

BROOKLYN AND TAMMANY.

McLAUGHLIN'S FORCES WATCH COMMISSIONER YORK.

Democratic Statesmen Turn Out in Force to See Mayor Byrne Disposed in the Eleventh Assembly District—Mr. York Suspected of Watering in Loyalty to the Machine.

The Democratic committee in each of the twenty-one Assembly districts in Brooklyn met last night to receive the returns from the recent election. The returns were in all cases referred to the Committee on Organization, which meets in the Eleventh Assembly district, which comprises the Ninth ward, three districts in the Eleventh and three in the Twenty-second, and held in the presence of a large number of prominent Democratic statesmen.

A large number of prominent Democratic statesmen were present. Among them were former Mayor John McCarty, Police Commissioner Bernard J. York, Deputy Commissioner of Highways Farrell, former Assemblyman Furey, Commissioner of Jurors William A. Byrne, Henry Hawkes, and the redoubtable ex-Judge J. Clarence McLaughlin.

McLaughlin, the recognized leader of the organization, in Mr. McLaughlin's absence, indicated that there was much more importance attached to the primaries than appeared on the surface. The primaries resulted in the deposing of Byrne from the leadership of the district and the installation of Farrell as the new leader. This was a check to his kick against the Willoughby street gang and general interest was attached to the contest because of the ambiguous position taken by Police Commissioner York.

Mr. York announced that Mr. York had entered into an alliance with him in his rebellion, but Mr. Farrell contended that the Commissioner was probably the expectation that something would occur to force Mr. York to show his hand that brought so many of Mr. McLaughlin's faithful lieutenants to the front last night. The proceedings were held in the presence of a large number of prominent Democratic statesmen.

There was some slight disposition shown to stifle the controversy then and there, but the supporters of Mr. York were not to be deterred. The supporters of Mr. York were not to be deterred. The supporters of Mr. York were not to be deterred.

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LOADED WITH REVOLVERS.

Nine Violent Weapons on the Sea Senator, Who Turned a Saloon.

John Fisher, who stated that he was an old-time saloon keeper, created a panic in a neighborhood in the vicinity of the Bowery street and Broadway street, near Forty-third street, yesterday morning, by singing a harpoon song and keeping time to the music with a revolver in each hand.

The saloon proprietor shut himself up in the Sunday hotel part of the barroom, the bartender got down on the floor, the customers beat a hasty retreat through the side door and shouted for policemen. Detectives Daly, Thompson, and Lawless heard them, and entering the saloon, found the merry whaler still singing at the top of his voice.

He was the man the detectives had been looking for since the night before, when a box of nine revolvers had been stolen from the premises of Charles F. Canfield at 504 West Forty-fourth street. Fisher was arrested with two other men, and the nine revolvers were found in his possession.

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HALF A MILLION FOR WIND.

HOW THE RAPID TRANSIT BOARD SPENDS THE CITY'S MONEY.

The books of the Commission in a Desperate Condition, and \$480,000 Frittered Away in the Advocacy of the Hole-in-the-Ground Scheme—Mayor Van Wyck's Comments.

The Commissioners of Accounts submitted a report to the Mayor yesterday concerning the accounts of the Rapid Transit Commission. The report is not at all flattering to the Commissioners. Here it is:

"The condition of the books of the commission is deplorable in the extreme, so much so that no accurate data can be compiled therefrom. Therefore an account of the disbursements for the entire period, Feb. 9, 1891, to Jan. 1, 1898, had to be compiled from vouchers found on file in the office of the commission, verifying the same by original vouchers found on file in the office of the Controller.

"In disbursements of first commission, as shown by Controller's vouchers, \$31,250 were paid to the Rapid Transit Commission, to Adams & Mealla, stenographers, have no voucher or book record in the office of the commission.

"The first commission, organized in February, 1891, under chapter 4, Laws of 1891, was composed of Commissioners Eugene L. Bushe, John H. James, William Steiner, John H. Martin, and Samuel Spencer. The second commission, organized in June, 1894, pursuant to chapter 4, Laws of 1894, as amended by chapter 703, Laws of 1894, was composed of Commissioners Alexander E. Orr, William Steiner, John H. James, John H. Martin, and Samuel Spencer.

The total expenditure and incurred liability under the Rapid Transit Commission, from Jan. 1, 1898, including an undetermined liability for compensation to present commission members since March 1, 1898, amounts to about \$430,000.

Attention is called to the increased fees to the Rapid Transit Commission, from 1891 to June, 1894, three years four and a quarter months, \$18,000.00; second commission, from June 1, 1894, to Nov. 30, 1897, three years four and a half months, \$78,000.33.

The office forces of the Rapid Transit Commission are estimated to be \$250,000 a year. The Chief Engineer, William Barclay Parsons, is estimated to be \$100,000 a year, and the Chief Engineer, William Barclay Parsons, is estimated to be \$100,000 a year.

BLACK LAW SUPERSEDED.

No Separate Examinations for Fitness and Merit in City Civil Service.

Corporation Counsel Whelan gave an opinion to Comptroller Cook yesterday that the civil service provisions of the Charter are inoperative and that the original Civil Service Law of the State, as followed in the charter, is now in part in force in this city, and has been in part repealed by inconsistent provisions of the charter.

