

BLIND MAN FOR THE SENATE

Thomas F. Gore Likely to Represent Oklahoma.

FACTOR IN NEW STATE'S POLITICS

With Help of "Little Brown-Eyed Woman," He Defeated Powerful Opponents in Democratic State Primaries.

OUTHURNE, Okl., July 6.—The greatest surprise in the recent democratic state primaries was the nomination of Thomas F. Gore of Lawton, a blind man, as United States senator. As the legislative districts formed by the constitutional convention make the election of a republican as senator highly improbable, Mr. Gore is likely to represent Oklahoma in Washington.

When Gore announced his candidacy for the senatorial nomination no one took it seriously. Not that he was a stranger to Oklahoma and Indian Territory voters. On the contrary he is personally known in almost every county and his reputation as a sincere politician is widespread. The second surprise in the nomination was the strength of his opponents.

Gore's most formidable opponent was Roy Hoffman of Chandler, a lawyer. Early in the race Hoffman declared that he would spare no effort to win the nomination. He conducted his campaign without regard to expense. His friends claimed his nomination by 15,000.

Then there was M. L. Turner, an Oklahoma City bank president. He is one of the richest men in the southwest and his ambitions were made known immediately after congress passed the enabling act for statehood. Patrick Nagle of Kingfisher, another candidate, counted his friends in the two territories by the thousand. He also made an earnest canvass.

All this time the blind man of Lawton was not idle. "I have less than \$1,000 to spend on this race," he told his friends. "God help the man to see my sincerity!" The politicians overlooked Gore in their attempt to pick the winners. He made his chief efforts among the farmers, while the others gave their attention to the cities. And he knew how to talk to the farmers.

"Remember, gentlemen, a little brown-eyed woman has set her heart on my going to the United States senate. Vote for the little brown-eyed woman if you can." That is how Gore closed every speech he made in the campaign. The woman who accompanied him on all his campaign trips, smiling when he smiled and quietly sobbing when his face clouded, helped him to win votes. Mrs. Gore is a factor not to be forgotten in considering the circumstances that brought victory to her husband.

"The little brown-eyed woman" got out among the farmers and talked to them of politics, of the aspiration of her husband. No. She visited them in their homes and gossiped about the topics they were interested in. As neighbor to neighbor she told them of the life of her husband and herself, how he had had to struggle since a boy on account of his blindness.

She petted the children, made the mother love her by her unswerving devotion. How well she labored the great majorities for her husband in the rural districts tell.

"How much I owe my wife I never can tell," said Mr. Gore. "I could not see her, but I felt her dear influence in the warm and gentle of the friends we made."

Gore has been blind since he was 11, when a companion accidentally shot his light eye out with an arrow gun. He was then a page in the Mississippi senate, three years before, a playmate in a Mississippi plantation had blinded his left eye with a stone.

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THOMAS F. GORE, THE LITTLE BROWN EYED WOMAN

primaries disclosed is Charles H. Haskell of Muskogee, candidate for governor. Haskell, with his plea to the farmers, defeated Lee Cruce, a banker of Ardmore, I. T.

Prattie of the Youngsters Dicky—Your dad always goes to sleep in church. Geography—My dad has a right to go to sleep in church if he wants to. He gives more to the preacher than any other man in our neighborhood.

Short Stories of Real Life

A Remarkable Building. Though the guest had left all cares and worries of the street in the city, apparently the host had not. The two started on the walk, but Connor noticed that Keene was strangely uncommunicative. Suddenly the full moon appeared above the trees, and Connor regarded its splendor in silence for a moment. Then he turned to his companion.

of mankind that more immediately envisions us. Therefore, I submit that he is out of order when, in addressing us, he uses coarse slang terms, borrowed from the vocabulary of the racetrack, the gambling den, and the slum. "How do you know he does?" asked a hundred voices at once.

70 degrees west latitude. Mate Jones is drunk today. The mate begged him to take this off, saying that it would spoil his chances of ever being made captain of a ship. But the captain said, "It's true, isn't it?"

boy Riley dug earthworms assiduously, and placed them in a wide-mouthed bottle. This was put in the hot sun, as the itinerant had said that they would turn into oil in a few days. They did, and the resultant oil was so odorous when the bottle was uncorked that all the rest of the boys fled in dismay.