

CROKER SAYS HIS HANDS ARE OFF.

Disclaims Interference with the Management of Any District.

HE PUTS IT IN WRITING.

Letter Addressed to a Member of the Tammany Hall General Committee.

TAMMANY PRIMARIES POSTPONED

Disquieting Rumors in Several Districts Lead to the Change of Date from December 28 to January 5.

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 5.—Richard Croker to-day, after the departure of John T. Oakley for New York, wrote and mailed the following letter: John E. Donnelly, chairman of the Tammany Hall General Committee of the Fourteenth District: My Dear Sir—Any use of my name in connection with the affairs of your district or committee is entirely unauthorized and in direct opposition to my wishes.

This communication is obviously intended to put an end to all representations that are said to have been made by Congressman Sulzer and his friends in the Fourteenth District that Mr. Croker stands behind Sulzer in his opposition to Oakley as vice-president of the Council, or that he is in any way opposed to Oakley. Mr. Croker not only disclaims the above letter, but emphatically states that he is not interfering in any way with district matters. He here in the principle of home rule, and is not in favor of the general organization taking part in the district matters. They should settle themselves, and the best man should win.

Disquieting rumors from several districts have brought about this change of program, for in addition to the trouble in the Fourteenth district, where the Chairman wants to succeed O'Connor as leader, besides a few others that have not yet taken definite shape.

A Deeper Motive Assigned. Leaders who have watched the progress of the anti-Sheehan movement assign a deeper reason than appears on the surface for Mr. Croker's declaration of non-interference as contained in his letter to Donnelly. They say that this is not the proper time to precipitate trouble in an organization such as might follow interference in the district affairs. It is not known whether Sheehan will make a fight to retain his position as leader, but as days pass and the expected resignation of Donnelly is not made, it is believed that Sheehan will make a fight to retain his position as leader, but as days pass and the expected resignation of Donnelly is not made, it is believed that Sheehan will make a fight to retain his position as leader.

Debt Limit and Rapid Transit. Rapid transit was one of the principal subjects under discussion to-day. Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller-elect, who has been flapping up how the debt limit will stand when Greater New York begins business, was asked a good many questions about it by Mayor-elect Van Wyck and Richard Croker. The incoming administration is committed to rapid transit by the party platform, and Mr. Croker in an interview yesterday said that the tunnel should be built if it could be done without exceeding the debt limit.



He Tried to Die When Her Love Grew Cold.

LAKEWOOD PILGRIMS DRAW BY SWINNERTON, THE PACIFIC COAST CARTOONIST.



Greater New York have been joined together.

Politicians Go to Church. The Lakewood party enjoyed outdoor exercises in pure air and bright sunshine to-day. Mayor-elect Van Wyck, Comptroller Coler and William Sulzer led one party to church and Richard Croker and Sheriff-elect Dunn another party to another church. After luncheon they went driving through the pines.

John E. Carroll guided the athletic contingent in a six-mile walk around the lake. Many of the statesmen have their wives with them, and social amusements are being planned to mix with politics in the big hotel. The party will be doubled, perhaps trebled, by the end of this week.

Mr. Sheehan Takes a Drive. Expected to Visit His Office To-day. Senator Cantor Outlines Democratic Plans at Albany.

Dropped Dead at a Party. Boonville, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Jacob Peters entertained her friends at a card party Friday evening at her home in the country near this village. When nearly all the guests had assembled, Mrs. Peters answered a ring of the bell and, as she opened the door, Miss Hattie Davidson, one of the invited guests, fell forward into her arms and expired. A physician, who was hastily summoned, ascribed the death to heart disease.

2,064 "Wants" were printed in the Christmas Journal yesterday. A great gain over other records. The business-getting power of Journal "Wants" greater than ever.

KITTY WAS FALSE TO BELL BOY LOVER.

Hannon Courted the Parlor Maid Like a Lord and Then Tired of Living.

CAB, FLOWERS, DRESS SUIT.

Thus He Rolled Her to a Ball, and the Manhattan Hotel Was Shocked.

