REPUBLICANS TO NAME CHANGES THEY WANT.

Opposition Party Has Confidence in Democratic Committee to Remedy Election Evils.

DISCUSSION OF NESBIT LAW.

Citizens All Agree That a Measure Is Needed That Will Insure an Honest Ballot, Fairly Counted.

Action of the Jefferson Club in taking a strictly partisan stand on Nesbit law revision or repeal and the personnel of the committee of thirty-five Democrats named to take up the work was the subject of much comment yesterday.

Republicans seemed chagrined at this Democratic decision to take the bull by the horns and "run things." But no doubt was expressed that the Democrats of the committee, headed by Mayor Wells, purposed to thoroughly analyze the Nesbit law, weigh any and all specific objections and to frame a new law calculated to remedy existing defects.

The move checkmates the Republican plan outlined at the meeing at the Republican Central Committee rooms Thursday night in the Temple building. At that meeting G. A. Finkelnburg was chosen to select a committee of ten Republicans, which, as provided in a set of resolutions passed, should meet with Mayor Wells or other leading Democrats, who should appoint a like committee. This bipartisan committee of twenty was to enlarge itself to fifty.

Mr. Finkelnburg, when seen yesterday, said that the new development complicates the situation. "I have not yet completed the committee of ten," said he, "but I do not see what remains for me to do save go ahead as our resolution provides. I understand that the Democratic committee is ready to receive suggestions, and I suppose that our committee, when named, will formulate amendments to the present law or draw up a new one and forward the result of our work to the Democratic committee. This is talking in advance, however."

CHANGES REPUBLICANS SUGGEST.

"I cannot say fully just what are the changes we will think advantageous. The points seem to be the substitution of precinct for central registration, the closing of the polls at an earlier hour, the publication of registration lists, and perhaps some change in the method of appointment and tenure of office of judges and clerks."

Though the members of the Democratic Committee are bound by resolution not to discuss plans for deliberations, the reasons which moved the members to prefer a partisan handling of the question were expressed previous to the announcement of the committee. Principal among these is the belief that more 'politics' than appeared on the surface was concealed under the Republican demand for a nonpartisan or bipartisan committee. Democratic managers foresaw that Republicans would claim the honor of whatever a nonpartisan committee might do.

A leading Democrat said that this was the situation: "Should we have acceded to the Republican demand for a so-called nonpartisan law, we should have heard from the stump orators declaiming that the St. Louis Republicans rose up in their wrath against the 'infamous Nesbit law,' and that the Democrats were frightened into line. Though we want a good law, we do not want to give our Republican friends any such chance as this."

DIFFER AS TO MEASURE.

Whether the law will be amended or repealed is as yet an open question. Some members of the Democratic Committee, it is known, favor a new measure, but others also favor retaining the name "Nesbit law" if, after a thorough examination, it emerges not so black as it has been painted. The points which the Democrats of the committee think may be changed are those named by Mr. Finkelnburg, and other in addition. As named yesterday, these are: Precinct for central registration, the publication of lists, the size of precincts, reductions from the present 400 voters to a precinct to 200 or 300; opening and closing hours, tenure of office of judges and clerks, and an amendment providing that judges and clerks shall be free from jury duty.

James L. Blair, when asked as a representative of a Democratic element to express his ideas on beneficial changes, spoke of all the above save that referring to jury service.

He added the following: That there should be a count and public announcement of the vote in each precinct at the end of every hour, which would facilitate the count and make easier the detection of corrupt practices; that supervisory control over the appointment of judges and clerks should be vested in the Circuit Court; that judges and clerks should hold office until removed for cause; that the ballots should be destroyed immediately after the count; that the possibility of the interference of the police should be guarded against, or that the provisions of the act of 1895 with reference to the police be re-enacted; that the present system of appointing Election Commissioners be retained.

WHAT THE REPUBLICANS WANT.

John A. Gilliam, president of the Merchants' League Club, when asked to state just what the Republicans wanted, prepared the following:

"I think it would be better if a careful, well-drawn bill could be substituted for the Nesbit law, as amending results in patchwork and often in repugnancy of provisions.

