

CHICAGO POLITICS.

Some Inside History of Politics in the Seventh Congressional District.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—[Editor AMERICAN.]—While on a visit to Australia I devoted a considerable portion of my leisure time to the study of the Australian ballot system of voting, and as compared with the so-called Australian ballot as used in the United States there is as much difference as between day and night. Under the system in Australia the names of the candidates are placed under the name of the office, and a voter must have sufficient education to read the names on his ballot in order to vote intelligently, or, in fact, to vote at all. Under the system in use in some parts of this country it only requires sufficient instructions to know where to place the X mark; and thus the illiterate, imbeciles, insane and idiots are marched to the polls and voted as so many cattle on election day. It is only the educated, intelligent and independent voter who does any "scratching"; and this brings to mind an incident in the Seventh Congressional District on primary day. A gentleman visited a certain primary district in the Twenty-sixth ward of Chicago, where he has lived and voted for years, with the intention of voting for the Foss delegates; but, as the Boyce "gang" had everything their way, his vote was challenged and refused, for the reason, as one of the judges explained, that he was an Independent Republican, and did not always vote the straight ticket—yellow dogs, convicts and all. Thus it appears that the intelligent voters, who vote for men and not for monkeys, who vote for principle and not for party, are debarred from exercising their franchises at primary elections.

There have been many reasons advanced for this uprising of the people in the Seventh District; and a leading Democratic daily announced that it was through the A. P. A. voting solidly for Foss that he carried the day. As there appears to be two different classes of A. P. A.'s—the ones who are A. P. A.'s for principle, and another so-called A. P. A. gang, who are for revenue and patronage only—it is only in justice to state the former worked and voted for Mr. Foss. The "for-revenue-only" crowd were with Boyce to a man; for, as one of them explained: "I have to keep in the 'band-wagon' or lose my job; and you bet I know when I have a 'snap.'" An example of the "slave doing his master's bidding," or "the yellow dog following at his master's heels."

The result of the battle has very seriously upset the calculations of the "Siamese twins"—the professional German and the professional foreigner—who have jointly owned and controlled Hertzville for years. To demonstrate how nicely the game is played, it is only necessary to go back two years, when Wulff was a candidate for state treasurer. At that time, to show his strength in Hertzville, and his ability to carry the district in his pocket, it was necessary for Hertz to "keep dark," as it were, until after the nomination, and then he would be taken care of. From all accounts that has been done; and if Hertz has received any charity, it has not been through the county agent's office. It is now time for Mr. Wulff's side-partner, Hertz, to have a chance at the state treasury, and he must therefore be able to show his strength in Hertzville in order to prove to the country delegates that he is the great "me too" in his district. As the Seventh District convention tore a large hole in the "machine balloon," some of the decayed ballast had to be thrown out—not to please the people, but to please the "boss." Lammers, Keats and Schermann are tossed overboard and the "machine" is supposed to be having a spasm of "reform." The candidates selected to take the places of the three graces above named were not and are not the choice of the people, but were named by the "machine" for the purpose of saving the "Siamese twins." Mr. Wulff must remain in the background and be in the same condition as in the Foss campaign, namely, luke-warm. The three candidates for alderman selected by the "machine" in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth wards must be carried through at all hazards. Although the county convention instructed for Hertz for state treasurer, there are delegates to the state convention who have declared their intention of bolting instructions, and there are others who are waiting for a chance to jump the fence, and the opportunity would be at hand if one of the three candidates above mentioned should be defeated at the polls.

Like "Too Much Johnson," we have had "too much Hertz," and by defeating the Wulff-Hertz-Seversen combination of reform aldermen, there is a good chance of defeating the "machine" candidate for state treasurer. In the Twenty-seventh ward the people appreciate a good alderman when they get one, and showed their confidence in the present incumbent by re-nominating him; but the "pluggers," ward-healers, petty office-holders and the "A.-P.-A.-for-revenue-only" gangs, assisted by a few innocent citizens who have been drawn into the scheme, are making desperate efforts to organize a so-called citizens' ticket.

