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MAY LOSE FOURTEEN SEATS Democratic Situation in New York and Brooklyn Critical.

Executive Committee's Preliminary Meeting—There was a preliminary meeting of the general executive committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church yesterday.

Colored Hoodlums Fined—The six colored hoodlums who raided the laundry of Hug LeB on H street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, on Monday night.

Senator Hill Spoke at Yonkers to-night. He will speak in Brooklyn to-morrow afternoon, and in New York on Wednesday.

There are nine Congressional districts in this city and five in Brooklyn. The opposition of the County Democracy candidates to the Tammany candidates in this city, and the Shepherds endanger four in the districts in Brooklyn.

As the margin by which the Democratic managers hope to carry the next House and Representatives is very narrow, the situation is regarded as extremely grave.

Why the Giant "Copper" Is Happy—The biggest policeman on the Washington force, Constable Tom Halsey, who stands six feet six inches in his stockings, yesterday.

He Has a Fenchon for Bikes—Judge Miller yesterday held a preliminary hearing for the grand jury in \$1,000 bonds, on the charge of stealing a tandem bicycle from Mr. L. D. Bliss.

He Killed a Race Horse—Thomas Blinham, the colored man whose reckless driving resulted in the death of Lockwood, Fred Miller's valuable race horse, on the Long Bridge last Wednesday, was charged yesterday.

Richard Croker and Ferry Belmont, Mr. Cleveland's ex-minister to Spain, were at the Democratic headquarters to-day regarding this matter.

Col. Strong was this afternoon waited on by the notification committee of the New York State Democracy and was officially tendered the nomination for mayor made by that organization.

Col. Strong in accepting the nomination said that the citizens of New York for the last six years have been governed by a corrupt ring of conspirators that had brought disgrace upon the municipal government throughout the land.

The Tammany members of the board supported the nomination of Strong to the Street Commissioners, while the Republican members of the board held the proposition that Campbell's convention was regular.

The disaffected stockholders of the People's Transportation Company are satisfied and gratified at the progress being made in the legal proceedings against their executive, President John W. Patterson.

At a meeting of the anti-Patterson members last night in the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, encouraging reports were rendered of the proceedings in court, and those persons present expressed their satisfaction of the investigating committee's action.

Then the presiding officer stated that since the last stockholders' meeting, Patterson had been summoned before an examiner in chancery, but had refused to answer questions concerning the receipt and expenditure of the colored people's money, which, in Mr. Webster's opinion, conclusively proved Patterson guilty of squandering the money.

Mr. W. H. Thomas was called upon to make a statement of the course of the prosecution in the past six days. He declares that every time the case has been called for a hearing the defendant's counsel have found some loop hole to crawl through, and secure a continuance.

In conclusion, Mr. Thomas said he would advise no one to contribute 10 cents toward paying for the Lady of the Lake until the pending difficulty has been settled pro or con. Messrs. Wilson and Straughter and several others spoke in the same strain, and after two hours' discussion the assembled stockholders departed to their homes to await further developments and happy in the thought that the course of time justice will be done and their wrongs redressed.

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