

After Hill defeated the Tammany leader by the narrow margin of 26 to 23.

Voting with the ex-Senator on this proposition were Committee members McCarran, Nauner, proxy for John L. Shea, and William R. McGuire, proxy for John W. Webster. Three up-State committee members voted with Tammany—David Morey, of Troy; Frederick T. Finch, of John Falls, and William B. Kirk, proxy for John Dunfee, of Syracuse. The other four Brooklyn committee members, headed by James Shevlin, voted with Tammany, showing that McCarran had lost control of Brooklyn.

THE FIGHT RENEWED.

When the result of this vote had been declared, the minutes were formally adopted, and Committee member Burgrad, of Buffalo, nominated Matthew Merzig as Fitzpatrick's successor, while Tammany placed in nomination Dr. Auel, the candidate of William J. Conners, and the fight was renewed. William F. Sheehan declared that Merzig was the choice of the other two Erie County committees, and insisted that Tammany, by allowing its county committee to name Francis Burton Harrison, had established a precedent in the matter. Senator Grady shouted back:

"I know something about Democratic precedents in the past, and I want to tell you that they are good things to avoid. You are playing a cheap political bunco game, and simply throwing irritation in Erie County, and God knows there is enough of that there now. Are you doing it so that somebody's boom may be helped by your attracting the attention of the world to these midnight politics? It don't make any difference whom we force upon Erie County now, with pretence we assign, the people will understand. We in New-York county can't do any better for any candidate than we did last time. Are you people trying to do worse?"

Mr. Fitzpatrick took the floor and declared that the committee was acting in bad faith. He said:

"We have named a man who is wanted by 90 per cent of the men of the XVIIIth District, and now you are attempting to force on them a man they don't want. Only common decency ought to stop you from disregarding their wishes, and if you don't heed them you will disrupt the party in Erie County. It is small, nasty, petty grabbing, and will have no good result. It will ruin your party in Erie if you do it. You can't expect good results from it, and every man casting his vote against Dr. Auel is casting a vote for disruption in Erie."

"We are pretty bad off now, aren't we?" inquired a voice from the back of the hall.

COCKRAN GETS MURPHY'S WINK.

Then W. Bourke Cockran, who had been sitting beside Charles F. Murphy watching for his signal to turn loose his eloquence, got the wink and stood up and began as follows:

Mr. Sheehan has told us the reason for this act, and certainly he knows something about Buffalo politics. In fact, some of his experiences in Buffalo politics have become historic. Is it the intention of this committee to adopt the method of farming out the interests of one district to the adjoining district? Consider the history of the Democratic party in this State for the last eleven years. What a wonderful unanimity in the convention and what a full minority at the polls! Before 1893 the State had become as reliable in the Democratic column as Texas, and in that year we had the first year of unanimity. There was no voice of dissent. How many men managed the party, and from that day to this there has been no Democratic victory. What a reverse of Democratic practices that delegates could be ground out instead of elected at the primaries. There can be no other reason for the last eleven dreary years. Are we going to escape them or repeat them? You have the power to do this, but have you the moral right? Mr. Fitzpatrick has resigned his right for the good of his party and now you are treating him like a traveller fallen among highwaymen, or rather like a surgeon who finds that those he is trying to help are plotting to rob him. Let the Democratic party become Democratic before it goes to the polls.

With this burst of eloquence Congressman Cockran sat down. Mr. Murphy, and eagerly inquired if his leader approved his effort. Receiving a nod of commendation, Mr. Cockran's face beamed, and he settled back comfortably.

SHEEHAN GIVES COCKRAN A SLY RAP.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Sheehan, who acted as spokesman for the Hill faction, then took the floor and shaking his hand vehemently at Representative Cockran, said:

"The gentleman has made a strong plea for one side of the question, but you know and I know that if he were called upon to do it he could make just as strong a presentation of the other side. When has a committee in the history of New-York politics ever met in a district to decide its choice for committee?"

On rollcall Mr. Merzig, the Hill candidate, was elected by a vote of 27 to 22. W. B. Kirk, of Syracuse, changing to the winning side.

