

WHEN REYNOLDS WAS BUTTE BOSS

LECTED WILLIAM DAVEY AS MAYOR; COOKS AND WAITERS WERE IN CONTROL.

ought His Lieutenants Politics and They Went Out Into Many Places and Distinguished Themselves; A Unique Campaign With Far-Reaching Results.

The story of James M. Reynolds of older Hot Springs, who rose from waiter to the political boss of Butte, and which had its effect in many distant centers, is of more than passing interest, and exemplifies what a man may do if he has the brain to plan, and the dynamic energy to organize and execute his designs.

When Reynolds arrived in Butte, good many years ago, he looked about for a soft place upon which to alight, and which might develop into something worth while.

He went to work as a waiter, and



James M. Reynolds.

actually worked long enough to be elected delegate of the Cooks' and Waiters' union. It was at a time when the lunch counter was the place to dine to eat, where the high and the low foregathered three times a day for refreshment and diversion.

He then cast about for some plan to aggrandize his organization. He decided to put the Cooks' and Waiters' union into municipal politics.

Picked Davey for Mayor.

At that time William Davey was the owner of the old Chequamagan, one of the most popular restaurants in Butte. Davey had made considerable money in his establishment. He was popular with all classes. Reynolds was his friend. He decided that the way to entrench the Cooks' and Waiters' union was to elect Davey mayor.

It was necessary to get control of the democratic organization in order to bring about the nomination of Davey. This he did by electing every member of the Cooks' and Waiters' union a delegate to the democratic convention.

The convention was made up of about 500 delegates. Reynolds went into the convention with the votes of 200 delegates, every one a member of the Cooks' and Waiters' union.

When the proper time came Reynolds made the speech which put Davey's name before the convention. He made an eloquent appeal, and won the place for his candidate with ease.

A Unique Canvass.

Then the waiters began their campaign. Under the instructions of Reynolds they canvassed every man they served, and always with the dessert, when the listener, his appetite satisfied, would be in a mood to listen. Davey won the election in a canter. The Cooks' and Waiters' union was in control of the municipal machinery of the city of Butte.

Mayor Davey remembered his friends. Reynolds was made chief of police. Billie Wayne, another waiter, was appointed police court clerk. Other members of the Cooks' and Waiters' union were given fat places.

Affected Many Cities.

The election of Davey had a far-reaching effect. Billie Wayne afterwards went to Salt Lake City, where

CHARLES R. LEONARD WRITES OF THE BIG WORK OF STATE TAX COMMISSION

It is expected that the new tax commission, created by the Fifteenth legislative assembly, will be organized soon. The purpose of the commission is to investigate every phase of the tax question. The commission will devote the next 21 months to this investigation, and will make an exhaustive report, with recommendations, to the Sixteenth legislative assembly, which will meet January 1, 1919. On the basis of these recommendations it is expected that the legislature will pass new and far-reaching laws looking to the equalization of taxes.

The commission comprises Charles R. Leonard of Butte, a lawyer of much ability, Charles MacNamara of Big Sandy, one of the most successful cattlemen in the state, and William Lindsay of Glendive, farmer and flockmaster. All three are men of independent means.

Mr. Leonard has written the following paper, with regard to the work to be undertaken by the commission:

"The act provides that 'the commission shall inquire into the assessment and relative amount of taxes paid upon all forms of property in the several counties, and shall investigate the relative amount of license and other taxes paid by both foreign and domestic corporations, and shall make such investigation with a view of determining what further and other license taxes or other taxes should be paid by foreign or domestic corporations doing business in this state; in such inquiry and investigation said commission shall consult and co-operate with the state board of equalization, with a view of gathering evidence and information and making recommendations which will be of assistance to said state board of equalization in the performance of its duties in securing a fair, just and equitable valuation of taxable property in the state, in adjusting and equalizing the valuation thereof among the several counties, and in raising the necessary revenue for such purpose.'

"The commission is also requested to make suggestions and recommendations with reference to legislation appropriate and essential to carry into effect section 15 of article XII, of the constitution. This is the section which was amended by the people at the last general election and provides for the duties of county and state boards of equalization. Under the amendment, the state board of equalization, which consists of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor and attorney general, is given the right to supervise and review acts of county assessors and county boards of equalization, and to change, increase or decrease valuations made by county assessors or equalized by county boards of equalization, and under this amendment, the state board may do all things necessary to secure a fair, just and equitable valuation of taxable property among the counties and between the different classes of property and individuals."

