GOO GOOS TO RUN A TICKET

THE COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE IT APPOINTED YESTERDAY.

Bar Association to Be Asked to Help in Selecting Candidates for the Judiciary—Goo Goo Club N Reorganizes in a Session, and Is Now for Liberal Laws.

The Goo Goos took another step in the direction of nominating a straight county ticket for the consideration of parties and factions yesterday. The members of the several sub-committees appointed at the Goo Goo County Convention held in the assembly room of the United Charities building three weeks ago met in secret session at 32 Nassau street yesterday afternoon. The result of the conference was that a committee, composed of R. Fulton Cutting, M. L. Rothschild, De Forest Grant, Charles Stewart Davison, Preble Tucker, Wheeler H. Peckham, George M. Cassatt, and James R. Burnett, was appointed to select a county ticket from the names of candidates that the various sub-committees have canvassed for since their appointment.

The Bar Association is to be asked to help them in choosing candidates for judicial place. The selections made by this committee must be submitted for approval to the full committee to-morrow, and if approved the ticket will be reported to the Goo Goo Convention for endorsement. The Convention will be reconvened for this purpose at the United Charities building assembly room next Monday night.

Preble Tucker, Secretary of the Council of Confederated Good Goos, wrote the following letter yesterday in answer to that of President Ludwig F. Thoma withdrawing Good Government Club "N" from the Council and announcing its dissolution:

"DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 12th inst., in which you state that your club has decided to dissolve, and give as the reason that the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs is too lukewarm and vacillating in regard to the existing Sunday law.

"In reply, I most emphatically deny that the Council has been either lukewarm or vacillating on this subject. The attitude of the Council and of the Good Government clubs on this subject is best expressed in the platform adopted at their recent Convention, which declares their belief in local self-government for all cities in this State—that is to say, the regulation and control of municipal affairs by the voters of the city whose interests are involved, and not by the legislature of the State—and demands that the subject of excise regulations, including the laws governing the sale of liquors, wines, and beer on Sunday, so far as they affect this city, be relegated to the control of the citizens thereof.

"There is certainly nothing lukewarm or vacillating in the above declarations, and no objection was raised by the representatives of your club in the Convention to the platform containing such declarations. Our demand that excise regulations, so far as they affect this city, shall be relegated to the control of our citizens, is a distinct declaration against the present excise laws.

"If your club objects to the Council's commendation of the Police Board for doing its duty, your club is assuming a position totally inconsistent with the principles which it was organized to promote. As you ought to know very well, one of the fundamental principles of good government is strict and impartial enforcement of all laws and faithful performance of duty by officers of the law.

"I regret exceedingly that you and the other members of Club N have been so misled by the sophistries of politicians like Senator Hill, Herman Ridder, and others, and that you have deliberately injured the cause to which all the Good Government clubs are pledged by deserting the standard at a time when all the friends of good government should keep together."

In a saloon at Ninety-second street and Second avenue, in the shadow of two large breweries, the Independent Citizens Association, which takes the place of Club N, was born last night. Twenty-one persons were present, the same ones who had witnessed the death on the previous night. L. F. Thoma was elected President of the new organization, which formulated a constitution demanding more liberal excise laws. Felix Hamburger was elected Vice-President, H. L. Desbecker, Jr., Secretary, and Edward Rehling, Treasurer.

Members of Good Government Clubs B and C who reside in the new Nineteenth Assembly district met at the club house of the last named organization at the eighth avenue and Broadway circle and determined to nominate a candidate for the Assembly at some future meeting. The proposition to name a Goo Goo candidate for the Senate in the Seventeenth Senate district was opposed by several members, among whom were George M. Bayne and Charles H. Graef, who argued that the province of the Good Government clubs is simply to secure better municipal government, and that they have no part in State or municipal politics. They contended that the issue in the contest for Senator is purely political and has to do more with national issues and the choice of United States Senators than anything else. This being the case they said the Good Government clubs had no business to interfere. On the other hand, Isaac H. Klein, J. H. C. Nevins, and others declared that so long as New York city is governed by the Legislature it is as much the business of the Goo Goos to take part in the election of Senators as Assemblymen. The views of Mr. Klein prevailed, and a committee was appointed to confer with other Good Government clubs in the Senate district to arrange for a Convention to nominate a candidate for Senator.

Bayne and Graef declared that if such a candidate were nominated he would not receive the support of the Goo Goos, but that Republicans and Democrats would support their own party nominees.

NOT A PROPER APPORTIONMENT.

Aldermen Must Reapportion the Thirteenth Senate District.

