

THE RUSH FOR OFFICE.

COLONEL LAMONT IN TOWN.

HE SAYS HE WOULD ENOUGH OFFICE-SEEKERS IN WASHINGTON—CROKER CALLS ON HIM.

Colonel Daniel K. Lamont, Secretary of War, reached New York by an early train yesterday morning from Washington, and spent most of the day at his office in the Mills Building, in Broadway. A number of Democratic politicians wished to have it understood that they had interviews with the Secretary during the afternoon, but Colonel Lamont, who was seen at his home, No. 228 West seventy-third-st., last evening, said that this was the case.

"I have met no politicians or office-seekers since I came here this morning," he said, "and I don't care to see any. I have all that kind of company I need in Washington, and more than is agreeable. My visit to New York is on purely personal business. I shall return to Washington to-night."

The Colonel remarked that the report of his alleged interview with Don M. Dickinson and a group of New York Anti-Slaveryists at the Hoffman House on Friday night was a pure invention. "As Mr. Dickinson had started for Boston, and I had scarcely got out of Washington on my way here," he said, "with a merry chuckle, 'I guess that two of us at least could prove an alibi.'"

"Will you do nothing about settling the New York appointments before you go back?" Mr. Lamont was asked.

"The Secretary shook his head. 'The reports printed about the New York Federal officers are 'away off,' he said. 'I can say positively that up to this present time nothing so far as the appointments here are concerned has been decided upon.'"

"When will they probably be made?"

"Not until the office-seekers get away and give the President a chance to consider them," the Colonel replied. "He has had time as yet for nothing except handshaking."

Secretary Lamont spent part of the afternoon yesterday with Mrs. Lamont in shopping and died at the Hoffman House in Washington on the 12th of this morning.

The Hoffman House last evening that Colonel Lamont and Mr. Croker had a long talk yesterday, which was reported as a satisfactory character to the Boss of Tammany and new king of the turf.

SENATOR HILL IN A CHEERFUL MOOD.

NEW-YORK APPOINTMENTS MUST GO THROUGH HIS AND MR. MURPHY'S COMMITTEES.

The programme which Senator Hill intends to follow in relation to the Administration is creating a great deal of uneasiness in Democratic circles. The Senator came here on Thursday evening from Washington, passed the most of Friday in consultation with Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan and other Senators who were at least believed to be wedded to his plan, and went out on Friday night to Albany. What Mr. Hill is "up to" was the subject of much speculation here yesterday. That he does not intend to "take his medicine" at the hands of his Mugwump and Anti-Slavery enemies without vigorous remonstrance is the firm impression among many who have trained in the Senator's company since his first election as Governor.

Mr. Hill dropped some remarks about the situation at Washington while here which are regarded as significant of a purpose on his part "not to be walked on," as some of his friends put it. He called attention to the fact that he is a member of the senate committees on Postoffice and Judiciary, and that Senator Murphy has been assigned to a place on the committee on Commerce.

To these committees of importance in this city nearly every appointment of importance in this city and state will be referred. All the postmasters, the United States District-Attorneys and United States Marshals, the Collectors of Customs, Surveyor, Naval Officers, Appraisers and all the appointments which deal with the customs revenue must run the gauntlet of either Mr. Hill's or Mr. Murphy's committees. The power of a member of a senate committee by a simple request or suggestion to put obstacles in the way of confirming appointments which he may not like has often been used to far-reaching effect, especially when the appointment belonged to that member's own State.

Besides this Mr. Hill has close relations with many Democrats from other States who fully agree with him. It is said, in the belief that it will be a good plan to stick together and maintain the doctrine of Senatorial courtesy.

"Mr. Cleveland," Senator Hill is represented as saying to Democratic Senators from other States, "has started upon a scheme to destroy the Democratic organization in my State which I have been seven years in constructing. It is as perfect a political organization as ever existed in any State, and it gave Mr. Cleveland the most loyal support. When he has succeeded in destroying my organization, or 'machine' if you choose to call it by that name, he will turn his attention to yours, and he believes in allowing nothing to be done which he may not control. Shall we aid the President in destroying our party by placing clubs in his hands to beat out our brains?"

