

WHEN PIERCE WAS ELECTED

Campaign of Freaks and Noddies, in Which the Futile Whig Party Died, Killed by Its Creators—New Party Foreshadowed.

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(Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.) Washington, Sept. 7.—The campaign of 1852 marked the end of the Whig party as a factor in national affairs. For the first time, that organization placed expediency before principle, to nominate a war hero for president. Winfield Scott was the hero of the war of 1812 and of the war with Mexico. He had been defeated in the convention by a narrow margin by William Henry Harrison when it was necessary to choose a hero candidate to oppose Van Buren in 1840. That was the year against Landis Lane, and Tippecanoe won. As will be remembered, Scott was defeated in 1840 by a letter written to secure abolition support in New York. Writing letters was the one great business of General Scott's life. He wrote letters to everybody, about everything, and at all times. His letters ruined him and his party, and when the votes were counted they were overwhelmingly defeated by the Democratic "dark horse," Franklin Pierce. Scott carried only four states in the Union, receiving but 43 electoral votes to Pierce's 264.

The Compromise of 1850. When President Taylor died he was succeeded in the White House by Millard Fillmore, who had been the case in every instance in which a vice-president had become chief magistrate (with a single exception), the policy of the administration was reversed. Taylor had permitted his policy to be dictated by the conservative Whigs. Fillmore was a liberal. As a result of the right-about-face attitude taken by Daniel Webster, who went over to the non-interference-with-slavery side in his speech of March 7, and of the success of Pierce, the parties were on a compromise basis.

It was Henry Clay, the Great Pacificator, who had written the dozen men great by his compromises, and whose compromises had kept him out of the White House, who was once more called to the front in his old age to bring about peace. The compromise of 1850 was arranged. It included several measures. The most important was the admission of California as a free state, as that broke the balance of power between free and slave states in the United States senate. It was the one concession to the north, but it was far greater importance than the south realized. To the other side, the concessions were a stringent fugitive slave law, the maintenance of slavery in the

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District of Columbia, the payment to Texas of \$10,000,000 for yielding its claims to New Mexico, and the organization of Utah and New Mexico as territories without restrictions as to slavery. By this compromise, Henry Clay united the seceding elements of the Democratic party and destroyed for all time the party which he organized and had captured for many years.

Scott's Most Meticulous Letter. President Fillmore was a candidate for the nomination. General Scott and Daniel Webster were the other candidates. Fillmore had urged the compromise through congress and had approved it. He wished the whole country to accept it as the final disposition of the whole slavery question. The country, for the most part, wished to accept it. The Democratic convention approved. The Whigs had to do so. To swallow the Fillmore-Clay compromise the northern Whigs were forced, but they did not swallow Fillmore. So they took Scott, whose sympathies were believed to be with the free men of the country.

General Scott was nominated on the thirty-third ballot in the convention, after heated sessions, in which a letter from Scott, in which he wrote a letter to everybody, about everything, had twice defeated James K. Polk for governor, leaped to the platform with a letter from General Scott, in which he wrote a letter to everybody, about everything, and at all times. His letters ruined him and his party, and when the votes were counted they were overwhelmingly defeated by the Democratic "dark horse," Franklin Pierce. Scott carried only four states in the Union, receiving but 43 electoral votes to Pierce's 264.

Webster, Dying, Boasted Scott. Daniel Webster consented to become the head of a bolting Union ticket, but he died a few days before the election, and his little party died with him. A few days before his death Webster sent for his bosom friend, Peter Harvey, and asked: "If Rufus Choate goes to vote for Scott?" "I don't know," was Harvey's reply, "but I think not." Then Webster said: "Well, him not to ruin his future by voting for Scott, and tell him, as my dying message to him, that after the second day of November next the election of a national party will expire only in history." The publication of this interview in the Democratic papers a few days before the election did not aid the Whigs' dying cause, although Choate announced his fealty to Scott. Webster's prediction was correct. In 1852 the Whig party died and in the same year Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, its greatest leaders and its worst enemies, were gathered to their fathers in the election of the Whig ticket carried by four states—Massachusetts and Vermont in New England and Tennessee and Kentucky in the south.