On the agreed facts as to the apportionment of the Thirteenth Senate district by the Board of Aldermen, Justice Beekman of the Supreme Court signed yesterday findings of facts and conclusions of law therefrom, in which he decides that the Board of Aldermen did not make a proper apportionment. As the result of these findings and conclusions he will issue a mandamus at Special Term to-day requiring the Board to reconvene and reapportion that district.

The decision was rendered in the action brought by Capt. Charles R. Gleason, Milholland Republican leader in the new Seventh district, through Lawyer Frank D. Pavey. Assistant Corporation Counsel Conboy conceded that the Board of Aldermen had acted on a wrong basis, although honestly. They had made the apportionment on the basis that the Third, Fifth, and Seventh Assembly districts in the Thirteenth Senate district each had a population of about 38,000, whereas the population is distributed: Third Assembly district, 40,185; Fifth, 35,075, and Seventh, 35,926.

"It is the plain duty of the Court," says Justice Beekman, "where it finds such a condition of things as disclosed in the papers in this case, to set aside the apportionment and direct the Board to reconvene and properly perform its duties in the manner prescribed by the Constitution. There should be no difficulty about this. The transfer of a few election districts from one Assembly district to another will bring about much greater approximate to equality of population than now exists.

"But it is unnecessary to go further in a critical examination of all the details affecting the apportionment. It is not the function of the court to make the reapportionment. Its power is confined to a review of the action of the Board, and if there is any violation of the Constitution to direct that it shall follow the rules laid down."

The order which counsel presented to the Judge to sign yesterday required the Board to meet on Sept. 30 for the reapportionment, which will probably be the date set to-day.

PARK BOARD HAS RESIGNED.

The Mayor Now Casting About for Men to Fill the Places.

Mayor Strong announced yesterday that he had received the formal written resignations of the four members of the Park Board. They were handed to him on Monday night, when he had a long talk with President David H. King, Jr., on the subject.

"The letters are merely formal," said the Mayor yesterday, "or I would furnish them for publication. The reason for the resignation has been fully stated in THE SUN. Mr. King gets out on account of his poor health, and the others because they are unwilling to serve with Mr. King out of the Board. All of the Commissioners in their letters of resignation ask to be relieved if possible on Oct. 1. All have agreed, however, to continue to serve for a reasonable length of time until I can appoint their successors."

The Mayor said that he will make provision to fill the vacancies as soon as he can, but that he does not expect to be ready to announce appointments for some days.

The number of applicants for appointment as Park Commissioner has grown rapidly since it was rumored that the present Commissioners were going to resign. Two candidates, whose names were brought to the attention of the Mayor yesterday, are J. B. Bloomingdale, the dry goods merchant, and Jacob Kahn, a member of the Republican County Committee from the old Sixteenth district. The Republicans, the Brookfield faction especially, hope to control the New Park Board for the patronage there is in the department. One thing, it is said, may be considered as pretty certain, and that is, that one of the new Commissioners will come from above the Harlem.

$8 Excursion to Niagara Falls.

Via West Shore daily on all trains next Saturday. Only $8 for round trip.—Adv.

WILL ROOSEVELT FACE THEM?

He Partly Promises to Review the Liberal Sunday Law Societies' Parade.

President Roosevelt of the Police Board is going to review the parade of the United Societies for Liberal Sunday Laws to-morrow. This announcement, made at a meeting called last night to perfect arrangements for the parade, created something of a sensation, as the liberal Sunday laws societies are made up entirely of people who are opposed to the Commissioner's rigid methods of enforcing the present Sunday Excise law.

In fact, no one ever heard of a Liberal Sunday Laws Society until Mr. Roosevelt began to close up the saloons on Sundays. Then the organizations sprang up on all sides like mushrooms, and the motto of each one is, "Down with Rooseveltism."

No one suspected for a moment that Mr. Roosevelt would be asked to review the parade, and least of all did he himself have any idea of it. It was only at the last moment that the committee in charge of the demonstration decided to send him an invitation to come and see for himself how many people disapproved of his methods. Perhaps there was a tinge of sarcasm in the offer, for even the most sanguine ones on the committee did not believe that Mr. Roosevelt would accept. Last night, however, the following letter, which the committee takes as positive evidence of Mr. Roosevelt's intention to be on hand, was received:

"DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge your courteous invitation to review the parade of the Liberal societies. My duties here are very pressing, but if possible I shall be present. Will you kindly tell me where I am to go, and at what time? Yours truly,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The liberal Sunday people are delighted over the Commissioner's practical acceptance of their invitation and say they will surprise him with their parade. One of the most ardent liberal Sunday advocates said last night:

"Well, I can't help admiring Roosevelt's pluck; I never dreamed he'd have the nerve to face that army, most of whom have damned him cordially on more than one thirsty occasion. Most men would be a little timid about doing it.

