

GROUT WARNS JOB-SEEKERS

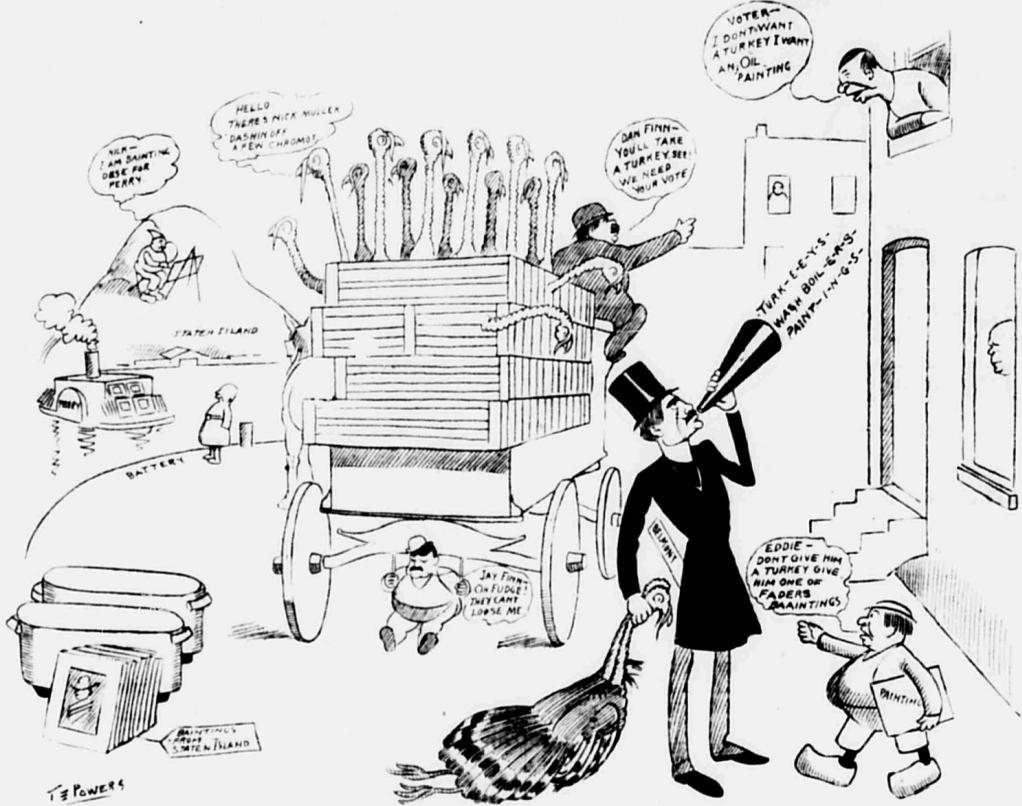
Comptroller Says He Has Applicants for Office Now, Enough and to Spare.

ASKS ALL TO STAY AWAY.

Head of City's Financial Department Needs All His Time for Public Business.

Comptroller Grout warned away the office-seekers this morning by issuing the following statement: "It is impossible for me to receive any more applications for office, for I already have many times more than I can by any possibility find place for and those who have not been appointed will do me a personal favor, facilitate the public business, and will not injure their chances for appointment in the least, if they now refrain from adding personal visits and contributions to the written applications which are on file. My time is needed for public business, and even the business hours, though extended in my own case to long after 5 o'clock, are too short to do the work in. From Election Day to Dec. 31 I freely saw all who came and acknowledged every letter; now I must stop. In addition to the demands of business I must add that the nature of the duties and responsibilities of the comptroller's office, the excellent character of the great majority of the present employees, the fact that the present pay-roll still exceeds the appropriation, and the necessity for the application of business principles to the administration of the office will all work together to the result of few rather than many new appointments. "I do not mean that the organized fusion forces are to be disregarded in making new appointments. To the contrary, I believe these should be considered and strengthened. But I will make no removal for the mere sake of making a vacancy to be filled. "I may add that every reduction of salary, every abolition of place or removal which I have so far made was expressly upon the recommendation of the head of the bureau or division, and, so far as I am concerned or am ascertain, wholly free from personal or political reasons. "In the case of every appointment since Jan. 1, the appointee has passed under the business judgment of some of the older and experienced members of the office, and each rule will be followed hereafter as well. I shall in each case verify my own judgment of the candidate by seeking an unprejudiced review of it by one of my deputies or heads of bureaus."

