their personal and selfish interests above their duty to the people.

STANCHFIELD FOR REGULATION.

Mr. Stanchfield said that there ought to be regulation of railroads. He added:

But how far should the state go? When years ago the state agreed to certain things with the railroads it made a contract, and the railroads had a right to rely on the promise made. The railroad is a stock corporation, but the real ownership is in the bonds which are owned in untold millions locked up in the vaults of the savings banks. The money invested in these bonds does not represent the rich, but the middle class—the bone and sinew of the nation. This utilities bill is unfair for the reason that it treats all railroads, all gas, all water corporations as bad citizens. This is wrong, because it is taking away from the corporate citizen protection afforded to individuals.

Governor Hughes reached here from Albany at 4 o'clock this afternoon. David B. Hill, who was also to address his former townsmen, sent word that he was indisposed and could not leave home. The Governor looked careworn, and this fact was generally commented on. Congressman J. Sloat Fassett, who was to help entertain the Governor, suddenly left the city for the South to-day, and no reason was given for his departure.

The Governor was escorted to Elmira College, where he addressed the girl students, several hundred in number. Then he went to the home of Walter Lloyd Smith, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, 3d Department, where he was entertained at dinner, other guests being Colonel Archie Baxter, Assemblyman Moreland, John B. Stanchfield, Mayor Brockway, Justice Gladding and President Connelly of the Chamber of Commerce.

In the evening the Governor and party had a military escort to the state armory, where he received until 8 o'clock. Then he was escorted to the Lyceum Theatre, where thousands greeted the honored guest. On the Governor's arrival he was besieged by newspaper men, who endeavored to interrogate him relative to the Kelsey matter and public utilities bill, but with a smile he said that he had nothing of public interest to say outside of his address before the Chamber of Commerce.

KELSEY CASE AFTERMATH

Its Effect on Future Legislation at the State Capital.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, May 3.—Out of the turmoil created in party lines by the settlement of the Kelsey case one fact seemed clear to-day—that Governor Hughes, with his reform policies, has the popular approval. The point of attack of those who oppose him is now to be the utilities bill, threatening corporate encroachments on the public's rights. The Governor has enlisted for the war.

Senator Raines and Speaker Wadsworth had a long talk together, at which the public utilities bill was discussed. The Hughes men do not count the Speaker now among the Governor's supporters. Assemblyman Merritt frankly is fearful lest the utilities bill be weakened greatly in the Assembly, heretofore considered perfectly safe, even before it is sent to the Senate, acknowledged to be hostile.

Senator Raines and Speaker Wadsworth both profess to be with Governor Hughes in general on his legislative programme. Their friends say that aside from the Kelsey case they will support the Governor.

Apparently a week or more must elapse before the utilities bill can be reported in the Assembly. What will happen to it in that time nobody knows exactly. Predictions were made freely to-day that several damaging amendments would be made to it before it got through the Assembly. Once before the Senate, the court review which the corporations demand, the permission to form holding companies which railroad people want, the power of removal for which the Senators themselves will fight, all may be inserted.

But the Hughes men have at hand one potent weapon which figured prominently in all the talk to-day—the caucus. With this they believe they would be able to take the measure to a successful end.

Moreover, it became known to-day that the Governor was likely to renew his efforts to get passed a recount bill, which is not likely to create joy among the Democrats who voted in a block against his demand for Superintendent Kelsey's removal. And, beyond that, Hughes men point to the fact that Governor Hughes could make a sweeping investigation of state departments and institutions, and to his own emphatic demand for a thorough reapportionment. These things have set the legislators who voted against him to guessing.

"Will the Governor get what he is working for?" asked a Senator who has not been overenthusastic for Hughes. "Why, to my mind these men who voted to save Kelsey have smoothed Governor Hughes's path. This state will see that he gets his legislation, and eventually, I believe, will send him to the White House."

