A DAY'S DOINGS IN NEW-JERSEY.

REFORM THE KEYNOTE.

FORECAST OF MESSAGE.

Governor Stokes Will Discuss Equal Taxation and Election Problems.

Trenton, Dec. 1 (Special).—Considerable interest is shown in the probable contents of Governor Stokes's message to the legislature. There have been all kinds of speculation regarding it and generous forecasting, but most of it has been unauthorized guesswork. The Governor will devote considerable time to the large questions of State interest, but will not attempt to dictate what the legislature shall or shall not do. At the last session of the legislature many of the bills which came to the Governor were imperfect in their titles and several of them inconsistent in phraseology, a defect due to the fact that there is not sufficient legislative debate and inquiry into the character and contents of their make-up.

Recent disclosures in business circles have awakened the public conscience to a higher appreciation of the morals of business and political life. These evils, he believes, are wellnigh impossible of correction unless reform begins at the fountain head. So long as corruption exists at the polls and bribery is permitted abuses will creep in and continue, as a logical consequence. The Governor will certainly discuss at some length the question of the Corrupt Practices act, with a view of preventing the corrupt use of moneys. He was chairman of the commission that framed the primary reform law, which partly remedied the abuses which prior to that time existed in the primaries and which enabled the people to have a full and free voice in the selection of their candidates.

He now will go a step further and suggest that reform legislation be passed so that the elections may be free from suspicion and corrupt influence. The Governor was always opposed to the law merging the fall and spring elections and contended against it in party caucus at the time it was passed. He has not changed his opinion as to the wisdom of keeping the municipal and State elections separate, and will discuss this matter in his message.

The question of taxation will be discussed at length with a view to obtaining uniformity and equality. The growing increase of taxation is becoming, he has declared, a source of burden to enterprise and thrift. The question of how to lighten this burden is the most important economic problem of the day. The Governor, in his inaugural address, spoke of the increase of municipal taxation, and will probably have something further to say of it in his message. The settlement of the question of the taxation of railroads, which was begun at the last session, should be completed at this session. The message will be clear and explicit on this point, and the issues will be discussed fully. Various methods of readjusting taxation of the main stem of the railroad will probably be presented. The Governor, it is predicted by his confidants, will urge that this matter be settled in a way so that there will be no doubt that the railroads will bear equally with all other property their share of the burdens of taxation.

The question of the franchises of public utilities is one which strongly appeals to the public mind. No one outside of the franchise holders questions the advisability of limiting these grants. There may be some discussion in the legislature as to the ways and means to this end. The question will be presented in the Governor's message, predicated upon the assumption that limited franchises will be the policy of the State in the future. The question of the taxation of these franchises will be discussed with care, and the legislature recommended to pass such measures as will cause these franchises to bear such a share of the public burden in the way of taxes as their valuation warrants.

OUT FOR ANDERSON.

Colby Makes Emphatic Statement in Favor of Lentz's Opponent.

Senator-elect Everett Colby made his first appearance at his headquarters in Newark yesterday, and made an emphatic statement referring to the campaign which his committee on limited franchises and equal taxation has begun to oust Major Carl Lentz from the chairmanship of the Essex County Republican Committee. He declared himself as heartily in favor of Lathrop Anderson, one of his ardent supporters, as the man most fit to hold the job which Lentz now usurps.

"You can make it as strong as you like that from now until December 22," Mr. Colby said, "I will be in harness and do my utmost to make certain the election of Mr. Anderson, whom I consider fit to hold such an important office as leader of the Republican party in Essex County. I am only sorry that I will not have a vote in the matter as well as a voice. But there is every reason to believe that the new committeemen will learn to see the matter in a proper light, and when the time comes retire the present chairman, and in this way do away entirely with the bossism which was one of the strongest principles of our platform."

Mr. Colby, in discussing the recent campaign at the polls, said it was not a shadow to what he and his colleagues intend waging at Trenton when the proper time arrives. He ventured to say that the public sentiment at present will add to their victory at the next session of the legislature or in a year later. Mr. Anderson, the candidate for Lentz's place, declared yesterday that he was entirely satisfied with the success thus far obtained by the endless chain of letters which were being sent to the Republican headquarters for the major to read. He said that Assemblyman William P. Martin, who suggested the plan, had declared that three more converts had been won over from Lentz.

