

ROSS APPLETON ASKS SUPPORT FOR GAYNOR

Says He Will Be Nominated Independently if Not by the Fusionists.

PRaises Administration

Leaders Are Facing the Idea of a Three-Cornered Fight in City Campaign.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

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Mayor Gaynor's administration received yesterday the endorsement of a representative body of citizens who promised to accomplish his renomination. The head of the committee, which numbers about 150 members, is R. Ross Appleton, who was Civil Service Commissioner under Mayor McCellan. With him were many men whose names are familiar in the business and professional life of New York.

The committee has been perfecting its organization for several weeks. Mayor Gaynor would not comment yesterday upon the interest its members took in his candidacy. It was said at the City Hall that it had been formed without his solicitation and with only the barest knowledge on his part of what was going forward.

Mr. Appleton in an address to the voters of the city pointed to Mayor Gaynor as a logical fusion candidate, but it was clear that if the Mayor does not get the nomination from the Hapgood committee Mr. Appleton and his associates will nominate him by petition and put him in the field as an independent candidate.

Gaynor's Strength Recognized

Inquiry among the fusion and Tammany leaders yesterday indicated that the Mayor's nomination by either the Hapgood committee or the regular Democratic ticket, both sides recognize the strength of his candidacy. They admit that it appears to be growing stronger day by day, but each party feels that Mr. Gaynor is the peculiar property of the other. The fusionists argue that as a candidate of Tammany Hall four years ago he can scarcely be nominated now on a fusion ticket. Tammany men, in looking over his record, ask what they got out of it, and say that Mr. Gaynor has been an independent and should be nominated by independents.

The leaders on both sides were facing the idea of a three-cornered fight. The committee which has offered to put the Mayor in the field, if need be on an independent ticket, includes Edward J. Berwind, Capt. B. J. Greenhut, Samuel J. Bloomfield, John D. Crimmins, James Speyer, Isaac Guggenheim, Edward C. Blum, Herman Ridder, Henry Siegel and Hutchins Hapgood, brother of the fusion chairman.

Mr. Appleton's address to the voters reads: "We of this organization, the Mayor Gaynor Fusion and Nominating League, are of opinion that the Mayor's nomination should be run independent and outside the influence of all partisan political organizations. That has been the condition of the city government from the beginning of the administration of the present Mayor. Four years ago he was named for Mayor by organizations of independent citizens to bring about that result. He began the work as soon as he came into office, and has never flagged in it.

Gaynor Mayor in Fact. "He has placed all the departments in the city government under heads who are free of all political domination. Mayor Gaynor has been all along and is Mayor in fact as well as in name. Politics and political influence and control have been eliminated by him from the city government.

"There are committees of citizens organized and advocating what they call fusion, that is to say they are all organizations and persons in favor of the running of the city government outside of party or political control to unite. That is exactly what exists in the present administration of the city government under the present Mayor. Nobody can deny that. No political office can hide it or make any honest person shut his eyes to it. The city government is being run for the people of the city and not by or for politics.

"We therefore ask for the fusion of all political organizations or persons, whether Republican, Democrat, Progressive, Socialist or any other, who want that sort of government continued in this city for the purpose of renominating and reelecting Mayor Gaynor. We have that condition of government

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Has Not Played Politics

"No one calling himself a fusionist or by any other name can stand up and deny that Mayor Gaynor has freed every department of the city government of all political control. Appointments are made from the civil service lists in numerical order, a thing never done before, in order to do away with all political or other favoritism or partiality and no persons have been discharged from any of the departments under the Mayor's control for political reasons since Mayor Gaynor came into office.

"If you desire a continuance of this order of things in the city government please send your name and address to John M. Harrington, secretary of this committee, 27 William street."

Supplementary to his letter, Mr. Appleton gave out the following interview last night: "The purpose of this organization is to place the name of Judge Gaynor upon the official ballot at the coming election to succeed himself as Mayor. The Mayor does not expect that any political party would nominate him, and in order to provide for such a contingency this organization of independent citizens of all parties has been formed to see that his name is placed on the ballot.

Favor Non-Partisanship

"This committee is made up of men of all parties—Progressives, Republicans, Democrats and others. As to myself, I am a Republican, and it is probably a majority of the members of the committee, but we are in favor of the principle of non-partisanship in municipal government.

"Mayor Gaynor is thoroughly independent and combines all the qualifications that the voters seem to demand. His experience upon the Supreme Court bench to which he was twice elected, his record in the nomination and endorsement of the Republican party, and his administration of the Mayor's office during the past four years should command him to the nomination of independent and independent of every character.

"Our committee embraces men in all the activities of this great city, irrespective of party, race or creed, and we believe that Judge Gaynor is the ideal candidate of the people.

DID GAYNOR HELP OR HINDER?