From present indications, it will be late next week, or possibly the week after that, before the utilities bill will be reported in the Assembly. Senator Page and Assemblyman Merritt are in daily consultation over the measure. Speaker Wadsworth will have several conferences with Mr. Merritt next week over these especial points. Governor Hughes's own ideas of it must be sought. Then will come the actual passage of the bill in the lower house. In what shape its friends do not care to predict.

Senator Raines said to-day that he stood with the Governor on his legislative programme. He denied strongly that there was any Republican-Democratic coalition or any desire to kill the Governor's measures just because they came from the Governor.

"I expect to call on the Governor some time next week and talk over legislation with him," said Senator Raines. "I am not at odds with the Governor. This talk of a Republican-Democratic combination is all nonsense. I don't know of any such combination. I was against the Governor on the Kelsey case. That has been settled by the Senate on its merits. Now we can turn with perfectly open minds to the legislation before us.

"I am in favor of the passage of the public utilities bill. There are some amendments which I think ought to be made. The power to remove commissioners should be lodged in the Senate, just as it is with the Superintendent of Insurance. But there is no desire on my part or the part of any Senator, so far as I know, not to pass such a bill as would benefit the people of the state, and no desire to emasculate this bill just because it comes from Governor Hughes."

Senator Raines also to-day pointed out that when it came to a question of "bosses" the "bossed" men were the men who voted with the Governor on the Kelsey case. The Aldridge men, the Ward men, the Barnes men, Parsons and Woodruff men, he said all were in the list.

Speaker Wadsworth also says he is with the Governor on the main feature of the utilities bill. Interrogated early this morning by those who had heard reports that he said he would try to delay the reporting of the bill until its "teeth were drawn," he denied these stories completely. But when asked if he favored certain provisions which the Governor, according to the sponsors for the bill, is known to favor, the speaker said he was not sure of the Governor's attitude on these points, so could not say. Assemblyman Merritt to-day expressed fear lest the bill be amended in the Assembly to its harm.

"They can, of course, make whatever amendments they like," he said, "but they will never weaken the bill with my consent."

Superintendent Kelsey was at his desk to-day, as usual. On it was a bouquet of twenty-seven American Beauty roses—the number of votes which retained him in office. He expressed his gratitude to the friends who had stood by him so loyally. There was much talk about his resigning soon. He did not care to discuss the question; and his friends either said they thought he would not resign or that they knew nothing about his intention.

CLOSE MOUTHED HERE.

Republicans Awaiting Word from Hughes—McCarren Talks.

Republicans here were reluctant last night to discuss the Albany situation. State Chairman Woodruff, who is living at the Waldorf, begged to be excused from saying anything.

Herbert Parsons, president of the county committee, also declined to discuss it. Mr. Parsons was in Albany on Thursday, and obtained his knowledge of the situation at first hand.

The fact that Governor Hughes was due to speak in Elmira last night, and that he might declare his attitude, might say something that would radically change the present aspect of affairs, made the leaders cautious about expressing opinions.

Representative Olcott said: "The situation has not cleared up. It looks to me rather serious. I do not care to discuss it at this time."

Senator McCarren said that the utilities bill will have to be amended. "The victory of the Governor's opponents will give them fresh courage in opposing some of the objectionable features of the utilities bill," the Brooklyn Senator said. "Doubtless the measure will be materially amended. Just what the outcome of the fight between the Governor and members of his own political family will be is hard to say. As a Democrat, I can look at the situation philosophically."

THE FEELING IN ERIE.

Hill's Vote May Make Trouble for Him at Home.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Buffalo, May 3.—Ex-Republican State Committeeman William C. Warren's newspaper, "The Commercial," announced on Wednesday that Senator Henry W. Hill had agreed to vote for Kelsey at the behest of State Committeeman Wickser and Messrs. Greiner and Timerman, who are in control of the Republican local organization. The statement also was made that if he did not vote for Superintendent Kelsey these men would oppose his renomination. This is the secret of Hill's stand for Kelsey as set forth by Mr. Warren, whose newspaper was the first to come out for Hughes in Buffalo.

