

organization. The men who signed the resolutions are not trying to blot Mr. McCarren out of public life. We are not in favor of defeating him for re-election. We are against his control of the organization for the reason that being a district leader with him in control is a very hard job for the district leader.

"The people have drifted away from the Senator. We can carry primaries, but we can't carry elections. We have got tired of nominating good men for office, working hard for them in a campaign and then seeing them buried on the polls because they have the McCarren tag on them. Personally, I would not object if Mr. McCarren continued to have a potential part in Democratic affairs in Kings. But I am opposed to his remaining longest leader. It makes the work of the district leader too difficult to have him there. It is not a movement to make Coler the new leader. We are not for Coler and we are not for Charles F. Murphy. It is strictly an organization affair and for the good of the organization in Kings County."

"I never have mixed politics with the business of this office," said the Controller, when asked about the break-up. "But," he added, "I want it distinctly understood that I stand by my friends."

The Controller has about twenty exempt places in his office which can be used as political patronage.

Of the leaders who have revolted, Melody, who is Deputy Commissioner of Assessments and Arrears, and Byrnes, each has a salary of \$4,000 a year.

When Mr. Metz was asked what he was going to do in the face of the opposition to McCarren he declared that he had not played politics since he has been in office, and did not intend to begin now.

Farrell is Superintendent of Highways under Coler. He and Lynch have fought McCarren heretofore. Byrnes and Sinnott are the only ones who have been considered close to "Long Pat." McGuire has always been independent.

As for the leaders who are doubtful, Regan and Gray are in the Controller's office, and Kane only recently was made Commissioner of Elections on McCarren's nomination. Naumer has announced that he will stay with McCarren.

Butler is independent and may go with the "antics."

The committee of the "antics" met yesterday afternoon and confirmed the statements made by Mr. Coler earlier in the day that now all the fights in the districts of the seven men who signed the resolution would stop immediately and that any other leader who joined them could have his district.

One politician said that McCarren's fighting would be done behind closed doors at sessions of the executive committee and that he would make no fight in the open.

WOODFORD'S DISCLAIMER.

Not Responsible for Statement Issued in 27th District.

General Stewart L. Woodford, president of the Hughes National League, issued a statement yesterday disclaiming responsibility for a statement sent out last week by the Hughes Republicans of the 27th District as a primary election argument. The Brookfield organization in the 27th, which is fighting Representative Herbert Parsons, is backing Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and ex-Mayor Seth Low for delegates to the Chicago convention. The Parsons people have slated Parsons of the County Committee and General Woodford. General Woodford's statement is as follows:

I have just returned from a trip upstate and find that during my absence circulars have been issued, apparently from the Hughes League headquarters, bearing my name as president and taking sides in the pending factional fight for delegates to the several conventions in the 12th Congress District. These circulars have been issued without my knowledge and are without my approval. Governor Hughes has steadily refused to take any part in the factional contests of this county. As his personal representative in the conduct of the campaign for his nomination I have also refused to take any part. I am taking no part now.

On March 16 Judge Wadhams asked my consent to the use of my name as a delegate to the Chicago district convention. I replied as follows:

"You are cordially at liberty to place my name upon your primary ticket, and so is every other Republican organization in our district. I am ready to be put on regular tickets, irregular tickets and on anything that is honestly Republican and for Governor Hughes. I have no objection to my name being used in any way, and I will accept your generous offer upon the distinct understanding that, if elected, I shall be free to act according to my own judgment without any obligation to any one, either expressed or implied. If my letter does not meet your hearty approval, please drop my name from your ticket."

Copies of this letter to Judge Wadhams were sent to Messrs. Parsons, Lauterbach and Low. I find that the names suggested as delegates from the 12th Congress District to the Chicago convention are Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Dr. Seth Low, president of that university and ex-Mayor of New York; the Hon. Herbert Parsons, member of Congress and president of the Republican County Committee; and myself. All of these gentlemen will be loyal supporters of Governor Hughes and all are equally acceptable to me. I repeat distinctly that I am taking no part whatever in the factional contest in the 12th Congress District.

Frank Brookfield denied last night responsibility for the circular, saying: "The use of my name to the circular issued yesterday morning to the voters of the 12th Congress District, purporting to be on behalf of the Hughes League of the United States, was unauthorized by me."

"JOE AND JOE" IN PRIMARY FIGHT.

Past and Present Queens Borough Presidents Each Claim the Victory.

