

the nomination of Senator Harvey D. Hinman of Broome County.

Ex-Governor Odell and Francis Hendricks, head of the machine in Onondaga, were at headquarters most of the morning and part of the afternoon, but neither of them could be induced to say one word regarding the Hughes situation.

The most outspoken in his opposition to the Governor was Joseph Levenson, leader of the 24 Assembly District in Manhattan. "Personally I do not like the Governor," he said. "The naturalized voters, of whom there are many in my district, are also opposed to him. They blame him for the veto of the 5-cent Coney Island fare bill, and also think his Public Service Commission is responsible for the transfer situation. The nomination of Hughes would hurt Taft in my district, because the men would not dare to split their tickets, and would vote against all our nominees. If the Governor should be nominated, I should feel like getting out, because I would not want to take the responsibility for the vote."

PARSONS SILENT.

Congressman Herbert Parsons, president of the county committee, only smiled and repeated, "I have nothing to say," when he was asked for an expression of opinion on Hughes.

Among others who saw Chairman Woodruff were George W. Aldridge, of Rochester; John T. Mott, of Oswego; J. D. Lawrence, of Delaware County; D. F. Strobel, of Herkimer County; W. L. Ward, of Westchester, and Merton E. Lewis, of Rochester. Lou F. Payn, of Chatham, wrote Mr. Woodruff from West Virginia that he would not be able to get to the meeting.

Chairman Woodruff will announce his campaign committee of eleven members to-day. Among those who will probably be on it are ex-Governor Odell, George W. Dunn, Congressman Fassett, W. L. Ward, William Barnes, G. W. Aldridge, Fred Greiner, of Buffalo; John A. Merritt and Jacob Brenner.

HUGHES LEAGUE IN KINGS

Regular Republicans Form Organization Amid Great Enthusiasm.

If the leaders of the Republican state organization wanted evidence of how the regular Republicans in Chairman Woodruff's own county stand on the question of Governor Hughes's renomination, they should have been present last night at the organization meeting of the Hughes League at the Logan Club, at Sixth avenue and Garfield Place, and observed the spontaneous enthusiasm which greeted every laudatory reference to the Governor. It was "Hughes, Hughes, Hughes," as demonstrated by prolonged cheering from the hundreds who thronged the assembly room, most of whom have long been known as stalwart supporters of the organization in the 12th Assembly District, of which Congressman William M. Calder is leader. Congressman Calder, who is a strong advocate of the renomination of the Governor, was unable to be present, but he sent word that he was in entire sympathy with the objects of the meeting. The Hughes League is organized to crystallize the Hughes sentiment in Brooklyn and to form a permanent organization for carrying on an active campaign in his behalf.

Practically every election district captain in the 12th and scores of men who have long been identified with the organization in Brooklyn were present when Charles S. Aronstam, president of the Logan Club, called the meeting to order by stating the purposes for which the call had been issued. Mr. Aronstam read portions of the President's speech, in which the latter outlined his views of the duties attached to that position, and was vigorously applauded when he declared that the Republicans of the state could not afford, with any hope of victory, to side with the gambling and other vicious elements.

Governor Hughes stands on the same principles as does Judge Taft," said Mr. Aronstam, "and it will go hard with the ticket throughout the country this fall if we fail to renominate the Governor. The members of the Logan Club are in the habit of reading the following letter from the Governor had subscribed:

Your letter of the 27th instant has been received, and I thank you cordially for the friendly expressions it contained. I realize how deeply interested the members of the Logan Club are in the welfare of the people of the state, and I warmly appreciate its support.

Every one of the other speakers who followed President Aronstam seconded his remarks heartily, and declared that they and the people of the 12th, which is proud of the part it has contributed to Republican success at the polls, would stand behind State Chairman Woodruff only so long as he voiced the opinions of the Republicans in the Governor's League. Charles F. Aronstam was elected president, Dr. Eugene W. Skelton and ex-Superintendent Simon Donovan, stirred their audience when they declared that though they were lifelong Republicans and came from Republican families they would vote the Democratic ticket if Governor Hughes were not renominated.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Harry Brinkerhoff, president of the board of governors of the club, and the Rev. James Gray. After strong resolutions of indorsement of the Governor's administration and policies had been adopted and the club pledged itself to his support the Hughes League was formed by the unanimous vote. Charles F. Aronstam was elected president, Charles H. Lewis secretary and Herbert Wellington treasurer. Meetings of the league will be held at the house of the Logan Club every Tuesday night.