Will Hold Sittings.

"The commission is authorized to hold sittings and public hearings and to send for persons and papers and compel attendance of witnesses, and is required to file its findings and recommendations and submit the testimony taken, to the state board of equalization, which will present them to the legislature."

"The appointment of this commission is in line with the course pursued by many other states where like commissions have been at work for sometime gathering data and making a study of the questions which would probably be considered in the matter of taxation."

"A legislative assembly which has to consider so many matters during its brief session has not the time

he established a cafe, made a fortune and, profiting by his Butte experience, went into politics and became one of the political dictators of the Mormon metropolis.

Clarence Gerald, another of Reynolds' lieutenants, went to Seattle. He, too, went into the cafe business. He made \$100,000 in his business, and became the political boss of Seattle.

William Thomas, another Chequamagan waiter, went to Reno, where he opened up a cafe, from which he realized a competency. He has since become one of the political factors of the state of Nevada.

Frank Lewis was one of the waiters of Reynolds' organization. He afterwards located in Edmonton, and established a cafe patterned after the Butte idea. It developed into a profitable business. Lewis figured prominently in political affairs of the Alberta capital for years.

So, in seeking to put the Cooks' and Waiters' union in control of municipal affairs in Butte, Reynolds' campaign had its effect in many distant cities.

Reynolds afterwards went into the hotel business, finally acquiring control of the Boulder Hot Springs establishment, which he has developed into one of the big hostels of the state.

when it comes to taking up questions of public revenue and appropriations of public needs, to make the proper study of the comparative resources of the state and whether the different industries are bearing their proper proportion of the burden of the public expense, and I take it the com-



Charles R. Leonard.

mission was appointed simply in an advisory way to point out what the tax situation really is in Montana, and to suggest some plan or system of equalization by which a uniform assessment can be arrived at covering all species of property.

"A regular system of classification should be adopted, and an effort made to see that the same classes of property should be treated alike all over the state. It is possible that some classes may be found to have entirely escaped taxation heretofore."

Is a Big Work.

"It is a large task, for Montana is an empire in extent. She has an area one-third larger than the New England states with New York added, and larger than the combined areas of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. She has 93,000,000 acres of land. Her development along all lines has been marvelous in recent years, and her wealth producing power has grown by leaps and bounds, and the prosperity she is now enjoying is unprecedented."

"Surely under a proper system of valuation and assessment, Montana should have no difficulty in providing for the support of her state government and for the proper care of her educational and other institutions. I realize that in a young and rapidly developing state like ours where broad foundations

should be laid for all public institutions, a large express is incurred, larger proportionately than is required in later years. But I think Montana has the wealth which, if evenly and equitably assessed, should be adequate for all her needs.

"But whatever system is devised, it must be fair to all, and each industry, each corporation and each individual should bear his proper share. That is the policy of the law, and it is right."

"The commission, I am satisfied, will want to make the largest inquiry possible so as to inform itself fully on all questions involved, and will want to counsel, not only with the state board of equalization, but with county assessors, officers of corporations and all other persons who are in a position to assist it in getting data for its work."

May Employ Experts.

"It is provided in the bill that experts on tax matters can be employed if necessary, and the board will probably consider at an early date what help in this direction it will require."

"The members of the commission will feel justified, I am sure, in giving their time and attention to this important work, if their efforts will prove to be of assistance to the legislature in arriving at a satisfactory solution of the tax question."

HE NEARLY ENLISTED IN THE WRONG ARMY

Recruiting in Butte has been slow work and the officer in charge of the recruiting station smacked his lips when a burly young Irishman, who gave the name of James Casey, strolled into the recruiting station in the courthouse. The officer looked him over, up and down, and decided he would be a fine specimen to mold into a top sergeant.

"Want to go in?" asked the officer. "Sure, and I want a certificate," Casey replied.

The officer felt Casey's chest, listened to his heart beats and asked several questions.

"Strip," commanded the officer. Casey looked funny for a while and then took off his clothes.

"Jump over that bar," he was ordered. Casey jumped.

