

FISH NET SCANDAL SHOWN UP.

BURTON HARRISON TALKS TO AN AUBURN MEETING.

Biggest Audience of His Tour Greets Him and Cheers His Exposure of a State Line of the Odell Machine's Craft—Some \$60,000 in All Wasted.

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 25.—The active canvass of Congressman Francis Burton Harrison, Citizens' candidate for Governor, has to-day extended into the Odell province, over which State Senator Benjamin M. Wilcox is pro-consul. Mr. Harrison, before the biggest audience he has faced in this campaign, bigger even than that in Buffalo's great mass meeting two weeks ago, expounded the anti-Odell doctrine of the campaign amid unbounded enthusiasm.

He referred particularly to the fish net scandals which, for two years have kept the Wilcox-Odell Republicans embroiled constantly with the rest of their party. In brief, this is the history of the fish net scandals: The Legislature of 1897-98 passed a law offering a reward of \$3 for every fish net under 4 feet in diameter brought to a Justice of the peace or a Town Supervisor to be destroyed. Then at once arose a great manufacturing industry; thousands of spurious nets were made out of barrel hoops and mosquito netting, and presented for destruction under the law.

The law was repealed within a year after its enactment, but claims kept coming in for payment on the basis of nets alleged to have been destroyed under the law. Gov. Odell's Attorney-General refused to oppose the payment of these claims. In all some \$60,000 was paid out for fish net certificates. It was learned that the thousands of certificates were based on perjury and forgery. Some of them were made out on blanks which had been printed months after the date when the body of the certificate. Prosecution was urged. The Attorney-General was appealed to again. There was a second appeal to the Grand Jury and the District Attorney, James Lampher, a game inspector, made affidavit that Senator Wilcox had threatened him with loss of his job if he assisted in prosecuting the fish net swindlers. Gov. Odell sent word to at least one honest Republican, who was pushing the prosecution, to withdraw from the case in the Cayuga county organization.

At last two poor creatures, tools of the swindling ring (which still holds 12,000 of the unaccounted for blocks of from 500 to 1,000), were prosecuted and sent to prison for seven years each. Other men against whom similar evidence, but who had reaped far greater profits, were not only protected from prosecution, but were rewarded with offices in the State government. It was this state of affairs to which Mr. Harrison referred in his speech. He could not have formed a better text for his discourse on anti-Odellism.

The great auditorium, which seats 5,000 persons and to-night held nearly a thousand more who stood up, fairly roared with enthusiasm at the speech which greeted the candidate's exposition of the reasons for the cleansing of the Odell state. The auditorium was filled with the portraits of the great men of the State, which hung at the sides of the stage.

State Committeeman Charles F. Rattigan opened the meeting and presented Charles C. Johnson as presiding officer. Mr. Johnson is running against Governor Odell in the State election. The Odell machine as represented by Wilcox is so great that there are many who expect to see Mr. Johnson elected Governor. Mr. Harrison's speech was greeted with a roar of applause and with a succession of cheers from the young men's marching club which had escorted him to the hall. A number of red firecrackers were exploded. Congressman Harrison spoke for some time on national issues. He also told the Auburn folks the story of the Farnsworth matter. Of this he said:

**Congressman Harrison's speech.** Regarding the fish net scandals and the other misconduct of the Cayuga county Republican machine, I have examples in plenty of that spirit of extravagance and recklessness and sometimes of something worse which is a part of the fact of a party. There is no need to remind the citizens of Auburn and of Cayuga county of the various examples of this sort which they have had constantly before their eyes. You know, of course, that I refer to what are known to you as the fish net frauds. [Applause.]

I will not go into details with an audience which is already familiar with this characteristic and outrageous use of power by that faction of the Wayne county Republican machine which is in such close touch with the Odell machine of the State, and is in fact an integral part of it. You know how the purchase of the so-called Fish Net law passed by the Legislature in 1898 and repealed the next year, thousands of fictitious claims for several years destroyed under the law were paid out of the county treasury. You know who the forty or fifty men were who participated in that great fraud. It is not with this initial fraud, shameful as it was, that we have to deal, but with the persistent and practically successful effort of the machine to protect its members concerned in the frauds from prosecution for their crimes. [Applause.]

You know that when the matter was brought to the attention of Gov. Odell's Attorney-General, Mr. Davies, he at once expressed the greatest desire for an immediate and aggressive prosecution—a desire which disappeared and became as nothing after he learned that such a prosecution would strike a vital blow at some of the more important instruments of the machine in Cayuga county. Time and again efforts to bring the forgers and swindlers in the fish net swindles to justice were paralyzed by the same mysterious influence. At last such a storm of outraged public sentiment was roused that the District Attorney was obliged to take some cognizance of it. [Laughter.]

Out of the whole number of men implicated in the frauds he selected two men, poverty stricken and without friends, who were Democrats (laughter) and made scapegoats of them. The evidence against them was in no essential way different from the evidence against many another man who was a faithful and efficient servant of the local end of the Odell machine. [Applause.]

