

VOORHEES-KEAN BATTLE

THE JERSEY GOVERNOR AND JUNIOR SENATOR TO GO TO LAW.
The Governor's refusal to appoint a man Senator Keen selected for the Union County Election Board the cause of the trouble between the two men is the subject of a letter from Governor Voorhees to Senator Keen. The letter is a full and complete explanation of the Governor's position. It is a full and complete explanation of the Governor's position. It is a full and complete explanation of the Governor's position.

GOV. YATES SEES ROOSEVELT

Remember That He Would Like to Head a 1904 Roosevelt Boom in Illinois.
CHICAGO, Ill., July 31.—Vice-President Roosevelt, Gov. Yates and Senator Fairbanks of Indiana met at the Auditorium Annex to-day and the politicians found much material in the fact for gossip about plans for 1904. Senator Fairbanks, who is nursing a Presidential boom of his own, merely ran up from Indianapolis to pay his respects to the Vice-President. Gov. Yates, who is nursing a Presidential boom of his own, merely ran up from Indianapolis to pay his respects to the Vice-President.

DIVER TO THE RESCUE

When Judge Diver learned yesterday that Henry Schierhorst had secured the lease of the old Elm street school building and that Councilman Foley had this outwitted the Diver election district captain, Connie Sullivan, who tried to dispossess the Schierhorsts because they would not resign from Foley's club and join the Diver organization, the Tammany leader of the Second Assembly district hurried to the Comptroller's office and raised a row.
At least this is the story that was circulated through the district yesterday. It was said that Judge Diver demanded to know why one of his followers was turned down for trying to get the best of a Foley candidate and that he was promptly told that the city could do about as it pleased in the matter of leasing one of its buildings. He was also told that the woman who had the lease, Mrs. Grady, had paid only \$40 a month and that the Foley tenant had offered \$50, which offer was accepted.

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GOV. ODELL HERE, INSPECTING

Visits Ward's Island and Quarantine and Sees Senator Platt.
Gov. Odell and his party, who have been inspecting the State institutions, reached this city yesterday. The quarantine boat, the "Hesperus," was accompanied by the West Shore pier. Gov. Odell was accompanied by Speaker Nelson of the Assembly, Senators Higgins and Ellsworth, County Judges Allds and Nelson, and Secretary Graham. They went first to the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island, the boat running down the North River and up the East River with the State flag at the fore.
The next visit was to the Quarantine Station, where Assistant County Judge Hoyer went down to the Comptroller's office and saw the Comptroller's legal adviser, Assistant Corporation Counsel Hoyer. He said he would hold the Comptroller responsible for any damages that might result to his client in case of the execution of the Foley lease. The Comptroller then demanded to know by whose authority the notices had been sent out revoking the action taken on the previous day.
"I sent those notices out," said one of the employees of the office who is an ardent Diverite. "I sent those notices out and we are going to cancel the Schierhorst lease because we did not know it was a case of politics."
"Well, my client will have something to say about that," replied Lawyer Hoyer, "this Diver captain who has been holding a surety job for years is not going to be allowed to dispossess legal voters because they are not his voters. If the Schierhorst lease is cancelled, it will be a great mistake in my opinion of him. The Foley voters have a right to stay in that house until after primary day so long as they pay their rent promptly. We are willing to allow the Diver voters to remain, too, but we want our rights. The other side won't compromise. We will fight in the courts. We'll come here to-morrow to talk it over." Councilman Foley went to the picnic of the Maccabees at the Hotel Scheraga at Sunset and Harlem River Park last night and proceeded to kiss all the Jewish babies to get even with Judge Diver who kissed all the babies on the church excursion on Tuesday.

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BOLD LETTER BOX THIEVES

ARREST OF THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE GANG IN HAVRE, MON.
Disguised Themselves as Letter Carriers, and Robbed Street Letter Boxes in This and Other Cities—Forged Indorsements on Negotiable Checks and Got Them Cash.
WASHINGTON, July 31.—With the arrest of a man named Miller in Havre, Mon., last week, the Post Office inspectors have put a temporary stop to the career of a gang of letter box thieves that has caused them constant trouble for the past three or four years. During the last twelve or fifteen years there have been several similar gangs, but this one was by far the most vexatious. The other members of the gang were Prentice Tiller and G. H. Grant. They operated in New York for three months. The three disguised themselves in the uniforms of letter carriers and boldly opened the street letter boxes, took out the mail and deposited it in the regular mail. It was easy enough for them to learn the hours when the regular carriers made their collections and thus avoid meeting them.
The chances for detection were very small, for even if their work should be observed by a carrier not assigned to that route it would be his natural presumption that they were substitute carriers, and their presence in a city was never discovered until complaints began to come in that letters were missing, and the records showed that the letters had never reached the post office. Inspectors were assigned to the case, but the men had sought fresh fields by that time. The letters thus produced were carefully rifled, and the money, checks and negotiable paper removed, and the remainder destroyed.
Grant is an expert penman, and his part of the work was to make the checks negotiable by forging the proper indorsements. Miller robbed the boxes, Grant doctored the checks and Tiller negotiated them. Grant was arrested in October, and the writing on the checks with acid, leaving usually nothing but the signature and sometimes the amount. He would then fill in the names and addresses, and as the marks of the acid were usually not noticed by the persons to whom they were presented the gang had little difficulty in getting their cashed. In one case they desired to have a check on a New York bank calling for \$100 cashed, they erased all the writing in a letter accompanying the check except the name and filled the space with a notice that a representative of the firm signing the letter would call in a few days, and when he called he had no difficulty in negotiating the check. The first complaints came from Haverhill, Mass., in August, 1900. In September of that year they were operating in Baltimore and Wilmington, Del. In October they were heard from in Newark, N. J. They then slipped to Indianapolis, Evansville, Fort Wayne and Terre Haute, Ind., where they operated in October and November. On Nov. 3 they struck Memphis, Tenn., and were next heard of in New York during November, December and January. Hitherto the rapidity with which they moved has puzzled the inspectors, but the Cincinnati sleuths followed as fast as the gang moved and in the latter part of March Tiller and Grant were arrested in Hastings, Neb. Miller fled and was not taken until last week. Tiller and Grant were held in May at Cincinnati and sentenced to five years and three years respectively. It is expected that Miller will get at least three years. Chief Inspector Graham said to-day that this was one of the worst gangs of its kind with which the Department had ever had to deal.

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