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JOURNAL'S POLL CAUSES SCARE AMONG THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING VAN WYCK.

Other Forecasts Agree That Roosevelt Will Be Defeated, and Differ Only in the Size of the Figures.

Democratic Leaders Regard the Journal's Predictions as Conservative—Republicans, in Desperation, Pin Their Hope to Cutting Down Van Wyck's Plurality in Greater New York—Claims of Both Sides to the Legislature.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES SCARE REPUBLICANS.

"VAN WYCK by 72,050!" That was the substance of the Journal's election forecast yesterday, so far as it concerned this State. Politicians read the figures with interest, while the average citizen, who finds it impossible to form an opinion as to the prospective result in the face of conflicting partisan claims, turned to the carefully tabulated figures, and was able to secure an intelligent idea of the situation.

Democratic leaders were gratified. Republican leaders were overwhelmed. To give point to the Journal's feature, two other New York papers published yesterday forecasts indicating the same result.

Three weeks ago the Journal polled one-fifth of the voters of Greater New York and found Van Wyck would receive a majority of the local votes. A week later the ten large cities of the State were similarly polled, and Democratic success was foreshadowed in these communities. A tidal wave then seemed to be forming at Lake Erie, and there is every evidence that it is sweeping across the State.

Senator Platt and Chairman Odell and Barnes were thoroughly alarmed. Strong communications were forwarded to county chairmen sharply accusing them of apathy, and urging them to activity. It was freely whispered about Republican headquarters that Black, Payn and Aldridge, while professing loyalty to the State ticket, are dispirited, and believe Roosevelt's election to be impossible.

Mr. Payn, it is privately alleged, is quietly laughing at Platt's discomfiture, and Platt's organ appeared yesterday with a caustic article in which Mr. Payn was practically accused of knifing Roosevelt in Columbia County. It has apparently never occurred to Senator Platt that the voters' attitude and no apathy on the part of Republican leaders is responsible for the steady drift toward Van Wyck. Nevertheless, it is understood, Mr. Payn is to be formally requested for an explanation by State Chairman Odell.

JOURNAL'S POLL PLATT PENCILS A CAREFUL ONE. DEFEAT VAN WYCK.

Completeness and Accuracy of Its Figures Surprise Politicians.

The Journal's forecast yesterday astonished many people. The completeness and boldness of the figures, indicating as they did a phenomenal Democratic victory, affected the betting odds and generally caused commotion in political circles.

While there is nothing certain in campaign mathematics, there are certain indications like the outcome of an election that can be interpreted, and the Journal found all these indications pointing to one thing—a Democratic tidal wave.

Three newspapers published forecasts in New York yesterday, and the difference among them was in the size of pluralities, as all conceded the election of Judge Van Wyck.

The Journal's figures indicate a Democratic landslide. That is what most think, and the Journal's canvass did not indicate small majorities, and it was an exhaustive investigation.

The Journal's forecast was an extended one. In the attempt to give a roster of the best Legislature, all possible affecting matters were taken into consideration. The result gave a Democratic majority on joint ballot in the State Legislature of fourteen, which insures the re-election of Senator Murphy.

It was a delicate task to measure up the elements, party feelings and Democratic individual popularity and personal influence, but all of them and many more had to be given their proper weight, and the forecast was in consequence not only the most exhaustive ever made, but also as accurate as could possibly be made.

In the national forecast the political atmosphere in thirty-two States had to be feared. There was not perhaps as much difficulty in deciding which candidate for Governor had the better chance in a State as there was in assaying the sentiment in relation to Congressmen to be chosen. The careful estimates made it certain that the Democrats and Fusionists combined will have a majority of the House of Representatives. Even the Republicans get all the doubtful districts this majority will be eleven. The sixteen Fusion Congressmen will hold the balance of power between the two great parties, a fact that was made plain from the summaries of the tables compiled from information procured in every State in which an election is imminent.

Nobody can foresee what a day may bring forth, particularly in politics, but the Journal estimates and forecasts show the situation as it existed ten days before the election, unaffected by party sympathy or enthusiasm.

Executive Chairman Barnes said: "Colonel Roosevelt will certainly carry the State by from 40,000 to 80,000 plurality."

Cared by Tetanus Anti-Toxin. George Wilber, of Elm, N. J., who contracted lockjaw and was at the Hackensack Hospital, was completely cured by the injection of tetanus anti-toxin, and was discharged yesterday. He was announced by the doctors to be in a state fit to resume business before they would let him go.

Only Nine Excuse Arrests. There were nine arrests for violation of the excise law yesterday in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, none in any of the other boroughs. On the previous Sunday there were ten arrests.

Arrangements for the second grand ratification meeting in and around Tammany Hall next Thursday night have been completed. Augustus W. Peters, president of the Borough, will preside in the Wigwam, and among the speakers will be Thomas F. Conway, of Plattburgh; Mayor McGuire, of Syracuse; Frederic C. Schraub, of Lowellville; Perry Belmont, Thomas F. Grady, John W. Keller, William J. O'Sullivan and Bartow S. Weeks.