"Run around the room nine times to try your wind," Casey ran.

"Lie down on the floor and roll over four times," was the order. Casey rolled.

"Stand up, grab that bar and hang by your knees," was the order. "I be d—d if I will, I'll stay single first,"

"Single?" asked the officer. "Sure, it's a marriage license I'll be after having."

"You belong in that room over there the officer said with a smile and pointed to the office of Otis Lee, clerk of the district court.

NAVAL LEAGUE TO WORK IN MONTANA

PATRIOTIC CITIZENS OF EVERY SECTION ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE.

Eugene Carroll of Butte, Former Naval Officer, is at Head of Movement; Purpose of League is to Assist President in Bringing Navy to War Strength.

Eugene Carroll of Butte is at the head of a movement which should appeal to the patriotic people of Montana. He is state chairman of the Navy League of the United States, the purpose of which is to aid the President Wilson in increasing the personnel of the navy to a war footing. The work of the league has been undertaken at the request of the president.

Mr. Carroll, who has long been a prominent citizen of the state, was formerly an officer of the navy. He is a graduate of Annapolis, and notwithstanding the fact that he has business interests which demand his attention, tendered his services to the secretary of the navy some weeks ago. He was advised by the department that the navy could use only the younger men, so Mr. Carroll proposes to devote his energies to the encouragement of enlistment, through the state branch of the navy league.

At Mr. Carroll's instance a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Butte recently. At this meeting many prominent citizens of the mining metropolis became affiliated with the league, and have pledged themselves to do all they can to further the work undertaken. A large meeting will also be held in Helena April 17, one in Great Falls at an early date, as well as in other centers in Montana. No community is too small to help. A branch of the league should be formed in every town in the state, and a great and laudable movement, of incalculable good to the navy, furthered. Any individual, or group of individuals, in any section of the state, who desires to aid in this work of the naval league are requested to communicate with Mr. Carroll.

Speed Up Recruiting.

Since the rising of a real war cloud the preparations of the army and navy have been speeded because it has been possible for executive officers to put into being plans definitely adopted long since, but up to this time kept unused on account of lack of legal authority to employ them. It is the first thought to speed recruiting in both arms of the service. There are several reasons why many young men have refrained from joining the navy. These reasons are not sound; they are based on false beliefs. In the first place it seems to have been a fairly general opinion that the men in the navy, as a class, were not of the highest standard socially, and that there was a great percentage of foreign born wearing the colors of the United States. The facts, as explained to a representative of the navy league by one of the higher officers in the navy, are these:

Statistics show that of all the enlisted men 95.5 per cent are citizens of the United States. Of this number, 92 per cent were born in this country, and of all branches of the naval service about 4.5 per cent are mess attendants and men in such positions principally from the island possessions. No man is received in the navy unless he is first of all an American citizen; then he must be of the character and type of man that would be welcomed in any trade or profession.

Reasons for Enlistment.

The advantages offered to young men in the navy are more than the average person realizes. This is strikingly illustrated by a canvass recently made of the reasons given for enlistment of 230 men. These were the first ones received at the Great Lakes station, Illinois. The results were as follows:

Ninety-three men gave as their reason their desire to learn a trade, or that they had always intended to enter the navy, and simply waited until they were old enough; 67 men were persuaded to enlist by relatives or friends in the navy who were well informed regarding the conditions; 63 men enlisted because of reasons furnished by literature issued by the department and newspaper articles; six men enlisted because they were out of work, and one man because he

JEANETTE MAKES BOW IN CONGRESS

APPEARANCE OF CONGRESSWOMAN OCCASION FOR AN OVATION.

Voted With Republicans on Organization, and Against the Resolution Declaring State of War Existing With Germany; Talks to Suffragists.

The Honorable Jeannette Rankin is sitting in the house of representatives as the congresswoman from Montana. Her advent in Washington attracted much attention. Her big day started with a breakfast given in her honor by the American Woman Suffrage association, followed by a reception at association headquarters where the first woman in the suffrage movement greeted prominent workers in the suffrage cause from all over the nation. She made her first public address to the suffragettes, and the impression that she created was very favorable.

Members Welcome Her.

