

WADSWORTH CONFERENCE ON SPEAKERSHIP

NEW YORK LEGISLATORS AT MEETING

Two Sessions Are Held—Wadsworth Said First Was Composed of Men Opposed to Him

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Two important conferences of members of the state assembly to consider the question of the speakership were held here today. All the Republican members had been invited to the first meeting, which was held in the Hotel Cadillac. Only the New York delegation in the assembly attended the second meeting, which was held late tonight.

The first meeting was called by men who W. J. Wadsworth, Jr., said were opposed to him, although he and every other Republican assemblyman was invited. Mr. Wadsworth sent out many messages to assemblymen who are supporting him, advising them that no good purpose would be served by their attending the meeting. Although James T. Rogers, majority leader in the assembly, and two other members of that body called on him and asked him to be present at the meeting, he declined to do so.

Thirty-seven assemblymen were in the conference and some were friends of Mr. Wadsworth, E. A. Merritt, Jr., one of the leading candidates for the speakership, was present, as were also several former candidates who dropped out of the contest when Gov. Higgins declared in favor of Wadsworth.

After having been in session more than three hours the conference adjourned without having taken any action whatever. It had been reported that one of the purposes of the gathering was to ascertain whether or not the members could agree upon a compromise candidate for speaker, but Assemblyman Jesse Phillips, who had issued the call for the conference, declared that no compromise candidate was even discussed and that no test vote showing the strength of any candidate was taken.

Mr. Merritt said tonight that he is not at all disheartened with the result of the conference; that the purpose for which it was held was to bring the members together for a frank discussion of the subject, to inform them as to the present status of the contest for the speakership and to forestall any attempts to bind the members to any candidate before they knew what the facts are.

"It was not an Odell meeting," declared Mr. Merritt. Mr. Merritt was asked tonight whether in the event that he thought it necessary for him to withdraw in the interest of a candidate who might be able to unite all the interests opposed to Wadsworth he would be willing to do so. He replied:

"I have not come to that yet." The appearance of such a candidate would not surprise some of the men who are well acquainted with the situation.

Mr. Wadsworth said tonight: "I regard the conference as beneficial to me, as having promoted harmony, which is the purpose of my candidacy. I wish to make it absolutely clear that I am not a factionist. It is true that anybody has asked me to withdraw from the contest. I am satisfied with the situation and while I do not care to give any estimates of the number of votes in my support, I am assured of a safe majority."

Adjournment was taken subject to the call of Jesse Phillips, who said he would issue another call if requested to do so.

HIGGINS IS PLEASED

Says He Regards Contest as Practically Over

By Associated Press. ALBANY, Dec. 22.—Governor Higgins left Albany tonight to spend Christmas with his family at Olean. He did not attempt to conceal the fact that the outcome of the past week's political conflict was satisfactory to him.

"I regard the contest as practically over," said he, "providing, of course, that the assembly must first act for themselves. But in view of the positive pledges which have been given for the support of Mr. Wadsworth I regard that matter as settled."

The governor admitted that he had personal advice as to the outcome of the conference of the assembly; held today in New York. It has adjourned, he said, after a free discussion, but without action. There might not be another such conference before the final caucus which would make the Republican nomination for speaker of the assembly. He said he hoped for unanimous action in the Republican caucus of assemblymen.

The governor said that former Lieutenant Governor Woodruff called upon him this afternoon with William Barnes, Jr., Republican state committeeman from Albany, and that Mr. Woodruff had renewed his expressions of good will and approval of Mr. Wadsworth's candidacy.

JOHN R. WALSH'S PLANS

Will Move Offices to Grand Central Station—Bank's Affairs to Be Closed Up

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Since the suspension of the Chicago National bank John R. Walsh has refused to make any statement regarding his future plans, declaring that he had not yet been able to formulate them. Today Charles H. Bosworth, national bank examiner and acting president of the Chicago National bank, made an official statement regarding the plans of Mr. Walsh. He said:

"Mr. Walsh will tomorrow move his offices from the Chicago National bank building to the Grand Central station. He expects in a short time to connect the Chicago Southern railway with the Chicago Terminal railway, which will insure him an entrance into this city. At the bank seventy-five clerks will be dismissed and the affairs of the institution will be closed up as rapidly as possible. A statement is being prepared for the benefit of prospective bidders for the bank building, containing data of taxes, insurance and similar matters. My report has been sent to Washington. There is no suggestion in it of criminal charges. If anything in that direction is projected it must be taken up by the authorities in Washington."