PLOT TO VOTE BELMONT REPEATERS UNCOVERED BY SUPT. M'CULLAGH.

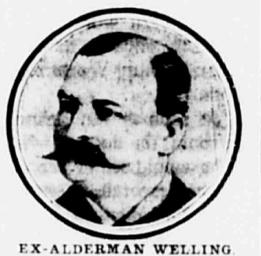


PERRY BELMONT'S TURKEY-WASHBOILER CAMPAIGN. "Here's your turkeys and washboilers! Remember there is only a few left! Don't fail to get a turk or a boiler! One turk-one vote! One boiler-one vote! Paintings said 'cheer! Git app!'"

Republicans Say Expose of Big Bribery Plot Brought Them Many Votes.

Ex-Alderman Welling Arrested with \$151 in New Bills and Belmont Watchers Certificates in His Pockets.

A scheme to vote a horde of repeaters for Perry Belmont was nipped in the bud this morning by the arrest of former Alderman Joseph Welling, associate Tammany leader of the Third Assembly District, and Joseph Pve, a Tammany dump inspector, captain of the Eleventh Election District of the Third Assembly District. There are two informers in the case, and Welling and Pve were "caught with the goods."



EX-ALDERMAN WELLING

These arrests bring an attempt to bribe voters right to the headquarters of Perry Belmont in the Astor House. One of the informers now in the custody of Superintendent of Elections McCullagh testifies that he went to the Astor House by arrangement, Mr. Welling there and made the preliminary arrangements to vote a "bunch" of repeaters. Welling and Pve were arraigned before Magistrate Olmsted in Jefferson Market Court. John Hodges appeared against the men. Welling said that he had been unable to get counsel and asked that the case be postponed a week. Magistrate Olmsted allowed a postponement until Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and fixed bail at \$2,000 in each case. The bail bonds were furnished by Michael Rudden.

The right name of the informer is not given. He was arrested under the name of William Hartwig. Some years ago he was taken in for illegal registration in the Third Assembly District and the Tammany organization went back on him. He served a term in prison and was recently released, thirsting for revenge. In this election he saw a chance to encompass it. "I got around to Welling's place at 6 o'clock this morning with three other fellows. It was dark. Welling hustled us over to his election district, and had me cast a vote in the name of a man supposed to be dead. When I had cast the vote Welling handed me \$2. He was seen to do this by a witness. "Now, then," Welling said, "let's go around to Pve's district. You can vote around there at least six times." "Why not vote here?" I said. "I've got my three friends here, and we need the money. Belmont's got plenty of it." "I gave Pve \$25 last night," said Welling. "His district is safer. Come on over there and bring your friends. I want to get you all voted while it is dark." "We went around to the Eleventh Election District and the bunch got into line. Just as we were moving up to vote a man was pinched ahead of us. This was my cue to sneak, and I came over here."

COSTLY BRITISH VICTORY.

Beer Commandants Repulsed but Somerset Infantry Lost 19 Men. LONDON, Jan. 7.—Lord Kitchener, telegraphing from Johannesburg, Monday, Jan. 6, reports the occurrence of a number of skirmishes in various parts of the war field. The most serious were at Amersfort, Jan. 3 and 4, when Major W. H. P. Plomer and Col. J. Spens were in contact with Commandant Christian Botha and Commandant Opperman's commands, and drove the Boers from their positions after a considerable fighting during which the Somerset Light Infantry suffered severely. Major Vallentin and eighteen men were killed and five officers and twenty-eight men were wounded.

Thirty Years of Progress. The story of a nation's great prosperity. Increases that require six figures to write. Prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, for the 1902 World Almanac. See page 181.

WATCHER'S CERTIFICATE.

To whom it may Concern: I hereby appoint to act as Watcher in my behalf in the Election District of the Assembly District Signed, Perry Belmont Candidate for Congress.

IN EX-ALDERMAN WELLING'S POCKETS WERE FOUND FIFTY OF THESE CERTIFICATES.

