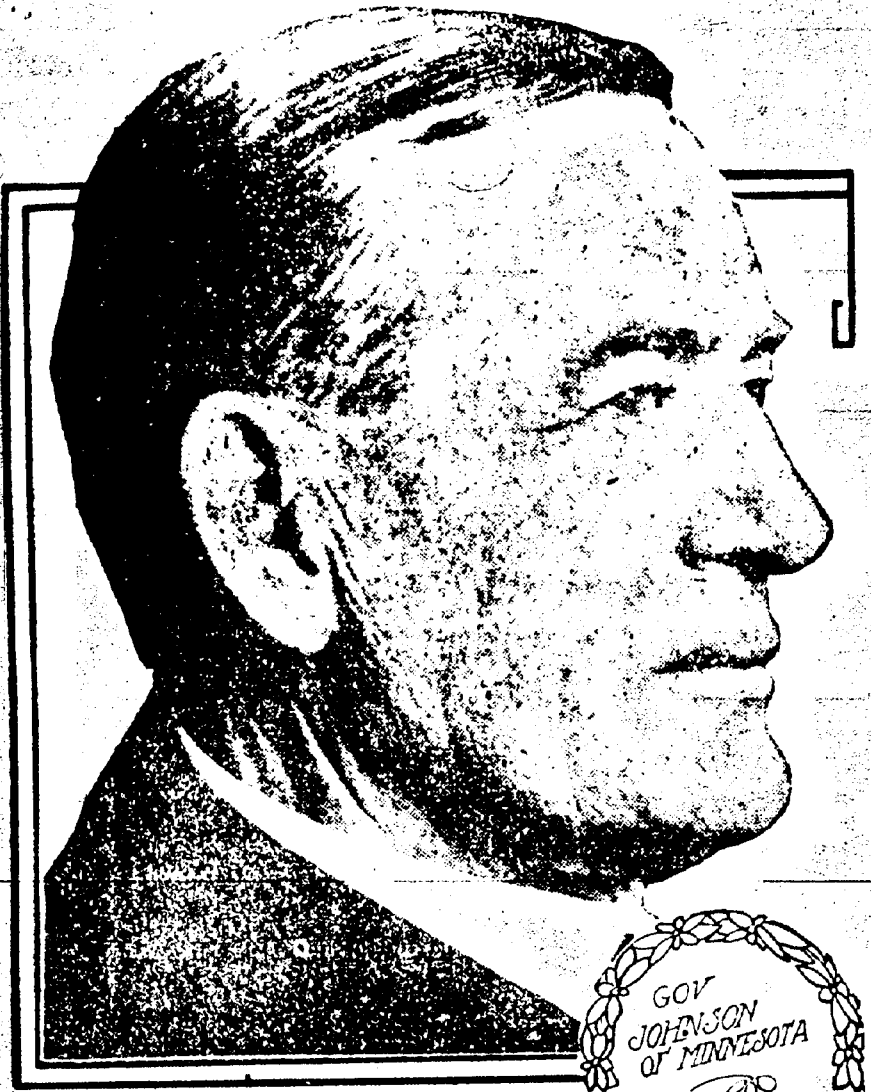


GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA



Latest photograph of John A. Johnson, chief executive of Minnesota whose name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the Democratic presidential nomination.

FIND CARVED CLIFFS

GOLDSEEKERS IN ARKANSAS DISCOVER WORK OF ANCIENTS.

Explorers in Mountains of Southwest Tell of Hieroglyphics Which Are Thought to Be Thousands of Years Old.

Fort Smith, Ark.—For years there has been a legend current in the Boston mountains and throughout the northwestern portion of Arkansas of a lost mine. The legend had its origin in Indian tradition.

Among the firm believers in the hidden treasures and weird history secrets of the Boston mountains is a noted mountain character who has devoted the last 20 years of his life to prospecting and exploration.

Mr. Sloane is at present in Fort Smith with a remarkable collection of cave stalactites, stalagmites and other cave and rock formation.

Another man who has often joined him in these exploration trips is Dr. Hill of Mulberry.

Along the base of the cliff, in digging in the artificial formation made of stone and cement ages ago, they found counterparts of the symbols cut in the walls above.

Mr. Sloane's stories of the mysteries and fascinations of the cliffs and caverns of the Boston mountains are most interesting.

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STATE WILL RESTORE BANNER. Ohio to Return Confederate Flag to Maryland.

Columbus.—One of the Confederate flags which Senator Foraker said he would not return "as long as I am governor," is going back to the men who surrendered it.

It is their wish that this square of bunting that now hangs in the relic room of the capitol shall be transmitted by the governor of Ohio to the governor of Maryland.