Borough President Jerome and ex-Borough President Cassidy, "Joe and Joe," as they are locally called, are warring in the 1st and 2d wards of Queens. No matter which side wins, the fight at the fall primaries will cover the entire borough.

Bermel's friends say he cannot be beaten because he has the patronage. Cassidy's friends say his chances have been immeasurably enhanced by the peace treaty between McClellan and Murphy, which is expected to throw the Tammany patronage of Queens to Cassidy.

KINGS CONFIRMS CONVENTION DATES.

The Kings County Republican General Committee confirmed last night the convention dates decided on by the Republican Executive Committee. There is only one primary fight among the Republicans. That is in the 15th Assembly District, where Representative George E. Waldo is making a contest against Naval Officer F. J. H. Kracke.

PRIMARY FIGHT TO-DAY.

Parsons and Halpin Exchange Final Preliminary BroadSides.

POLITICAL CALENDAR.

REPUBLICAN. Primaries from 2 to 9 o'clock to-day. Assembly district conventions, April 7. Congress district conventions, April 8. State convention, Carnegie Hall, 11 a. m., April 11.

DEMOCRATIC. Primaries from 2 to 9 o'clock to-day. Assembly district conventions, April 7. State convention, Carnegie Hall, 10 a. m., April 14.

President Parsons of the Republican County Committee and William Halpin, field general for Governor Odell, exchanged broadsides yesterday preliminary to the battle at the primaries beginning this afternoon at 2 and lasting until 9 o'clock.

President Parsons charged the Halpin men with fraud at the last primary election, and cited the activities of George R. Manchester in the 25th District. Mr. Halpin replied by charging the Representative with supporting last fall men in the 1st District who falsified the returns, and whose work was afterward upset by a decision of the Supreme Court. In the recriminations nothing particularly new was brought out.

The fight to-day will be hot in the 25th, 27th and 29th Assembly Districts, which practically constitute the Congress district represented by Mr. Parsons. The Odell men are trying to prevent him from going to Chicago as a delegate from his own district.

Another hot fight is scheduled for the 15th Assembly District, where Senator Martin Saxe, a candidate for delegate to the Chicago convention, is combating Harry W. Mack and William Harris Douglas. Each side claimed a victory last night.

Representative Parsons, while refusing to make any definite prediction as to the result of to-day's primaries, said last night:

"Following my custom in previous primary fights I must refuse to go into details as to what I think of the situation in the individual districts. From the reports given to me by district leaders I can say that I think the situation to-night is most favorable for the success of the organization at the polls to-morrow."

"The district leaders and the district captains have found the enrolled Republicans keenly alive to the real issue. The attempt of my opponents to bog that issue with a false claim of loyalty to Governor Hughes's candidacy has fooled apparently very few of the voters. The statement of General Woodford repudiating the attempt to drag the Hughes League of the United States into the fight has moreover settled that."

"I think that the great body of honest voters will cast the polls to-morrow knowing that in casting their ballots for the Republican organization of the county they are putting in a vote for Governor Hughes and against Benjamin H. Odell, Jr."

PARSONS ATTACKS ODELL.

Charges That Slips Are to Aid Repeaters To-day.

Herbert Parsons, president of the Republican County Committee, repeated last night his statement that the slips which had been sent out were to aid repeaters in their work.

"I repeat that the slips," he said, "are similes of which I gave out last night. They are for the purpose of aiding repeaters. They are not for the purpose of preventing repeaters. Had they been intended for that Odell would not have used thin paper slips, which cannot conveniently be used at the polls, but he would have used either books or cards similar to those used by the state superintendent of elections or those which Odell himself got for the 1904 campaign. His slips for this primary are of thin paper, so that a name can be carried by a repeater, so that a name can be carried by a repeater, and they will find the districts and polling places themselves."

"These slips have been written out for the enrolled Republicans in my Assembly district. Among them are the 23d, 25th, 27th and 29th. Odell has had a canvass made of some of these districts and knows the removals. One of his leaders said to his captains that they should not let any one vote on the removals unless he, the leader, handed them a paper showing which removals they should allow to vote."

"These slips are being handled in the inner sanctum of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where presides Calvin McKnight, formerly private secretary to Governor Odell. McKnight is assisted by George R. Manchester. The guerrillas who are retained to do the repeating work are told that everything is up to McKnight."