"But I don't think he'll find anything to be annoyed at, and wouldn't be surprised if he was cheered all along the line. Even if we don't agree with him everybody admires a chap who is honest and has sand."

HILL'S "PERSONAL LIBERTY."

Roosevelt Says It Found Full Flower in the Haymarket Outbreak.

Theodore Roosevelt, President of the Board of Police Commissioners, delivered an address last night on what the Police Board had done and would do, at the Lenox Republican Club at 122 West 129th street. In the course of his remarks Mr. Roosevelt said:

"I am much flattered that Senator Hill, leader of the New York Democracy—and he is a fit leader—should make a speech whose keynote was a somewhat vague denunciation of the Excise law, and that the temporary Chairman of the Democratic Convention at Syracuse should make a speech asking how it would be if we had an enforcement of an obsolete tax law. The Excise law is not an obsolete law, and it is worth while calling your attention to what the Excise law is and who made it.

"The law on the statute books against the sale of liquor on Sunday was made by a Legislature owned by Senator Hill, and was signed by a Governor who was the private property of Senator Hill. There can be no mistake about what I mean, let me tell you that that law was passed in 1892.

"The temporary Chairman of the Democratic Convention has much to say about the methods I employ. I employ the same methods that have been employed by the Police Department ever since arrests have been made.

"What Senator Hill means when he says we have been too harsh is that we have been too honest. Last year there were 160 arrests nearly every Sunday for violations of the Excise law. Last Sunday there were only forty-five arrests; on other recent Sundays thirty, eighteen, twenty-eight, and thirty-seven arrests.

"Senator Hill's idea of personal liberty found full bloom in the Anarchist Haymarket outbreak in Chicago. Senator Hill means personal liberty to commit crime. These men who teach citizens to violate law for beer are teaching them to violate law to get bread to eat. They are sowing the seeds of anarchy. When United States Senator Hill and the representatives of the Democratic Party undermine civilization and encourage violation of the laws, they are committing the most infamous crime."

THE ANTI-QUAY COMBINE.

Meeting of Several of the Leaders at Gov. Hastings's Office.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 24.—For the first time since the Republican State Convention the "combine" leaders met here this afternoon in the private office of Gov. Hastings. David Martin and C. L. Magee arrived from Philadelphia and went direct to the executive department, where they were closeted with the Governor.

It is regarded as singular that at the same time should drop into the department and enter the conference unannounced Alderman Jones, who carried Lehigh county for the combine, and that Major Sam Losch of Schuylkill should be lingering in the vicinity. The talk lasted until 6 o'clock, but every body professed ignorance as to what it was about, and even Private Secretary Lewis Beitler, when questioned, pulled at his torelock and pleaded ignorance. Mr. Magee told the newspaper men that he was here to look after a couple of appointments of factory inspectors, and that he had made the trip at Governor Hastings's request. Mr. Martin said that his visit was of no political significance whatever, but he would not say that it did not have something to do with politics.

After the visitors had had supper they chatted in the Common wealth's lobby until Mr. Martin invited Mr. Magee to take a walk across the bridge over the Susquehanna. Ex-Chairman Gilkeson went with them. They changed their minds, however, and continued their walk up Front street to the Executive Mansion, where the conference with the Governor was continued. There are those who profess to know who say that the meeting is intended to arrange for the making of certain appointments in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and that outside of this there was no politics in the meeting. Others say that the combine leaders are taking an account of stock. The conference may not be concluded until to-morrow morning, as the visitors have arranged to stay over night.

THE THIRD TERM MOVEMENT.

John De Witt Warner Says There Is Real Strength in the Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Ex-Congressman John De Witt Warner of New York adds the weight of his endorsement to the Cleveland third term movement. In an interview on national and New York State politics to-day Mr. Warner was asked if he thought Mr. Cleveland was a candidate for a third term. He said:

"I don't mean to say that, but there is a real strength in the third term sentiment. It is hardly to be supposed that Mr. Cleveland would decline a third term if the people want him. I don't mean to say that Cleveland or Morton will be nominated, but they are the only men who have yet developed any strength. Their support is just strong enough now to make it interesting. It lies with the Republicans to render Mr. Cleveland's nomination inevitable. If this Congress fails to do anything substantial affecting the currency question, or if it merely potters with the question ineffectually and dodges, it will make Mr. Cleveland's renomination inevitable."

