

Henry Cassaway Davis

Career of the Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate—He Was Born on a Farm and Was the First Railroad Brakeman in America—A Man of Millions

HENRY CASSAWAY DAVIS, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, is a man with more than an ordinary business and political career. In West Virginia and many states he long has been regarded as a financial giant, and his political life has been characterized by conservatism and success.

His nomination at St. Louis centers upon him the peculiar distinction of being the oldest candidate ever selected for the office. Mr. Davis having been born in Woodstock, Md., on Nov. 16, 1823. His father was Caleb Davis, a successful Baltimore merchant, who died a few years after the son's birth, and his mother was a Miss Louisa Brown, whose sister was the mother of Senator Gorman of Maryland.

Like Judge Parker, Mr. Davis spent his early days on a farm. He received his education in a village school and at the age of twenty entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as a brakeman. This was the first railroad built in America, and Mr. Davis has the distinction of having been the first brakeman on any rail-

ever, his practical skill, courage and energy overcame all difficulties.

Piedmont was the center of the Cumberland bituminous coal region. The present great coal fields of that part of the country were then undeveloped, and Davis perceived that that section was one of immense industrial promise. The firm of Davis & Bros. engaged in the shipping of coal and lumber for the producers, and its business grew rapidly.

In 1890 Henry G. Davis organized the Piedmont Savings bank and became its president. This bank was supplanted by the National Bank of Piedmont, of which Mr. Davis is also the guiding spirit. He and his brothers, whose possessions were originally insignificant, have since been able to count their capital by millions, while their landed estate at one time approximated 100,000 acres.

Before the war Mr. Davis was a Whig, while after its close he allied himself with the conservative wing of the Democratic party.

He made his entry into politics in 1855, when he was elected to the West

eighty-first year, is as spry as a man of sixty, and a good deal spryer than many. He was a delegate to the recent national convention and a member of the committee on resolutions. He was chosen as a member of the subcommittee that had charge of the platform, and he stayed up all night during the deliberations of that committee at the Southern hotel. When he went to the Jefferson hotel at noon the next day he did not appear fatigued, and he told his friends he could stand another twenty-four hours of it as well as not. He favored the insertion of a gold plank in the platform. When his name was being considered by the national convention there was some question as to whether he supported Bryan in 1896 and 1900. Chairman Jones of the Democratic national committee put it at rest by saying that in 1896 Senator Davis presided at a Bryan meeting in West Virginia and voted for Bryan. At that time Senator Davis was engaged in building a railroad and had a large obligation at a bank which he desired to renew. When he went to the bank the president said:

"I understand you presided at a Bryan meeting last night."

"Yes," said Davis. "What of it?" "Well," said the bank president, "don't you know that the theories of Bryan are opposed to all the financial institutions in this country? I do not see how you can come to this bank or any other for favors, holding the views that you do."

"Do you mean to say," asked Davis, "that the fact that I remain loyal to the Democratic party makes any difference with my credit?"

"Not at all," said the bank president. "But we are not inclined to do any favors for such people."

"This is no favor to me," said Davis. "I am simply carrying this obligation as a business transaction, and if you don't want to renew it I'll pay it now and withdraw my patronage from the bank."

The bank president grew alarmed at this, because Senator Davis is heavily interested in financial operations in West Virginia, and he begged Davis to reconsider. Davis would not reconsider. He paid the obligation in cash that afternoon and sent that bank off his list of business connections.

Senator Davis is many times a millionaire. He has been an enthusiastic Gorman man ever since the canvass for the Democratic nominee in 1904 began. At one time he said he would spend a million dollars to secure the nomination of Gorman, and it was no mere idle boast, because he had the money and would spend it.

Personally, Senator Davis is an affable, genial man, democratic and modest. He does not look his years, and to the casual observer he would appear to be not more than sixty-five. He is more than six feet tall, erect and straight as in the days of his youth. His shoulders are square. He is well muscled. He has a springy heel and toe walk. There is not the slightest evidence of any loss of mental or bodily vigor.

