



## DEMOCRATS WILL PROBABLY NAME JOHN A. DIX

### Face a Situation Without a Parallel-- Discussed Fifteen Candidates for Governor Till Early Hour--If Dix is Not Named, it Will be Alton B. Parker Or Herrick--Feature of Platform is Strong Direct Primary Plank--Chairman Bissell Defines Issues--Tim Murphy in Evidence.

(By Associated Press)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 30.—John A. Dix for Governor if he will take the nomination; Alton B. Parker or D. Cady Herick if he will not.

This it was learned to-day, was the state favored by most of the leaders in the conference which adjourned in Charles F. Murphy's room at half past 1 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Dix has the matter under consideration and even his closest friends are unable to say what his decision will be.

The result of the early morning conference became known when Mr. Huppuch, Washington county's choice for comptroller, let it be known that he was no longer a candidate. The inference was that he had stepped aside so as not to stand in the way of Mr. Dix, who also is a Washington county man.

As the rumor of Dix's pre-eminence as a candidate circulated through the hotel corridors, excited friends of the other candidates made a rush to Mr. Murphy's room. Some of them got in and some did not. Mr. Dix reappeared for a minute and in answer to inquiries reiterated that the question was still unsettled.

Asked if any of the other candidates had withdrawn in his favor, he replied: "Not so far as I know."

Mr. Dix returned to Murphy's room almost immediately and remained there presumably awaiting the arrival of the other leaders. Earlier in the week when his name was discussed as a possible choice, he discouraged the proposition so emphatically that consideration of him for the time being was entirely dropped.

Mr. Murphy Holds Conferences.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Mr. Murphy held numerous conferences with representatives of the various candidates during the morning. Both he and National Committeeman Norman E. Mack evaded committing themselves about Dix's candidacy.

While the Tammany leaders were attending a caucus of New York City delegates, Mr. Dix hurried into the quarters of Edward M. Shepard. The two men were in conference for 15 minutes after which Mr. Dix went to see Mr. Osborne.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 30.—The delegates to the Democratic State convention to-day faced a situation without a parallel in the history of the party. With the second, and supposedly the concluding session of the convention set for 1 o'clock this afternoon, the leaders started the day without even the semblance of a slate and with no less than 15 names under consideration for the first place on the ticket.

The conferees that met with Charles F. Murphy at the Hotel Seneca last night discussed the relative merits of these 15 candidates for nearly three hours and finally adjourned at half past two this morning without being able to agree. The only definite result of the gathering which was attended by 13 of the most prominent Democrats here, was the endorsement of a direct primary plank, which will be one of the leading features of the platform.

This plank will read as follows: "We favor a State-wide direct primary to insure to the people the right to select political committees and nominate public officers."

It was at the close of the meeting at Mr. Murphy's rooms and after several of the conferees had left, assuring the newspaper men that the question of the head of the ticket was still unsettled, that Secretary Thomas F. Smith of Tammany Hall came out carrying a typewritten sheet.

"The situation," he said, "has narrowed to two names."

Then he read: "Alton B. Parker, Edward M. Shepard, John A. Dix, James S. Havens, Deady Herrick, Martin H. Glynn, Justice James Gerard, Herman Ridder, William Sulzer, Justice Victor J. Dowling, Herman A. Metz, Martin J. Keogh, John S. Bessel, Thomas M. Osborne, E. Howard Hutchinson (of Buffalo)."

"Is it a joke?" asked one of the

expectant newspaper men. "No," replied Smith, "it's true. They discussed every one of them."

Mr. Murphy himself opened the door and invited the correspondents to enter. The Tammany leader was smiling. He looked well pleased with himself and with the whole situation.

"Was there any significance in the order of those names" was the first question he was asked. "Absolutely none," he answered. "All I can say is that we shall select a man from that list who will beat Mr. Stimson."

This is how the situation appeared to stand. The leaders have been unable to agree on any one. Manifestly it would be out of the question to present the names of 15 candidates to the convention for a decision on the floor.

Therefore it remained Mr. Murphy's duty as leader of the largest number of delegates to name the candidate. And this, it was expected he would do before the convention assembled.

