

PLATT DISAPPROVES OF IT.

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Senator Thoms C. Platt yesterday that he thought that the attempt made by a faction in the Republican City Committee on Tuesday to put the negotiations with other anti-Tammans bodies in the hands of a new conference committee was a bad move and that he considered it the duty of every Republican at this time to work for harmony and to avoid any act that might be construed into an attempt to dictate the action of the conference.

Mr. Platt said emphatically that he did not know beforehand of the proposed change in the representation of the Republicans, and he said that he was going to see National Committee Frederick S. Gibbs and ask him if he had known about it. Mr. Gibbs has always been a friend of Senator E. Quigg, who is present here in part in the negotiations over the nomination that is to be made this fall, and it was one of Mr. Gibbs's lieutenants, William Halpin, who introduced the resolution in the Executive Committee of the City Committee. Senator Platt was at his office when he was seen about the matter. In answer to a number of questions that were put to him he said:

"I did not know that that resolution was to be introduced and it was a great surprise to me. It looks as though the real purpose of the resolution was to give the Republicans the control of the conference and I do not understand what prompted it. It looks like it would raise hell. Mr. Morris (President of the County Committee and head of the present Conference Committee) was not consulted. Why was he not consulted? That is what I want to know and it is what Mr. Morris himself does not understand. He was in to see me this morning and he came to the conclusion that the whole thing was the work of Fred Gibbs. I have sent for Mr. Gibbs and I will have a talk with him about it. He is at Leg Branch and I may not be able to see him to-day. From what I can understand it is up to Gibbs to explain."

It would look as though the adoption of that resolution would tend to discredit the present County Committee and that that too at a time when every good Republican ought to be working to insure harmony. There must be absolutely fair treatment of all reports if we are to have an effective combination this fall. "Do you think that Ten Eyck, who was appointed to a fat office by Mayor Van Hook is a good man to run the Republican campaign this fall?" said the reporter. "I don't think that under the circumstances Mr. Ten Eyck would accept the job of running the campaign," said the Senator.

National Committee Frederick S. Gibbs was at his country home at Aubury Park, New York, when he was called to New York by the press. "Was that your scheme in the City Committee last night?" "All right," said Mr. Morris, Ten Eyck, and all of us," said Mr. Gibbs. "Mr. Platt too?" "No," said Mr. Platt. "Well, I don't know," said Mr. Morris. "Mr. Platt says that Mr. Morris thinks it was one of your schemes and that he has sent for you to explain it." "Ah, now," said Mr. Gibbs in reply, "did the Senator say that? Yes, well, he hasn't sent for me yet."

Mr. Ten Eyck himself told the reporters that the proceedings of the City Committee had been untruthfully reported, but he could not specify any mistakes that had been made in the reports. "I am sure that the resolution was by no means dead. It was referred back to the Executive Committee which has appointed Mr. Morris as its chairman and I can call it together at any time to act as it sees fit. I don't know whether I will call the committee together again, now or not."

Then Mr. Ten Eyck jumped out of his chair and banged on his desk with his fist. "The proceedings of the City Committee to the conference is not fair and equitable," he said. "We have the greatest vote and we ought to have the greatest representation. The resolutions of the conference are in proportion to the party strength. It doesn't make any difference whether we have one man in the conference or 100 if we are to have a fair representation. I don't know who would have been on the new committee if I had been authorized to appoint it. Roberts as the chairman of the City Committee is a man who would have been on it; I would have been on it. I don't know how many men would have been on it. It is generally understood that a dog would have been one of the men selected by Ten Eyck for a place on the committee. It is also understood that President Morris would have been on it. I don't know whether the conference would be controlled by counting noses among the delegates, but I think the Republican organization, whether it had one or a hundred representatives, would have the same consideration. No specific number of delegates was assigned to any conferring body."

It is the object of the conference to avoid contests in which a test of strength would be necessary to carry the day and to reach its conclusions by argument and discussion. It is not a convention. All the conference can do is to recommend to the convention and only one of these bodies, the Citizens' Union City Convention is now in existence. The conventions, anyway, cannot be bound to the act of any committee. Chairman Ogden of the Citizens' Union said yesterday that he thought there was no reason why the Republican representation should be changed, though he added that the matter was one that he could not discuss on account of the position that he occupied.

