

"A CITY WITHOUT GRAFT." BALTIMORE'S ELECTION.

Reformers Hold Balance of Power Plight of the "Raisin Ring."

Baltimore, May 7 (Special).—While the Supervisors are busily engaged in recounting the ballots, and both sides are insisting that the candidates have been elected, the citizens of Baltimore are weighing the results of the closest municipal election of a generation. The majority of 500 votes, which on the face of the returns elects the Democratic candidate, will be closely scanned, and an application will be made to the courts for a mandamus to prevent the qualification of McLane as Mayor. Throughout the primary campaign it was contended that McLane was ineligible, because he did not pay taxes upon a sufficient amount of property to enable him under the law to become a candidate. If a mandamus is obtained, the effect will be to continue Mayor Hayes in office until the question is settled in the courts.

In the mean time the one fact which rises above all others is that the reform or independent element in the city of Baltimore is large enough to hold the balance of power, and that bosses and their friends have little favor in the minds of these independents. What the nomination of Edward M. Shepard means to Tammany Hall, the choice of Mayor M. McLane signified to the Democratic "ring" of Baltimore. While Shepard was defeated, McLane has apparently been elected, and he will have a chance to accomplish all that Shepard promised in the way of reform from the inside.

The last four years have been notable in the city's history. The present Mayor, Thomas G. Hayes, has given the city what the reform element admits had. That the reformers withheld their endorsement from Hayes in spite of this was due to various reasons, among which was the charge that he had sought to build up a machine of his own. "A city without graft" was the motto of the present Mayor, and in many important branches of city government, notably, the charities commission, the schools and the finance department, not a word other than praise is heard from good government circles. His enemies accused him of having run the city government "like a country grocery store," and the Democratic "ring" raised the cry familiar in New-York, for "a business administration."

Despite his good record Mayor Hayes will go back to private life on May 15, but if the municipal reformers are to be believed, the cause of "graft" has not, been helped by the change. It was the opinion that McLane was honest and independent that secured for him hundreds of independent votes, and enabled him just to win out. As a prosecuting attorney he made a good record, not comparable with that of District Attorney Folk, of St. Louis, for no such conditions have existed in Baltimore as in St. Louis. For four years, however, he had the credit of prosecuting without fear or favor, and much confidence is expressed in the further breaking down of the influence of the "Raisin Ring," the Crokerism of Baltimore.

It is interesting, moreover, to note that there exists a great independent element in Baltimore, as in New-York. This element, which is known in New-York as the "silk stocking" class, claims the equally descriptive term of "gentleman independent" here, and there is every reason to believe that this vote was cast heavily for McLane. There is no single citizen of Baltimore better known as a Civil Service and good government fighter than Charles Joseph Bonaparte, and the following exclusive statement made by him to The Tribune correspondent to-day outlines the view of the result taken by the members of the Reform League and the Independents of the city.

"These conclusions may be drawn," said Mr. Bonaparte, "from the results of the recent municipal election, first, that the independent vote has substantially held the balance of power in Baltimore; second, that this element is unalterably hostile to the old Democratic 'ring'; and third, that it is nearly, though not quite, as hostile to the Republican 'spoils' politicians. Mr. McLane was appointed by the Pope, and by necessity, to-day and submitted the report of the Congregation of the Propaganda on the vacancy in the Bishopric of Buffalo. The Pope decided to appoint the Rev. Charles H. Colton, rector of St. Stephen's Church, New-York, to the vacancy.

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"The factor," said he, "is the negro vote. We are becoming the dumping ground of the Southern States, and our twenty thousand colored inhabitants, who cast a solid vote for any Republican candidate, are getting ready to face his fight in the courts to-day. While there is some regret expressed in Republican circles at the defeat which we have met, there is on the other hand a general disposition to regard the result as good evidence that Maryland has by no means ceased to be Democratic. The Republican column in a Presidential year. With an even vote in Baltimore the State is safely Democratic by about seven thousand, and when they carry it, even by fraud, by only a few hundred, they will have secured the election next fall and for the Presidential election.

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DOCTORS IN RUNAWAY. Jump from Carriage in Park—One Strikes Head on Tree.

Dr. Henry A. Bernstein, of No. 71 West One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., and Dr. Jackson, who gave his address at the same place, jumped out of a carriage in Central Park yesterday after the horse had run away. Dr. Jackson sustained a concussion of the brain, and Dr. Bernstein was severely bruised. Thomas Johnson, the driver, who also gave the above address, jumped out, but was slightly injured.

The carriage was being driven along the East Drive about Seventieth-st., when the horse became frightened. He ran with all speed along the drive, and the doctors decided it was safest to jump, as the carriage was in imminent danger of being flung against a tree or post. They jumped to the grass, rolling over several times. Dr. Jackson's head hit a tree, and he was unconscious when picked up.

Dr. Goldsmith, the park ambulance surgeon, treated the men and they were taken to their homes. The horse was captured at Seventy-sixth-st., after he had narrowly escaped hitting several carriages in his wild run.

SIX DEAD IN TUNNEL. Twelve Burned to Death and Eight Injured in a Train Wreck.

Huntington, W. Va., May 7.—A tunnel at Eggleston, Va., caved in to-day, burying fifteen persons. Six dead bodies have been recovered. St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—A telegram from Winnipeg, Man., to "The Dispatch" says: "Twelve men were burned to death and eight slightly injured in a train wreck fifty miles west of Port Arthur, Ont. A caboose attached to a train left the track. The car was overturned and took fire.