"Either in the new law or as amendments to the old, I think that section 7224 should be amended by providing that the clerical force be equally divided between the two leading parties, the representative of the opposition naming his half of the force. As it is now every employe but one is a Democrat, and there is too much opportunity for fraudulent action, favoritism and obstruction.

"There should be precinct registration only for a full week, at least six weeks before election, mandatory provision for printing the lists within one week thereafter and the fullest opportunity for challenging the voter's right with trial before the Election Commissioners during four weeks before the election.

"The voter should be required to sign his full name on the registration books, and again if challenged at the polls. If unable to sign his name, a full and careful description of the voter should be made and should be referred to when he offers his vote, whether challenged or unchallenged. The provisions would be valuable to check impersonations of lawful voters and to convict fictitious electors.

"The judges and clerks should be selected according to sections 7, 8 and 9 of the law of 1895, under which, by joint action of the Election Commissioners and the Circuit Court, we had good judges and clerks.

CHALLENGERS AND WATCHERS.

"Two challengers and two watchers should be allowed each party having a ticket, in accordance with section 47 of the law of 1895. Any interference with them should be most severely punished.

"The ballots should be counted hourly, and proclamation made, the ballots string, and each judge and clerk furnished with the hourly total. At the close of the polls, which should not be later than 5 o'clock, the sum of the hourly totals should be ascertained and certified. This would greatly lessen chances of fraudulent practices. Punishment for election offenses should be made vastly greater.

"I think with these amendments symmetrically adjusted, the Nesbit law would be endurable. But the people of Missouri ought not to stop here. Until laws are passed for a comparison of the ballots with the list of voters, as provided by the Constitution, article 8, section 3, under proper safeguard and regulations, a contest of an election is a farce."

It is announced that the Democratic committee will receive any suggestions, whether from Republicans or Democrats, if properly drawn up and forwarded to the secretary, Thomas K. Skinner, whose headquarters will be at No. 507 Olive street, third floor of the Wells building. The committee will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and meetings will be held frequently in order that results may be quickly attained and the bill presented at an early date in the Legislature.

At the initial meeting of the committee, held Friday night after the Jefferson Club had adjourned, the order of procedure was mapped out. The secretary was authorized to employ the services of a competent stenographer, and the committee announced itself ready to secure the best of legal advice, paying for it, if necessary.

Plans were outlined by the adoption of six resolutions. The first provided that no requests for amendments or suggestion for repeal would be received which were not stated in writing. The second referred to public discussion of the proposed amendments or of the deliberation of the committee. The third and fourth asked that all citizens, irrespective of party affiliations, send suggestions to Mr. Skinker, and that especially the presidents of the two local Republican clubs and the chairman of the Republican City Central Committee, and the editors of the newspapers, be requested to send in writing their objections to the Nesbit law and recommendations for amendments.

A fifth resolution provided that the various subjects relating to the proposed amendments be placed in the hands of subcommittees, the latter to report to the committee of thirty-five for approval or rejection. The sixth announced that the committee particularly desires to hear from Republicans not in denunciation of the present law, but, specifically, as to defects which they think exist.

A prominent member of the committee stated that he thought a splendid election law will result; that the only thing which might interfere with a thorough revision would be the continued misrepresentation of the objects of the Jefferson Club by partisan Republican newspapers. Their opposition and continued misstatements might, he said, so exasperate Democratic members of the Senate and House that they would refuse to make any amendments.

The lawyer members of the committee will do the legal work of the body. City Counselor Charles W. Bates and Circuit Attorney Joseph W. Folk will take, in this connection, a leading part in drawing up the substitute law.