On a motion of Patrick E. McCabe Albany was designated as the place for the convention, and on a motion by Senator McCarran the date was fixed as Monday, April 28. The committee then adjourned, after nearly three hours of session. The Tammany contingent made not the slightest effort to conceal their bitterness, openly vowing to take revenge on ex-Senator Hill.

After the committee had adjourned Senator Dowling issued a long and pointed statement outlining the position of the Tammany leader, declaring that Murphy had sought to have the convention in New-York City because he desired to interpose a counter to the Governor's vague promises of home rule. He declared that in the face of this expressed desire, ex-Senator Hill had summarily announced the time and place of the convention without any consultation with the Tammany leaders, that he had arbitrarily set the date before the times already announced for the Tammany district conventions, and that finally this morning he had presented an agreement signed "John F. Carroll," the existence of which was unknown to Tammany up to that time, pledging to Mr. Hill the right to name the place of the next convention outside of Saratoga. He commented on Mr. Hill's effort to secure the instruction of the committee in favor of Chief Judge Parker, and claimed a Tammany victory in respect to this.

SENATOR DOWLING'S STATEMENT.

After dallying on the fashion in which the resignation of William H. Fitzpatrick had been handled, Senator Dowling said:

"This may be successful State committee politics, but it hardly seems like a policy promoting the Democratic harmony or Democratic success. The experience of the past in this respect has proved that even the cleverest politics may not be successful when based upon premature judgment or the subordination of the people's wishes to the needs of party machinery. The result would seem to be a year when Democratic success in State and nation only depended upon a measure of Democratic harmony, and when the control of party machinery might be well al-

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lowed to await a favorable verdict from the people upon our candidate and policies. Such a verdict can only be prevented by our bickering. I am personally confident that a little further reflection will lead to a policy in the State organization of consideration for the wishes of the voters of the State rather than deliberate defiance thereof.

Senator McCarran declared after the meeting that he still adhered to his intention of calling a meeting of the Kings County organization on Tuesday, and deciding the question of the leadership. He declared that he was still unaware of having been deposed and questioned the authority of any such action. He still maintained his calm impassive attitude and showed no sign of worry at the rumored succession of William A. Doyle.

SAY CONVENTION WILL BE FOR PARKER.

Frank Campbell, chairman of the State committee, made the following comment on the up-State view of the Tammany attitude. He said:

If Mr. Murphy had proposed any candidate, or if he had come and suggested that the New-York Democrats wanted the convention there and that he was ready to offer a candidate, nothing could have stopped the rush of up-State Democrats to his side. But he did nothing of the sort, he proposed no one. He simply refused to consult and declared against endorsement, and the up-State Democrats wouldn't stand for this kind of rule, which may go in New-York City. His attitude alienated the up-State Democrats thoroughly. The Parker sentiment through the State is irresistible, and to-day nothing can stop it. The convention will instruct for Chief Judge Parker, that is certain.

Elliot Danforth similarly affirmed that the Parker sentiment in the State was sure to prevail. He declared that it would rule in the convention, while admitting there would be a line-up there again and that Tammany would renew the fight. But there was little show of enthusiasm for Parker; he was apparently regarded as satisfactory rather than hailed with any show of spontaneous favor. On the other hand, both Danforth and Campbell firmly asserted that the question of State candidate was far too remote. The latter did declare, however, that the up-State delegations would not favor McClellan for a Presidential candidate.

When Senator Dowling's statement was shown to Mr. Hill last night he made only this remark:

"If Senator Dowling's statement were framed in a little different spirit, I might feel inclined to make some comment upon it, but I do not care to enter into any controversy about the action of the committee to-day."

GROUT WITH MCCARRAN.

He Will Use Axe if McClellan Attempts to Behold.