At the same time, Mr. Whelan holds that the civil service rules and regulations are eligible into the consolidation remain in force until new rules and regulations shall be adopted by the present Commissioners. This is the gist of Mr. Whelan's opinion:

"Appointments and promotions according to 'fitness' are prescribed by the act of 1883 and are in force in this city, but the act of 1894, which provides for the 'merit and fitness' by the Constitution of 1894.

On the supposition that there was a difference in meaning between merit and fitness, the Black Law of 1897 was constructed. Surely, however, merit is a part of fitness for employment, and it would be impossible to maintain the distinction between the two.

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ESTIMATES CUT SAVAGELY.

\$6,500,000 ECONOMIZED IN SEVEN DEPARTMENTS.

Commissioners Appear to Have Aimed Too High All Around When Their Figures Are Backed 40 or 50 Per Cent.—Why Bridges Came Down from \$9,000,000 to \$3,500,000.

Mayor Van Wyck's economy axe did great service yesterday. The estimate of John L. Shea, the Commissioner of Bridges, for the expenses of his department for 1898, was cut from nearly \$2,000,000 to less than \$350,000, and \$1,150,000 was wiped off the estimate of William Dalton, the Commissioner of Water Supply. James P. Keating, the Commissioner of Highways, lost \$1,410,000 in the shuffle, and the estimate of James Kane, the Commissioner of Streets, was reduced nearly 50 per cent.

The Board of Public Improvements, of which Maurice F. Holahan is the President, was also a heavy sufferer. Instead of getting nearly \$500,000 it gets less than one-third of that sum. The sum of \$647,244.88 was tacked off the estimate of the Charter Commissioners, and the estimate of the Board of Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies. The following are the estimates and the appropriations made:

Charities, \$1,188,457.88 to \$1,671,213.00; Bridges, \$1,998,775.50 to \$350,000.00; Highways, \$1,410,000.00 to \$1,410,000.00; Water Supply, \$1,150,000.00 to \$350,000.00; Streets, \$1,998,775.50 to \$350,000.00; Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies, \$1,188,457.88 to \$1,671,213.00; Board of Public Improvements, \$647,244.88 to \$1,671,213.00.

The sum of \$4,500 was added to the budget of the Municipal Assembly for three additional civil engineers, and the Board of Estimate got an appropriation of \$24,435.50 for the services of engineers and draughtsmen, who will be employed by the Board of Estimate.

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KANSAS PACIFIC RAIL.

The House Debates the Bill Authorizing the Government to Buy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the House to-day the bill authorizing the Government to buy the Kansas Pacific Railroad was discussed. The bill was introduced by Mr. Fleming (Dem., Ga.) and was read twice.

Mr. Fleming (Dem., Ga.) endeavored to secure unanimous consent for the consideration next Monday of the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase the Kansas Pacific division of the Union Pacific Railroad. The sale of the property, he said, was fixed for Feb. 17, and if anything were to be done it would have to be done quickly.

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Why shiver, with paper vests but 50c.—almost as warm as an ulster.

And Price Notes are \$15; instead of \$18 and \$20. Walking-out suits, single and double-breasted suits, \$15 and \$18; instead of \$18 to \$25. Bicycle coats are \$2.50; breeches, \$9; suits were \$15 to \$18.

Cork-soled shoes, \$5; instead of \$7.

Why talk economy, if you don't practice it—winter still is young and prices you see are down.

ROGERS, PEET & CO.

Price and Broadway, Warren and Broadway, Thirty-second and Broadway.

CHERRING.

The curlers yesterday again visited the big enclosed rink at Hoboken and held several interesting contests. The ice was in good condition for the sport. The results follow:

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—FIFTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—SIXTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—SEVENTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—EIGHTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—NINTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—TENTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—ELEVENTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

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WATTS' CHAMPION MATCH—THIRTEENTH ROUND. Watts' Team—Charles McKean, 1; Robert Good, 2; James Alexander, 3; John Lewis, 4; James Alexander, 5; Robert Good, 6; Charles McKean, 7; Alexander McKean, 8; skip, Total, 10.

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THE BROOKLYN LEAGUE PLEDGES ITS SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT GROUT.

The Brooklyn League has sent this secretary to President Edward M. Groot, who is much dissatisfied over the limited scope of his office, and has intimated that he may be driven to resign.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE INVESTIGATION.

The Public Printer charged with violating the Rules—Brooklyn G. A. Men Complains.

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REPUBLICAN HARMONY.

President Quigg Will Appoint His Conference Committee.

WAGES ON CANAL WORK.

Contractors Notified That They Must Comply with New Law.

BOBBER'S APPLICATION DENIED.

The Attorney-General Declines to Bring Action to Oust the New Coroners.

NEW YORK'S FIRST PRISONER.

Cable Boy Betrays Discharge by the New Borough Marshal.

NEW FORTH CLASS POSTMASTERS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Fifty-four fourth class Postmasters were appointed to-day, among them the following for New York.

WEATHER OBSERVER NIXON STARTS FOR KIDDER.

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