

MERRITT'S FRIENDS EAT.

BIG CLAMBAKE HELD.

Men of Both Parties Celebrate with Westchester's Sheriff.

Nearly a thousand of the friends of James S. Merritt, the Sheriff of Westchester County, attended the fourth annual clam bake given by the association which bears his name at Rye Beach yesterday and ate clams, lobsters, chickens and watermelons until their sides were sore.

ANNUAL CLAMBAKE GATHERING OF THE JAMES S. MERRITT ASSOCIATION AT RYE BEACH YESTERDAY.



"Colonel" James Patterson, president of the Westchester County branch of the Merritt Association, 2 James S. Merritt, Sheriff of Westchester County, 3 "Colonel" Tim Garvey, president of the New-York branch of the Merritt Association, 4 James F. Ware, National Committeeman, 5 Assemblyman Rigby.

Garvey, of New-York, and James Patterson, of Port Chester, at 3 o'clock the entire crowd sat down to the clam bake, which was served on the lawn at Edwards's Beach Hill, overlooking the Sound. The "bake" required seventy bushels of clams, 700 lobsters, 350 pounds of bluefish, 200 chickens, 1,000 ears of sweetcorn, 50 pounds of tripe and onions, five barrels of potatoes and fifty watermelons.

The courses followed each other so quickly that there was very little rapping on the table, such as is often heard at clam bakes when the crowd gets impatient. Sheriff Merritt, who was rushing about in his shirt sleeves trying to help everybody, noticed this, and said that he was much pleased about it.

A feature of the "bake" was the cheering and notice given to the various celebrities scattered through the crowd. Chew Wing, a Mamaroneck laundryman, who is the only Chinese member of the association, attracted a great deal of attention, as it was his first experience at a "bake."

"Amelican clam bake vely good," declared he, as he buried his face in an ear of corn. "Beat Chinese dinner vely much."

"Admiral Dot," the White Plains midget, also received a large amount of applause, and "Bill" Sweet, the celebrated clown of the "Hooper Kicking Club," of White Plains, gave a serpentine dance which brought down the house.

Among the many admirers of Sheriff Merritt who were present were William L. Ward, State Senator Carpenter, Assemblyman George N. Rigby, ex-Mayor Sutherland of Yonkers, John J. Brown, of White Plains, F. A. Stratton, of the Westchester Lighting Company; Alderman "Tom" Foley, of New-York; August J. Gloistein, of "Fishing Club" fame; Warden Johnson, of Sing Sing prison, and Chiefs Ross, Bronson and Hardy, of the New-Rochelle and Larchmont fire departments.

The Merritt Association is the only one of its kind in Westchester County which has any large number of members. Mr. Merritt's admirers throughout the county started it about four years ago, and it ran along for a long time merely as an informal yearly gathering.

INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS REMOVED.

By the provisions of the amendment to the Election Law, introduced last March by Senator Elsborg, the following inspectors of election were removed yesterday: J. W. C. Thatcher, First Election District; D. O'Leary, Second Election District; John Ryan, Second Election District; John Flick, Thir-

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Hill Decides Not to Have State Convention Act.

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MURPHY SEES SHEEHAN.

The Latter Returns from His Visit to Maine.

"Blue Eyed Billy" Sheehan, chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, is back from Bar Harbor, and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning assumed his place in the headquarters plot house. On his arrival at the Century Building he took to himself the office that during his absence in Maine had been occupied by Delancey Nicolli. The vice-chairman shifted Belmont made a similar move, by which he is located immediately in front of National Chairman Taggart's office.

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TWO MORE NATURALIZATION ARRESTS.

Luigi Mignogna, a wealthy Italian grocer, of No. 126 Delancey-st., yesterday visited the office of Joel M. Marx, Assistant United States District Attorney, in charge of the prosecution of naturalization frauds. He desired to bail out two of his tenants, who were charged with having illegal citizenship papers. Mr. Marx questioned Mignogna and ascertained that he was a citizen, but Mr. Marx asserts that Mignogna secured his citizenship papers illegally. Mignogna was arrested. Giovanni Ball, an Italian banker, of No. 82 Mulberry-st., obtained his release by furnishing \$500 real estate bond. The two tenants are still in jail. Joseph Dell Anno, an Italian real estate agent and owner of Brooklyn, was arrested later in the day, also on complaint of possessing bogus naturalization papers. He was held in \$100 cash bail.

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Castro's High-Handed Course Giving Anxiety to State Department.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Venezuela's high handed treatment of the New-York and Bermudez Asphalt Company, promoted by President Castro, with a semblance of legal authority, continues to be a source of anxiety to the State Department. Previous instances of unwarranted action affecting the rights of American citizens have usually been taken with so little, if any, pretense of invoking the proper legal authorities, that this country has not hesitated to formulate and press vigorous demands for immediate redress; but the Castro administration, doubtless profiting by the experience of the mixed court and the decision rendered in the case of the Manco Company, recently related

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public purposes. Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, is a traitor. At the time he took his oath of office in Buffalo after the death of President McKinley he declared in public that he would simply fill McKinley's place; that he would not look for renomination; he gave out a statement to the effect that the effect that he thought he had been misunderstood by the public, which meant practically that he was a candidate for renomination. The Republicans had him on their hands and could do nothing but renominate him.

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of great importance from an international point of view, concerns the violation of the rights of American citizens and is therefore a matter of principle of unusual importance. Certain political and trenchant communications are likely to be addressed to President Castro in the not distant future and every resource of diplomacy will be resorted to in the endeavor to procure justice before Mr. Hay finally disposes of the case.

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As a matter of fact, the appointment of the receiver by the Venezuelan court was in a regular and judicial proceeding brought by the government of Venezuela. The concession authorized by the New-York and Bermudez company has been operating, because of its failure to comply with the terms of the concession. This original contract was given to R. Hamilton, the Venezuelan who assigned his rights to the New-York and Bermudez company. This concession authorized Hamilton to gather resinous matters, essential and medicinal plants and seeds, and to mine asphalt.

This concession provided in express terms that failure to comply with all the stipulations therein contained should be cause for the annulment of the contract and disputes by reason of contract should be settled before the tribunals of the republic and in accordance with its laws. The Venezuelan government has therefore been acting well within its rights in bringing this suit. The original concession provided that Hamilton should assign to the receiver of the concession, except to mine a very small amount of asphalt and to dredge a few of the rivers and streams. This concession was a concession worthless to the Venezuelan government, as it practically derived no revenue from the parties to whom the concession was granted.

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