NEW YORK FINDS BOSS IS NEEDED

Republicans Look to Root or Parsons to Fill Place as Party Leader.

WOODRUFF FLAT FAILURE

Stuck to Forlorn Hope Against Hughes and Became Ridiculous. Root or Parsons to Succeed Platt as Senator.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Republican organization leaders, following their ridiculous defeat at Saratoga, are privately declaring that they need a boss. Timothy L. Woodruff, state chairman, and titular ruler is in deep disgrace. The Roosevelt men are angry because he delayed his submission. The Hughes men are indignant because he opposed their favorite. The various rebellious county leaders are enraged because Mr. Woodruff backed down at the last moment.

Senator Thomas C. Platt and Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., are the two happiest men in the state. Both say and nobody denies, that such a fiasco could never have happened while they were in the saddle.

"There is such a thing as defying the storm and hurling defiance at the lightning," said Mr. Platt the other day. "For my part, I never did, either. It doesn't pay." Then he thought a moment and continued:

"A good politician knows enough, if he makes a bluff, to stick to it to the end. There are a lot of mighty bad politicians these days."

Odell Has Lots of Fun.

Mr. Odell has confided to his friends that he never had more fun in his life than he had in Saratoga. Two months before the convention Mr. Woodruff called on him and asked his advice.

"There will be 1009 delegates in the convention," he said. "We have 856 pledged against Hughes."

"What is the problem?" inquired Mr. Odell, who was really puzzled.

"Well, we want to know how to beat Hughes," was the naive reply.

Of course Mr. Odell laughed. Then he inquired who was the opposition candidate. He was distinctly shocked when he heard that the happy man had not been selected.

"You cannot beat somebody with nobody," he remarked. "For heaven's sake pick out a man who 'sizes' up with Hughes, and let people know about it. Victory in a political convention is different from the robbery of a henroost."

Naturally Mr. Odell was not sorry to see the unhappy plight of the men who had driven him into political exile. So he sauntered around Saratoga with a smile on his face, and at the proper moment delivered his delegates to Mr. Hughes.

Two Qualify as Leaders.

Two men at the recent convention demonstrated the possibilities of leadership and either one of them can have the honor if he desires it. The first is Elihu Root, Secretary of State. The second is Congressman Herbert Parsons, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee.

Mr. Root made a profound impression on the delegates. He has never meddled in local politics, and the only time he was a candidate for elective office was in 1883, when he was chosen a delegate to the constitutional convention. But that nomination did not really count, as it was thought before election day that the Democrats had a walk over.

Two years ago Mr. Root, in a speech at Utica, formally expressed Mr. Roosevelt's opinion of William Randolph Hearst, but this did not affect his standing one way or the other, as he was regarded simply as the President's mouthpiece. But at Saratoga Mr. Root, who was both temporary and permanent chairman of the convention, displayed qualities that stamped him as a leader.

For Mr. Root, although consistently urging the renomination of Governor Hughes, frankly admitted that personally he was against the Governor.

"It is not a question of what you want or what I want," he told the various insurgent leaders. "But the people demand that Hughes head the ticket. If we fail to renominate him, it may cost Taft the state. While admitting everything you say, I am for Hughes under any and all circumstances."

Root Proposed for Senator.

Mr. Root made a great impression on the leaders. They offered him the nomination for himself and he refused it. Now they declare he would make a good successor to Mr. Platt, and are ready to trust their fortunes to him. The proposition that has been made to him is that he accept the United States Senatorship as the successor of Thomas C. Platt. Already all the county leaders with the exception of Timothy L. Woodruff, have volunteered to throw their votes to him.

Mr. Woodruff's hesitancy is due to the fact that he is a candidate himself, or rather thinks he is. For since the Saratoga convention the various county rulers have decided that their political complaint is "too much Woodruff," and they have determined to call in a new doctor.

"When the Republican caucus meets at Albany in January," declared one of the anti-Hughes men today. "Woodruff may have the votes of the Kings County legislators, but he will not have anybody's else. He has led us into the 'slough of despond,' and now we intend to leave him there."

What Mr. Root will say to this offer of leadership has not been made public. Of course the President's Secretary of State is a much bigger personage than the average Senator, but when the position carries with it the leadership of the Empire State, it cannot be sneezed at.

Parsons Possible Choice.

The second leadership choice is Herbert Parsons. Mr. Parsons was the one county boss who realized the necessity of jumping in time, and did so. He did not like Mr. Hughes, but after a heart-to-heart talk, with Mr. Roosevelt, understood that the people favored Mr. Hughes. Whereupon, Mr. Parsons jumped on the bandwagon and did yeoman work for the Governor.

