

come to the conclusion... ago that his attitude is the right one. He is far more useful where he is than he could be elsewhere.

I have an extra trick up my sleeve with which to help... find sound objections raised in the crowd.

P. S.—Knowing that I do not want to be a candidate, I write this candidly to give you the actual facts.

HINT THAT JEROME'S OFFICE IS ROTTEN. The third letter is dated Sept. 21. It was received by me to-day, and is as follows:

MY DEAR JEROME: I am a sufficiently good friend to speak plainly to each other, and I am confident that you will be moved by my words.

There is much I would like to talk about but have not time to write about and must wait until I see you.

P. S.—Sorry to have missed Mr. Denison twice, but he did not show up.

Now it is sufficiently characterized by its text. I see in the newspapers much of challenge to me to make good on my various statements.

It is more difficult than I can easily tell you for me to do your own personal feelings and the unselfish devotion that you have so long given to the improvement of political affairs.

I stand to-day apparently a discredited man in our community. The public press is almost a unit in its condemnation.

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Mr. Cutting said: "I do not care who could make my name a household word."

In December, 1901, when Mayor Low was considering the appointments he would make Mr. Fulton was frequently mentioned as the probable selection for Water Street.

Mr. Fulton did not hesitate to make it known that he would like the office, and he asked the Citizens' Union to support his candidacy.

DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS MAY HAVE NO TROUBLE.

The action of the City Board of Elections in declaring some of the ballots cast at the Republican primaries in the Fourth and Fifth wards of Queens borough illegal and the men chosen under them to various conventions not elected, will not cause much trouble to the party managers.

The only real trouble that will result in the case of the ward conventions to nominate Aldermen, is the fact that the delegates will be seated by the delegates from the other wards.

For the aldermanic conventions it is believed that special primaries must be held for the nomination made by petition.

LEADER B. FABER WILL THIS MORNING APPLY TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THAT THE CERTAIN CASES DECLARED TO-TODAY, AS SOME OF THE CONVENTIONS MET TO-NIGHT.

THE FIFTH WARD DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT CONVENTION JOIN WITH NASSAU COUNTY AS A DISTRICT, AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO BY WHICH THE DELEGATES FROM THAT COUNTY WILL SEAT THOSE FROM THE FIFTH WARD.

MR. GIBBS'S DEATH INDISPOTES THE SENATOR TO TALK POLITICS.

Senator Platt had very little to say yesterday about the political situation here. He said at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night:

"When I returned to New York city last night I did not care to say much, for I knew very little about the situation, inasmuch as I had gone away for absolute rest."

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DOESN'T EXPECT MCCLELLAN. Cleveland Has Received No Word of Rumored Visit to Him in Princeton.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 22.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, when asked to-day about the report that George B. McClellan was to visit him here, said:

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WANT HIGH-CLASS MEN For Aldermen From Brooklyn—Republican Managers May Object.

The Brooklyn branch of the Citizens' Union has started a movement to bring about the nomination of some high-class candidates in that borough for the Board of Aldermen on the fusion ticket.

It is the names of some of the men now whom the fusion forces will be asked to accept such nominations:

Ex-Mayor Charles A. Shieren, Col. Andrew D. Beard, who once ran for Mayor on the Republican ticket; ex-Judge Hiram R. Steele, Henry Hentz, Dick S. Ramsey, Sr., and William Frederick Corbin.

It was resolved also that the League strongly recommend the nomination of Dr. John W. Schlige for County Clerk on the fusion ticket, as the representative of the German anti-Tammany and anti-Wiloughby Street organizations.

Merchants' Association Has a Few Plans. The Merchants' Association has invited Tammany, the Republican city organization and the Citizens' Union to include in their platform in the coming campaign two plans: the first about the city railroads, and the second about the extension of the State Railroad Commission by including two engineer commissioners, who shall be residents of New York city.

Purroy Delegation Visits Low. A committee from the Henry D. Purroy Association of Independent Democratic Clubs in the Bronx, consisting of ex-Police Magistrate Charles E. Simms, Enoch Vreeland, Dr. William J. O'Brien, and James Livingston, called on Mayor Low yesterday at the City Hall and presented to him a copy of the resolutions the association adopted at a recent meeting favoring his renomination.

Hep to Stump for Tammany. Self-interviewed, the Hon. William Hepburn yesterday that he was going to run for the first about the city railroads, and that he thought the great bulk of the Greater New York Democrats would vote that ticket. The fact may be the father of the opinion.

COLER IS BACK ON THE SLATE

AND KINGS ISNT KICKING SO HARD OVER MCCLELLAN.