The Darkest Horse of All. In the Democratic party that year there was a great fight for the presidential nomination. Lewis Cass, James Buchanan, Stephen A. Douglas and William L. Marcy were the principals, but from the first it was believed that a "dark horse" would win. Sam Houston, then a senator from Texas, who had been governor of Tennessee and president of the Republic of Texas, was a formidable possibility for awhile. But Houston had lately become a "malineac," that is to say, he had become a teetotaler and a prohibitionist and was in favor of the extension of the Maine liquor law to all the states. Persons

holding such views in those days were called "malineacs."

The First Convention Demonstration. The Pierce nomination was the first in which the onlooking galleries in a nation were invited to cheer or applaud. Pierce's name was first voted for. New Hampshire delegates, wild with excitement, invited the people in the galleries to join in a "demonstration." The result was the first convention "demonstration." It lasted for eight minutes and was begun the unhappy custom which was begun the misallusion in the Roosevelt cheers at Chicago, and the Bryan cheers at Denver the year.

Time for a New Party. When the election was over and Scott was defeated, Horace Greeley seriously considered the Whigs reorganize in favor of restoration of slavery to its present bounds, and the abolition of the liquor traffic. But it was William H. Seward and not George Greeley who was to found the new party of the northern and eastern states. The Free Soil party had lost all its influence and the genuine abolitionists were denouncing the constitution. Everything was ripe for the new party which was to be born two years later.

The election of Pierce to be president was known all over the country the morning after the election. It was the first time that the people had not been forced to wait for weeks to learn the result of the general election. Four years before the states had voted on the same day for electors. For the first time, but the telegraph was very limited in its scope and use. In 1852 the wires had been extended to all parts of the country. The new line between Washington and New Orleans had been completed but the Whig party was not election day came around, but the New Orleans Picayune proudly announced that the office would stay open all night for the reception and reading of election bulletins. The good people of that southern city knew that Pierce had been elected before they went to bed. When it was all over the country breathed easier. The Democrats had been restored to power by an overwhelming and non-sectional vote. People hoped and believed that the compromise of 1850 would stand, and that the agitation of the slavery question would be out. They were deluded, but their honest belief at the time explains many things that seem to be unreasonable in the light of later events.

A Russian inventor has brought to the United States a motor boat which he claims will make the speed of 31 miles an hour with a 12 horse power engine.

IN THE SOLITARY FOR 31 YEARS

Jesse Pomeroy Tortured and Murdered Children—Hopes for Pardon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boston, Mass., Sept. 7.—Jesse Pomeroy, one of the most notorious life prisoners in the United States, yesterday entered upon the thirty-second year of his confinement behind the gray walls of the famous "state prison in Charlestown. All of these years have been passed in solitary confinement.

When he was 14 years old Pomeroy was sentenced to prison for life for torturing and murdering little children. He is now 48 years old, and looks to be much older. Despite his long incarceration, he apparently still has hopes of a pardon, though he has never been given the slightest encouragement.

Children Stripped and Beaten. On the day after Christmas, 1871, a child named Paine, living in Chelsea, was found unconscious, tied to a beam on Powder Horn Hill. His entirely nude body was covered with great welts. When he recovered his first father and the police learned that he had met an older boy who had led him away from the public street, and had then, in spite of his weeping protest, taken off his clothes and struck him again and again with a rope.

Three More Victims. For three months thereafter no further assaults of this nature were reported, and families began to breathe easier. But one day in early July, 1873, Johnny Balch, a boy of 5 years, returned to his home in South Boston on the verge of delirium and convulsions. Two hours before he said he had met an older boy who offered him candy and then took him to a secluded spot where he stripped him and tied him to a beam and beat him until he fainted. This fiendish assault stirred the two districts again, and the police worked desperately to find the criminal.