Following the publication of this statement there was a meeting of Democratic leaders, who informally discussed the proposition of picking out a prominent Democrat to run against Hill this fall in case he was renominated. This afternoon Chairman Sullivan of the Board of Aldermen, a local Democratic leader, said the Democrats had decided that positive action at this time was unnecessary, for the reason that because Hill had voted for Kelsey the Republican leaders here would never permit his renomination.

It is said that Mr. Sullivan's statement is based on a report that Mr. Warren will support the right kind of Democrat as against Hill.

That the Hughes leaders have cut loose from Hill is indicated by a statement made by Mr. Warren this afternoon, when he said:

"Senator Davis, of Erie, as surely represented the public opinion of this county in supporting the Governor's policy as Senator Hill, on the last call for dinner, voted contrary to that opinion. Hill will find out his mistake when he faces the people, if he can muster courage to run again, as he will have to do next fall instead of next year."

CRITICISE TULLY FOR HIS VOTE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Elmira, N. Y., May 3.—The rank and file of Republicans here adversely criticise Senator Tully for his vote. Opinion is divided, however, as to whether Senator Tully has lost his vote in the southern tier.

THE FEELING IN FRANCHOT'S DISTRICT.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 3.—The Niagara-Orleans Senate District is firm in its support of President Roosevelt, Governor Hughes and Congressman Porter. "The Niagara Falls News," the leading Republican paper of this city, to-night says: "In opposing the Governor, Senator Franchot does not honestly represent the feeling of his constituents."

Senator Franchot is one of the followers of ex-Congressman Wadsworth. He was opposed to Congressman Porter, and although the Senate district is normally strongly Republican he was nominated by the breaking of a week's deadlock and elected by an unusually small vote. Should there be a reapportionment, the opinion is freely expressed to-day that Senator Franchot will be retired next fall.

UPHOLD GOVERNOR HUGHES'S ACTION.

At a meeting yesterday of the board of directors of the Merchants' Association of New York, resolutions were adopted indorsing the principles recommended by Governor Hughes in the public service commission bill, and calling upon the Legislature to pass the bill. At the same time, the board adopted a resolution protesting against the "so-called two-passenger rate bill," that "the matter therein can be better left to the control of the proposed commissions."

SENATOR ALLDS'S VOTE APPROVED.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Norwich, N. Y., May 3.—The rank and file of the party in this district did not seem to take much interest in the Kelsey case. The Republican leaders, however, generally approve of Senator Allds's vote.

WHITES VOTE DIVIDES SENTIMENT.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Syracuse, May 3.—Sentiment is divided in this district over the action of Senator Horace White in voting for the retention of Superintendent Kelsey. "The Evening Herald" and "The Evening Journal," both independent, criticise the Senator and uphold Governor Hughes. This is the home of Francis Hendricks, former Superintendent of Insurance, who is leader of the Republican party in Onondaga County. It is safe to say that the majority of the organization men and politicians are with White and believe that Kelsey should be retained. On the other hand, there are a large number of Hughes admirers who believe Senator White should have voted for the removal of Mr. Kelsey in order to assist the Governor in his work of reform.

SENTIMENT IN RAINES'S DISTRICT.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Canandaigua, N. Y., May 3.—Senator John Raines's vote for Superintendent Kelsey is approved by a large number of his constituents here. Governor Hughes has also many friends here and in Wayne County, but many of them have all along exerted their prerogative of entertaining an opinion opposite to that of the Governor in this matter.

FANCHER CRITICISED AND PRAISED.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Jamestown, N. Y., May 3.—The press of this district was practically unanimous in supporting Governor Hughes in the Kelsey matter, and the attitude taken by Senator Albert T. Fancher was received with surprise. "The Salamanca Press," Senator Fancher's own organ, a few days ago declared that the Senate would stand by the Governor. Politicians in this city criticised to-day Senator Fancher for his vote on this question. He had difficulty in securing the delegates from this county for a renomination last fall.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Olean, N. Y., May 3.—The vote of Senator Fancher, of this district, in the Kelsey matter last night at Albany seems to meet with general approval here. This is natural, inasmuch as people in general believed that those whom Governor Higgins appointed were usually well qualified. On the whole, however, little interest has been manifested in the matter.