MINOR CONVENTIONS.

Deadlock in the Republican Senate Convention for the Forty-first District.

BATH, N. Y., Sept. 24.—The Republican Senate Convention for the Forty-first Senate district, Steuben and Yates counties, met here this afternoon. The First district of Steuben presented the name of the Hon. William H. Nichols of this village; the Second Steuben district of Steuben, Franklin D. Sherwood of Hornellsville, and Yates county John S. Sheppard of Penn Yan. After taking 100 ballots the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, each ballot resulting: Nichols, 6; Sherwood, 6; Sheppard, 6.

TROY, Sept. 24.—The Republicans of the Thirtieth Senatorial district, composed of Rensselaer county, nominated Le Grand C. Tibbitts for State Senator to-day.

CORNING, N. Y., Sept. 24.—The Populists of Wyoming county have nominated for member of Assembly C. B. Lombard of Bennington; County Judge and Surrogate, Edward C. Hersch of Attica.

Mr. Michael J. Dady Makes a Good Deal.

Park Commissioner Squier of Brooklyn has purchased 173 lots of marsh lands out in the Fort Hamilton district and will transform them into a small park. The price paid for the land was $23,000, and, as they were bought for $10,000 two years ago, Mr. Michael J. Dady, who recently came into possession of them and sold them to the Park Commissioner, has evidently realized handsomely by the transaction.

Mr. Dady is the thrifty Republican statesman who was formerly in close business relations with John Y. McKane.

A SCOTCH POVERTY PARTY.

DEVICES FOR LURING MONEY FROM THE UNWARY.

A Unique System of Taxation Introduced with Success by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Scotch Presbyterian Church

"In yo spirit of yo hard times which do now prevail" as the preliminary announcement set forth, a poverty party was given last night in the Scotch Presbyterian Church rooms at Ninety-fifth street and Central Park West. Coarse brown paper circulars had been sent out to all the church members bidding them to the "Poverrtie Partie," as it was written in consideration of the church's nationality; so a large crowd gathered for the fun last night, and contributed their cash to the Christian Endeavor Society of the church to be used in missionary work.

A poverty party is, as might be deduced from the name, an entertainment designed to reduce a man to poverty. It is more frank and open than the ordinary church fair, in that it makes no pretence of giving a return for the money mulcted from the victim. A person who goes to a poverty party simply gets rid of his cash, driblet by driblet, until it is all gone. Then he gets a meal and goes home again. In justice to the young women of Dr. Wylie's congregation who conducted the negotiations last night, it should be announced that the invitations sent out gave fair warning of what was to be expected, outlining a system of taxation that would make the Hon. William McKinley long to start in again and learn his business all over. But the girls rather improved on the printed tax list when the time came. There were several of them and they stood just inside the door wearing large ribbons with the inscription "Tax Committee." No sooner had a new comer paid his five cents admission than they made a rush for him, held him up in the most approved highway-robbery fashion, took a complete inventory of him, and finally presented him with an itemized bill for being alive. For instance, it cost five cents to wear a scarf pin, five cents to wear a linen collar; and for women, five cents for earrings, 10 cents for silk dresses, and so on through a long list. Those who had received circulars arranged themselves accordingly, but there were many who were inveigled into coming by their friends, and who came without a proper realization of the circumstances. One of these unfortunates, a gayly apparelled youth, came in just after THE SUN reporter had passed through the ordeal, and was pounced upon by two committee girls, a short blonde and a tall brunette, who jammed him up in a corner to his intense surprise and consternation and proceeded to list him with pencil and paper.

"Scarfpin," began the blonde. "Five cents," and they both jotted it down, while the young man fingered the article uneasily.

"Patent leather shoes," added the brunnette, looking at them with almost painful intensity. "Three cents."

"Linen collar," observed the short girl. "Five cents."

"What do you mean?" inquired the youth feebly.

"Why, you've got a collar on, haven't you?" demanded the little blonde.

"Of course, I have," replied the victim. "Is there anything the matter with it?"

"It's linen," said the brunette, concisively.

"Don't interrupt us, please. Have you any rings on your fingers?"

"No; never belle on my toes," said the young man, beginning to pluck up courage a little. "What is this—a Mother Goose examination?"

"That's a watch you have on there," accused the blonde, ignoring the question. "Five cents."

"Not on your life," cried the victim. "That's no Waterbury."