LOCKED IN BOXCAR—TOOK LONG TRIP.

Belleville Man Went to Chicago Without Food or Drink, Through Accident.

Belleville, Dec. 1 (Special).—John F. Reilly, of No. 19 De Witt-ave., who disappeared from the Erie freight yards, at 4th-ave., Woodside, several weeks ago, came home last night. He was locked in a boxcar in the freight yards and was taken to Chicago. He suffered much for the want of food and drink, and was in bad shape when he finally made his presence known by hammering on the side of the car with a coupling pin which he found in the car. Reilly was released near Chicago more dead than alive. He was given something to eat and drink, and when he recovered his strength he made his way East.

THOSE VOTING MACHINES.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your readers in New-Jersey are much interested in your recent editorial, entitled "Jobbery Charged," in reference to the voting machines in New-Jersey. We had one in our borough for the first time in the recent November election. It gave general dissatisfaction to men of all parties.

The old way of voting with booth, glass ballot box and pasteboard roll, was entirely adequate for a pure ballot under care of men from both great parties. There was a general and expressed opinion that jobbery was at the bottom of it all.

Now, as a helper to great moral interests, may I ask you to get and publish the facts concerning the purchase of these machines by the State, just as you did recently in regard to the bill which Mr. Lawson says, was "railroaded" through for the benefit of the Standard Oil and Amalgamated Copper men in the issue of November 30?

Let it appear who fathered the scheme and voted for these machines, that we, citizens of New-Jersey, can know how reliable our lawmakers are in good judgment (to put it no stronger), regarding things for public welfare. MIDDLESEX.

Metuchen, N. J., Dec. 1, 1905.

BALL ROLLS IN HUDSON COUNTY.

Sheriff Kaiser of Hudson County, N. J., yesterday dismissed all the Democratic attachés of his office and the county jail, except one clerk in the Sheriff's office, who was retained until the other clerks become familiar with the work. All the Republican appointees are organization men.

DEFENDS SALOON MEN.

Evangelist Answers Critics Who Frowned on Work Among Resorts.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wiliam Asher, the "saloon evangelists," were in Newark yesterday arranging for the beginning of the saloon meetings in that city. Mr. Asher appeared before the ministers in charge of the revival work at a conference in the Continental Hotel. There he met many of the pastors of the Newark churches, some of whom took exception to some of the printed reports about the Rev. Mr. Asher and his alleged statements to the effect that saloonkeepers were "good fellows." The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Nash, president of the New-Jersey Anti-Saloon League, was among those present. The Rev. Mr. Asher explained that he and his wife did not go around preaching temperance, but Christianity.

The Rev. Mr. Asher said there was some misunderstanding with regard to the purpose of his work, and wanted it understood that his movement was not against those saloonkeepers who were courteous enough to turn their establishments over to the evangelists for use as meeting places.

At the conference reports were made of the revival work as it has been conducted so far and the plans for next week were announced. The first "sunrise" service was held yesterday morning in the Old First Presbyterian Church. About four hundred persons attended the meeting.

The Academy of Music in Jersey City was filled at the noonday revival service. The Rev. Dr. Henry Ostrom preached on the duty of of doing personal work for God. The Rev. Dr. Charles Herr, of the First Presbyterian Church, presided. Meetings were held in the afternoon in the Bergen Reformed Church by the Rev. John Robertson and in the Park Reformed Church by the Rev. Dr. John A. Earl. In the evening services were held in all of the district churches according to schedule. No meetings will be held to-day.

AXE FALLS IN ORANGE.

Men Dropped from Police Department Refuse To Be Dismissed.

