



# National Democrat.

RAHWAY, N. J., MAY 17, 1899.

The Democratic majority in the Common Council showed its solidarity and unity by electing a new Mayor and Council.

The following editorial appeared in the last issue of the *Somerville Unionist*, a Republican paper:

Mayor Tyler of Rahway, editor of the *NATIONAL DEMOCRAT* of that place, comes out in a letter to the people of the city in reference to certain alleged appointments to the office of the Mayor.

If the political tide brings a majority of Democrats back to the House next year, Union county will be a Democratic county.

A communication was received from the Democratic candidate for Mayor at the recent election, in relation to the tie vote on that office, expressing his intention to apply to the court to test whether a recount of the votes could be had.

Nearly every year there is some discussion concerning the time when the old board of Common Council ceases to exist.

In a recent issue we referred to the retirement of Judge Harp, the appointment of Hon. J. T. Wiley in his stead.

Charles E. Reed is now a much-maligned man. It will be remembered that he failed to resign as assessor when the others did, to take advantage of the law which prevents the operation of mandamus in bankruptcy cities.

The Republican leader in Council raised a great fuss on Monday night when Dr. Hodgson was mentioned for re-appointment.

Mr. Editor:—In several New York papers of last Saturday there appeared an item—manifestly from a same source—setting forth that a had been placed under arrest.

It is "exaggerating" to notice the labor efforts of some of the Republican politicians to make capital out of the recent session of the Legislature.

Mr. Lewis S. Hyer—Dear Sir: In your comment upon my communication in reference to the responsibility of the Mayor, I have to express my appreciation.

The following are the names of the candidates for Mayor and Council at the recent election.

Mr. Cook said, among other things: "The Democratic candidate for Mayor at the recent election, in relation to the tie vote on that office, expressing his intention to apply to the court to test whether a recount of the votes could be had."

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