Paul Fuller Replies to Mr. Schiff's Eulogy of the Mayor. Paul Fuller, chairman of the committee in charge of Borough President McAneny's candidacy for Mayor, took issue yesterday with Jacob H. Schiff's praise of Mayor Gaynor, printed yesterday morning.

"Mr. Schiff does not tell us," said Mr. Fuller, "what the share of the Mayor's credit in giving us a thorough non-partisan municipal administration of the highest and most efficient type, but he admits that the results, which we all appreciate, never have been obtained except for the fortunate combination of circumstances which attached to Mayor Gaynor, heads of departments elected through the fusion of the various forces of the city."

"It is not to get the individual views of the fusion heads of departments elected on a fusion vote as to the degree of aid or hindrance which the efficient administration received from the Mayor.

"Mr. Schiff further warns us that any other Mayorality nomination that is made will be likely to result in three tickets, with the almost inevitable result that the fusion ticket will be defeated, to avoid which he advises a fusion nomination of the officials which their votes put in office and an endorsement of Tammany's last nominee for Mayor. Does Mr. Schiff think such an olive branch will be accepted by Tammany as a pledge of peace?"

CAN'T DISINTER FIRST WIFE

Court Decides That Stone's Remarriage Destroyed This Right. The curious question as to a man's right to have the body of his dead wife disinterred after he has married again came before Supreme Court Justice Philbin yesterday on an application by George B. Stone, a retired policeman, who was second deputy clerk at Police Headquarters for thirty-four years.

Stone asked permission to move the body of Mrs. Laura B. Stone, who died in 1907, from an expensive plot in Woodlawn Cemetery to a single grave. Stone, who now lives in Mount Vernon, was married at Saratoga in 1888. His wife died in 1907. Her sister, Adeline, is the wife of Dr. J. W. Moore of 131 West Eighty-second street. Stone is 75 years old. He has met with heavy losses and is now almost penniless. The plot where his wife is buried cost \$1,700. He has bought a small plot for her body and needs the money he could get for the larger one.

Mrs. Moore opposed Stone's application and told Justice Philbin that her sister left property worth \$10,000; that her entire estate went to her husband and that he bought the Woodlawn plot he now wants to sell with part of this money. Stone, she says, can get only \$300 or \$400 for the plot he wants to sell and the monument would be valueless.

"I am opposed to having the body of my only sister disinterred," said Mrs. Moore. "I am advised that it cannot be moved without my consent." Justice Philbin agreed with Mrs. Moore and denied the application.

GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE FRAUD

State Attorney Ordered to Begin Criminal Action. Chicago, July 16.—The Circuit Court to-day declared that the divorce of William Guggenheim from Grace Brown Guggenheim-Wahl in 1901 was obtained by fraud, collusion and criminal conspiracy and instructed Judge Stephen Hoyne to proceed in criminal action against the alleged parties to the fraud.

M'ANENY URGED ON FUSION COMMITTEE

His Friends Tell of His Qualifications for Mayorality Nomination.

HE WOULD WIN, THEY SAY

Record as Borough President Is Cited as Evidence of a Constructive Mind.

Borough President McAneny's friends put his name before the fusion committee last night as a candidate for Mayor. They argued earnestly that he would make the best Mayor and that he also would be a winning candidate.

Paul Fuller, chairman of the McAneny committee, was on hand to make the principal argument. With him were Samuel McCune Lindsey, Lincoln Cromwell, Dr. Elgin R. L. Gould, Richard Deems, Alfred T. Cook, Frank N. Sprague, W. F. H. Koelsch, Edward T. Horwill and others.

Mr. McAneny's name has cropped up many times before the fusion committee, but Mr. Fuller's committee is the first organization formed expressly in Mr. McAneny's interest to present his name formally.

McAneny the Man, Says Fuller

Mr. Fuller pointed to the record of the fusion members of the present Borough of Estimate as one of the real reasons for putting Mr. McAneny at the head of the city government. Mr. McAneny is the man, he said, to see to the faithful carrying out of fusion policies now under way.

As to the other fusionists in the present city government—Comptroller Prendergast and District Attorney Whitman—Mr. Fuller said that they should be kept in their places for the sake of efficiency. The police scandal shows the need for a District Attorney like Mr. Whitman, he said, and a Police Commissioner who would work with him to check police abuses. If Mr. Whitman were to stay in and finish his work and Mr. McAneny were to be Mayor and put in office a capable Police Commissioner, that is all the city needs.