OPPOSE UTILITIES BILL.

Many Commercial Organizations Favor Delay and Amendment.

Representatives in this city of the interests opposed to the public utilities bill gave out yesterday a list of commercial organizations that have pronounced judgment on the bill, and, with a single exception, against the bill in its present form. The action of the Buffalo and Rochester chambers of commerce, in opposition to hurried action on the bill, has been copied by many other cities, including the following:

Albany Chamber of Commerce, Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Oswego Chamber of Commerce, North Tonawanda Board of Trade, Norwich Business Men's Association, Springville Board of Trade, Cohoes Business Men's Association, Canajoharie Board of Trade, Olean Chamber of Commerce, Albion Chamber of Commerce and the Auburn Business Men's Association.

The Poughkeepsie, Hornellsville, Niagara Falls and Lockport boards of trade and at least eight other boards or chambers of commerce have also passed resolutions against the utilities bill in its present form. In most of these resolutions a plea is made for delay until the business interests of the state can determine the effect of the bill upon the general prosperity of the state. A plan generally favored is for the appointment of a commission, which shall frame a public service commissions bill, after investigation and public hearings.

BUFFALO CHAMBER MEN RESTIVE.

Fear to Call Another Meeting on the Public Utilities Bill.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Buffalo, May 3.—The trustees of the Chamber of Commerce passed resolutions to-day authorizing President Gratwick to name a committee to represent the Chamber at the Albany conference on the utilities bill. The committee will not commit the chamber, but will make a report.

"The Evening Times," Democratic, editorially advises President Gratwick not to call another meeting of the chamber to discuss the measure, saying: "It has done enough harm already. Its influence so far as the bill is concerned is nil. Another meeting would accomplish nothing, but would widen the breach in its membership and add great injury to that organization. The chamber should try to forget that it ever took a hand in the utilities matter."

The trustees find themselves in a dilemma. They fear another meeting and are restive under the imputation that the vote which put that body on record as opposed to the Governor was miscounted.

A WATER RIGHTS BILL RECALLED.

Many Think O'Neil-Merritt Measure Will Be Allowed to Die Quietly.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, May 3.—At Governor Hughes's suggestion, the O'Neil-Merritt bill incorporating the Long Sault Development Company was recalled from the Governor to-day for amendment of one of its provisions. This measure confers valuable water rights and power privileges on the St. Lawrence River; and some people here believe that this recall is merely a method of letting it die quietly.

The section to which the Governor objected is understood to grant rights to flood lands near the proposed power stations. This section Senator O'Neil and Assemblyman Merritt say they will amend, and that they will then re-introduce the bill. But in view of the Governor's announced attitude toward the granting of water power privileges to private interests, many here think it is likely that the bill may be allowed to slip out of mind peacefully.

BEATEN AND ROBBED OF $600.

Thugs Hold Up Man in The Bronx and Nearly Kill Him.

Fast falling into unconsciousness and bleeding profusely, Jose Medina, of No. 102 East 15th street, was found at Westchester and Intervale avenues, The Bronx, last night by Patrolman Webster, of the Morrisania police station. He said he had been robbed and assaulted by two men, who, after beating him, took more than $600 in money and jewelry from him. Medina was removed to Lebanon Hospital.

When the policeman found Medina he was lying beside a fence. Webster called an ambulance, and the injured man was at first taken to the station house. He was suffering from lacerations of the face and scalp. After half an hour's work he was able to tell his story. Detectives are working on the case.

MAY ARREST ANOTHER.

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he was asked if he wished to see any more international votes.

In reply, in an exclamation full of temperament, he said, "—— no!" adding that he had seen enough.

It is rumored that two of the men under arrest have undergone somewhat of a change of heart lately, and speak none too charitably of their incarceration in the Tombs for many hours on Tuesday pending the arrival of bail.

Apropos of Mr. Scrugham's recent statement that his arrest at Albany was a plot to prevent his attendance at the legislative insurance amendment hearings, which, he said, had been set for Wednesday, inquiries here and in Albany show, it is said, that no such hearings had been contemplated, scheduled or held this week.

