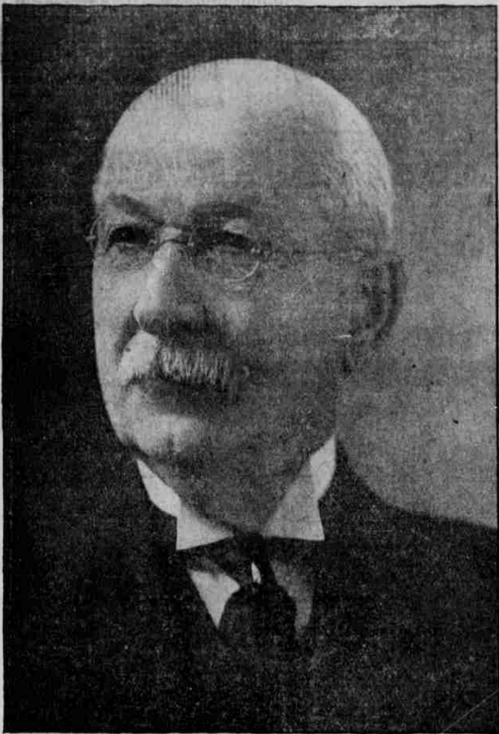


The Atchison Globe Says That Denatured Alcohol Never Accomplished What Was Expected But the Other Does More Than Ever Dreamed

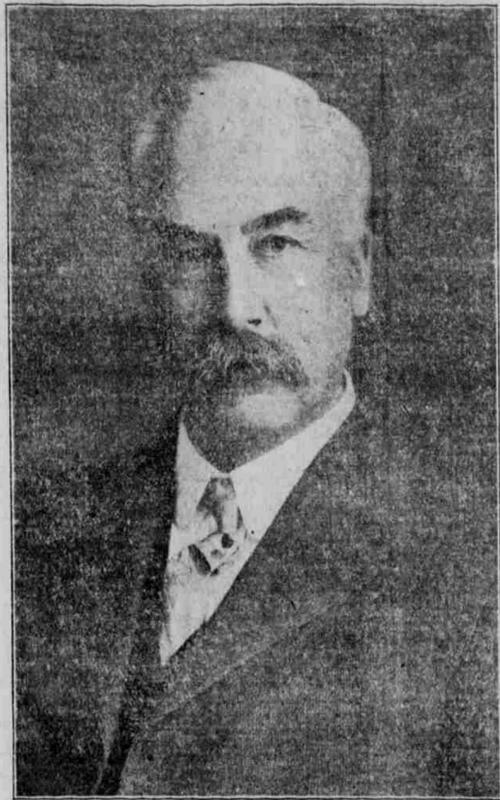
The Three Senatorial Candidates Who Will Be Voted for at Next Tuesday's Primary



CARROLL SMALLEY PAGE

Carroll Smalley Page was born in Westfield, Orleans county, Jan. 10, 1843. When he was three years old his parents moved to Hyde Park which has since been his home. He went to the public schools and also attended Peoples academy at Morrisville.

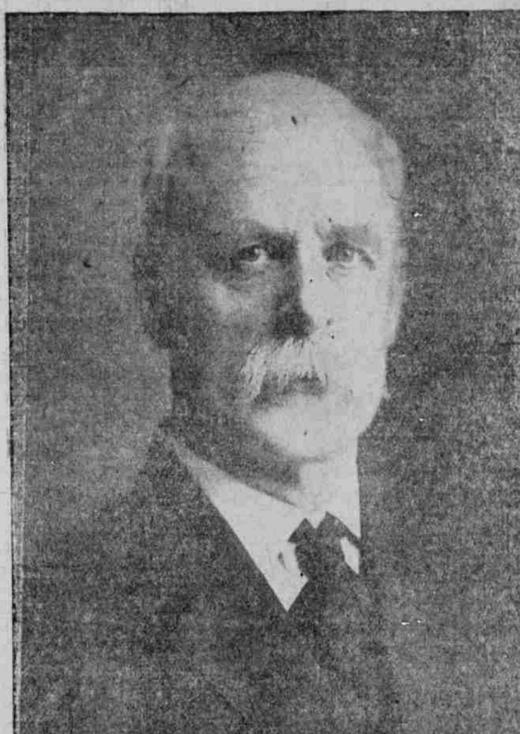
He was a member of the Vermont House of representatives from 1869 to 1872 and was elected to the state senate in 1874. He was state inspector of finance from 1884 to 1888 and was elected governor in 1890. In 1909 he was an unsuccessful candidate for congressman from this district and was chosen to fill out the unexpired term of the late Redfield Proctor in the United States senate in 1908 and re-elected for a full term in 1910.



