

BOARD WOULD CUT ELECTION DISTRICTS

Saving of \$115,000 a Year Estimated in Recommendations to Mayor.

MACHINES DENOUNCED

Eight recommendations for changes in the election law are made in the annual report which the Board of Elections submitted yesterday to Mayor Mitchell. Of these the board considers a proposed reduction in the number of election districts as quite the most important, at least from the standpoint of economy.

Provision is also made so that districts containing less than 75 voters may be consolidated with those of other political subdivisions. This is accomplished by the consolidation of a contiguous district in years when no representative in Congress is to be voted for, and when the number of interested voters in an election district contains less than 100 for two consecutive years the board may consolidate it with a contiguous district.

"This board is of the opinion," reads the report, "that it should be vested with power to reorganize and rearrange election districts within assembly districts in the year 1916, following the decennial reapportionment of Senate and Assembly districts, subject to the approval of the board after it has been limited, as it is at present, but the minimum district to be increased to 200 and the maximum to 450.

Use of Public Schools. "With the more general use of public schools for election purposes, among the direct beneficial results of which will be the practical elimination of small and otherwise undesirable polling places, it is anticipated that the expeditious and orderly voting of 450 persons in each election district will be comparatively easy to accomplish.

The board announces, as indicated in a forecast of its report, that practically all public schools throughout the city will be used as polling places at the primary election in the spring. The board is disposed to go further than the present law contemplates and asks additional legislation whereby it will be possible to house more than one polling place in an individual school when convenience of location renders this arrangement practicable.

Against Voting Machines. A strong pronouncement is made against the use of voting machines. As an experiment two machines were used in the Fifteenth Assembly district at the last election and the report contains a detailed analysis of their operation. Its conclusion against the use of the machines is based upon certain mechanical defects noted and upon the further grounds that they do not lend themselves to the principle underlying the present ballot law and are more expensive than the ballots. It is observed also that they operate at a much slower rate than the ordinary system of ballots and booths.

ACTRESS AIDS PILOT INQUIRY. Another Arrest for Blackmailing Is Expected Soon. A new character entered into the Federal investigation of the late aviator gang that has extorted big sums from wealthy men by threats of arrest for Mann act violations when an actress who is a headliner in vaudeville had a talk yesterday with Assistant United States Attorney John C. Knox.

BINNEY EARL WEDS AGAIN. Daughter of Robert L. Stillson Is Bride of Edgewater Park Man. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Binney W. Earl, the Edgewater Park, N. J. young man whose "get well" divorced him after a sensational engagement two years ago, has given his friends another surprise by slipping away from his home in this city and marrying Miss Mabel Stillson of Nyack, N. Y.

WEST \$10,000 COURT JOB. The Judges of the County Court in Brooklyn have appointed David Hirschfeld, a prominent member of the Brooklyn Democratic Club, as the official referee of the court in a matter to be from \$10,000 to \$14,000 a year. This is the first time a Democrat has been chosen for the place. Mr. Hirschfeld succeeds Harrison C. Glor.

800 MEMBERS OF BAR PAY TRIBUTE TO ROOT

War, who succeeded Secretary Root, spoke one sentence which may have had a special significance, when, hailing Mr. Root as a national leader of the military preparation movement, he said: "We insist that he continue to inspire us as the leader of that movement."

Mr. Stimson said there are two kinds of public men—one thinking of what they can do for their work and the other thinking of what their work can do for them. Mr. Root, he said, was the first representative of the first class, and he told of what Gen. Wood had once said of him, that he was the most single minded man he ever knew, that he had never made a decision except on the highest standards and from the purest motives.

Politics Not Touched. Politics and topics relating to international affairs were eschewed by the speakers. The only reference was to tributes to Mr. Root, Mr. Smith carrying the praise from across the ocean. He said: "How many of the bar of England and France, not to speak of our Canadian bar, would rejoice if they could join us to-night in homage to Mr. Root! He is representative in a superior sense of the high and varied qualities of the legal erudition and intellectual vigor and resources that have won for the American bar the respect and admiration of the world."