Several days ago Robert A. Sharkey, Republican leader in the 5th Assembly District, sent out 120 letters to the enrolled voters of the district to find out the status of the sentiment for Governor Hughes's renomination. Out of 59 answers received up to date 45 favor the renomination of the Governor, showing that there are six Republicans in the district in favor of the Governor as against one opposed to his renomination.

POLL FAVORS GOVERNOR HUGHES.

Almost Unanimous Vote for Renomination at the Tent Evangel.

Prize of Governor Hughes as a public official of principle was proclaimed last night by Dr. Len G. Broughton, an evangelist of Atlanta, preaching at the Tent Evangel, Broadway and 57th street. Dr. Broughton's subject was "Christian Citizenship." "If Governor Hughes had been the Presidential nominee of the Republican party," he declared, "he would have broken the proverbial 'Solid South.'"

"We in the South are yet under the ban," asserted the preacher, "but if we had our shackles off the Republican candidate for President of New York, Don't you people of New York be fooled by the ring politicians. They are going to fight Governor Hughes because he stands for Christian principles, but I want to see you nominate him and make him Governor for another term."

Here standing vote was called for by the superintendent of the tent, and an almost unanimous poll was taken for Hughes's renomination. Continuing, Dr. Broughton said he had long since ceased to trust in partisan politics. He declared the average politician North, South, East and West was a man absolutely devoid of principle, but he caught up by the highest bidder.

"That is why I ceased to ally myself with any party," he continued, "I am absolutely independent. I allow no man to ram a dose down my throat. The average political party, new or old, is just like the politicians. The platform of a party is like a gangway to a steamer, to walk in on and then back aside as soon as you get in. What we want is a public man with Christian ideals, like your Governor."

Dr. Broughton said also: "When we try to apply the principles of Christ to everyday life we have a fight on our hands. First of all, we must change our ways of dealing, and radically. I preach no gospel of condemnation for the rich, but I preach no gospel of condemnation for the poor. I shall measure up to the same standard. Society will kick too; but bridge for the crabs is for the two negroes around the corner. And the gambling spirit in our women, checked, will wreck the moral life of this country."

HUGHES RETURNS HOME SATURDAY.

Saratoga Inn, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Governor Hughes and family will return to Albany Saturday. A stop of a few hours will be made at Tupper Lake.

REPUBLICANS MAY WIN TENNESSEE.

Thought to Depend on Action of "Regulars" in State Convention To-day.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 11.—The regular Republican State Convention will meet in this city to-morrow to nominate a candidate for Governor. After the calling of the convention for to-morrow the Oliver-Hook faction called the Chattanooga convention and nominated T. Ashbury Wright for Governor.

Wright, who is the Evans faction, will endorse the action of the Chattanooga convention, there is believed to be some hope of Republican success. If, however, the Evans people nominate their own candidate, G. N. Tillman, it is believed it will result in a hopeless split.

The Evans leaders were, it is said, surprised at the good attendance at Chattanooga and the determined stand of the Brownlow branch of the party.

REGULARS AHEAD IN CALIFORNIA.

Indications Are That Lincoln-Roosevelt League and Bell Faction Are Defeated.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Early returns from today's primaries held throughout the state, while meagre, at 9 o'clock indicate that the Republican regular organization will have a majority in the state and Congressional conventions over the Lincoln-Roosevelt League.

In the Democratic party the indications are also that the organization has won over the Theodore Bell faction. Both the Republicans and the Democrats had two tickets in the field for three sets of delegates to the state convention which will select Presidential electors and Congressmen. A full lower house and half of the upper house in the State Legislature have voted on.

More than usual interest was manifested in the action of a new State Legislature because that body will choose a United States Senator to succeed Senator George C. Perkins.

A sharp contest was waged by the two factions in each of the old parties in almost every district throughout the state for control of the party machinery.

INDICT FIVE FOR PRIMARY FRAUDS.

Alleged Crookedness in Recent Missouri Election—Two Investigations.

St. Louis, Aug. 11.—The grand jury began investigating to-day David Bell's charge that gross frauds had been committed in the nomination for Governor in the recent primaries. Attorney General Hadley, Republican nominee for Governor, telegraphed to Bell to-day that he would, if requested, in prosecuting if indictments were found. Ex-Congressman W. S. Cowherd declined to-day Bell's request to join him in the investigation, stating that he knows of no frauds in St. Louis, and that he was nominated without St. Louis votes. Investigation of alleged primary frauds in Kansas City, where Cowherd received 15,000 majority, is also on.