Orange, Dec. 1 (Special).—The old Police Committee of the Orange Common Council took hold of the Police Department in earnest to-day, and as a result fifteen heads fell in the basket—all appointees of the Board of Police Commissioners which has been ousted by the Common Council. About the first thing the victorious aldermen did was to inform Doorman Fisher that his services were no longer required. He has been replaced by Antonio Virgilio, a Cone-st. saloonkeeper and leader of the Italian element of the 3d Ward.

Virgilio used to be janitor at the police station, but the Police Commissioners discovered that his duties at the police station interfered with his business as a saloonkeeper, and to relieve the resulting embarrassment, he was replaced by Fisher. The new regime has announced that hereafter Mr. Virgilio will be required to "give more time to police work that he did before."

Mayor Shoenthal announces that he will not sign the Police Committee's payroll because the names of the commission's fifteen appointees have been left off, and the City Treasurer probably will refuse to honor the roll because the Common Council says it is not legal. Meanwhile the policemen are wishing something would happen so they could get their pay. The deposed men will report for duty every day and Chief Washer will go through the formality of telling them there is nothing for them to do.

Virgilio busies himself with his dustpan and brush and between times pumps beer. It is said he will sue for his back salary for all the time he was "off shop."

REASSESSMENT BEGINS.

Newark Tax Commissioners Disregard Movement Against Hillery Act

In anticipation of having to conform with the provisions of the Hillery maximum tax act, which will go into effect January 1 next year, the tax commissioners of Newark yesterday took up the work of reassessing the entire city to equalize taxation and to determine the real estate values. The decision of the commissioners came as a surprise in certain quarters of the State, where there is at present considerable agitation tending to the repeal of the Hillery act, but it was announced that they would not take notice of the efforts in that direction, and would go ahead, expecting the law to go into effect.

This task means a great deal of work, and already orders for the printing of blank forms have been placed with printers, which probably will be ready for use about December 14. With the first of the year all taxing boards, should there be no change in the Hillery law, will be required to carry out the provisions of the new act within a period of six months.

This was taken into consideration by the Newark commissioners, and as they have about forty-three thousand real estate assessments to make, it was deemed advisable that as much as possible of the preliminary work be done at this time, so that the vast details involved in the entire task may be completed within the time allowed.

FORTUNE GOES BEGGING.

Heirs of Robert Graham, or Dunn, Cannot Be Found.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Morristown, Dec. 1.—Search is being made for the wife and children of Robert Graham, or Dunn, who came to this country from Norwich, England, on the steamship Idaho in 1870 and who died in Morristown in 1898. Henry P. Witte has $9,000, with interest for seven years, which was left by Mr. Graham and which has not yet been claimed.

Mr. Graham said he had no relatives, but after his death Mr. Witte, who had been appointed trustee of his estate, began a search for missing heirs. Recently he discovered a man in Norwich by the name of Adams who formerly lived in Morristown, and who says his real name is Dunn, and that he left England after a quarrel with his family about thirty-five years ago. He left a wife and two children, and these are the ones Mr. Witte is now trying to find.

The matter came up in court to-day on the application of Mr. Witte for an extension of time in his search for the heirs, as, if there are no claimants to the property at the end of seven years, it reverts to Morristown Township, in which Mr. Graham made his home while in this country. The motion for extended time was granted.

SRIKERS BEAT DRIVERS.

Two Bakery Men Attacked and Stoned—Assailants Escape.

Anthony Rede, a driver for the Weber Baking Company, of Newark, whose bakers are on strike, reported to the police yesterday that three men got on his wagon at an early hour near the Irvington line and began to beat him. He shouted for help, and the men fled. He said they did not make any attempt to rob him.

Another driver for the same firm reported that he was stoned on the outskirts of the city early in the morning. One of the stones struck one of his horses and caused the team to run away. He was unable to get control of them until after the wagon had been turned over and wrecked by the horses swerving.

OLD ENGINE DRIVER KILLED.

Was Entitled to Retire with a Pension, but Preferred to Work.

Phillipsburg, Dec. 1.—John Niece, seventy-two years old, the oldest engine driver on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck by an express train on the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad in the freight yards here to-day. He was instantly killed. He leaves a wife and two sons, who live in Easton, Penn. He was entitled to retire with a pension, but preferred to work.