Sixty thousand dollars has been taken out of the treasury by these frauds. Two of the humblest offenders have gone to jail, others more prominent in the wrongdoing have been rewarded by nominations and appointive offices by the machine. Here you in miniature reproduced the working of the machine in Cayuga county which has for four years had the State at its mercy. Its programme is the plundering of the public treasury, the overthrow of the law, not through downright dishonesty, and the protection of those who are responsible for this wrongdoing and the use of this "evils and immunities" to maintain the machine in power. [Applause.]

The names at the head of the ticket may change, but if the system changes will break. [Applause.] The extravagance, the abuse of power, the condoning of crime, can only be wiped out in one way, and that way is the overthrow of the machine and the party whose predominant faction is the heart and soul of the whole corrupting and demoralizing system.

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Money Flowing Into the Republican Chest, but Not Flowing Out Through the Usual Channels—Croker Methods Supercede the Old Ways—No Checks Taken.

Republicans in the New York county committee made the announcement last evening that serious trouble was brewing in the committee because Governor-Chairman Odell and William Halpin, the Tammany Hall Republican, who is chairman of the executive committee, had not paid the \$3 a day to the four registry clerks in each election district for the four days of registration.

The registry clerks, it was learned, were much disgruntled in the first place because the Governor-Chairman and Mr. Halpin had cut them down to \$3 a day, when in all previous Presidential years since 1880, they had received \$5 a day. But now that they were cut down to \$3 and haven't got their money yet, very general grumbling was heard.

Things are running queer, anyhow, according to Republicans in New York county who do not like the management of Governor-Chairman Odell and Mr. Halpin, or Abe Gruber, the Tammany Hall Republican leader of the Twenty-first district. Armitage Mathews, the Tammany Hall Republican secretary of the New York Republican county committee, and the dozen more Tammany Hall Republican Assembly district leaders in the committee. The Republican voters in many districts, it was learned from the leaders, do not view with complacency the domination of Mr. Odell's county committee by these Tammany Hall Republicans.

Governor-Chairman Odell's Tammany Hall Republican county committee has had no treasury since last December, when George S. Shelton resigned. Governor-Chairman Odell is handling all the money for the New York county committee. He has adopted the system of charging all bills up to the name of William Halpin. In other words, Mr. Odell is his own treasurer. As for money matters in the Republican State, this is an authentic story.

A few days ago a Republican who holds an office in this city by permission of Governor-Chairman Odell was told that he should send to the State committee a check for an amount equal to 3 per cent. of his salary for the year. He drew a check payable to Louis Stern, treasurer of the State committee, and sent it up to headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The following day the check was returned to the man with instructions to make out a new one payable to "bearer" or "cash." He then drew a check payable to bearer and sent that to the headquarters. A day or two later that check was returned to him, with instructions to get it cashed and to hand the money to a certain Odell party member in the State. The man obeyed instructions, and turned over the cash as directed. The politician who received the money distributed it to the leader now in the hands of the man who had been known as a collector of campaign funds.

The man who contributed 3 per cent. of a year's salary to the Republican State campaign fund is still wondering if his contribution ever reached headquarters. He drew a check payable to the treasurer of the State committee but it was not accepted.

NINA DAVID'S TOUR AT AN END

That's How Her Fellow Singers Understand the soprano's Situation. It was said yesterday at Carnegie Hall that the tour of the future had been arranged for Mrs. Nina David, who was too much indisposed to sing on Monday, and that it was not expected that any future date would be taken by Robert Grau for the soprano. She is still at the Hotel Savoy.

Mr. Grau's representative looked up from his typewriter long enough to say that Mrs. David would sing again, some time soon, although it was not yet settled when she would be fit to resume her tour. "She sprained her throat in Pittsburgh," he said, "singing the waltz song from 'Bonnie.'"

He did not say what might have happened if Mrs. David had carried her high notes into the altitudes of the air from "The White House," which was to be on the programme. One of the members of the concert company begged to support Mrs. David by the name of "The White House" in honor of the fact that the tour had come to an end.

**News of Plays and Players.** The Schuberts have decided to follow "Piff, Paff, Puff" at the Casino with William Russell in "Lady Teazle." No definite date has been set, but it will probably be about Nov. 21.

A HIGGINS-ODELL VERSION.

"I WAS NOT ODELL'S CHOICE," SAYS HIGGINS.

"I Was Inclined to Another Man," Says Odell—So That Was a Queer Conference, That Platt Wouldn't Attend, Where a Senatorship Was Dealt For.

Governor-Chairman Odell's convention nominated Frank W. Higgins for Governor at Saratoga on Sept. 15. Yesterday, Mr. Higgins made the following statement: "I was not Gov. Odell's choice in the convention. He told me that I was not an available candidate for the governorship. 'The day before the convention I had a talk with Gov. Odell, as he deliberately informed me that I was not available. He mentioned the name of a man who he thought was available. One reason why the Governor said I was not available was because of the contest between my friends and the friends of Mr. Woodruff. He said that the fight had become so hot that neither one of us could be nominated, and that a third man would have to be chosen."