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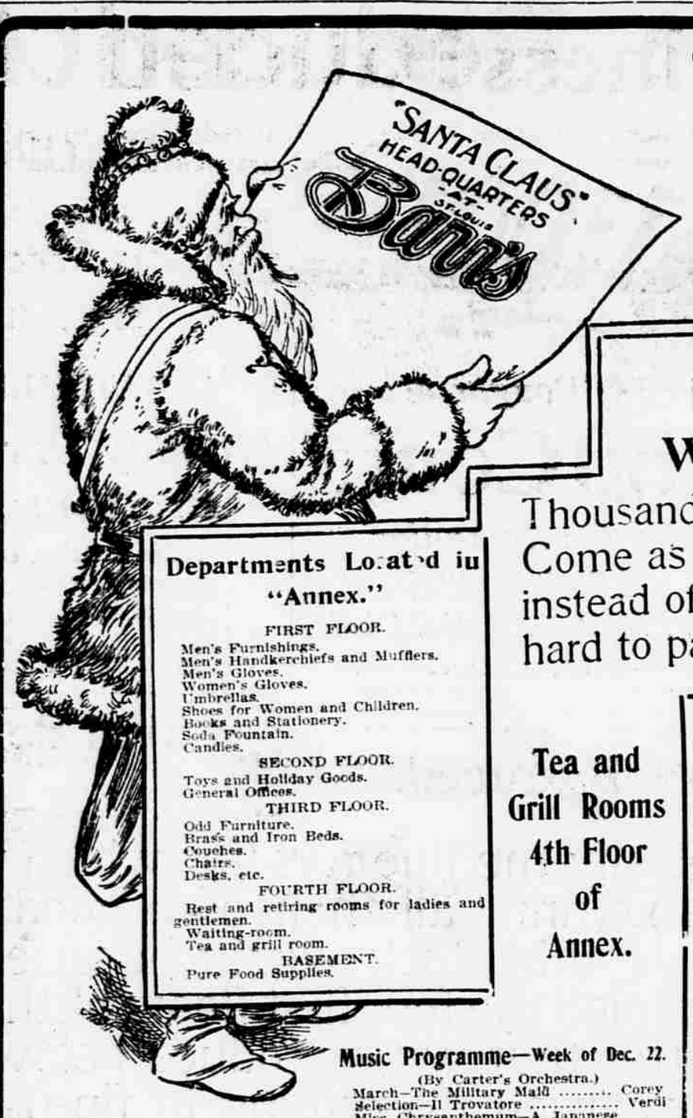

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Hearts and Flowers—A new flower song (request) ..... Tobani
Selection—The Sultan of Sulu....Anderson
Cornet Solo—The Lighthouse and the Boat ..... Moses-Tobani
Zamona—An Arabian Intermezzo ..... Loraine
Selection—Maritana ..... Wallace
March—Southern Sweethearts.....Johnson
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At 50c—Ladies' Dressing Sacques, "kimona" styles, made of check or stripe flannelette, white border—actual value $1.25—for Monday 50c.

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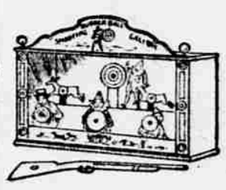

Shooting Gallery—worth $1.00; Sale Price 75c
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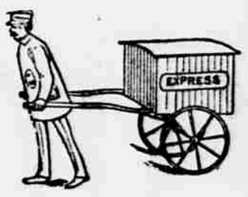

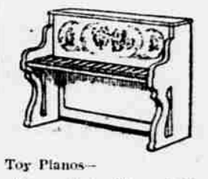

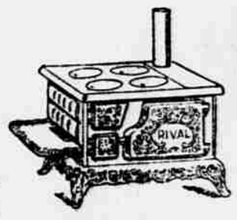

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Dolls.

Jointed Dolls—bisque head, natural hair and moving eyes, length 16 inches, worth 65c; Sale Price..... 39c
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Kid Body Doll—cork stuffed, bisque head, natural hair, moving eyes, worth $2.75; Sale Price..... $1.75

Dolls.

Fancy Dressed Dolls—jointed body, bisque head with hair, shoes and stockings, worth 25c; Sale Price..... 19c
Fancy Silk Dressed Dolls, bisque head, moving eyes, natural hair, worth 50c; Sale Price..... 39c
Trick Boxes—fine assortment of tricks, worth 25c, Sale Price..... 19c
worth 50c, Sale Price... 39c
Worth $1.00, Sale Price..... 65c

Holiday Hints From Barr's Basement.