The surprise was the presence on the list of names of Judge Parker and Mr. Shepard. It was the first time Mr. Parker's name had received serious mention, while a majority of the delegates had seemed satisfied that Mr. Shepard was absolutely out of the running. McCoy, the Kings county leader, was asked: "Do you still feel as you did two hours ago when you said it looked as if it were going to be Shepard?"

"It looks as good for him now as it did then," was the reply. "Is anything to be inferred from the fact that Judge Parker's name heads the list?"

"Well, you know how it runs in the civil service list, the best man at the top."

Parker in Most Favor. Judge Parker has announced he would accept the nomination although he has not made any active canvass. He would be acceptable to Tammany and to the Democratic league and Thomas M. Osborne, who seems to be the only man the leaders can see for second position on the ticket, would be willing to run with him.

One opinion of the conferees was that it was desirable to nominate a candidate who could take the field and meet the active campaigning of Theodore Roosevelt without loss of time.

The programme for the convention to-day was the selection of permanent officers, the presentation of committee reports, the adoption of a platform and finally the nomination of a ticket. Herbert P. Bissell, of Buffalo, will be named for permanent chairman and his speech will supplement that of Alton B. Parker, the temporary chairman, in defining the issues.

Reform Republican Abuses. Herbert P. Bissell, as permanent chairman, addressed the convention in part as follows:

"We have come together as a representative body of Democrats—of progressive Democrats who are faithful to the sound principles of government advocated by the founders of the American republic and the framers of the American constitution, but who are progressive in the purpose only to apply these principles to the solution of present problems and the eradication of existing evils.

"We believe in real and common sense progress.

"We are progressive in our aim and determination to reform the government abuses that have been inflicted upon the country by the Republican party.

"We are progressive in upholding the spirit of nationalism as exemplified in the achievements of Washington, of Jefferson, of Madison, of Lincoln and of Cleveland.

"At the present time we find throughout the country many Republicans who call themselves 'progressives' and when we analyze their progressiveness, we are gratified to find that in most cases it consists in the condemnation of their own party's 'stand-pat,' dishonest tariff revision and their advancement to the advo-

## POLITICS SHIFT TO NEW YORK

Eleventh Annual Convention of the National Republican League—Roosevelt to Speak to Young Voters—Delegations from Georgia and North Carolina in Attendance.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The Republican political activity shifted to-day to New York City, which welcomed a body of voters of that party from various parts of the country, to attend the eleventh annual convention of the National Republican League. The leading feature of to-day's session in Carnegie Hall will be an address to "young voters" to be delivered by Col. Theodore Roosevelt late in the afternoon.

The convention will be carried over to to-morrow. A parade of the delegates will be held in the evening, following a reception to, President Taft at the Republican Club. Mr. Taft will be the guest of the club at a banquet in the Hotel Astor and deliver an address which is expected to be an important political declaration.

Large delegations from Georgia and North Carolina have been sent to the convention, and States nearer by were even more largely represented.

The notables who were welcomed included something like two score Republican Governors of States, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress.

John Hays Hammond, president of the league, presided over the sessions of the body, which has a membership of more than 3,000,000 comprised in 3,500 clubs representing every State and Territory in the Union.

## TRYING TO AVERT THE LOCKOUT

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The board of trade intervened today in an attempt to avert a lockout in the cotton industry which is threatened for October 3.

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Mr. Bissell then went into what he termed "the wasteful and extravagant use of public funds" in State and nation.

"To-day," he said, "we find the profligacy and restlessness of Republican administration called for the appropriation by each Congress of the fabulous sum of two billions of dollars. A comparison of the last four years of Republican administration illustrates with graphic and telling force the strenuously spendthrift phase of Rooseveltism and its feeble proxy, Taftism. . . . I have dwelt upon this public extravagance for the purpose of exposing the underlying cause of continued high tariff taxation on the necessities of life and the betrayal of the people by a revision of the tariff upward instead of downward as promised by the Republican platform and the Republican candidate.

"Is it not easy to understand why the cost of living is so high, why the burdens of taxation are so heavy and why the promises of a substantial revision of the tariff downward have been broken?"

