

DEMOCRACY'S FRIENDS IN CONTROL AND AN AGGRESSIVE FIGHT PROMISED.

Chairman Smith's Resignation Accepted and Col. Price Succeeds Him.

Headquarters Established in Newark, and the Battle Will Rage in Earnest All Along the Line.

P. BAKER NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

Thorough Organization to Be Effected in Every County and the Leaders Will Meet for a General Conference.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 24.—Senator James Smith, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, who has resigned from the committee, is out, and a new leader takes his place in the person of Colonel E. L. Price, of Newark, a staunch silver man and an enthusiastic supporter of Bryan and Sewall.

In his hands the fight will be waged with vigor from now until election day. The change occurred to-day at the meeting of the Democratic State Committee in the rooms of the Democratic League, No. 120 Warren street.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary William Devereaux, of Asbury Park. There were present Colonel E. L. Price, of Essex; Senator Kuhl, of Hunterdon; ex-Senator Keys, of Somerset; Henry B. Paul, of Camden; Louis Braun, of Paterson; George Wolfelski, of Union; P. P. Baker, of Cumberland; David S. Crater, of Monmouth, and General Richard A. Donnelly and James W. Lanning, of Mercer.

SMITH RESIGNS. (NEWS MORE.)

The second and preliminary resignation of Senator Smith as chairman of the committee was presented and accepted, after the reading of the following telegram from Senator Smith to Colonel Price:

Please extend thanks and appreciation for committee's action on resignation. For reasons fully given at meeting, must insist on resignation being accepted. Committee should name and forward to National Committee to-day member of National Committee. JAMES SMITH, JR.

Then spoke out Committee Chairman Louis Braun, of Paterson: "Just what might have been expected, and I move now, as I did before that, Senator Smith's resignation be accepted. There was not the slightest hesitancy in the 'ayes' that followed the putting of the question."

The discussion in the committee upon Senator Smith's resignation was a warm one. Senator Kuhl remarked that they were now where they had been several weeks ago if they had acted promptly, as they should have done when this resignation was first presented. But as it is better late than never, they should get together and prepare for active and vigorous campaigning work during the few weeks that remain before the election.

Colonel E. L. Price, of Newark, was then unanimously elected chairman of the committee. In accepting the position Colonel Price said that he intended to make a hard fight for Bryan, Sewall and the Chicago platform. "I believe in every plank in the platform, and certainly think Bryan will make an excellent president," said the new chairman. "I know the State from Cape May to Sussex, and we will make a strong fight."

FIGHT TO BEGIN IN EARNEST.

An aggressive Bryan campaign in New Jersey will commence at once. From the party headquarters campaign literature will be sent out all over the State, with special attention paid to the committee on Bryan, which the Bryanites claim by a good majority. Philip L. Baker, of Vineland was elected to take Senator Smith's place on the National Committee, and John J. Coniah was selected as chairman of the Executive Committee. It was then decided to locate the State headquarters at Newark, and that they should be opened not later than next Monday.

Senator Kuhl, who had been offered both the chairmanship of the State Committee and membership of the National Committee, declined both, saying he preferred to work in the ranks and be with the majority.

E. F. C. Young was dropped from the committee under the rule passed at the State Convention. The committee was instructed to notify the chairman of the several County committees of some representative from each to meet with the State Committee for the purpose of organizing the Executive Committee will meet weekly at State headquarters in Newark, and a national organization will be effected in every county.

The committee then adjourned, to meet next Wednesday at the headquarters in the Jeffersonian Club, at Newark.

BOLTERS' PLAN DIDN'T WORK.

They Resigned, Hoping to Break Up the Democratic Club, but It Still Lives.

Montclair, N. J., Sept. 24.—The Montclair Democratic Club last night was purged of bolters. Twenty-one of the twenty-five members of the committee handed in their resignations, claiming that they could not endorse the Chicago platform. Most of these bolters, however, the individuals who took a hand in the convention at Trenton, and because they could not turn a two-thirds vote, turned on their heels and walked out.

The absence of those who left the club did not break up the club, as the gold men fondly hoped, and despite their opposition the supporters of the Chicago platform organized as the Regular Democratic Club with Dr. Clarence W. Butler, editor of the Montclair Herald, as chairman, and S. Frank Jacobus secretary. The latter is to call a meeting next week to complete the organization and enroll new members, of which there are a great number anxious to join.

FOR SILVER AND VICTORY.

