



Disastrous floods along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, affecting the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee, caused untold damage last week. Thousands of people were driven from their homes, and the estimated damage to property will run into the millions. The breaking of levees all along the rivers has caused the inundation of thousands of acres of farming land. Congress has been appealed to for assistance.

An Associated Press dispatch from Boston, dated April 4th, says: Governor Eugene Foss withdrew his name from the presidential primary ballot. In a letter accompanying the withdrawal, addressed to Chairman Riley, of the democratic state committee, he asked that delegates and candidates pledged to him consider themselves as unpledged.

In explanation of his action Governor Foss says he had learned with regret that representatives of one or more avowed candidates for president were preparing to withdraw their names from the primary ballot out of courtesy to him. He asks that these representatives be urged to permit the names of their candidates to remain, as if only one name appeared no chance would be given for an expression of popular preference, which would defeat the purpose of the preferential primary. The withdrawal of the names of Governor Foss leaves two candidates, Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark, on the democratic presidential preference ballot.

Mrs. J. A. Thalgraph of Guthrie, Okla., gave birth to four boys. The babies are all alive and vigorous. The father of the children is a third cousin of Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio.

Calbraith P. Rogers, the first man to cross the American continent in an aeroplane, was killed almost instantly when his Wright biplane, in which he had been soaring over the ocean at Long Beach, Cal., fell from a height of 200 feet and buried him in the wreck. His neck was broken and his body badly mangled by the engine of his machine. He lived but a few moments.

The Mexico & Northwestern railway bridge spanning the Rio Grande river between El Paso and Juarez, known as the Corralitos bridge, was blown up by a terrific dynamite explosion on the night of April 5.

The most notable result for the municipal elections for 1912 was the defeat of the socialists in Milwaukee. Dr. Gerhard A. Balding, non-partisan candidate for mayor defeated Mayor Emil Seidel, socialist, by about 17,000. The entire non-partisan city ticket was elected.

In Chicago, democrats were victorious in their election for councilmen, and in a fight between Mayor Harrison and Roger Sullivan forces among democrats, the Harrison forces won distinct victories.

At St. Joseph, Mo., Mayor A. P. Clayton was defeated for a third term by C. A. Pfeiffer, republican.

At Kansas City Henry L. Jost, democrat, was elected mayor by a majority of 3,500. The entire demo-

cratic ticket was elected. Jost is assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson county.

The Panama Pacific exposition at San Francisco will open February 20, 1915, and close December 4, 1915, a season of 41 weeks.

Judge Kennedy of the juvenile court of Omaha has organized a movement to parole delinquents to young men and others having no children. The organization will be called "Big Brothers."

Woman's suffrage was defeated in the lower house of the Massachusetts legislature by a vote of 127 to 85.

The Lincoln, Neb., Journal of April 3, says: W. J. Bryan left for the east at midnight last night, planning to carry the fight against Governor Harmon's presidential ambitions into the latter's own state. Mr. Bryan will spend eight days in Indiana and Ohio from April 4 to April 12. He will return to Columbus, Ohio, April 15, for a Jefferson banquet and will make political speeches in Ohio April 15 and 16. In his Ohio speeches, Mr. Bryan will not hesitate to speak his mind as to the Harmon candidacy. He will assail the governor's record as a progressive democrat in much the same manner as he did in various recent speeches in Nebraska and elsewhere.

Mr. Bryan's first speech of the present tour will be at Des Moines this evening. The state-wide banquet of Iowa democracy, although arranged as a Jefferson day affair, was set ahead several days in order that Mr. Bryan might be present. Thursday Mr. Bryan will speak to a teachers' association in Chicago. He will then embark for an eight-day tour through Indiana and Ohio, closing with the Jefferson banquet at Indianapolis April 12, also set ahead of Jefferson's birthday anniversary in order to permit of his presence. Mr. Bryan will go to New York for a Jefferson banquet April 13 and then back to Columbus for a similar affair April 15. He will then spend two days in Ohio before going to New York city for addresses April 19 and 20 in the interests of the men and religion forward movement.