Circuit Attorney Sager announced late to-night that five men had been indicted for alleged primary frauds. Their names were not given out.

MR. CHAFIN WILL BEWARE OF WATER.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Eugene W. Chafin, Presidential nominee of the Prohibition party, arrived in Chicago yesterday from Lincoln. He will visit every state of the Union, speaking three to eight times a day until election.

"Wouldn't it have been awful if I had come to my death by water?" he said, speaking of his escape from drowning in the Young Men's Christian Association at Lincoln. "I don't mind for myself, but it would be so upon the party to lose its head in that way; so until the election is over I'm not going to have anything to do with water except by the glassful."

"Do you expect to be elected?"

"It would be a reflection on the intelligence of the American public for me to think otherwise."

TALK OVER FINANCES

Chairman Hitchcock Sees Mr. Bliss — Off for Hot Springs.

Ways and means of financing the campaign were discussed by Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican National Committee, at a conference yesterday with Cornelius M. Bliss at the latter's office yesterday. Bliss has for years been treasurer of the committee, has accepted a place on the advisory committee of nine, which is to assist George R. Sheldon, the present treasurer, in the financial management of the campaign.

Neither Mr. Hitchcock nor Mr. Bliss would discuss the details of their conference. The situation, however, is understood. Mr. Hitchcock is in Vermont with Frank C. Williams, of Newport, that state, the state chairman; Mr. Kinsey, secretary of the committee, and Judge Gibson, a member of the state executive committee.

Mr. Hitchcock told the managers from the Green Mountain state that their accounts of the situation in Vermont were correct. He thought they needed much help from the national committee, but, on the other hand, it would be a good idea for them to raise some money to be used by the committee in other parts of the country. They seemed to see the point.

Senator Julius Caesar Burrows, of Michigan, who is chairman of the committee which is to inform Congress on the subject of its nomination for Vice President at Utica on August 18, called on Chairman Hitchcock.

"I think the outlook is favorable," said the Senator. "Personally I have no question about the outcome. Of course, it is a little early in the campaign to make anything like accurate prognostications. Everything points to the election of Taft and the continuance of Republican rule."

Senator Burrows went to Scarborough-on-the-Hudson last night to visit his daughter, and will go to Utica later in the week. After the notification he will return to New York to take up the inquiry into the tariff authorized at the Utica conference.

Mr. Hitchcock is expected to be busy in this way until the latter part of September, when he will take up active campaigning, probably in the West.

"The Democratic defection from Bryan is as strong in Michigan this year as it was in 1906," said John W. Blodgett, national committeeman from that state, who was called on by Mr. Hitchcock. "There is really little to be said about the situation in Michigan. It will be found, as always, in the Republican column. Taft and Sherman are growing in strength with the people of Michigan, particularly the Democrats."

Mr. Hitchcock went to Hot Springs, Ark., to-day, and to-day he will confer with Mr. Taft. It is understood that many of the Republican leaders of West Virginia will be waiting for Mr. Hitchcock at Hot Springs and he is going to make an effort to straighten out the somewhat tangled situation there. There is one thing that he will insist upon, and that is that the Republican electoral ticket be protected. There must be no onerous conditions attached to the Evans faction.

The manager in Ohio, will also confer with the national chairman, who hopes to start for Chicago to-morrow night.

T. R. FARRELL SELECTED.

New Leader of the "Anti-Long Patrollers" Pleases Williams.

Thomas R. Farrell, Commissioner of Public Works and leader of the anti-McCarren party, was elected yesterday as the permanent leader of the anti-McCarren Democrats of Kings County. For the first time since the death of "Boss" Hugh McLaughlin the anti-McCarrenites are now banded together behind one recognized leader. Farrell is one of the seven district leaders who revolted from McCarren.

George V. S. Williams, chairman of the county committee of the Kings County Democratic party, was elected yesterday as the permanent leader of the county. Senator Patrick H. McCarren and his followers were outlawed by the state forces—did not attend the meeting at the Borough Hall, but he was not surprised when informed that Farrell had been chosen.