New Democratic Club Organized in Orange to Work for Bryan and Sewall.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 24.—A new club, to be known as the Bryan and Sewall Club of the Oranges, was organized in the Haley Building on Main street, here, last night. The officers elected were: John H. Haley, president; James B. Brown, treasurer; and Peter J. Cox, secretary.

The new club has secured a large hall and will be the headquarters of the Bryanites in Orange. One Hundred voters signed the membership roll last night. President Haley said that he expected that the club would have at least 500 members in two weeks.

Juvenile Tramp Gets Into Jail.

Fourteen-year-old Frederick Wetsell, who is known to the police as "Jack Sheppard," and who claims to have no home, was arrested on Thursday night by a patrolman of the Second Precinct. He was charged with vagrancy. Fred says he likes to travel and does not care for home comforts. He was sent to the County Jail.

RAILROADS WELL TREATED.

Equal Taxation Commission Hears How the Corporations Escape Paying the Same Rates as Individuals.

The Commission for the Equalization of Taxes in New Jersey met yesterday in Jersey City. General James F. Hustling presided.

Mayor Edgar Seymour, of Bayonne, complained that while that city was obliged to give police and fire protection to a large area of railroad property, it received little or no taxes in return. The railroads occupied 543 acres, and for this the city received from the State taxes \$5,561.07. In reply to questions by the Commissioners, Mayor Seymour said that he thought the railroads should pay the same taxes on property used for storage purposes and merely wanted to be treated as individuals and not as corporations.

Large areas covered by coal yards and oil tanks and machinery, paid only the benefit of one per cent assessed by the State.

Former Senator William D. Edwards gave a graphic description of the great majority of the people of Jersey City were not amenable to the law of taxing personal property, which added to the poverty of the city in the matter of taxes. He said that while Camden had only six tenement buildings, Trenton 11 and Newark 420, Jersey City had 30,000. The city of Newark has 2,400 factories, Jersey City 1,000, Trenton 1,000, and Jersey City only 222,000. Mr. Edwards thought that the area of the city should be increased to \$225,000 a year in addition to what is now paid. The total property tax on the city of Newark would be \$1,080,000. Now it pays less than \$100,000, which is divided pro rata among the twenty-one counties.

The railroads will be heard on October 8.

CURRAN USED STRATEGY.

Flourished an Imaginary Letter from the Prosecutor and Stopped the Prize Fight.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 24.—Mike Crotty, known as the "Western Cyclone," a pugilist, and his second, Mike Murphy, were arrested last night charged with participating in a prize fight at Curran's saloon on French street on Saturday night last. The complaint was made on behalf of Crotty and Owen Watson, a colored man, told Curran, the latter says, that they were only wanted to have a boxing match at his place. He consented but the fight was a slugging match instead of a friendly set-to. Curran was very angry, and tried to stop the fight, but he was unable to listen to him. Then he employed strategy, and appearing in the ring in the midst of a round between the two pugilists, he read a letter from Prosecutor John S. Voorhes stating that if the fight continued the place would be closed. The fighters were stopped amid great disorder. The letter was only an imaginary one.

DR. PARKHURST'S DOUBLE.

He Is a Tailor and His Employer Has Him Arrested as an Insane Man.

Ferth Amboy, N. J., Sept. 24.—John Lokolsky, a German tailor, was captured by Policeman Dunham last night in the streets, acting like an insane man, and was taken to New Brunswick to have a sanitary inspection. Louis Fries, a clothing manufacturer, is a complainant against the tailor.

Sokolinsky charges Fries with alienating his wife's affections, and the two men nearly came to blows in the court room this morning. Sokolinsky was employed by Fries, and the tailor says his employer visited his home, which is just across the street from Fries's establishment, and there he was also present and taking clothes for the tailor to work upon.

Fries, in court, said that Sokolinsky was insane. He was also present and said that her husband's suspicions were mere delusions. The tailor raved so last night that Chief Burke had to put him in a straitjacket.

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DANCED ABOVE BURGLARS.

Latter Cracked a Safe While the Revellers Made Merry on the Next Floor.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 24.—Burglars entered the real estate office of H. E. Schwartz and C. J. Schuetz, at No. 210 Market street, last night, and broke open the safe. They found \$64 in an inner drawer of the safe. They also stole a good deal of clothes from the rooms of the Newark Chess Club, which is in the rear of the real estate office.

The cracksmen effected an entrance by forcing the door of the chess club's rooms and then breaking through a window in the front office.

The safe was opened by means of a drill and the contents, which included the tumblers were forced down.