"The following conversation was overheard between a guerrilla and a man who was appointed to office by Governor Odell, who is a well known name in Odell's list, and in whose district repeaters were furnished on his behalf at the last primary fight there. The guerrilla asked Governor Odell's friend when he would know how many men he was to provide. Governor Odell's friend answered that he could not tell him yet, but that he had sent Johnny up to the Fifth Avenue Hotel and that he would know when Johnny returned. "It's all up to McKnight," said Odell's friend. "You are on yourself, anyhow, you know."

"I have offered \$250 in rewards of \$25 each for evidence which will lead to arrest and conviction for illegal voting or illegal work by inspectors, just as I did two years ago. I paid out the rewards then and sent to jail several repeaters. One inspector was convicted just the other day for illegal work at that primary."

"At that time some men supported me who apparently did not believe that I was sincere against fraud, even if it should be in my favor. One of the rewards I paid was for fraud practiced on behalf of a man who announced himself as a supporter of mine. That man is now supporting Odell. I am legally liable for my rewards, irrespective of whom the victims are, and I am continuing my course in that regard in order to do more than my share to make primaries honest."

BRACKETT DISCUSSES PRIMARIES.

Hughes Interests, He Says, Safer in Odell's Hands Than in Parsons's and Woodruff's.

Albany, March 30.—Ex-Senator Brackett, president of the Hughes State League, called on Governor Hughes to-day to pay his respects. They held a short talk.

Before seeing the Governor Mr. Brackett said concerning the New York City primary situation: "I believe those who are anxious to see Governor Hughes nominated for President ought to vote against the Parsons candidate in any district where there is a fight."

Brackett makes no secret of his position that

the Governor's interests would be safer in Odell's hands than in Parsons's and Woodruff's.

PARSONS REPLIES TO BRACKETT.

After Talk with Friend of Governor Calls Statement Made in Albany False.

Representative Parsons, in reply to a statement given out at Albany yesterday by ex-Senator Brackett, said last night:

"I prefer to take General Woodford's statement as the authorized representative of Governor Hughes than that of Senator Brackett, for I recall that after Senator Brackett had announced with a flourish of trumpets that he was to be the president of the Hughes State League, Governor Hughes promptly announced that he would state his attitude on public questions to the committee of twenty-five of the Republican Club, saying that he appreciated the support of sincere friends, and by his very action showing that he knew the hollowness of Brackett's pretensions of support."

"Moreover, I know Brackett's statement is false because of a statement made to-day by another friend of Governor Hughes, who is much closer to him than Brackett can ever hope to be."

PARSONS MEN ATTACK HENDRICK.

Hearst Candidate, They Say—Latter Defends His Republicanism.

The Hammond-Parsons men in the 25th District sent circulars last night to the enrolled Republicans of the district attacking Frank Hendrick, who has been doing a good deal of campaign work for the Odell forces. The circular laid particular stress on Mr. Hendrick's circling last night the Hearst candidate for Congressman two years ago.

The Hendrick men got hold of a printer before midnight and issued a circular in reply, charging that Mr. Parsons nominated Hendrick for Congress because his Republicanism, Mr. Hendrick says in his latest circular.

Mr. Hammond named me as a member of the district campaign committee in 1907, and my name was placed on the ballot of the district committee through his agency. I have run for nearly ten years, in recognition of my loyalty to the party I fall in recognition of the same evening as the Union League Club and Governor Charles Evans Hughes. My backers, who knew all the facts, were one, a gentleman who was in the 27th Assembly District, gentlemen who were loyal Republicans before Mr. Hammond was elected, but whose names I do not care to bring into this matter."

PORTO RICAN REPUBLICANS ELECT.

Proposition to Instruct Delegates to Chicago Convention Overwhelmingly Beaten.

San Juan, P. R., March 30.—One hundred and nine of the 119 delegates to the Republican convention assembled in the convention hall yesterday. Roberto Todd and Francisco Quinones were elected delegates to the national convention. The alternate delegates are José Gomez Brice and Lucas Valdivieso. The delegates go to Chicago on the 1st of April. The motion to instruct them was lost by 105 to 10.

BRYAN ASKED TO EAT, NOT TO SPEAK.

Democratic Club's Invitation Did Not Menetion Oratory for Jefferson Day Dinner.

The committee in charge of the Jefferson dinner of the National Democratic Club issued a statement last night giving the list of speakers, which does not include William J. Bryan. At the club it was said that while Mr. Bryan had been invited to the dinner he had not been asked to speak. He has not accepted the invitation as yet.

The announcement that Mr. Bryan was to speak was made by the accredited press. Bryan, president of the committee said that it was a "Bryan dream."