Without a dissenting vote the house of representatives adopted a joint resolution urging upon the governor to send to the governor of the Oriole state the flag of the First Maryland battery, captured in the engagement at Hatcher's run April 2, 1865.

HUNTING FOR OLD WHISKY.

Quart of Apple Jack Hidden in Building Fifty Years.

Boonton, N. J.—Workmen engaged in enlarging the cellar of the old William H. Temple building here found in the money drawer of a counter some "shinplasters," coins, other bills and gold nuggets, worth in all perhaps \$1,000.

A workman who was employed in the erection of the building, and who still lives in this town, says that one of his fellow workmen was sent for a quart of apple whisky and when the boss of the job, who was a strong temperance man, appeared suddenly, the bottle was hastily hidden between the lathing and the side of the building.

HAS MUSTACHE AT AGE OF EIGHT

Freakish Boy Also Has Bass Voice of Rare Quality.

London.—The record for precocity probably is held by a son of Joseph Williams, a Malda-vale painter, who, though but eight years old, has a black mustache and a bass voice of such quality that a church organist in the district, who discovered him, intends to train him to sing in public.

In appearance the boy is big for his age, is very dark and has a rather protruding forehead. He is extremely bashful, and scarcely ever laughs. His voice broke when he was seven, and for a time the parents, thinking that his singular vocal production was due to a cold, took him to a hospital every Saturday for nearly two years, during which time he was seen by no fewer than 13 doctors and specialists, who could come to no other conclusion than that the child was a freak of nature.

IS WALKING AROUND COUNTRY.

Pedestrian Has Traveled 2,287 Miles on Boundary Line.

New York.—Walking into New York with a rifle slung on one shoulder and a haversack on the other, Earl Cronley, who is circling the borders of the United States on a pedestrian tour, announced that he had tramped 2,287 miles. His ruddy complexion and appearance of health indicated that pedestrianism agrees with him.

Cronley modestly expressed the hope that when he finished his self-imposed task in June, 1910, he would get a good job in Toledo. As he is not a prize fighter he does not expect to go on the stage. He has an itinerary and put down 20 miles a day for his walk.

Cronley is 25 years old and a native of Illinois. In 1900 he joined the Twenty-sixth United States Infantry. He served 2 1/2 years in the Philippines and one year subsequently with his regiment in Texas.

DOG SPOILS SHAM SUICIDE.

Licks Tomato Catchup Intended to Do Duty as Blood.

Paterson, N. J.—Because his wife refused to give him his weekly allowance of one dollar out of his pay envelope George R. Reade, a silk weaver, made a "desperate" attempt to commit suicide.

Getting out his razor he dipped it in the catchup bottle and then poured the rest of the bottle's contents on his neck, giving it the appearance of having been cut. Then with a groan he fell to the floor.

Justice John Fitzmaurice, who lives next door, ran into the house, and when he went into the room and saw the "blood" on Reade's neck he summoned an ambulance from the general hospital with Dr. Tarpey.

The doctor found Reade sitting on the floor. His neck was clean. The catchup had been "washed" off by his St. Bernard dog as he lay unconscious on the floor, and, having no more to keep up the deception, he admitted that he "wasn't hurt much."

Because of the fright she received Mrs. Reade is under the care of a physician.

COURTED OVER THE TELEPHONE.

Spinster Agreed to Marry Unseen Admirer, Who Was a Woman.

Geneva.—A woman has been arrested at Zurich on a charge of defrauding an elderly spinster, to whom she made love over the telephone in an assumed male voice.

The spinster, who is wealthy and lives in the little town of Windisch, in the canton of Argovie, confided to the woman arrested to take charge of her financial affairs. Soon after the spinster received a proposal of marriage by letter from a "Herr Heringsfeld" of Zurich, and accepted it.

For several months the courtship continued over the telephone, "Herr Heringsfeld" making appointments and breaking them on pleas of pressure of work and lack of money.

At last the spinster broke off her engagement, and demanded the return of her loans to "Herr Heringsfeld." He could not be found, and the newly-married woman was subsequently arrested on a charge of fraud.

Flirt, Court, Wed by Wire.

Cleveland, O.—Through the crossing of telephone wires Attorney Walter K. Thompkins, a Princeton graduate, with offices in the Williamson building here, started a flirtation with Miss F. E. Grace Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wilson.

On their first conversation over the wire Mr. Thompkins was impressed by Miss Wilson's voice. She learned his name, and subsequent conversations resulted in their meeting. The wedding followed a brief courtship.

At Same Bench 67 Years.

London.—A cabinet maker, George Murr, who has just died at Grantham, at the age of 78 years, was employed by the same firm for 67 years and was never known to be late for work.

FOR TARDY REWARDS

BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE VALOR IN '05'S.