At the stands outside more than one hundred speakers will be heard.

ALDRIDGE DRAGS PARTY LEADERS WITH HIM INTO MIRE OF CANAL SCANDAL.

Duke Buys Back for \$50,000 the "Horse of the Century."

Once Sold for \$150,000, the Highest Price Ever Paid for a Thoroughbred.

SENT TO SOUTH AMERICA, And Then Purchased by W. O. B. Macdonough, the California Millionaire.

DUKE OFFERED \$30,000 FOR HIM, But It Is Reported That \$50,000 is the Price to Be Paid for the Horse.

He Is Now at Mr. Macdonough's Stock Farm.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—If report speaks truly, Ormonde, the "horse of the century," for which W. O. B. Macdonough paid \$150,000 a few years ago, will soon be on his way back to England. It is said that the Duke of Westminster, his former owner, has offered \$50,000 for the famous thoroughbred stallion, and that Mr. Macdonough is likely to accept.

It is known that the Duke of Westminster has been trying for some time past to regain possession of the horse. He offered \$30,000 several weeks ago, but the information was conveyed to him that a much larger sum would be needed for purchasing the horse before Ormonde would be allowed to leave California.

A. S. Baldwin is the representative of Mr. Macdonough in the city. When seen tonight, he said: "It is true that an offer has been made for Ormonde, but I do not care to say whether it was by the Duke of Westminster or not. Mr. Macdonough is at present in London, and the correspondence I have had has been with his brother-in-law, John A. Macdonough, in New York."

"The price is, I think, so low, that if he were my horse I would not consider it a bad course to sell. Macdonough has concluded to go out of the breeding business, that is different. I think it would be a very wise course to sell Ormonde, for it seems to me he ought to be kept in California. If he gets three or four good colts or fillies, Mr. Macdonough will get his money back. He has got this year a colt out of Miss Brummel, one of the greatest mares in the world, a magnificent creature. He is as pretty as a picture, and ought easily to be worth the way the better class of horses are selling in the East. He is worth \$20,000."

The colt and Ormonde are both at Mr. Macdonough's Palo Park Farm, seven miles from Menlo.

Highest Price Ever Paid. This, presumably, is the final episode in the eventful life of the great horse who brought the greatest price ever paid for a horse when Mr. Macdonough paid \$150,000 for him. In the beautiful paddocks of Eaton Hall, where he first saw the light of day, he will end his days.

Ormonde will rank as the "horse of the century" in turf annals. As a two-year-old he was the winner of three races, and in his career won a great number. He defeated a gallant horse in Robert Peck's Bard, who was unbeaten as a two-year-old in thirteen races, and he won the 1889 yearling stakes at Doncaster St. Leger. The greatest race of his career was when as a four-year-old in the Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot, when he was ridden by the late Lord Albemarle, he beat Minting and Bendigo, themselves two of the best horses whose names appear in the turf annals.

It was naturally supposed that he would take the place his sire and grandsire, Bend Or and Doncaster, had filled as premier of the Duke of Westminster stud. He was the one season in England, when he beget the mighty Orme, Llanthony, Goldfinch and other good horses, but he had no other foals in the Argentinian. The special course of the English thoroughbred, and a genuine sensation was caused when it was announced that he had been sold to go to the Argentine Republic. The Duke was freely and harshly criticized, but he replied that it was only to rid England of any animal that he had consented to sell the horse.

Ormonde in South America. The buyer was one Senator Booth, presumably a man of fabulous wealth, actually a man without much capital. Ormonde had been a very sick horse before leaving England, but he recovered, and he had to make a second season in South America, where the time of foaling is different from England and this country. He was bred by the Duke of Westminster, and he was sent to England to race, but did nothing.

In 1892 Mr. Charles Reed, of the Fairview Stud, Tennessee, who paid \$100,000 for St. Blaise, got the idea of buying Ormonde from Senator Booth, and with that purpose in view sailed for South America. Of course, he expected to do business directly with the Duke, but others knew better. When the news of Mr. Reed's mission leaked out, another man took a hand in the game and bought the horse, over Mr. Reed's head as it were, from Senator Booth, an insurance company in London. The company had advanced the \$120,000 that the Duke of Westminster had received for the horse, and Senator Booth had never met the obligation.

Mr. Macdonough paid a prodigious price, but it looked as if he might get his money back and make a profit. The colt was sold with him was a return of imported wares that things were not well at the Palo Park Stud, Ormonde. It was said, was not getting on with any certainty. Of course, denials were made, but unfortunately this has proved the stories true. Ormonde had a very bad cold, and he never amounted to much. The chances are that the Duke of Westminster has bought the horse more out of sentiment than from any expectation that he will do much toward perpetuating his illustrious family.

Assault on District Attorney John F. McHenry. I see one morning paper places Van Wyck's plurality at 7,400. Now, that is absurd. It gives Erie County to Roosevelt by 500, when the Republicans themselves concede that county to Van Wyck, and he will carry it by at least 2,500. The same paper says Roosevelt will get Queens by 1,300. The Journal's figures state the situation fairly, and I confidently believe its figures will be excelled.