Secretary Wadhams sent a telegram congratulating Secretary of State Robert Lansing upon his appointment, expressing the confidence felt by the New York State bar that he would ably fill his difficult and trying office.

Mr. Root is a peace advocate, yes, but only the kind of peace that goes hand in hand with honor. He would never sanction any principle to make the preservation of property even of life paramount to the preservation of national honor.

WHITMAN COMES OUT FOR JUSTICE HUGHES

Gov. Whitman announced yesterday that if Supreme Court Justice Hughes would accept it he was in favor of giving the Republican Presidential nomination to the Justice.

His decision to be a member of the "big four" delegates at large to the national convention, is said to have been made known at that time. It is understood that Elihu Root was named for temporary chairman of the State convention on January 15 at his request. As for the nomination of the Governor's administration by the State committee on Friday the Governor is reported to have said that he did not want such an endorsement at that time but would gather wait until the convention.

Chairman Tanner confirmed in part this report by issuing yesterday a statement to the effect that the failure of the State committee to endorse Gov. Whitman at its meeting was not indicative of hostility. As for seeking to bind the delegates at large to the convention by a resolution of the State committee, he said that never done.

SNOW AND RAIN PROMISED. To-day to Be Warmer, Cool Again Tomorrow. New York is going to have several kinds of weather to-day, according to last night's forecast. There may be snow and then again there may be rain; probably there will be both. Most of the day will be warmer than yesterday, but it will get cool toward night and tomorrow will be colder.

SPECIAL EVENTS This Week January Clearance Sale White Sale Notion Sale Presenting specially priced merchandise of the most compelling importance. Bloomingdale's 50th to 60th St. Lev. to 3d Av.

DENIES HEALIS WILL ABSOLVE MRS. MOHR

Attorney-General Says Report of Chauffeur's Switch to Defence Is Untrue. PROVIDENCE, Jan. 15.—Attorney-General Rice declared to-night that there is no truth in the published report that George Healis, the driver of Dr. Mohr's car, has retracted his previous statements and will exonerate Mrs. Mohr.

OBRIEN NEW PRESIDENT. State Bar Association Finishes 39th Annual Session. The New York State Bar Association finished its thirty-ninth annual meeting at the City Bar Association Building, in West Forty-fourth street, with the election of officers for 1916.

Frederick E. Wadhams was elected secretary and Albert Heiberger treasurer. The executive committee for the first district is composed of Arthur H. Masten, William D. Guthrie and John M. Bowers.

Nearly half a million dollars' worth of reasonable, desirable, up-to-date merchandise will be placed on sale tomorrow at prices which afford the shopping public economies of a most astonishing nature.

THE ENTIRE STOCKS OF THE A. D. MATTHEWS STORE OF BROOKLYN WAS CONTINENT-WIDE. Recently the great Matthews firm went into the hands of a Judicial Trustee. The Trustee wound up the business, selling out the entire stock of merchandise in bulk, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN ACQUIRED BY GREENHUT'S.

WILLETT GO-BETWEEN IS FOUND BY CROPSY. Letter Reveals How Sing Sing Prisoners Carried on Stock Deals. District Attorney Cropsy in Brooklyn yesterday established the identity of "the outside man" who carried out the stock market speculation for William Willett and other convicts in Sing Sing.

BURKETT OUT FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 15.—Ex-Senator E. J. Burkett announced his candidacy tonight for Vice-President on the Republican ticket. Mr. Burkett served six years in the House and six years in the Senate and has a wide acquaintance through Chautauqua work.

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already played its best cards and has laid down no trump. Healis will testify Monday afternoon, following the testimony of minor witnesses, as to the flight of the negroes from the scene of the shooting. The weather being excessively cold, the jury has been cooped up at the hotel all day, but may go to some church to-morrow. When Healis was arrested at the time of the crime he named Brown as his accomplice, stating robbery was their motive. Brown in turn accused Spellman, his half-brother, of complicity. In subsequent confessions Healis and the other negroes are said by the police to have admitted they staged the slaying at Mrs. Mohr's instigation.

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