John W. Keller, chairman of the press committee, made the official announcement, as follows:

The following gentlemen have been invited and have consented to speak at the banquet which the National Democratic Club will give in honor of Thomas Jefferson's birthday at the Knickerbocker Hotel on Monday, April 27: Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University; Robert L. Taylor, United States Senator from Tennessee; Robert Owen, United States Senator from Oklahoma; F. M. Simmons, United States Senator from North Carolina; and Edward M. Sheppard, of New York City. This list of speakers is not complete. The capacity of the Knickerbocker banquet hall is four hundred, and nearly all of the plates have been subscribed for. The dinner will be given in honor of Thomas Jefferson and not in the interest of any faction of the Democratic party."

FORAKER CONTESTING OHIO DISTRICT.

Urbana, Ohio, March 30.—Two days before the convening in Kenton of the second 8th District Republican Convention, deadlocked for four days in its first attempt to name a successor to Congressman Ralph De Cola, Cole's friends in Champaign County organized to-day a ramp convention in the same hall with the regularly called convention, which instructed Champaign's thirty-three voters for Judge T. C. Owen, one of six candidates. Senator Foraker's allies are working to name the man who would be elected to succeed De Cola. In the call provides that national delegates to be chosen on the second day, and this gives Foraker lieutenant's hope of victory.

SEES MORE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS.

Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, chairman of the Democratic National Congress Committee, called on Mayor McClellan in the City Hall last night to see the situation. He looks for a Democratic increase in the House of Representatives was promising. He thought there would be gains and that they would come chiefly from Mississippi Valley states, including Missouri, Illinois and Minnesota, and that Ohio might give them some. Montana, too, would show Democratic gains, he said.

SAID TO HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Edwin B. Hall, Former Publisher, Found Unconscious—Mystery in Case.

Edwin Buckley Hall, formerly of the firm of Hall & Locke, publishers, at No. 30 East 21st street, was found unconscious in his apartments in Eleanor Court, in West 53d street, yesterday afternoon. He was removed to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, where it was found that he was in a critical condition. It was said that he attempted suicide. A much mystery is attached to the case, as the police and hospital authorities could not learn of any reason why he should try to kill himself. He was discovered by one of the maids and a hurried call was sent for his physician. The hospital was then asked to send an ambulance around to Eleanor Court and the police were informed. An officer went to the hospital and guard over Hall, making him a prisoner on the charge of attempted suicide.

Hall's wife is seriously ill in his apartments. A few months ago he retired from the publishing business, when it was sold to the Young Folks' Educational League.

A RECALCITRANT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Volunteers in Rich Pittsburg Suburb Seem to Think Millionaires Ungrateful.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Sewickley Heights, populated almost entirely by millionaires, has antagonized the volunteer fire department of the town of Sewickley. Last night the outbuilding of Mrs. Elizabeth Horne, a wealthy woman, at Sewickley Heights, caught fire, and for a time the whole town was threatened. The volunteer fire department of Sewickley was called by telephone, but the members refused to go over the line, asserting that he had gone over three times, each time saving the home of some rich man, yet they had never received a cent in return. If Mrs. Horne's butler, who called them up, would guarantee to pay for their time and trouble they would come and put the fire out; otherwise not. The fire was extinguished by a bucket brigade in pajamas.

Mrs. Horne, who is at Lakewood, N. J., is a sister of F. J. Jones, Jr., whose house at Sewickley Heights caught fire recently, and at the home of W. P. Snyder, the pig iron manufacturer.

GEORGE FRED'S "BIG FOUR."

Boston, March 30.—George Fred Williams announces his slate for the Bryan "Big Four" delegates-at-large to the Denver convention as follows: George Fred Williams, of Boston; Dr. John W. Washburn, of Fall River; Daniel Bolter, of Westfield, and John B. Moran, of Boston.

BRIDGE FIRE STUBBORN.

FUMES OVERCOME MANY.

Joy Line Heavy Loser—River Pirates Blamed.

Besides causing a big loss of property and threatening the new Manhattan bridge tower, rapidly nearing completion, at Pike street and the East River, the fire which, as told in The Tribune yesterday, broke out shortly after a seven-mile firemen's sturmborn contest, and seventy-five of them had to be treated by ambulance surgeons. Seventeen firemen are now in St. Gregory's Hospital recovering from the effects of the fumes of the burning creosoted wood. At a late hour last night the fire was still burning.

The total loss is estimated at \$200,000. Of this amount the city will be out about \$50,000; Terry & Trench, the sub-contractors, whose plant was destroyed, about \$50,000; the Joy Line and the Marine Steamship Company the remainder.

It is believed by the police that the fire was incendiary. Three days ago one of the sneak craft used by dock rats and river pirates was seen to push under the Terry & Trench pier. There was an opening at the end near the bridge tower. A patrolman saw the boat and set it adrift. It did not arrest the men, but warned the pirates not to approach the pier again. The river pirates had a harbor under the pier. It is believed that they returned and set fire to the place.

The blaze was in full blast for hours before it was discovered by John Werner, a night watchman employed by Terry & Trench. Werner smelled smoke soon after midnight yesterday. He could not find the source. An hour later he saw a light over it. He summoned Patrolman O'Keefe, who sent an alarm. When more alarms were quickly sounded. When Chief Crocker came he sent in another, realizing that, owing to the fact that the piles supporting the piers were soaked with creosote and tar and that the roadways were covered with asphalt, it would prove a stubborn and dangerous blaze. And such it proved to be.

Seventeen engines and three fireboats went to the piers. The flames were something under the asphalt covering curling up at the edges again and again. The boats pushed the nozzles of their hose through portholes to get underneath. They only partly succeeded in checking the fire. Rowboats were used also to get the hose near the seat of danger. But the fire swept under the Terry & Trench pier, swirled along the shore front to the Joy Line pier and soon enveloped its big shed, stored with merchandise, in a sheet of destroying flames.

The steamboat Edgemoat, at the Joy Line pier, with more than fifty men on board, was quickly warped out. The launch Velox pushed a barge into safety, but had its painted sides scorched and scarred in the operation.

Two firemen of Engine Company 25 were injured early in the fight against the flames. They were O'Hara and Siebolt, who were hanging over the Joy Line pier, trying to get a stream under the structure. A higher pressure was put on the line, and O'Hara was thrown violently to the pier roadway and his collarbone was broken. Siebolt tried to clutch the collar and his hands were badly cut. About thirty other firemen were compelled to give up work because the pungent odors and smoke sufficed their eyes. Ten of them were nearly smothered by the smoke. It was like working over a volcano.

A large section of the Terry & Trench pier went down soon after the blaze began, and twenty firemen got away just in time. Another and a larger section went down later, and again many firemen got away just in time to save their lives. A large part of the Joy Line pier sagged as the firemen were working to check the flames under the roadway. They abandoned the hose and got to safety. Much hose was lost by the firemen in each escape from danger. They did their work manfully throughout.

The bridge tower escaped damage. The firemen early directed their energies toward saving it from harm. The greatest contribution was made by the Joy Line pier, which was sacrificed, but not repaired. For appearance sake repairs will have to be made. None of the steel work was warped. It was said late last evening that the Joy Line pier would be a total loss, and that Terry & Trench would save little of the steel work on their pier. Their whole plant will, of course, have to be replaced.

The officials of the Bridge Department, from Commissioner Stevenson down, were out early in anxious effort to save the tower. Their relief was great when they saw that the work was safe. It was reported that the contractors would be delayed only a week.

GILLETTE EXECUTED.

Had Made Confession of Crime, Spiritual Advisers Say.

Auburn, N. Y., March 30.—Chester E. Gillette paid the full penalty to-day for the brutal murder of Miss Grace Brown in his execution, near Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks on July 11, 1906. He went to his death in the electric chair at Auburn prison without a sign of weakness, and with the same lack of emotion which had characterized him from the day he was arrested charged with the crime. Gillette appeared to have been fully reconciled to his fate, and in a statement given out by his spiritual advisers immediately after the execution, it is indicated that he had made a confession of his guilt. This statement was signed by the Rev. Henry McIlvray and the Rev. Cordeiro Herick, who had attended Gillette since he had been in the death cell at the prison. It was as follows:

"Chester E. Gillette, who was executed to-day, was privileged, and we do not intend to give to him a detailed statement, and simply wish to say that no legal mistake was made in his execution."

Gillette himself, so far as the public was concerned, never admitted his crime. His last words, in fact, which he uttered just before he was put to death, were "I am a Christian. I am a Christian. I am a Christian."

In the shadow of the valley of death, it is my desire to do everything that would remove any doubt as to my having found Jesus Christ, the merciful and loving friend. My only regret at this time is that I have not given Him the opportunity in my life while I had the opportunity to work for Him. If I could only say something that would draw young men to Him, I would deem it the greatest privilege ever granted me. But I can say now, I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

"If the young men of this country could only know the joy and pleasure of a Christian life, I know they would do all that I have said. Upon for active Christians, and would strive to live as Christ would have them live."

