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## WOULDN'T CLOSE UP RESTAURANT FOR COUPLE OF HOURS, NOT EVEN TO LICK OLD ENEMY, WM. P. VERDON

Gonzales Said to Be Trying to  
Vote His Hotel Register List  
Next Tuesday, and Voters Are  
Summoned to Appear Before  
Judges.

### AFRAID OF QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ASKED?

Former Mayor George Gonzales isn't going up to the court house to back up the men he had his son Frank make affidavits were legal voters—he isn't.

The former Mayor doesn't like William P. Verdon, but he is not willing to close up his restaurant on River street to go up and get the men registered as living at his place the right to vote.

The former Mayor is very much put out by the action of the County Board of Elections in questioning the right of any of those he has had put on the list to vote, but it looks as if he is licked now; as if the men registered don't live at the American Hotel, which he owns, at all, and that perhaps he doesn't want to appear before judges on Monday morning and be asked those searching questions the court can ask.

It appeared from the testimony of a couple of the men—the Ace brothers—that at least one of the men registered by affidavit from the American Hotel does not live there, but that he lives on Booram avenue, Jersey City Heights.

#### WHEN HE GETS PEEVED.

The former Mayor was on the stand before the County Board of Elections himself on Friday. He was asked some questions that he didn't like and he is real peeved over it.

And when the Mayor gets real peeved he is liable to go up in his room and shut the door after firing the waiters, or order a reporter out of his office, or do any sociable little thing like that that may occur to him the spur of the moment.

But there is one thing that the Mayor will not do, and that is leave his place of business and perhaps lose a couple of dollars in order to see that the men living at his place are able to vote—even if they are entitled to vote.

Conrad Werner, a Verdon man living in the first district of the First ward—that is Gonzales' district—said that about a dozen names were taken from the list.

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#### GREAT, BIG SHAM.

Gonzales had a lawyer present in person of John H. Sheridan and safe until the members of the started to question him and there were prospects that the little Mayor would have to go to the court," then he seemed cold feet on the proposition said it was a great, big, meas-me that there was so much about voting and that it worth all the bother and the would have to take from his

grows that the ex-Mayor s that he is about to get an walloping in his own district e office of Republican commit- n and that he realizes ti. ce is one thing that the former won't do. He won't stand up face of a heavy political fire n the Republican ranks, and his to lick Verdon is always predi- on the proposition that some- go out and bear the brunt of tle while Gonzales takes the n case of a victory and hands tements for the newspa-

Somebody referred to Gonzales once as the greatest publicity panhandler that Hudson county had ever seen, and that is some distinction to hold. It is the only distinction the former Mayor has ever held for a very long period of time, however.

#### ONE RECORD FOR GEORGE.

Gonzales wants to be the leader and he has been trying to get John F. Gardner to take the reins away from Verdon and turn them over to him. Gardner and the other anti-Verdon men are said to have insisted that Gonzales go out and make a fight for the committee himself, and he very willingly entered the race, believing that he would not have much opposition, it is said.

When he found out all the opposition that had loomed up he started to consult his hotel register and mark down the names of past, present and future inmates of the American Hotel. Some of these names his son registered by affidavit.

Then along came Werner and said that the men registered by affidavit were not legal voters in Hoboken, that they do not live at Gonzales' hotel, and that he isn't going to let the former Mayor get by with an election by voting men that don't even think enough about a primary to register a person.

Up at the court house after hearing the evidence the County Board of Elections decided that they would refer the whole matter to Judges Tennant and Sullivan at the court house on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Now Mr. Gonzales says he really doesn't want to neglect his business to go up there. He don't.



# THE JERSEY JOURNAL GRIFFIN ARRESTS 130; SUMMONS DOHERTY

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1919.

## HOBOKEN MAYOR GETS WARRANTS FOR "BILLY VERDON" AND MAX MILLER AND SUMMONS FOR COUNTY JUDGE

**Makes Early Morning Raid On Turn Hall Where 130 Men  
Are Gathered, Judge Doherty, Who is Present,  
Promptly Discharging Them—Griffin Waits Outside  
and Has Entire 130 Rearrested and Locked Up in  
Hoboken Armory.**

### EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN HOBOKEN ELECTION EVEN BEFORE DAY BREAKS

The City Commission election in Hoboken to-day is developing into one of the wildest elections that politically-frenzied Hoboken has ever seen. Starting with a raid at 5 o'clock this morning by Mayor Patrick R. Griffin and Director of Public Safety Bernard M. McFeely on Turn Verein Hall, 508 Park Avenue, Hoboken, in which 130 strangers were gathered, the situation rapidly became convulsive when Common Pleas Judge Richard Doherty was found in the hall with the strangers. In the hall, too, were William P. Verdon, Republican leader of the city, himself a candidate for City Commissioner, and State Civil Service Commissioner Max Miller, a candidate with him.

At noon to-day Mayor Griffin and Director McFeely applied for warrants to Police Judge Carstens, for the arrest of Verdon and Miller on a charge of conspiracy. The warrants were issued. A summons was also issued for Judge Doherty. At the time of going to press the men had not appeared in court.

The police are now guarding every entrance to the city. When the 130 men taken in the early morning raid were searched some of them were found armed with revolvers. Many of them wore the uniforms of soldiers and sailors. It is said that they were recruited from a War Camp Community center in Newark for whatever work brought them to Hoboken to-day. After they had left Turn Verein Hall the hall was searched and more revolvers came to light.

The Hoboken election has had the city boiling with excitement for weeks. There are three tickets in the field. The organization ticket has as candidates Mayor Griffin and Commissioners McFeely, Richard Doherty and Schmulling. Verdon heads a ticket, and there is also an independent ticket.

Only last Saturday Corporation Counsel John J. Fallon of Hoboken, appeared before Supreme Court Justice Swayze and asked that the Court curb Judge Doherty's "partisan activities."

Between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning Mayor Griffin claims he received a "tip" that the city was to be "flooded with repeaters." With Commissioner McFeely, Director of Public Safety, he went to the tube station and waited. Soon groups of men, in threes and fours and fives, began to arrive, each apparently under a leader. The Mayor and Commissioner McFeely followed them. They all went to Turn Verein Hall at 508 Park Avenue.

At 4:30 o'clock this morning the Mayor telephoned to Police Headquarters and ordered every man on reserve in the city to the hall. When they arrived Commissioner McFeely placed them so that every entrance was covered. At 5 o'clock the place was raided.

Inside the police found 130 men who were strangers to Hoboken. They also found Common Pleas Judge Richard Doherty, William P. Verdon, State Civil Service Commissioner Max Miller, a candidate on the Verdon ticket for Commissioner, and John Wallace, publicity man for Verdon. The Mayor ordered all the out-of-town men placed under arrest as suspicious characters.

Judge Doherty immediately assumed charge of the situation and held court. He discharged all of the 130 men. He informed Mayor Griffin that he was under arrest on a charge of false imprisonment. He did not, however, put the Mayor in custody.

The Mayor and Commissioner McFeely left the hall and took the police with them. Outside they waited, first having summoned the patrol wagons. As the 130 strangers came out they were rearrested, bundled into the patrol wagons and driven to the City Hall, Hoboken, where they were placed in the Armory on the top floor. They were then brought down to Police Headquarters six at a time and their finger prints and pedigree were taken. Those who wanted to do so were told that they could make statements.

