

TO TONE UP PARTY LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Osborne Heads New Democratic Body.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 27.—Permanent organization of the Democratic League, which came into being at Saratoga Springs last summer, was effected at a meeting of the general committee here to-day by the election of Thomas Mott Osborne, of Auburn, as chairman, Francis A. Willard, of Utica, as secretary, and Colonel William Gorham Rice, of Albany, as treasurer. In a short speech thanking the committee for this honor Mr. Osborne took occasion to declare that the purpose of the league to tone up the Democratic party was well known, but that there was considerable misapprehension in regard to other things which it would not do.

It has been said that this league was organized to boom somebody for Governor and somebody else for state chairman, said he. "My notion is that it should not be an organization to boom anybody for any office whatever. We want the best men for office, but the league ought not to be attached to the personal fortunes of anybody or support the candidacy of anybody for any office."

HERRICK FAVORS INQUIRY.

"This was done on the ground that it was a federal and not a state matter," said he. "That merely is shirking the state's duty and throwing on the national government things we should do ourselves. No state suffers more from the high cost of living than New York. Prosecutions of the Milk Trust and the Beef Trust are good things, but do not get to the root of the evil. There should be an investigation to see whether the state's resources remain undeveloped while we look to the West for beef and Canada for bread. I suggest that Mr. Frisbie and this association continue their efforts for an investigation. If our friends the majority in the Legislature are to busy cleaning their nests maybe the Governor will appoint a commission if requested to do so which can investigate and make a report on this important matter before the Legislature adjourns."

REPORT ON LEGISLATION.

Chairman Herrick presented a report from the committee on legislation favoring a direct primary of a kind, ballot reform and strengthening amendments to the corrupt practices act. The report was adopted without a word of dissent, although it developed after the meeting that there was much opposition to the committee toward the kind of direct primary outlined in the report. This provides for a direct primary within counties and for all cities to be voted for by all voters of cities, save those of more than one million inhabitants, and for the direct election of delegates to those conventions which are to be retained.

The report recommends a general personal enrollment, but no provision is made for an official primary ballot. Instead, permission is given to anybody to present a ballot with any names on it which he chooses to place there without restriction. The ballot need only be of white paper three and one-half inches wide. There is no other limitation. Members of the committee declared this would lead to a multiplicity of meaningless candidacies, and instead of fostering independence of voting candidates would result in little short of chaos, out of which the machine would be certain to come off victorious.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

In regard to New York City the report provides that nominations for an office to be voted for by the people of the entire state in a year when the Governor of the state is not elected, or to fill vacancies caused by the death, declination or disqualification of a person named for office at a state convention, shall be made by the state committees of the respective parties unless otherwise provided for by the rules and regulations of such parties; and that party nominations for an office to be voted for at a special election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the rules and regulations of the respective parties.

J. N. CARLISLE NAMED.

On P. S. Board—Decker and Maltbie Reappointed.

Albany, Jan. 27.—Governor Hughes to-day sent the nomination of John N. Carlisle, of Watervliet, as a member of the Public Service Commission, 24 District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas M. Osborne, of Auburn. On the suggestion of Senator Grady, and on the motion of Senator Cobb, the nomination was immediately confirmed.

Male Men

will be interested in an unusually well written (illustrated) article in Next Sunday's Tribune showing how the purchase of the "Hillhouse property" by Yale with Mrs. Russell Sage's gift of \$650,000 decides the question of the direction in which Yale will expand in the future.

WOULDCLEAN HOUSE OPINIONS AT ALBANY. Many Willing to Take Woodruff at His Word.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 27.—Senator J. Mayhew Wainwright, of Westchester, whose political notions generally accord well with those of William Woodruff, National Committee man, declared to-day that whatever housecleaning in the Republican party was necessary in this state should be handled right at the state capital. At the same time he invited Senator Hillou Root in effect to take charge of this housecleaning.

Discussing the condition of affairs within the party at present, Senator Wainwright alluded to the speech of Senator Root in Washington urging the various elements in the party to get together. "Any movement for the rehabilitation of the party must begin right here in New York and not in Washington," said Senator Wainwright. "It is necessary to accomplish that result in the shortest time possible at the state capital. There are men enough in the party now in touch with the state service, devoted to the public interest and to their party success to find a way out if they will but co-operate in an effort of conciliation and high-minded endeavor. There is no doubt that we would carry out the things needed for a restoration of such part of the public confidence as may have been lost. To these the wise counsel of Senator Root and similar men devoted to the cause of our country would be very welcome at this time."

It is the opinion of many others prominent in political affairs that a housecleaning within the Republican organization is in order. Many of these men will not talk for publication at this time, but say frankly that a radical policy of reorganization is not carried out, the voters at large will be so disgusted that they will desert the Republican standard, and undoubtedly turn this state Democratic next autumn. Such a political overthrow, they continue, would be very likely to aid materially in throwing the country to a Democratic President in 1912.

WOULD TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD.

Timothy L. Woodruff the other day in Washington announced that if the party wanted to get together he would cheerfully respond to that sentiment. Many of the organization men who would resent being dubbed reformers are inclined to take him at his word. They say that with Mr. Woodruff's friends, Lieutenant Governor White, Senator John P. Allis and Ray B. Smith, who term themselves the progressive Republicans, say emphatically that nothing except the most radical housecleaning from the inside can save the party from defeat.

