

MACHINEAPATHY TO ANDERSON'S FATE NATURAL

Consolation Lies in Control of
the Local Legislative
Situation

Poverty and Indifference of
Their Opponents Have Given
Herrinates Full Play

Assembly Candidates Bask in Combine Favor

The following assembly candidates have received the combine's approval for republican nomination:

* 28th District—ANDREW CUNNINGHAM.
29th District—DAN RIMLINGER.
30th District—JACK MULLALY.
33d District—JIMMY RYAN.
34th District—THOMAS J. FEELY.
35th District—MORRIS J. WINTER.
37th District—JACK McMANUS.
39th District—JULIUS FANKEL.
40th District—MILTON L. SCHMITT.
41st District—NAT COGHLAN.
42d District—E. V. KINGTON.
43d District—FRANK N. RODGERS.
45th District—D. M. DENEGRI.

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

The calm indifference with which the active workers of the McCarthy-Herrin machine combination view the coming disaster for Alden Anderson in San Francisco is in part accounted for by the consolation they find in the local legislative situation. That situation they believe to be so thoroughly in their hands that they have virtually completed what they consider the San Francisco roll call for the legislature of 1911.

Thanks to the poverty of the Curry campaign organization and the poverty or indifference of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, the machine combination has been enabled to play with the local legislative situation much as it pleased. The reformers have sent in only two or three candidates. The "regulars" who adhere to the legislature "have told them it was an open game, subject only to the approval of the municipal administration. The result is a big field of aspirants recruited almost exclusively from the ranks of the "regulars" in both the republican and union labor camps, but all labeled republican.

Behind the thin dust that the combine manipulators were enabled to kick up for a time, the legislative ditches wide and deep. The natural and established affiliations of the great majority of the legislative candidates were considered a double insurance by the quiet but energetic lieutenants, who never relaxed their efforts. Machine choice between machinemen could not be expected to stir up much popular indignation and the feelings of the candidates themselves never count for much in the deductions of those accustomed to give orders and receive obediences.

The selection season has arrived. In a majority of the districts selection means no more than announcement of preference for the men who were sent in under sealed orders. In a few cases the original selections may be changed, or the power of the combine may be held back until "proper arrangements" have been made with the candidates. For the most part the preliminaries to the breaking of the glad tidings have been accomplished. Sheriff Tom Finn and John C. Lynch are the impresarios charged with assembling the San Francisco legislative troupe. The power to cancel the contracts given to any of the artists is understood to be held by Mayor McCarthy. A majority of the performers have been chosen and their selection approved.

TOOMEY LIKELY CANDIDATE

Dan Toomey, sometime assemblyman from the thirty-first district, was sent into the eighteenth senatorial district fight by Tom Finn early last spring. Toomey had backed him in the election of 1907 session or the subsequent extra session. Finn wants Toomey in his business and, it might be said, wants him bad. It appears that he will get him and in just that way. Henry Beatty, who made a splendid record for himself and the thirty-sixth district in the last assembly, started after the senatorial nomination, but Fred Eggers got cold feet and Beatty is again a candidate. He is still in favor of Toomey, however, and now wants him bad. Toomey knows how much the combine appreciates his comendown, it has not decided to give him the benefit of its support. He may get it later, but for the present the thirty-sixth district situation is described as "not settled."

Tom Kennedy, the democratic senator from the twentieth district, was touted as the man for whom Jerry Burke would sacrifice a bent spike. This was made so strong that once in a time Eddie Bryant was given short shift by Steve Dam, who assured him that the mayor would be for Kennedy. Finn and Lynch were for Bryant, who is a member of the republican county committee and helped Lynch out of a hole last year. John W. Sweeney, the labor leader and militant reformer; Louis F. Compton, James B. Newsom and William H. Schooler, with Bryant, made the republican spirit for the nomination a five handed affair. That was taken in mind and the combine was prepared to let Sweeney, the one reformer, get away with the nomination and then trim him in favor of the democrat, Kennedy. Apparently the signals have been changed. It is whispered that Burke has said that he can not interfere and Bryan has been told that he has the right of way.

TWENTY-SECOND MUDDLE

The twenty-second district situation has been muddled by the entry of Jack Cassidy of the United Railroads' staff. When the anti-machine republicans endorsed Assemblyman Callan for the upper house, McMurray, who had done the plastic posing for the reformers for several years, packed his drapes over into the machine camp. Edgar Levey, in the fortieth assembly district end of the year, was touted as an out-ridder, and it was programmed to lead the machine forces in behind the former reform chieftain. With that layout McMurray had an even money chance of beating Callan and the leaguers. When Cassidy butted in he made a noticeable dent in the lines drawn for McMurray. He has handled

Rattler Halts a Fair Equestrian



Miss Bessie Ashton, who had a lively encounter with a rattlesnake in a Yosemite trail.

RELIC OF ST. ANNE TO MARK NOVENA

Sunset District Shrine Will Be
Most Notable in All
America

St. Anne's church at Thirteenth avenue and J streets, Sunset district, will become the most notable Catholic shrine in the United States next week, when a relic of St. Anne, mother of Mary, will be exposed for the veneration of pilgrims. The novena, or nine days of prayer, to St. Anne begins next Sunday evening, when the Rev. Father J. J. McCue will tell of the cures he has seen worked by the relic in his own experience here and of the wonders of the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, Canada.

Preparations have been made to handle an unusually large attendance from the beginning of the novena at 8 o'clock next Sunday evening until the feast of St. Anne on July 26. As many as 150,000 people yearly visit the shrine in Canada, where a basilica has been erected by the pilgrims costing over \$400,000. Catholics from all over the coast and from Mexico have written to Father McCue for information so that the attendance will represent all parts of the west.

