

BLOW AT 'OLD GUARD'

Progressives Make Attacks in Three Upstate Counties.

BARNES FACES A REVOLT

Lively Fight Started for Oneida Delegates—Wainwright's Friends Active.

Progressive Republicans in three counties upstate yesterday began simultaneously an attack on "old guard" leaders which in each case will be carried into the primaries.

The blow at the chiefs of the "old guard" was received with something like consternation at state headquarters. "Old guard" leaders patently were worried, though they professed to believe that there was nothing but a "little unpleasantness" in the counties.

Progressives here last night were chuckling at the fact that while Barnes and Woodruff are busy devoting their attention to fighting Lloyd C. Griscom in New York County and turning down Wainwright for his independence they had been losing their grip on affairs in their own counties.

Taft's Letter Circulated.

From Utica yesterday came word that that city and the surrounding towns had been deluged with copies of President Taft's letter to Mr. Griscom.

The letter was a "trick" by which Vice-President Sherman was chosen by the state committee over ex-President Roosevelt.

It was evident that the Democrats are preparing to make up their ticket, platform and plan of campaign largely to the exigencies that may arise from the Republican situation at the time of the state convention.

It was predicted last night that if the Republican nominations were delayed in Saratoga, the Democrats would find some excuse to put off action in Rochester until they had learned what had been done by the Republicans.

The names of possible Democratic candidates for Governor began to crop up at a lively rate yesterday.

Washington, Sept. 12.—A national movement to organize the negro voters of the country to assist the administration in the election of the United States House is under way.

The speakers will include Dr. William Tindall, Henry Lincoln Johnson, Dr. S. P. W. Drew and W. R. Griffin, Washington, D. C.

Arkansas Has Probably Adopted the Initiative and Referendum.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 12.—Early returns from today's state election show majorities in favor of the initiative and referendum amendment and the usual large pluralities for the Democratic state ticket.

Contrary to expectations, the returns indicate that only a light vote was cast.

For the last time in the history of the state in the interest of the amendment, making from five to six speeches each day.

The candidates for Governor are George W. Donaghy, Democrat, Andrew L. Rowland, Republican, and Daniel Hoxan, Socialist.

HOUSEL REPLACES G. M. VAIL

Former Committeeman Made No Effort to Secure Re-election.

Riverhead, Long Island, Sept. 12.—George M. Vail, who has been chairman of the Suffolk County Republican Committee for several years, and who has always been a firm believer in Governor Hughes's policies, was not re-elected committeeman from the 2d Riverhead District yesterday.

Mr. Vail made no effort to be re-elected committeeman, but it is understood that he would have accepted the place again.

It was also said that he had no knowledge that there was any opposition to him.

He was nominated for Congress.

Third Virginia District: W. R. Van Water, of Henrico County, Republican.

Tenth Virginia District: Republican convention decided inadvisable to make any nomination.

Sixth Alabama District: A. D. Mitchell, Republican.

Second Tennessee District: Ex-Congressman Nathan W. Hale, Republican.

STEAMER EVA NOT WRECKED

Cargo Picked Up by Mystery Had Been Discarded to Lighten Ship.

DECISION AGAINST BENNETT

Griscom Says Taylor Ticket Is Organization's.

Of all the primary fights in the city today that between William M. Bennett and John H. Taylor, in the 15th Assembly District of Manhattan, surpasses in general interest.

Bennett is making his leadership fight in order to secure the nomination for Congress.

While Bennett has always been a leader in reform politics and a strong supporter of Governor Hughes, Harry W. Mack, who is seeking re-election as a state committeeman on the Olcott-Taylor ticket, issued a circular charging that Bennett had made a deal with the Quigg faction, as seventeen of the thirty-four Bennett nominees for the state convention are former Quigg men.

Mr. Bennett replies that the Quigg ticket is merely a subterfuge. Mr. Mack has appealed to Lloyd C. Griscom for an official endorsement of the Taylor ticket, as opposed to the Bennett candidates for delegates.

In a letter to the county president Mr. Mack points out that the executive committee of the district committee unanimously endorsed the Taylor ticket, and that the district committee, by a vote of 56 to 21, approved this action, and asks whether it is correct in assuming that the Taylor ticket is the organization ticket.

Mr. Griscom replied that in view of the facts set forth under the law the district committee is the seat of authority of the Republican party organization in the district, and therefore the Taylor ticket is the organization ticket of the Republican organization.

In four other districts there are Republican primary fights of lesser magnitude, understood to have been stirred up by the Barnes-Woodruffians in their campaign against the Progressives.

In the 1st old Hush element will make a fight against William G. Rose, the present leader, who isn't worried.

In the 4th district, where the present leader, who isn't worried, is fighting Joseph Nejedly in the 18th, Philip Silverman thinks he'd like to be leader of the 26th, in place of Samuel Krulwich.

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TO DISPOSE OF HEIKE'S CASE.

Judge Martin, in the Criminal Branch of the United States Circuit Court, yesterday put the disposal of the cases of Charles R. Heike, former secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, and Ernest Gerlach, the former superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery, down for Monday on pleas of counsel for the men that the verdict of guilty be set aside.