TO EXAMINE ENTIRE VOTE.

Jerome Will Submit Insurance Cases to May Grand Jury.

Confirmation of The Tribune's exclusive announcement that District Attorney Jerome had begun an investigation of the votes cast in the recent Mutual Life election for the international (united) committee in addition to those for the "administration" ticket was forthcoming yesterday morning, when representatives of the District Attorney's office, the reporter learned, visited the Mutual Life Building and made arrangements to examine the entire vote. In view of the fact that, following the close of the Mutual Life canvass, the inspectors left the ballots sealed in alphabetical order, a formidable task confronts the District Attorney's office. "administration," "united committees," "selected fusion" and "split" ballots being thus all mixed together.

William H. Wootton, the Mutual Life's agency director and election watcher, who issued a report recently charging the international committee with suppressing administration ballots received at the committee's headquarters, visited Assistant District Attorney Smyth yesterday in connection with the investigation.

District Attorney Jerome remained in town, discussing insurance affairs with his assistants. He let it be known that he proposed to make use of the May grand jury for the summer to "clean up" pending insurance cases, so that any indictments found now would be free of incumbrances in the shape of motions to inspect minutes, quash indictments, etc. Also, that when the fall term in October should open, the District Attorney's office might proceed to trial with the cases in which indictments held.

One of the first cases to be taken up, probably next week, will be that of the Metropolitan Life. A number of witnesses will be examined in connection with this case. An investigation of the New York Life and Equitable will follow. The cases against Robert A. Granniss and Walter R. Gillette, in connection with the Mutual Life will be tried probably in October.

The case against President Frederick A. Burnham of the Mutual Reserve, set for trial on the 13th, may be interrupted by a motion for a change of venue, which is to be argued on Thursday.

STIMSON READY TO ACT.

Will Take Up Charges of Mail Tampering if He Gets Evidence.

Indications that the federal government may take a hand in the prosecution of the three representatives of the international committee now under arrest, as told exclusively in yesterday's Tribune, were strengthened in the course of the day. Mr. Jerome, a Tribune reporter learned, has already considered this very phase of this prosecution, and has intimated privately that he may bring it to the attention of the United States Attorney later on in the proceedings, asking Mr. Stimson's co-operation.

It was learned further that Mr. Jerome has in his possession already evidence of what is believed to be one clear case of tampering with another person's mail such as is contemplated by Section 3,892 of the United States Revised Statutes. This is the case of a certain Michigan policyholder in the New York Life, who bears a name generally associated with Scotland. According to the evidence, this man sent a sealed pro-administration ballot stamped and addressed to the New York Life at No. 346 Broadway.

This ballot, according to the evidence, passed through the postoffice, where the envelope stamp was cancelled, and was then, for some reason, delivered to the international committee, at No. 30 Broad street, where the envelope was "trimmed," afterward carefully resealed with mucilage or photo-paste, and after the contents, presumably, had been inspected, the entire ballot found its way eventually to the proper authorities at the New York Life.

In view of the alleged evidence that administration ballots so addressed but received at committee headquarters were promptly destroyed, leaving no trace, such evidence as that cited above has not been readily discoverable.

It is understood that Mr. Jerome will not take this phase up with Mr. Stimson for several days at least. In conversation with the Tribune reporter Mr. Stimson said that while, thus far, he had received no official intimation from Mr. Jerome that the section had been violated in the case, he would take up any evidence of such a violation immediately on receipt of it, no matter who might be the offender.

In connection with the charges against New York Life and Mutual agents Mr. Scrugham has declared on several occasions that the committee was seeking a "man higher up" in both companies, and those in close touch with the situation here are wondering if the District Attorney's office will disclose a shoe entirely on the other foot.

WASHINGTON LIFE SOLD?

Heinze and Thomases, It Is Said, Have Completed Deal.