Bishops Fowler and Hartzell in the List—Swam to Wrecked Ship on Lake Michigan and Rescued Excursionists.

Washington.—Congress gives scant recognition to heroes. Unless a deed of danger and daring be performed in the full glare of publicity, it is likely to remain unknown and its performer to go down in history unusing.

He has introduced a bill in the house to award gold medals to Edward Spencer and Charles H. Fowler, for heroic work in saving life at the wreck of the steamer Lady Elgin, September 8, 1890, and to Joseph C. Hartzell of the schooner Storm, May 19, 1861.

The heroes were students then at the Northwestern university, and two of them, Fowler and Hartzell, are now bishops. The loss of the Lady Elgin was the most fatal disaster in the history of the Great Lakes.

Soon after getting into midlake the vessel encountered a terrific gale from the northeast. At 2:30 in the morning, while the storm was at its height, the schooner Augusta, which was sailing without lights, ran into the Lady Elgin and stove a hole in her side.

Students of the Northwestern university and Garrett Biblical institute, located at Evanston, went to the rescue of the people who were floating on spars and bits of debris.

Spencer's heroism was notable. Exhausted by his hard work, he continued the rescue while out and bleeding. A rope was passed around his waist, so that he could be pulled back to shore in the event he collapsed in the water.

The last persons saved by Spencer were a man and his wife. This man floated in, clinging to a piece of wreck, while he carried a bundle in the other arm. Spencer saw that this bundle was a woman.

"Come what it may," he said, "I will save that man or die in the attempt." He finally saved them. His health was shattered by that day's work.

Bishop Fowler, in his student days, was an excellent swimmer, and this enabled him to go far out in the lake after drowning persons.

Hartzell swam out to the vessel with a rope. By means of this rope, which he carried through a sea so rough that no vessel could live in it, all on board except one were saved.

Young Hartzell is now Bishop J. C. Hartzell, missionary bishop of the Methodist church in Africa.

Dobbin in the Hero Class. Winsted, Conn.—John Dempsey of Milerton, N. Y., owes his life to a horse owned by him and which he declares has more human instinct than most people.

Dempsey was marking ice with a plow preparatory to cutting it on Rudd lake. Accidentally he stepped into 40 feet of water, but kept hold of the plow. The horse pulled him and the plow out of the pond.

As soon as Dempsey was on the ice again the horse stopped, turned, and, coming up to him, whinnied, as much as to tell him he had saved his life. Dempsey cannot swim a stroke and was alone.

Will Issue Mourning Stamps. London.—Postmaster General Buxton intends to make a small issue of stamps with mourning borders as a feeble, if they don't take with people in mourning they will become valuable to stamp collectors.

"ANDY" AND "JOHN D." OUT.

Carnegie and the Oil Man Disagree Over Game of Golf.

New York.—All because of a game of golf, Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller, two of the most distinguished devotees of the game in this country, are reported to have broken a friendship of years' standing.

The warm argument over which of the two won a game over John D.'s private golf course at Pocantico Hills, is said to have caused the old friends to part. Both assert their differences cannot be patched up without an apology from the other.

From all reports, it was the hottest kind of a game that caused the trouble. First one was ahead, then the other. At the sixteenth hole, Rockefeller announced the score, saying he had made 78 strokes, against Carnegie's 81.

SIX KISSES A DAY THE LIMIT. Wife Too Affectionate So Chicagoan Leaves Home.

Chicago.—Six kisses a day are the limit for Ora M. Leddon. He promised Detective Stark and Johnson, who arrested him for deserting his affectionate wife, that he would stay with her on that basis.

It's a case of too much "love" business," said Leddon, on the way back from Springfield. "My wife—she was married once or twice before—is a good woman and a fine housekeeper; but she is too strong on the love business to suit me.

"Now, I'm not a chilly guy or anything like that; but I don't want a woman kissing me all the time. When I come home from work in the evening, I like to sit down and read the paper. My wife would want me to hold hands with her and say foolish things.

A few days before I jumped out of town, some actress down in New York made a hit with a kiss that lasted 42 seconds. When my wife read about that in the papers she said she could beat it with one hand tied behind her back. I'm ashamed to tell you what happened."

BOUL FIGURES IN WILL.

Rich Old Land Owner Makes a Special Bequest of It.

Washington, Pa.—The will of A. M. Russell, late of Hickory, Mt. Pleasant township, this county, received in the register's office, is the most peculiar testament ever probated in Washington county.

"I hereby direct that my soul shall be returned to the God who gave it, and that my body shall be consigned to the earth, whence it came."

Russell then moralizes on the shortness of life and the uncertainty of man's existence, urging upon his widow and children the importance of following "the straight and narrow path."

The Russell estate is variously estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Russell had for many years been active in church and temperance work, and gave largely of his means in the support of charity.

