

Hon. John A. Peters.

The Third District's Republican Candidate for Congress.

A Constructive Statesman---Man of Great Executive Ability---Successful in Business---Brilliant Lawyer.



udge of the Ellsworth municipal court for twelve years, and was a member of the legislature. Further than that they did not go, showing that Mr. Peters had escaped the professional biographers only too successfully, and had let his natural modesty keep him from indulging in the fulsome self-praise that makes most biographical works amusing if not valuable.

A BIT OF BIOGRAPHY.

It is true that Mr. Peters was born in Ellsworth forty-nine years ago on the 13th of August ("probably on Friday," he suggests), the son of William B. and Elizabeth Chute Peters. He attended the public schools of his native town, and was graduated from Bowdoin college in 1885, having taken such rank in scholarship that he was accorded the honor of Phi Beta Kappa membership. During his college course he was a member of the D. K. E. fraternity, and was chief editor of the *Orient* for one year.

Upon leaving college he took up the study of law with Andrew Peters Wiswell, his cousin, who afterwards became chief-justice of the Maine supreme judicial court. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1887, and was at once taken into partnership with Mr. Wiswell and Arno W. King under the firm name of Wiswell, King & Peters. Mr. King is now an associate-justice of the supreme court.

The firm maintained an office at Bar Harbor, of which Mr. Peters took charge, until 1893, when Mr. Wiswell was appointed to the supreme bench, and the firm was dissolved. Mr. Peters returned to Ellsworth and has practiced law here since, being associated the past two years with John F. Knowlton under the firm name of Peters & Knowlton.

It is interesting to note that the firm is occupying the same law offices that were used so many years by Mr. Peters' uncle, George S. Peters, in the block built in 1837 by Mr. Peters' grandfather as successor to a building first built by him in 1815. The property has been in the family ever since.

In 1896 Mr. Peters was appointed judge of the Ellsworth municipal court, having jurisdiction throughout Hancock county, and served with distinction until he resigned in 1908 to become a candidate for the legislature.

HIS LARGE BUSINESS INTERESTS.

While his law practice has been extensive, Mr. Peters has found time to take part in important business enterprises. He is president of the Union Trust Co., and has been ever since it was organized in 1907. This bank has deposits amounting to a million and a quarter dollars, and serves a large clientele in Hancock and Washington counties. He is a director in several other financial enterprises, including the Merrill Trust Co., of Bangor. He is president of the Ellsworth Foundry & Machine Works and of the Ellsworth Hardware Co., both important local industries, and is a director and counsel of the Ellsworth Loan & Building association. Mr. Peters is also one of the overseers of Bowdoin college.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters attend the Congregational church, and find their pleasures in an ideal home life. Mr. Peters' only club affiliation being the Tarratine at Bangor. His pardonable gratification derived from his marked political successes has always been somewhat tempered by the unfortunately inevitable separation from his home. But characteristic of the man is his declaration, made the day his nominating petitions were filed: "Now I expect to throw overboard all pleasure and all business, take off my coat, and such other garments as are in the way, and lick all the other candidates who show their heads."

Believes Republicans Will Win.

Augusta, July 29—Hon. John A. Peters, of Ellsworth, who was nominated by the republicans at the primaries on Monday as candidate for Congress from the third Maine district has issued the following statement:

"The result of the republican primaries is naturally gratifying to me personally, and I believe significant of the result of the September election. With no campaign by me or in my behalf for the nomination, to receive a vote of better than three to one in the district, a vote of five to one in Hancock and Washington counties, and six to one in my home city shows that the people took the matter of the nomination into their own hands and settled it to suit themselves.

"It is plainly up to me now to get into the fight with those who share my belief that democratic policies are not adapted to advance the prosperity of the people of this section of the country.

"In considering the size of the vote, it should be remembered that there was practically no contest for our nomination—or it was so regarded, while the democrats were stimulated by a hand-to-hand fight between their strongest leaders, in which every possible vote was dug out by one side or the other.

"I am encouraged in my belief that we shall win in September. The people are not going to be fooled or cajoled into sending a democrat to Congress to represent the view of the minority of the farmers and business men of this district."

President of New Haven Road.

Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, has been elected president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, to assume office Sept. 1.

Advertisements.

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy was Found. Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Merion, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured."

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NORTH ELLSWORTH.

Percy Fernald, of Ellsworth Falls, is working for Frank Moore.

Chester Maddocks has gone to Northeast Harbor, where he has employment at a hotel.