F. Augustus Heinze, and E. R. Thomas and O. F. Thomas, his associates, according to a report yesterday, have virtually closed negotiations for the purchase of a controlling interest in the Washington Life at the rate of $80 for shares having a par value of $50. No authoritative confirmation of the report was forthcoming last night.

That such negotiations were pending, looking, it was rumored, to a merger of the Washington Life and the Provident Savings Life, practically has been conceded. The three men obtained a controlling interest in the Provident Savings several months ago.

PAUL MORTON ON INSURANCE.

Says "Corrupt Method of Dealing with Legislatures Is a Thing of the Past."

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Pittsburg, May 3.—At a dinner of the Equitable Life Assurance Society to-night President Paul Morton spoke highly of the former management. He said the fact that $400,000,000 in assets were turned over to him showed great ability and sagacity and some honesty. He referred to the association of life insurance presidents, and said that the corrupt method of dealing with legislatures is a thing of the past. Hereafter legislation directed against policyholders will be attacked openly and publicly.

Mr. Morton said that the New York State law limiting the maximum amount of policies to $150,000,000 a year would cause the company to take none but the best risks. He said that states taxed insurance companies hundreds of thousands of dollars in excess of the cost of actual insurance supervision.

FIXES STANDARDS FOR GAS.

Commission's Order Applies to Almost All Companies in the State.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, May 3.—The standard of illuminating power of gas supplied in this state was fixed today by the Commission of Gas and Electricity at sixteen candles for coal gas, eighteen candles for mixed coal and water gas, and twenty candles for carburetted water gas. The order affects every gas company in the state, except where local statutes govern, as in New York City and Albany. The order further prescribes that illuminating gas shall contain in each one hundred cubic feet not more than ten grains of ammonia or twenty grains of sulphur. The presence of hydrogen sulphide is forbidden, and methods of testing for this impurity are specified.

The commission for some months has had established a department for the regular inspection of gas, and the results of tests made in every community in the state demonstrated generally the necessity for raising the standard of the gas supplied. Regular and continuous inspections of gas will be carried on. Before reaching determination of the proper standards a public hearing was given.

JACKSON MAY EMPLOY ACCOUNTANT.

Albany, May 3.—The State Civil Service Commission to-day granted to Attorney General Jackson authority to employ, without competitive examination, Martin P. McKenna, of Buffalo, as an expert accountant to make investigations.

AFTER 'FRISCO RAILWAYS.

Inquiry Into Alleged Bribery by United Railroads Begins.

San Francisco, May 3.—The appearance of President Patrick Calhoun and General Manager Thornwell Mullally at the grand jury chamber this afternoon was a long looked for signal that the inquisitorial board had reached its promised investigation of the municipal bribery charges against the United Railroads.

From District Attorney Langdon it was learned that Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Mullally in turn were informed briefly by Assistant District Attorney Heney that they were summoned to give testimony as to the alleged bribery of supervisors and others by which it is claimed the United Railroads obtained its overhead trolley privileges in San Francisco; that they were then warned that whatever testimony they gave might be used against them in a criminal action; that they were informed that they had the right to refuse to testify on one ground only, that to testify might tend to incriminate themselves and render them liable to criminal prosecution—and that thereupon each refused to testify.

Proceeding on the working basis of the confessions before the grand jury of fourteen supervisors (which became public as official records recently) it is the announced theory of the prosecution that the United Railroads expended $750,000 in bribery for the purpose named, in the following manner: In cash to each of the fifteen supervisors, $4,000; to Supervisor Wilson, $10,000; to Supervisor Gallagher, $15,000, a cash total of $85,000. In bonds of the United Railroads, to Abraham Ruef and Mayor Schmitz, $565,000; to a go-between, name withheld, $100,000, a total in bonds of $665,000, and a grand total of $750,000.

According to a further statement from the prosecution, it expects to show that to avoid future suspicion, these bonds were not issued in the names of Ruef and Schmitz, but in the names of other persons, and that they were then converted into cash by Ruef and Schmitz through the house of Charles Sutro & Co., of this city. Fred Hilbert, a friend of Schmitz, acting as messenger between the offices of Schmitz and Sutro.

