

FAIR SWIMMERS TO DIP IN DECEMBER SURF

Members of Multnomah Club Annex to Participate in Aquatic Sports at Gearhart Park December 10—Twenty-five Women to Compete.



SWIMMERS SHOWN IN THE GROUP ARE: AT THE TOP—MISS GRACE O'NEILL. SECOND ROW—MRS. FRANK KADDERLY, MRS. DELLA WAGNER, MRS. WALTER HOLMAN, LOWER ROW—ARTHUR CAVILL, SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR OF THE MULTNOMAH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB, MISS FRANK E. WATKINS, MRS. M. HOPSON AND MISS GLADYS HOWARD.

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HE OPPOSES ANY TINKERING

Changes in Law Desired by Tammany Not Favored—Would Let Race Track and Service Commission Laws Stand.

BY LLOYD E. LOWENBERG. NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—When Governor-elect Dix was in the city the other day, an important conference was held which in some way did not become known to the newspaper men. In fact the details have just come to light through the "leakiness" of a member of the Legislature who is slated for the chairmanship of one of the important committees in the Assembly.

Mr. Dix has declared publicly that he has no intention of mixing in the work of the lawmaking branch of the state government, but the fact remains that he has taken a very active part in mapping out the legislative programme for next winter.

Mr. Dix insists that he knows little or nothing about conditions in the city, but he is well informed about conditions up state. And one of his insistent demands is that the election laws be revised.

Dix Would Change Election Law. The present statute is admittedly in favor of Republicans, says a Tammany source. Mr. Dix believes that the time has come when the Democrats must arrange things so that they will get a shade the best of it.

New York City, normally, is heavily Democratic. The rural districts are normally heavily Republican. So up to the present time, has been easy to get the vote in the country districts and hard to cast a ballot in the city.

Residents of cities, cities large and small, must appear each year and register personally if they desire to vote. To prevent repeating, they must also sign their names to the books. There is no way to get on the election rolls except to follow this course.

In the country there is no registration in person whatsoever. The town officials make up a list from their own personal knowledge, and this is supposed to be open for public inspection a certain time before election, so that errors or omissions may be corrected. The reason given for this is that it is a hardship to ask the poor farmer to lose a day's work simply to register, when everybody knows everybody else, but it cannot be denied that this system opens a door to fraud that could not prevail in the city districts.

Mr. Dix, in the course of his conference in this city, impressed upon the leaders the necessity of a uniform primary law to cover the entire state. He said that there was no reason why the farmers in St. Lawrence County should be treated with any more consideration than are the laborers of Mulberry Bend, and his hearers all agreed with him.

No General Revision Proposed. The future Governor, however, frowned upon suggestions made by Tammany leaders that the present law be greatly revised. Tammany does not like the statute as it at present exists. In fact, it is a matter of common report that it has done away with about 100,000 fraudulent votes that were annually cast for the Wigwam ticket.

The present law seems to me to be a good one," Mr. Dix is reported to have said, "and I do not believe that it needs amendment, except to make its application universal. We cannot do anything that will lead the public to believe that any of the safeguards are being withdrawn from the ballot. Personally, I am in favor of a fair ballot. Also from the standpoint of expediency, it would simply hurt us in the long run, for the voters are getting more independent all the time, and no party can thrive on 'crookedness'."

Another weapon fashioned by the Republicans, which now seems destined to fly back and hurt them, is the State Superintendent of Elections. This official is supposed to guard against the casting of fraudulent ballots in the Greater City and Westchester County. Up to date, however, he has merely looked after the voters in the Westchester districts on the lower East Side. The Superintendent and his office staff have been as much a part of the Republican machinery as is the County Committee.

Tammany's Desire Opposed. The Tammany men have been anxious to obtain control of this bureau, not so much on account of the patronage as because of the moral help it would be at the polls. But Mr. Dix has other ideas.

He figures that there is more corruption upstate than there is anywhere else, and proposes to have the elections in that section more carefully scrutinized. In consequence, the powers of the State Superintendent will be enlarged so that he can go anywhere he sees fit. This will enable the tame state watchers in the strong rural counties, which are strongly Republican.

DEMOCRATS WILL GAIN IN CONGRESS

The Democrats will have the power to redistrict the state for Congressional districts and they expect to gain perceptibly at least six seats in addition to holding the additional ones, due to increase of population. Under the Republican gerrymander, there were eight districts below The Bronx which were normally Republican. Tammany experts are figuring on a system now which they believe will give one G. O. P. district in Brooklyn, and one doubtful one on Manhattan. The others, they say, will all be safely Democratic, except in the case of a tidal wave. The expectation is also that gains can be made upstate, but the field is not as broad as it is in the city.

Mr. Dix has introduced a novelty, so far as the conduct of a Governor-elect is concerned. He will go to Albany early in December, and spend the time there until his inauguration on January 1, studying the needs of his new duties. Heretofore the new Governors have carefully kept away from the capital until the time came for them to step out into the limelight.

The new executive believes that he has a lot to learn, and he is anxious to get right to work. His friends say that he will not be dominated by Murphy, and means to be the best possible kind of an independent Governor.

Tammany men are not talking openly, but express themselves as thoroughly pleased with the outlook. However, in a few months it will be seen which brand of Democracy is going to be on top.

PETERSBURG, Va., HAS \$500,000 FIRE

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 3.—Seven business houses in the heart of the business section of Petersburg were destroyed by fire early today at a loss of approximately \$500,000, partly covered by insurance.

TEN PENDER SISTERS HOLD REUNION AND SIT FOR PHOTOGRAPH



VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The ten Pender sisters recently held a reunion and had their picture taken. In the picture they are shown ranging from the youngest, on the right, to the oldest, on the left. All are married except one—Miss Alice Pender—and live in the North West, several being residents of Portland. The names of the sisters (from right to left) are—Mrs. Joseph Burke, of The Dalles, Or.; Miss Alice Pender, of Portland; Mrs. James Gray, of Vancouver; Mrs. Henry Hostettler, of Portland; Mrs. Harry Aldridge, of Vancouver; Mrs. William Vaughan, of Troutdale, Or.; Mrs. Elmer Burns, of Portland, and Mrs. Frank Marble, of Selmon Creek, Wash.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pender. Mr. Pender died here three years ago, but his widow survives him, and is only 65 years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pender were born in Canada and came to this county in 1875, and most of their children were born here. They were of English and Irish parentage. All of the 14 children are in good health and are good looking and talented.

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Since the last report, report lists Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, Burns series, Nos. 15 and 16, La Grande series, Nos. 23, 24, 25 and 26, Roseburg series, Nos. 2 and 3, Portland series, No. 21, Lakeview series and No. 22, The Dalles series, have been received. These lists aggregate 46,925.01 acres, and certificates of sale or deeds have been issued on all outstanding applications covering lands included in these lists.

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