Another step toward the unification of all divisions in the anti-McCarren ranks in Brooklyn was taken to-day when Patrick E. Lynch, Superintendent of Highways and leader of the 23d Assembly District, attended the outing of the Pequot Club, which was formerly opposed to him, and absorbed its membership into that of his own organization. Lynch is one of the seven district leaders who are fighting McCarren.

MCAREN GIVES ADVICE.

Tells Brooklymites to Dent Skulls of Tammany "Guerillas."

Senator McCarren conducted another carefully planned and enthusiastic skirmish in his fight against the seven revolted Assembly district leaders in Brooklyn at a mass meeting held last night in the assembly room of the old Jackson Club Building, at No. 868 Kent avenue, in the 11th Assembly District. Thomas F. Byrnes is the regular, or anti-McCarren, leader in this district, while P. J. Carlin is heading the McCarren forces. The attendance was about five hundred, and the enthusiasm of the meeting was greatly augmented by the efforts of a brass band.

Roger C. Smyth was elected chairman and defined the coming primary battle as lying between the political autonomy of Brooklyn, as voiced by McCarren, and the despotism of Tammany Hall, as embodied in the seven revolted leaders. After Judge Gelsman had characterized McCarren as the brainiest and clearest thinking leader that Brooklyn had had in a long time, "Long Pat" said:

"I have no fear of the tiger on either side of the river. If he does come over to Brooklyn he will find that he cannot get the sort of nourishment to which he has been accustomed. He will be starved. He is acting foolishly in attempting it, for it is silly to assume that you do not know how to conduct your own affairs. Recent election returns, moreover, show that the tiger needs to occupy itself fully to take proper care of affairs at home. The tiger will be busy with the rats, bagged for the past two or three years by William R. Hearst, its old majority in Manhattan of from 100,000 to 150,000 votes. The 'guerrillas' are in training in Manhattan, and that this district, as well as the 23d and 4th Assembly districts in Brooklyn, have been the scene of their operations. All over the state the Democratic voters look to Brooklyn to solidify the Democracy of the state and to fight to regain control of the state government."

Resolutions were read and adopted indorsing the Democratic platform and candidates.

TROUBLE FOR HEARST FOLLOWERS.

Independence Party May Have Difficulty in Getting on Official Ballot.

There is a possibility that the Independence party will have some trouble on its hands before it gets its ticket printed on the official ballot. As the party under that name has no legal standing, it cannot demand a place on the ballot, except by nominating by petition. On the other hand, the Independence League has determined its right to be considered as a regularly constituted party by polling at least ten thousand votes at the last state election.

Lawyers of the Independence party have decided, therefore, that they must conduct their campaign under the title of Independence League in this state. Right here is where the faction which split away from the Hearst organization after the last state election, is coming in. They claim the right to the name and emblem of the Independence League and are fighting for it now in the courts. Thomas Gilligan, one of those who say they are the rightful possessors of the name, said yesterday they intended to file a bill in the courts.

TO RETURN \$20,000 OF CHICAGO FUND.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Only four-fifths of the \$20,000 raised to bring the Republican national convention to Chicago was spent, and the sum of returning the remaining \$20,000 has been begun by the local committee on arrangements. The sum is to be divided between the 806 subscribers to the fund.

CONFERENCE AT LINCOLN

Chairman Hitchcock Sees Mr. Bliss — Off for Hot Springs.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—Bringing prophecies of Democratic victory to Mr. Bryan on the eve of his notification, John W. Kern, Vice-President of the Democratic ticket, and E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and several other prominent Democrats were the vanguard of the arrivals to-day to attend the ceremonies to-morrow.

Within a few minutes after their arrival, Chairman Mack, Mr. Kern, Joseph Daniels, head of the Literary Bureau of the national committee, and John Osborne, of Wyoming, and John E. Lamb, of Indiana, were in an extended conference with Mr. Bryan at his home on the conduct of the coming campaign. The conference was continued at a later hour to-night, following a dinner tendered to Humphrey O'Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., the newly elected secretary of the notification committee, by the Lincoln typographical union. Mr. Bryan was a guest.

"These conferences with Mr. Bryan had to do in a general way with the outline of the coming campaign, together with a tentative plan that has already been formulated for financing the struggle. A general speaking campaign for Mr. Bryan in different parts of the country also came up for consideration, but no definite dates were decided upon. Reports received by the national committee, however, were shown to Mr. Bryan, and it was generally agreed that in view of the situations disclosed in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and other Middle Western States, an active speaking campaign in which Mr. Kern would take an equally prominent part should be waged in those states."