Marjorie Richardson, who has been very ill of measles, is gaining, but is still unable to sit up.

Frank Moore has gone to Northeast Harbor, where he has employment with his team, driving parties.

Mrs. Frank Moore and Master Merrill Patten spent several days last week at Northeast Harbor, guests of her brother, Fredrick Gilley and wife.

Mrs. Ethel Haynes, of Ellsworth, with her daughter, Mrs. Florence Gault, of Lynn, Mass., visited her mother, Mrs. Hannah Maddocks, last week.

WEST ELLSWORTH.

H. O. Staples, of North Sedgwick, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Rowena Carter.

Mrs. Rowena Carter, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Conningham, the past week, is home.

W. F. Jude and wife, of Castine, and Miss Ella M. Jude, of Ellsworth, are occupying the camp at upper Patten pond.

MARINE LIST.

Ellsworth Port.

Sid July 26, sch Nellie Grant, Roundout, Graves, Whitcomb, Hayes & Co.
Ar July 28, sch Henrietta A Whitney, Salem

Hancock County Ports.

Franklin—Ar July 23, sch Eliza Levensaler
West Sullivan—Ar July 24, sch Charlie and Willie
Sid July 26, sch Charlie and Willie, Boston
Southwest Harbor—Ar July 22, sch Mary E Smith with salt from Portland for F W Richardson & Son
Ar July 25, sch Kolon with coal for W H Ward
Ar July 26, schs Norma; Rescue; C Taylor, 3d; Mabel Goss, with salt for F S Dolliver
Ar July 26, sch Ramona
Sid July 27, sch Annie F Kimball
Sid July 27, sch C Taylor, 3d

BORN.

ANDREWS—At East Sullivan, July 24, to Mr and Mrs George Andrews, a son.
EATON—Stonington, July 19, to Mr and Mrs Calvin A Eaton, a son. [Harold Holmes.]
GORDON—At North Sullivan, July 25, to Mr and Mrs Tyler A Gordon, a daughter.
HARDY—At Deer Isle, July 12, to Mr and Mrs Frank E Hardy, Jr., a son.
PIERCE—At Castine, July 18, to Mr and Mrs Frederick Pierce, a son.
ROBINSON—At Bluehill, July 26, to Mr and Mrs Walter Robinson, a son.
WEDGE—At Cranberry Isles, July 23, to Mr and Mrs Oscar Wedge, a son.

MARRIED.

CROSBY—TAPLEY—At Kent's Hill, July 20, by Rev William Wood, Mrs Elsie L Crosby, of Leadfield, to Maurice L Tapley, of Brooksville.
FERNALD—CARTER—At Ellsworth, July 28, by Rev P A Killam, Miss Edna May Fernald, of Hampden, to James R Carter, of Bangor.
LITTLEFIELD—DUNBAR—At Penobscot, July 22, by Rev Homer McKoon, Miss Dora M Littlefield, to Frank E Dunbar, both of Penobscot.
SAUNDERS—YORK—At Bucksport, July 22, by Rev William Forsyth, Miss Effie B Saunders, of Bucksport, to Lee G York, of Orland.

DIED.

COLE—At Hampden, July 16, Samuel Cole, of Deer Isle, aged 38 years.
FURNES—At Spruce Head Island, July 19, William E Furnes, of Deer Isle, aged 73 years, 10 months, 29 days.
GINN—At Belfast, July 22, Miss Eliza A Ginn, of North Orland, aged 59 years.
GREENLAW—At Deer Isle, July 13, Charles H Greenlaw, aged 66 years, 1 month, 17 days.
HIGGINS—At Bar Harbor, July 21, Mrs Betsy M Higgins, aged 75 years.
LORD—At Waltham, Mass., July 15, John Newton Lord, formerly of Bluehill, aged 79 years.
JORDAN—At Eden, July 23, Mary E, widow of Lowell Jordan, formerly of Waltham, aged 85 years, 4 months, 29 days.
SELLERS—At Penobscot, July 24, Mrs Billa B Sellers, aged 52 years, 10 months, 8 days.

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Hon. John A. Peters, of this city, speaker of the Maine house of representatives, and now candidate of the republican party for representative in Congress from the third Maine district, is one of the few men in politics of whom it can be truthfully said that he has had political honors thrust upon him against his earnest protestations. He reluctantly became a candidate for representative in the legislature in 1908; was elected by a large majority, and served with distinction in the session of 1909.