"Put down ten cents for using slang, Nellie," cried the brunette, and both wrote it down, adding five cents for the watch chain.

"Eyeglasses, one cent," commented the short girl.

"But I havn't got any eyeglasses," said the urchin.

"Of coure you havn't," was the calm reply; "if you had it would cost you three cents. Have you a dress suit on?"

"Yes," responded the youth, waxing sarcastic, "it's under this cutaway. I always wear a dress suit under a cutaway; makes it set so much better, you know. I've got a pair of rubber boots under my patent leathers, and an ulster wadded up between my shoulder blades, if that information is of any value to you."

"Ten cents for impertinence," observed the brunette cheerfully, and then they made out a bill and handed it to the unhappy youth, who had to pay it. After payment the itemized bill was pinned to his coat lapel, to be worn there throughout the evening for a certificate that he had been through the custom house.

Nearly all of the men came wearing loose cotton shirts, plain neckties, no jewelry or watches, and old boots, but none of them escaped entirely. For instance, one man who had arrayed himself with a strict regard for the exigencies of the occasion was tackled as he entered the door by a committee girl.

"We'll have to tax you on your moustache," she announced.

"But you can't. I haven't got it," he persisted. "I had it shaved off on purpose."

"Men without moustaches are rare at present; with moustaches, three cents," said the enexorable tax gatherer, and then she caught him on the eyeglass question. A little later on she pounced upon a fine-looking old gentleman with a beautiful white beard and gold-rimmed eyeglasses, to be was so plainly the man at the door that he had never been to a poverty party before, and didn't know what it was like. The girl glided up to him, pencil in hand, and looked him over.

"Whiskers," she murmured softly.

"What?" exclaimed the old gentleman, starting violently.

"Whiskers, I said," proceeded the girl, entering the item on her pad.

"Look here, young lady," said the old gentleman indignantly, "I didn't come here to be called Whiskers by a child young enough to be my granddaughter. Such impertinence!"

Away he stalked in high dudgeon, leaving the tax collector horrified; but he had gone only a few steps when another girl swooped down upon him, adding insult to injury with one word.

"Goggles," was the remark she shot at him as she entered it on her pad.

"Goggles!" he repeated. "Well, upon my soul——" and there he stopped because language failed him.

"Well, of course I mean eyeglasses," said she apologetically. "It's down as goggles on the list. Gold-rimmed, too. Five cents."

Five minutes later the old gentleman was pathetically inquiring of one of the trustees whom he knew if it was considered Christian conduct to ridicule an old man on his personal appearance. When the state of the case was explained to him he went back and invited the two tax collectors, both of whom had been much dismayed at his conduct, to partake of refreshments at his expense.

Even he, however, got off easier than a very juvenile young person, the object of whose adoration was on the tax committee. To her he went immediately to be inventoried. When she had come about to the end of the list he asked, touching lovingly a soft shadow that lay upon his upper lip:

"What is the tax on moustaches?"

"Three cents," said the girl, adding consolingly, "but I guess one cent is the very most we ought to charge you on that count, Charley."

A supper was served, at regular prices, upstairs, and there was a concert and general merrymaking after it. Throughout this the Tax Committee was busy, hurrying about from place to place, and in suspicious cases entering charges of three cents for flirting, three cents for backbiting, and five cents per score for telling secrets.

The women who escaped the first set of taxes better than the men were caught napping in the conversation. Where the committee considered that it was getting too little from any one, that person was singled out for an extraordinary tax. It cost one man twenty-five cents to get his silk hat out of the check room. Altogether the poverty party made a rich haul.

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MAYOR SCHIEREN SCORES FIRST.

Some Heights Republicans Declare for His Renomination.

The first gun in the fight for the renomination of Mayor Schieren in Brooklyn was fired last night at a meeting of the Fifth Election District Association of the First ward, held at the St. George Hotel. It is one of the silk-stocking districts on the Heights, and in the membership are included ex-Congressman S. V. White and other leading Republicans.

After a protracted discussion of the Mayoralty question a resolution was unanimously adopted eulogizing the administration of Mayor Schieren and directing the delegates from the district to the City Convention to vote for his renomination. This is the first direct step taken by any branch in the organization to force the renomination of Mr. Schieren, and is believed to foreshadow an early announcement of his purpose to change his determination not to run again. Ex-Senator Jacob Worth, who controls the machinery of the organization, and his friends are still absolutely confident of being able to rout the Schieren forces in the Convention, but even they admit that from general political considerations they may be forced to run him again.