In the Wisconsin state primaries Senator La Follette won pronounced victory over President Taft. The La Follette delegates being chosen by an overwhelming majority. In the democratic primaries in the same state Woodrow Wilson won by a large majority very nearly equaling those of La Follette.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: New York, April 1.—Six thousand tons of potatoes, the largest shipment ever received in New York arrived from London today on the steamship Minnehaha. Doubtless there are enough of them to supply 24,000,000 meals for an adult. As potatoes were quoted here today at \$3.25 per bag of 168 pounds, the shipment is valued at more than \$230,000. The government collected \$50,000 in duties.

A Birmingham, Ala., dispatch, says: Delayed returns from yesterday's state democratic primary election indicate that Congressman Richmond P. Hobson of the Fifth district and Congressman William H.

Richardson of the Eighth were nominated. The contest for congressman-at-large is close between John W. Abercombe and V. B. Atkins. In the Second district the congressmen were unopposed. The electors returned practically unanimous instructions to state delegates to support Congressman Underwood for the presidential nomination.

UNSCRAMBLED EGGS

The persecution of wealth proceeds. Recently the stock of the

Standard Oil company of Kentucky rose to \$900 a share, or 450 points. A few days ago it was selling at \$320, or 580 points below its present level.

If these be the pangs of dissolution, then, Grave, where is thy sting and, Death, where is thy victory? If this be the effect of Competition restored by due process of law the heyday of combination is over indeed. Scrambling eggs pays well but unscrambling seems to pay even better. —Chicago Tribune.

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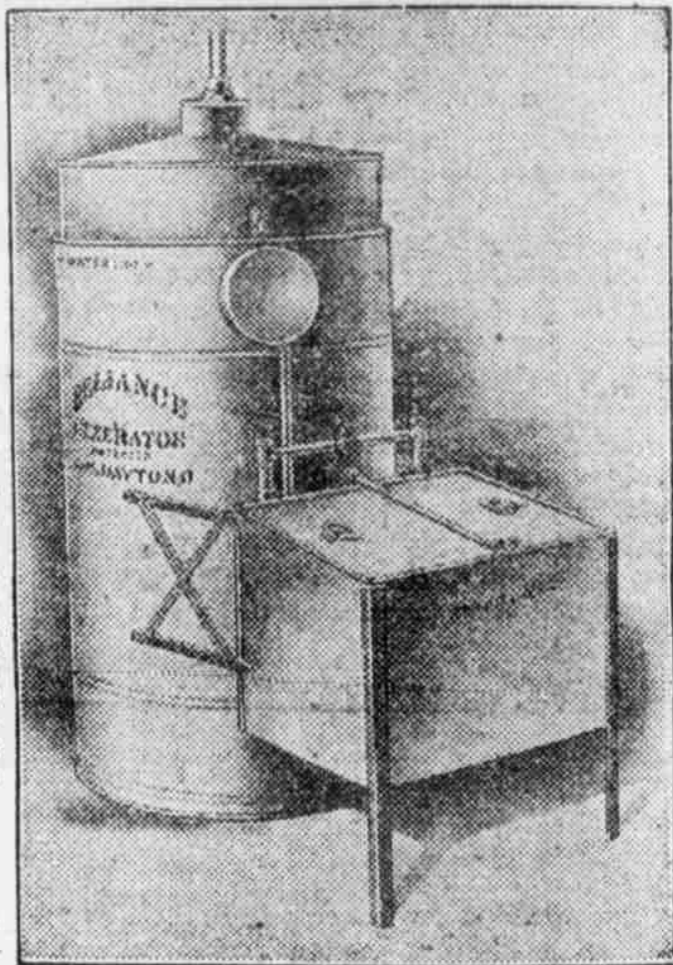
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