Dies at Age of 108. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Caroline Shelton, a negro, has just died here. Her death certificate shows that she was 108 years of age. She was born to slavery near Orange, Va., and came to California in 1853.

SUPERINTENDENT REVERSES JOKE; JOINS SCHOOLMARM'S SORORITY

There was a vacant chair at the schoolmaster's banquet, and the reason for it has leaked out notwithstanding strong efforts on the part of the occupants of the other seats to keep the lid down. The schoolmasters determined to play a trick on Superintendent J. A. Foshay—it was a trick worthy the ingenuity of the schoolmasters, but Mr. Foshay was prepared to combat it with one worthy the ingenuity of a small boy.

At the same time the schoolmasters were dining at the Bristol, the school "marms" were enjoying a similar feast at the Hollenbeck. The masters decided that it would be a good idea to send greetings to their friends at the Hollenbeck and then came the scheme to cheat Mr. Foshay out of his dinner. He agreed to go and as he left the room there was a subdued titter. A minute later everybody was laughing and congratulating himself that Mr. Foshay would have no dinner. Not so, thought the professor.

He evidently knew the women and was sure that he would be asked to stay. He carried the greetings to them and an extra chair was placed.

Startles Schoolmasters. Mr. Foshay enjoyed an excellent

FOOTBALLISTS READY FOR CHRISTMAS GAME

ST. VINCENTS AND INDIANS ARE IN TRIM

Yule-Tide Struggle Should Be Evenly Contested, as Both Teams Are Matched as to Weight and Punting Ability

The members of the St. Vincent's football team which meets the Sherman Indian eleven at Fiesta park on Christmas day are confident that they will prevent the braves from scoring at least in the first half and are counting upon the present physical condition to turn the trick.

The red men outweigh the collegians by four or five pounds to the man, which of an even go in so far as poundage is concerned. The St. Vincent eleven has not ceased training since the university game and will let up the week with an easy round of signal practice.

The Indians have not allowed themselves to run out of trim and will endeavor to roll up the decisive scores which they have succeeded in amassing against the southern college teams which they have met in the past season.

The strongest scoring ability exhibited by the Saints was in the game with the University of Arizona, when they were apparently able to score at will. While the sagebrushers were not a strong aggregation, their opponents at the time of the contest played the strongest ball which they have yet shown themselves capable of and worked as one man.

Stuart, the all-college center, will have an opportunity of exhibiting his caliber against Coleman, the all-southern center, and may play the Indian to a standstill.

Without will do the punting for the collegians and during the last few weeks of practice has been booting the leather consistently for an average of fifty yards, something above the footwork of any southern kicker.

The chances are that the game will be an open one, as kicking is fast taking hold with local elevens. Lane and Phillips, who are to form a strong twinning duo for the base ball team during the coming season, will be on either side of Stuart, and McElroy, who has not played since the Occidental game, will be at his old place on the mound. M. McDonald is to call the signals.

The line-up: SHERMAN. ST. VINCENT. Kennedy (c).....I end r..... Grindell Shoulder (c).....I tackle r..... Phelps

Blackfoot.....I guard r..... Phillips Coleman.....I center.....(c) Stuart Morales.....I guard l..... Lane C Coleman.....I tackle l..... Whilhoit Neaphus.....I end l..... McElroy Neaphus.....I quarter..... Sealey Nortes.....I half r..... Aker Livo.....I half l..... Cummings Galt.....I fullback..... Andrews

TO ORGANIZE CATTLEMEN

Meeting at Salinas Will Invite Them to Join a State Association

By Associated Press. SALINAS, Dec. 22.—The committee of four appointed at the meeting of cattlemen yesterday has reported a resolution to invite the cattlemen of California to join in forming a state organization for the purpose of furthering the interests of the producer and devising remedies for present conditions. The resolution also states that it is the organization's purpose to correct two vital evils which fall directly upon the cattle raisers, viz., the weighing of cattle to wholesaler and the evil of sending cattle to the slaughter house to be killed on commission.

The next meeting, when cattlemen from all parts of the state are expected to be present, was set for February 5 in Salinas, at which a permanent state organization will be perfected and an available meeting place agreed upon which will most probably be either Sacramento, Los Angeles or San Francisco.

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