

BROOKLYN NEWS

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

Democrats Are Not Ready to Drop McCarren—Political Outlook.

The leading political question in Brooklyn now is "What will they do with McCarren?" A safe answer seems to be "Nothing!" In spite of the recent Republican victory, made possible by the assistance of the foe of McCarren, the probability of a change in the Democratic leadership of Kings County is remote.

When "Long Pat" got control of the organization, back in 1903, he did it in the face of sterner odds than are against him now. The leaders who do McCarren's bidding are not loath to admit that there are meagre prospects of Democratic success with McCarren as leader, but they invariably end with the demand to be told who might be selected to take his place.

It is to the advantage of the Republicans of the borough that McCarren should keep his position. He is a wily foe, but he is his party's own worst enemy. While he is in charge of the machine, there is likelihood that few Democratic candidates will win office.

There are altogether about 117,000 enrolled Democrats in Brooklyn and about 90,000 enrolled Republicans. If the Democrats ever made up their minds to stand together, they would readily realize the ideal of a clean sweep at every election.

In spite of the enthusiastic announcement by the leaders that Kings had suddenly turned into a Republican county, any Republican who believes that hereafter he can stay home on Election Day and read his paper and see his side carry off the palm is allowing himself to be deluded. While it is doubtless true that the enrollment figures do not show the true party numbers, they are the best guides. In the campaign of last year about 237,000 persons registered here.

The average vote cast for the Democrats in Kings was 59,968 votes—the Republican enrollment—and Chandler, the Democrat, got 120,000 votes, or 9,000 more than the Democratic enrollment. If the floating, unenrolled votes meant anything that year, the Democrats got more than they deserved.

The average vote cast for the seven Republicans on the county ticket this autumn was 15,500. The highest vote that any Republican got was Judge Fawcett's 55,500. The average Democratic vote was 78,000, and District Attorney Clarke got 89,000 and led his ticket.

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McCarren in politics will help the Republicans, by keeping the Democrats in the Independence League. The fact is, however, that the Democrats are not prepared to give up their type are becoming reconciled to him as the inevitable.

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BROOKLYN SOCIAL CHAT

Weddings, Engagements and Entertainments in the Borough.

Only relatives and a few personal friends witnessed the marriage Thursday at noon of Miss Elizabeth Frances Park and Charles Adams, son of Mrs. Joseph H. Adams, of No. 183 Columbia Heights.

The wedding of Miss Almée Frances MacAdam and Alfred Earl Foster, Jr., took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Elsworth MacAdam, No. 71 Quincy street.

Of interest to society in this borough was the wedding on Saturday, November 2, in Milford, Penn., of Miss Bertha Howard Reed and Bertram Dukes Blyth, son of C. Allan Blyth, of New Brighton, Staten Island.

Miss Mae Grace Eddy and Edward Hargroves Wernberg were married on Wednesday evening, in the Church of the Nativity, by the Rev. John L. Belford.

A quiet home wedding on Wednesday evening was that of Miss Louise Stevenson Snedecor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Snedecor, of No. 1221 Bergen street, and Alger Jenkins, of Montclair.

The bridal party at the wedding of Miss Mabel Kathleen Swezey and Alfred Goodwin Belden, Jr., in the New York Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, on Tuesday evening, November 26, will include a maid of honor, Miss Elsie Marie Swezey; a first bridesmaid, Miss Mabel J. Jubring, and Miss Clara L. Belden.

The date set for the wedding of Miss Marie Edith Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand W. Keller, of No. 309 Sterling Place, and Herbert Horton Lewis, is December 18. It is to be a home ceremony and the attendances will be limited to relatives and a few intimate friends.

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BROOKLYN MUSEUM.

Old Galleries Renovated and the New Ready.

The picture galleries at the Brooklyn Museum, which have been closed for repairs since July 22, will be open to the public at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Since the closing of the old galleries last summer, they have been thoroughly renovated, repaired and decorated and all the pictures have been rearranged.

Under the system that has now been inaugurated, the new eastern square gallery, which measures 42 by 42 feet, and the neighboring small room, which is 40 feet long and 13 feet in width, are occupied entirely by paintings by the old masters.

In all the rooms the only pictures that remain as formerly are those of the Tissot collection, to be seen in the western square gallery. The extent of the galleries now are much more in keeping with the requirements made upon the museum by the Brooklyn public.

The total number of pictures that will be on exhibition this afternoon will be 725. The most numerous group is in the Tissot room. This contains 290 pieces. The contemporary and nineteenth century European pictures number 129.

In the dome room, which intervenes between the two series of galleries, are the Renaissance case exhibits. These have been increased since the public last saw them by the addition of casts of the tombs of the Medici in Florence.

A fair under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be given for the benefit of the Portely Club at the clubhouse, Bedford and Dumont avenues, from Tuesday, November 12, to Saturday, November 16.

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SEWARD TO GARIBALDI.

Wanted the Italian General to Fight South.—Offered Him High Rank.

Nelson Gay, of Boston, who has been living for some time in Rome and who has devoted himself to the study of the period of the revolution in Italy, has read an important communication before the congress held in Perugia by the National Society of the History of the Resurrection of Italy on the relations between the United States and Italy at that time.

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