CHARLES WINSLOW GATES

Charles Winslow Gates was born in Franklin, Franklin county, Jan. 12, 1856 and has always lived in that town. He attended the public schools of his home town and graduated from St. Johnsbury academy. After teaching school for several years he bought a farm in Franklin and was for years one of the successful farmers of Franklin county.

He also conducted a store at the village of Franklin and held the various town offices with honor and ability. He was also one of the directors and managers of the Franklin creamery. He was elected to the legislature in 1898 and to the state senate in 1900. In 1904 he was appointed state highway commissioner by Governor Bell and served the state in that capacity for ten years with such honor and success that he was easily nominated for Governor in 1914 with great enthusiasm against four other candidates. He took the oath as governor in January, 1915 and is still in office.



ALLEN M. FLETCHER

Allen M. Fletcher was born in Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 25, 1853. He comes of one of the oldest and best known of Vermont families, his great-grandfather having settled in Ludlow 150 years ago. His great uncle, Ryland Fletcher was governor of Vermont, 1856-58, and his uncle, Henry A. Fletcher was lieutenant governor 1890-92 at the same time that Senator Page was governor. The wife of the late Senator Redfield Proctor was a member of the same family.

Allen M. Fletcher was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis and at Williston seminary. As a boy he spent his summers at Ludlow and in 1881 he came to Ludlow and bought the ancestral farm of the family where the family had lived for four generations. This farm was where his father was born and was partly in the town of Ludlow and partly in Cavendish. He built himself a home in the Cavendish section and spent a large part of his time there, but did not become a legal resident of Vermont until 1899. He gradually bought other property in the vicinity and has become one of the largest real estate owners in Windsor county.

BULGAR AND SLAV CLASH ON LONG BATTLE FRONT

Continuous Fighting Between Danube and Black Sea

TURKS REINFORCE GERMAN

Ottoman Troops Assisting Central Powers to Check Russian Advance in Rumania.

London, Sept. 9.—The beginning of a great battle in southeastern Rumania is reported unofficially from Petrograd. The Russians are said to have taken the offensive over the entire Dobruja front, attacking the invading Bulgarians and Germans from the Danube to the Black sea, near the Bulgarian frontier.

An undated Bulgarian official report announces important victories for the invaders in this region. It is said that German and Bulgarian forces have captured the Rumanian fortified town of Dobric, or Bazarjik, 50 miles south of Bucharest, and three towns on the Rumanian Black sea coast near the Bulgarian frontier.

A dispatch from Vienna says that Austrian troops have been withdrawn from their positions west of Cluj-Sherada, 50 miles north of Kronstadt in Transylvania, before Rumanian attacks, according to the official communication issued from Austro-Hungarian headquarters yesterday.

Bucharest, Sept. 9.—The Russians have been pushed back from Hal after a two days battle with German and Turkish troops. It was officially announced today. The Russians had a number of prisoners.

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—Turkish troops have arrived in the vicinity of Hal to assist the Germans in checking the Russian advance.

ARLINGTON HEALTH OFFICER

Makes Statement As To Cases of Disease There.

Editor of the Banner:—For the past two days there has been a story circulated in Arlington, that the Squid club was not afflicted with infant paralysis.

The story is absolutely false as I have been seen and examined by four reputable physicians including a specialist from Boston and an expert in the employ of the state of Vermont and all agree that it is infantile paralysis and up to date the child's condition is completely paralyzed.

Dr. Taylor the State Expert, who is doing research work in infantile paralysis in this state took a specimen of fluid from the spinal canal of the child and after analyzing it sent blank to the attending physician, requesting him to give full particulars as to the possible source of infection, a procedure that is always done when the case has been proven by microscopic examination.

Such stories have a tendency to credit and injure the attending physician and to make the public believe that certain persons who are quarantined are rather bitter towards the local board of health and the state may have started that way.

While the local board of health and the physicians of the town are doing their best to subdue the threatened epidemic we ask the hearty cooperation of the entire population of town.

John J. Mann, Health Officer, Arlington, Vt., Aug. 8, 1916.

ESTATE OF CHARLES E. DEW

State of Vermont, District of Bennington ss. The Honorable Probate Court of the District aforesaid:

To all persons interested in the estate of Charles E. Dewey late of Bennington in said District, deceased: GREETING:

WHEREAS, said Court has signed the 25th day of September next for examining and allowing account of Charles H. Darling, Executor of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of a partial distribution of the residue of said estate, the lawful claimants of the same, ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned in the Bennington Evening Banner a newspaper published in Bennington in said District.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Bennington in said District, on day assigned, then and there to test the allowance of said account, you see cause, and to establish your right as heirs, legatees, and claimants to said residue.