To-night there is to be an important conference at the Brooklyn Republican Club in Pierrepont street over the Mayoralty problem, and Franklin Wheeler and other statesmen threaten to point out the extreme folly of renominating Mr. Schieren.

On the return of the harmonious regular and Sheparditte delegates from Syracuse to-morrow the question of selecting the Democratic candidate for Mayor will be discussed. Within a few days the name of Henry Hentz, a leading Sheparditte, has received marked consideration.

A gathering of anti-monopolists, Knights of Labor, members of the Municipal Ownership League, and similar organizations is to take place in Arion Hall on Sept. 28, to make arrangements for a mass meeting at the Clermont Avenue Rink to nominate Justice William J. Gaynor for Mayor, as the citizens' candidate. Since Justice Gaynor placed himself "in the hands of Providence" a month ago, he has been at his country home at Red Hook, L. I., and has declined to make any political statements.

MERELY BALLOON GOSSIP.

A Fake Poll of the Incoming Congress on the Silver Question.

Under the head of "No Free Coinage, the Chamber of Commerce Polls the Incoming Congress," a morning paper published on Monday what purported to be a canvass of the Senators and Representatives of the new Congress on the currency question. It stated that "a committee of the Chamber of Commerce has made in the last six weeks a careful canvass of Senators and Representatives with results gratifying to the friends of sound money."

This bore all the earmarks of an official statement from the Chamber of Commerce, but the medium through which it was disseminated has too long been consistently unreliable to have any assertion made by it accepted without question. As a matter of fact the Sound Money Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has issued no such document, nor has it made any such report to the Chamber of Commerce. The table was balloon gossip, unauthorized and unsupported. A clerk, who was employed by the Sound Money Committee, prepared it for the paper in question in a curious method of his own. One of the members of this committee suggested to him some time ago that he should size up the next Congress on the currency question as best he might. He did it chiefly from newspaper clippings. As a matter of fact Congress has not been polled, and the table is about as misleading as was the announcement made by the same paper that Valkyrie had won the first of the cup contests. A member of the Sound Money Committee said yesterday: "That table was not the committee's report. It was simply a compilation of a lot of data gathered by our clerk. The information was obtained by looking up the records and public utterances of the members."

The clerk who prepared this statement said yesterday that he had obtained most of his information from newspaper clippings. As a matter of fact, it was not a poll of the new Congress, nor was it an official statement by the Chamber of Commerce. It properly comes under the head of balloon gossip.

HUDSON COUNTY FOR M'GILL.

The Chancellor Is the Unanimous Choice of the State Convention Delegates.

The Hudson county delegates to the New Jersey Democratic State Convention held a caucus last night in the County Committee's headquarters in Grove street, Jersey City, 136 delegates being present. John J. Griffin was selected for Chairman, Henry C. Page, Vice-Chairman, and Edward S. Holman, Secretary. A vote was taken on the choice of the delegation for Governor. Chancellor Alexander T. McGill received 150 votes, Justice J. H. Lippincott, 4, and Augustus W. Cutler 2. The choice of Chancellor McGill was made unanimous.

Assistant Prosecutor Joseph M. Noonan was selected for the Committee on Resolutions, Senator William D. Daly, Committee on Organization; Thomas Nolan, Committee on Rules, and ex-Senator Wm. D. Edwards, Committee on Credentials.

RAN OFF WITH THE FUNDS.

The Treasurer of a Benefit Society Disappears with the Cash.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 24.—Charles H. Vice, Treasurer of the Home Mutual Aid Association, has disappeared and taken with him the books of the association and thousands of dollars which he secured by false representations within the last eighteen months. He left nothing in the treasury with which to pay claims against the association.

All the police found were several bushels of printed matter, a cheap desk, and a couple of chairs. The association was incorporated under the laws of Missouri, Feb. 14, 1894, as a fraternal beneficial order. It insured men and women between the ages of 14 and 55 years, and the benefits to women members were as liberal as to men.

Mrs. Penfield Decorated by the Sultan.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The Sultan of Turkey has conferred upon Mrs. Penfield, wife of United States Consul-General Frederic C. Penfield of Connecticut, who is the diplomatic agent of the United States at Cairo, Egypt, the decoration of Cordon of the Chefeat, set with small jewels. This decoration, says Vice-Consul-General Horace Lee Washington in his report to the department, is of very high rank.

Three American Schooners Seized.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Sept. 24.—A despatch received here says the fishing schooners Bessie M. Devine, Maggie and May, and A. E. Wyland of this port, which landed part of their fish at Bay Bulls, N. F., have been seized by the customs authorities. The case was placed in the hands of counsel, who placed the matter before the Governor and Council, but the authorities refused to release the vessels.