Two months later Robert Gould, another small boy, was found stripped and tied to a telegraph pole. The lad's body was covered with welts from a whip or rope, and his head was badly cut. While the excitement was still at fever heat, 4-year-old George Pratt of South Boston was found in the cabin of a yacht. His body, which was quite nude, was covered with revolting bruises. Not content, this time, with whipping his prey, the fiend had punctured him with pins and needles.

Several more assaults of the same dastardly character followed in quick succession. Finally one of the little victims was able to furnish a clue to the perpetrator of the crimes. He named a Pomeroy youth who worked in a store in Boston. Whether the officers hastened with all possible speed, they questioned Jesse, the 14-year-old son of a respectable dressmaker. The suspect denied all knowledge of the assaults, but he was positively identified by several of his little victims.

At that time degeneracy was not so well understood as it is now. They called Pomeroy a degenerate, and sent him to a reform school. He was a model prisoner and at the end of 17 months he was released through the efforts of clergymen, reformers and others who had interested themselves in his behalf.

Within two months after his release and return home Jesse Pomeroy maltreated and murdered two more children. One of his victims was a little girl, the other a 5-year-old boy. The remains were so mutilated that they scarcely could be recognized. Pomeroy confessed his crime and was given a speedy trial. This time, instead of being sent to a reform school, he was sentenced to solitary confinement for life.

For 31 years he has been confined in a cell as small as a closet, dark and bare. On a dozen occasions he has, with superhuman cunning, devised plans of escape, and in spite of constant watching has succeeded in carrying them to an advanced stage of execution. He has never attended divine services in the prison chapel and has never been required to work. It is said that he has spent much of his time in

reading and has become fairly well informed. But so far as personal experience goes, such things as electric cars, phonographs, telephones and many other things in common use today are almost utterly unknown to him.

FLOATING HAREM DISGRACES SPAIN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Coruna, Spain, Sept. 7.—The captain and officers of the Spanish barque Isla de Palma were the cause of a recent disturbance in this port, having converted their ship into a floating harem and bought cargoes of girls at the mole, to be retained on board a certain time. The authorities having learned of the disgraceful business, obliged the return of the unfortunate creatures to their families, exacting at the same time the return of the money paid for them. In spite of their vigilance several have been returned and sailed with the ship. The government has ordered the authorities of Cadix, whither they are bound, to register and detain every Spanish sailing vessel reaching there.

BUREAU WARRIORS ALSO MUST RIDE

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, Sept. 7.—Officers of the army holding down comfortable swivel chairs in the prison chapel and has never been required to work. It is said that he has spent much of his time in

enals, colonels, majors and captains, with major generals in the past, are to be hustled into the saddle again and forced to take rides over the country roads surrounding Washington, varying in length from 20 to 30 miles. Orders to this effect are being prepared at the war department. As a consequence there is some gossip about the war and navy building, and officers moving about with a "when will this end" sort of expression upon their faces.

Two separate rides will be taken, so as not to interfere with the business of the war department. The first will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 24, 25 and 26; the second, September 28, 29 and 30. The first ride will be led by Major General William Duvall, who is acting chief of staff. The second ride will be conducted by Brigadier General Witherspoon, president of the army war college.

Notaries Commissioned. (Special Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Sept. 7.—Commissioners of notaries have been issued to Foster, Sisters; R. L. Conner, McMinnville; G. W. Harris, Willamina; J. Ditchburn and F. D. Reed, Portland, and Robert G. Tweed, Lent.

"Woman's place at the University of Berlin," says the Tageblatt, of that city, "has already become an important one, although her rights have not as yet been fully recognized there. According to the latest report, 449 women were entered at the largest high school last summer, and 755 attended the winter session. Degrees were conferred on 12; 10 in medicine and two in philosophy."

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