FATHER COLTON BISHOP. Appointed by Pope to the Buffalo Diocese.

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My ideas on municipal questions are well known," said he to-day. "As regards the present election, I have not discussed and I will not discuss it."

Frequent assertions are made that the election of McLane means the revolution of the notorious "Raisin Ring," the Democratic machine, which has endured many storms and has been headed by a prominent figure in Maryland politics for several decades. But while a few Democrats do not favor this idea, the Republican leaders take no stock in it.

"I don't believe such a thing," said William M. Stewart, the chairman of the Republican committee appointed to carry the contest in behalf of Mayor Hayes, "but the Democrats will try to have little chance to build up a strong machine through patronage, as we have done in the past, and Senator Gorman kept his hands off this fight, but you can say for me that he was in it all the time. The election game was made up by about seven thousand, and when they carry it, even by fraud, by only a few hundred, they will have secured the election next fall and for the Presidential election."

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TULLOCH ANSWERS PAYNE. OBJECTS TO COMMENTS. Gives No Facts, but Says He Is Ready to Prove Charges.

Washington, May 7.—The feature of to-day's developments in the postoffice investigation was a letter by Seymour W. Tulloch, for many years cashier of the Washington City Postoffice, to Postmaster General Payne, in reply to the latter's letter requesting any information Mr. Tulloch might have to sustain his published statements charging irregularities in the Postoffice Department and the Washington City office several years ago. Mr. Tulloch in his letter, which was mailed to the Postmaster General this evening, takes exception to personal comments of Mr. Payne, and refrains from giving any facts bearing on the investigation, suggesting that the officials to whom Mr. Payne has written have all

some time ago applied for admission to the Soldiers' Home, and on being informed that he would be accepted, wrote to the authorities, asking if he would be permitted to bring his parrot. Their answer being in the negative, he decided not to go.

TO CHECK "WHITECAPPING." Alabama Judge Asks Citizens to Come Forward and Plead Guilty.

Mobile, May 7.—Throughout a number of Mississippi counties of recent years "whitecapping" has been so frequent and so arbitrary that citizens determined to put an end to it. At Brookhaven a step in that direction was taken lately, when fourteen prominent men were convicted. These men were found guilty of riding around the country at night and inflicting punishment on people for the slightest cause, or for no cause at all. The fourteen citizens pleaded guilty, and were given nominal punishment. Judge Powell furthermore announced that the same terms would apply to those who might appear and plead guilty to-morrow, but that after that time no leniency would be shown such offenders. This, it is believed, will break up the wholesale assaulting of black or white citizens by bands of so-called "regulators."

GENERAL GOMEZ OFF FOR CUBA. The Veteran Warrior Sails on the Havana.

General Maximo Gomez, the Cuban patriot, who was a visitor in this city for two days, on his way home from St. Louis, sailed yesterday for Cuba on the steamer Havana. He was accompanied by a nephew of President Palma, who acted as his secretary. Since his arrival in this country the general has received many invitations to dinners and other public entertainments, but the little time he had at his disposal was spent in visiting friends, and he had to decline them.

STREET CLOSING BILL SIGNED. Takes Map Making Power from the Board of Aldermen.

General Odell signed yesterday Senator Marshall's bill authorizing the New-York Board of Estimate and Apportionment to alter the map of the city and close any street after due notice. The bill takes this power from the Board of Aldermen. The special object was to allow the closing of part of West Thirty-ninth-st. for the new Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel. The land on both sides of the street had been purchased by the Pennsylvania company and a tentative agreement was reached with the city authorities with reference to the lease of the land now forming the street.

Senator Marshall's bill authorizing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of New-York City to sell or lease land of abandoned streets was also signed by the Governor. This is another of the Pennsylvania Railroad bills.

Consul General Vasquez Resigns.

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PARROT SAVES HIS LIFE. Cries for Help While Its Master Lies Bleeding.

Washington, May 7.—Cries of "Murder!" "Help!" "Come quick!" attracted the attention of George B. Andrews's neighbors this afternoon. They knew the cries were made by his parrot, but they had never heard it scream so loud before. Several people rushed to his house to find out the cause. Andrews lay on the floor unconscious, bleeding from a great gash in his neck. He had been repairing the ceiling and had fallen from a step-ladder, striking a stove. A physician took six stitches to close the wound, and said that in only a few minutes Andrews would have been dead. Andrews is a veteran of the Civil War. When he returned from the South in 1865, he brought with him the parrot, and it has been with him ever since. This is not the first time the parrot has looked after the welfare of its owner. Some years ago the house next door caught fire. The parrot's screams awakened Andrews in time to arouse his neighbors before much damage was done. Andrews

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ARRIVAL OF KAISER'S GIFTS. Collection Presented to Harvard Museum Reaches Boston. Boston, May 7.—Emperor William's gifts to the Germanic Museum at Harvard University reached this port to-day on the Hamburg-American Line steamer Adria. The collection was formally presented to President Eliot by Prince Henry on his visit to Harvard a year ago. Preparations for its reception have been begun, and for that reason the museum will be closed to the public until everything is ready for the formal opening, at which representatives of this country and Germany will be present. The exhibit numbers 118 pieces.

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