It is possible that if Ten Eyck and his friends get their resolution through the City Executive Committee and appointed a new conference committee they could not get into the conference. Admission to it is a matter of courtesy, not of right and an invitation might not be extended to the Ten Eyck outfit.

WANT INDEPENDENT DEMOCRAT.

Mr. Woodruff Helps Decide on Majority Candidate in the Abstract.

Lieut. Gov. Woodruff and the members of the Kings County Executive Committee held a conference in the Brooklyn Club last evening at which they discussed a full expression of their views on a majority candidate. The members did not discuss individuals. When the discussion was concluded all the executive members voted unanimously that an independent board of assessors be nominated for Mayor.

The question of selecting a successor to Col. Taft as chairman of the Executive Committee was also discussed, but no decision was reached.

James' Democratic State Convention. ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 21.—The Democratic State Convention met at the Coleman House to-day and decided to hold the State convention at Trenton in October. A special committee consisting of State Chairman William B. Conover, Ed. E. L. Press and David Carter was appointed to name the delegates.

WANTS ANOTHER DIVORCE.

Mrs. Kid McCoy Sues on Statutory Grounds and for \$20,000 for Assault.

SARATOGA, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Kid McCoy, or, to be more legally correct, Mrs. Julia S. Selby, has concluded that she wants another divorce from her husband, Norman Selby, better known as "The profligate." Kid McCoy. Mrs. Selby came to the same conclusion a little less than year ago, after she and Mr. Selby had indulged in a little "rough house" at their residence, 239 East Forty-third street, New York. Accordingly the lady instituted proceedings, named a rather well-known sous-brette as correspondent and got her divorce.

Thereupon, in a fit of despondency, Mr. Selby went to Europe, and Mrs. Selby declared that she was going on the stage, but she didn't. At least she didn't appear much, and at length her former husband returned from over the sea. The two met, and Mrs. Selby, in the presence of a husband, was a regular at a fashionable New York restaurant that Norman was the only man she ever loved. Then they embraced, and not long after were married over again.

This spring Selby came to Saratoga and opened a road house on the eastern shore, it is known as the "The Selby." Mrs. Selby came up here in the place of New York and it was supposed that all was well in the Selby household. This morning, however, it is known that Mrs. Selby had retained Judge Wash Rockwood of Saratoga, and had not only sued her husband for divorce on statutory grounds, but also sought an order for \$20,000 damages for two assaults alleged to have been made upon her by her husband on August 13 and 14.

The case in the suit for damages recited that while Mr. and Mrs. Selby were driving from Saratoga to the lake on Aug. 13 Selby assaulted his wife and then three days later, on the 16th, he again assaulted her. It is alleged that on Aug. 14 Selby assaulted his wife again at their place at the lake. Judge Rockwood was asked to-night who was named as the correspondent in the divorce case, and he refused to say anything about it, except to admit that he had been asked to act as an assessor to recover damages for an assault, on the ground that Mrs. Selby wished the whole proceedings to be kept as quiet as possible. The defendant, Norman Selby, was granted that Mrs. Selby is thinking of going on the stage again. Selby left for New York to-night and Selby is expected here to-morrow. If both actions come on for trial, the trial will take place in Saratoga.

CUTTING DOWN BOSTON TREES.

The Axe Piled on Commonwealth Avenue and the Residents Rise to Protest.