During the time the thieves were at the safe, a dance was in progress on the floor above.

CIGARMAKERS ON STRIKE.

Employers Accused of Selling Non-Union Goods in Union Labelled Boxes.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 24.—Fifty union cigarmakers, employed by the firm of F. L. Lutz & Co., of No. 14 Greene street, this city, went out on strike this morning. The strike was ordered by the local Cigarmakers' Union, because, they claim, the firm has been surreptitiously buying non-union made cigars, and selling them in boxes upon which the union label was placed.

The men also declare that they have been treated unfairly by David Stickle, a former employer by the firm.

The complaint alleges the allegation of the men that they have sold non-union cigars in union-labelled boxes.

\$5,000 FOR A SHAKING UP.

Mrs. Miller Was Injured by a Too Sudden Start of the Trolley.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of this city, has instituted suit against the Consolidated Traction Company for \$5,000 damages. Mrs. Miller claims to have been permanently injured by the sudden starting of a trolley car, while she was in the act of boarding it, at the corner of Broad street and Washington place, in the Summer of 1895.

Miss Lena G. Wyckoff has also brought suit for \$2,000 damages against John D. Thompson, a well-known merchant. Miss Wyckoff was riding a bicycle on the street on May 23 last, when she was knocked down and run over by a wagon which Mr. Thompson was driving.

HE WEDS AN ACTRESS, AND PAPA IS ANGRY.

Son of a Hoboken Fire Commissioner Selects a Wife His Father Disapproves.

They are Married at an Early Hour by a Justice who is Anxious About His Fee.

BRIDE A CONCERT HALL SINGER.

But She is Pretty, and Young Hauser Falls in Love with Her While She is Performing in His Father's Place.

Fire Commissioner Gustave Hauser, of Hoboken, was a stern and unforgiving parent yesterday. His twenty-three-year-old son Otto had married a variety actress without his consent. When not engaged in attending to his official duties, Commissioner Hauser presides over a large cafe on Fourteenth street, which has as an adjunct a concert hall. His son, Otto, was very active in the management of the latter. Myrtle Tressler, twenty-three years old, has appeared frequently at the place as a performer. She had been married, but her husband died, and young Hauser fell in love with the pretty actress. All this was unknown to Hauser, Sr.

It was 4 o'clock yesterday morning when the door bell of Justice of the Peace Oscar Schlichting's house, Park avenue, near Ninth street, Hoboken, was sharply pulled. The Justice, who also runs a barber shop, and is prepared for calls in other business at all hours, hopped quickly out of bed. Throwing up a window he looked out. On the step stood a young man. "Rehman wants you to come around to his saloon and marry a couple," the latter shouted when the barber-Justice asked him what was wanted.

"How much is in it?" queried the Justice. "I don't know."

"Well, it will have to be \$10 for my trouble and \$10 when I perform the ceremony," said Schlichting.

The young man said it would be all right, as a rich man's son was to be married. So the Justice finally accompanied him to Rehman's saloon, which is on Ninth street.

In a rear room were a party of six: young Hauser, Myrtle Tressler, George Links, Ella Atkinson, who sing at the concert hall, Proprietor Rehman and a friend.

At first the Justice was in doubt whether to perform the ceremony when informed that young Hauser desired to wed.

"Otto," said the Justice in a paternal way, "I have known you since you were a little boy. I have known your father and the whole business. Do you fully realize what you are about to do?"

"Yes, Mr. Schlichting, I do," answered Hauser meekly.

"And your prospective wife, does she really fit you?"

"Yes," said Hauser, somewhat doubtfully.

"Very well, then, I have no further objection," said the Justice. So with George Links and Miss Atkinson acting as witnesses the ceremony was performed. Justice Schlichting received \$10 as a fee, the bridegroom promising him an extra \$10 when he received a marriage certificate.

Commissioner Hauser said things when informed of the marriage. "If he has married a girl, he has married a girl who is not fit for him out of the house. Never shall they receive my blessing."

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The entire case finally simmered down to a row, caused by Detsel's having made some remarks to Edelheim's wife, which the latter's family. It was then that Justice Potts became angry, and after ordering Edelheim to sue Detsel for damages, he advised him to sue for damages.

SHOE POLISH EXPLODED.

Mrs. Eden Left It in the Oven and the Kitchen Wall Was Decorated.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 24.—A bottle of shoe polish created a disturbance at No. 120 Patterson street this morning. Mrs. George Eden, who lives at the above number, has used an oil stove during the Summer and employed the coal stove as a cupboard, depositing numerous articles in it, among them being a bottle of shoe polish, which she intended to use for her shoes.