His face features are regular and bold. His nose is aquiline. His eyes are gray and sharply penetrating, but without kindly in expression and set wide apart. His face is not deeply furrowed, though fine wrinkles appear about the eyes. His beard of snowy



HENRY CASSAWAY DAVIS.

road in the United States. He was soon advanced to the position of conductor and was then the only railroad conductor in the country. An amusing story illustrative of the grip of early associations on a retentive nature used to be told of him in Washington. It is said that well toward morning of a wearisome all night session of the senate Senator Davis was asleep, his head resting upon his desk. Senator Edmunds had provoked Judge Thurman to a speech, and by introduction the judge unfurled his red bandana and blew a blast of more than usual power. Mr. Davis may have been dreaming of his old railroad days. At any rate, he sprang to his feet in a half dazed condition, and catching sight of the red flag—the old signal of danger—and seeming to imagine that he had heard a shriek of alarm from the open throttle of a locomotive calling for "Down brakes!" seized his desk and with the brakeman's quick twist wrenched it from the floor.

It was while serving as a conductor that Mr. Davis met and formed the acquaintance of Henry Clay, who was a passenger upon Mr. Davis' train while going from his Kentucky home to the capital and returning. Clay would board the train in Baltimore and leave it at its western terminus and make the journey over the mountains into Kentucky in the old fashioned stagecoach. Mr. Davis got his first

Virginia house of delegates. He was a delegate from West Virginia to the Democratic national conventions of 1888 and 1892, while in 1897 he was elected to the legislature of his state as a Union Democrat, being re-elected two years later. In 1871 he was made United States senator to succeed W. T. Wiley, Republican, he being the first Democratic member of that body from the then young state of West Virginia. At the expiration of his term he was re-elected. After serving twelve years in the senate he declined further political honors, preferring to devote his entire time to his rapidly increasing business affairs.

Early in his public career he assumed an unequivocal position on financial questions, from which he has never departed. Almost at the beginning of his legislative service he was confronted with the issue of the responsibility of West Virginia for a portion of the debt of the Old Dominion. Despite the advice of friends who considered momentary popularity rather than justice, he took a bold stand in favor of his state's meeting her just proportion of the debt of the mother state, when that equitable proportion could be ascertained. By reason of his determination he made a profound impression upon all his associates.

Until recently Mr. Davis was president of the West Virginia, Central and Piedmont railroad, which he projected, and also of the Piedmont and Cumberland railroad. He was one of the delegates to the pan-American congress and was a member of the United States Intercontinental railway commission. Today he is known as one of West Virginia's "Big Four," and had the boom of Senator Gorman materialized he was to have managed it.

In 1823 he married Miss Kate A. Banta, a daughter of Judge Gleason Banta of Frederick, Md. He has two sons, John T. Davis and Henry G. Davis, Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. Stephen R. Elkins, Mrs. R. M. G. Brown, wife of Lieutenant Commander Brown, U. S. N., and Mrs. Arthur Lee. Mr. Davis' wife died two years ago. He has a beautiful villa at Deer Park, Md., where he passes the summer months, but his home as a voter is at Elkins, W. Va., where his residence adjoins that of United States Senator Stephen R. Elkins, his son-in-law. The people of Elkins are very fond of ex-Senator Davis, who has done very much for that town. He built the Davis Memorial hospital at a cost of nearly \$100,000 in memory of his son, who was drowned while enroute on the African coast. With Senator Elkins he has founded the Davis and Elkins college, a Presbyterian institution at Elkins that soon will be dedicated. He was also instrumental in the erection of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian church at Elkins.

Ex-Senator Davis, though in his



MRS. STEPHEN R. ELKINS.

whiteness is a feature that does more to denote advanced age than any other.

The whole bearing of the man denotes an alert, vigorous interest in life and the matters that appeal to him for action.

His daughter, Mrs. Stephen R. Elkins, is one of Washington's noted entertainers, and her gracious womanliness has won her many friends.