Some of the men said that they were hired by Jerry O'Brien, who conducts a private detective agency in Newark. They said they had been brought into town by William Griffin—not related to the Mayor—and by Fred Hunter. When Hunter was searched the police found on him 110 tube tickets. He said that these tickets were to pay the fares of the men back to Newark. He said that he did not know O'Brien, that he had not been hired as a private detective, but had been told he would get his instructions when he reached Hoboken. He said he was a machinist, though his hands were soft. He refused to tell where he lived or where he worked. He also said he had not been sworn in as a deputy. One of the

men volunteered the information that they were to get \$5 for the day's work.

The men arranged before Police Judge Carstens on the charge of being suspicious persons. The Judge held them all, at the request of the police, for forty-eight hours so that they could be investigated.

When asked how he came to be with the men in Turn Verein Hall, Judge Doherty said:

"I was notified that a bunch of warrants were to be applied for. I thought that these were the men who were going to apply for them."







## HOBOKEN ELECTION JUST ONE CYCLONE OF MANY ARRESTS

110—Count 'Em—110, Including Mayor Griffin, Who Would Not Stay Arrested and Asked Warrant Against Judge.

NINETY-AND-NINE ROUND-UPS  
IN BATCH BY HEAD OF CITY.

Doherty Turned Them Out, but Griffin Cooped Them Again as Repeaters—Anyway, Democrats Won at 3 to 1 Rate.

Hoboken started at 6 o'clock yesterday morning to re-elect its five Democratic City Commissioners, headed by Mayor Patrick R. Griffin. The Democrats prevailed over their opponents by a vote ratio of 3 to 1. While the battle was in progress 110 arrests were made, among them some of the candidates.

The election is regarded as one of the bitterest political battles ever witnessed in Hudson County, where partisan feeling sometimes attains high pitch. There were three tickets in the field, fifteen candidates running. As a result of a clash between Mayor Griffin, head of the incumbent Democratic Commission, and County Judge Richard Doherty, supporting William P. Verdon, heading the Republican ticket, Mayor Griffin ordered the arrest of ninety-nine men, whom he called repeaters.

Judge Doherty, formerly Verdon's counsel, and whom Verdon was instrumental in placing on the bench, released the ninety-nine men. Immediately they were rearrested, whereupon Judge Doherty retaliated by ordering the arrest of Mayor Griffin and Police Lieut. William Clark, on a charge of false imprisonment.

Mayor Griffin refused to consider himself "pinched" and, ignoring Judge Doherty's order, began the preparation of a complaint, through Corporation Counsel John J. Fallon, to be presented to Supreme Court Justice Francis Swayze, who was asked to issue a warrant for Judge Doherty's arrest on a charge of conspiracy to defeat the election law.

Mayor Griffin, through the Corporation Counsel, importuned Justice Swayze to sit as Judge of Elections in Hoboken, in place of Doherty. This Justice Swayze refused to do. He also refused to issue a warrant for Judge Doherty's arrest.

Meantime, Mayor Griffin had ad-

pealed to Recorder Carsten for warrants for the arrest of Republican Leader Verdon and Max Miller, State Civil Service Commissioner, also a candidate on Verdon's ticket. Warrants will also be asked for the arrest of Jack Wallace, a newspaper man, acting as Verdon's publicity agent; Patrick Shields, Jeremiah O'Brien, who conducts a private detective agency in Newark; Frederick L. Hunters and others, charging them with "unlawfully conspiring with about 100 other persons" to go to Hoboken for the purpose of illegally voting at the election.

Monday night Mayor Griffin received word that men, believed to be soldiers and sailors, were to be taken from Newark to Hoboken as repeaters.

**Mayor Rounds Up the "Deputies."**

Early yesterday morning the Mayor went to the Lackawanna Depot. He saw a party of men detain and trailed them up River Street. Convinced they were the men he was after, the Mayor phoned Police Headquarters and ordered a detail of detectives and a patrol wagon.

The suspected men went into Turn Hall, No. 508 Park Avenue. Mayor Griffin, who by that time had been joined by Bernard McFeely, Director of Public Safety, entered the hall and found the men sitting with Mr. Verdon, Judge Doherty, Max Miller and Wallace. Mayor Griffin announced that the out of town men were under arrest as "suspicious characters."

"You are pulling a bone, Mayor," said Judge Doherty. "You are making a mistake in this. I got these men for the purpose of serving warrants."

The Mayor said he had not deputized them and would refuse to do so until he was sure they had been brought to Hoboken for purposes other than repeating.

Mayor Griffin then called more policemen and detectives and marched the ninety and nine out-of-town men to the City Hall. There they were preceded by Judge Doherty, who, upon their arrival, opened court as judge of elections. He ordered the men to be arraigned before him. The Mayor charged each with being in Hoboken for the purpose of repeating and also with being a suspicious character. He ordered them to be searched, but Judge Doherty refused to permit it. As each man was arraigned he was dismissed.

**Will Hold Them Anyway.**

Each man was then ordered rearrested by Mayor Griffin and all were taken to the armory on the top floor of the City Hall by policemen with drawn revolvers. The Mayor ordered them held, finger-printed and their records inquired into by the police. Then followed the Mayor's arrest by order of Judge Doherty.

"This entire matter is one that demands most careful and minute investigation," said Corporation Counsel Fallon last evening. "It discloses what is apparently a very serious state of affairs."

"As I understand it, an attempt has been made to import into Hoboken men of questionable character for the purpose of defeating the election laws of the city. We are going to hold these men until we find out who they are and why they came to Hoboken."

Judge Doherty said the meeting of the ninety and nine out-of-town men in the Turn Hall was "perfectly proper and altogether above board."

"I was told by Prosecutor Garven to deputize citizens to serve warrants," said Judge Doherty. "In order

to expedite the issuance of the warrants the men were assembled in Turn Hall. I explained this to Mayor Griffin when he entered the hall and had the men arrested."

Mayor Griffin said last night:

"The importation of the Newarkers was a dastardly outrage and the most high-handed proceeding I have ever seen attempted anywhere. Judge Doherty told me twice that I had 'pulled a bone' in having the men arrested. We shall see what kind of a 'bone' I pulled."

**Say They Answered "Ads."**

Several of the ninety and nine arrested by Mayor Griffin made affidavits last night, saying they answered advertisements in a Newark newspaper for special deputy positions. They were interviewed by a "Mr. Green," they said, who told them they would get for their day's work in Hoboken \$10 and three meals. The men say they were told no harm could come to them. "Mr. Green," they declared, assured them "they had the judge behind them."

Jersey communities that went to the polls yesterday were Bayonne, Passaic, New Brunswick, Asbury Park, Trenton, Cape May and Bradley Beach.

In Bayonne, where the fight has been particularly bitter against the Garven-Daly faction which is in control of the city. Dr. Bert Daly, County Physician, a Democrat, was re-elected Mayor. With him were re-elected Dr. W. Homer Oxford and John O. Devlin. Two new members of the City Commission, John P. Smith and Robert Galbat, are Republicans.

Mayor Clarence Hetrick and George Pittinger, Republicans, were re-elected in Asbury Park. Others on the board will be Dr. Thomas H. Pratt, Republican, and Dr. H. P. Kimmouth, Democrat.

Mayor George N. Seger and Commissioners William A. Reid and John H. McGuire were re-elected in Passaic. The new members of the Commission are Abram Preiskel and Lieut. Frederick E. Sieper.



NEW YORK, TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1919.

## Hoboken Mayor Ordered Seized in Election Row

### HOBOKEN MAYOR AND JUDGE CLASH IN HOT ELECTION

Counter Arrests Ordered After 120 Men Are Seized When Balloting Begins.