Their Honesty Song. "It is our duty present to the people the plain facts and I cannot believe that their attention will be diverted from the real and momentous questions to be determined at the November election by any amount of spectacular clap trap or copybook platitudes about honesty and virtue, tumultuously reiterated by the unique and entertaining lion hunter who in the wilds of Africa, or in the midst of the splendors of European courts, seems to have entirely forgotten his share of responsibility for this carnival of extravagance, excessive taxation and dishonest tariff revision.

The patriotic business men and workers of the country cannot long be misled by impulsive and reckless attacks upon the Supreme Court, by ill-considered and reckless attacks upon the business organizations of the country, whether good or bad, or by appeals to passion and prejudice. . . . The Democratic party is now and always has been loyal to the principles advocated by the founders of the republic. We are not insympathetic to the doctrines of the so-called 'new nationalism,' which disregards loyal self-government and forgets the limitations of the the constitution.

"We are opposed to this dangerous tendency to further centralization of power in the national government. We are upholders of the Democracy of old nationalism. We believe in the equal rights and equality of all men before the law. We insist upon an honest, economical and business administration of governmental affairs, both in the State and nation."

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Edward M. Shepard, of Brooklyn, who is one of the strongest candidates talked of for the nomination for Governor on the New York Democratic State ticket. Mayor Gaynor's elimination has made him even stronger. Shepard is chairman of the platform committee of the Democratic State committee. His strongest opponent is John A. Dix to whom the latest dispatches predict the nomination will go.

## OSTERMANN TELLS OF HIS EARLY LIFE

Former President of the Ostermann Manufacturing Company Says He Sold Newspapers on the Streets of New York, Was Bell Boy in a Hotel, Worked as Messenger Boy, Picked Oranges and Shoveled Coal.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—Henry C. Ostermann, former president of the Ostermann Manufacturing Company, in the Illinois Central Railroad "graft" hearing yesterday on the witness stand told the story of his life in detail. He was questioned by S. M. Hoover, attorney for the defense.

"What were you occupied with before you organized the Blue Island Car and Equipment Company?" asked Attorney Hoover.

"Several things," replied Ostermann with a grin. "You want me to tell about all my occupations?"

"I sold newspapers on the streets of New York from the time I was six years old till I was 9," said Ostermann, launching into the story of his checkered career. "I was bell boy in a hotel from the time I was 9 until I was 12. I was a cash boy for a year. I worked as a messenger boy for a telegraph company for six months and another six months I worked in a cigar store in New York.

"I was 14 years old then and I enlisted in the navy for three years and was discharged in San Francisco. I picked oranges for a while in California, then worked for two years on the Pacific Mail steamship plying between 'Frisco and Panama. In 1895 I went back to New York and came back West with a wild west show. I worked on a ranch in Montana, went to the North Dakota harvest fields in the summer of 1896, worked with a spade and pick axe on the Great Northern and in the fall I came to Chicago and shoveled snow off the sidewalks and got a job also shoveling coal.

"I went to work for the Illinois Central in 1896 as a brakeman and worked up till I became a freight conductor. In 1908 I invented a grain door for freight cars and I took a lay off for six months to organize a company to manufacture my grain door."

The rest of Ostermann's active life history has been retold many times.

## SOLVE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYED

Twenty Men Answer Mr. How's Call to Solve the Problem of Idle Workmen—How is a Wealthy Friend of the Hobo.

(By Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 30.—There is no unemployed problem to cope with here, if the meeting that James Eads How, wealthy friend of the "hobo" called for idle workmen yesterday can be taken as a criterion.

Twenty men answered Mr. How's call to discuss the problem and to arrange for employment. Before the meeting had fairly begun an apple grower entered the room and said he could use forty men; give them \$1.75 a day and guarantee them two months work.

But none of the twenty wanted a job like that so the fruit raiser was forced to go further to hunt for men.

## GAMBLING HOUSES CLOSED BY LAW

For the First Time in Fifty Years the Doors of Gambling Houses in Nevada Have Been Barred by the Law—Passing of Characters Pictured so Vividly by Bret Harte and Mark Twain.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Sept. 30.—For the first time in 50 years the doors of gambling houses in this State have been barred by the law.

