NEW-JERSEY'S CAMPAIGN.

WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED THIS WEEK BY THE RE-PUBLICANS.

FRANKLIN MURPHY SURE TO BE NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

Jerseymen take to politics as naturally as the proverbial duck does to water, and it is the exception to find a man who doesn't think that he knows enough about political affairs to fill a book. This year a Governor of the State is to be chosen, and everybody is getting ready. On the Republican side excitement is lacking because of the certainty, by unanimous decree, that Franklin Murphy will be the candidate. Of unblemished personal character and demonstrated capacity for public affairs, besides many years of loyal service to his party, there seems no reason to doubt his success at the polls.

The Democats are, however, furnishing enough fun for all. Their anteconvention squabbles have furnished yards of matter for the newspapers, and the probability is that the strife will not cease until Election Day, if it does then. lames M. Seymour, Mayor of Newark, wants the nomination for Governor, and "Bob" Davis, Boss of Hudson County, says that he shall have it. This view is controverted by James Smith, formerly United States Senator, who is yet a mighty power in Democratic councils. He lives in Newark, and after he had helped Seymour to office the latter repaid him, according to the Smith people, with ingratitude of the worst kind. The ex-Senator is bending all his energies to the task of defeating Seymour, but so far he has not succeeded in bringing forward a strong man against him.

The Republican State Convention will meet next Thursday; the Democrats will hold theirs on October 1.

ONE OF THE PRETTIEST POLITICAL BATTLES ON RECORD

organization, and its leaders will wield a potent influence in the convention.

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It will not be the ordinary delegation composed of a few speakers and many shouters to hurrah their candidate into the nomination, but will consist of men of ability with oratorical powers and active and capital workers. Leading men of the county have become interested in the contest and have offered to serve as delegates. The volunteers are so numerous that the district and ward com-

mitteemen are in many instances in a quandary

whom to support. It is in strange contrast with past years, when volunteers were scarce and pre-

cinct committeemen, unable to find men to go,

The primaries to be held next Wednesday night

SITUATION IN SOUTH JERSEY.

CONVENTION AND WILL SUPPORT

THE NOMINEE.

New-Brunswick, Sept. 22 (Special).-Democratic

entiment in Middlesex County on the Governorship

has not yet crystallized. The leaders disclaim knowledge of the wishes of the party, and refuse

to express a positive preference. Primaries in the various townships and wards to choose delegates

to the State convention on October 1 are yet to be

One of the prettiest political battles ever wit- ; In no county have the Democrats such a perfect nessed in New-Jersey is now at its height. The gladiators are James Smith, formerly United States Senator, and James M. Seymour, Mayor of Newark. Mr. Seymour wants to be the Demoeratic candidate for Governor, and Mr. Smith has vowed a mighty vow that he must not and shall not be gratified. It is doubtful if any man will be able to pick the winner until the State convention meets on October 1 and makes

Smith and Seymour one must go back a few series. Following their ejectment from the State government the Democrats had control of the city of Newark. It was useless for Smith to put up one of his acknowledged henchmen for the mayoralty, and Seymour thought that he saw his opportunity. He had, as Water Commissioner, won repute as an independent, and had repeatedly refused to take orders from the machine. When the mayoralty fever attacked him he took the oath of allegiance to the Senator, was duly nominated for Mayor, but didn't succeed at the polls. Seymour continued to manifest his gratitude to Smith, and when election time came around once more Seymour was again nominated. Smith helped him substantially before and after the convention, and Seymour was triumphantly elected. It didn't take long for all of Seymour's gratitude to coze out at his fingers' ends. Instead of recognizing Smith's "O. K." as the indispensable requisite for men desiring appointments to municipal office, Mayor Seymour began to build up a machine of his own. Once in a while something was thrown to the Smith cohorts, but it became pretty clear that the Senator's recommendations counted for little.

