



JAMES GRAY.

Democratic nominee for governor of Minnesota. Mr. Gray served one term as mayor of Minneapolis.

James Gray is forty-eight years old. He was born in Scotland in 1862 and came to America with his parents when four years old, the Grays settling in Iowa, then in Wisconsin. In 1880 Mr. Gray came to Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1885 and at once entered newspaper work.

Mr. Gray worked on the Minneapolis Tribune and the old Minneapolis Times and it was while city editor of the latter paper in 1898 that he was nominated for mayor of Minneapolis by the Democrats and elected.

Leaving office Mr. Gray resumed newspaper work, first on the Minneapolis Tribune, then on the Minneapolis Journal. He resigned from the Journal on accepting the Democratic nomination for governor.

The Democratic Candidate for Governor.

The only opposition to James Gray in the Democratic state central committee came from friends representing Mayor Haynes of Minneapolis. Mr. Gray didn't believe Mr. Haynes was as desirable a man for mayor as Mr. Jones, his Republican opponent. But the state central committee did not think that Mr. Gray's judgment in regard to a purely local matter should cut any figure in this case.

The committee was right about that. The theory that purely local affairs, like city offices, should be treated from the standpoint of national party politics, is very generally discarded nowadays. What a man's views are on national questions—the tariff, the navy, the Panama canal, conservation—has nothing to do with what his views are about police administration, the building of schoolhouses, making parks or constructing sewers.

More significant than that and of first importance, perhaps, is the fact that Mr. Gray was the substitute tendered to the committee by Mr. Lind. Being unwilling to be a candidate himself, it was up to Mr. Lind to provide a substitute and relieve the party of its embarrassment as far as possible.

In offering Mr. Gray he has undoubtedly made as wise a selection as could have been hit upon. Mr. Gray has qualifications that are not possessed by others of the candidates talked of. He is better known to the people of the state than any of them. He is favorably known, and he can make a good speech. While he may not be elected and perhaps his supporters have slight expectation that he will be, he is a creditable candidate and will pull more votes in all probability than any other man who has been talked about since Mr. Lind's refusal to make the race.

The following Old Settlers attended the picnic at Turner Hall park, Sunday, who came to New Ulm before 1858: 1853—Peter Simmet. 1854—Peter Mack, Alois Palmer, John Melzer. 1855—Anton Adam, Margaretha Vogel, Ernst Fritsche, Richard Pfeifferle, John Stamm, and Fred Fritsche, 1858—Mrs. Bertha Gebser. The following have already passed the 80 year mark: Aug. Hellmann, Alois Palmer, John Melzer, Mrs. Bertha Gebser, Mrs. Duevel, Chas. Wagner, Wm. Skinner, J. J. Green, John Stamm.

SEN. NELSON ACCUSED OF PARTISANSHIP

Said to have Made Bad Blunders.

That Sen. Knute Nelson has made a bad political blunder in playing the part he has as chairman of the Ballinger congressional committee is the verdict of politicians, both friends and enemies in the Twin Cities.

Sen. Nelson has been suspected by "the people at home" all along of being a Ballinger partisan, but not before recently has the fact been brought to their attention in such positive form.

Already talk of opposition to his re-election to the senate two years hence is heard, although the opposition as yet has not taken concrete form.

It is admitted that Sen. Nelson's first mistake was in calling a meeting of the committee in his own state at a time when the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was being made a live issue by the meeting of the National Conservation congress.

The second mistake was in not making sure that every member of the Republican majority was present. The third mistake is in inconsistent and partisan rulings as chairman of the committee.

Sen. Nelson's statement some time ago that, in view of the lack of a quorum, he was almost inclined to rule that he could entertain no motion except to adjourn or compel the attendance of absentees, and his ruling that he could not entertain a motion to name a sergeant-at-arms to arrest absentees, are pointed to as evidence of how far he is willing to go to play politics with the pro-Ballinger faction.

Attention is also called to his arbitrary adjournment of the committee to Chicago, an act, it is alleged, entirely beyond his power under the resolution under which the committee is acting.

The midnight train going west, Monday night, was stalled at Cambria for about an hour and a half. When it pulled into Cambria, one of the plates on the side of the engine was missing and the boiler was leaking which put out the fire. The station agent at Cambria telegraphed to this city for another engine which arrived shortly afterward.

PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS

(Incomplete)

Ellsworth Ahead in County, Ward Leads in 2d District. Schmitz, for County Auditor Nominated by small Majority. Matter, Julius and Kennedy Carry the Day. Tawney in the 1st, Down and Out. Benson in Nicollet Co., Ahead.

According to reports received up to twelve o'clock last night from 14 precincts the following candidates seemed to have carried the day: Sheriff—Matter, Dem.; Julius, Rep.; Auditor—Schmitz, Dem.; Graff, Rep.; County Superintendent of Schools—Kennedy, Dem.; and Dorow, Rep.; Congressman—Hammond, Dem.; Ward Rep.,

The Vote in New Ulm.

1st Ward: Sheriff—Matter 66, Nenno 41, Julius 54, Prah 13; Congressman—Hammond 93, Quigley 4, Ellsworth 40, Ward 28; Auditor—Schmitz 73, Eckstein 37, Graff 40; Supt. of Schools—Cutting 27, Kennedy 139.

2nd Ward: Sheriff—Matter 69, Nenno 41, Julius 53, Prah 14; Congressman—Hammond 118, Quigley 14, Ellsworth 36, Ward 24; Auditor—Schmitz 55, Eckstein 88; Supt. of Schools—Cutting 20, Kennedy 228.

3rd Ward: Sheriff—Matter 76, Nenno 58, Julius 52, Prah 18; Congressman—Hammond 123, Quigley 9, Ellsworth 39, Ward 34; Auditor—Schmitz 71, Eckstein 85; Supt. of Schools—Cutting 37, Kennedy 176. This gives the following totals in the city of New Ulm: Matter 211, Nenno 161, Julius 159, Prah 45, Hammond 334, Quigley 27, Ellsworth 115, Ward 86, Schmitz 199, Eckstein 210, Cutting 84, Kennedy 543.

Sleepy Eye.

1st Ward: Sheriff—Matter 51, Nenno 11, Julius 45, Prah 17. Congressman—Hammond 53, Quigley 1, Ellsworth 21, Ward 42. Auditor—Schmitz 56, Eckstein 3. Supt. of Schools—Cutting 166, Kennedy 15.

2nd Ward: Sheriff—Matter 73, Nenno 1, Julius 44, Prah 8, Congressman—Hammond 65, Quigley 3, Ellsworth 14, Ward 32, Auditor—Schmitz 66, Eckstein 10, Supt. of Schools—Cutting 129, Kennedy 21. Totals for the different candidates are as follows:

Hammond	118
Quigley	4
Ward	4
Ellsworth	74
Schmitz	35
Eckstein	122
Kennedy	13
Cutting	36
Nenno	295
Matter	12
Julius	89
Prah	25

In the County.

The total vote for the different candidates from 15 precincts is as follows:

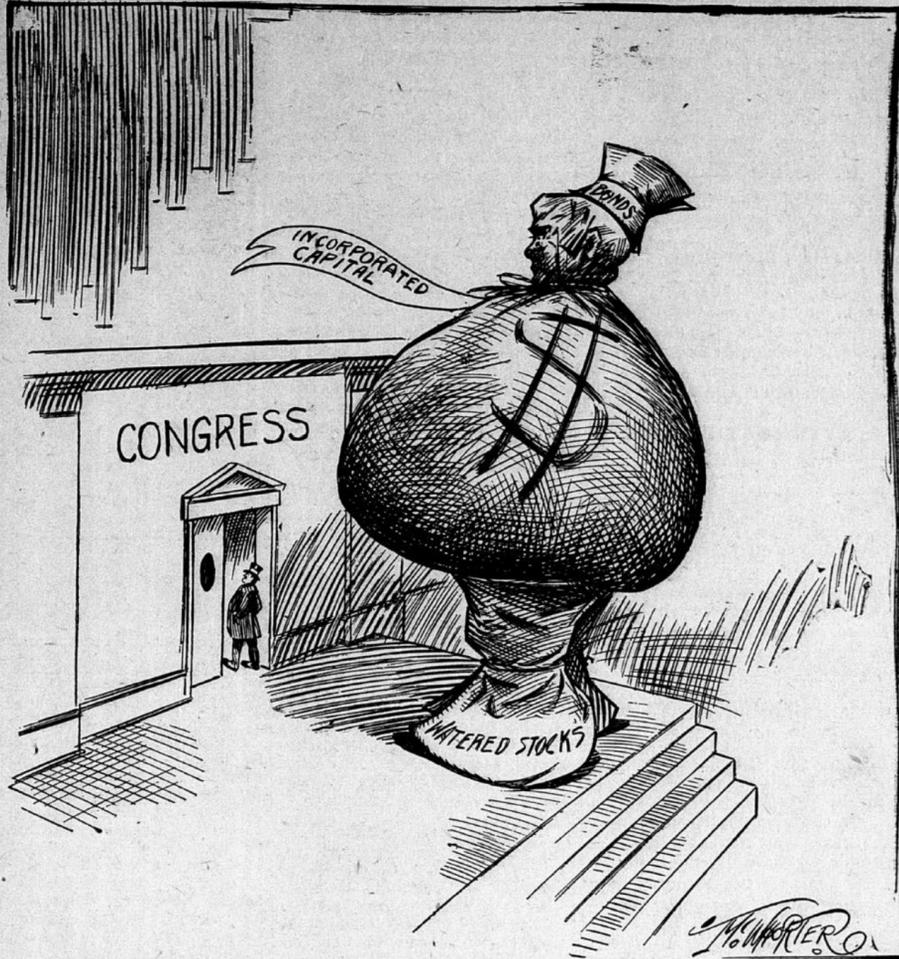
Matter	500
Julius	374
Nenno	229
Prah	179
Hammond	699
Quigley	54
Ellsworth	289
Ward	253
Schmitz	437
Eckstein	351
Graff	318
Cutting	572
Kennedy	791

Reports from Nicollet County indicate that H. Benson, candidate for State Senator is ahead of Senator Johnson. Ole Peterson candidate for Representatives has lost in the primaries and Samuelson has won the day. Mankato and Blue Earth Co. give Ellsworth a majority of about 2000. The greatest surprise comes from the 1st congressional district where Tawney is beaten by about 2000. Hoidale of Mpls, candidate for Congress has also lost the day.

Scattered reports from the 2nd district point to the victory of Ward over his opponent Ellsworth, Martin Co., giving the former a majority of over 1200.

The best run in Brown Co. was made by Rob't Bruce Kennedy candidate for Supt. of Schools on the Democratic ticket. Next comes A. L. Matter, candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket. Hammond had an easy walk-away over his opponent, Quigley. Eckstein is close to Schmitz who at this writing is ahead of the former by about 90 to 100 votes.

In our next issue we will give the complete tabulated returns of votes cast in Brown Co. and the 2nd District.



The Door Ought to be Large Enough for one Man to Enter.

Yakima Indian Reservation not to be Opened.

A telegram from Washington, D. C. says:

Fraudulent advertising of the alleged opening of 1,000,000 acres of irrigated land in the Yakima Indian reservation is denounced in the following warning statement by the Interior Department under the caption: "Homeseekers, Beware!" "What is probably an organized band of swindlers, posing as real estate men, has been operating throughout the country, advertising in the leading papers the opening of more than 1,000,000 acres of government land in the Yakima Indian reservation in Washington.

"They make the statement that the reclamation service has practically surveyed all the reservation with a view of placing the land under water at the earliest possible date that water can be put upon the land for about \$30 an acre and that the bringing of water to the land will create 7000 new homes.

"They are sending out pictures of grain fields and orchards, stating that these views are lands in the same section as the reservation, and comparing the lands included in the alleged opening to the famous Nob Hill region near North Yakima, where apple and other fruit culture has attained a high degree of perfection.

"The facts are that the government does not contemplate any opening on the Yakima reservation at this time and perhaps not for some time. There is nothing like 1,000,000 acres to be opened and none of the land to be opened to entry is likely to be irrigable or suited for any purpose whatever except grazing.

"It is not probable that there is a quarter section on the reservation outside of what will be included in the Indian allotments upon which a person could make a living by farming.

"It is rumored these swindlers are offering to locate soldiers' claims for \$25 each.

Oil and Gasoline Inspection Considered a Fake.