When a bellboy in such hotels as the Waldorf-Astoria, or the New Manhattan presumes to raise his eyes to one of the chic and haughty parlor maids the girl that is fixed between the two is sure to be filled with broken hearts or heads before an end is made.

Although suffering from shock and loss of blood he was hustled to the police court at 8 o'clock, where Magistrate Flammer held him in \$1,000 bail for trial. Later it was found necessary to send him to Bellevue Hospital, where he was placed in the prison ward.

Last Monday night the telephone girls gave a ball at the Murray Hill Lyceum. Harry invited Kitty to go to the ball with him and Kitty consented. The other boys turned green when they heard of it. According to them, Hannon determined to dazzle Kitty into loving him. He told her in front of the hotel, and he returned to the ballroom and Hannon found the sidewalk by the short cut. Kitty walked home from the ball with the other fellow as happy as a lady of quality.

The next night when he dropped his time clock into the crack at the hotel he was told that his services were no longer required. No explanation was vouchsafed him, but other boys say that the hotel manager couldn't stand the girl who had been so happy as a lady of quality.

PLATT MEN PLOT TO KEEP OFFICE.

Will Introduce Bills at Albany Devised to Riddle the Charter.

FOR BI-PARTISAN BOARDS.

Would Destroy the Features of the New Law That Fix Responsibility.

Exasperated by the appeals of the thousands of Republicans who anticipate walking the plank soon after Mayor Van Wyck's inauguration, the Platt-Quigg machine bosses seriously contemplate having a series of bills introduced at Albany, next month, for the retention of at least as many office holders as were faithful to Tracy in the recent campaign.

The Platt machine purposes to have re-introduced the bill killed last session for a four-headed bi-partisan Park Board. The new charter creates a three-headed commission, each member a three-headed commission, as provided by the charter, a four-headed one is proposed, Republicans being given half the representation, of course, with salaries of \$2,000 each.

The new Board of Taxes and Assessments, according to the charter, is to be five headed, the president to get a salary of \$7,500, the Auditor to receive \$7,000 each. As an alleged economic proposition, a scheme has been broached to reduce the number of members of the Board to three. The Auditor, for \$7,000 a year and giving two Republicans lucrative jobs.

After Judicial Plums, Too. Then, too, there are hundreds of Republican lawyers who desire to appropriate some of the Special Sessions and Municipal Court and City Justices' emoluments. In accordance with the proposed change of passage can hardly be prophesied as yet.

On his hospital bed yesterday Hannon said he would go as soon as he was out of his trouble to another city and try to forget. Kitty showed no emotion whatever when told her lover had tried to kill himself. She declared airily that the boy was nothing to her.

TO WED WITHOUT PARSON, Quaker Couple Will Pronounce Their Own Marriage Ceremony Before the Congregation.

When Edith Haycock and Richard Hobson present themselves at the Friends' Meeting House to be married on the morning of December 15, there will be an unusual ceremony performed.

PLATT'S FOES ACTIVE. Important Meetings of the Low and the Swayne-Brookfield Forces This Week.

The crusade against the Platt-Quigg machine will be resumed this week with intense vigor. To-night the Citizens' Union Executive Committee meets at headquarters to perfect its plan for a permanent organization of the Beth Low forces.

Had His Hand on the Trigger. Lowellville, N. Y., Dec. 5.—While out hunting, Ernest Patchen was the victim of a peculiar injury which will cost him the loss of one arm.

Not a Political Job. Out of employment was dad. The neighbors all said, "That's too bad!" But they need not sob. For he found a good job. And all through a Journal Want ad.

Excuses. A CODFISHING; great catches of codfish caught every trip of Jersey coast steamer Angler; passengers only 1,212 Sunday. Al Foster on board.

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PARDON FOR HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Friends of Bank Embezzler Swift Hope for His Release.

APPEAL TO M'KINLEY.

Petition Signed by Directors of the Institution from Which \$10,000 Was Taken.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5.—If everything goes as planned Edwin S. Swift, the Birmingham bank embezzler, now serving a four years' sentence in the county jail, will be pardoned and sent home by Christmas. He has only two months more of his sentence to serve, but a petition for his pardon has been sent to President McKinley. Among its signers are a number of the directors of the bank where he was once employed as teller and confidential clerk, and by many prominent men of the Naugatuck Valley.