Davenport's New Newspaper.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Sept. 24.—A new eight-page morning paper, to be called the *Republican*, will make its appearance here to-morrow. Its news columns will be filled by the full leased wire service of the United Press. The new paper is owned by a syndicate of prominent local men. It will be a strong advocate of protection and will oppose the free coinage of silver. It is equipped with a complete modern plant.

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A WOMAN AERONAUT'S FALL.

Her Parachute Caught in a Tree and She Shot 60 Feet to the Ground.

HACKENSACK, Sept. 24.—Sallie Thomas Dalton, 21 years old, who says her home is Nashville, Tenn., was severely hurt in a balloon ascension at Schraalenburg this afternoon. This was her tenth regular ascension and her third in this county. She ascended to a height of more than 2,000 feet, cheered by a crowd. The descent was graceful, but the wind carried the aeronaut against a large sycamore tree more than 100 feet from the ground. Her parachute was broken by the branches, and she caught a limb about sixty feet from the ground. This limb gave way, and Miss Dalton shot to the earth, landing heavily on her feet.

She was rendered unconscious by the shock, and was brought to the Hackensack hospital. The hospital doctors say that Miss Dalton's spine was hurt by the fall, and she has a wound on one temple. She is also believed to have sustained internal injuries.

BELONGS TO ILLINOIS.

A Land Decision by Hoke Smith Seriously Affecting Present Holders.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith has decided that the State of Illinois owns more than 20,000 acres in Lake county, the value of which, at a moderate estimate, is between three and four millions of dollars. Hundreds of prosperous farmers in Lake county now have titles for it. Secretary Smith holds that a United States survey in 1850 was invalid and irregular. Under this ruling the officers of the State Government will proceed against the present holders of the land in the Illinois courts, unless some compromise shall be effected.

The land involved, which was originally covered with water, now comprises fine summer resort properties along the Fox River and contributory lakes, as well as many improved farms.

PARTNERS SHARE IN GUILT.

Both Proprietors of a Liquor Store Held for Sunday Selling.

"Which one of the prisoners do you hold?" asked Attorney Max Steinart, who was defending Simon Coleman and Martin Horst, partners, of 920 Second avenue, against a charge of excise violations in Yorkville court yesterday afternoon.

"Both; they are partners and equally guilty, and I will hold them in $500 each," said Magistrate Deuel.

JERSEY'S WOODLAND FIRE.

Houses in Its Path Are Threatened with Destruction.

EGG HARBOR, Sept. 24.—The woodland fire which caused considerable loss yesterday continued raging to-day. During the night the handsome dwelling and barn owned by Ernest Dryer, a trucker, living near the city, were burned. Hundreds are now battling with the flames. There are many houses in the track of the fire, and it is feared that they will be destroyed.

One Life Lost in a Fire at Paterson.

PATERSON, Sept. 24.—The velvet stamping factory of Ran & Co., on East Eighteenth street, was burned this afternoon, nothing remaining but the brick walls. When the flames were well under control the firemen discovered the charred bones of a male person who had been engaged two hours previous to the fire as an engineer's helper.

The fire was caused by the explosion of chemicals used in preparing and printing the material. The damage is estimated at $10,000.

Dr. Houghton's Omissions to be Condoned.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Houghton, pastor of [illegible] Church Around the Corner, appeared [illegible] the Health [illegible] yesterday, accompanied [illegible] W. Grindel. He was [illegible] why he had been delinquent in [illegible] certificates. Dr. Houghton gave as his excuse that he was ill, and that his secretary was out of town when the delinquencies occurred. The Board decided to drop the matter after cautioning him not to repeat the offence.

Lieut. Reton Elected Captain.

An election was held in Company I, Seventy-first Regiment, last night for a captain, vice Sprague, resigned. Major Francis presided, and the result was the unanimous election of First Lieut. Clarence G. Reton of Company D. Captain-elect Reton joined Company B on Feb. 8, 1887, was promoted corporal 1887, sergeant in 1888, second lieutenant, Company D, 1892, and First Lieutenant 1894.

Lauterbach for United States Senator.

The Regular Republican Club of the Twenty-eighth Assembly district, at a meeting held in the club rooms, Eighty-first street and Second avenue, last night adopted a resolution endorsing President Edward Lauterbach of the Republican County Committee as a candidate for United States Senator, to succeed David B. Hill should the Republicans control the next Legislature.