RIDES AT LAST IN CARS. Connecticut Farmer Clings to the Seat All the Way.

Winsted, Conn.—John Brophy of Campville, a farmer, has had his first ride on a steam train.

He had driven to Thomaston, when his horse dropped dead. The merr was nearly down to zero, and his friends advised him to take a train instead of walking home.

Farmer Brophy approached the ticket office reluctantly and bought a ticket. When the little piece of cardboard was delivered to him he hesitated to accept it. He knew it was far too small to take him five miles to his home.

The agent, explaining at length that it was not necessary to have a long ticket to reach his destination, succeeded in assuring Brophy that no bunco game was being pulled off.

When the train arrived Mr. Brophy had about decided to walk rather than risk his life in such a conveyance, but an elderly neighbor of a patronizing disposition, took him in tow.

Opposes Gift from Carnegie. Youngstown, O.—Former Mayor William T. Gibson has resigned as a member of the library board because of the acceptance by the trustees of Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$50,000, to which Gibson was opposed. He has been a member of the board 23 years.

VIOLET EYED GIRLS

EPIDEMIC OF THEM FOUND IN SOUTHEASTERN IOWA.

Cause Baffles Explanation—Old Resident Says Hue Comes from Heaven—Their Possession Excites No Comment.

Mount Pleasant, Ia.—Are violet eyes always indicative of a beautiful face? Is there a subtle relationship between the flower-hued pigment in the iris and whatever mystical physical operation it is that fashions features in alluring form and gives to complexions texture and tint of the rose petal?

Be that as it may, there is an epidemic of violet eyes in Mount Pleasant. Whether or not it has connection with the comeliness boasted by scores of young women here—a boast so worthy that when President Roosevelt passed through last fall he exclaimed: "I never before have seen so many pretty women in a place this size"—is another matter.

There are violet eyes of many shades. One pair of eyes may possess the pale, almost colorless blue marking the tiny harbinger of spring dug from beneath its covering of snow.

Why the presence of the purple-blue pigment in the eyes of so many daughters of the town is a problem as perplexing as it is unpromising of solution.

"My attention has been called frequently to the matter," said Dr. W. L. Lessinger, a prominent southeastern Iowa surgeon. "It is exceedingly difficult of explanation. The cause probably lies back several generations. But even though it were true early settlers of Henry county happened to have violet eyes, there must be some physical condition here, either in the atmosphere or in the chemical composition of the soil, to preserve the distinctive coloring. It is a strange anomaly.

It is seldom possible, in instances of such irregularity, to advance explanations sure to be correct."

Old residents declare southeastern Iowa skies are the bluest in the Mississippi valley and that eyes of the daughters of the land catch their hue from the heavens.

Violetest eyes of all has Miss Gladys Garvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Garvin. In a town where violet eyes are usual attractions, her eyes are unusually attractive.

Mt. Pleasant is the seat of the Iowa Wesleyan university. Intermingling of college and city social interests has given the place the name of "Vassar of the West." National society officers live here. Miss Ellen Ball, national treasurer of the Alpha Xi Beta sorority. She is president of the P. E. C. sisterhood here, where the society was organized.

Photographs from a local studio substantiate Mt. Pleasant's claim to being the home of beauty and violet eyes. Misses Ethel Besser, Stella Sailer, Chassee Fraker and Mrs. George Crane are among the fairest women of southern Iowa.

GHOST READY FOR STUDY.

Bequest of \$5,000 to Clark University to Be Used as Once.

Fitchburg, Mass.—Clark university, at Worcester, will have to wait no longer to use the \$5,000 bequest of George A. Battles to study ghosts. Within two weeks after turning over the money the ghost has been produced.

The police reported the supernatural visitor to the university authorities, after Mathilda Kelley had reported it to them. She says strange noises disturb her slumbers. Loud rappings are heard at the windows. The doors open and close with no one apparently around. Voices are heard in lamentations. The visitor had gone so far even as to seize her and her son by the neck and carotid.

Deadwood, S. D.—For the first time in the history of Deadwood, a Chinaman will cast a vote at a municipal election.

The celestial who thus adopts another American custom is Hong Quong, son of Dr. Wing Tsue, a wealthy merchant, and recognized leader of his race in the Black Hills.

Quong is 24 years old, and is a bright young man. He entered the state school of mines at Rapid City and took a two-years' course in mining engineering.

Servant Leaves \$200 to Cat. Elkton, Md.—Tiny Sims, for many years a servant, bequeathed \$1,200 to Harmony Presbyterian church and \$200 to Mrs. Isabella P. Milton, in whose house she died.

The income from the bequest to Mrs. Milton is to be applied to the maintenance of her black cat, Dixie, and on the death of the cat the money is to go to Harmony church.