"Well, I went out and saw the man that Gov. Odell said was available. I told him and I told his friends that he was to be nominated. But that man, who was always a friend of mine, told me that he was for me, and he started around, saying that he couldn't be induced to accept the nomination; that he was determined never to accept another party nomination. 'Then I immediately saw Senator Platt, and told him that under the circumstances I had decided to allow my name to be presented to the convention, because I thought that a majority of the delegates were for me. The Senator replied that he was for Mr. Woodruff, but he conceded that a majority of the delegates were undoubtedly for me."

"I also saw Mr. Woodruff, and he declared that if he couldn't be nominated he would rather have me nominated than any other man. 'After that when Gov. Odell called the conference of leaders a majority declared for me, and the Governor announced that he would accept my judgment, and that it was agreeable to him. 'I have not seen such an open convention for years. I did not see personal campaigning among delegates. Congressman Vreeland and Mr. Franchot did work for me for a long time. Personally I was for Elihu Root, and so stated in newspaper interviews."

Senator Platt refused to attend the conference of which Mr. Higgins speaks. It was at this conference that Governor-Chairman Odell promised to make Frank S. Black United States Senator in place of Senator Dewey, in return for support for Mr. Higgins in the convention the following day.

Governor-Chairman Odell, speaking last night of Mr. Higgins' statement, and of the conference at Saratoga which Mr. Platt did not attend, said:

"It is perfectly true that I never told Mr. Higgins that I was for him until after the conference of the party leaders. As a matter of fact up to the time of the holding of that conference I had been inclined to favor the nomination of another man, but I never attempted in any way to influence the views upon the convention, and when the conference had made up its mind I was for the man that conference selected."

"I have noticed that Mr. Higgins in his speeches has repeatedly declared that if elected Governor he would conduct an administration of his own. I never thought he would take the position of a man who is not of a sufficiently independent character to act as Governor free of the dictation of any man would not be fit to take the post of the constitutional Governor."

The conference of which Governor-Chairman Odell and Mr. Higgins speak was held in Saratoga on Sept. 15. In the morning of that day Governor-Chairman Odell called on Senator Platt and announced to him that he was then ready to take concerning a conference with Mr. Higgins. Mr. Platt had before that which Governor-Chairman Odell had postponed.

"I suggest, Senator," said the Governor-Chairman, "that you should attend the conference this afternoon at 4 o'clock. 'I hope you'll have a good time at the conference," replied Mr. Platt. "Why, you'll be there, won't you Senator?" anxiously inquired the Governor-Chairman.

"It isn't necessary for me to attend any conference," Mr. candidate is Woodruff, and I don't propose to go into any conference with Governor-Chairman Odell. Mr. Woodruff's friends at Saratoga said that Governor-Chairman Odell had violated the compact which he made with me. I don't propose to attend any conference with Governor-Chairman Odell. Mr. Platt had before that which Governor-Chairman Odell had postponed.

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CLEVELAND TO SPEAK AGAIN.

At German-American Parker Union Meeting on Nov. 2. Grover Cleveland has accepted an invitation sent to him by Herman Ridder, president of the German-American Parker Union, to make the principal address at a meeting to be held in Cooper Union on the night of Nov. 2. Carl Schurz will preside. It is understood that when Mr. Cleveland was asked to break the promise he made to himself to deliver not more than one speech in the campaign he replied that he so appreciated the splendid reception New Yorkers gave him at the Carnegie Hall meeting last Friday night that he would be happy to speak again.

NEW POPULIST CANDIDATES.

Sulzer Thinks the Pops Might Have Left Him a Blank Ballot. The Populists have nominated these candidates to fill the vacancies caused by the refusals of William Sulzer, Charles A. Towne, Tenth district, Max Lustgarten, Fourteenth, Peter Lenninger, Fifteenth, Ermon Lee.

Mr. Sulzer is aggrieved. He told the managers of the Watson campaign last night that he thought they might have left their ballot blank in his district. Verplank—Wood. TARRYTOWN, Oct. 25.—Miss Florence Jeffrey Wood was married to Everett Verplank yesterday at the home of her father, at Ardsley. Miss Wood is the daughter of the late Dennison Wood, the maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Wood and the best man was Eugene Washburne.

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BLACK ATTACKS OPPONENT. In Letter of Acceptance He Criticizes Stokes's Views on Railroad Taxation. Charles C. Black, the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Jersey, sent his letter of acceptance yesterday to John R. Harlin, chairman of the notification committee.

HERIOT ON ENFORCING LAWS. Civil Service Law Included, He Tells C. S. Reform Association. The Civil Service Reform Association wrote on Oct. 12 to Judge Herriot asking him to declare his "position in regard to the maintenance and enforcement of the Civil Service law. This answer was sent on Oct. 18.

WOODRUFF'S EXPECTATIONS. Going With Higgins Through Southern Tier—Low in Brooklyn Friday. Timothy L. Woodruff, the leader of the county organization, is devoting much attention this year to the Senate and Assembly contests and is looking for substantial gains in each. He expects to capture at least two Senate districts and four or five Assembly districts.

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