Mr. Parsons has generally been on the right side of every political question, and he is the only present-day boss in the Republican camp, during present years, who can truthfully make that statement. This explains why the other leaders are willing to follow his direction in the future, if he will consent to take the center of the stage.

Of course Mr. Parsons, who is at present a Representative in Congress, would not object to a promotion to the Senate. In fact he has quietly been a candidate for over two years, but with little prospect of success. Now he is convinced that the tide is running strongly in his favor, and that he has more than an even chance of succeeding to the seat now feebly filled by Mr. Platt.

But it all depends upon the decision of Mr. Root. For, if the Secretary of State decides to enter upon active politics, he can secure the leadership of the Empire State without a struggle.

FRENCH PRINCE TIRES OF HIS AMERICAN WIFE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Prince Robert de Broglie, of Paris, who married the divorced wife of Sidney B. Belt in Chicago in 1906, has abandoned his wife and child, and his lawyer has announced the intention of the Prince to bring an action for divorce on the grounds of violation of marriage vows. The Princess is an American. She lived in San Francisco and her maiden name was Estelle Alexander. The Prince's father had the Chicago marriage declared void by a French court, whereupon they were remarried under the French law. The Princess is intensely indignant at what she characterizes as "cruel and cowardly act of her husband." She says his charge is baseless and that it had been trumped up by the Prince, who doubtless wanted to rid himself of his American wife for the purpose of marrying another woman or to effect a reconciliation with his family.

WEIRD DEATH DEAL

Mrs. Rice Tells of Rustin's Plan to Be Murdered.

SAYS DAVIS WAS CHOSEN

Woman Whose Nerve Failed Describes Preparations of Doctor to Be Killed — Poison Furnished Murderer for Suicide.

OMAHA, Sept. 26.—Mrs. Abbie B. Rice, at the hearing here today of Charles Edward Davis, told of the plans arranged between Dr. Frederick Rustin, the physician recently killed at his residence here, and Davis, whereby Davis was to shoot Rustin and then commit suicide. Objections were made to nearly half the questions put by the County Attorney. Mrs. Rice, however, plans to have Davis relieve her of the proposed shooting and how he was to give Davis a suicide dose in exchange for his gruesome service. Her story of today follows:

Rustin's Agreement With Davis.

"Dr. Rustin told me he had secured a man to kill him, and that I was released from the duty. He said it was a man who had several times attempted to take his life. (Later she was permitted to identify Davis, the defendant, as this man.)

"The doctor told me he had arranged to have this man do the shooting on condition that the physician give him enough poison to take his own life. He said Davis was to come to the office at 8 o'clock that evening. I then left with the understanding that Dr. Rustin would meet me shortly on the corner near his office. I waited for him on the corner, and when Dr. Rustin came, got on a streetcar going past his home. He got off near the house, and I went to the end of the line and then back to town.

Gave Davis Poison.

"By appointment I went to Rustin's office at 8 o'clock, and found Davis there. I stayed only a short time. The doctor sent to the drugstore for a bottle of aconite. He poured half of it into another bottle, giving me one portion and putting the other in his pocket. He then told me to go to the street corner, where he would meet me shortly. I did so and he came down the street with Charles E. Davis. They waited until the first car came, when the doctor put Davis on the car going west toward his home, and then joined me. We walked west to within a block of his home, the doctor stopping once to purchase some whisky. We talked was permitted to say that Rustin told her he had arranged with a man to kill him and later she was permitted to identify Davis as this man. The state then rested. Counsel for the defense was given an opportunity to cross-examine the witness, but this was deferred until Monday.

The nervousness that yesterday characterized her actions was not apparent this morning, and her replies were given in a free and easy manner.

Yesterday her story stopped at a point where she began to relate to the court what Dr. Rustin had told her were his of his plans.

"I shuddered at every mention of them, but the doctor talked freely. When within two blocks of Dr. Rustin's home, he bade me good-by, saying to me to wait a while. He told me if his plans did not work he would soon join me again. I waited quite a while, and then went downtown to my room at Clara Gleason's place. I called up Dr. Rustin's home repeatedly after I got back, but was told the doctor was not there."

Mrs. Rice, during her testimony, identified Davis as the man she saw get on the streetcar after he came out of Rustin's office, and said she saw him standing at Fortieth and Farnum streets when she walked to that point with the doctor.

ABERDEEN UNIONS GIVE IN

Trades Council Says Any Transfer Company May Handle Lumber.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Action taken by the Trades Council last night, giving authority to contractors of Aberdeen to employ any transfer company they please for the delivery of lumber, settles for the present all differences between the mill-owners and the carpenters. Officers of the Trades Council refuse to talk of the matter, except to say that the action of the Council last night will probably end the controversy.