There was no open break, however, until three years ago. Mayor Seymour figured out that he was the man to be nominated as the Democratic unnididate for Governor of New-Jersey. Mr. Smith had other plans, however. He was mak-smith had other plans, however. years. Following their ejectment from the State

Smith had other plans, however. He was making his fight for re-election to the United States Senate. Success, he believed, depended wholly, y, with its eleven Assembly votes, and he got the impression somehow that the candidate for Governor who could best help him in this respect was the County Prosecutor, Elvin Crane. As the Senator was supplying the sinews of war for the campaign, his word was law; Seymour's hopes were crushed, and Crane led the fight which resulted in the election of a Republican MIDDLESEX WILL GO UNPLEDGED TO THE same political faith. Seymour had sulked all through the campaign, and he followed this up. it was charged, by making a dead set against all of Crane's friends in the matter of appointments. The breach between Senator Smith and Mayor Seymour kept growing wider, and when the time for mayoralty nominations rolled around again the Senator was out in flatfooted opposition to Seymour. By this time the Mayor had built up a likely machine of his own, and behind this flocked all the Democrats hostile to the Smith influence. Seymour routed the Smithites, captured the Democratic city convention, and was subsequently elected by the aid of Republicans who admired his plucky fight, and labored under the delusion that he was an independent, non-partisan Mayor. Since that time Mayor Seymour has never lost an opportunity of "rubbing it in" on Smith, and the latter realizes that it is a case of now or never. If he can't beat Seymour he must take a back seat. The knowledge of this and the desire for revenge are spurring him on to extraordinary

But there are others with old scores to settle, and some of these are complicating the situation. In a fight between Smith and Seymour, with the State as a battleground, the former could win easily. Seymour has with him, however, the Croker of Hudson Countythe banner Democratic county of the Statethe redoubtable "Bob" Davis. That Davis cares anything personally as between Smith and Seymour is doubted. It is generally believed that the Hudson boss is trying now to block Smith's plans at the behest of E. F. C. Young, the Jersey City banker and railroad magnate. Once upon a time Mr. Young wanted to be Governor of New-Jersey. Everything was running his way nine years ago, and the Democratic nomination appeared to be falling into his lap. Then Smith stepped in and forced the nomination of George T. Werts as a preliminary to the election of himself (Smith) to the United States Senate over the politically dead body of his friend, Leon Abbett, to whom he had played the part of Brutus. Now the whirligig of time is enabling Young to recompense Smith for his interference on that occasion, and he is doing it enthusiastically through Davis.

Smith is making trouble in his efforts to put up somebody against Seymour. He has sugsested a number of third and fourth class men, but it is evident that he will have to do better. He apparently realized this when he threw out as a feeler the suggestion that he might take a shy at the nomination himself. To those who know Mr. Smith this is a rich joke, because they are aware that there isn't money or glory enough in the country to entice him into running for an elective office.

IN HUDSON COUNTY.

THE SEYMOUR SENTIMENT IS UNANIMOUS IN THIS BANNER DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT.

Hudson will send a solid Seymour delegation to the Governor's convention, and this will enhance his chances of obtaining the nomination, for the transmous choice of the banner Democratic county lot be ignored. Hudson is the only county of the twenty-one that has shown positive Democratic gains since the party was so badly disrupted in 1896 and it contributed eleven thousand plurality for Crane for Governor, when the other countles regarded as Democratic gave decreased or trivial Rajorities or moved into the Republican column.

PROMINENT FIGURES IN NEW-JERSEY'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. FRANKLIN MURPHY. JAMES SEYMOUR



ROBERT DAVIS

COLONEL E. L. PRICE,

Franklin Murphy will be nominated for Governor by the unanimous votes of the delegates to the Republican State Convention next Thursday. James M. Seymour would like to be the Democratic nominee; Colonel E. L. Price is his political manager. Davis is the Democratic boss of Hudson County, and he is standing by Seymour. Ex-Senator Smith is determined to punish Seymour for ingratitude by preventing his nomination. E. F. C. Young has an old score to settle with Smith, and he is believed to be the power behind the throne in influencing Davis to help thwart Smith.

THE COMING CONVENTION

HOW MURPHY WILL BE NOMINATED-POLITICAL GOSSIP IN THE STATE.

of discord at the Republican State Convention that is scheduled to assemble in Taylor's Opera House next Thursday for the purpose of placing before the people a candidate for Governor. All opposition

promises to be one of the briefest and most har monious on record. It is almost certain that only managers that the platform shall be short. It will contain an indorsement of the Republican administration of affairs in New-Jersey, and will fittingly refer to the lamentable taking off of the late President and give assurance to President Roosevelt

side over the convention, and he can be depended upon to make a rousing speech, filled with materia that will give the stump speakers for the fall paign plenty of ammunition. Mr. Stokes is looked upon as one of the most eloquent and convincing talkers in the State, and is always in demand.

United States Senator William J. Sewell as nounced yesterday that he expected to be at the convention, despite his serious illness. The announcement has brought gladness to Republican conspicuous figure at every Republican State Con vention since 1876. He invariably heads the delega tion from his own county of Camden, and ther have been few conventions since 1876 that have no heard a word or two from him.

to the State convention on October 1 are yet to be held.