Senator Patrick H. McCarran came home to Brooklyn last night happy in the victory over Murphy in Albany and confident of his ability to ward off any insidious attacks against himself as leader of the Brooklyn Democratic organization. He went directly from the Grand Central Station to the Clarendon Hotel, in Brooklyn, to attend a dinner of the officers and stockholders of the Atlantic Savings and Loan Association, Co-operative, in honor of the retiring president. It was an engagement that he had made weeks ago, and he kept it in spite of the sudden development of a political exigency. He made it an occasion for delivering his first public declaration since Murphy has broken with him, and it was a defiance of any attempt of Tammany to interfere in local affairs in Brooklyn.

Deputy Fire Commissioner William A. Doyle, who has been commissioned by Murphy to give out the patronage in Brooklyn in an attempt to supplant McCarran, had little to say when he came home. He realizes that he has a hard job and is thinking it over.

WONDERS ABOUT PATRONAGE.

Senator McCarran, when asked about the situation, said:

"I have been told that Doyle has been designated to give out the patronage over here. I am wondering when he will begin. "There will be a special meeting of the executive committee of the organization in the Thomas Jefferson Building next Tuesday night. I called it for the purpose of stating my position, which I will do fully. It will be an open meeting, and you can come and hear what I shall have to say. There will probably be some sort of a resolution, and if there is any test vote I expect to have nineteen or twenty of the twenty-two votes of the committee. I am not worrying any."

It is understood that eighteen of the leaders have already pledged themselves to McCarran. Doyle, aside from his own vote, will have those of Frank D. Cramer, of the XVIIIth Assembly District, and James Kehoe, of the IXth District. McCarran expects to get all the rest. It has not been decided in just what form the test resolution will be presented. It will not be in the form of a vote of confidence, but probably will be in the form of a resolution that the officers of the committee as chosen by the organization be empowered to handle all the patronage.

As a matter of fact, the McCarranites say that there is no more patronage to give out, and that an attempt on McCarran's scalp could not be made at a more favorable time for him. They say that McClellan, with his eyes on the Presidency, would not dare to stoop to such petty methods as asking for the resignation of the McCarran commissioners and other officials.

It was learned last night that Controller Grout had promised his full support to McCarran, and has declared that if McClellan removes any of the McCarran men he (the Controller) will lop off the heads of some of the Tammany men over whom he has control.

AFTER DOYLE'S SCALP.

McCarran has already begun the fight to depose Doyle from the leadership of the XVIIIth Assembly District. Alderman Patrick H. Malone has been designated to make the fight.

The Coffeyites are said to be with McCarran. John J. P. Fagin, a Coffey Democrat, was chairman at the Clarendon Hotel dinner, already referred to. In introducing Senator McCarran he said that everybody hoped not only that "his shadow would never grow less, but that it

would grow greater, proportionate to his increasing responsibilities."

After referring to the State Banking Department Senator McCarran said:

I am opposed to second mortgages, I am opposed to first mortgages, and in my present position I am opposed to any mortgages at all. (Cries of "We're with you, Senator.") I presume that the strenuousness of my strenuousness will be put to a most severe test to prevent the mortgaging of this territory. (Cries of "More power to you.") I am engaged in the same sort of a pursuit the superintendent of banks would have you believe he is ready to enlist in—the limitation of territory. I am going to propose that the activities of a certain organization should be confined to a certain territory. If I needed any incentive (which I do not) to work to prevent Brooklyn from being wiped off the map, the presence of so many enthusiastic friends would furnish the incentive to prevent the extermination of Brooklyn.

I subscribe to the definition of your organization operator, in that I am seriously and hopefully looking for co-operation. I think I am not overstating the proposition when I say that the success your organization has achieved has been because its operations have been confined to Brooklyn. I need not specifically say what is needed to accelerate the movement. As citizens of the Borough of Brooklyn, we know what is required to keep up its growth. We know that we must see to it that the first essential shall be a good, honest and efficient administration, so that what this community needs is citizens of Brooklyn, we certainly can feel a justifiable pride, not only in the future of the borough, but also in its past. To preserve its individuality, to preserve its prestige, to preserve its independence, its right to assert itself in any direction, is one of the duties incumbent on every man resident in Brooklyn.