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—Residents of Commonwealth Avenue remaining at their homes through the summer have risen in their wrath at the destruction of trees along the park side of the Mall. City Commissioners have been sent to the residents of the avenue who are out of town and a crop of "letters to the editor" are on the way. But the cry has come too late, for most of the work is finished. It seems that the Park Commissioners intended to thin out only a few trees that interfered with the proper growth of large and more valuable trees, but the people of the Mall are so patriotic in their opposition to the cutting of trees that they have organized a "Committee of the Mall." One of the oldest inhabitants in a letter to a local newspaper speaks of the "desecration" as follows: "Having been assured through the press that the proposed cutting down of the trees on Commonwealth Avenue was not intended by the Park Commissioners, I went to the Mall this morning to find the work well under way. Being a long resident I should like to inquire through your columns, whether the Park Commissioners intend to cut down the trees without the knowledge or consent of those who pay the taxes for the privilege of living here, to destroy the beautiful scenery of the Mall, and to cut down the trees on the avenue. I would earnestly call the attention of the absent residents to this work, which is now in progress, while the trees are still in the prime of their life, and to the fact that the cutting of trees on the avenue is a crime, there may be yet time, if immediate action is taken, to prevent the cutting of trees on the avenue from such ruthless desecration."

MAD DOG SCARE IN MUSIC HALL.

Hunted Animal Sought Safety There, but Was Shot to Death.

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GILMAN, STATE COMPTROLLER.

Eric Objects to a New Yorker and Wants to Supply the Man Itself.

The Hon. Ernest C. Knight State Comptroller, is to be nominated for Mayor of Buffalo. This has been known for several weeks and it was confirmed at the Oriental Hotel, Coney Island, last night, when Senator Platt discussed the Erie county situation with Deputy Comptroller Theodore P. Gilman of the Nineteenth Assembly district, New York city.

CUBAN TEACHERS FINISH STUDY.

Will Come From Cambridge to New York Today for a Short Visit.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 21.—The seventy-seven Cuban teachers who have been studying English at the Harvard summer school for the last six weeks had their final examinations to-day. The teachers will leave Cambridge to-morrow afternoon for New York by way of New Haven. The teachers are only one of the Cuban teachers who have made excellent progress. They have foreign social functions, with a few native teachers, and they are very actively studying. However, they have visited many of the chief points of interest in and around Boston, and all are fond of the pastimes of the courtesies and privileges extended.

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LAY IT TO SECRETARY ROOT.

LONG DELAY IN REAPPOINTING FEDERAL OFFICIALS HERE.

When Senator Platt is Asked About It He Says the President is On His Vacation—Politicians Say the Secretary Will Be a Power in the State.

Go where you will in any of the boroughs which make up New York city and the Republican politicians will ask you: "Why are not these Federal officials re-appointed?"

Postmaster Van Cott, "Naval Officer Sharkey," "Serrano Agent Kerwin."

There are a number of other equally important appointments that have been "held up," as it were.

A lot of Republicans have been to Senator Platt and asked him "What's the matter?" The Senator is a very mild-spoken gentleman and he always says that the President is on his vacation in Canton; but some of those Republicans who would tumble off their seats in a hurry to his tie or to flick a bit of dust from his shoulder, on the outside that Secretary of War Elihu Root is a very wicked man and that he, the Secretary of War, is the cause of the delay in the re-appointment of these important Federal officials. As for Wakenstein, they don't bother about him, they say, because he is a Republican. As for Root, on the ground that it takes about twenty-eight hours out of each twenty-four in the day for a friend of Wakenstein to get to Washington.

But the Republicans who talked about the situation of those Federal appointments last night and about Secretary Root, said that Mr. Root has a certain amount of money in the State of New York, and that in the proceedings of the New York and Brooklyn and State conventions there would have to be some account taken of Secretary Root. Secretary Root at one time was President of the New York Republican County Committee and he knows the ropes. He is a wealthy lawyer and President McKinley made him Secretary of War. It was declared that Secretary Root is thinking of going on the stage again. Selby left for New York to-night and Selby is expected here to-morrow. If both actions come on for trial, the trial will take place in Saratoga.

BUY'S SARATOGA PROPERTY.

The Polo Club to Become Owners of the Grounds It Now Uses.