When Supt. McCullagh. When the strength of the case against him was shown he decided to confess. Murphy said that Pve had told him to be at the polls before daylight and he would tell him how to vote. He was instructed to vote in the name of Meehan. Murphy said that the crowd of repeaters that was scared away by his arrest had slips of paper upon which were written the names of the men they were to impersonate. There was no effort at secrecy, apparently. Under cover of darkness it was believed that the repeaters could vote at least six times. Ex-Alderman Arrested. When Murphy's statement had been taken into account by Supt. McCullagh, he went there yesterday evening and met Welling there. He asked me if I wanted to vote and I told him yes. Then he told me to be at his saloon at Sullivan and Houston streets at 10 o'clock last night. "I got there about 10 o'clock, but Welling had been gone for half an hour. He had left word with his son that if my name was Hartwig, I said it was. Then his son said that the old man left word that I was to be on hand at 8 o'clock in the morning with my bunch. "I got around to Welling's place at 6 o'clock this morning with three other fellows. It was dark. Welling hustled us over to his election district, and had me cast a vote in the name of a man supposed to be dead. When I had cast the vote Welling handed me \$2. He was seen to do this by a witness. "Now, then," Welling said, "let's go around to Pve's district. You can vote around there at least six times." "Why not vote here?" I said. "I've got my three friends here, and we need the money. Belmont's got plenty of it." "I gave Pve \$25 last night," said Welling. "His district is safer. Come on over there and bring your friends. I want to get you all voted while it is dark." "We went around to the Eleventh Election District and the bunch got into line. Just as we were moving up to vote a man was pinched ahead of us. This was my cue to sneak, and I came over here."

Welling was a plug hat and a look of anxiety. He was not told anything of the nature of the charges against him when the arrest was made. Hartwig was kept in the background until Welling was well in the room. Then he stepped forth. "Did you see this man before?" asked McCullagh. "I saw him last night at Perry Belmont's Headquarters and this morning at his own saloon at Sullivan and Houston streets," replied Hartwig. "Did he ask you to vote?" "He did," replied Hartwig. "He asked me to vote and gave me \$2."

BELMONT IN NEW COMPANY.

Perry Belmont will be a member of a new Trust Company that is being organized with a capital of \$1,000,000. The new company, it is said, will have two offices in Manhattan, one in the financial district and one in the mercantile district. Its business will be to loan money on negotiable warehouse warrants, cotton mill products, rice, sugar, pig iron and iron ore.

BUTCHER LAW SET BACK.

Assemblyman Adler's Carelessness Spoiled Plans to Push It Forward. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Assemblyman Adler's bill to amend the Sunday closing of butcher shops law received a set-back this morning, although Mr. Adler had earlier planned to have it passed ahead. The Adler bill was placed in the Assembly "box" last night without the regulation title or the name of the introducer appended. Speaker Nixon rebuked the older members of the House for his lack of knowledge regarding the proper drafting of bills, looking hard at Mr. Adler all the while.

TRIPPED A COTILLON LEADER.

A Baltimore Society Man Demands the Expulsion of Another. BALTIMORE, Jan. 7.—A letter written by Walter De C. Poutney to the Board of Managers of the Bachelors' Cotillon demands that they enforce the resignation of Hal Parr. The incident that led to this demand occurred at the New Year's german where Parr tripped Poutney and caused him to spread his full length on the floor.

1,000 "WATCHERS" AT \$5 APIECE.

The Belmont forces put out a new scheme to distribute money—a scheme that appears to come entirely within the law. At every polling place there were from ten to thirty Tammany and Greater New York Democracy watchers wearing badges. Each of these men was paid \$5 for the day and their duties consisted largely of standing on the corners and looking wise. From the appearance of the majority of these watchers it had been many a weary day since they had felt the gruffing touch of a \$5 bill. In the First, Second and Third Assembly Districts it is estimated that there were about 1,000 of these "watchers" on duty at night. At \$5 a head, the watchers alone cost Mr. Belmont \$5,000 for the day.

SH! HISH! 'TIS THE AWFUL VENDETTA.

HORRIBLE THREATS MAKE TAILOR'S HAIR RISE.

But the Callous Police Only Laugh at the Prospective Sicilian Tragedy.

Stesano Cammitti is a Sicilian. When he left his native island for America ten years ago he hoped to leave behind in that land of athletes and vendettas all sanguinary episodes. His dream has been shattered by the events of the last year. He says his life is threatened by a bloodthirsty society he wants to get out of and his days made miserable and his wife nervous by the attacks of his enemies. Stesano lives with his wife at No. 241 East One Hundred and Fifth street. He is a tailor and has a shop at No. 327 East One Hundred and Third street.