Given Under My Hand, this day of August, 1916. Amy H. hour, Register.

Allen M. Fletcher—An Appreciation

The first impression of Allen M. Fletcher is one of great mental alertness, resolution and tenacity of purpose. One gets a glimpse through the eagle glance of a steady and observant eyes, of a spirit of directness, courage, sincerity and one feels the force and possibility of the man, and a few minutes' talk discloses the personal equipment of the public servant. No one can meet him without recognizing a strong and potent personality, and no one can know him without discovering the resources of a trained and useful mind.

Mr. Fletcher has been accused of the crafty and insidious attitude toward public service and politics. He has been credited with motives as obscure and as subtle as those of the Italian diplomat Machiavelli, but he is really a man of very direct mental attitude, with an astounding faculty of instant analysis and appraisal of men, projects or situations set before him, that is sometimes almost uncanny.

There is probably not a man in Vermont so hard to humbug or so difficult to interest in a shady questionable project, and much of the vindictive enmity of certain men and certain interests has been due, not only to his refusal to trade, compromise or tolerate their plans, but to his prompt and effective measures to defeat them.

Set High Political Standard

Mr. Fletcher set a very high standard in public service. He served no master but his constituents, and he had no patience whatever with men who sought to serve private as well as public interests, knowing full well that in such cases it is the public and

not the private interest that suffers. Some of his summary public acts, for which he was execrated with a bitterness unparalleled in Vermont political history, were due to this impatience with double dealing in official circles.

Mr. Fletcher is somewhat of a stickler for old-fashioned moral standards and old-fashioned family life. Born himself of an old and honorable Vermont family, he is proud of its character and its identification with the history of the soil and the people. He is loyal to his friends and never forgets a service, rendered or proffered in a spirit of disinterest.

His mental attitude to most ordinary affairs is one of humor, running sometimes to a cynic philosophy when the faults and foibles of mankind are concerned, but truly sympathetic with honest endeavor, tender of misfortune and tolerant of our imperfect human nature.

Admitted His Mistakes

In his public life, Governor Fletcher made mistakes, but he was always willing to remedy them. In making a large number of public appointments, it was inevitable that he should have been sometimes mistaken. When this happened, he did not hesitate to remove the unfit and inadequate. This accounts for some very active enemies, because there is no enemy sharper than the enmity of a politician suddenly removed from the public payroll.

Mr. Fletcher is a man of considerable means and property, and after a career of strenuous effort and accomplishment would be justified in retiring to private life. In fact, the care and development of his farm properties in Windsor county would constitute a sufficiently active life for most men, but he prefers the field of public service.

Fletcher a Fighter.

"Fletcher is a fighter" has become something of an axiom in political circles and certainly no man in public office in many decades has been readier to fight in a just cause than Allen M. Fletcher. He has not invited enemies, but once his convictions were fixed, coercion, cajolery and conspiracy have all failed to swerve him from a fixed course. Fears for his political future, threats of public indignity, bitter personal attacks and unbridled public criticism have all been disregarded, so that he has today a set of political enemies as finely organized and as bitterly resolved to prevent his further public service as any society for reprisal in the Latin coun-

FRENCH REGAINING LOST POSITIONS AROUND VERDUN

Battle Has Been in Progress for 201 Days

GERMAN ATTACK LOSING FORCE

Teutons Withdrawing Both Artillery and Infantry to Reinforce Army on Somme.

Paris, Sept. 9.—The French drove the Germans out of a small trench south of the Somme river last night. The war office announces that 7700 German prisoners have been taken in the Somme sector since the beginning of the offensive on September 3. The Germans are on the defensive at Verdun. The French are now winning back some of the positions lost in the great battle which began 201 days ago. The Germans are reported to be moving artillery and men from the Verdun region to check the French offensive on the Somme.

As a public official, the salient characteristics of Allen M. Fletcher are:

courage, diligence, thoroughness, system, shrewdness, independence, honesty and integrity. Although given to breaking into new fields and setting new precedents, no Vermonteer has a higher regard for the ancient landmarks of the state, its constitution, its honorable and glorious history, its splendid traditions, and its men of might and power. The honor of Vermont is as dear to him as his own.

In national affairs he stands for the utmost degree of preparedness necessary to insure and enforce respect for our country and our flag. Similarly, he stands for our prosperity under republican government, holding unalterably to the principle that the public interest must be served before the

claims of big business, of special interests, of political manipulators.

A Real Governor.