James W. Boyce. The Journal's figures are the only ones worth considering. I did think, several weeks ago, that Van Wyck's majority might be less than 40,000, but in the light of subsequent developments it is fair to assume that his majority will be greatly increased in all the great cities of the State. New York will give him the greatest majority in the history of the party.

Jefferson M. Levy. The Journal's sources of information have proved to be eminently reliable in the past, and I believe that they are not far from the truth now.

Dugan Fled from the Hospital. James Dugan, fifty-five years old, who was confined at St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers, suffering from delirium tremens, escaped from his attendants yesterday and a searching party failed to find him. He is 5 feet 7 inches in height, wears dark trousers and vest, a dark worsted jacket and carpet slippers. He was in the city.

One Woman Blind Another. Kettle Warren, twenty-eight years old, of No. 66 East Third street, was yesterday held by Magistrate Pold in Jefferson Market Police Court, on a charge of having assaulted a woman named Maggie Kemp at East Houston street and Second avenue on Saturday night and put out one of her eyes.

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Men Accused by Aldridge Directly or by Innuendo, Refuses to Be a Party Scapegoat and Says Whole Canal Board Must Share the Censure—Says Investigators Were Unfair.

The eminent citizens whom Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge besmirched by innuendo, they being the members of the commission which investigated the expenditure of \$9,000,000 for canal improvements and declared that several millions had gone astray:

GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE, Superintendent of Public Works; FRANKLIN EDSON, Chairman of the Canal Board; SAMUEL M. WEBB, Secretary of the Canal Board; DARWIN B. JAMES, Treasurer of the Canal Board; FRANK BRAINARD, A. POSTER HIGGINS, WILLIAM M'ECHEON, Members of the Canal Board.

ALBANY, Oct. 30.—Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge, in defiance of the wishes of Platt and Odell, issued a statement today defending the canal frauds and invoking the entire State administration.

Mr. Aldridge intimates very strongly that he is being made a scapegoat, but, more significantly, and in the language of the statement, he intimates that "members of the commission who were personally interested in securing further appropriations for canal improvement have attempted to avoid their own share of responsibility for the deception of the public as to the cost of improvements, which necessitates an additional appropriation much larger than the original one."

He also says the State Canal Board is responsible for every item of expenditure. The statement is issued by Mr. Aldridge as if written by another person who had embodied Mr. Aldridge's views in it. The introduction says:

In his statement Mr. Aldridge takes up every criticism leveled at his department by the commission, and he declares that what were mere rumors and gossip stories of mismanagement, and which were denied under oath, are reported as findings.

Mr. Aldridge declares that every expenditure of the \$9,000,000 fund was regular and that he is justified in a court of law. He points out that the investigation was conducted in the use of language, and that where the commission questions the wisdom of an expenditure, he has never been asked to explain it. He says that the expenditure was an unwise one, and that the expenditure was unwise.

The Superintendent then explains that the conclusions of the commission are not justified by the evidence it had. He declares that the report is so worded as to challenge his honesty, capacity and motive. He continues in the first person:

While I do not wish to cast aspersions upon the commission as a whole, or upon any of its members personally, I am bound in justice to myself and in justice to the public, to point out the fact that the investigation was conducted, not as investigations usually are conducted, but more in the line of a prosecution. The attorney who assisted the commission apparently conceived his duties to be those of a prosecuting officer, and as matters have developed, he is entirely justified in his position. The attorney who assisted the commission apparently conceived his duties to be those of a prosecuting officer, and as matters have developed, he is entirely justified in his position.

With this as a basis of operation, with the accused unrepresented either in person or by counsel, and unhampered by any rules of evidence as enforced by a Court of Justice, the prosecution was conducted. The brief of the prosecuting attorney has been reported as follows: The judicial functions of the commission were evidently suspended, else these gossip stories and rumors would have required corroboration, and others which were refuted in almost every instance by skilled testimony.

Perhaps, also, they will see that it was highly desirable, in order to avoid the public as to the responsibility for this deception, to cast aspersions, accuse by innuendo and condemn by wholesale, officials having to do with the expenditure of the improvement funds, even though the work were well done, and even though no suspicion of dishonesty could attach to the public officials in the order that they might read the titles clear to further appropriations.

The Superintendent then says the engineering department was responsible for any errors that may have been made. He makes categorical denial of all the complaints made in the report. The Superintendent, as if determined not to alone bear the blame, drags in other officers of the administration in these words:

I repeat that every item specified as spent unlawfully was regularly passed upon by the Canal Board, whose members are in every way qualified to judge of the regularity of such expenditures, since they were familiar with the canal law and with all special acts, as well as with the condition of the canal before the improvement began.

In conclusion Mr. Aldridge says if errors were made they were errors of judgment, and if money was needlessly expended it was the fault of the system. Mr. Aldridge has quite successfully invoked the entire State administration in the scandal. Perhaps that was his purpose.