The relic reposing in St. Anne's will be exposed twice daily during the novena. Morning services are at 9 and afternoon services at 3 o'clock.

The relic was received by Father McCue, the pastor, a year ago from Bishop Beguin of Quebec. Documents from the Vatican accompanied the sacred gift in proof of its authenticity.

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Serpent Coiled in Trail Attempts
to Spring on Miss Bessie
Ashton

Miss Bessie Ashton is the heroine of the latest snake story, word reaching this city from the Yosemite valley that she defended herself against a rattlesnake on Saturday afternoon and, after a short, sharp encounter, succeeded in killing it with her riding crop.

Miss Ashton, who is the second daughter of Mrs. George F. Ashton, is spending a few weeks in the valley with her cousins, Mrs. William R. Snedburg and Miss Cora Snedburg and a party of friends. The Snedburgs are camping for the summer and it was not a half a mile distant from their camp that Miss Ashton, on returning from a horseback trip, came across the reptile coiled in her path. Miss Ashton was walking and leading her horse, and she nearly stepped on the snake without seeing it. She jumped hastily back as she heard the warning rattle and caught a brief vision of the snake coiled to spring. The only weapon at hand was the small silver mounted riding crop she was carrying and she used it vigorously. The struggle that ensued was deadly if not lengthened.

Miss Ashton came off victorious, and when she reached camp and told her story an incredulous little party started out to see. One ambitious youth the following day presented her with the skin and six rattles as a souvenir of one of the really thrilling incidents of her summer outing.

CAMPER AND RATTLER OCCUPY SAME COUCH

Sleep of Snake and Youth Is
Thoroughly Disturbed

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

AUBURN, July 12.—J. S. Green, a young businessman of Santa Cruz, who is spending his vacation camping near Midas, awoke last night to find he had been sleeping with a rattlesnake curled up on the foot of his bed. He grabbed up a club and killed the snake.

NEW MILLION DOLLAR COMPANY ORGANIZED

San Franciscans Incorporate
Under Name of Mercedes

The Mercedes oil company was incorporated this week with the name of a number well known San Franciscans on the directorate. The company, capitalized at \$1,000,000, the incorporators are: Washington Dodge, W. H. Cooley, W. W. Montague, Henry Payot, Walter H. Linforth, Edward A. Fano, and W. J. Rogers.

WILL DISCUSS WATER SUPPLY—Berkeley, July 12.—Colonel M. M. Ogden, of the members of the East Side Improvement club Thursday night at 2624 Hillcrest avenue and explained the proposed water system to be proposed to do in this city, as well as tell of its sources of water supply and other data.

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GIRL'S SLAYER IS DOWNCAST AT TRIAL

Murderer of "Belle of Butcher-
town" Sits in Court With
Head Buried in Arms

George Besser, the longshoreman accused of the murder of Elsinor Fleber, "the belle of Butcher-town," sat yesterday in Judge Dunne's court with his head buried in his arms, the picture of misery and dejection, while testifying concerning the commission of the crime was introduced.

According to the evidence Besser loved the girl and shot her because she would have nothing to do with him. He murdered Miss Fleber at her home, 371 Dore street, the evening of January 29, in the presence of her brother, William Fleber, and John Dougherty, a former deputy sheriff.

Elsinor Fleber was in front of a looking glass dressing her hair for dinner when Besser entered.

According to the testimony of Fleber, which was substantially corroborated by Dougherty, she turned to Dougherty and said:

"What do you think of this fellow, Jack?" He said this morning he would slaughter you and me and Lena Smith if I would not have him."

"Well, Elsie," ejaculated Besser. And without another word he drew his revolver and fired three shots at the girl, killing her.

Lena Smith testified that early the morning of the shooting Besser entered her room in Valencia street, where Elsinor Fleber had slept the night before, and, after hitting his victim in the face with his fist, said that if she would not marry him he would kill her. Lena Smith and Dougherty. He repeated the threat later.

There was considerable sparring during the trial between District Attorney McNutt and Hugh O'Neill, who is conducting the defense.

"Now I shall go into the bathtub," said O'Neill at one stage, referring to the subject upon which he was about to cross examine a witness.

"It wouldn't hurt you bit," interposed McNutt.

O'Neill was deeply angered by this remark, and, assigning it as error, asked the protection of the court. Judge Dunne suggested the lawyers better settle the matter in the corridor.

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CHINESE WOMAN SENT BACK AFTER LEGAL FIGHT

Wong Hong Loses Three Year
Struggle With Uncle Sam

Wong Hong, a Chinese woman who has been fighting against being deported since 1907, was sent back to China yesterday on the steamer Manchuria. She applied for admission to the United States on the ground that she was the wife of a Chinese merchant. Her application was denied by Commissioner of Immigration Hall H. North, and she then sought her liberty by habeas corpus proceedings in the United States district court. The court held with Commissioner North, but the case was appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals and from there to the United States supreme court at Washington, D. C.

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BARGAIN SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS

Tidy Sum Is Realized for the
Benefit of Police Pen-
sion Fund

The annual sale of unclaimed property left with the property clerk at police headquarters was held yesterday in the basement of the hall of justice. There was a large attendance, including a few women. The sale brought in the neighborhood of \$1,050, which will be turned over to the city treasurer along with \$100 in unclaimed coin to be placed to the benefit of the police pension fund.

There were altogether over 1,200 packages, including miscellaneous articles and jewelry. One young man made a purchase for 75 cents of a package which contained a pearl brooch which he sold to a dealer for \$35.

There were a good many bargains, but others threw away the contents of their packages. A youth bought a rifle and was in the act of snapping the trigger in a crowd when a bystander suggested he should examine it first. He did so and found a cartridge in the barrel.

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