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Odell Gaining the Leadership and
Outing Platt, Despite Latter's De-
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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, April 17.—A great deal of im-
portance attaches to the breaking out of
hostilities between Platt and Odell in New
York. The Republican party of the state
is said to be again the victim of a great
feud, which may rival in intensity the
Roosevelt-Congress feud. President Roose-
velt, before he started West, endeavored
to avoid the impending conflict, and sev-
eral conferences were held at the White
House with that end in view.

Odell, in his anxiety to become master
of the Republican party in his state, a
position to which he is slowly gravitat-
ing, anyway, has brought on the crisis,
which, it is feared by some politicians,
may lose the party to the Republicans in
the next campaign—something greatly to
be deplored, as it is the home of Roose-
velt, who is to be the next candidate.

In view of the heavy Democratic vote
polled last Fall and the doubt of Odell's
ability to reunite the party under his lead-
ership, the situation is regarded as grave.

PLATT DENIES THE SPLIT.

Turning Down of His Man Does Not
Agitate Boss.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Senator Platt to-
day declared there was no split in the
Republican party and no fear of one.
Asked as to the refusal of the Senate to
confirm the reappointment of Frank M.
Baker as railroad commissioner, he said:
"The Governor simply wanted to keep
his man in office. That is all. No split,
no slightest danger of one."

CONFERES WITH THE ENEMY.

Bryan Lunches With Ingalls, the
Gold Democrat.

CINCINNATI, April 17.—Considerable
stir was caused today by the fact that
Colonel W. J. Bryan, being the guest at
the Queen City Club of Melville E.
Ingalls, president of the Big Four Rail-
road, President Ingalls was one of the
most prominent of the Bryan Demo-
crats in both of the Bryan Presiden-
tial campaigns, and many of the Bryan
Democrats are reported as not support-
ing Ingalls here.

ANOTHER SETBACK FOR PLATT.

Successor of His Man McCullough
Unanimously Confirmed.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.—Governor
Odell's appointment of George Wilson
Morgan, of New York City, to be super-
intendent of the bureau of elections for
the Metropolitan district, was unanimously
confirmed by the State Senate today.

To Permit Public Ownership.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 17.—The
House committee on municipal corpora-
tions has agreed upon a bill authorizing
every city in the state to own, construct,
purchase, mortgage and lease street rail-
ways. It provides for leasing not longer
than 30 years to any company incorpo-
rated under the general corporation act
of Illinois, but no city can do anything
toward the construction of a railway
without the sanction of three-fifths of
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lieu of them, certificates of indebtedness,
but not unless authorized by a majority
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have been heretofore examined into and
Machen entirely acquitted.
Machen, meanwhile, has declared that
his record is clear and stands aloof to
allow his enemies to prove him guilty. He
is taking no steps whatever in his own
defense.

HOW THE SYNDICATE WORKED.

Nearly a Thousand Clerks Paid for
Promotions in New York.

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ing here examining employees regarding
the alleged promotion syndicate. More
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office were called before the inspectors
and questioned closely. What answers the
men made cannot be learned, nor did the
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