Under the recent action of the Legislature of Nevada, gambling in this State will be prohibited after October 1. Despite traditions, influence, argument and politics, the law stands and the old line gamblers have bowed before it. Although another day of grace remained to them, the wheels that have spun dice since the days of the characters of Bret Harte and Mark Twain are still, and the faro tables have been stored away. Gambling is dead and Carson City, where fortunes have shifted on the turn of a card is closed.

A decision returned by Attorney General Stoddard today places whist, bridge whist, five hundred and all other card games played for money or anything of value are under ban. Slot machines are also banished. The law that becomes operative at midnight deals the death blow to every game of chance in Nevada.

## EXTRAORDINARY SUN APPEARANCE

College Professor Says Groups of Sun Spots Gathered in One Solid Spot and Later Broke Into Fragments.

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Sept. 30.—An extraordinary occurrence was observed on the sun yesterday, announced the Rev. J. S. Rickard, of the Santa Clara College observatory, who last night gave out the following statement:

"A group of spots on the solar axis at 10:30 o'clock gathered in one solid spot which was visible on a negative taken at 3:30, but which was seen broken up into fragments on a negative taken at 4:30. It is very seldom that such a rapid fragmentation occurs.

"This unusual event is one of several solar events that have been developing from the beginning of last week up to the present consisting of the appearance of one large spot, now about three days from the west limb and of a group which appeared on September 12, and which is still showing with undiminished splendor."

## TWO PERSONS ARE KILLED IN AUTO

PIQUA, O., Sept. 30.—Two persons were killed and three others injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad train here last night.

## NEWSPAPER OFFICE GUTTED BY FIRE

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 30.—Damage caused by the fire which swept The Times-Democrat building here early this morning was not as large as at first believed. It is said that the loss will not exceed \$50,000.

## MINISTER OF WAR OFFERS BIG PRIZE

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—The ministry of war today announced that it would give \$25,000 as a prize for an over-

## Dr. Chas. F. Brem is Found Dead in His Room To-Day

Dr. Charles F. Brem, one of the best known and most popular citizens of Charlotte, was found dead in his room in the Hartly building, No. 211 1-2 North Tryon street, this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Death had resulted in all probability from a severe attack of coughing and asthma from which the deceased had suffered for many years.

The body of Dr. Brem was discovered by a waiter sent from Gresham's Cafe, where Dr. Brem boarded, to ascertain if the doctor was ill or if anything was the matter with him, uneasiness being caused by the fact that Dr. Brem did not go to breakfast and until that time had not appeared for luncheon. The waiter knocked on the door of Dr. Brem's room and not getting a response finally climbed to the transom and saw the doctor lying across the bed. The negro immediately gave the alarm, and Mr. Walter Brem, the brother of the deceased, and a number of friends, were quickly at the room.

Dr. Brem was partially dressed and it was apparent that he had died suddenly, either just as he was dressing this morning or as he was undressing to retire last night. Death probably resulted from an attack of coughing and asthma, from which he had suffered for many years. With the exception of violent spells of coughing, Dr. Brem had been in better health recently than for some years and his sudden death comes as a shock to his relatives and friends.

Dr. Brem was 64 years old. He was a native of Charlotte and had lived here practically all his life with the exception of the time he was in college and during the civil war, during which he served with distinction. He was a graduate of Bellevue Medical College at New York and practiced medicine for a number of years in this city, quitting the practice to engage in the insurance business. Dr. Brem was a man of fine intellect, strong character and a most attractive personality. He won friends easily and held them just as easily. Probably no man in Charlotte numbered among his acquaintances a larger number of true friends than did Dr. Brem.

Dr. Brem is survived by a brother and a sister, Mr. Walter Brem of this city, and Miss Florence Brem, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but the services will probably be conducted to-morrow morning.

## SHOT IN CROWDED SUBWAY CAR

Well Dressed Man Going Home from a Theatre is Killed by an Unknown Man—No One Knows Why They Quarreled.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—An express train on the subway was the scene of a mysterious murder early this morning. A well dressed man, apparently returning from the theater was the victim. There was nothing on his person to identify him.

His assailant, according to the police, was Charles Wright, of Elizabeth, N. J., who was arrested by a subway watchman.

According to bystanders the two men stood near each other in a crowded car. They did not appear to be acquainted but suddenly it was noticed that they were having a violent quarrel about something. Then came a pistol shot and the younger man fell to the floor mortally wounded.

