

READY FOR THE WALKYRIE. Lord Dunraven's Yacht to Go in Dry Dock This Afternoon.

2 O'CLOCK. HILLS TO CONTROL. Machine Delegates to Have Possession of the Convention.

Anti-Snappers May Not Seat Contesting Delegates.

Smith M. Weed Can Name His Local Committeemen.

The round up preliminary to the Democratic State Convention at Saratoga next Thursday shows that the Hill forces are as strong in their control of the state machine as ever, and they will have supreme sway in the convention.

The handful of Cleveland Democrats or Anti-Snapper delegates who have been, or claim to have been, elected, and will contest the seating of Hill delegates, would not cut much of a figure in the convention even if allowed to take part in the proceedings. They will not be accorded that privilege, it is said, because they were admitted some of Senator Hill's most powerful lieutenants would be humiliated.

Controlled by the Hill forces, the Anti-Snapper delegates will not be allowed to take part in the convention. The machine leaders are all the more elated over this success because in their fight at the primaries in the sixty counties of the State they have had the support of the patronage of the Administration men with unlimited patronage at their command.

The Anti-Snappers made a good fight against great odds, and they will be credited with a creditable record. The Anti-Snappers will be represented by the following names: Messrs. Warren, Livingston, Orleans, Schenck, Seneca, Steuben and possibly Westchester counties.

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George Van Ness Charged with Trying to Get a Br. be.

He Charges His Accuser with Swindling a Friend.

George Van Ness, the young man who was arrested and locked up in the West Thirtieth street station last night on a charge of impersonating a Central office detective and trying to blackmail Mrs. George Lebau, of Chicago, who is at present living with her husband at 225 West Eighteenth street, was held in \$1,000 bail for examination in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning.

According to the story told by Mr. Lebau, Van Ness came to his apartments Saturday night and introduced himself as George Van Ness, a member of the Chicago Police Department, and that he had a warrant for Mrs. Lebau's arrest for leaving Chicago with mortgaged property.

Mrs. Lebau had purchased a ring on the installment plan before leaving Chicago several weeks ago and still owed \$10 on it. In some way, it is claimed, Van Ness, who had been living in good style at the Morton House, learned of the fact and attempted to live blackmail.

Mr. and Mrs. Lebau and Arthur Stanhope, a friend, were present, and were greatly excited and tried to avert the disgrace of arrest. But Van Ness was obstinate and insisted on taking her to headquarters. He finally, so it is asserted, only after the payment of \$100 for a consultation and the party went to Jersey City, out of the jurisdiction of the Chicago Police Department.

On reaching the other side of the river Stanhope became suspicious and called the police at the station-house and ascertained that Van Ness was a false person. He was immediately arrested and taken to the station-house.

Van Ness is a handsome, seiventy-two-year-old man, of Italian extraction, and came from Atlanta, Ga., several months ago. He declares that Lebau and the woman he calls his wife are not married; that she swindled one of his friends who she met on Twenty-third street, and that she had promised to give him a share of her fortune.

Mr. Lebau indignantly denied the story and said he would prosecute to the bitter end.

Van Ness told Justice Koch that it was all a huge joke, but the Justice failed to see where the joke came in, and remanded him in default of bail.

Dinner will be served in banquet-rooms 3 and 4, in the West Twenty-third street and 12th avenue corner of the building. There will be only one table, and that will be for the benefit of the Anti-Snappers. The four-page menu is artistic and elegant. The first page are the American and British flags, under the Valkyrie and Vigilant, under full colors, showing the Royal Yacht Club burgee and the signals of Lord Dunraven and of Oliver, in gold, in the bill of fare.

Alleged Blackmailer Held. Policeman Ball Shot Forged for \$20,000.

He Gets a Bullet Near His Heart in the Station-House.

Two of His Companions Suspended to Await Investigation.

Patrolman James F. Ball, of the East Thirty-fifth street station, was shot and seriously wounded in the dormitory of the Twenty-first Precinct station-house early today. He is now in Bellevue Hospital, Capt. Martens, of the East Thirty-fifth street station, sent the following report to Police Headquarters:

"At 4:40 this morning, while in reserve, Officer James F. Ball, of this precinct, was accidentally shot in the left breast with a .38-calibre revolver in third section dormitory by Officer John F. Storms. The men were skylarking at the time, when Officer Broderick stated that if they did not stop their fooling he would stop it, and took his revolver from his pocket. Storms, who was in the third section, was in the act of taking the revolver from him when he was accidentally discharged and shot Ball in the left breast. Ball was removed to Bellevue Hospital, witnesses, officers John Stewart and John H. Helberg.

There is much mystery about the shooting. The police at the station-house and the officers at the precinct, James F. Ball, the wounded policeman, twenty-eight years old. He is a Nova Scotian and has been on the force since May, 1892. He is unmarried and boards at 125 West 125th street. His relatives live in Boston.

Police Officer John F. Storms has been on the force since 1887. He is now at 22 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street. Ball was in the fourth section, Storms in the third, and the third and fourth sections did the first four last night. Storms was in the third section, and was in reserve in station-house from midnight until 5 o'clock this morning. Storms was in the third section, and was in reserve in station-house from midnight until 5 o'clock this morning.