The Horrible Story.

His story of disaster begins on Jan. 2, 1901, when his wife, leaving the flat well locked, went to his shop. Burglars broke into the flat and appropriated most of Stesano's household goods. His enemies had left behind a note. "This is part of our vengeance," and was signed "Holy City Society." Four days later his shop burned.

Blood, Blood, Blood!

Then until Dec. 30 Stesano heard nothing from the "Society." On that day he received a blood-thrilling letter, artfully done in red, informing him that he had insured the hatred of the Holy City Society and if he valued his life he must pay \$100. A meeting place was appointed. Stesano took the letter to Detective Headquarters and Detective Petrosino was put on the case. He sniffed and told Stesano to forget it. Stesano forgot it until last night. He got a letter then that finished him. It had a whole cemetery of skulls and crossbones, and in language more forcible than gentle told Stesano to pay the \$100 in fifteen days or the writer would drink Stesano's heart's blood and kill his wife.

Deaths Just Smile.

The Sicilian, his eyes bulging, rushed to Headquarters this morning to find Detective Petrosino, who is up on vendettas, and other Italian conspiracy plots. Detectives Sergeant Grady examined the letter, grinned and told the man he ought to get a permit to carry a pistol, as there were lots of jokers about.

SAVED BIRDS FROM FIRE.

(Special to The Evening World.) CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 7.—The hotel of Mrs. Rose Kaiser, at Chesilhurst, caught fire early today and was totally destroyed with its contents. After everybody had gotten safely out of the house Mrs. Kaiser remembered her three canary birds, and though the building almost enveloped in flames started in for them. Hans Rohloff tried to dissuade her, and finally went in himself and saved the little songsters, though at great peril.

BUYERS OF VOTES MUST BE PUNISHED.

NEW JERSEY JUSTICE TRIES TO STOP BRIBERY.

Grand Jury Directed to Investigate Corruption Charges in Freehold.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Jan. 7.—Justice Ford delivered a strong charge to the Freehold County Grand Jury to-day upon the subject of bribery in elections in the county, about which much has been said of late. He directed the Grand Jury to indict all persons found to have either bought or sold votes. "In its address he said: "Whether bribery is more rampant here than elsewhere is questionable. That it exists at all here or elsewhere is a matter of grave concern. Vigorous action by a courageous Grand Jury would do much to check and discourage it. "A few indictments and convictions resulting in imprisonment of those prominent in political affairs who have engaged in the practice would have a wholesome effect for good. "The buying of votes at elections has become so open and notorious that the moral sense of the community seems to have become blunted as to the enormity of the crime."

DOCTOR HAS TO UNTWIST YOUNG CONTORTIONIST.

His "House" Flees at Misfortune and Mamma Has Hysterics at Sight of Him.

The next time that seventeen-year-old Harry Reynolds, the son of a well-to-do business man of this city, who lives in Forty-seventh street, near New Utrecht avenue, Borough Park, endeavors to do the same feat he saw a contortionist do last week at a theatre, he will be sure that a physician can be summoned more quickly than it took this morning, and he will suffer less pain, but he will also prevent his mother from a fit of hysterics. Since young Reynolds saw the contortionist he has practiced daily. This morning with a number of his classmates Reynolds went to the barn in the rear of his house and on the floor spread a large piece of carpet, upon which he proceeded to show his ability as an actor in the contortionist line. He did several good tricks, and was soon the admiration of his companions, who encircled him loudly. Then Reynolds prepared for the grand finale. This was to lie on his back and plant both feet behind the back of his neck. Finally after much effort and considerable pain it was done. Suddenly Reynolds began to struggle and it was seen that he could not withstand his feet from behind his neck. He began to gasp for air and soon got black in the face. The boys tried to help him, but finding they could not ran away. The boy's mother, suspecting something wrong, ran out to the barn, and seeing the boy in such a state, called the servant girl and promptly went into hysterics. The servant girl ran for a doctor and it was fifteen minutes before she could find one and when he got to young Reynolds he found the latter almost dead. The boy's limbs and neck were so badly strained that it will be several days before he will be able to leave his bed.

FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

Two one-story frame structures, at Nos. 60-62 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, were destroyed by fire this morning.

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SHE DOESN'T KNOW HER BRIGHT BOY HAS RUN AWAY.

Mrs. Dignam Kept in Ignorance of Boy's Absence While Grandmother Searches.



ARTHUR DIGNAM AND HIS GRANDMOTHER.

If ten-year-old Arthur Dignam, who has been missing from the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Hoffman, of No. 49 West Thirtieth street, since Monday noon, could only know that news of his absence is being kept from his mother for fear it would make her insane, and that his gray-haired grandmother rose from her bed and spent last night searching the streets for him, there is no doubt that he would return home at once, his plagues say. Young Arthur left his grandmother's home yesterday noon, saying he was going back to school. He did not return, and since then hardly any trace has been secured of him. The boy's mother, an actress, is playing at the Grand Opera House in Brooklyn this week. On the stage she is known as one of the Hoffman sisters. Since she left her husband, an employee of the Waldorf-Astoria, several years ago, she has made her home with her mother.

Her son was her pride and joy in life. She idolized him, and the neighbors agreed that she had good cause, for Arthur was the most popular child in the neighborhood. He was by far the brightest scholar in his class at public school No. 29, Tenth avenue and Forty-fourth street, and the favorite of his teachers. The boy's greatest delight was to keep at the head of his class. He loved to study, he said, and he hoped some day to be a learned man. When he went to his grandmother's home for luncheon yesterday Arthur was somewhat excited. "I have just passed the highest in my examination," he told his grandmother, "and I want to get back to school as soon as I can. Please hurry my luncheon."

After hastily devouring the meal Arthur bade his grandmother an affectionate goodbye and left the house. When he had not returned last 4 o'clock last night the gray-haired grandmother was so anxious that, although she is aged and not in the best of health, she started out to find Arthur. At the school she was informed that the boy had not returned for the afternoon session. Knowing not where to turn, the worried grandmother finally went to the home of the boy's father, Patrick Dignam, at No. 25 Ninth avenue. But Dignam had not seen his son in a week, he told Mrs. Hoffman. When her daughter inquired for Arthur on reaching home, the grandmother said she had sent him on an errand. When she was sure that the boy's mother was asleep, Mrs. Hoffman arose and went out to continue her search. This morning at daylight she reported the matter to the police and asked that a general alarm be sent out. The grandmother learned, however, that Arthur was seen at Eleventh avenue and Forty-fifth street at midnight with an older boy. "I am going out West to make my fortune," Arthur shouted to a schoolmate in passing. As the boy read many books of travel and adventure, it is feared that he has left this city. It was discovered that he had smuggled all his clothing out of the house, but had not taken a cent of money. His mother has not yet been informed that he is missing.

BOY IN A KNOT HE CAN'T UNTIE.

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR FILIPINOS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, today introduced a bill giving a complete form of civil government for the Philippines, to begin Jan. 1, 1904, with a governor appointed by the President, a Legislature of two houses and with two Philippine Commissioners to represent the Filipino people at Washington. In framing a form of civil government for the Philippines, Mr. Cooper follows recommendations of the Philippine Commission. The upper branch of the legislature is called the council and is to consist of five native Filipinos, appointed by the President. The lower house is called the House of Delegates and consists of thirty members elected every two years by vote of the Philippine people. At the International tuberculosis congress in London last July, Prof. Koch of Germany was recognized as the only man who had ever cured an advanced stage of consumption. He is the discoverer of the germs of consumption and the inventor of the tuberculin medicine for the cure of that disease. The Koch Lung Cure, established in the International tuberculosis congress, he demonstrated the workings of his machine greatly to his honor. It has been acknowledged as the very best system for curing Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. The Koch Lung Cure, established in this city at 48 W. 22nd St., has installed this machine and has begun the treatment of patients in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and the large cities of the Koch Lung Cure Sanitarium has cured thousands of sufferers from lung diseases. Dr. Edward Koch himself is in charge of the New York office. All those who have obtained free of charge. All are invited to call and make an examination of the apparatus used in this great treatment. Those who cannot call at the office should send for information regarding home treatment. Those who have had occasion to try this treatment are always ready to speak well of it.

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System of Treating Seat of Disease by Inhalation.

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