This morning Mr. Eden arose and built a fire in the stove, and he was not quite long before he began to hum merrily that Mrs. Eden remembered the shoe polish left in the oven. She hastened to remove it, and opening the door she struck a match. It was too late, however, for, as she retreated toward the table the bottle exploded and shoe polish fell in every direction, and near trucks, the rear wheels passing over his neck and almost completely severing his head from the body.

The motorman and conductor were both arrested, and an inquest will be held.

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LOST IN THOUGHT, HEDIES.

Railway Business Man, Buried in Meditation Walks in Front of an Express and is Killed.

Railway, N. J., Sept. 24.—David C. Sprague, manager of the Eustis Manufacturing Company, of Broad street, this city, was struck and instantly killed at 9:30 this morning by the fast Philadelphia express, No. 4, due here at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Sprague was on his way to the Union County Bank, on Main street, at the time of the accident.

Between Irving and Poplar streets the railroad company has a small plot of ground enclosed by a fence on the Irving and Poplar street ends. Into this enclosure the man is thrown by the main train. A narrow path through the fence is a shorter route to the bank than by way of Main street. This path Mr. Sprague took. He was walking about, and he was wrapped in thought, and evidently did not hear the noise of the train thundering down the track. He stepped out on the track to reach the street, when the express, going westward, struck him, and he was thrown high in the air. Dr. Randolph, the railroad's surgeon, was summoned, but the unfortunate man's body was beyond relief. Every bone in his body was broken, but he was not mangled by the train.

Mr. Sprague was about sixty years of age, and a widower, and leaves one son, C. M. Sprague, of North Haves, Mass. He had been one of the governors of the Railway Club for a long time, in whose building he lived. He was a very quiet and reserved gentleman, and he was always in a meditative mood when he was killed.

The crossing has been the most fatal in the city. The railroad crosses the street diagonally, making it impossible to see on either side of the tracks. No blame is attached to the gateman.

CANDIDATES CAUSED A ROW.

Much Bitter Feeling Manifested Before Middlesex Republicans Named Church.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 24.—The Republican County Convention here to-day was not conspicuous for its harmony. If the feeling continues, the chances of the Democrats getting control of the office of Sheriff and of electing three Assemblymen will be much better than anticipated.

Much of the row was caused about through the fight made for the nomination for Sheriff. The districts on the east side of the city were divided into two, and to name a man for the office, and they have been successful about half the time, but each time a Democrat was elected.

One of the candidates for Sheriff was Isiah Barclay, a wealthy farmer of Cranbury. There were also several other candidates. Church was nominated on the west side of the city, and the other candidates had said a good many harsh things about the other. J. H. Whitfield, one of the candidates, was named for Assembly.

QUAKER SPEAKS FOR SILVER.

Rebukes the Republicans for Calling White Metal Advocates Anarchists.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 24.—Not all the Quakers, of whom there are many in this part of the State, are for McKinley and Hobart and the gold standard as has been claimed.

Last evening the Trenton Friends' Association held an interesting meeting in Lower Liberty Hall, at which the currency question was discussed by several of the members. Mr. Watson and Mr. Willets both read papers favoring the gold standard, and then John R. Satterthwaite, an anarchist, traduced the friends of the gold standard as advocates of anarchy, and which led good standard advocates to call free silverites fools, cranks, and fanatics, and to shout "Down with the gold standard!"

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The boy had been given a position a few days before by the Harris Brothers, proprietors of the store. He had not been long in the place when he was discovered that the receipts of the store were falling off rapidly, though the sale of goods continued as usual. Money was missing from the money drawer, and Johnson was accused of taking it. He denied it, but a search of his pockets when he was searched, revealed the missing money.

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Boy Was Racing with the Car When He Fell Under the Wheels.

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Just as the car arrived at Mott street the motorman noticed two little boys running along side the car, as though racing with it. Suddenly one of them tripped and fell between the forward and rear trucks of the car, and the rear wheels passing over his neck and almost completely severing his head from the body.

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DECKER-SCHANN.

Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 24.—Burt Monlog, son Decker, of Belleville, and Miss Minnie Schann, daughter of Mrs. Josephine Schann, of this town, were married last night in the Park Methodist Church, Rev. R. M. Axtell officiating. Miss Josephine Schann was the bridesmaid. The couple, after an extended wedding trip, will reside in Bloomfield.