SARATOGA, Aug. 21.—Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., of New York, William H. McLaughlin, of New York, and George T. Smith and Edward L. Smith of New York, representing the Saratoga Polo Club, closed a real estate transaction to-day with ex-Senator John Foley, by the terms of which the Polo Club will become the owners of the grounds it now uses and which belong to Benjamin Ryall of Saratoga. The tract of land includes about 100 acres, situated on the north side of the city, and is bounded by the country seat of the late Henry Hilton. The club leased the grounds and laid out a polo field on it not quite three years ago. The lease carried with it an option on the property, which has not yet expired, but the officers of the club concluded to exercise the option, and notified Senator Foley yesterday that they were ready to take the property.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS.

State Convention Nominates a Supreme Court Judge and State Treasurer.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 21.—The Republican State Convention to-day was called to order by State Chairman Reeder, who made no speech. Director of the Public Safety J. O. Brown, of Pittsburgh, was the temporary chairman and David H. Lane, of Philadelphia, the permanent chairman. The reading of the permanent platform was made by Judge W. P. Potter, of Pittsburgh, who was nominated as the candidate for Supreme Court Justice and Frank Harris, of Clearfield, as the candidate for State Treasurer. The convention was enthusiastically enthusiastic when Senator William Finley, late "insurgent" leader, and Major David H. Chew, of Philadelphia, conducted Lane to the chair.

In the platform address the Republican party of Pennsylvania compares the prosperous condition of the country under the McKinley Administration with the languishing industries under the Cleveland administration and points to the supremacy of our army and navy and the triumphs in distant parts of the world. The people of the State are urged to support the party which they enjoy, and, regretting labor contacts, the resolutions express the hope that the spirit of mediation and labor peace will be maintained and that the party will be able to organize and recognize, but it declares that "neither capital nor labor has the right to resort to violence or methods of coercion to obtain rights."

The Republican party is congratulated upon the restoration of harmony and the recognition of the rights of the people. The platform sets forth that the party is anxious to have the right of the people to be recognized, and it is marked by the declaration of the Democratic convention last week. It is pointed out that certain newspapers, failing to report the Republican party on its record, are guilty of the verbiage of an ambitious advertiser, have "crawled under the tents of Democracy and have degenerated into yellow journals."

SUES FOR FATHER'S ESTATE.

Mrs. Van Ness Sues Her Uncle and Aunt for the Estate of Her Father.

The case of Hannah Van Ness of 323 West Forty-third street, who charges Philip and Catherine McGuire of 225 East Thirty-eighth street with depriving her of a share of an estate valued at \$120,000, will be heard this morning before Justice O'Gorman in Part I Supreme Court. William J. McCormick, counsel for the plaintiff, said yesterday.

HUMAN CAUSED HIS DEATH.

She Caused Torlette's Death, but Did Not Know That He Was Unable to Swim.

PREPARED, L. I., Aug. 21.—Witnesses testified at the inquest into the death of Clinton Torlette, who was drowned near Woodlawn Inn at this place Sunday by the capsizing of a row-boat while out with a party of ladies. The young woman who was the cause of the tragedy was the wife of the deceased. She was unable to swim and her husband was not mentioned in the testimony at the inquest. More than 100 witnesses watched young Torlette drown and only one witness was his assistant who was charged with his safety.

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MERCANTILE AGENCY FAILS.

The Mutual's Creditors Ask That It Be Declared Bankrupt.

Proceedings in bankruptcy were begun yesterday against the Mutual Mercantile Agency of 305 Broadway by the filing of a petition signed by three creditors whose claims represent several thousand dollars.

Robert Magruder, President of the company, said that its liabilities amount to about \$200,000, of which two-thirds was owing to the directors for money advanced and to employees for unpaid salaries.

"As soon as possible," Mr. Magruder said, "the creditors will be called together and a scheme of reorganization will be presented to them. Just what that scheme will be it is impossible to say at present, but it will be necessary to raise additional capital if the company is to continue. The assets are merely nominal and if disposed of would bring but a very small amount of money. The creditors understand this and recognize that the only chance of obtaining what they are owed is by putting the company on a firm footing again."