This was Election Day in several New Jersey towns and although there were minor disturbances here and there the storm centre was Hoboken.

Patrick R. Griffin, Democrat, Mayor of Hoboken, began the day by trailing 120 Newark young men from the Lackawanna Railroad station to Turn Hall, where he found them in conference with Republican leaders and ordered the arrest of the visitors as "suspicious characters."

Among the Republican leaders said to be at the Turn Hall conference was Judge Doherty of the Circuit Court at Jersey City, who invaded the Hoboken City Hall, declared court to be open and ordered the 120 prisoners discharged forthwith.

One by one the 120 prisoners of the Democratic Mayor were discharged.

One by one they were re-arrested. "Don't let one of those men leave City Hall," Mayor Griffin ordered the police. "Take them to the armory on the top floor. Send for fingerprint experts and photographers. Let's see whom we have here."

From this point on it became difficult to keep track of the arrests, the orders to arrest and the other pieces of Election Day artillery that were opened by one side or the other.

#### JUDGE ORDERS ARREST OF MAYOR GRIFFIN.

Alleging that Mayor Griffin was guilty of "false imprisonment," Judge Doherty ordered the arrest of the Mayor. Mayor Griffin was not arrested.

Judge Doherty then called on Capt. Garrick of the Hoboken police.

"Captain," said the Judge, "I have ordered the arrest of one Patrick R. Griffin, Mayor of this city, on the charge of false imprisonment. His Honor the Mayor is to be considered a prisoner in the City Hall. You will be held personally and strictly responsible if he is permitted to leave."

At that hour, 10 o'clock, the Mayor said he wasn't worrying about his "arrest" and would be out and about again as soon as Corporation Counsel John J. Fallon had drawn up a complaint on which Judge Doherty and others would be arrested for conspiracy to defeat the election laws by bringing suspicious characters to Hoboken's election.

"The complaint against Judge Doherty," Mayor Griffin said, "will be brought before Judge Swayze of the Supreme Court at Jersey City. We expect to be ready with it at noon. Judge Swayze may come to Hoboken."

The police station, where Captain Garrick first gets an order from one camp and then an order from the other, occupies the City Hall basement.

Judge Doherty of Jersey City has an Election Court—with nobody at it—in chambers on the first floor.

On the second floor are the offices of the Commissioners, including that of Mayor Griffin.

The 120 visitors from Newark, attended by policemen, fingerprinters and police photographers, have the top floor.

Long before noon, Hoboken had  
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### JUDGE AND MAYOR CLASH IN COUNTER ARRESTS AT ELECTION

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christened the City Hall the "House of Too Much Trouble."

#### HOBOKEN FIGHT IS OVER FIVE COMMISSIONERS.

There was nothing moving in Hoboken after the polls opened in forty-five precincts at 6 o'clock this morning except the street cars. The saloons will be closed until 7 to-night when the polls close. The big battle is for the election of five City Commissioners, one of whom will be Mayor.

Mayor Griffin heads the Democratic ticket and Republican forces are directed by County Republican Leader William P. Verdon. The latter and Max Miller, one of the Republican candidates, were at the Turn Hall conference invaded by the fighting Democratic Mayor.

Other Jersey communities that went to the polls to-day were Bayonne, Passaic, New Brunswick, Asbury Park, Trenton, Cape May and Bradley Beach.

In Bayonne the fight has been particularly bitter against the Garvendaly faction, which is in control of the city, and already the candidates of the United Citizens' Government are claiming victory.

The Socialists are making a fight for the five Commissionerships in Passaic, where, it is predicted, the soldier vote will probably determine the election. Many of them are back in Lieut. Frederick E. Sieper, a recently discharged flyer.

Sixteen candidates are out in Asbury Park, one of them being a negro real estate operator. Only three commissioners seek re-election there.



# Election War in Jersey Causes Mayor's Arrest

NEW YORK HERALD, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1919

Griffin Wins at End of a Day That Is Filled with Battles.

JUDGE ALSO IS ORDERED SEIZED

One Hundred Men from Outside City Are Surrounded and Kept Prisoners.

After a tempestuous day during which most of the rival political leaders and one hundred men brought in from Newark were placed under arrest, Mayor Patrick R. Griffin and the four other candidates on his ticket were re-elected City Commissioners of Hoboken, N. J., yesterday. Early indications were that Mayor Griffin, a democrat, had received nearly twice as many votes as William P. Verdon, republican leader of Hudson county, and that approximately the same proportion was maintained by the other candidates. The result makes certain the re-election of Mr. Griffin as Mayor when the commission organizes.

Less excitement marked the elections in other New Jersey cities. The fusion ticket in Bayonne, headed by Dr. Bert Daly, county physician, and backed by Mayor Pierre P. Garven, won over the "Home Rule" candidates, backed by Matthew T. Cronin, formerly democratic leader, in the election for five city commissioners.

Four of the five present city commissioners, including Mayor George N. Seger, were elected in Passaic. The sitting commissioner defeated probably will give way to Lieutenant Fred E. Sieper, recently an ace of the Ninety-first aero squadron. Lieutenant Sieper, whose election was considered fairly certain on the count of the "first choice" votes was said to be the first veteran of the war to be elected to a considerable public office.

## Arrests in Hoboken.

The list of those arrested in a series of clashes in Hoboken included William F. Verdon, candidate for Commissioner, and Max Miller, State Civil Service Commissioner and also a candidate for Commissioner on the Verdon ticket, who were accused of attempting to violate the Election laws. County Judge Richard Doherty, who was sitting as an election judge in Hoboken, was accused of conspiracy to violate the election laws, violation of the Corrupt Practices act and permitting an escape.

Judge Doherty in turn ordered Mayor Griffin placed under arrest on a charge of having caused a false arrest. In addition the one hundred men recruited in Newark, alleged by Mayor Griffin to have been brought in for "repeaters," were held by the Hoboken police and photographed and finger printed, although Judge Doherty ordered their discharge.

The series of clashes between the two sets of local authorities, which brought about a state of political turmoil never before known in Hoboken, began soon after five o'clock in the morning, when Mayor Griffin, Bernard N. McFeeley, Director of Public Safety, and a group of associates trailed a band of one hundred men from the Lackawanna tube station in Hoboken to the Turn Verein Hall, at No. 508 Park avenue.

## Trailed to Verdon Headquarters.

Mr. Verdon had been using the place as headquarters for his election workers. Mayor Griffin telephoned to Police Headquarters and a squad of police arrived in a patrol wagon.

When Mayor Griffin and Mr. McFeeley entered the hall they found the hundred men they had trailed but also found Mr. Verdon, County Judge Doherty, Max Miller, John Wallace, Patrick Shields, Jeremiah O'Brien and other anti-Griffin leaders. The Mayor ordered all in the hall placed under arrest.

"You pulled a 'bone' this time, Paddy," Judge Doherty was reported to have said. "I deputized these men to serve warrants in Hoboken."

Under police escort the rival party chiefs and the one hundred "repeaters" or "deputies" from Newark proceeded to police headquarters, where Judge Doherty suddenly announced that he would hold court, and demanded of Mayor Griffin what charge he made against the men he had ordered arrested.

Mayor Griffin replied that an attempt had been made to violate the election laws and that in justice to the people of the city he had ordered "those lawless men"

## MAYOR AND JUDGE ARRESTED IN HOBOKEN ELECTION BATTLE; GRIFFIN WINS IN THE VOTING

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taken off the streets for the protection of the public.