In 1910 he was a candidate for the usual second term, and, though the rest of the ticket slumped badly because of dissatisfaction with the liquor situation in some parts of the State, his vote held up, and he took his seat after a contest in the legislature.

The session of 1911 found the democrats in the majority, and the republicans forced to content themselves with giving him the complimentary vote of the party for speaker.

The two terms in the lower branch had been strenuous, and Mr. Peters returned to Ellsworth fully determined to give his undivided attention to his law practice and extensive business interests. But early in the days of the campaign of 1912, when delegation after delegation of neighbors and friends waited upon him and urged that he permit his name to be used again, arguing that it would bring great strength to the ticket, he finally consented. That he was a distinct element of strength to his party is evidenced by the fact that he ran far ahead of his ticket, was elected by a handsome majority and helped materially to pull through, with a single exception, the entire county ticket.

On January 1, 1913, he took his seat in a House that was nominally republican by a narrow margin, received the vote of every republican and progressive for speaker, and was elected. Almost immediately some of these members, who were elected as republicans, chose to act with the democrats, or independently, and called themselves progressives.

A SAFE PILOT.
At any time after this defection it was entirely within the rights and surely within the power of the actual majority to have deposed Speaker Peters by simply electing a successor. So manifestly fair and courteous was his conduct, and so superior his ability as a presiding officer, however, that this action was never suggested even by the most violent partisan on the floor.

While a small group of progressives detached themselves from the republican majority and acted with the democrats in some cases, Mr. Peters led the fight of the republicans and progressives for all the important advanced legislation, which was favored by the republican platform at the Bangor convention, including the public utilities and good roads bills, which passed, and the workmen's compensation act and woman suffrage amendment to the constitution, which failed to pass.

When the legislators supposed that they were nearly through with their duties, the matter of impeachment of sheriffs was suddenly thrown into the legislature by the governor, and by force of circumstance new and extraordinary responsibilities were thrust upon the speaker of the House. The president of the Senate not being a lawyer, the custom of having the president of the Senate preside over the joint convention was modified, giving joint authority to

the speaker and the president with full power to decide all questions of law, evidence and procedure without appeal.

It fell to Mr. Peters to make all rulings as to law and evidence on this extraordinary occasion, almost without precedent in the history of the State. For two weeks, during the trial of three sheriffs and one county-attorney, he presided at three sessions a day without a moment's absence, and the fairness, clearness and correctness of his rulings were recognized by everybody as remarkable.

FITTED AGAINST PATT.
It is interesting to remember that his democratic opponent in this election, ex-Attorney-General William R. Pattangall, was principal counsel for the respondents in three of the four cases, and in another which did not come to trial. Mr. Pattangall, in his ceaseless and ingenious activity in behalf of his client, was constantly raising objections to the speaker's rulings, and frequently appealing from the same, or trying to appeal to the convention, without result.

Echoes of that contest were recently heard in the supreme judicial court-room at Portland before the law court, and the scene was revived, memorable in the history of the State, in which Mr. Peters and Mr. Pattangall were the two principal figures, upon whom was fixed the attention of the whole State.

It can be safely said that each came out with a wholesome respect for the ability and courage of the other. This remarkable record is winning Mr. Peters some very flattering offers of support among the progressives of the third district who desire to see the democratic candidate defeated.

A RELUCTANT CANDIDATE.
Mr. Peters became a candidate for Congress only after an entire afternoon of entreaty on the part of his party associates, which would have won consent from a weaker man in half a minute. He went to Augusta to counsel with other members of his party, to canvass the situation, discover the wishes of the district and secure a candidate who could pull the full party strength, and was drafted.

Once he affixed his signature to the nominating petitions, however, all signs of hesitation and reluctance vanished. He promptly served notice on those who had gathered that he expected them to get into the fight to win; that he would do his best; would expect them to do theirs and to put a punch into doing it.

The campaign was opened with a rush. In three days Mr. Peters had filed petitions sufficient to insure that his name would appear on the primary ballot, had held half a hundred conferences with friends throughout the district; had made many peace overtures to the progressive party; had declared publicly that he would not enter into a campaign of personalities; had prepared several letters and pamphlets, and had generally so conducted himself as to assure the men who had called upon him to bear the party standard that he intended to make strenuous work of it.

John Andrew Peters, in addition to being a human dynamo when engaged in a political contest, is a very human sort of fellow in other ways. When it became evident that he was to be the candidate it was the duty of the newspaper men to dig up a biographical sketch from some of the numerous books of biography that have made their appearance in recent years. Every one of them contained the information that he was born in 1864, had been