George S. Silzer, chairman of the county committee, said that he was unaware of a marked sentiment in the county for any candidate. He admitted that Seymour had followers, but that his support in the county was not general. The delegates, unless the exigency of the convention does not allow of complimentary votes, will probably place in nomination ex-Senator James H. Van Cleef, and his name will be kept before the convention as long as feasible. Ex-Senator Van Cleef personally is popular with the voters of the county, and has a creditable record in the legislature.

A sentiment which may assume formidable size exists in the county-in favor of the nomination of a candidate from the southern part of New-Jersey. It is argued that South Jersey has not had a candidate in years, and that it would be better to go before the voters solidly supporting a fairly strong man than to force Seymour or anybody else with a powerful faction lukewarm in his support. Seymour may have received many Republican votes when he was elected Mayor of Newark; these votes he would not receive as a candidate for Governor, and Middlesex fails to see that he possesses marked strength in the State.

Middlesex will go unpledged. If Seymour gets While all is serenc within the Republican camp he Democrats find their ship in the roughest kind of waters, with every prospect of its going t pieces. Ex-United States Senator James Smith jr., has taken upon himself the task of defeating Mayor James M. Seymour of Newark for the Gov ernor's nomination, and at this stage of the pro some of the Newark Mayor's close friends are talking of advising him to withdraw, in order to save himself from overwhelming defeat in the conven-

one, and in the past has been most bitter. Smith is generally accredited with having furnished the sinews of war that first elected Seymour to the mayoralty of Newark, and thus bringing him into political prominence. After the election Seymour declined to allow Smith any voice in the administration of affairs or the naming of officials, and the fight has been on ever since. Three years ago Middlesex will go unpledged. If Seymour gets the Essex County vote, in addition to that of Hudson County, Middlesex will cordially support him. Otherwise her attitude will probably be revealed on the convention floor.

CHRISTIAN BRAUN AS A FACTOR. THE WELL KNOWN BREWER FAVORED AS A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR IN

Paterson, Sept. 22 (Special).-Since the Supreme Court declared the act providing for the appointment of commissions to redistrict the ward lines n cities unconstitutional the Democratic politi-The confusion that existed in this city as to the wards delayed the primaries, and both sides were waiting for the decision of the courts. Having won their fight on this point, the Democrats are now taking heart, and talk confidently of their prospects at the coming election.

They are all out for ex-Senator Christian Braun, the brewer of this city, for Governor. He has always been a winning candidate in local battles, and they believe that if he got the Democratic nomination for Governor he would sweep into office with the undivided vote of the Germans of both State. No factional fight would follow his nomi-

Behind this desire for the nomination of a Pas-

Braun may fail to show enough strength in the convention to make him a formidable candidate. The leaders are preparing for such a contingency, and if they see that Braun cannot make the nomination they will throw in their lot with Seymour, if the latter can get the unanimous sup-

Seymour, if the latter can get the unanimous sup-port of the delegation from Essex County.

"The Passaic County delegation will name Sena-tor Braun," said William B. Gouriey, "and they will be with him until they see that there is no chance for his nomination. After Braun, they will be with Seymour if he has the undivided support of his own delegation from Essex. If Mr. Seymour cannot get he away delegation I cannot get he away delegation I cannot get he away delegation. cannot get his own delegation I cannot say what the Passak delegates will do. They will watch the developments and probably be with the strongest candidate."

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About a week ago there was a movement in some of the wards in this city to send delegates to the convention pledged to Seymour, no matter how the situation might turn out. Mayor Hinchliffe, Judge Frank Van Cleve, John Johnson, president of the Board of Aldermen, and a coterie of leaders were said to be strongly in favor of the Newark man, and it was said that Mr. Gourley had declared for Braun, with the desire that the delegation might be turned over to Seymour ultimately; but the rank and file of the party came out so strongly for Braun that the leaders have had to declare themselves for Braun absolutely. They will be with Braun until there is no hope for the Passaic County man.

It was said that Braun was carrying his canvass through the northern counties, and that he would go into the convention with the delegates not only from Passaic, but also from Bergen, Morris and Sussex. Mr. Gourley says that he does not think that any effort is being made by Mr. Braun to get the delegates from these counties.

It is likely that when the real struggle comes the Passaic County delegates will declare for Seymour as all the leaders are favorably disposed to the Newark man. This is made all the more probable by the stand taken by E. F. C. Young, the Jersey City banker, who rules in Hudson through Davis, and who is influential with some of the leaders in this county.