Representative Evans escorted her into the house of representatives. Her appearance was the signal for an ovation, and she was compelled to rise and bow her acknowledgements to the plaudits of her fellow members whose reception was more cordial. On first roll call, she was designated by the reading clerk as "Miss Rankin," and this will constitute good congressional form when addressing her in the house. It is recorded that she blushed when she answered to her name.

Miss Rankin voted with the republicans.

Meets Uncle Joe.

At times Miss Rankin had her mind distracted from the humdrum proceedings of the house as member after member came up to be presented and pay his respects or offer his congratulations. In the throng came Uncle Joe Cannon. A gallant by nature, Uncle Joe said to Miss Rankin, after extending her a warm welcome: "If you are looking for a grandfather, you might adopt me." Miss Rankin thanked Uncle Joe for his friendly interest, and promised to "take his offer under advisement." Then came Representative Mann, republican leader, who told Miss Rankin she had "exhibited her poise and good judgment" when she had voted for him (Mann) for speaker. Having a sense of humor, Miss Rankin gave Mr. Mann further assurance of her respect and admiration, and he passed on, smiling.

Her first vote was on the resolution declaring a state of war with Germany. With apparent emotion she voted against the resolution.

More than 8,000 persons are engaged in writing insurance of various kinds in Montana, according to figures compiled by the state auditor.

took this means of entering the naval academy at Annapolis.

Since the enactment of the law making it possible for 100 men every year to be admitted to the naval academy at Annapolis, more high grade young men than ever have entered the service. While some of these men do not reach the goal of their ambition the great majority are none the less contented because the same work which would prepare them to enter the academy puts them in line for billets as petty officers.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Are you fortunate enough to have had an ancestor in the Revolutionary War? If so we want to get into communication with you. Please send your name and address to the Montana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, P. O. Box 636, Butte, Montana.

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Montana Inspired Foss

Sam Walter Foss, the New England poet, was one of the verse makers of his generation whose work will live, and ever since his death a few years ago, the demand for his books of poems has steadily increased.

Ten years ago Foss visited Montana and was deeply impressed with the beauty of its scenery and the wonderful future that he could see for the state. While in Helena, inspired by the view of mountains and plains from the capitol, he wrote the following verses:

MONTANA.

Montana, the empire of vastness,
The mistress of mountain and plain,
From the heights of thy sky-piercing fastness,
From thy prairies that roll like the main;—
From thy prairies that heave like the ocean,
From thy mountains shall blow unconfined
The breath of new power and devotion,
And a new blast of hope from mankind.

Montana, so realm-like thy regions,
And so loud and so kindly thy call,
That the ages may pour forth their legions,
And thy spaces make room for them all.
Be strong for the greatness before thee,
Th' imperial breadth of thy fate;
Through the strength of thy sons who adore thee,
To the summit of greatness, be great.

Montana, the magic of morning,
The sun-burst of dawn with its beams,
Gild the robe of thy maid-like adorning
That is woven of hopes and of dreams;—
Of hopes and of dreams of new races,
The dwellers by river and glen,
That shall gladden your desolate places
And match all your mountains with men.

Your mines with their wealth for the nations,
Your largess of fruits and of grains
Shall feed the unborn generations
That shall people your peaks and your plains;
They will come with the might of their millions,
They will come like the surge of the sea—
Make ready your gorgeous pavilions,
To welcome these millions to be.

Lands panting with pains and with pities,
Lands heavy with sighs and with groans
Shall build in your valleys new cities
Forever unburdened by thrones,
From thy prairies that heave like the ocean,
From thy mountains shall blow unconfined
The breath of new power and devotion,
And a new blast of hope for mankind.

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The Elk Run Ranch, owned by W. L. Velie, the noted automobile manufacturer of Moline, Ill., has for sale half a dozen young bulls from the celebrated Hutcheons Herd purchased by him and shipped last fall to Montana to stock his model Hereford breeding farm at Highwood, Montana.

These bulls are coming two years old and are ready for immediate delivery and service.

The United States leads the world in Hereford breeding, and there is no better stock in this country than in this herd. Prominent in its ancestry are such famous bulls as Beau Brummel, Don Carlos, Lamplighter, Dale, Anxiety IV, March On, Beau Donald, Hesiod II and others synonymous with everything that represents the best in Hereford blood.

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