Mr. McCarran was greeted with great applause as he took his seat. In a few minutes he took a cab and started for the home of a man who has great influence with a certain Democratic element, and the conference lasted until morning.

Many Brooklyn Democrats seen yesterday said they not only resented the attempt of Murphy to dictate a leader for Brooklyn, but declared emphatically that it would be impossible for him to succeed. County Clerk Kauffman said:

It is an impossibility for Mr. Murphy or any one else to say to Brooklyn who shall and who shall not be the head of the local organization. As long as the city is made up of separate counties, each one with a function to perform in the State and national government, no one can say that the Democrats of Brooklyn reserve the right to govern themselves. I, for one, do not believe that Mr. Murphy can do this. He is not a Democrat, he is a man who does not want to hold office to resent this thing.

MCCARRAN SHOWS TEETH.

Declares He Is Ready for a Lively Fight.

Again is the old campaign issue of last fall, "Shall the Tiger cross the Bridge?" brought to the front.

Charles F. Murphy says that the Tammany Tiger will cross the bridge, and do it with a vengeance, and that P. H. McCarran will soon be little more than a political memory.

McCarran's rejoinder is, "Lay on, Macduff!"

The next clash will be at the meeting of the Kings County Democratic Executive Committee on Tuesday night. McCarran says he will have a vote of confidence from all the district leaders, with the possible exception of three. Deputy Fire Commissioner William A. Doyle says he will win.

Mr. Murphy and his somewhat crestfallen warriors returned last night from Albany, where they met defeat at the hands of David Bennett Hill. Their train reached the Grand Central Station at 8:40 o'clock.

"Nothing to say," said Mr. Murphy as he stepped off the cars and walked rapidly down the platform. "See Mr. Smith; he'll give you all the news that there is."

Not so with Senator McCarran. When asked if he had heard that Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle was to be the new boss in Kings he said:

"Yes, I heard that highly interesting rumor in Albany. "Are you going to fight Mr. Doyle and Mr. Murphy?" "I shall fight them just as hard as I know, and when they get through they will know that they have had a fight," said the Senator. "I have called a meeting of the executive committee for Tuesday night, and I shall ask a vote of confidence. I am confident of the response. I believe that all the district leaders, with the possible exception of Mr. Doyle and one or two of Mr. Murphy's friends, will respond in the affirmative. The issue could not have been more clearly outlined to my liking if I had planned the whole thing. The result will be a sweeping victory for the men who have been fighting for an instructed delegation to the St. Louis convention. Brooklyn is determined to maintain its autonomy and individuality. It will resist any intrusion by Tammany Hall or any other organization."

Murphy and McCarran rode all the way from Albany in the same car, but they did not speak. The friends of the two leaders say that the breach between them cannot be bridged, and that so long as Murphy is leader of Tammany there will be no truce with McCarran.

Police Magistrate Higginbotham, who is one of Senator McCarran's advisers, went over the list of members of the executive committee claimed by Doyle, and on he checked them off he gave his and McCarran's reasons for believing that all of the men, with the exception of three—Doyle, ex-Sheriff Cramer and James J. Kehoe—will rally under the McCarran standard.

issue used by Hugh McLaughlin only five short months ago. He won against McLaughlin on the ground of "regularity." Now he is in the attitude of an insurgent, and using the same arguments for autonomy for the Brooklyn organization that were swept aside by himself when he fought McLaughlin. He is likely to win on Tuesday night, but Doyle probably will make steady gains, and his ultimate supremacy is almost certain if Murphy remains leader of Tammany.

ROOSEVELT TO KEEP OUT.

Not to Take a Hand in New-York State Politics.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

Washington, March 5.—The President was disappointed that Governor Odell could not keep his appointment to take luncheon at the White House to-day. Governor Odell sent the President a telegram this morning, saying that his physician declared he had the grip and advised him to return to Albany at once. Then Mr. Roosevelt promptly addressed a personal note to the Governor, sympathizing with him in his illness, which he hoped would be brief, and telling him he would be glad to see him whenever he came to Washington.

