

ROSEY'S ISLAND

TWO REPUBLICAN CAMPS IN DISMAY.

G. O. P. Leaders in Jersey City and Newark Active, but Helpless.

SEEK SOLACE IN VAIN.

Asstute Legal Minds Search for a Loophole in the Party Predicament, but find None.

VERY WILD PLAN SUGGESTED.

It is Proposed that They Let the Elections Go by Default and Fight it Out in the Courts—Citizens' Ticket in Jersey City

Republican politicians in Jersey City had a busy day yesterday. Many conferences were held to determine how the party should get its ticket in the field by next Monday, when nominations must be filed for the election. The decision of the Supreme Court that the law abolishing the spring election was unconstitutional, appears to have caught the leaders without definitely formulated plans.

Chairman Edward W. Woolley, of the City Committee, sent out notices at noon for primaries this evening between 7 and 9 o'clock, to select delegates to a city convention to nominate candidates for Mayor, Alderman-at-Large, two members of the Street and Water Board, and Alderman from each ward, and thirteen constables and fifteen justices of the peace. It is intended to hold the nominating convention Monday morning.

There was also talk of having the nominations made by the City Committee. This could be done by submitting to the committee a petition signed by twenty persons or more for the nomination of candidates named in the petition.

A plan was also proposed that the Republicans should allow the election to go by default, appeal from the decision against the election extension law, and refuse to recognize the candidates voted for by the Democrats. This would compel the Democrats to resort to quo warranto proceedings, unless they obtained forcible possession of the offices. The police force has a Republican Chief and a Republican Board. Quo warranto proceedings would require several months.

Citizens' Ticket.

A citizens' meeting in the Fuller building, Montgomery and Hudson streets, in the afternoon, resulted in the choice of Civil Judge James J. Erwin as candidate for Mayor. Among those present were ex-Assemblyman William E. Drake, Cashier J. W. Hardenbergh, of the Hudson County National Bank; Judge Erwin, Lawyers H. V. Condit, George L. Record and Charles L. Corrick, who are gold Democrats; Joseph A. Dear, of the Jersey City Evening Journal, a gold Democrat, and Frank O. Cole, a Republican, who is unaffiliated to the Republican machine, and is reported to have written the Grand Jury's presentment scoring Mayor Wanser's administration. Mr. Cole was foreman of the Grand Jury, which had a Democratic majority.

Judge Erwin at first declined the nomination as an independent candidate. It was the idea of the gentlemen at this conference that the Republicans would endorse their nominee. Joseph A. Dear and John F. Voorhees, former president of the Board of Education, were proposed as candidates after Judge Erwin's declination. Mr. Dear declined. Mr. Voorhees was not present. Consideration of the name of Judge Erwin was considered the nomination. Judge Erwin was appointed Corporation Attorney by Mayor Wanser in 1892, but the Mayor a few months later named Spencer Wentz for that place.

Mayor Wanser was urged by Republican leaders to accept a renomination, but was non-committal and appeared indifferent.

Excitement in Newark.

Never before in the history of the Republican party in Newark was there such bustling among the leaders as yesterday. Every Republican lawyer of any note was called into conference. Law books on all sorts of law books were searched in an attempt to find some loophole by which they could get out of the trouble. Two meetings of the County Committee were held, and the sole result of all the labor and anxiety was an appointment of a committee of five to confer with the committee for the Democratic County Committee and ask its assistance in helping them out of their difficulty. It is a big job, however, but it was the only alternative. The committee named are Mayor Carl Lentz, Chandler W. Baker, George L. Smith, Henry Dickson and Dr. H. H. Horner.

While the Republicans were doing their best, the Democrats were smiling complacently. The Democratic County Committee met at noon, completed all arrangements for holding an election and then waited to await developments.

As a result of an election not being held in Newark this Spring, the city, so far as municipal affairs are concerned, will practically be in the hands of the Democrats. Thirty members each in the Board of Aldermen and Board of Education. The terms of fifteen of each Board expire in May, and under the law they cannot be renewed in these terms. As the Board is to be elected, with no election they would have no successors, as the power to fill vacancies in these Boards rests alike with the voters. In each of these Boards sixteen is a majority or quorum, and with only fifteen no business could be transacted.