This petition is now going the usual round of the department officials, and it is expected to come back to this State within a week for the approval of former District-Attorney McLean, who prosecuted Swift in the United States Court. Then the petition will be sent back to Washington to receive the approval of the Department of Justice, and thence to the Attorney-General. Finally an order will be forthcoming from Washington ordering Swift's release. Swift will go to one of the Western States, seek employment, and try to begin life anew. He is now thirty-six years of age, and is still as youthful looking as on the day he began his term. He was arrested the evening of May 1, 1893, charged with the embezzlement of \$10,000 of the funds of the Birmingham National Bank.

Is It a Trifle? THAT COMMON TROUBLE, ACID DYSPEPSIA, OR SOUR STOMACH.

Now Recognized as a Cause of Serious Disease. Acid dyspepsia, commonly called heartburn or sour stomach, is a form of indigestion resulting from fermentation of the food. The stomach being too weak to promptly digest it, the food remains until fermentation begins, filling the stomach with gas, and a bitter, sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present. This condition soon becomes chronic, and being an everyday occurrence, is given but little attention. Because dyspepsia is not immediately fatal, many people do nothing for the trouble.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have been placed before the public and are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package. It is prepared by the Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., and with its promptly and effectively restores a vigorous digestion, at the same time is perfectly harmless and will not injure the most delicate stomach, but on the contrary, by giving perfect digestion strengthens the stomach, improves the appetite and makes life worth living.

Send for free book on Stomach Diseases by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

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Advertisement for 'Wants' section of the Journal. Text: 'In November the Journal showed an increase of 5,880 Help "Wants" over the same month last year. There is work for the unemployed in the Journal's "Want" Pages every day. If Figures Are Down poor business—something's wrong. If figures remain stationary—no new customers—no new business. If figures go up incessantly it's an indication that your clientele must endorse your methods—that you are giving satisfaction—all intended as an introduction to the gains made by Journal "Wants." A RECORD BREAKER. In November the Journal showed an increase of 16,326 "Wants" over the same month last year—over 800 more columns of "Wants" than the year before. This is almost four times the increase made by any other newspaper. It proves conclusively that there's profit in Journal "Wants." In November the Journal showed an increase of 4,189 To-Let "Wants" over the same month last year. Most property owners rely on Journal To-Let "Wants" to secure tenants.'

Advertisement for F. Schneider watches and jewelry. Text: 'HOLIDAY GIFTS. Largest and most complete assortment of the celebrated AMERICAN WALTHAM WATCHES in the city; every grade and size constantly on hand, all movements accurately tested and regulated. Fitted in either Nickel, Sterling Silver, Gold filled or Solid Gold Cases of the best make. DIAMOND JEWELRY, the most artistic designs, all Brilliants are carefully selected, absolutely white and of first quality. The best assorted Stock of Solid 18 and 14 K. SEAMLESS WEDDING RINGS of every shape, weight and size; every Ring bears our Trade Mark. GOLD JEWELRY, solid made, STERLING SILVER, SILVER-PLATED WARE, CLOCKS, etc. F. SCHNEIDER (Est'd 1853). 68 Bowery, NEAR CANAL ST. WHAT DO YOU WANT? IF YOU NEED HELP, Use a Journal Help "Want." 20 WORDS 20c. Help That Will Please. Advertise It in the Journal. \$130 In U. S. Gold Given Away. See Journal "WANT" Pages.'

Advertisement for Benson's Porous Plaster. Text: 'BENSON'S POROUS PLASTER CURE. Rheumatism, Sciatica, La Grippe, Pneumonia, and Kidney Affections removed quickly by the prompt application of Benson's Porous Plaster. Inflammation of any kind is quickly drawn to the surface by the absorption of the salubrious medicinal vapors which Benson's Plaster emits. Always have them in the house ready for any emergency. Use daily in such cases is dangerous, but be sure to get the genuine Benson's Porous Plaster, Price 25 cts. per sheet.'