At the dinner by the Typographical Union to Mr. O'Sullivan to-night Mr. Bryan discussed the part which labor organizations play in the world's work. Mr. Bryan made a humorous reference to John W. Kern, who also was a guest. "He is naturally somewhat embarrassed at the approaching notification," said Mr. Bryan amid laughter. "I realize how it is with a beginner, but I am sure that if he will persevere the time will come when he will feel as I do, so accustomed to being notified that it seems strange an extraordinary occasion."

After remarking that he would like to see an organization where he could be a member along with Nebraska's Governor, Mr. Bryan said:

"This is a campaign where we are going to take the people into our confidence, and we are going to have them make the fight for our principles. I am generally associated with an organization, but it is important a part in the great work that labor does. I suppose that if there is one organization of labor, it is an organization of printers, for if I am not a printer myself I have given printers more than any other man, I think, in the United States."

I am glad to be associated with you in the bonds of brotherhood. I believe in the great labor organization of the country, and you are the best organized branch of the labor organization of the country. You represent one of the best organized branches of the labor organization of the country. I believe in the organization for what it does for those who belong to it. I believe in it if it is for those who do not belong to it; for, according to my understanding of the work of labor organizations, the labor organization is a member of the family so linked us together that no matter what we may desire we cannot live alone."

God has so linked us together that no matter how we may desire to confine our efforts to the things that benefit ourselves we cannot do it. No person who undertakes a good thing can help but benefit the people. The labor organization is engaged in a great work and a work whose benefits are incalculable. I believe that the labor organization of the country is more important than any other organization in the United States during the last twenty-five years. And the importance of the labor organization is not only in the fact that it surrounds the laboring men are shared by those who do not belong to the organization, and who do not, in any way, contribute to the organization."

This was brought to my attention a few years ago by a man who was a member of the organization. He had been appointed as one of a committee to arbitrate a strike, and when the men had procured a 10 per cent advance in wages, the question was whether the men belonging to the union should be advanced with them; and the laboring men proposed that the men who were not members of the union should receive the 10 per cent increase in wages that was obtained by the organization of the laboring men. The higher wages that have been brought about by organization, but they receive the large benefits that come from the organization of laboring men."

In the fight to protect the children from too early work, the children of those who are not members of the organization share the benefits as well as the children of those who are members. It is for the better examination of mines, better health conditions for the people, and for the better of the organizations as well as those inside reap the benefits."

I repeat that this world is so constructed that no thing can be monopolized. And it is well that it is so. The farmer who introduces a new kind of grain, the inventor who introduces a new kind of animal, he may do it for a selfish purpose, but he cannot help but benefit the world. Labor organizations have been reaching the idea of brotherhood, that is larger than any other idea. It is the foundation of the organizations of various unions in this country. It is the foundation of the idea of brotherhood that is cultivated by the members of this organization and all organizations are going to be united by a new brotherhood. It is that which will enable us to solve more easily the problems that vex mankind, and while I possibly may not be able to do it, I am sure that if we attempted to do the work that you are going, as an honorary member of your organization I can be of some help to you. I am very glad to be here."

Regarding the campaign and the several conferences had with Mr. Bryan to-day and to-night, Chairman Mack said he had principally to attend the notification ceremonies. I have discussed with Mr. Bryan to-night, and will also discuss to-morrow, the general plan of campaign. It has been my fixed purpose in this campaign to deal with actual facts, and these I have communicated to members of the organization. It has been reported to me by national committeemen and well-known Democrats all point to his election to the Presidency.

"Ohio, Indiana and New York will go Democratic, and I have told Mr. Bryan that I hold Wisconsin to be a debatable ground. Let me say to all Democrats that the Democratic campaign is making more progress than it has in any year since the last of the week Mr. Bryan will engage himself with the consideration of the Democratic campaign text book. Conferences will be held with the committee on its preparation, composed of John E. Lamb, chairman; Joseph Daniels and R. I. Metcalf, editor of 'The Commonwealth.'"

During the week Mr. Bryan will be in the city. Thousands already have reached the city, and many more are expected to-morrow. Workmen were busy most of the day and night decorating the business houses and the homes of the city in honor of the notification of Mr. Bryan. The larger stores have hundreds of flags draped along each story, while banners drop from the windows.