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MR. MURPHY AS HE IS.

SKETCH OF THE MAN WHO WILL BE THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR

The Republicans of New-Jersey, with a unanim ity of purpose and conviction rarely manifested by a political party in the ascendency in a State, will, as now seems beyond doubt, on next Thursday in their State convention at Trenton, nominate Franklin Murphy as their candidate for Governor. obtain this nomination Mr. Murphy has not filed any claims or made any pledges. It will go to him as a well earned reward of merit and as the rec ognition of a loyal, able and aggressive Republi-can, who, as the chairman of the State Republican Committee for nine years and in conspicuous in-dividual ways, has made his title to the nomination for Governor so clear that there will not b more than a sporadic county testimonial opposition, if there is even that, in the convention

spontaneity with which the nomination of Mr. Murphy has been urged by the Republicans of the State was the outcome of a spirit of political indorsement and personal gratitude combined. During his chairmanship of the State committee he has kept in close touch not only with the chairmen and members of the county committees, but with the people who make county committees. He individually has been a constantly in session compolitical grievances, and his success as an arbitrator and harmonizer has been such that he is not only recognized as a strong and wise Republican leader, but as a sincerely Mr. Murphy is a Jerseyman, native to the man-

er, and identified with the growth and prosperity of the State. He was born in Jersey City almost simultaneously with the year 1846, and he has kept right up with the years ever since, lively as the pace has sometimes been. He was ten years of age when he removed from Jersey City to Newark. where he entered the Newark Academy and from which he received his education. The bronze button on his coat shows where he was in the Civil War, and the records show that he was enlisted when sixteen years old as a private in Company A, 13th New-Jersey Volunteers. He remained with the regiment until the close of the war, and he still has a vivid recollection of the battles at Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, while the campaigns to Atlanta and Gettysburg, while the campaigns to Atlanta and Savannah and through the Carolinas with Sherman are still familiar spots and mileposts in his memory.

Men who knew him when he was a boy now say that there always was a business wheel in "Frank" Murphy's head, and so there was. After his return from the war he in September, 1865, went into the varnish business, at once establishing the Murphy Varnish Company, at Newark, of which he has always been the active head, and which is well known at home and abroad. Like Mr. Murphy, it has worked its way up, as many an American boy and business have, the business being pushed by the boy until at length it made a larger and abler man of him by cognelling him to grow with its growth and strengthen with its strength or fall by the wayside. Mr. Murphy did not fall. The pride of the American youth is to keep up, and Mr. Murphy is one of the men who has never been in the rear rank. Although he ever has been a busy man in his business, he has found time, as busy men do, to help organize and develop the patriotic societies of the Colonial Wars and of the Sons of the American Revolution, which shows that his forebears a good many years ago were among in the circle of the Colonial Wars and of the Sons of the American Revolution, which shows that his forebears a good many years ago were among in the circle of the Colonial Wars and of the Sons of the American Revolution, which shows that his forebears a good many years ago were among in the circle of the Colonial Wars and of the Sons of the Gloucester leader. Whether they will go to Trenton as a will be a member of the colonial Wars and of the Sons of the Gloucester leader. Whether they will endeavor to land the candidate for Govierro. This has always been the enlisted when sixteen years old as a private in Company A, 13th New-Jersey Volunteers. He re-

CORNISH IS THEIR CHOICE.

OLD IVTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS WANT LEADERS TO GET IN LINE.

What was until the State was redistricted by the last legislature, the old IVth Congress District of New-Jersey has long been known as the strong-hold of Democracy. Apart from Hudson County. the counties of Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren are still the party seats of the mighty, and Morris County has long been wobbly in politics as it is rich in pastoral attractions. Democracy in this old district was and still is of the Jacksonian type. It is almost Bourbon in the tenacity with which it remembers all things, and it lets new political deas under the ropes reluctantly. Politicians keen and strategic flourish there as perennially as the lichen clings to the rugged rocks. In the store, or born and made. When John McMickle, of St County, was a State Senator it was a standing oke that when he was a schoolmaster he strengthened the primary curriculum and perpetuated the "What are the two principal products of the IVth Congress District?" The answer, in full school chorus, was, "Democracy and applejack!" are the most notable characteristics of the products? Applejack is predominant, and Demo-crats are more so. But, joined though he is to his political idols, the Democrat of the old IVth District knows the new tricks of the trade thoroughly and is free and frank to criticise his brethren, who live where turnips do not grow from the seed and good ripe liquor is found in bottles, and not in barrels, cool as the water from indigenous springs and stone walled cellars. When he talks, or "lets himself go," in his own phraseology, the Democrat up that way is as interesting as the present factional contest in Newark The conversation of one with a correspondent of The Tribune the other day is an epitome of political opinion there. The man who talked has been a member of the State Senate, and is one of the faithful whose voice is often heard in the conferences of the leaders.
"We are a quiet, conservative people up