Would Help the Democrats.

In the Board of Works things are different. There are five members in the Board, all of whom were Republicans until the death of Commissioner Joralemon, a few weeks ago, when Mayor Seymour appointed Theodore C. Hewson, a Democrat, to fill the vacancy. This leaves the Board at present with four Republicans and one Democratic member. The terms of two of the Republican Commissioners, Van Luyck and Burkhardt—expire in May, and as they cannot, under the law, serve beyond the time for which they were elected, Mayor Seymour would have to appoint their successors, and, being a good Democrat, he would of course appoint two Democrats to the vacant places. This would give the Democrats control of the Board and its use as patronage. That would mean a local flourish among office-holders.

At the Newark meeting, the Republican leaders would, in the event of the failure of Erwin, affirming the decision of

Two people of the Newark, N. J., were brought to light two broke engagements. In one case the disappointed woman seeks to recover money she loaned her late lover. While in the other the ex-lover seeks to recover money entrusted to his once affianced bride.

Miss Fanny Osterwell, of No. 305 Norfolk street, Newark, had Samuel Kurz brought before Justice Kent, charged with having obtained from her under false pretence about \$50 in cash and merchandise. The alleged false pretence was based on the fact that Kurz had promised to marry her, but after he got into her debt backed out and left her to mourn.

Kurz appeared penitent in court and promised to pay Fanny a weekly amount until the debt is wiped out, and to marry her if she was willing. Upon those conditions he was paroled.

The other complainant was Francis Bartel. He claimed that he had been engaged to marry Miss Mary A. Lubkeman, of No. 190 Littleton avenue, Newark. Before the engagement was broken, he says, he loaned her some money, and he sues to recover \$80, which he claims is still due him. Miss Lubkeman testified that Bartel had been confined to the State Insane Asylum in Trenton for some time, and when he was released she told him that the engagement was at an end. She admitted that he had left money with her, but claimed a portion

An Ugly Predicament.

But even if the Republicans would carry out this threat to a successful issue, they would be in even a worse predicament than they are at present. It would leave every Republican office holder in Newark at the mercy of the Mayor. They were appointed by Aldermen elected under that law, and were it declared unconstitutional their offices would be declared vacant, and Mayor Seymour would have the power to fill the vacancies. This would mean a number of fat appointive offices, and such a change

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DIED AGED 104 YEARS.

"Uncle Josie" Field Passes Away on the Farm in Monmouth County on Which He Was Born.

Joseph, or, as he is better known, "Uncle Josie" Field, of Middletown Township, two miles from Red Bank, N. J., died yesterday of old age. He was the oldest resident of Monmouth County, and had lived until September 28 next would have been 105 years old. He was born on the same farm on which he expired. He resided with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Whiting, and his two other children, Rebecca and Joseph, Jr., were by his bedside when the end came. An old school teacher named Wright, who for a number of years had been the old man's companion, was also present. Besides considerable money, Field left a farm of 4,000 acres to his heirs.

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PRIMARIES AT LAMBERTVILLE.

Republican Nominations for the Spring Elections Made Late Night.

At the Republican primaries, held in Lycium Hall, Lambertville, N. J., last night, to nominate city officials to be chosen at the annual Spring election, the following nominations were made:

Mayor, William E. Wang; Superintendent of Public Schools, Clark Spicer; Overseer of the Poor, David Wilson.

First Ward—Representative in Common Council, Oscar A. Duml; School Trustee, George W. Akers; Freeholder, A. C. Canday; Justice of Peace, William Loder; Commissioner of Appeals, Abraham Tranger.

Second Ward—Common Council, Edward Rittenhouse; School Trustee, Charles M. Weller; William Now; Commissioner of Appeals, Thomas Crowley.

Third Ward—Common Council, George W. Arnett; School Trustee, Frank Williamson; Commissioner of Appeals, A. C. Barber.

Ridgefield Park Girls Missing.

Hedrietta and Ella Hascup, aged twelve and fourteen years respectively, left their home at Ridgefield Park, N. J., Thursday, and have not yet been heard from. A searching party looked for them Thursday night, but was unable to find any trace of them. It is supposed they went to visit friends.