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Young Adler Arrested on Charges of Marcus Kraus.

Father and Son Said to Have Been in a Conspiracy.

Oscar Adler, a hunchback, nineteen years old, was held in the Tombs Police Court by Justice Meade this morning in \$2,000 bail for examination to-morrow on the charge of forgery.

He was arrested on the complaint of Marcus J. Kraus, one of the firm of Bloomfield Bros. The latter places his loss at \$20,000. It is possible that Adler's ambition to imitate other people's signatures may make the amount he might receive from the firm.

Resides being interested in the dry-goods business, Mr. Kraus also speculates on the outside in discounting commercial paper. Among his customers was Samuel Adler, the prisoner's father, who keeps a marble works at 148 East Fifty-second street.

Frequently Mr. Kraus has discounted the paper of Adler senior, and the notes were always promptly taken up. In a majority of cases young Adler brought the notes for discount. He was well-known to Kraus, and when notes were brought to him for discount, he was believed to be the son of the parties they were discounted in the same way, no suspicion of any kind having been raised.

On May 9 last young Adler brought a note to Kraus drawn to the order of Samuel Adler, and signed by L. S. Johnson & Sons, of 39 Spruce street. It was for \$50.

Kraus paid \$29 in cash and handed young Adler a check for \$21, that being the full amount of the note less the usual commission. The note ran for three months.

It became known that Mr. Kraus was surprised to have it sent back protested. Then an examination was made with the result that Robertson & Sons declared their signature was a forgery.

Mr. Kraus at once consulted Inspector McLaughlin, and it was decided to arrest both Samuel Adler and his son, as well as the father and the son.

Detectives Helberg and Nugent, who were called in, wanted to make the arrest at once. It was then Saturday night, Sept. 18, but Mr. Kraus's statement that he thought Adler senior was a respectable man, he asked not to have them arrested until next day. The following morning, Sunday, Helberg called at Adler's house, and was surprised to find a great crowd about the place. On inquiry he found that a few moments before Samuel Adler, the father, had committed suicide by blowing out his brain with a pistol.

She Couldn't Fool Peter. Forger Rogers in Limbo.

For Three Years He Has Been Passing Spurious Checks.

Willis S. Rogers, of Brooklyn, is under arrest in Bridgeport, Conn., on the charge of stealing a team of horses from a Norfolk livery stable. Before he again enjoys freedom Rogers will have to stand trial in this city on a charge of committing a long series of forgeries.

During the latter part of last year Rogers was employed by Pitcher & Manda, proprietors of the United States Nurseries. The senior member of the firm is James R. Pitcher, President of the United States Mutual Account Association.

Rogers was discharged by Pitcher & Manda on condition that he should obtain a lot of blank checks on the Trademark National Bank, stamped with the National Bank's name, and soon the firm had a number of bogus checks presented against them. They put a private detective on Rogers's trail, but were unable to capture him.

While he was in Pitcher & Manda's employ Rogers procured clothing from the check, in payment for \$25 in forged checks in payment. The firm learned that he had previously been employed by the National Bank at 175 Fulton street. He also had his position there for forgery. He had been employed by the National Bank at 175 Fulton street. He also had his position there for forgery.

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"Biff's" Surprise. Ellison's Side Rests After Calling One Witness To-Day.

Nothing Said About His Counsel Drink'ng with Jurors.

The Disgraced Clubman Recalled to Tell About His Credit.

There was a large and expectant crowd in Part III of General Sessions this morning.

It had been whispered about town that the fact that the lawyers for the defense in the Ellison trial sat down to drink socially with Jurors de Medici, Tucker and Costagnatta after adjournment Friday night would justify Recorder Smyth in dismissing the jury and causing a mistrial.

Assistant District-Attorneys Wellman and Osborn had seemed to be of that opinion on Saturday, but this morning Mr. Wellman said:

"The conduct of Lawyers Brooke and O'Sullivan was not unlawful, nor was it a breach of ethics, although it is patent to any one that no easier way could be thought of for ingratiating a lawyer with a juror. The effect of Dr. O'Sullivan's metaphysical discussion with de Medici is shown in the interview with the juror published yesterday, in which Mr. de Medici says that he felt flattered by the discussion, and that he had been passing forged checks for three years, but claimed that he had never been caught before."

His method was to present cards of the Silk Company at a hotel, and pass the check, in payment for \$25 in forged checks in payment. The firm learned that he had previously been employed by the National Bank at 175 Fulton street. He also had his position there for forgery.

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DOUBT SONTAG'S CONFESSION. Mrs. Evans and Her Daughter Say It Is All Nonsense.

He Had Two Hats and Numerous Suits.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The news of Sontag's confession of the many robberies in which he and others participated was taken to Mrs. Evans and her daughter, Eva, after the conclusion of their play "Evans and Sontag" at the National Theatre. They both laughed at the story.

"I don't believe he ever said it," cried Mrs. Evans, "but the most absurd nonsense ever offered."

Miss Eva expressed her belief that George did not make such a confession, and said she had never heard of it. She said she had never heard of it. She said she had never heard of it.

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