Considerable complaint has recently been made by merchants and other users of gasoline in this city to the effect that the article sold here is unfit for use. It smokes, blackens up the rooms and clogs up the apparatus in which it is used. Gasoline stoves are constantly out of working order and one firm dealing in that commodity makes the charge that unless better gasoline is sold here, it is useless to sell such stoves on account of the poor gasoline, parties are obliged to use.

What is the State inspection of

kerosene oil and gasoline for? The State Oil Inspector receives a salary of \$2400 a year and the deputies in each county receive from \$50 and upwards a month. How much work is there connected with the performance of their high official duties? Just inquire and you will be surprised how easily this little pocket money is made on the side. The Standard Oil Company does not pay these salaries directly, but the consumers do so indirectly. We are entitled to have good kerosene oil and good gasoline. There is danger of explosions from the poor stuff that is palmed off on us and consequent danger to life and property.

A number of merchants have filed a written complaint in the matter with the State Oil Inspector at St. Paul and we hope that he will give the matter immediate attention. If not, let us urge those inspection laws and thereby let Rockefeller add a little more to his millions and save those salaries from being squandered. The oil would not be any cheaper anyway. Let the State and deputy oil inspectors do their duty and protect the people from the imposition which is so often practiced on them. Almost anybody can draw those fine salaries without any particular qualification therefor.

DEATH LEAVES MYSTERY

Man Found Unconscious on Tracks Near Mankato is Dead.

Joseph Wheeler, Webster City, Ia., who was shot and found unconscious along the railroad tracks near Mankato, is dead. He did not regain consciousness. The police believe a woman did the shooting and are looking for one who left the city excitedly on the train at the time Wheeler was found. The murdered man leaves a wife and two daughters. The motive, it is said, must have been robbery.

Wheeler had just left Clarion, Iowa, where he did a profitable business, according to a letter that his wife had received from him. He was going to his home at Webster City with the profits of his work, when he encountered his Webster City friends coming to Minnesota to make the Southern Minnesota circuit at fairs, and without going home, he placed his cooking outfit in one of the horse cars and came on to make the circuit. It was at this juncture that he met with his mishap. It seems probable that he must have had a roll of bills in his pocket when he came to Mankato, and the discovery of this by his murderer

may have been the cause of the trouble. Shot, and struck a heavy blow on the head, he may have wandered along the railway tracks, in search of his car, but have taken the wrong track and gotten to the Mound avenue trestle instead of the "A" street trestle. In the darkness one looks like the other, but they are a quarter of a mile apart. The blood clot forming, he may have lost consciousness, while waiting under the culvert.

A Master Spencerian.

An artist, a real one at that, struck town last Monday when Larry H. Parr of Chicago came to New Ulm and painted signs on local windows. He established a reputation for himself as a lightning artist and many people who watched him received the impression that he was a man traveling for pleasure. However, it was soon learned that he is combining the qualities of an artist with that of a traveling salesman. Mr. Parr represents the American Cigar company of New York.

Mr. Parr has the unique distinction of being the best sign painter who follows the Spencerian style in America today.

In addition to selling cigars he lends his remarkable ability to his employers and in this method advertises the particular line he carries. His work is remarkable. In ten, fifteen or twenty minutes he can paint better signs, more attractive and artistic than many a man who follows his profession can in three, four or five hours.

Water-coloring utensils are the only implements with which he credits such beautiful designs and lettering as can be seen at the Pioneer Drug Co.'s store; Eugene A. Pfeifferle; Olson's Drug store and Cap. Nenno's. Anybody doubting our word had better take a look at the windows of the above mentioned stores and your surprise will be all the greater, when told that those signs were painted on the average of about 10 minutes each.

Mr. Parr works with a lightning hand, using no lines or rulings to make his work accurate.

Rev. Francis Ellis, of Hendricks, Minn., was brought here by Dr. Jensen, of that place on the 4 o'clock train, Saturday afternoon for an operation for appendicitis. While on the way from the depot to the hospital he rapidly failed and became unconscious, and shortly after he arrived at the hospital, he died. Rev. Mr. Ellis was 41 years old and leaves a widow and two children, a boy and a girl, aged 10 and 12 years, respectively. The body was shipped to Walnut Grove Sunday afternoon, where his aged parents, Rev. and Mrs. Le Roy Ellis, live.

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