There is a good feeling throughout the city today over the course the Trades Council has pusued, and the unions are praised for their action. One of the mill-owners said:

"I am glad the affair is settled. Mill-owners are no more opposed to unions properly conducted than they are to any other legitimate business. But it is the 'butting in' that we are opposed to. When it comes to dictating who shall deliver our lumber, then I say we should have a say in the matter. If they have a right to dictate who shall deliver the lumber, why shouldn't they say who shall pile the lumber, handle it in the yards, cut it in the mills? If the trouble ended with Johnston it might be well enough to consider their opinions, but it has a far-reaching influence. It goes into every detail of our business. Unions, in my opinion, should confine themselves to matters directly affecting their own men, and not with men who do not belong to their organizations."

BLACK HAND RITES CRUEL

Member of Convicted Gang Reveals Secrets of Outlaw Order.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Nine members of the Italian blackhand, convicted through the confessions of members of their own society, were sentenced today at Fernie to terms from six to seven and a half years. They began to levy blackmail five months ago among the business men of the upcountry mining city, three of whom they threatened with death.

The story of their methods was startling. The ceremony connected with the first initiation into the society, according to the confession, was called "piccoto." All present divested themselves of weapons, and a circle was formed by joining arms. It was then pointed out to the candidate that the space in the center of the circle represented an abyss where everything spoken was completely buried. The final "Cameristo" degree was grewsome indeed. A circle was formed as before and five knives were laid in the center, with the points radiating to the circumference. Upon these a handkerchief was placed, leaving the blades exposed, and upon the center lay a stiletto.

Lots were drawn and the man on whom the choice fell had to bare his arm whilst his neighbor seized the stiletto and stabbed him in the wrist. The candidate for initiation was then forced to suck the blood spurting from the wrist of the man who had been stabbed.

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STATE SUFFRAGISTS MEET

NOMINATE OFFICERS AND PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN.

Speakers Believe That Effort to Secure Ballot for Tax-Paying Women Will Be Successful.

At the regular meeting of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association held last night in the City Hall, the following officers were nominated: Honorary president, Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe; president, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway; vice-president-at-large, Mrs. Elizabeth Lord; corresponding secretary, Miss Myrtle E. Pease; secretaries, Miss Elma Buckman and Miss Wilida Buckman; financial secretary Mrs. A. Bohman; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Potter; auditors, Mrs. F. Eggert, Mrs. M. A. Dalton, Mrs. Imogene Bath. These officers in accordance with the constitution of the association will be elected at the convention to be held in November.

At the conclusion of the business session short addresses were made by Mrs. M. R. Trumbull, Dr. Mary Thompson and Dr. T. L. Eliot. In Mrs. Trumbull's opinion the campaign for the ballot for tax paying women is going to do them a great deal of good. She believes the association showed excellent judgment in asking for the ballot for a portion of the women of the state first. She said it was the duty of all Woman Suffragists to inform themselves on all public questions in order to be prepared to vote intelligently when the privilege is accorded them.

"Women should prepare themselves definitely and intelligently upon the great public questions that are coming before us," said Mrs. Trumbull. "Our institutions are growing and improving, but they are far from what the ideal institution should be. Women should build up a public sentiment in favor of more efficient administration of these institutions. Suffragists must lead, must get into the front of every movement. In order to do this they should be familiar with the questions of the day."

ASKS PARDON OF PRESTON

Sister of Murderer-Candidate Is Circulating Petition.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 26.—A sister of M. R. Preston, who was nominated for the Presidency on the Socialist ticket and is serving 25 years in the state penitentiary at Carson, is in Reno for the purpose, it is said, of circulating a petition to be presented to the board of pardons for the pardon of Preston. It is said that she is aided in this work by the Socialist Labor party.

Preston is serving sentence for killing John Silva, a restaurant keeper of Goldfield, about a year ago.

Lewis Wins by Over 500.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—All doubt of the nomination of John G. Lewis, of this city, as the Republican candidate for State Treasurer was removed today by the return of the vote from Spokane County, a dispatch from Spokane this afternoon giving Erwin's majority in Spokane at 5816. Exclusive of Spokane, Mr. Lewis has a majority over Erwin of 6383. So this gives the nomination to Lewis by 537.

Lewis Democrats Organize.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The Lewis County Democratic central committee met here today and selected S. A. D. Eaton as chairman and M. B. Jaques secretary. Both are well-known Centralia Democrats.

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