Dinner Set—Haviland's French China, richly decorated in flowers and gilt—100 pieces, $25.00.
Dinner Set—Best English Porcelain, 112 pieces—flowers and gold and blue edge, $12.50.
Celery Tray—Rich American Cut Glass—various styles of cutting—11 inches long, $4.00.
Water Carafe—Richly Cut American Glass—full table size—dainty shape, $3.50.
Plated Tea Set—Best Quadruple Silver-Plated Four-piece Set—new design, $8.50.
Jardiniere and Pedestal—Handsomely ornamented—three decorations—large size, $12.00.
Umbrella Stand—Handsomely decorated in blue and gilt—large size, $4.25.
Banquet Lamps—Brass base—richly ornamented shade and body—center-draft burner, $5.00.
Parlor Lamps—Neatly decorated with flowers—complete with shade and center-draft burner, $3.75.
Royal Saxe Vases and Ornaments—yellow body—flower and gold decorations, $1.00.
Pictures—Fancy Oak-Framed Colored Photos—size 16x20 inches, $1.75.
Pictures—Large Pastels—Fancy deep gold frames—gold mat, $7.80.
Berry Bowl—Fluted Shape—fancy edge—quadruple silver-plated, $2.00.
Suit Case—Linen-lined, steel frame—fitted with toilet articles in ebony and silver, $10.00.
Traveling Bag—Oxford shape, full leather lined, fitted with toilet articles in ebony and silver, $14.50.
Scrap Baskets—Fancy Imported Braided Straw—various colors, 75c to $5.00.
Work Baskets on stand, with covers—various colors, designs and sizes, 85c to $3.00.
Chamber Sets—With Slop Jar—blue, pink or green—gold tracing and flowers, $5.85.
Chamber Sets—Very richly decorated in three colors and tracings—with jar, $12.50.

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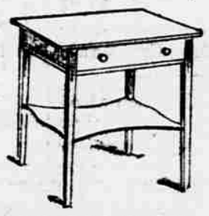
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500 Figured Denim Cushions; deep ruffle; worth $1.25, for..... 65c
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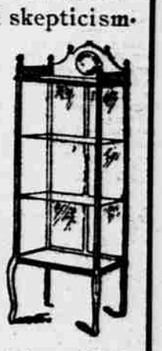
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SIXTH, SEVENTH, OLIVE AND LOCUST STREETS.

DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS FIGHTING FOR HONORS.

Many Legislators Come to the City to Arrange Their Lines of Campaign for January.

Many members of the General Assembly were in St. Louis yesterday, arranging for the coming session. Some of them were on their way from Jefferson City, where they have been to engage rooms. All reported that unusual difficulties were being experienced in getting accommodations, the members who applied immediately after the election having secured practically all of the best hotel rooms.

R. B. Oliver of Cape Girardeau will return to his home this morning. He is a candidate for Speaker of the House, and is making an active campaign. He is one of the few Democrats who have been able to carry Cape Girardeau County.

"As far as I know," Mr. Oliver said, "my prospects are satisfactory. I think that I stand an excellent chance of election. The reports which I have received are encouraging."

Charles D. Stewart, another candidate for Speaker, was also in the city, with John T. Beale, a member of the Commission to the Pan-American Exposition. Mr. Stewart is also confident. Peter Huck of Ste. Genevieve, it is said, has given intimations that he will have an announcement to make in a few days.

Joseph Talley of Bowling Green, Representative from Pike County, is an ardent supporter of Stewart. "I see that some politicians have been down from Louisiana and claiming that Pike County is not for Stone," he said. "I wish that you would say for me that, according to my best information, Stone can carry the county any day in the year."

J. T. Byrne of Byrnesville, assistant chief clerk of the present House, and candidate for chief clerk at the next session against Joseph S. Tall of Kahoka and Cleveland C. Thompson of Clinton County, was in the city yesterday. The race for the chief clerkship of the House promises to be one of the best in the organization. Mr. Thompson is a comparatively new man in the race.

Among the other members of the General Assembly who were in St. Louis yesterday were Representative Lee T. Witty of Memphis, Scotland County, Senator E. B. Fields of Browning, Senator C. C. Dickinson of Henry County, and Senator Ernest B. Martin of Marshall.