When It Came to Exchanging Language Over the East River the Eloquent Men of Wiloughby Street Found Tammany Was Up in Words and Their Uses.

Bird S. Coler of Brooklyn was back on the Democratic slate yesterday for Comptroller. It was declared for Hugh McLaughlin and his friends that the Wiloughby street Democracy, as headed by Mr. McLaughlin, would certainly insist upon the nomination of Mr. Coler for this place.

Immediately after Mr. Coler was put back on the slate for Comptroller some of Mr. McLaughlin's friends practically conceded the nomination of Representative George B. Morgan for Mayor by the Democratic City Convention, and yet the boomers for Lewis Nixon in the Hoffman House are positive that something is to happen which eventually will bring in their man as the candidate.

Leader Murphy, speaking personally, especially after it became known that Coler had been put back on the slate, said: "There is no trouble between Tammany and Wiloughby Street (meaning the McLaughlin machine in Brooklyn), and there will not be any."

Nevertheless, Tammany men continued to resent the attacks of Hugh McLaughlin's friends on McClellan. It turned out, according to those Tammany men, that Mr. McLaughlin's friends did not relish very much yesterday a kind of medicine of which they had given McClellan such liberal doses.

For instance, they have been smashing into McClellan the Brooklyn Citizens' Union, which is the Brooklyn Citizens' Union, which is the Brooklyn Citizens' Union, which is the Brooklyn Citizens' Union.

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As a matter of fact, a clique of Tammany leaders which is not disposed to submit further to Mr. McLaughlin's criticisms against Mr. McClellan, another attack on Mr. McLaughlin as follows:

"The attitude of Hugh McLaughlin in the preliminary skirmishing for political control is a subject of amusement to his cabinet officers in the management of the Democratic machine in the borough of Brooklyn, of which he is the chief and despotic manipulator for forty years. The men, numbering not more than four or five, who are acquainted with the real situation behind the manipulation of Mr. McLaughlin to George B. McClellan, must chuckle to themselves in the inner sanctum of the auction room at the brightly lit street, where they are gathered in the general audience chamber, hurling parabolic diatribes at Tammany and bewailing the selfishness of its leader."

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GEN. HUGHES RETIRES As County Committee Chairman, But Not as Candidate for Assembly.

GLASS FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Gen. William H. Hughes, chairman of the Washington county Republican committee and candidate for reelection as Assemblyman, did not attend the committee meeting at Fort Edward to-day, but sent his resignation as chairman to the committee meeting at the residence of his successor, Gen. Hughes, who failed recently for a third of a million, did not say whether he would remain on the ticket, but efforts will be made to induce him to retire.

C. U. Campaign Literature Praises Groat. A chapter of literature issued yesterday by the Citizens' Union deals with Mr. Groat's conduct as Comptroller. Improvement in the streets, the growth of the city, and other reforms of method are specified.

A MIGHTY NIGHT FOR CONEY. Its Eldest Citizen, Abe Stillwell, to Lead the Mardi Gras Parade.

Abe Stillwell, the oldest citizen, old Uncle who is to lead the big Mardi Gras parade under the direction of the Business Men's Association and Citizens' Committee next Friday evening. The object of the celebration is to raise funds to rebuild the fire-damaged Rescue Home, burned on Sept. 11. Mr. Stillwell's residence at Coney Island dates back to the '60s, when the island from Norton's Point to Rockaway Inlet was burrowed by cones, or rabbits. Mr. Stillwell now lives at Gravesend. According to the children of Coney Island, he will be more than a score of his former neighbors, none less than 60 years old. Mr. Stillwell himself long ago passed the age of 100. The float bearing the decoration in the parade will be a decorated platform festooned with cone skins. The harness on the horses drawing the float will be in the shape of the number of horse gear in Coney's early days.

Civics elements of the parade include Coney's postal corps, augmented by 300 new recruits, who may be right enough in their principles, which are based upon the recognition of the rights of all men. There is a new patriotism, that patriotism which is born of a religious spirit. It is a patriotism which means personal sacrifice in the service of the public good.

Not Doining McChesney, Says Haggin. LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 22.—It is not likely that McChesney and Waterbury ever will meet in a race, as they are not entered in any stake events at present and it is the intention of J. B. Haggin, owner of Waterbury, to retire that horse to the stud at an early date. In an interview here to-day, Mr. Haggin said that he was not being dodged by Waterbury and that if they were ever entered in a race the issue would not be dodged. Mr. Haggin says that the only reason why he is not interested in the process, which is to be greeted at different points with colored fire and confetti. The programme includes a number of prize swimming races, aquatic exhibitions and demonstrations in lifeline throwing.