The Hertz-Wulff uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives who are capable of filling political offices are as numerous as flies around a molasses barrel in the summer; or, as a politician at the Seventh District convention remarked, "The woods are full of 'em." The people in Hertzville have begun to see this great political farce "political-cum-racket" between Hertz and Wulff; and at the next elections you may expect to hear something drop.

**May Dispute the Title of the Church.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—There may be a law suit as the result of Archbishop Kenrick's death before the affairs of the archdiocese of St. Louis are finally adjusted. The plaintiff may be John H. Eustace of No. 3033 Pine street, sole surviving kinsman of Archbishop Kenrick, and heir to his property.

According to law, Archbishop Kenrick died possessed of nothing whatever, except his wearing apparel, household furniture, books, pictures, jewelry, vestments and regalia. All other personal and real property, the title of which was formerly vested in Archbishop Kenrick, was on July 25, 1895, by decree of Judge Russell of Circuit Court No. 7, turned over to the possession of Archbishop Kain. R. Graham Frost was the attorney of the plaintiffs. The decree was not registered.

The sole surviving heir of Archbishop Kenrick may not be as ready to relinquish his claims as was his relative. "I have my doubts as to the legality of the decree," said Attorney A. J. P. Garesche, who has for many years acted as Archbishop Kenrick's attorney. "I don't want to be taken as opposing Archbishop Kain, but the decree sweeps away everything from Archbishop Kenrick. Even the loose money he had in his possession is given to Archbishop Kain by the decree. The archbishop's heir may do nothing, but if he desires to do something it seems to me he has a case."

"Has Archbishop Kenrick left a will?" was asked.  
"I don't know. I drew one up for him a number of years ago, but I don't know what has become of it. If a will is found it will probably be probated soon."

"Archbishop Kenrick would have remembered me in his will if he had been right in his mind when he died," said Tom Franklin, the former valet of the dead prelate. "I was sitting in the room with him one day, some months before he died, and he opened a drawer and took out a big pack of visiting cards and began counting them out, as if they were money. After he had counted for some time he handed the pack he had counted out to me and said: 'Here, Tom; here's 2,000 for you.' 'But, your grace,' I answered, 'that's not money. Those are your visiting cards. See, they say 'The Archbishop of St. Louis.''"  
"So they are. Excuse me, Tom," he said, "I'll attend to you later."

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Bill to Provide an Executive If Death Occurs Before Inauguration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—In the house to-day Representative Bou-telle, of Maine, introduced a resolution amending the constitution by making provision therein to meet the contingency of the death of the president-elect after the electors have cast their vote in January and before his inauguration on March 4. It provides that in case the person elected as president shall, before his inauguration, die, decline or become unable to discharge the duties of the office, the same shall devolve upon the person elected vice-president, who in such case shall be inaugurated and hold office accordingly. Congress is given authority to provide for the case of death, declination or inability of the persons respectively elected president or vice-president who have before their inauguration both died, declined or become incapable.

Are Angry at Senator Lodge.

United States Senator Lodge's recent report, in which he stated that Polish-Americans contributed largely to the criminal and illiterate classes, has excited indignation among the Polish residents of Chicago. At a meeting of the Young Men's Polish Alliance, held at the Alliance club-room on Ashland avenue last evening, resolutions censuring Senator Lodge were unanimously passed. Statistics were quoted to refute the assertions of the senatorial report which reflected on the Polish citizens and immigrants. The general good citizenship of the Poles was cited, and official statistics of crime produced to subordinate the assertion of speakers that the "39 per cent report" of Senator Lodge was an injustice to the nationality. After roughly scoring the report, the meeting adjourned. M. Napierewsky presided.

Attacks the Rom Catholics.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 22.—Rev. Dr. John A. Brooks, who has accepted the call at the West London Tabernacle, preached his farewell sermon at the Auditorium this evening. The address was from an American Protective Association standpoint, viciously attacking the Roman Catholics for dabbling in politics. Dr. Brooks' remarks created a sensation, owing to his prominence in church and political affairs. He will leave here in a few days for New York with his family, sailing on April 1 for London.

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