

## **FRANK ROBERT GOODING**

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Coming from Tiverton, England, to Michigan in 1867, Frank R. Gooding (September 16, 1859-June 24, 1928) moved to California ten years later. A farmer and miner for four years around Shasta, California, he became interested in Idaho's Wood River mines, moving to Ketchum in 1881. There he carried mail for a while, and contracted to provide charcoal to the Philadelphia smelter. When the Philadelphia smelter had to shut down in 1888, he moved out into the plains of the Snake River, starting a ranch near the later city of Gooding. There he went into politics; elected to the Idaho State Senate in 1900 and 1902, and governor in 1904 and 1906, he had an important part in prosecuting William D. Haywood and other officials of the Western Federation of Miners for conspiracy in the assassination of Frank Steunenberg. Then he sought a seat in the United States Senate in 1913 and 1918 before winning in 1920 and gaining re-election in 1926. An active member of the Senate farm bloc and an internationalist who favored the League of Nations, he led the party organization Republicans who so often were at variance with Senator Borah.