"If I have done anything that has helped any one, I thank God, knowing that my sins are forgiven, for I have been free and frank in my talks with my spiritual adviser, and God knows where I stand."

My task is done, the victory won. Any fear which the prison officials may have entertained that Gillette's remarkable composure would desert him at the last moment was quickly dispelled when he stepped from his cell in the corridor leading to the death chamber. His step was firm and strong, and he walked rapidly toward the instrument of death. Not even by the quiver of an eyelash did he betray the least sign of emotion, and at no stage did he require assistance from the big keepers and his faithful spiritual directors who accompanied him in his last walk. He would do all that he could to help the young men who were placed, and within a few minutes Gillette had been officially pronounced dead.

WARD M'ALLISTER NOT IN WANT.

San Francisco, March 30.—It is reported that Ward M'Allister, son of the former state leader in New York, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis in San Rafael, has a slight chance for recovery. Supervisor Hall McAllister, a relative, declared that Ward M'Allister has never been in any want and is in regular receipt of an income from his mother.

SENATOR PENROSE IMPROVING.

Philadelphia, March 30.—The physicians in attendance upon Senator Penrose issued the following bulletin: "The condition of Senator Penrose continues to improve in a satisfactory way. No more bulletins will be issued to-night."

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NIGHT TARGET PRACTICE.

Spectacle in Magdalena Bay—The Fleet's Trip. Magdalena Bay, March 25 (via San Diego, Cal., March 30).—The night firing in progress by the battleships of the Atlantic fleet is a brilliant spectacle. It is of a vastly different variety from the ceaseless, unvarying shooting at the white canvas targets by daylight, from sunrise to sunset, which finally becomes dull, methodical and monotonous enough. It is a perfection of professional marksmanship. The sweeping of the great shafts of light from the searchlights, the bursting flashes of fire from the gun muzzles and the stark streak pathways of the soaring and flaming shells, the ricochets that resemble giant skyrocket, and the tremendous echoes of bellying sounds that come across the waters and over the silent, fog enshrouded hills combine to present a scene that thrills long after the firing has ceased. It is the work of repelling attacks of an enemy's imaginary torpedo thrust. Black targets with white centres are the objects at which the ships are directing their fire. Two or three ships may be seen firing at a time.

LETTER WRITING PARSON DROPPED.

F. C. Brown Made Love to Sunday School Teacher—He and Mrs. Brown Ill. South Norwalk, Conn., March 30.—The Rev. Frank C. Brown's love letters to his pretty Sunday school teacher, Miss Clara Raymond, daughter of ex-Representative Charles Raymond, of Dartmouth, were presented in evidence this afternoon at the council of the Baptist Church which tried him. Dr. J. D. Richardson, president of the Fairfield County Baptist Association, submitted Brown's written admission of guilt, and the minister was dropped from the ministry. Mr. Brown is fifty-eight years old. He had been pastor of the Holyton Baptist Church for eight years. For several years he had been paying attention to Miss Raymond. Her father beat and nearly choked the parson on one occasion. His letters from the South gave the former Representative of New York on which to get Mr. Brown retired. Mrs. Brown is seriously ill with brain fever, and Mrs. Brown, for several years an invalid, is nearly insane.

MYSTERY IN CLEVELAND TRAGEDY.

Bodies of Music Teacher and Woman Pupil Found Side by Side in Woods. Cleveland, March 30.—Detectives are searching Dundas Woods for a missing revolver, upon which may hang the solution of the mystery surrounding the tragic death of Carl Bernthaler, fifty-eight years old, and Miss Lena Ziechmann, thirty years old. The bodies of the man and woman, with their hearts pierced by revolver bullets, were found early to-day, side by side, in the forest at Cleveland Heights, just east of the city. The absence of a revolver led the coroner to declare that Bernthaler and Miss Ziechmann were murdered by a third person. Bernthaler was a music teacher and a member of an opera house orchestra. Twice married, a wife and six children survive him. By his first wife, he had three children. Miss Ziechmann was a music pupil of Bernthaler and was also a teacher of German in the public schools. She and Bernthaler had been acquainted for many years. Her father is a local doctor. They left their homes Sunday afternoon and met in Dundas Woods. The coroner has estimated that they came to their death during the early evening.

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