Factory Burned by Locomotive.

The pastebard factory of James H. Muir, of Morrisstown, N. J., was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The loss on the building, machinery and stock will be about \$60,000. The fire is supposed to have been started from sparks from a locomotive.

Masons Still Out at Montclair.

The strike among the members of the Montclair Masons' Union at Montclair, N. J., for an increase of wages continues. Up to a late hour yesterday all but two of the bosses had yielded to the demands. The strike was believed to give in by Monday.

Salve on His Corn Caused Death.

Candlen, N. J., April 2.—Thomas W. Wright, a dental instrument maker, on Sunday put some salve on a corn he had cut some days before. The corn swelled, blood poisoning set in and he died this morning in terrible pain. A widow and five children survive him.

It Took Half a Dozen Men Ten Minutes to Put it on a Car.

RAHWAY GIRL'S PRESENT.

Is a Granddaughter of the Late George W. Savage, Consul to Belfast and Dundee.

A Shetland pony, consigned to Grover Cleveland, Princeton, delayed a fast express train several minutes, kicked the expressman and raised a rumpus at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Rahway, N. J., late Thursday afternoon.

The pony was a present from Edward S. Savage, Rahway, to ex-President Cleveland. The real donor was Helen Savage, and the pony was intended for Ruth Cleveland. Mr. Savage is a son of the late George W. Savage, who was appointed by Cleveland as Consul to Belfast, and afterward to Dundee, Scotland.

The pony, drawing a fine docket, and covered with gay harness, was driven to the station to meet train No. 333. When unhitched the animal became fractious,

WANT A YOUNG PREACHER.

Mechanicsville Methodists Say They Won't Have Pastor Williams Because He Is Too Old.

The congregation of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, of Mechanicsville, near Keyport, N. J., is up in arms against receiving as its pastor the recent appointee of the annual Methodist Episcopal Conference, Rev. H. G. Williams, and the official board of the church has notified the presiding elder that they will under no circumstances accept him, and will not guarantee any amount of salary for his support.

Gordon Davis, one of the officials of the church, said this afternoon: "There is no personal feeling against Mr. Williams, but we demanded a young man for our pastor, and a committee we sent to the conference told the presiding elder that either Rev. R. T. Leary or Rev. J. T. Mason would suit, and it was practically decided that Mr. Leary would come here. Mr. Leary thought that he was to be sent to us until his name was read from the desk at the conference to go to Hamilton and Wall, small charges that he will look together. The objection to Mr. Williams is that he is too old to do the work that the condition of our church at present demands."

Rev. Mr. Williams has not as yet arrived at Mechanicsville, and he will meet with a cold reception when he does come.

TWO WIVES SEIZE HEMION.

No. 2 Kisses Him in Court; No. 1 Drags Him Away from Her Hated Rival.

Stephen C. Hemion, who deserted his wife and child in New Haven fifteen years ago, was ordered by Judge Mott in the First Criminal Court, Newark, yesterday, to furnish \$250 bonds to pay Mrs. Hemion

FORMER CAPTAIN'S PLIG

Penniless in Long Branch Where He Was in Command of a Corps.

LIVING NOW ON CHARI

Starts a Lifeboat Mission, Says Former Associates Prevented Success.

C. E. Wilson, formerly a captain of American Volunteers in Long Branch, N. J., now penniless, has started a Lifeboat Mission in that city, in a spirit of resignation of dissensions in the ranks of the Volunteers when he was in command of them.

Wilson was formerly in charge of Seaman's Mission, No. 935 Washington street, New York City. When the American Volunteers started he gave up mission work and joined the army, was made a captain by Colonel Patton, and assigned to Post No. 1, Jersey City. A month later he was transferred to Long Branch. He had been there hardly two months when he began to discover signs of trouble. Finally his soldiers made an open revolt, and he fled to New York for help. Lieutenant E. Allen, his subordinate, also communicated with headquarters.

The revolt was caused, Wilson says, because he refused to permit a member of the corps to participate in the exercises until she made an apology and an assertion that Mrs. Wilson had stolen one of her dresses. Then, the captain says, Lieutenant Allen accused him of being a Christian, and said Mrs. Y. was not a good woman.