There are no hesitation in saying that if the agency is wound up the creditors will get nothing but a few cents on the dollar. The majority of the creditors are friendly to us and that they will assent to any proposals for reorganization, which means that they will get nothing but a few cents on the dollar. The announcement of the financial embarrassment of the concern did not come as a surprise. For the last month its employees have not been paid full salaries. Efforts were made recently by the officials to raise money but without success.

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SUSPENDS ACCUSED OFFICERS.

MURPHY RISKS VEXING DEVERY — JEROME GOING AHEAD.

Hopes to Get Higher Up — Glennon, Shells and Dwyer to be Indicted Today — Wardmen Pondering on Risking Their Skins for Their Captain.

Police Commissioner Murphy hasn't been at Police Headquarters five minutes yesterday morning before he had suspended Mr. Devery's Tenderloin warden, Edward Glennon, Sergt. Shields of the Tenderloin and Capt. Flood's warden, Dwyer.

"On what grounds?" Col. Murphy was asked.

"No grounds have been assigned," he replied. "The action was taken on what has happened downtown. I thought that it was only fair to the other men in the department that men held under bail should not be allowed to do police duty. That was all."

"Deputy Commissioner Devery is implicated in these charges," Col. Murphy was told. "Do you intend to take any action?"

"The courts are the parties to act."

Deputy Commissioner Devery got to Police Headquarters shortly before noon. He had "nothing to say tonight" on or pertaining to that matter. Unofficially it was said that Mr. Devery was displaced at Glennon's suspension. Deputy Commissioner York came over from Brooklyn and was asked why he thought it was necessary to suspend one time forced himself into thinking that he had ended Mr. Devery's job in the Police Department once and for all.

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SELLS POST OFFICE STOCK.

But Man Who Does Rushing Business in Jersey Doesn't Deliver the Goods.

The police of West New York, N. J., are looking for a man who visited that town on Tuesday afternoon and bought William Taylor, 50 years old, out of \$10 on the promise of getting him a job in the General Post Office in New York. The man came to Stanton's hotel and announced that he was an agent for the New York Post Office, and was looking for a man to fill a vacant place. Taylor said he would like the job. He was at once engaged and invited to go to the Post Office.

BISSERT'S CASE ARGUED.

Justice Hooker Hears Counsel on the Motion to Reverse Conviction.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Before Justice Warden in Poughkeepsie to-day Judge J. Rider (Judge of Hudson, Lewis J. Vorhaus and Henry W. Cady) appearing for Bisset and District Attorney Philbin and Assistant District Attorney Gans in opposition to the order to show cause why a certificate of reasonable doubt should not be granted in the case of Policeman George Bisset of New York, convicted of receiving a bribe from a disorderly house keeper, was argued.

JUSTICE GAYNOR SUSTAINED.

Empire Realty Co. to Manage Affairs of the Anglo-American S. L. Association.

Supreme Court Justice Gaynor made an order on June 29 sanctioning an agreement by which the Empire Realty Company was to take the property of the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association, the book valuations and endeavor to carry it in the hope of realizing at least 50 per cent of its full value for the shareholders. This agreement was favored by the receivers, Charles S. Wilbur and Edward L. Gannon. Secretary of the association fought the proposition and appealed to Justice Rich to set aside Justice Gaynor's order.

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Johann Hoff's Malt Extract

will save doctor bills, keep your brain clear and your body strong so that you can attend to your duties or enjoy your outing during the warm months.

Prevent that run-down weak condition by using it freely, do not omit it at your meals and on retiring.

Be sure to get Johann Hoff's, and you will retain what you gain.

STIR UP TENEMENT OWNERS.

Police and Health Board at It—One Dispossessed Case Restored.

Under the new Tenement House Law Grace Siedler, as the owner of 10 West Sixty-sixth street, with the Police Department stirring her on, had a test action on trial in the Fifty-fourth street Municipal court yesterday. Her case was against the lessee of three of her flats in that house. It was alleged that Mrs. Brown was allowing immoral characters to occupy her flats. Two of her tenants had moved out since the papers were served last week. Mrs. Brown announced in court yesterday through her attorney, George Harrison McAdam, that while she had no desire to retain the flats she was defending the proceedings because her own reputation was assailed.

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