Ex-Senator Davis is but one of many vigorous old men who are still active in public life. Here is a list of some of the prominent old men who are still active and hale like Mr. Davis:

Ex-Speaker Galusha Hays of Pennsylvania, 80; ex-Vice President Levi F. Morton, 80; Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama, 80; Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts, 77; ex-Secretary Boutwell, 86; Senator Edmund W. Pettit of Alabama, 81; Senator William F. Frye of Maine, 72.

Russell Sage, capitalist, at the age of eighty-seven is still active in Wall street, and Charles Haynes Hawwell works every day as civil, marine and mechanical engineer in New York, although he is in his ninety-sixth year.



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WANTED.—Hop pickers on 25 acres at and near Wilbur. Wages 50 cents per box. Good camping ground and water. Free ride by wagon from Roseburg upon notification. Address A. A. Osborn, Wilbur.

MARSHAL'S NOTICE.—All parties that have sidewalks out of repair along their property, are hereby notified that unless they are put in good repair within ten days from the date of this notice, the city will repair and charge same to the property. By order of the City Council made Aug. 11th, 1904. D. J. JARVIS, City Marshal.

BIDS WANTED.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Recorder, of Roseburg, Oregon, up to eight o'clock, Tuesday evening, August 23, 1904, for the improvement of Douglas street, in Roseburg, Or., between Main and Claire streets, according to plans and specifications now on file in the Recorder's office in Roseburg, Oregon. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in ten per cent of the amount of the bid. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of Mayor.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The contest case before the U. S. land office, over the Dimmick coal mining property near Kellogg, is still in progress.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.

Mrs. A. Lombard and two children, who have been visiting here with her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Comstock, returned home to Eugene today.

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Prof. J. B. Horner, of the Oregon Agricultural College, was in Roseburg today. He was enroute home from a trip as far as Klamath Falls in the interest of the college.

Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartram returned this morning from an official trip to Southern Oregon and Northern California. He says the forest fires in Josephine and Jackson counties are now under control, but the conflagration in Siskiyou county, Calif., is still raging with unrelenting fury.

Eugene Ambrose, charged with threatening to kill his wife, was held to appear before the circuit court as the result of an examination before Justice Long Thursday afternoon. His bonds were fixed at \$250, which it is thought will be furnished by relatives at Yoncalla, with whom he is in communication.

Miss Julia Hinkle, who is a professional nurse, arrived here from San Francisco this morning. She came in response to a message summoning her to attend the little daughter of her brother, E. A. Hinkle, who is suffering from appendicitis at the home of Mrs. Welker, in this city. It is hoped that a surgical operation will not be necessary for the present at least.

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Dr. L. A. Kent, one of the Roseburg delegates to the National Mining Congress to be held in Portland next week, has in a view a very commendable purpose in his mission. He proposes to place on exhibition during the sessions of the Congress some specimens of high grade Douglas County ore. From D. S. K. Bulk and W. W. Cardwell he has obtained some of the best specimens of ore that were on exhibition in the Board of Trade rooms and will take them to Portland. To these will be added some Douglas county specimens now on exhibition at the immigration headquarters at the Union depot in Portland. By bringing the ore directly under the attention of the large number of mining capitalists who will be present at the congress, Dr. Kent hopes to arouse interest that will eventually result in more extended development of our mineral resources.

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THE ROSEBURG MARKET.

The local market quotations today are as follows:

Wheat—50 cents.
Oats—35@40 cents.
Barley—50 cents.
Hay—Loose, 25; baled, \$12.
Potatoes—2 cents per lb.
Butter—Dairy, 25c; creamery, 27c.
Eggs—20 cents per dozen.
Chickens—Mixed, 10c per pound.
Veal—5c, dressed.
Beef—Cows, 10c; steers, 2c; calves, 2c.
Hogs—Fat, 4@4 1/2c live; dressed, 6c.

PORTLAND MARKET.—The quotation in the Portland market today are: Wheat, 7c; oats, \$1.20 per cental; hay, clover, 40c; timothy, \$15; wool, valley, 17c; hops, 24 cents; sugar, gross, 5c; sheep, 2c; gross, 20c; beef, gross, 3c; veal, 5c; eggs, 20c; butter, creamery, 20c; dairy, 13c; chickens, mixed, 11c lb.

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