Women in the Methodist General Conference.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 24.—The Indiana Methodist Conference yesterday decided in favor of admitting women to the General Conference, the vote against the so-called Hamilton resolution standing 101 to 10. Ex-President Harrison addressed the Conference by request in the afternoon.

Mr. Croker Visits His Son.

Richard Croker went to New Haven yesterday to visit his son Frank, who is a student at Yale. He will return on Thursday in time to meet the Tammany Hall delegation returning from Syracuse.

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TRIED TO BURN TO DEATH.

LAY ON A KEROSENE-SOAKED MATTRESS AND SET FIRE TO IT.

Then, with His Oil-soaked Hair Afire, Fergus Cut His Own Throat—Neighbors Save the House—Fergus May Recover.

Fergus lived with his wife and numerous small children on the top floor in the rear of the big tenement house at 494 First avenue. When he worked he did odd jobs as a laboring man. For the past week he did little but drink and talk to himself. Now and then he would spend a half hour in upbraiding Mrs. Fergus for some fancied wrong, but she knew his peculiarities and paid but little attention to what he said. Even when he threatened to butcher the entire family and wound up by cutting his own throat, Mrs. Fergus was not greatly disturbed.

Yesterday morning Fergus had an unusually queer spell. About 10 o'clock he began to storm at his wife, and she was frightened at what he said. She tried to quiet him.

"Don't go on so, Bill," she said.

"I'll do worse than that!" he shouted. "I'll go to the priests of St. Stephen's Church and apply for a divorce. If they don't give it to me, I'll come back and kill every one of ye."

He then ran out of the house. A little after noon he returned, and he had little to say. Mrs. Fergus's fears were allayed, and she thought that he had merely had a bad spell, which was over for the time.

While she was absent from their apartments Fergus took a mattress from the bed in the front room, dragged it into the rear room, and placed it in the middle of the floor. Taking out a gallon can, which was full of kerosene, he poured the oil all over the mattress, after which he turned the stream on himself. He did not stop until his clothes were saturated.

Then he lay down on the mattress, and lighting a match he set fire to the bed.

Soon there was a big blaze in the room. Fergus lay calmly amid the flames until his hair caught fire. He then jumped to his feet, and, seizing a knife which lay on the table, he made a horrible gash in his throat. Every hair was burned from his head, and the blood poured from the wound in his neck. Strange to relate his clothes did not catch fire.

The other tenants of the house were startled by seeing a dense volume of black smoke coming from the rear window of the Fergus apartments. A number of men dashed up the stairs. Two of them managed to find their way into the back room, and seizing the blazing mattress they forced it through the rear window. It caught on a clothes line in the yard, where it continued to burn fiercely. One of the tenants on the first floor had hung out a week's washing a few hours before, and before the fire could be put out every stitch on the line was destroyed.

Several of the tenants who went up stairs to help put out the fire seized Fergus and held him until a policeman from the East Thirty-fifth street station arrived. Fergus was taken a prisoner to Bellevue Hospital.

"Why did you cut your throat?" asked Clerk Gleason.

"Because I thought I would not burn up fast enough," replied Fergus.

The wound in his throat is very deep, but it is thought that he will recover.

ONE WOMAN KILLED AND TWO HURT.

Wagonette Smashed at Little Silver Crossing by a Long Branch Train.

LONG BRANCH, Sept. 24.—A wagonette, containing a party of colored women, was struck by a special passenger train at the Little Silver crossing on the New York and Long Branch Railroad this morning, and one woman was killed and two others seriously injured.

The party consisted of five colored women—Mrs. Annie Bell, Miss Mattie Banks, Mrs. Mary Blake, Lucy Millstead, and Mrs. Carrie Cooper. They were returning to this place from Red Bank. The wagonette was owned by William H. Campbell and was driven by Lewis Bennett.

It was 1:30 when the party reached Little Silver. The special left for Branch for Jersey City at 1:15, having made a trip to Philipsburg with a party of Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Bell was seated with Driver Bennett on the front seat of the wagonette. Driver Bennett did not see or hear the train approaching, and the first he knew of it was when the engine struck the team. After the collision the engineer stopped his train and backed down to the crossing. The team of horses had been cut to pieces and the carriage was wrecked. Mrs. Bell was found in a dying condition and died before being placed in the train. Mrs. Cooper and Miss Banks were found with their legs broken. Driver Bennett and the two other women escaped with a few bruises.

Mrs. Bell owned several houses at this place, and during the season conducted a laundry. She leaves a husband and a large family of grown children.

*A GIRL WHO LIVED IN THE PAR