At the Lincoln Hotel, where the Democratic headquarters is located, the notification of Mr. Bryan was being celebrated. A large picture of William J. Bryan, and in the lobby of the hotel is another. The City Hall also is decorated with flags and bunting. Pictures of Mr. Bryan are conspicuously displayed from the windows.

At the State House the platform on which the notification ceremonies will take place is completed. It is situated directly in front of the door of the capitol and has been made large enough to accommodate the candidates, the members of the notification committee, the local committee on arrangements and newspaper men.

TAMMANY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There will be meetings of the executive and general committees of Tammany Hall to-night to issue the official call for the primaries. Formal resolutions indorsing the Democratic national ticket and platform will be adopted.

Charles F. Murphy will stay in the city until after the meeting of the Democratic State Committee at the Hotel Hamilton at noon to-day. W. J. Conner, chairman of the committee, is not expected from Buffalo until to-morrow. He and Mr. Murphy will talk over the plans for the state convention. They have been told that it would be a wise move to let up in their fight on Senator McCarren, of Brooklyn, and he has been warned that the state convention would be a mad disaster at the polls certain.

PROVIDENT LIFE SOLD

SOUTHERN MEN CONTROL.

Plan to Reinsure In or Merge With Louisville Company.

The deal for the transfer of control of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society to the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Company, of Louisville, by a syndicate composed largely of men identified with that company, was completed yesterday. At the adjourned meeting of the Provident board of directors to-day the Louisville men will be placed in complete control of the society.

The election of officers and directors was deferred yesterday because the state of affairs concerning the Louisville men at the Hotel Belmont members of the board, who will be eliminated by the sale, had not been made up. It is understood that Arthur G. Langham, of Louisville, who has been interested in the negotiations, will be elected president of the Provident. When seen last night Mr. Langham suavely and smilingly refused to discuss the purchase or the probability that he would become president, except to say that he would accept the presidency if it were offered to him.

Mr. Langham added that he had suggested to his colleagues the advisability of making some sort of public statement. There was a conference last night. Some of those present were C. T. Coffin, counsel for the Inter-Southern; B. B. Bates, general manager, and Floyd Day, a director, who, it is said, advanced much of the money with which the controlling shares of stock of the Provident were purchased. The conference began at 8 o'clock and lasted until midnight, but at that hour the promised statement was not forthcoming.

The Inter-Southern group of financiers and insurance men canvassed every phase of the Provident's affairs and made up the state for officers and directors. Their names will be made public to-day.

The men from Louisville were obviously pleased last night over the success of their plans, to which there has been much opposition. What will become now of the protests of the Provident policyholders of several states, who organized committees to prevent the passing of the society into the hands of the Kentucky interests, is somewhat of a problem. The greatest opposition came from Commissioner E. E. Rittenhouse, of the Colorado Insurance Department, and the policyholders' committee formed at Denver. There is another committee in New York.

Herbert Wolfe, an attorney, who is chairman of the New York committee and representing the Colorado committee, said to a correspondent of The Tribune at Lake Placid, N. Y., last night that he would bring the affairs of the Provident to the attention of the insurance commissioners at their convention in Detroit the latter part of this month. He said that Superintendent Kelsey was in harmony with the policyholders' committee. "It is my intention," said Mr. Wolfe, "to bring informally to the attention of the insurance commissioners at their convention in Detroit on August 25, the true status of affairs in connection with this society, and I have no doubt that they will take such steps as in their opinion are necessary to protect the policyholders."

To-day I am in receipt of a telegram from Thomas B. Love, Insurance Commissioner of Texas, asking me to represent him as Insurance Commissioner in protecting the interests of Texas policyholders. My office, at No. 15 Broadway, is in receipt of a great number of inquiries and offers of co-operation. Since the Armstrong investigation nothing has been so indicative of the evil effect of permitting speculative interests to be in charge of the business of a company as this Woodruff-Thomas-Copley-Inter-Southern manipulation of the interests of the thirty-five thousand policyholders.

"You may say that Mr. Kelsey is in harmony with the policyholders' movement. He has assured me that no reinsurance deal will be approved by him unless he is satisfied that the parties are not only in good faith, but are also financially responsible."

The plan, it is said, is to reinsure the financial risks in the Inter-Southern or merge the two companies. At present the Louisville concern has an application before Superintendent Kelsey for permission to do business in New York State, which has been refused. The Insurance Department barred the Provident in January from writing any new business. If the examination of its affairs now under way reveals a more satisfactory condition than existed at that time, Superintendent Kelsey may give permission to resume the writing of risks. Also, if the present condition of the Inter-Southern warrants it, Mr. Kelsey may admit that company to New York State. It is likely, however, that the case of the Provident that the new management will first have to furnish enough money to replenish the reserve.