The Governor's change of plans gave great disappointment to a number of New-Yorkers, who intended to get hold of the Governor's ear while his owner was at the capital. Several called up the White House by telephone during the morning, with the request for information as to "where the Governor might be found," and one man, who would not divulge his name, made a trip to the mansion in search of him.

"I had an appointment to meet him here this afternoon," he said. "I was going to have a consultation with him just as soon as he finished his business with the President."

It is believed that the President's outspoken announcement that he would not take any hand whatever in New-York State politics may have had something to do with the Governor's decision in returning to Albany from the metropolis. The President's emphatic remarks the other day were repeated to-day in stronger terms, if possible. No matter what faction was in the ascendant, he told a friend, and no matter what action that faction took in choosing the officers of the committee or in conducting the campaign, he would hold his hands "off the whole situation." Whenever the Republican party of the State through its accredited representatives the President said, makes any decision in regard to the chairmanship or any other matter vital to the party's interests, he will be pleased to see that evidence of a desire to go ahead with the business of the campaign, but under no condition will he aid any candidate or any faction. He expects, however, to consult frequently with the leaders about national campaign matters a little later on.

ODELL DEFERS VISIT.

Unable to Go to Washington Because of Bad Cold.

SPURNS BIG CHAIRMANSHIP.

Governor Odell did not go to Washington yesterday, as he had expected to do. After reviewing the 12th Regiment and attending a reception on Friday night he rose late yesterday morning feeling the effects of a bad cold. He thought it better to defer his Washington trip and go back to Albany and rest. He started for home at 12:30. The news that Governor Odell had deferred his visit to Washington, the Governor said, exaggerated it. The President had told him the last time he was in Washington to come and see him whenever he happened to be in Washington. He had intended for several days to go, but there had been no call from the White House for him and there was nothing special to take him there.

"I have not been up to the mark for several days," said the Governor, yesterday morning, "and I have kept in the house except when my engagements made it imperative for me to go out. I see no necessity for me to see the President just now, and I think I will go back to Albany and doctor up. There is nothing for me to see the President about that is urgent or will not keep. The newspapers have made more of my contemplated trip to Washington than it deserved. There is nothing in State affairs just now that I cannot settle by myself, and the President is not likely to send a hurry call to me to come to Washington and save the nation."

"Did you expect to talk to the President about the chairmanship of the National Committee?"

"No," replied the Governor, "I would not have that place if it was handed to me on a silver platter. I never had any idea of taking it. It isn't the kind of work I am looking for."

The Governor declined to discuss whether he would become chairman of the State Committee or not. It is believed by the politicians, however, that he will take that place at the April convention. The Governor said a treasurer of the County Committee had been found, but the name was not made public for several days. He was a good, strong man and one who would be able to take care of the business of the committee.

The Governor was asked about the reports that he would remove George W. Morgan, State Superintendent of Elections, from his position. He said that there is some dissatisfaction with Mr. Morgan and he believed that he has not proved up to the work in hand. He is my appointee and I will do nothing until I have investigated the charges, and they must be proved well rounded to bring about a removal."

TWO NOMINEES IN ONE DISTRICT?

Both Sides Call Conventions in Up-State Congress District.

Elmira, N. Y., March 5.—Two Republican Congress committees for this district, which includes the counties of Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler and Seneca, met in Corning this afternoon. The committee controlled by ex-Senator Fassett issued a call for a nominating convention to be held in this city on Saturday, April 6, and the faction favorable to Congressman Gillet issued a call for a similar convention to be held in the city of Corning the same day.

NEW-YORK BROCKPORTERS MEET.

The second annual meeting and luncheon of the New-York Association of Brockporters and Alumni was held yesterday at the Hotel Marlborough. Among those present were ex-Park Commissioner Wilcox, Dr. Frank Boynton and E. P. Lyon, of this city, and Professor William H. Lennon, Professor C. T. MacFarlane and John Burns, of Brockport. Mr. Burns spoke in behalf of the local board, and Professors Lennon and MacFarlane for the faculty of the Brockport State Normal School. About one hundred alumni of the school and former residents of Brockport were present.

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