PLAYMATE CLAIM WITH AN OYSTER SHELL.

Lad Throws It in Fun at His Companion and It Cuts Open His Lip.

Blood Poisoning and Lockjaw Develop and the Little Victim Dies in Terrible Agony.

SLAYER IS A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD NEGRO.

He Is Affected Greatly Over His Friend's Death, as They Had Always Played Happily Together—Taken to Jail.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 24.—Last Friday Willie Ernest and Willie Spicer were playing on the farm of the Ernest boy's father, in Linden, near Tremley Point. Ernest was a Grinnon boy and Spicer is colored. Each is about twelve years old, and the two had long been playmates. They grew tired of climbing trees and playing hide-and-seek, and arranged a mimic battle, with foists and redouts.

The lads used oyster shells as weapons, throwing them at one another from behind their fence-rail defenses.

Suddenly Ernest uttered a cry of pain, and cried that a shell had hit his lip. The wound bled profusely, and he ran into the house.

George Ernest, the injured boy's father, became very indignant and had a constable arrest the Spicer boy and take him to the lockup. Later he was sent to the county jail here, charged with assault, and his case was set down for next Wednesday. Spicer had no lawyer, and his father did not come to his aid. Judge McCormick therefore assigned Lawyer Lowden, of this city, to defend him.

Early this morning Willie Ernest died. Blood poisoning and, later, lockjaw had developed from the oyster shell cut, and he expired in great agony. County Physician Westcott and County Detective Keron went to Linden, which is near here, to inquire into the case this afternoon, and young Spicer may be charged with murder.

The youthful prisoner is prostrated over the terrible result of his boyish play, and protests that he is innocent of all intention of harming Ernest. They were playmates and always friends, and had no quarrel. Ernest could not speak English much, but the two were able to play together happily.

Spicer will be brought before the Court of Special Sessions Wednesday next, and the additional charge of being responsible for his companion's death made against him.

ANOTHER SCHOOL FIGHT.

Port Richmond Trustees Enjoined From Acting Till a Test Case is Settled.

Port Richmond, S. I., Sept. 24.—The members of the Board of Education of the Port Richmond public school were served to-day with an injunction issued by State Superintendent of Schools Skinner, restraining them from acting in the capacity of trustees until the hearing and decision on an appeal which has been taken from their school board.

The appeal is made by Archibald Fulton and Frederick Hulsebos, upon the grounds that the vote by which it was determined to increase the number of members of the Board of Education from three to five, at the annual meeting, August 4, was cast by the secretary of the meeting, and was not taken by ballot. The State Superintendent has decided that similar action in the New Brighton school district was illegal, but it is claimed by the friends of the trustees of the Port Richmond school that there was no objection to the procedure at the meeting, and consequently they are ordered to reappear in court to see if they are right.

Meanwhile the business of the district is tied up. A special meeting has already been called to reappropriate the money necessary for the maintenance of the school, as the appropriation was illegally made at the annual meeting.

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Subsequently Mrs. Jeannier caused her husband's arrest for non-support. This so enraged him that he slapped her face, and his arrest and conviction for the offense followed.

DEATH OF WILLIAM CROSBY, OF ORANGE.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 24.—William Crosby, sixty-six years old, an old resident and merchant of Orange, died Tuesday night at his country seat at Livingston. This was the result of a long illness. He was buried in the Orange cemetery. Mr. Crosby was born in Ireland, and in 1851 came to this country, where he was engaged in the business. Funeral services were held at his late residence at Livingston to-day. Interment was in St. Mark's Cemetery, Orange.

BEE STINGS KILLING HIM.

Horse Dumped Over a Hive and the Angry Inmates Swarmed Over Him—Swollen to Twice His Size.

Railway, N. J., Sept. 24.—A valuable horse, the property of August Gobelhaus, a hotel keeper, of Main street, this city, was so badly stung by bees this afternoon that he will die.

The animal had been grazing in a lot adjoining that in which Benjamin Underhill keeps an apiary. The horse scented the honey, and, taking over the fence, tipped off the cover of a hive.

In an instant the horse was covered by the angry insects. Traffic will, it is feared, be stopped around the field. His agonized shrieks attracted some men, who came to his assistance, and, after considerable trouble, drove away the bees.

The animal has swollen to nearly double his natural size, and a veterinarian surgeon has pronounced said he could not do anything to relieve the animal and that it should be killed.

TEN SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED.