integrity of its body politic.

In the first place one of the great essentials of an intelligent and useful citizenship is a capacity to think logically and independently upon the issues affecting ones country and to act accordingly. This is a simple and plain truth which every man is ready to admit. But in order thus to think on any question, is it not of the greatest importance that one should not be influenced by such consideration as personal attachment, prejudice, or passion? I know I am dealing in platiitudes, but the honest mind will ponder them.

Party bias and all that goes with it, is one of the curses of humanity to-day as it has been in the past. Men are putting party above principle. When a man thinks, and works, and votes for the common good, his dislike of this man, or his friendship for that man has nothing whatever to do in the choice of his course. In other words, he is not affected by what so and so says for him or against him; he does not try to please one man or get even with another; he regards his ballot as a sacred right to be sacredly used.

Your party man resembles a judge who would consent to listen to only one side of a case. He reads and listens eagerly to that which favors his views, or rather the views of his side, and if he consents to read or listen to the other side he does so impatiently and with protest. If he is strongly partizan he will regard every man who differs with him, or with his party, as a bigot and perhaps worse. Not so very long ago a certain individual told the writer confidentially that he knew of but one honest man on a certain side of politics. Cases of this calibre should cause thoughtful men to pause and question themselves concerning the advisability of a little careful investigation of their own modes of political thought.

The man who sets out to do his own thinking; to be independent; to stamp his opinions with the seal of his highest manhood, may, and doubtless will, meet with some coolness, or even criticism from party people; he may sometimes be tempted to yield to their excitement or become imbued with their prejudice, but if he stands firmly for service to his country, not servitude to party, he will have the high satisfaction of his own self-respect, and may do as much, or more, by his example as by his vote. "Hail! Independence—by true reason taught,

How few have known, and prized thee as they ought!" Churchill.

Daniel Jordan. K. C. Dead At Sackville

Sackville, June 3—The death occurred here at eight o'clock this morning of Mr. Daniel Jordan K. C., police magistrate of Sackville. He was sixty seven years of age and a native of St. John. A widow survives.

News of Mr. Jordan's death will be heard of with great regret by many friends in this city, of which he was a resident for a number of years. He practised law here in partnership with Messrs. John Black and Fred St. John Bliss, the firm being known as Black, Jordan and Bliss. —Fredericton Mail.

BORN

CLARKE.—At Jamaica Plain, on Tuesday May 28th., to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Clarke, a son.

BREWER.—At Hawshaw on Saturday June 1st., to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Brewer, a son.

PHILLIPS.—At Montreal, June 1st to Mr. and Mrs. Chipman Phillips, of Woodstock, a son.

Wetmore-Jones

One of the prettiest weddings of recent years took place in St. Luke's Church, Woodstock, Monday morning June 3rd when Gertrude Raymond eldest daughter of the Honourable Wendell P. Jones and Mrs. Jones, was united in marriage to Mr. Carleton Beresford Wetmore, eldest son of Mr. George L. Wetmore and Mrs. Wetmore. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. S. Hazel in the presence of a large number of guests. The church was prettily decorated with potted plants, ferns, white lilacs and apple blossoms.

The music was splendidly rendered by Mr. George Howard.

The bride looked lovely in a white satin gown en traine elaborately trimmed with Duchesse lace, a bridal veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies.

Miss Alice Boyer as maid of honor was beautifully gowned in a pale violet silk and chiffon gown with a large black picture hat and carried a bouquet of white carnations, Mr. Wetmore was supported by Mr. Charles J. Jones as best man.

The ushers were Mr. Arthur M. Fisher, Mr. Burpee MacLeod Hay, Ms. Stuart Bailey and Mr. George Dibblee.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's residence and a luncheon was served. The house was beautifully decorated with white lilacs, ferns and apple blossoms.

The bride was the recipient of a very large number of beautiful gifts.

The young couple left on the noon express and were followed by the best wishes of hosts of friends. Among the out of town guests were; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Wetmore, Miss Nora and Miss Marjorie Wetmore of St. John Mrs. C. M. Doheny of Montreal, Miss Stammers and Mr. Jack Aday, Mr. Hood Hay, of Chipman and Mr. Fred White, of St. Leonards. Supt. Harshaw lent his private car to Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore for their trip.

Gillin-Thompson

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at 5 o'clock Monday morning in St. Gertrude's church when Rev. F. J. McMurray, the pastor, united in marriage Miss Blanche Thompson, daughter of Daniel Thompson of Woodstock, and W. Riley Gillin. Harry Gillin, brother of the groom was groomsman, and Mrs. Harry Gillin supported the bride. After a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride, the happy couple left on the early train for a honeymoon trip to Boston and other American cities.

Mrs. Charles Bourne

The death occurred at her home "The Grove" on Saturday, June 1st after a long illness of Mary L. widow of the late Charles Bourne, aged 68 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roy Steven, of St. John and Miss Hilda Bourne of Woodstock; and three sisters, Mrs. H. W. Bourne, Miss Matilda Beardsley of Woodstock, and Miss Jennie Beardsley, of Montreal. also one grandson Douglas Beardsley Steven.

The funeral took place on Monday at 3 o'clock. Service was conducted at the Parish Church by the Rev. A. S. Hazel. The Hymns were "Now the Labourers Task is O'er" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." The pallbearers were J. T. A. Dibblee, F. B. Bull, C. L. Perkins and W. L. Carr. Interment was made in the parish church yard.

Mrs. Bourne has a large circle of friends who sincerely mourn her death.

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