CITIZENS ATTACK HIGHWAYMEN

One Bandit Killed in Fight at Provence, I. T.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 20.—Two highwaymen, heavily armed, were attacked by a posse of citizens as they rode into the town of Provence, in the Chickasaw Nation, last night, and an exchange of shots followed.

The horse was shot from under one of the men, George Slocum, and finally he was shot and captured. The second man escaped.

Slocum later died of his wound. The men are supposed to have engaged in a robbery near Provence.

EXPOSURE EXHAUSTED SAILORS

Cadwallader Crew Was Rescued From Disabled Vessel.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Portland, Me., Dec. 20.—The revenue cutter Woodbury came into this port with the disabled schooner John Cadwallader of Bath, Me., in tow and the crew of the stranded schooner Delaware of Brooksville, Me., on board.

Captain E. C. Chaytor was in command of the Woodbury.

While cruising in the vicinity of Little Mark Island, a schooner stranded on Haddock Rock, with mainsail, forestaysail and jib set, was discovered through the vapor over the water. Lieutenant Ulke was sent with a boat crew to board her. He found her covered with ice. The seas were breaking over her and the cabin was swept flush with the deck. No person was found on board.

After hauling down the frozen sails, with much difficulty the boat's crew returned to the cutter and search was made for the missing crew. While engaged in this search another vessel with distress signals flying was sighted. She was in a helpless condition, near the dangerous ledges at Turnip Island, with her sails blown away, rigging parted and badly tied up.

Lieutenant Ulke went on board and ascertained that she was the John Cadwallader. Two of her crew of four were ill and the others were exhausted by exposure to the severe cold. One of the seamen had a badly frozen ear. Her anchor was hove and a towline was run from the cutter to the schooner.

Lieutenant Ulke returned to the Woodbury with one of the seamen, who was badly frozen, and temporary relief was administered him until he could be sent to the hospital for treatment. After getting under way, with the Cadwallader in tow, search was resumed for the crew of the abandoned schooner Delaware.

A boat was sent ashore in charge of Lieutenant Ulke to make a thorough hunt on Haskell's Island. Members of the missing crew were found after they had spent the night outdoors during the severe blizzard, with the thermometer 22 degrees below zero.

Had it not been for a few matches with which Captain Black started a fire, they would certainly have perished. As it was, Captain Black had both ears frozen and one of his crew had his foot badly affected. They were brought on board the Woodbury, received temporary relief and later were sent to the Marine Hospital.

During all this time the wind was blowing a gale and the thermometer ranging from 12 to 14 degrees below zero. There was a dense, driving vapor on the water.

The schooner Cadwallader was bound from Boston to Booth Bay to lay up for the winter. The Delaware was bound from Boston to Brookville, Me., with a cargo of hard coal, consigned to the Maine Lake Ice Company. She is a total wreck.

NAME WON HER A HUSBAND.

Odd Romance of Etta Welch and John Wingo.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—The recent marriage of Miss Etta Welch of Bellebridge, six miles above McKeesport, and John Wingo, of Clairton, was the culmination of another of those peculiar romances started by the bride throwing a bottle containing her name written on a slip of paper into the Ohio.

On January 1 last Miss Welch and a number of other girls threw a bottle containing all of their names into the river near Elizabeth. On January 29 she received a letter from a Mr. Wingo from Springville, Ky., who had found the bottle, and, finding that none of the other girls had heard from him, she kept the joke up by continuing the correspondence. It ended in an exchange of pictures.

Then Wingo secured a position in the steel mill directly opposite the home of the young lady at Clairton, but neither knew that they were so close together until the Sunday preceding the Fourth of July, when a young man passed the Welch home, looked at Miss Welch, then stopped and spoke to her. Each was certain of the other's identity from the exchange of pictures. The courtship was renewed and the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Welch, resulted.

A Terrible Chance.

"Shakespeare took some great risks in his dramatic effects," said the literary analyst.

"He did, indeed," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, with the innocent egotism of genius. "For instance, when he wrote his plays he had no idea that I would be born to see that they were properly produced."—Washington Star.

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