"Take off your hat when you are in front of me," Judge Doherty told the Mayor, and the latter obeyed.

### Mayor Under Arrest.

"These men are discharged," Judge Doherty continued. Then he turned to Mayor Griffin and said:—

"You are under arrest for false imprisonment."

By all legal precedents this should have freed the Newark one hundred and cast Mayor Griffin into a dungeon, but it didn't work out that way. As soon as he could get his breath, Mayor Griffin told Lieutenant Joseph Clark, of the Hoboken police, to re-arrest the men from Newark and to form a cordon around the City Hall in order that none might escape.

Lieutenant Clark obeyed the Mayor's orders, although warned by Judge Doherty that he would commit him to the county jail if he interfered. The police, with revolvers drawn, then shepherded the men from Newark, who afterward admitted that they had run into more trouble than they had thought possible when they hired out for the job, to the armory on the top floor of city hall, where their photographs and finger prints were taken just as though they had been regular prisoners, after which they were lodged in cells kept especially for violators of Hoboken's peace.

Judge Doherty issued a warrant for Lieutenant Clark and found a constable to serve it. Clark, however, was soon freed from even technical restraint when a bail bond of \$1,500 was signed for him by John Barone, Director of Vital Statistics. To be sure that everything was entirely legal, Lieutenant Clark asked Judge Doherty if there was anything more he was wanted for, and the Judge replied that he was "discharged."

John J. Fallon, Corporation Attorney, and therefore a part of the Griffin administration, gave out an opinion holding that the actions of the Mayor had been according to law and that men could not legally be sworn in at Newark to act as special deputies in another county.

### Complaint Against Judge.

Complaints were later drawn up against Judge Doherty, Mr. Verdon, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wallace, Mr. O'Brien and others, accusing them of conspiring to bring men from Newark, Passaic and other places to vote illegally in Hoboken. A further charge of permitting an escape was made against Judge Doherty.

Warrants were issued for the men not taken in the morning raid, with the exception of Judge Doherty. The complaint in the latter's case will be brought before Justice Francis Swayze, of the Supreme Court.

According to affidavits made by some of the prisoners before Recorder Adolph Carsten, the men were engaged in Newark and Passaic last week and told that they would be paid \$5 a day, with three meals, for working in an election precinct in Hoboken. "Jack" Goldberg, one of the prisoners, said he had answered a newspaper advertisement and had been hired to work as a special deputy. Donald Strobe, another prisoner, said a man named O'Brien had asked him to take charge of a squad of the men.

"I asked him if it was perfectly legal and O'Brien assured me that it was," Strobe said in his affidavit. "When we reached the Turn Verein Hall, in Hoboken, O'Brien told us to take it easy; that we were under arrest, but that the Judge was behind us."

The political fight between William P. Verdon and Mayor Griffin is of long standing. Judge Doherty, who was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas by Governor Edge, is a close political ally and personal friend of Mr. Verdon. Judge Doherty ordinarily sits in Jersey City, but made it known last week that he would be at Hoboken on election day to sit in election cases.



MAYOR PATRICK R. GRIFFIN.

### Other Commissioners Elected

The ticket elected with Mayor Griffin includes the other sitting commissioners. They are Bernard N. McFeeley, Director of Public Safety; James H. Londrigan, Gustav Bach and Harry Schmulling. Mr. Schmulling is nominally a republican. The others are democrats. All were elected four years ago, when Hoboken first went under a commission form of government.

The Verdon ticket consisted of William P. Verdon, Max Miller and John F. Gardner, republicans, and William O'Neill and George Steil, democrats. A third ticket, known as the non-partisan ticket, was in the field, but cut comparatively little figure.

Mayor Griffin characterized the action of the republican leaders in bringing men from Newark into the city as "a dastardly outrage and the most high handed proceeding ever attempted in Hoboken."

Judge Doherty said that he had received advance notice that applications for a number of warrants would be made in Hoboken on election day and that he had decided to hold court there after consultation with Pierre Garven, County Prosecutor. He said that he retired from the case to permit the law to take its course when informed by Mr. Fallon, City Attorney, that he was preparing to charge the men arrested with violation of the election laws.

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## HOBOKEN VOTES 'TWIXT ARRESTS

Expect to Elect Some One in  
Lively Little Town Across the  
River if Anybody's Left.

Hoboken may elect a municipal ticket to-day if there are enough people left to cast a legal vote after every one is through arresting every one else.

At noon traffic was still so congested with persons running about with warrants and complaints that street cars had to proceed at reduced speed and motorists were forced to plough their way cautiously and courageously.

Perhaps the biggest bit of police news is the arrest of Mayor Patrick R. Griffin. But no self-respecting mayor is going to suffer himself to be arrested in his own city hall with-

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## HOBOKEN VOTES 'TWIXT ARRESTS

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out a counter stroke. So, almost by return messenger, he filed a complaint against the complainant who caused his arrest, Judge Richard Doherty, and if Supreme Court Justice Swayze gives the word this afternoon, and the warrant servers can find a little spare time from the rush, the judge and the mayor will be fellow prisoners.

### All in a Bunch.

The affair started off with a bang—120 arrests all in one bunch.

It seems that there's a leak over in Jersey, too, and Mayor Griffin "got a tip that a number of soldiers and sailors were to be imported by the Republicans for the purpose of repeating."

Mayor Griffin is the nominal head of the Police Department and trusted not the job to the chief of police, the star of the detective force, nor the bomb squad. He was at the Lackawanna station this morning bright and early, disguised as the chocolate bar of commerce or something that soldiers and sailors are familiar with. He came down the street right after them and when they entered a building he summoned a bevy of husky policemen and a vehicle commonly known as a "hoodlum cart."

The mayor and the police found the 120 men at 508 Park avenue, assembled with William P. Verdon, a Republican candidate for county judge, County Judge Richard Doherty, Max Miller and J. Wallace, all Republicans.

### Marched to Headquarters.

The mayor announced that the out of town guests were under arrest as "suspicious characters." The men marched to headquarters, not being offered a chance to ride in the wagon because of their numbers.

Being spared arrest because of his residence in Hoboken, Judge Doherty walloped the bench with his gavel and opened court as judge of elections. The men were arraigned before him. The mayor accused them all and ordered them to be searched. The judge refused to permit the search.

"You are pulling a bone," the judge had warned the mayor at the hall. "You're making a mistake in this. I got these men for the purpose of serving warrants." Which, as developments prove, showed the judicial foresight of the judge.

The judge dismissed every man of the 120. The mayor came back with an order for rearrest, and the men were marched to the top floor of the City Hall, the armory, where they were fingerprinted, and the police began the task of looking over the police picture books.

### Freedom of City Hall.

A few minutes later the judge ordered the arrest of the mayor on a charge of false imprisonment. When the mayor failed to pay any attention to the order, the judge telephoned to Police Captain Garrick, with headquarters in the City Hall, and told him that the mayor was under arrest, but in the goodness of his heart, added that his honor should be allowed the freedom of the City Hall. Whether that freedom is limited to the municipal edifice remains to be seen when dinner time comes.

Then the mayor used Mr. Burleson's telephone system for a chat with John J. Fallon, corporation attorney, and Mr. Fallon immediately started to prepare a complaint on behalf of the mayor against the judge, charging conspiracy to defeat the election law and the bringing of suspicious characters into the city. The complaint will be presented to Supreme Court Justice Swayze and a warrant asked for Judge Doherty's arrest.

In the mean time there's an election in Hoboken.

## The Evening Sun

MAY 13, 1919.