In a very large degree, Governor Fletcher fulfilled the ideal of a chief executive who administered the office solely with reference to his now conscience and his own conception of its exalted duties. He was the servant of the people of Vermont. He owed allegiance to no clique or political faction. He was no man's man and even his enemies admit that he was a "real governor" who took his orders only from the people.

Naturally such a man made enemies and no bitter enemies ever assailed a public officer than the representatives of certain special interests who felt their business endangered and their plans for legal attenuation and delay menaced by his proposed purging of the courts.

Constituted by the organic law of the state, the courts of a commonwealth are protected by an austere barrier of tradition and entitled to respect and immunity by virtue of their lofty character. It is only when such courts become obsessed by the bespurn legal theories of technicians in the law that the interests of the common people are endangered. Such a condition confronted Allen M. Fletcher when governor of Vermont, and he went directly to the personnel of the courts, which was the only remedy that lay to hand.

A Step Toward Reform.

The result is history, and, despite the failure of the end, has already been of great benefit to the state. The people of Vermont are beginning to realize that at least one governor had the courage and determination to do what he could toward the purpose so eloquently described by Judge Wendell P. Stafford, when he is a late address said:

"In our courts, we want the simplest forms of procedure consistent with the preservation of legal rights, the speediest trials that fairness can permit, the promptest decisions, provided only and always that they be well weighed. We hope to put an end to frivolous appeals and to the granting of new trials where the result was right before. We mean to make it possible for the poorest sutor to have his cause tried by competent counsel, even if the state must provide in such cases a public prosecutor, and we mean to make it impossible for the richest litigant to tire his adversary out and rob him by delay." From the Brattleboro Reformer.

EMPLOYEES MEET MANAGEMENT AT PITTSFIELD

Outlook Encouraging for Settlement of G. E. Strike

CONFERENCE CONTINUES TODAY

Fewer Men Returning to Work as Police Are Unable to Protect Them From Assault.

Pittsfield, Sept. 9.—That the outlook is encouraging was the announcement made yesterday afternoon at the office of the General Electric plant following the conference between General Manager Cummings C. Chesney and a committee of 22 employees, representing the departments affected by the strike. The conference lasted from 2 o'clock until 4.45, and will be continued this afternoon at 3 o'clock. No announcement as to the result of the conference is promised until the committee has reported to the various unions at sessions today.

Despite the additional police protection, the number of men at work at the plant yesterday was much smaller than on previous days. This decrease in numbers is not denied by the plant, and is due largely to the fear of the men who have quit that they will be assaulted. From 20 to 25 cases of men who have been beaten up have been reported to the police.

BOY MAKES BALLOON ASCENT

Freemont Ross, 18, Takes Place of Aeronaut Killed.

Rutland, Sept. 7.—Taking the place of Samuel A. Libby, the aeronaut who was killed here yesterday, Freemont, an 18-year-old son of Mrs. M. L. Ross of this city, today made an ascent in a hot-air balloon at the fair and successfully descended with a single parachute from a height of 1,500 feet. It was his first balloon trip.

PRODUCE PRICES GOING UP

Cost of Living Increasing With No Prospect of Relief.

Most of the essentials that enter into the living expenses of the average family are increasing in price are increasing in price and judging from present indications there is little prospect of relief. In the opinion of the Bennington retail merchants who deal in produce and groceries, prices are likely to advance instead of decrease.

Creamery butter is retailing at 40 cents a pound and eggs are selling at 40 cents a dozen. Potatoes by the peck cost the consumer 30 cents and the merchant is lucky if he can put them in his store at a dollar a bushel. Late potatoes will cost the consumer at least \$3 by the barrel and he will be fortunate if he can put them in his cellar at this price.

PARALYSIS AT WELLS

Case of Plague Reported From Lake St. Catherine Report.

Lake St. Catherine, Sept. 8.—A case of infantile paralysis has developed at the Hicks cottage on the west shore of the lake, the patient being May Cook of New Rochelle, N. Y., seven years old. The case is said to be a mild one.

AUTO BANDITS GET \$12,000

Hold Up and Kill Superintendent of Ohio Mine.

Marion Perry, O., Sept. 2.—Lee Rankin, superintendent of the Younghokey Coal company, was shot and killed today by two auto bandits who escaped with \$12,000 which Rankin was carrying from the bank to the mine. The bandits escaped.

NORTH BENNINGTON

The morning worship will be held at the Congregational church at 11 o'clock on Sunday, the pastor preaching on the subject of "Obligation." The Sunday school will be omitted for the present. Remember the mid-week meeting on Thursday evening. The subject is "Christ and Other Masters."

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