TO SUE NIEDERSTEIN.

Attorney General Says Papers Are Being Prepared.

Albany, Jan. 27.—Attorney General O'Malley announced to-day that papers were being prepared for an action against John Niederstein, former County Clerk of Queens, and the receiver of the Metropolitan Surety Company, who is on his bond to enforce the payment of the Chamberlain of New York City of the mortgage tax moneys collected by him during the month of December, 1909. It is said the amount involved is about \$12,000.

OPPOSES MEYER PLAN.

Capps Would Have Construction Control Navy Yard Work.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 27.—Why may prove to be a severe setback to the naval reorganization plan of Secretary Meyer was given before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House to-day by Chief Constructor Washington L. Capps. He expressed the firm conviction that the only logical solution of the navy yard administration was the consolidation of all the mechanical departments in each yard under a constructor. This is, of course, in direct variance with the Meyer plan, which proposes a division of authority.

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taxes, assessments and arrears and city revenues from the Controller, who is an elective officer, to the Chamberlain, who is an appointive officer. The committee also disapproves the recommendation of the commission to deprive the Controller of the authority to inspect private charitable institutions receiving funds from the city.

AGAINST FEWER ALDERMEN.

The legislative committee decided against the extreme centralization of power recommended by the Irvins commission, on the ground that, while theoretically a few elected officials would be responsible, in reality many of their duties would be performed by subordinates, and so the scheme would be ineffective. The borough government plan in the opinion of the committee was much preferable to the Irvins suggestion, since it made the borough president directly responsible to the people of the locality electing him. Also the committee did not approve of a small unpaid board of aldermen and will recommend that the board be retained substantially as it exists now.

DENY OLCOTT RUMOR.

Parsons Adherents Do Not Believe Story from Capital.

Progressive members of the Republican County Committee who have been supporters of Congressman Herbert Parsons were not inclined to sympathize yesterday with the stories from Washington designed to give the impression that Congressman J. Van Vechten Olcott had been agreed upon as Mr. Parsons's successor. According to the information allowed to become public in Washington the election of Congressman Olcott depended only upon his consent to undertake the task of leading the party in New York County.

FOR SMALLER EDUCATION BOARD.

A veto will be put on the Irvins commission's suggestion of a uniformed superintendent of police by this legislative committee, which holds that the creation of such an office would interfere with the proper centralization of responsibility in the Police Commissioner. Also the committee is tender with the corners, having agreed that they should not be abolished, but being much in doubt whether they should be elected or appointed by the Mayor. The committee will recommend a decrease in the number of members of the Board of Education to twenty-one, apportioned among the boroughs, and believes that these members should be removed not at the pleasure of the Mayor but only for cause, thus keeping the education department out of politics as much as possible.

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BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION.

The committee further recommends the adoption of the suggestion made by the Merchants' Association for the establishment of a bureau of fire prevention and a single-headed park commission, with a deputy in each borough, and that appropriations shall be made for each borough separately, specifying the amount to be expended for maintenance and permanent improvements, respectively.

APPOINTMENTS BY GOVERNOR.

Albany, Jan. 27.—Governor Hughes to-day sent the following nominations of managers of state institutions to the Senate, where they were immediately confirmed: Thomas M. Murr, New York, Manhattan State Hospital; Reginald W. Rivers, New State Hospital; Hudson River Hospital; Annie Eliza Chatterton Daniels, Ogdenburg, St. Lawrence State Hospital; Nathaniel H. Levi, Brooklyn, New York State Training School for Girls, and James Wood, Mount Kisco, New York State Reformatory for Women. All were renominated.

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HIT ORAL BETTING.

Bills Carrying Out Governor's Idea Introduced.

Albany, Jan. 27.—Assemblyman Perkins, of Broome County, is to be the champion of anti-racetrack betting legislation in the lower house this year. Three bills which he introduced to-day are based on the Governor's recommendations in reference to preventing oral betting. They are calculated to close all the loopholes through which racetrack gamblers have been able to crawl in the Agnew-Hart laws of the years ago.

DOUGHERTY TALKS.

Views of Member of Charter Commission.

J. Hampden Dougherty, member of the New York Charter Commission, when told at his home last night some of the principal features of the report of the legislative committee, said: "The first thing that strikes me is that the committee, while favoring the continuation of borough presidents with present duties in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, recognizes the impropriety of continuing the office of borough president, but seems to disapprove of central purchasing bureau of supplies, but seems to approve of a fiscal supervisor, appointed by the Mayor, whose duties I imagine would be very similar to the duties of the head of the Bureau of Supplies. The difference seems to be rather in form than substance."

INTERBORO WAGES UP.

Pay of Operating Force Raised About 10 Cents a Day.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid-Transit Company, announced yesterday that the wages of the employees of the company, numbering about six thousand, would be increased beginning February 1. By this advance the amount paid out to employees will be about \$500,000 more a year. A pension system also may be established, it was said. Conductors, who now receive \$2.19 a day for the first year, under the new schedule will receive \$2.5 a day the first year, and after the third year \$2.50; trainmen, now getting \$3.50 a day the first year and \$3 after the fourth year, will receive \$3.50 the first year and \$3.25 a day after the fourth year; gatemen, getting \$1.70 a day the first year and limited to \$1.80 thereafter, will get \$1.80 a day right along.

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