Devery Not to Run for Mayor? It was reported last evening up in 'de nite' that Peter J. Garvey had told a number of persons, some of whom are closely interested in the coming campaign, that Bill Devery had fully made up his mind not to run for Mayor. The ex-chief would not speak about the matter at all when seen.

The Seagoers. Voyagers by the White Star liner Oceanic, which sails to-day for Queenstown and Liverpool: The Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, who came over last month to attend the yacht races; President John McCall of the New York Life Insurance Company; the Hon. Andrew Hamilton and the Hon. George Peel.

TELLS OF "FLOATER" SCHEME.

Burke Says He Was Asked to Be One at the Primaries.

An alleged scheme to vote "floaters" in the Twenty-fifth Assembly district, where Herbert Parsons won the leadership from Henry Birrell last Tuesday, which is detailed in a report made by R. H. Burke of 306 Madison avenue to State Superintendent of Elections Morgan, led to the arrest yesterday of Charles O'Brien of 245 West Fifty-fourth street.

It is charged that O'Brien fitted out a float and advised Burke to vote in the First Election district of the Twenty-fifth Assembly district, knowing that Burke was not qualified to vote there.

In his report, which is now in the hands of Deputy Attorney-General Collin, who is prosecuting O'Brien, Burke says that he and two friends set out to catch the buyers of votes and visited a saloon at Seventeenth street and Seventh avenue, the night before the primary elections. There they met William Goodwin, to whom they said that they were car conductors from Buffalo and were looking for work.

Goodwin, the report says, told them that he could show them how to make \$30 or \$40 if they were willing to take a chance, and asked them to meet him the following morning.

Burke says that he and his companions met Goodwin at Seventeenth street and Seventh avenue the following day and that Goodwin introduced them to O'Brien and left O'Brien in charge. The report says that O'Brien told Burke that he and his companion would be required to cast votes for Birrell in the Twenty-fifth, Dooley in the Twenty-third and Devery in the Ninth, and that O'Brien would be paid for each vote put into the ballot box.

The following names to vote for Birrell were given to them: Philip J. Ward of West Twenty-third street; Peter Moran of West Twenty-eighth street and James Corrigan of 122 West Eighteenth street.

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O'Brien was arraigned before Justice Wyatt of Special Sessions, sitting as a Magistrate, and was fined \$100 and costs. He pleaded not guilty and refused to say anything about his arrest.

When Mr. Manchester was told in what manner he had been mentioned in the case he said:

"This is a conspiracy on the part of the Parsons people to injure me. They were told by a watcher that he had better leave because Corbin was an old man well known in the district, and that they were not to attempt to vote there were challenged. Then the three protested to O'Brien, Burke says, and were told to get down to Devery's office, and that they were not to attempt to vote there were challenged."

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"I know there are many who do not hesitate to assert that the public conscience of to-day is dull, lacks sensitiveness, and is not alive to the great questions of right and wrong, as they affect the public. The old doctrine of the rights of all men, which was born of religious science, and we are dealing with the criminal as a man morally diseased. He is the subject of proper care who is under restraint. We must treat him so that when he is cured, or partly cured, he can resume his place in society with some prospect of becoming a well behaved citizen."

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BROOKLYN FUSIONISTS MEET.

HAVE A LITTLE TIFF WITH CHAIRMAN BRENNER.

Citizens' Union, Kings County Democracy and German American Municipal League Indorse Swanstrom and Other Heads, but Fail to Mention Low.

Committees representing the Citizens' Union, the Kings county Democracy and the German American Municipal League, had a conference regarding the fusion movement in Brooklyn last night in Temple Bar. Abner S. Haight presided and Joseph McGuinness was the secretary. Nineteen representatives were present.

The Brooklyn Democracy was invited to take part in the conference. The invitation was carried to ex-Senator Michael Coffey and his leaders, and they returned word that they were in favor of fusion and would join the conference when the matter of nominations was taken up. An invitation was extended to the German American Citizens' League also, and it is understood that this organization, too, will join in the fusion movement.

Chairman Jacob Brenner of the executive committee of the Kings County Republican Committee was invited to order a committee to confer at the meeting last night, but he said that he had no power to appoint a committee and suggested that the Citizens' Union send a committee to wait upon the Republican County Convention next Monday night. This was pleasing to the Citizens' Union delegates, who met at eight o'clock. The reply was sent to Mr. Brenner:

Hon. Jacob Brenner, Chairman Executive Committee, Kings County Republican Committee.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 19th inst., in reply to the invitation to attend the fusion conference of the Kings County Republican Committee, was submitted to the fusion conference for Kings county. We understand that you do not wish to be invited to our convention has power to appoint a committee to confer with you on our fusion conference. Your invitation to the Kings County Republican Convention, which does not seem to us a practical or desirable course of action in our present circumstances.