Mr. Calhoun, on behalf of himself and Mr. Mullally, issued a statement to-night which was a denial of the allegations.

M'CARREN'S SCALP STILL SAFE.

Democratic State Committee Loses on Appeal to Higher Court.

The Democratic State Committee suffered a setback yesterday in the prosecution of its case against Senator Patrick H. McCarren and his colleagues for political heresy. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, denied the committee's motion to have placed on the preferred calendar its appeal from the decision of the Special Term of the Supreme Court. This decision made permanent the injunction preventing the committee from trying McCarren and his associates for treachery last fall. This means that the case will not come up for decision until October or November.

PLAN STEEL PLANT NEAR BUFFALO.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Buffalo, May 3.—Deeds have just been filed here conveying sixty acres of land on Niagara River, a mile north of the city line, to the Wickwire Steel Company, which has just been formed, to erect a steel plant on the land. The company will spend $2,500,000 in construction work. A blast furnace will be built. The steel will not be sold in the market, but will be used by the Wickwire Brothers, of Cortland, N. Y., in the manufacture of wire goods. The new steel plant will be on the line of the proposed government ship canal.

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WHO'S WHO AND WHAT?

Mayor and Ellison Confer and No Ambulance Needed.

Mayor McClellan and Corporation Counsel Ellison had a heart to heart talk yesterday. There was no ambulance call. Mr. Ellison came out of the Mayor's office looking cheerful, and the Mayor was almost jolly. The Society of Political Prognosticators declared all bets off and decided to start business all over again.

"Was there anything particularly significant in the call of Mr. Ellison," the Mayor was asked.

"Oh, yes," replied the Mayor. "Mr. Ellison told me that he had one or two vacancies in his office and that there needed to be a grade between his $5,000 and $7,000 a year men."

"Nothing else?"

"Was there occasion for anything else?" asked the Mayor, with mock surprise.

Mr. Ellison repeated his statement of Wednesday that he had no intention of resigning.

At about the time that Mr. Ellison called, Senator McCarren, Water Commissioner John H. O'Brien and "Little Tim" Sullivan appeared at the City Hall. It was rumored that an important conference was on, but it did not turn out that way. Each caller saw the Mayor separately.

"Just called in to pay my respects and talk about the teachers' bill," said Senator McCarren.

"Did you see the Mayor about peace?" was asked.

"Sure I am for peace," said Senator McCarren. "I possess all the attributes of a resident of Quakertown."

Senator McCarren would not discuss the prospects of the recount bill.

Commissioner O'Brien says that there has been no change in the political situation as a result of the conference on Monday between the Sullivans and Mr. Ellison at the office of the Corporation Counsel.

"Speaking simply as an individual Democrat," said he, "I will say that the local Democratic situation is just exactly as it was a week ago. There have been no agreements, and the primary fights will go on. The first statement issued by Mr. Ellison was just as much of a surprise to the Mayor as it was to the public. Mr. Ellison was authorized to meet the Sullivans and listen to what they had to say. The Mayor has had no break with Maurice Featherson, as reported. Mr. Featherson is going on with his primary contests."

There is little doubt that the Mayor will veto the teachers' salaries bill. Both he and Controller Metz are against it, and for somewhat similar reasons. The Controller says it will increase the budget at least $6,000,000 a year. Both he and the Mayor feel that the money could be used for other purposes to better advantage. The Controller says that if any teachers' salaries are to be raised it should be those of the primary grades.

"I understand that this bill will not increase their salaries. I think the effect of the White bill would be to fill up the teaching ranks with men teachers," said the Controller.

BRENNER REPLIES TO COLER.

He Points Out "Recently Published Facts" About Borough President's Administration.

Jacob Brenner, chairman of the executive committee of the Kings County Republican General Committee, replied yesterday to the letter of Borough President Coler asking that the complaints of Republicans against the Borough President's administration be submitted to him. Mr. Brenner said he was not responsible for the newspaper stories that the Republican organization wished Governor Hughes to investigate the borough administration, and did not wish to be considered one of Coler's accusers.

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