## MAYOR AND 120 MEN ARRESTED IN HOBOKEN

Judge Discharges Alleged  
Repeaters Who Are Rear-  
rested at Mayor's Order.

ELECTION BEGINS BRISKLY

City's Chief Counters on Judge  
by Asking Proceedings  
Against Him.

Partisan feeling ran high in Hoboken to-day when, soon after the polls were opened for the municipal election, there was a clash between Mayor Patrick R. Griffin, head of the present Democratic commission seeking reelection, and County Judge Richard Doherty, who is supporting William P. Verdon, heading the Republican ticket.

Five commissioners are to be elected and there are three tickets in the field.

As a result of the clash, Mayor Griffin ordered the arrest of 120 men whom he called repeaters. These men were promptly arraigned and were dismissed by Judge Doherty, who then ordered the arrest of Mayor Griffin on the charge of false imprisonment.

Mayor Griffin, ignoring the order, at once began the preparation of a complaint to be presented to Supreme Court Justice Swayze, who was to be asked to issue a warrant for Judge Doherty's arrest on a charge of conspiracy to defeat the election law.

Further trouble is expected before the polls close this evening.

### Trailed by Mayor.

Last night Mayor Griffin is said to have received information that a number of men, believed to be recently discharged soldiers and sailors, were to be imported from Newark by the Republicans for the purpose of repeating. This morning the Mayor went personally to the Lackawanna depot and trailed some arrivals to Turn Hall, 508 Park avenue.

The Mayor telephoned police headquarters for a detachment of police and a patrol wagon, and with Director of Public Safety McFeely, also a candidate for reelection, went into the hall. In the hall with the new arrivals were Mr. Verdon, Judge Doherty, Max Miller, a Republican candidate, and J. Wallace, Verdon's publicity agent.

On entering the hall, Mayor Griffin announced that the out of town men were under arrest as suspicious characters.

"You are pulling a bone," Judge Doherty told the Mayor. "You are making a mistake in this. I got these men for the purpose of serving warrants."

Mayor Griffin called for more police and had the men 120 in number, marched to the City Hall.

There Judge Doherty opened court and ordered the men to be brought before him for arraignment. As each man was arraigned, Judge Doherty ordered his release. Mayor Griffin then ordered the police to rearrest each man as he was discharged and the men were taken to the armory on the top floor of the City Hall, where the Mayor ordered them held, fingerprinted and then their records inquired into by the police.

### Orders Mayor's Arrest.

Afterward Judge Doherty ordered the arrest of Mayor Griffin on the charge of false imprisonment. When the Mayor did not seem to pay any attention to the Judge's order the latter telephoned to Police Capt. Garrick of the First precinct, with headquarters in the City Hall, telling him that Mayor Griffin was under arrest, but adding that the Mayor would receive the freedom of the hall.

Immediately afterward Mayor Griffin called Corporation Attorney John J. Fallon and the attorney started preparing a complaint on behalf of the Mayor against Judge Doherty charging conspiracy to defeat the election law and bringing suspicious characters into the city.

This complaint was to be presented to Supreme Court Justice Swayze either in Jersey City or in Hoboken, and he was to be asked to issue a warrant for Judge Doherty's arrest.



# 163 ARRESTS IN HOBOKEN VOTING FRAUD PLOT

Men Brought from Newark and  
Elsewhere Taken in Raid.  
Electing Commissioner.

An unusually daring apparent attempt at wholesale voting of outsiders in to-day's election for City Commissioners in Hoboken was nipped in the bud by the prompt action of Mayor Griffin.

In a raid on Turn Hall, at No. 508 Park avenue, where the intruders taken on their arrival by train in the Hudson tubes, 163 men were arrested.

They were of all classes, many wearing uniforms of soldiers and sailors, which subsequently they admitted were bogus.

A number of men admitted at Police Headquarters that they had been brought from Newark to vote at to-day's elections, and some of the uniformed men in the motley crowd declared they had been hired by a detective agency in Newark.

## HAD 250 TICKETS.

tickets were found on one man, and he admitted these were to be used in paying fares of the crew of alleged repeaters back to Newark.

This man denied that he was a private detective.

He said he was hired at Newark and brought to Hoboken, but did not know for what purpose. Quizzed about the tickets, he said they had been given to him to hold.

When the men were arrested, Judge Dougherty, of the Circuit Court, a partisan of the ticket on which are running William P. Verdon, Republican

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# 163 ARRESTS IN HOBOKEN VOTING FRAUD PLOT

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leader, and Max Muller, held court on the spot and discharged the entire crowd.

## POLICE AT TUBE.

Mayor Griffin had discovered the arrival of the repeaters through the aid of a squad of police whom he had stationed at the Hudson tube station, and these he directed to surround the Turn Hall and gather the men in after their release by Judge Dougherty. They were quickly taken to headquarters, where they were searched, questioned and later finger-printed and their pedigrees taken.

Commission government elections are being held all over New Jersey to-day, and the keenest interest is manifested by citizens. Hundreds of commuters were late to their places of business in Manhattan and Brooklyn because they preferred to cast their votes before leaving this morning to taking chances on being shut out when they get back to-night.

This resulted in an unusually heavy early vote being cast.

Commissioners elected to-day will serve four years.

## THE NEW YORK TIMES, MAY 14, 1919

# 'REPEATER' CHARGE AND ARRESTS MARK HOBOKEN ELECTION

Mayor Griffin Finds 120 Strangers in Turn Verein Hall in the Early Morning.

## ALL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Freed by Judge Dougherty, Who Says They Were Brought In to Serve Warrants.

## ORDERS MAYOR'S ARREST

Griffin Retaliates by Summoning Judge to Court—All Hands Paroled by Judge Swazey.

In the course of what was said by politicians to be the most exciting political contest ever waged in Hoboken Mayor Patrick R. Griffin, a candidate for re-election, was put under arrest yesterday by order of Judge Richard Dougherty of the Circuit Court. Mayor Griffin attempted to retaliate by causing the arrest of Judge Dougherty. Before the end of the day 120 men, some in the uniforms of soldiers or sailors, a few with wound stripes, had been arrested.

These events grew out of the suspicious of the rival candidates for Mayor that efforts would be made to bring "repeaters" from out of town.

Five City Commissioners were voted for, and Mayor Griffin, Democrat, was opposed by two Republican tickets, one headed by William Verdon, candidate for Mayor. Late last night the returns indicate a sweeping victory for Mayor Griffin by a vote of four to one.

Mayor Griffin said he had been advised on Monday that an attempt might be made to introduce "repeaters" to defeat him. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning he went to the terminus of the Hudson tubes in Hoboken and saw groups of men, apparently strangers to the city, some clad in the uniforms of soldiers and sailors, emerge from the station. In small groups the men, followed by the Mayor, went to Turn Verein Hall, 508 River Street.

Hiding in a nearby doorway Mayor Griffin watched the men enter the hall. When it appeared that all the men expected were in the hall Mayor Griffin telephoned for Barnard McFeely, Commissioner of Safety, and the police reserves. Several patrol wagons came quietly and patrolmen surrounded the building. At a signal the police closed in on the building, the patrol wagons rattled up to the door and the Mayor, with Commissioner McFeely, broke into the place.

One hundred and twenty men were found in the hall. Among them were Judge Dougherty of the Circuit Court of Hudson County; William Verdon, candidate for Mayor on one of the two Republican tickets; former Councilman Max Miller, a candidate on Verdon's ticket; Patrick Hayes, a Verdon supporter, and J. Wallace, Verdon's publicity agent.