There was a panic in the crowded car. Women in gay theater attire made for the doors. Several men grabbed Wright, who struggled with them. By that time the train had begun to slow down at the Fourteenth street station. A subway watchman took charge of Wright as the doors swung open. He denied all knowledge of the shooting.



John A. Dix, Who is About to Be Nominated For Governor by the Democrats of New York.

## NEWSPAPER MEN HAVING A DAY

This is "Press Day" at the Appalachian Exposition and the Tennessee Association Held a Formal Session—Roosevelt Will be at the Exposition Next Week.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 30.—A large representation of the daily and weekly press of Tennessee and adjacent States of the Appalachian region is assembled here today attending the Appalachian Exposition, this being "press day" at the exposition. The Tennessee Press Association held a formal session this morning after which the entertainment features began and continued through the day. G. F. Milton, editor of The Knoxville Sentinel, and The Chattanooga News, is president of the association and presided over the meeting.

A luncheon was tendered at 1 o'clock and tonight at 6 o'clock the editors and their wives and daughters will be entertained at dinner as the guests of the exposition officers. Arrangements are now being perfected for the coming of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, who will be the guest of the exposition on Friday of next week. The 11th United States cavalry stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Chickamauga Park, Ga., is now on the march to Knoxville, and will be in camp at the exposition grounds next Tuesday. The regiment will participate in the ceremonies incident to welcoming Colonel Roosevelt on Spanish-American War veterans day next Friday.

## MR. LEE NEVINS PASSES AWAY

Prosperous Farmer Near Fort Mill Passes Away After Long Illness. Special to The Chronicle.

FORT MILL, S. C., Sept. 30.—Mr. Lee S. Nevins, a prosperous farmer of upper Fort Mill township, died last night after a protracted illness of many months' duration. He was a successful horse trader and was known far and wide in this respect and his business place has been a popular rendezvous for traders for years. Mr. Nevins was 55 years of age and leaves a family.

## GENERAL OF THE REDEMPTORISTS

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 30.—The arrival here today of the Very Reverend Patrick Murray, superior general of the Redemptorists, and his prospective visits to other cities in the South and East are attended with much interest in Catholic circles. He is the first superior general of the order to visit America.

## WEATHER FORECAST

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 30. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Saturday. FOR CHARLOTTE AND VICINITY.—Probably showers to-night or Saturday. Warmer Saturday.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.—Partly cloudy; probably showers in west portion to-night or Saturday; warmer in interior Saturday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.—Although high barometric pressure covers most of the country east of the Mississippi river (highest in New England States), cloudy weather prevails throughout the middle and south Atlantic States and showers have occurred within the last 24 hours in West Virginia, western North Carolina, east Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and eastern Alabama, with heavy amounts at a number of places, the rainfall being probably due to the influence of the sub-tropical storm that has been central in the Caribbean sea for several days past. The northwestern disturbance has moved to central in Manitoba (barometer 29.6 inches) and over the upper Mississippi valley and upper lakes, with cloudy and warmer weather in that section, but without rainfall. A moderate high area overlying the Rockies and plateau region is attended by cooler weather. Temperatures continue low in most of the Eastern States and over the cotton belt. Unsettled weather will continue at Charlotte, with probably showers to-night or Saturday, continued cool.

For the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m., 7th meridian time, Friday, Sept. 30.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN. STATIONS OF WILMINGTON DISTRICT. Temperature/Rainfall [Max./Min./Fall]

HEAVY RAINFALL. St. Matthews, S. C., 1.70; Allendale, S. C., 1.00; Eatesburg, S. C., 2.30; Blackville, S. C., 1.30; Millen, Ga., 1.60; Waynesboro, Ga., 1.50; Union Springs, Ala., 1.00; Monticello, Ga., 1.50.

REMARKS. Rain fell within the last 24 hours in districts except Memphis, Vicksburg, Orleans, Little Rock and Oklahoma, though at only one to three reporting stations in several districts. In Texas an average of 40 inches was reported from the 33 stations making reports to the center. Heavy falls occurred in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama. Temperatures continued low for the season, with no marked changes for the past 24 hours. W. V. MARTIN, Observer.