The home life of Nigel Loring, hero of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's new historical novel, "Sir Nigel," to begin in The Tribune next Sunday, is described in the fourth chapter of the work, which also tells how the youth was summoned to appear at the Abbey Court.

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FOUGHT P. S.—IN JAIL.

Bayonne Business Man Insisted on Using "Overdue" Transfer.

East Orange, Dec. 1 (Special).—James Snow, a well to do business man of No. 24 West 20th-st., Bayonne, was fined $5 by Recorder Doremus this morning for raising a disturbance on a trolley car. The "disturbance" created by Snow consisted in his insisting on his rights. He refused to pay the fine, saying, instead, he would make a test case of it and go to jail.

Mr. Snow was arrested on a trolley car Monday morning after a long argument about a transfer. At the time Mr. Snow handed Recorder Doremus $5 as security for his appearance to-day, but after the hearing he demanded the return of his money, alleging that he had been arrested falsely. He went to jail on a ten day sentence.

Thomas J. Reynolds, the conductor, charged that Mr. Snow boarded his car at Market and Broad sts., Newark, with a transfer that was an hour overdue and that Mr. Snow refused to pay the extra fare demanded. He was carried as far as the car barns in East Orange, where Charles Lehman, the depot master, who for convenience is a deputy sheriff, attempted to eject Mr. Snow. Mr. Snow resisted, and it was not until the car barns were reached that he was got off the car and dragged to the police station.

Jesse L. Fembey, a lawyer, of Bayonne, appeared for Snow. The defence was that the car Mr. Snow had transferred from had been delayed an hour at a bridge, and the Public Service people refused to make the allowance on the transfer. Nevertheless, Recorder Doremus found him guilty.

ASK FOR EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The Consumers' League of Jersey City has decided to appeal to the clergymen of the city and solicit their aid in inducing purchasers to do their Christmas shopping early and during the day, and thus contribute to the comfort of the employes of the stores who, during the holiday season, are usually required to work from early morning until midnight or later.

DEVOE SAYS IT WILL SNOW TO-NIGHT.

The self-constituted weather prophet, Devoe, of Hackensack, sent out the following notice to-day: "Get out your sleighs for Sunday, for I expect half a foot of snow to fall Saturday night."

CHASED CAR AND WAS ARRESTED.

Instead of waiting three minutes for the next car John Viola, of Belmont-ave., Silver Lake, ran after one that passed him, in Newark, yesterday and is now in the county jail in default of $200 bail. Patrolman Fischer, of the 4th Precinct, was on the rear platform. In Viola's chase a big revolver fell to the ground. Fischer immediately placed Viola under arrest.

RED CROSS WORK FOR TRAIN CREWS.

The managers of the Erie Railroad are considering the requiring of its train crews to take instruction in "first aid to the injured." May it do so, and may all other roads follow its example, thus preventing from absolute dissolution the lives which they have not been efficient enough to guard against disaster! Only those who have been in a railroad wreck and witnessed the inferno of suffering there can have any notion of the mitigation of pain and salvation of life that might be given by the presence of some one possessing a knowledge of rudimentary surgery. Under certain conditions it is inevitable that hours will elapse between the time of a wreck and the arrival upon the scene of skilled medical men. Were the train crews given some drill in bandaging wounds and stanching blood flow, a percentage of lives now sacrificed might be saved. There appears to be no diminution in the appalling loss of life from railway accidents. The criminal economy of the railroads, the lack of a full sense of responsibility upon the part of the employes of the roads, and the recklessness of passengers combine to make a sum total that, annually, in America rivals in its list of dead and wounded that of a great battle. There is some glory in dying in battle, but only the engineer who gives his life for his passengers can, by any altruistic flight, consider it a privilege to be killed in a railway wreck. One of the most hideous features of the time is the wanton indifference to human life which the railroads—not as individual members, but as bodies corporate—appear to feel. One of the minor mitigations would be the training of the passenger crews, as suggested, to take the first steps toward saving the lives of the injured.—(The Reader Magazine.

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