In dilating to New-York friends upon the outlook in Washington, Mr. Hill also referred to the action of the Senate in framing the committees which are to deal with the President's pet measures. In this instance, he said, had a single committee been formed to suit the ideas and wishes of Mr. Cleveland. To pass questions of free coinage which was one of the measures against which the Administration is unanimously arrayed, it was notorious that a free silver committee had been made up. These and other things which Mr. Hill mentioned to his friends gave him great comfort. He assured them that Mr. Cleveland had not got his really flaming from the Presidential belt, and that the Democratic Party would be long time before it was taken.

When the Senator was here he was confident that Governor Flower, Senator Murphy and Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan would not desert him in the coming emergency.

JERSEY CITY PRIMARIES TO BE HELD.

The Republican Campaign Club of Jersey City has fixed on March 23 as the date for holding the primaries, and the city convention will be held a week later. The only city officer to be elected is the Alderman-at-Large, who is also president of the Common Council. By virtue of his office he is ex-officio a member of the Board of Finance, and if the Republican carry the election the new Board of Finance will pass to curtail Mayor Wanser's powers, will be nullified by a Republican majority.

THE PATRONAGE WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED.

A meeting had been arranged to be held at Taylor's Hotel, in Jersey City, on Friday night at which United States Senators McPherson and Smith, and Congressmen Frazier, Cadmus, Cornish, English and O'Connell were to distribute the Federal patronage allotted to New-Jersey. For some reason Senator Smith could not be present, and yesterday morning Mr. Frazier sent messages to the others informing them that the meeting had been postponed.

MR. HARTER SAYS HE IS GOING TO RETIRE.

Hamilton, Ohio, March 18.—A letter has been received here from Congressman Harter, stating that he will not be a candidate for re-election to Congress after his present term ends. Mr. Harter says he desires to retire from public life as soon as the tariff laws are reduced and a sound currency system is adopted.

NAMED BY THE DEMOCRATS OF CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 18.—The Democrats of Cleveland today nominated Robert Rice for Mayor, W. W. Armstrong for City Treasurer, and Thomas Kelly for Judge of the Police Court. Mr. Rice had no opposition.

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

Minneapolis, March 18.—Theodore Olsen, who was defeated for Congress by Senator Mitchell last fall, was today again nominated for Congress by the Republicans of this district.

THIS LEGISLATOR ASKED FOR A BRIBE.

Minneapolis, March 18.—Prominent Minneapolis lumbermen, whose names will soon be published, said today that one of the leading members of the Legislature approached them with the cold-blooded offer that he would steer the Wyman bill through the Legislature for the sum of \$1,000. The lumbermen did not bite. An investigation will be called for from the Legislature. The Wyman bill proposed to put the surveyor-general of logs and lumber on a salary of \$50,000 annually, to be paid by fees, which amount to \$75,000 annually.

THE JUDGE BEATEN BY AID OF A TELEPHONE.

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—The court proceedings in connection with the coal combine sensation are becoming complicated. At 10 o'clock this morning Attorney-General Shields asked that the case be called. Judge Egan took nearly an hour to decide, and then ruled that he would not continue it. While he was considering the matter, Sergeant-Armstrong, one of the defendants, called on a telephone and sent a message to Shields to take possession of the coal combine investigation to take possession of the books in connection with the case.

troopers. Judge Egan is now looking up the question as to whether or not he can punish Smith for using the telephone in order to put the books out of his possession. In the House of Representatives, this afternoon Mr. Cole introduced a resolution directing Judge Egan to show cause why he should not be removed from the House as introduced in his report.

NEW MAGAZINE RIFLE.

AN INVENTION OF LIEUTENANT H. K. WHITE ADMIRABLE FOR ITS SIMPLICITY.

The latest improved magazine rifle brought to the attention of military circles is one invented by Lieutenant H. K. White, of the Marine Corps. A service model of this gun recently manufactured at Hartford, Conn., has been put through many severe practical tests in the last few days, and has been found to be highly successful. The White rifle will be presented to the Army Magazine Board, of which Colonel Otis is president, about March 25, as the American competitor against the Krug-Jensen (Danish) rifle. Experts who have seen and tested the White rifle are enthusiastic in their praise of its simplicity and efficiency under varying conditions, and appear to be confident that it will prove successful in the approaching comparative trials at Springfield, Mass., with its foreign rival.

Presented herewith is a cut of the White gun, showing a general design of the principal parts of the breech and magazine mechanism.



BREECH OF THE NEW RIFLE.