## Call More Policemen.

The Mayor and Commissioner McFeely ordered the policemen to detain the men in the hall and to use their revolvers if need be. Hurry calls for more wagons and policemen were sent out and soon several wagons arrived from Jersey City. The Mayor announced that the strangers in the hall were under arrest charged with being "suspicious characters."

"You're making a mistake in this," Judge Dougherty told the Mayor. "I got these men for the purpose of serving warrants."

The Mayor said that he had not deputized the men and would not do so until he was satisfied that they were not lawless persons brought to Hoboken for repeating. The men were then put into the patrol wagons and driven to Police Headquarters in the City Hall.

Mayor Griffin charged the men with being "suspicious characters," and as each man was arraigned before Judge Dougherty, who opened court at once in the City Hall, he discharged him. As the men left the building policemen with drawn revolvers, acting under instructions of the Mayor and Commissioner McFeely, arrested them and took them to the armory on the top floor of the City Hall. Thereupon Judge Dougherty put Mayor Griffin and Detective Sergeant James Clark under arrest, charging them with "causing men to be falsely imprisoned." Mayor Griffin was allowed the freedom of the City Hall.

A hearing of the case was held and Corporation Attorney Fallon, representing the Mayor, asked to inspect the complaint against him. Judge Dougherty said there was no complaint. Fallon demanded that Mayor Griffin be discharged, but Judge Dougherty refused, but paroled the Mayor instead.

In the meantime the 120 prisoners had been finger printed, and examined. Some of them told the police they had been hired in Newark and sent to Hoboken. About 250 tube tickets were found on William Hunter of Newark, and he said that they had been given to him to use in bringing the men to Hoboken.

Later Mayor Griffin appeared before Supreme Court Justice Swazey, in Hudson County, and asked for warrants against Verdon, Miller, Shields, and Judge Dougherty, charging conspiracy to defeat the election laws and to bring suspicious characters into the city. Warrants were issued for Verdon, Miller, and Shields and a summons was signed for the appearance of Judge Dougherty at 10 A. M. today before

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Judge Swazey. Shields was arrested and Verdon and Miller surrendered, and all three were released under bail.

## Prisoners All Paroled.

It was 8 o'clock last night before the 120 prisoners were marched from the county jail to the Court House in Jersey City, where a hearing was held before Justice Swazey. Nobody representing the Hoboken Administration appeared to oppose the motion of counsel for the men that they be released, and Judge Swazey paroled them until 10 A. M. today. Three of the men were found to have revolvers.

From the examination before Judge Swazey it appeared that the men had been promised from \$5 to \$10 each to watch at the polls. The men said they were hired in Newark.

A number of affidavits were made by the men before Recorder Carsten. Donald D. Strobe, 457 Wevion Street, Arlington, N. J., said that on Saturday, while he was in the War Camp Community Service Building at 82 Washington Street, Newark, a man entered and asked the person in charge if he could get fifty men to work in an election district for a day. He promised that the men would get three meals and \$5 to act as special deputies to watch for "repeaters."

Jack Goldberg of 104 Waverley Avenue, Newark, swore that he answered a newspaper advertisement on May 12 and reported to 28 Mechanic Street, Newark, where he met a man who said: "I want you to be signed up as a special deputy to work in an election district." "After receiving instructions I was ordered to report at 4 o'clock to Green, who took me and the others to Hoboken," continued Goldberg. "We made inquiries about our money and were told that we would get \$5, or maybe \$10, for our work."

Another affidavit was made in which the deponent said he had been told the job he was expected to do was legal.

According to the police, word was received in Hoboken several days ago that 600 "repeaters" were to be brought into the city on Election Day to vote in the five wards. The men, so the police said, were to vote in the morning and evening, and would be sufficient in this way to swing the election away from Mayor Griffin. Under a city law soldiers and sailors residing in Hoboken for a year were not obliged to register and in this way, it was said, a loophole was afforded for unfair tactics.



## Hoboken's Newspaper King Is Candidate for Office

William O'Neill Has Been a  
"Newsy" Thirty-One Years and  
Is Still "On the Job."

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Thirty-one years selling and distributing newspapers and rising from the ranks of a street "newsy" to that of owner and president of one of the largest newspaper distributing agencies west of the Hudson is the record of William O'Neill, democratic candidate for City Commissioner at the coming election in Hoboken.

O'Neill's rise in the business world is entirely due to thrift, hard work and sacrifice.

Born in Athlone, County of Roscommon, Ireland, he came to these shores when an infant. His father, James O'Neill, is still hale and is employed by the son.

At the age of eight O'Neill embarked on what was to be his future business. He sold papers in the streets of Hoboken and got to know most everyone of any account, including Delaware, Lackawanna and Western commuters. In later years he added to his long list of friends patrons of the Hudson and Manhattan tubes.

Between times he went to the public schools of that city and was graduated from the parochial school of Our Lady of Grace Church.

Saving his pennies, he established the North Hudson News Company, with offices at No. 75 Park avenue, of which he is the owner and president. The company sells 100,000 Sunday newspapers every week.

Mr. O'Neill lives at No. 1,135 Bloomfield street. He was formerly tax assessor.



WILLIAM O'NEILL

## JUDGE AND MAYOR CLASH IN COUNTER ARRESTS IN HOT HOBOKEN ELECTION FIGHT

Conspiracy to Defeat Ballot  
Law Charge Against Griffin  
—120 Men Seized.

This was Election Day all over Northern Jersey and although there were minor disturbances here and there the storm centre was Hoboken.

Patrick R. Griffin, Democrat, Mayor of Hoboken, began the day by trailing 120 Newark young men from the Lackawanna Railroad station to Turn Hall, where he found them in conference with Republican leaders and ordered the arrest of the visitors as "suspicious characters."

Among the Republican leaders said to be at the Turn Hall conference was Judge Doherty of the Circuit Court at Jersey City, who invaded the Hoboken City Hall, declared the court to be open and ordered the 120 prisoners discharged forthwith.

One by one the 120 prisoners of the Democratic Mayor were discharged.

One by one they were re-arrested.

"Don't let one of those men leave City Hall," Mayor Griffin ordered the police. "Take them to the armory on the top floor. Send for fingerprint experts and photographers. Let's see whom we have here."

From this point on it became difficult to keep track of the arrests, the orders to arrest and the other pieces of Election Day artillery that were opened by one side or the other.

### JUDGE ORDERS ARREST OF MAYOR GRIFFIN.

Alleging that Mayor Griffin was guilty of "false imprisonment," Judge Doherty ordered the arrest of the Mayor. Mayor Griffin was not arrested.

Judge Doherty then called on Capt. Garrick of the Hoboken police.

"Captain," said the Judge, "I have ordered the arrest of one Patrick R. Griffin, Mayor of this city, on the charge of false imprisonment. His Honor the Mayor is to be considered a prisoner in the City Hall. You will be held personally and strictly responsible if he is permitted to leave."

At that hour, 10 o'clock, the Mayor said he wasn't worrying about his "arrest" and would be out and about again as soon as Corporation Counsel John J. Fallon had drawn up a complaint on which Judge Doherty and others would be arrested for conspiracy to defeat the election laws by bringing suspicious characters to Hoboken's election.

"The complaint against Judge Doherty," Mayor Griffin said, "will be brought before Judge Swayze of the Supreme Court at Jersey City. We expect to be ready with it at noon. Judge Swayze may come to Hoboken."

The police station, where Captain Garrick first gets an order from one camp and then an order from the other, occupies the City Hall basement.