Cites His Record

Mr. Fuller told of some things Mr. McAneny has done as Borough President—widening of streets, removal of obstructions, economy of administration in the Borough President's office, enlargement of parks, playgrounds and the functions of the Health Department. As for Mr. McAneny's part in securing the subway system he said:

"Not will the thousands who have longed for a rapid transit system bringing all the outlying boroughs into such proximity as to create one homogeneous metropolis, giving to every corner of it the benefits of the metropolis whole, be likely to overlook the man who more than any other brought about the long delayed consummation upon conditions which wrought no injustice to private capital and which, in fact, were the best for the city and for all time to come the most complete system upon the most satisfactory and economical terms.

"This example of municipal development and economy is but a sample of the constructive mind which has been applied to the study and solution of the city's needs.

"The negligence or inefficiency or corruption of a number of high police officials which has so revolted the public conscience involves no deep problem of municipal administration. A competent and honest lawyer in the District Attorney's office is disposing of the culprits, and if a competent administrator were in the Police Commissioner's office actively cooperating toward Mr. Whitman, he would soon make such corruption unprofitable and perilous. The selection of such an official is in the hands of the Mayor, and the proper choice depends upon such knowledge, experience and thorough dependence as Mr. McAneny has given proof of."

WOODRUFF FOR M'ANENY

Tells Fusionists Only Independent Democrat Can Carry Kings. Timothy J. Woodruff, chairman of the Kings county Progressive, went definitely to record last night before the fusion committee on candidates in favor of an independent Democrat for Mayor.

Mr. Woodruff's attitude toward Borough President McAneny has been in doubt ever since the election of Mr. Whitman after Col. Roosevelt's opinions were made public. It has even been rumored that a split in the Kings county organization was impending on account of Mr. Woodruff's leanings toward Mr. Whitman. But Mr. Woodruff changed all that in his speech last night.

"We believe only an independent Democrat can carry Kings county and in fact the fusion ticket in the greater city," said Mr. Woodruff, "and it is our best judgment that a man of the type of George McAneny, who has made an excellent record as Borough President, or John Purroy Mitchell, who has made an efficient public official, should be named as the Mayorality candidate. The Progressives of Kings, however, will abide by the decision of the citizens municipal committee, but our preference is for an independent Democrat."

Several more booms were launched for the Borough Presidency of Brooklyn. Members of the general fusion committee from Kings county put before the committee on candidates last night the names of Frederick B. Pratt, who is at the head of Pratt Institute; Lewis H. Pounds, the present incumbent; Raymond V. Ingersoll, Alfred T. White, Darwin R. James, J. J. and Edward M. Bassett. Mr. James and Mr. Bassett are members of the general fusion committee.

STRAUS SEES TAMMANY DEFEAT

Says It Will Get Its Worst Licking in the City Campaign. Oscar Straus before sailing yesterday by the Cunarder Caronia said he believed that Tammany Hall stood to get the worst licking of its life in the coming municipal campaign. He declared that the Progressive party would support any honorable fusion movement.

He said he would not talk of any particular candidates but that he believed that it is merely a question of finding the best man and then having the fusionists unite upon him.

"This is easy to accomplish," he said, "unless William Barnes begins to work more for the good of William Barnes than for the good of New York city."

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MAYOR LUHN GOES FREE

Wins Case Involving Alleged Violation of Little Falls Ordinance. Utica, July 16.—Mayor George R. Lunn of Schenectady and the Rev. Robert Bakeman of the same town won their appeals to-day after being convicted on the charge of violating an ordinance of Little Falls.

While the textile workers' strike at Little Falls was on last October Lunn of Schenectady and Mr. Bakeman violated Little Falls and attempted to make speeches near the New York Central Station.

There was an ordinance prohibiting speaking at the place, but the men, after being warned to stop, persisted in speaking. They were arrested and tried before Recorder Daniel W. Collins. Upon being found guilty each was fined \$50, or in default to stand committed to the county jail.

Appeals were taken to the County Court. County Judge Bell reversed the judgments of conviction in the Recorder's Court, it appearing that the ordinance does not prescribe a penalty in the proper manner.

Condemned Not Indicted. The John Doe Grand Jury proceedings started by District Attorney Matthew J. Smith in Queens county and supposed to have been directed against Maurice E. Connolly, Borough President of Queens, ended yesterday by the Grand Jury failing to return anything as a result of the several days inquiry.

CITY JOTTINGS

Supt. Harry Vail announced yesterday to the grave diggers in Greenwood Cemetery that their pay would be raised from \$1.90 to \$2 a day. They asked for \$2.25, but accepted the compromise.

The Union Bank of Brooklyn filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday to cover \$6,500 from ex-Senator Thomas L. Reynolds as indorser on a note made by Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan and discounted for Reynolds by the bank.

Joseph Ross, 29 years old, of 45 Ninth avenue, received the limit sentence of a year in the penitentiary and \$500 fine in Special Sessions yesterday for possession of a gun. He was the "boss" of a lot of boys which he employed in selling cocaine.

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