This rifle is the result of thorough study of the demands of modern military art. It is designed to withstand the extraordinary pressure of the smokeless powder and to meet the requirements of the latest principles of fighting tactics resulting from their use. To this end the long-extended combination of the strongest lock, the Sharp Lock (i. e., the Krupp system), with a bolt action is effected, and in a most simple manner. The bolt consists of the bolt proper and a sliding part, which, moving in and out by means of a handle always retained in the hand, throws the bolt into or out of locking position with the receiver. When locked a continuation of the motion of the bolt to the rear carries the whole bolt back, and a reversal of the motion carries it forward and finally locks it, a cartridge being fed up from the magazine and carried into the chamber at the same time. A powerful cam or wedge action assists the starting of the shell on extraction or the locking of the bolt. There are thus besides pulling the trigger but two motions of the hand back and forward, required in firing. It can thus be fired continuously without removing from the shoulder, either standing, advancing or lying down. The magazine is charged when the bolt is drawn back, thus avoiding any extra motions, as the opening of a gate or pushing down of a spring. It is then all ready on pushing the bolt forward again to load the chamber in readiness for firing. This charging can be done on a run, as well as at a rest.

The clip contains five cartridges (the number used generally by European nations), though it can be made to hold more or less. This is inserted from above as a whole, and when the five cartridges are exhausted it drops out so that another charged clip may be inserted.

The rifle may be used as a single loader either with or without the magazine being charged. When the clip is in a simple and handy "cut off" position to control it, being in a convenient position to be operated to cut off the magazine at the same time that the clip is inserted, and also convenient to bring it into use, at any time. In the magazine, which is connected with and just forward of the chamber, are but two moving parts, the main spring and the follower, which by a simple and easy motion, in the position to keep the cartridges at the proper angle. An important feature of the rifle is the simple operating lock for the extractor which after once engaging the cartridge is held immovably over the cartridge rim. Some of the other principal advantages are the following: The breech mechanism contains no screws and may be taken completely apart in a few seconds without the use of any tools, and is a broken firing pin, it is impossible to get the bolt to have a safety retraction during loading; the trigger has a double pull giving a hair trigger effect at the end of its stroke.

A list of sixteen exhaustive requirements made out by the small arms expert of the United States Army, and which are all fully attained by any other military rifle—all this with great simplicity and light weight being less than nine pounds. The principal requirements referred to are as follows, and are in a gun to be acceptable to the military service today: 1. To be used either as a magazine rifle or as a single loader; 2. To load and fire from magazine with facility without being removed from the shoulder; 3. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 4. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 5. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 6. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 7. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 8. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 9. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 10. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 11. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 12. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 13. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 14. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 15. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied; 16. To be of simple construction, and to be materially changed as the magazine is emptied.

In referring to the White gun a few days ago one of its enthusiastic admirers said in addition to the simplicity and art of simplicity, strength and efficiency, it is the invention of an American.

RIOT OVER A RAILWAY TRACK.

Elwood, Ind., March 18.—There was a wild time last evening between hundreds of citizens and the Pan Handle Railway employees. The Citizens' Electric Street Railway had put down a track across the Pan Handle tracks at a street crossing. Late at night the Pan Handle employees received orders to remove the track that had been laid, and this was resisted. Two Pan Handle engines and a force of men came to accomplish the work of tearing up, but hundreds of citizens rushed to the relief of the street railway company, and a wild mob, armed with revolvers, clubs, knives, and bars of iron, carefully guarded the crossing. Clubs and rocks were thrown, but the riot ended without serious injury. The Pan Handle employees were ordered to remove the track and were off for reinforcements and a wrecking crew was sent from Richmond. Later a conference was held between the opposing forces and the fight was dispersed.

RIVALS FOR THE BINGHAMTON POSTMASTERSHIP.

Binghamton, N. Y. (Special).—The struggle for the postoffice in this city is now at a fever heat. It has slumbered during three candidates, one of whom it is almost certain will secure the appointment. George F. O'Neil, of "The Leader," is as confident as ever that lightning will strike his way, and he has good reasons for thinking so, for he has the support of P. J. McElgie, ex-President of the city, and also has the names of a committee of every member of the Democratic City Committee and of all of the city members of the County Committee but three on his petition. Mr. Truman is still confident of securing the appointment, and his friends have not relaxed their efforts for one moment in his behalf. 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