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DECOY FOR A POSTAL CLERK

Recovery of Valuable Property Follows His Arrest.

Samuel D. Singer, of No. 568 Prospect avenue, The Bronx, a clerk for several years in the New York Postoffice, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing letters, and is said to have confessed.

He was generally employed at the Hudson Terminal Building.

On September 8 Mrs. G. E. Uphol, who lives in New Jersey, mailed to her own address a letter containing seven tickets for \$1,500 worth of jewelry.

When the letter failed to reach her she informed Postoffice Inspector W. W. Dickson, and a decoy letter containing \$8 was addressed to Philadelphia, but was not found in the outgoing mail.

Singer was arrested and he was found to have a pawn ticket for a subburst. The inspectors said this led to his admitting taking Mrs. Uphol's letter and then Singer explained that he withdrew her jewelry and pawned the subburst for \$121. Other pieces were found at a jeweller's place in Nassau street, where they were being changed.

Mrs. Uphol had pawned all the jewelry for \$200 more for safe keeping than because she needed the money.

A mileage ticket No. A-42,137 of the Pennsylvania Railroad, sold at Wilmington, Del., was found at Singer's home, and in the office were found pieces of baggage checks which he had torn up.

Singer will be arraigned before Commissioner Alexander to-day and is likely to plead guilty.

600 HOUSESMITHS STRIKE

Bronze and Iron Workers Demand Advance in Wage Scale.

A general strike of housemiths belonging to Housemiths' Union No. 52 went into effect yesterday to enforce a demand for a wage scale of \$45 a day for finishers and \$30 for helpers.

These men are bronze and iron workers, and while they work on buildings, are not the housemiths who erect the iron and steel skeletons which form the framework of tall fireproof structures, their work starting after this framework is completed.

Headquarters for the strikers were established in a hall at 61st street and Third avenue. The officers of the union reported that twenty-two of the employers had granted the demands, and that of the one thousand members in the union only six hundred had to strike.

The strikers expect, they say, to gain their demands in a few days.

The strike leaders said that the men had been paid, for about a year, less than the wages demanded, and that the members of the Iron League, against whom the strike is declared, were the boys to run the wages to the figure demanded last June, but June had passed and the wages remained the same.

The union decided on the strike at a general meeting last week, to go into effect yesterday.

DISLIKED SCHOOL; RAN AWAY

Brooklyn Boy of Thirteen Years Disappeared on Saturday.

Jesse Dewe, thirteen years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dewe, of No. 157 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, has been missing from his home since Saturday evening.

He took all his clothes and had \$7 with him. A timetable of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was found in his room.

Mr. Dewe, who is superintendent of an insurance company, believes that dislike of attending school prompted the boy to run away. He has no relatives in Boston, and believes that the boy will soon be glad to return to his home.

JOSEPH BOSLER DEAD.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Joseph Bosler, Assistant United States Treasurer in charge of the Philadelphia Sub-Treasury, died at midnight to-night at his home in Ogontz, a suburb. He suffered from a general breakdown and a complication of diseases.

Mr. Bosler was about sixty years old and had been in charge of the Sub-Treasury here for the last five years.

ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED

Wall of a Building in Houston Street Falls on Passersby.

One man was killed and a man and woman were injured yesterday morning by the falling upon them of part of a wall of the building at No. 110 East Houston street, and a platform built over the sidewalk.

Leontine Klein was the man who lost his life. He was a tailor, and lived with his brother-in-law, F. Szelek, at No. 319 East 88th street. The injured were Mrs. Marie Kepitzsky, of No. 300 East 76th street, whose skull was fractured, and William O'Brien, a dishwasher, of No. 358 Boverly, who has a possible fracture of the skull and internal injuries.

The house was formerly the home of Richardson, the wealthy builder of the "spite" house, and until about a month ago was occupied by his relatives. It was recently purchased by H. Handelsman, who occupied a store on the first floor as a cigar factory. He decided to put another store on the building.

Workmen had lifted the roof on jacks and heavy timber. Suddenly the wall above the third floor bulged out, and about twelve tons of brick fell on the covering placed over the sidewalk to serve as a protection to passersby.

The floors of this structure gave way, and a brick buried Klein, O'Brien and Mrs. Kepitzsky. Fireman John P. McNamee, of Engine Company 18, dragged Klein from the debris and carried him across the street to the steps of St. Augustine's Chapel, where the injured man breathed his last. Policeman John A. Stanch, of the 1st station, and Mr. McNamee removed the other injured. They were taken in ambulances to Bellevue Hospital.

MAYOR TO LEAVE ST. JAMES

Opening of Schools Calls Gaynor Children Back to Brooklyn.

St. James, Long Island, Sept. 12.—Mayor Gaynor's mail received at the local post-office is increasing daily. He spends considerable time looking over the mail, which is said to be mostly of a personal character. As indicated by the postmarks, many of the letters came from distant parts of the country, but the bulk of the mail is from places within the borders of New York State.

AGAINST BEEF PACKERS

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The investigation just ended was the second started by Judge Landis within a year. On January 20 he ordered a grand jury inquiry, which on March 20 resulted in the indictment of the National Packing Company and ten subsidiary concerns.