Judge Doherty of Jersey City has an Election Court—with nobody at it—in chambers on the first floor.

MAYOR GRIFFIN OF HOBOKEN  
WHOSE ARRESTED IS ASKED  
AFTER ELECTION CLASHES



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Labor's stand toward reconstruction,  
railroads and national and international  
issues at the coming convention of the  
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War Worker, Arrested,  
James White Way and Drugs  
for Wall Street Theft.

Criminal doctors who supply drugs to young men and boys, the temptation of handling negotiable securities worth large sums when working at a daily wage of \$2.50 and the lure of the White Way are William Lane's reasons for stealing \$15,000 in Liberty Bonds.

Lane was arrested last night by Detectives Meyers and Brown at 65th Street and Columbus Avenue. He gave as his address No. 15 West 63d Street.

Lane saw honorable service in the Transport Service during the war, his last trip being on the steamship Louis Luckenbach when that vessel was torpedoed. He was discharged on account of physical disability.

He was employed ten months ago as a messenger for the New York District Telegraph Office, No. 1 Wall Street. On Jan. 31 he was sent to New York City to deliver a package of \$3,000 in bonds and to collect a package of \$12,000 in bonds. He made the collection and disappeared. He said he gave the bonds to a gambler for \$1,000.

## JUDGE AND MAYOR CLASH IN COUNTER ARRESTS AT ELECTION

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the Commissioners, including that Mayor Griffin.

The 120 visitors from Newark, attended by policemen, fingerprinters and police photographers, have the top floor.

Long before noon, Hoboken had christened the City Hall the "House of Too Much Trouble."

### HOBOKEN FIGHT IS OVER FIVE COMMISSIONERS.

There was nothing moving in Hoboken after the polls opened in forty-five precincts at 6 o'clock this morning except the street cars. The saloons will be closed until 7 to-night when the polls close. The big battle is for the election of five City Commissioners, one of whom will be Mayor.

Mayor Griffin heads the Democratic ticket and Republican forces are directed by County Republican Leader William P. Verdon. The latter and Max Miller, one of the Republican candidates, were at the Turn Hall conference invaded by the fighting Democratic Mayor.

Other Jersey communities that went to the polls to-day were Bayonne, Passaic, New Brunswick, Asbury Park, Trenton, Cape May and Bradley Beach.

Bayonne the fight has been particularly bitter against the Garven-Duffy faction, which is in control of the city, and already the candidates of the United Citizens' Government are claiming victory.

The Socialists are making a fight for the five Commissionerships in Passaic, where, it is predicted, the solid vote will probably determine the election. Many of them are backed by Lieut. Frederick E. Steper, a recently discharged flyer.

Sixteen candidates are out in Asbury Park, one of them being a negro real estate operator. Only three commissioners seek re-election there.

this side of Coney Island. Under the provisions of the dual subway contract between the city and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, the moment the Culver Line is finished to Coney Island the universal 5-cent fare becomes operative on all the rapid transit lines.

The Public Service Commission estimates that under normal working conditions it will take four or five months to complete the nine-tenths of a mile. Having in mind the miracles of speed accomplished on big jobs during the war, The Evening World made the night and day shift suggestion. Inasmuch as Commissioner Nixon is not irrevocably committed to his present plan of finishing the Culver Line by daylight, Mayor Hylan, Comptroller Craig and other members of the Estimate Board will be asked to-day if they are willing to appropriate the extra funds necessary for the employment of double working forces.

"I shall do all within my power to expedite the completion of the Culver line," said Commissioner Nixon.

"However, I do not think we will be able to put double shifts to work. That would cost entirely too much money, and I doubt whether we would be justified in these trying times in increasing the cost.

"It must be remembered that under the dual subway contracts the City of New York is a partner of the B. R. T. in the proceeds from the operation of the road. There is now a deficit in which the city has to share, and if the five cent fare were put into effect immediately it would simply mean an increase in the deficit. During the next few months the companies will need every cent they make to meet the high costs of labor and material.

"I must be frank and say that at the present time the five cent fare would not be a paying proposition to either the company or the city. When there is a deficit, and it happens to be a city deficit, some one must make it up. Street railways generally have been losing because of increases in costs of both labor and material.

"It is a question for mature consideration just how far the city can go in requiring the carrying of passengers at a five cent fare over a length of road that makes that fare unprofitable.

"It must not be misconstrued that I am against a five cent fare to Coney Island or anywhere else. I was merely stating a condition of affairs. The fact remains that the five-cent fare to Coney Island is in the dual subway contract, and there isn't the slightest doubt but the city and the company will live up to that contract. So long as I am in charge of construction I will use every ounce of energy I possess in seeing that the Culver Line is completed as soon as possible."

The contracts for the unfinished part of the Culver Line are under the immediate jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and not the B. R. T., as was at first supposed. W. G. Cooper, Incorporated, is doing the column foundation work and the Bethlehem Steel Bridge Corporation has the contract for the supplying and erection of steel.

From what could be learned at the office of the Public Service Commission the steel is just beginning to arrive. The two contracts amount to \$950,276,000. This is exclusive of stations, the erection of which would not necessarily hinder the opening of the line.

## TWO MORE BRITISH FLYING PARTIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Capt. Bennett Has Bolton and Paul Machine and Capt. Alicott a Bimby.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 13.—Two aviation parties contemplating a transatlantic flight, in Bolton and Paul and Vickers-Vimy planes, both of British make, arrived here to-day. While Hawker and Raynham, the pioneer flyers at this "hopping off" place, studied weather charts which indicated continuance to-day of the unfavorable conditions which have held them landbound for more than a month, Capt. U. S. Bennett began



# CITY CLERK HAGGERTY REFUSES TO ALLOW NAMES TO BE COPIED FROM REGISTRY LIST AS REQUIRED UNDER GERAN ELECTION LAW

**Tells Verdon Flatly He Cannot See the Books—Supreme Court  
to Be Asked to Issue Writ of Mandamus Compelling  
Obedience to the Law.**

That the recall movement is to be hindered, so far as possible, by the Griffin administration, was clearly shown yesterday when City Clerk Daniel Haggerty flatly refused to allow William P. Verdon, chairman of the Republican City Committee, his rights as a citizen to have the registry election lists copied for use in the campaign that is now about to start.

Although Mr. Verdon pointed out that the Geran election law, page 128, section 268, extends that privilege to citizens, and although the registry list is a matter of public record, open to public inspection, the City Clerk stuck to his point, without giving any reason other than that he had no intention of allowing the list to be copied.

When Mr. Verdon reminded him that his predecessor, City Clerk James H. Londrigan, had always allowed the lists to be copied according to the law, Mr. Haggerty is said to have hotly told the Republican chairman that there were many things that Londrigan is said to have allowed as City Clerk that he does not propose to allow.

## ARGUMENT GROWS HOT.

The argument grew very hot, and personalities were resorted to before the irate chairman left the City Hall.

MR. VERDON NOW PROPOSES TO GO INTO COURT ON TUESDAY AND MAKE APPLICATION TO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SWAYZE FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS, TO COMPEL THE CITY CLERK TO ALLOW THE LISTS TO BE COPIED.

In asking for the list in Hoboken, Mr. Verdon is doing only what the Republican organization does in other municipalities in the county. The lists are used in the fall campaign each year, and Mr. Verdon says this is the first time he has been denied his rights in that regard.

## INTIMIDATION FAILS.

It is said that intimidation has been resorted to in many directions, but that the people as a rule are so confident that Griffin's power will be broken that they are ready to defy his power and sign the petitions.