Major Lindsay went from New York to Long Branch to investigate. The result was that Captain and Mrs. Wilson and tenant Allen were suspended. The town threatened to resign and send a letter from headquarters saying that resignation—which he had never sent—was refused and his requests for information regarding any charges against them were ignored.

The Wilsons had to vacate headquarters, and, being without means, were left in the hands of the public, and only the generosity of some newly made friends here helped them to exist. Captain Wilson started the Lifeboat Mission by the meeting hour Monday evening by putting in an appearance. He says he has had a few worshippers, but made no converts. He circulated about him and his kept people from attending the meetings. The Wilsons have an improvised chamber and kitchen in one corner of mission room, and the neighbors see small supplies of entables occasionally. Wilson's health is giving way. He is an educated man and an American, having left England about seven years ago.

WANTS A NEW FIRE CHIEF.

But Active Hose Company's Scheme Doesn't Please Other Firemen.

The annual session of the Ridgefield Park Teachers' Institute, which has been in progress at Stapleton, S. I., since day, was brought to a close yesterday noon, and it was pronounced by the public school teachers who have been in attendance to have been one of the most instructive and successful ever held.

The institute has been under the direction of Mrs. Julia E. West, School Commissioner, and has been attended by Archibald C. McLaughlin, A. L. D., was drawing, supervisor of instruction, attended on several days. There were lectures and expositions of improved methods of teaching, by Miss Anna K. Eggleston, State Instructor in primary grades; drawing, Miss V. E. Page, Miss D. Lyon, James S. Cooley, George E. Hart, Professor of English in the State Normal School at Newark, and W. J. Shores, Elizabeth, N. J.; Frank O. Payne, E. S. Redman, and M. P. E. Grostman, of Newark. The institute was organized by Miss R. M. Leffman, pianist, A. Burdick, department reporter, and Ch. F. Simons, secretary.

DOG CATCHER FALLS AGAIN.

Louis Wirz, Who Throws the Latent Hackensack, Once More in Jail.

When Louis Wirz, of Hackensack, N. J., last Fall attained the summit of his political hopes, and was appointed dog catcher, the honor-banished discretion, and he proceeded to celebrate his accession to office with excessive ardor. As a result he was one day arrested on Main street for disorderly conduct, and was sentenced to three days in jail.

His release he signed the pledge and resumed his duties. A week ago he forgot his vow, and since then he has been unworthily holding office. On Thursday he assaulted his wife, and yesterday he was sent to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

STRIKING QUARRYMEN RETURN.

Higher Wages Will Be Paid After May 7, and Trouble is Averted.

The strike among Italian quarrymen at Rocky Hill, near New Brunswick, N. J., has ceased, and the leaders have returned to work. There were several skirmishes between the strikers and the few who returned to work Thursday afternoon, but the strikers were frightened by the rifles held by the officers of the quarry and dared not attack.

Yesterday morning all appearance of trouble vanished and nearly all the men returned to work. The rest will probably follow. The higher wages, the men struck for have been promised them from May 1.

PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CATHOLIC HALL.

Rev. Dean J. O. O'Grady, of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, New Brunswick, N. J., has informed Robert L. Hoagland, president of the New Brunswick Board of Education, that Columbia Hall, an assembly room owned by St. Peter's Church, is at the disposal of the Board for the annual High School graduation exercises.

When the Opera House of New Brunswick was burned down last Winter the school was left without a place to hold graduation exercises. Columbia Hall is an acceptable place. This offer is pleasing to all concerned, as it shows the good feeling existing between the public and parochial schools.

Prominent Harvard Man G.

Boston, April 2.—Darius E. M. prominent lawyer, died early this morning in the age of sixty-six. Mr. Ware was in Salford, where he was graduated Harvard, '52, and of Harvard Law School. At one time he was a member of Legislature from Marblehead, and was a member of the State Senate from same district. He was a member of Harvard College Board of Overseers fourteen years, and was a member of Rotolph Club, the Colonial Society, Massachusetts Bar Association.

Constable Gives Chase on His Wheel.

The Fellow Express.