the hills," he said, "but we catch the echoes of the internal disturbances within the party on the wing. What we would like to know is, Why don't they stop wrangling and get together? We are all toelect anybody, why do they say our candidate for Governor must be Seymour or Ferrell? Are these the only great men and strong men left in the party? But do they seriously intend to elect anybody Governor? Time was, when 'Tom' Kays, Henry C. Kelsey and other leaders led the way to success, that we kept closing up the ranks from the day of the convention until the day of election. Instead of shouting 'Hurrah for "Jim" Smith!" or 'Hurrah for "Bob" Davis!" we shouted for Joel Parker or Joseph D. Bedle or George B.

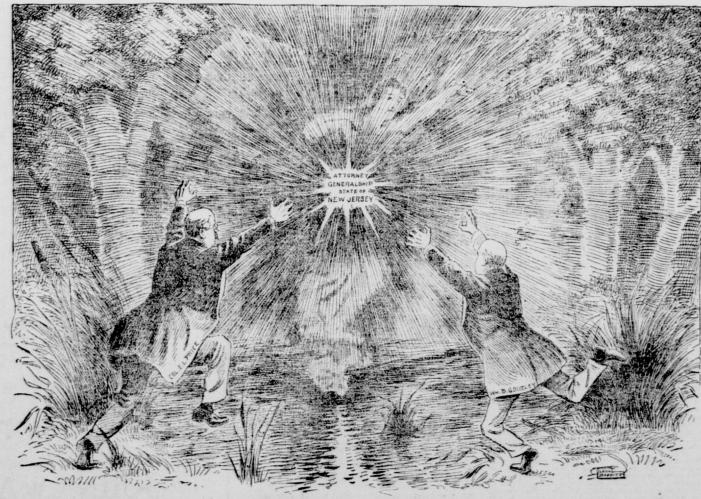
McClellan. And we won.
"Now," this oldtime Democrat continued, "if our party is in earnest, why doesn't it get in line? May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem are ready to combine to beat Seymour, there is a tally of 2sy votes in the convention. The old IVth Congress District, which is solid for Cornish whenever he asks it to be, will be entitled to 119 delegates. Middlesex, with the Miles Ross (Miles is still a power there, and he and Smith were the factors in the defeat of Abbett for United States Senator) in the defeat of Abbett for United States Senator) in the defeat of Abbett for United States Senator) in the defeat of Abbett for United States of and

THE T. M. FERRELL BOOM. MOVEMENT OF THE SOUTH JERSEY DEMO-

> CRATS LOOKED UPON ONLY AS A BLIND.

Camden, Sept. 22 (Special).-When the South Jersey Democrats go to Trenton to do their part in the nomination of a candidate for Governor they will be marshalled by ex-Assemblyman William J.
Thompson. He is making political history at the rate of pages a day. Just now he is for ex-Congressman Thomas M. Ferrell, who is said to be the most willing candidate ever known in the lower part of New-Jersey. The Ferrell boom got into working order the other day, it is said, at a conference held in Philadelphia, away from the prying eyes of the Seymour agents. Up to a short time ago the "Duke of Gloucester," as Mr. Thompson is called, was supposed to be a partisan of ex-Judge Howard Carrow, whose Democracy showed some fellow," take him as you find him and meet him frayed edges in the first Bryan campaign, and who rayed cuses in the second was said to be a little uncertain in the second Thompson had, it was supposed, pledged his support to Carrow, but the Ferrell scheme caught him. The truth is, the South Jersey Democrats are uncertain what they will do until they get to Trenton and learn what James Smith desires.

Not long ago a great ado was made over the fact that Colonel George Pfeiffer, ex-United States Marshal, had completely taken the wind out of Thomp-son's sails and that the future held no promise of political preferment or power for the man wh once held the party tiller in South Jersey in his hand; but just now the colonel seems to be cutting no figure in Democratic conferences. A year ago



THE WILL-O'-THE-WISP OF NEW-JERSEY'S DEMOCRACY.