The election of our present admirable borough administration was secured through the fusion conference of two years ago. In Manhattan, the fusion conference with the other bodies for the formation of their tickets, and the fusion conference should be followed in this instance.

Our conference has adjourned until Tuesday, September 22, at eight o'clock at the residence of our convention, unless sooner called together by the chair. At that time the committee of your convention if such committee be appointed. Until that time we will take no action in our business.

On behalf of the fusion conference: Temporary Chairman.

The conference last night unanimously adopted these resolutions:

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FRED S. GIBBS'S FUNERAL. Body Will Be Brought Here on Thursday—Services on Friday.

MURPHY-MCCLELLAN TRYST. MIDDAY CLUB A LONESOME 4 P. M. MEETING PLACE.

No Trouble With McLaughlin Says Wigwam Leader—"Floaters" for Cutting—Mr. Murphy Is Now Pondering Request the Virtues of Louis Haffen.

Charles F. Murphy walked briskly through the Wall Street district at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He wore a sack suit, and his gait indicated that he thought he needed the exercise. Mr. Murphy has taken on fresh this summer.

At the Broad-Exchange Building Mr. Murphy turned in and went to the Midday Club, on the twentieth floor. Col. George B. McClellan had preceded him there by about twenty minutes.

The Midday Club is now the meeting place of some of the big guns in Tammany who find themselves too much observed in other places. At that hour of day, after the market has closed, there are few visitors to the club, and they can talk undisturbed.

Before he went down to Wall Street Mr. Murphy told reporters that he didn't know anything about the reported trouble with Brooklyn Democrats over McClellan's nomination.

Then he spoke of R. Fulton Cutting's probable nomination for Alderman on the fusion ticket in Mr. Murphy's own Eighteenth district.

"Two of the men who signed the petition asking him to become a candidate do not live in the district," said Mr. Murphy. "If I wanted to call names I would call them floaters. I wonder if Mr. Cutting knew that he had been listed as a candidate?"

A delegation from The Bronx, headed by Arthur C. Butts, called on Mr. Murphy yesterday to say that Louis F. Haffen would appear before the committee to nominate Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy said he was very sure of Mr. Haffen's many valuable qualities and that they would be duly considered.

George yesterday, Mr. Shepard is drawing the platform for the Democratic City Convention, but he will not attend the convention.

"My district did me the honor to ask me to be a delegate," said Mr. Shepard, "but I asked to be excused from the convention, and I have not been asked to act as chairman."

Hugh J. Grant was told yesterday that some people thought he might yet be the Tammany nominee for Mayor. "Not a chance in the world," said he. "When I say no, I mean it."

POLICEMAN FEARED SPOOKS. Thought He Heard Spirits Rapping in a Factory, Got Aid, but Didn't Find 'em.

Policeman Joe Beninger of the Macdougall street station reported to his captain last night that three spooks of the factory were rapping him on the post and asking for company. He did not find them, but he reported the matter to his captain.

Beninger, who lives at 100 West 100th street, was on duty at the factory at Spring and Wooster streets open. He fastened that with an emergency padlock and left the place, as he supposed, all right.

Two hours later the firemen of Engine 13, across the street, told Beninger that they heard a tapping on the Bowman windows. Beninger went to the station to report that things were getting weird and uncanny in his part of the precinct.

Capt. Beninger, a roustabout, and five policemen went back with Beninger to look and listen. They got under a ladder from the firemen and got into the third story window. They found one window open and another broken, but no burglars and no ghosts.

23 Murders in an Alabama County This Year. NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 22.—A despatch from Evergreen, Ala., says: "Breathit county, Ky., has a strong rival for lawlessness and bloodshed in Monroe county, Ala., where twenty-three murders have occurred since January, two of the men killed being sheriffs. Twenty-three homicides occurred in this county last year. There is practically no attempt to enforce the law. Jurors are afraid to do anything. Local papers take no notice of a killing for fear of revenge."

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MARRIED. MACLAY-CHAFFEE.—On Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Christ Church, Cooperstown, N. Y., by the Bishop of New York and the rector, the Rev. Ralph Birdall, Robert MacLay and Mary Elizabeth Chaffee.

DIED. BACON.—At Glenbrook, near Stamford, Conn., on Tuesday, Sept. 22, Elizabeth, wife of Robert and mother of John S. and Frederick A. Bacon, aged 79 years. Funeral services at the residence of the deceased, 100 West 100th street, on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 2 o'clock. Interment, Valley Cemetery, at 3 o'clock.