John Moore, a bicyclist, was run down by a horse attached to a sulky on John street, Belleville, N. J., Thursday night, and Constable Daily, who witnessed the act, declared it was intentional. The constable gave chase on his bicycle to the driver of the conveyance, but was unable to catch him.

Moore's wheel was badly damaged, but he escaped with few slight bruises.



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The passengers in the train were becoming uneasy, and the conductor was fuming, but the pony still remained obstinate. A rope was then secured; the pony was landed in the car, and the train departed 10 minutes late.

The Shetland was presented to Ruth yesterday morning after breakfast. The animal is full-blooded, and is descended from stock imported from Scotland.

Twenty-eight men employed as back-tenders in the calico printing department of Reid & Barry's Print Works, at Passaic, N. J., went on strike yesterday against what they claim is a considerable addition to their daily task without extra pay.

Heretofore a boy or girl has been employed to sew the front end of each new roll of cloth run through the printing machines to the tail end of the one before it. Now the men are required to do this themselves.

The Montclair Wheelmen Election. The Montclair (N. J.) Wheelmen Thursday night held their annual meeting and elected these officers for the year: President, John F. Meyer; vice-president, George B. Mitchell; secretary, L. Harlow Shroder; financial secretary, A. F. Wilson; treasurer, J. E. Dyer; captain, W. H. Shourds; first lieutenant, Alexander Wiensick; second lieutenant, William J. Garabrant; bugler, T. Cecil Hughes; color bearer, H. Z. Kane; trustees, E. Mott Seward, Walter Rutan, Harry Trippett, J. E. Dyer, Jonas A. Dyer, and A. M. Sigler. A committee of three was appointed to confer with a committee from the athletic club in relation to the building of the bicycle track on the grounds of the latter.

Receiver Sells a Silk Mill. Dover, N. J., April 2.—Under a receiver's sale yesterday afternoon the property of the defunct Ross & Baker Silk Mill Company, at Port Aransas, was sold to Catharine Lambert, the millionaire silk manufacturer, of Paterson, for \$25,310. The property consists of two large buildings, equipped with the latest machinery for manufacturing dress and necktie silks. It is reported that the mill will shortly start up under the management of E. J. Ross, head of the old firm.

Oppose Blenkenstone's Appointment. The Bergen County Republican Executive Committee met at Hackensack yesterday, and despite the fact that John Blenkenstone, the Oradell druggist, has received the appointment for the post office in that town, recommended Daniel J. Demarest for that office. Blenkenstone's appointment still remains a mystery. The Republican leaders in the county had met the slightest intimation that the druggist was looking for the office, and it is held the appointment will be cancelled.

The letter was published in a Passaic paper, and then the Chief's troubles began. As he walked along the street blushing maidens forced themselves in his path in order to read a curtsey and, in quavering tones, hiss, "Howdy, Chief?"

Maidens finishing the last lap in their "twenties" began to make themselves agreeable to the Chief on every occasion, while maidens bustling along toward the "forties," buxom widows in their "thirties" and sweet young things close to the half century mark all began to be extraordinarily agreeable to the doughty head of Passaic's Police Department.

The Chief's chest began to swell out, and he looked every inch a Chief, as he walked through the town which he was sworn to protect. He was, and is now, the most popular man in any section of New Jersey, but it is beginning to rattle him.

As long as maids, matrons, widows and old maids confined their attentions to him upon the streets, he had no complaints to make. Matters now, however, are past the street stage. The candidates for the hand of the Paterson man have ventured of waiting for the Chief to select from among them a blushing bride.

They now track him to his lair, even into the sanctity of his office. There, under the pretense of needing his services, they pester and bore him until the true object

of their visit is plain. They are all after that Paterson man, who leaves his love affairs in the hands of a chief of police.

At present the appearance of a woman throws the chief into a heavy perspiration. "I suppose the duffer wanted me to arrest some pretty girl," he said, "and let her go upon her promise to marry him." Well, I don't do it, see, and if that fellow ever comes stay in Paterson; it's healthier there."

Some intimate friends of Chief Hendry claim that his worries as a matrimonial agent have caused him to lose sleep and added silver streaks to his hair, while the nerves which formerly stiffened like iron at the sight of a Chief of burglar are easily shattered.

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