A man well informed as to the affairs of the Provident said yesterday that he believed there was little hope for the policyholders to set aside the deal just made, if that is their intention. He said that they probably would content themselves with obtaining a representation of two or three members of the board, and, in accordance with the suggestion of Commissioner Rittenhouse, the policyholders would then place their interests in the hands of the directors and the Insurance Superintendent.

The LMB shares of Provident stock the sale of which changes the society's ownership have been held by several banks as collateral for loans advanced to E. R. Thomas and O. F. Thomas, who formerly owned the Provident. They have been held in escrow by the Fourth National Bank. The price paid by the Louisville people is said to be \$25 a share. Whether this has been paid in cash or securities, or partly in each, was not made public.

INTEREST IN GOMPERS CIRCULAR.

Appeal for Funds for Political Campaign Considered a Bryan Indorsement.

A new circular issued to the unions by President Gompers and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, asking for contributions from union men toward the expenses of the labor political campaign, called forth a good deal of comment among labor men in this city yesterday. The circular, which was in the hands of such of the international presidents of unions as have their headquarters in this city, had not reached the local unions, but every one seemed to have heard about it. It is cautiously worded and does not mention Bryan's name or directly ask the unions to indorse the Democratic party, but it denounces the Republican party violently for not setting in its platform the anti-inflation plank demanded by Gompers. Then it asks for large and speedy contributions to the campaign.

Bernard Kelly, business agent of the Iron Molders' Conference Board, which consists of twelve local unions, said he would like to have some more light thrown on the matter. He could not see at present how the unions could support a campaign in that way.

"I never heard of such an appeal before," said Edward Hourigan, secretary of Local No. 13 of the International Association of Machinists, which has 15,000 members. "I fancy the contributions will be very light."

COMPLICATIONS IN CONNECTICUT.

Governor Woodruff Announces Himself a Candidate for Re-election.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 11.—Governor Rollin Woodruff complicated the political situation in Connecticut to-day by announcing himself a candidate for re-election. The statement puts the situation squarely up to the machine leaders in just the manner that Governor Hughes placed it before the politicians of New York. Colonel Isaac Eliaman, who conducted the canvass for Governor Woodruff when he was elected two years ago, says that he obtained the support of Representative Lilley's friends by giving a promise that if they would support Woodruff then, he would work for the nomination of Mr. Lilley in 1908.

Governor Woodruff's statement marks the beginning of a new campaign in behalf. Lieutenant-Governor Lake also is a candidate.

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BOY SOCIALIST IN RIOT. Causes Excitement in Harlem by Harangue on Candidates.

The socialist utterances of Samuel Goldstein, fourteen years old, of No. 58 East 160th street, caused a riot at Lenox avenue and 116th street last night. It required the reserves from two precincts to restore order. The brilliant young orator was locked up in the West 125th street station, charged with disorderly conduct. Young Goldstein, who is a well known figure at socialist meetings in the upper part of the city, applied yesterday at the East 164th street police station for a permit to hold an open air mass meeting at Lenox avenue and 116th street last night. The permit was refused for various reasons. Last night Goldstein stood on a big drygoods box at Lenox avenue and 116th street, and soon had a good sized audience around him. He is a forcible speaker. He soon got into an attack on everything, and denounced every candidate for the Presidency except the socialist nominee. It was at this juncture that he was arrested.

TERRIFIC STORM KILLS THREE.

Great Damage in Indiana and Kentucky—Tobacco and Corn Suffer.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 11.—Three lives were lost in a terrific storm that did thousands of dollars property damage in this neighborhood last night. William Burgoon was crushed to death in the collapse of a stable. Two children of John Dreyer were drowned by a houseboat being swamped. Mrs. Dreyer's legs were broken.

HENDERSON, KY., AUG. 11.—Reports received to-day of a terrific hail and thunder storm last night indicate damage of more than \$200,000 in Henderson County. Sixty per cent of the tobacco is believed to have been destroyed and much corn was flattened.

TYPOS TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS.

Favorable Action on Appointment of Committee at Convention at Boston.

Boston, Aug. 11.—Favorable action on the appointment of a committee to investigate, report and remedy, if possible, the