A few saloon keepers, who might be persecuted if their names appeared on the petitions, would not take the chance of signing. AND, OF COURSE, THE DIVE KEEPERS IN THE LOWER SECTION OF THE CITY WILL DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO KEEP GRIFFIN IN OFFICE. WHEN HE RAN LAST SPRING GRIFFIN IS SAID TO HAVE HAD THE SUPPORT OF "PADDY" BYRNES AND OTHERS IDENTIFIED WITH "WIDE OPEN" RESORTS SINCE THE GRIFFIN ADMINISTRATION WENT INTO OFFICE.

It is said that Griffin has said he will compel every citizen who signs the petitions to appear at the city hall and make affidavit as to his signature. If the Mayor actually made such a rash statement—and it sounds very much like him—he will find himself up against a law so drastic that he will not be able to manipulate it as he does other laws.

The only power the city clerk has is, if he doubts any of the signatures, for him to "COMPARE THEM WITH THE SIGNATURES CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRY BOOKS USED AT THE LAST PRECEDING 'GENERAL ELECTION'."

In fact, the entire law is so drastic that it forbids even the Supreme Court or the Court of Chancery from

interfering with the holding of the election under any circumstances.

The law says:

"In order to prevent an incumbent or other person acting either directly or indirectly in his behalf, from delaying or obstructing the recall election, and thereby preventing the incumbent's removal, no writ or order issued out of ANY COURT IN THIS STATE shall be allowed whereby the recall election is prevented, restrained or delayed, but the recall election shall proceed, notwithstanding any proceedings which may be instituted in any court in this State whereby the legality of any of the petitions, acts, or elections permitted or authorized in this act are to be reviewed."

If Mayor Griffin and his numerous counsel are able to find some way of getting around that law, they will be looked upon as greater marvels than they have been looked upon in the past.

The recall campaign is going ahead with deadly aim, and the public is so protected that Mayor Griffin can not keep any citizen from doing his duty.

## NEXT CITY ELECTION IN MAY, 1919, SAYS FALLON

The election of City Commissioners in Hoboken will be held in May, 1919. So said Corporation Attorney John J. Fallon, in the course of an interview this morning.

"It is not my intention," said the Corporation Attorney, "to enter into any argument in the matter. The whole thing is too plain to leave room for an argument. All that is necessary is that the law be read. It is very plain and anyone who has even a modicum of common sense will not fail to see that my statement is correct."

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Sept. 21, 1918

## M'FEELY TO GET THROWN DOWN; CROSBY SAID TO BE IN LINE FOR CITY COMMISSION RUN

**Griffin Froze Out McFeely  
On Fire Department Pro-  
motions—McFeely Likely  
to Waive Exemption For  
Army, and Put Up Fight  
Before Going Away.**

**LONDRIGAN NOW SAID  
TO BE GRIFFIN'S MAN**

The series of outbreaks between Mayor Griffin and Commissioner Bernard McFeely, in Hoboken, has had another chapter—this one, however, without any public outbreak.

The Mayor, with the aid of Commissioner Londrigan, seems to be able to run the commission, and particularly the the Department of Public Safety over which McFeely is the head, without McFeely having much to say about it.

When the wholesale promotions were made in the fire department on Tuesday, McFeely was practically shut out, for his man, Lieut. Arthur McMahon, was unable to get a promotion to battalion chief.

### **McFeely Frozen Out.**

That was the one appointment McFeely wanted, and it was one which he had counted upon, but when the time came to make the promotions McFeely was coldly frozen out.

Just what happened in Commissioner Bach's office before the meeting is not known, but the fact remains that the head of the Department of Public Safety did not get a look-in. He may have raved a bit inside, probably did, but when the meeting was held, he kept still—evidently having learned his lesson before in bucking the Mayor.

### **May Start A Fight.**

It is said that McFeely has been frozen out of the big doings of the City Commission. He is of military age, and it is said that when his call comes he will not take advantage of being an elective officer, but that he will waive exemption and join the colors when his number rolls around.

But before he goes—and when he comes back—he is likely to do some political fighting that may make even Mayor Griffin sit up and take notice.

He may do some things in the police and fire departments, before going, that will greatly embarrass the Mayor and his colleagues. It is said that he may stiffen himself up and issue some orders that will have to stand, or put the Mayor in the position of butting in and overruling him in the conduct of his department.

At any rate, McFeely, if he sees fit, will be in a position to make that City Commission an interesting body, in the time intervening between now and the time he joins the army, if he goes away, which now seems likely.

### **Returns As A Soldier.**

And when he gets back he will return



**COMMISSIONER  
BERNARD M'FEELEY**

as a soldier who will have done his full duty without shirking—and the dope is that the "boys" who go away are the "boys" who will have most to say about politics when they get back from the war.

McFeely is said to be ready to take his vacation from politics now, but is looking forward to having a lot to say when he will have returned with the prestige of duty well done for his country.

### **Crosby For Commission.**

John F. Crosby, former county clerk, is the man who has been training with Griffin recently for McFeely's place, and it is said that, even before the draft law passed, that McFeely was to be sidetracked for Crosby.

Crosby hails from the Fourth ward, which is also McFeely's ward, so geographically the plans fit in very nicely with Griffith's rumored plan to get rid of McFeely, his formed chum.

McFeely has always been a quiet actor in the political game. He has been a good listener and a poor talker. It will be interesting now to see what develops when he knows that a cold throw-down stares him in the face, and that the army will be his job until the war is over.

He is in a fine position to harass Griffin and the city commission, if he carries out the plans that are now in his mind.



April 22/19

## LAMBERT MEN ARE UNABLE TO FORM A TICKET

Would Only Divide Opposition  
to Griffin's Machine  
Many Argue

Though there was a meeting for the purpose of presenting to Hoboken voters a brand new ticket held at the office of Isadore Brandt last night no ticket materialized.

Harry Lambert was conspicuous because of his absence from the meeting.

An effort was made to get John Ferguson and others to make the race, but, it is said, most of those urged to run did not see the use of dividing opposition to Griffin and his machine by placing a third ticket in the field.

After a conference of about two hours the meeting adjourned indefinitely.

Among those present at the conference were the following:

Former Mayor George Gonzales, former Mayor Martin Cooke, Herman Hinke, Isadore Brandt, Thomas Foley, John Ferguson, Rudolph Schroeder, Herman Lange, Anthony Volk and Anthony Capelli

HUDSON DISPATCH,

MARCH 26, 1919.

## SCHMULLING IS PREPARING FOR LEAVING JOB

Work In Securing Playgrounds  
For Hoboken Was His Chief  
Accomplishment

OBTAINED USE OF THE  
LAND FROM OWNERS

Commissioner Harry L. Schmulling is making preparations to vacate his office, as at a meeting of the City Commissioners of Hoboken yesterday he submitted a report of his operations in the public playgrounds of the city covering his four years in office. He pointed out in his report that when he took office in Hoboken there was practically no facilities for playgrounds in the city, and the need for their establishment was imperative.

"Hoboken was thickly populated and the children required playgrounds where they could play in safety and avoid the perils of the streets. A large percentage of accidents to children, it was established was due to the fact that the children had to play on the streets because there were no playgrounds."

The Commissioner then goes on to state that as it was impossible to buy property for playgrounds he borrowed it from land owners on a plan whereby the city paid just \$1 a year for the use of the ground, with the proviso that when the owners wanted it they could have it returned on a very short notice. In this manner he states the lack of playgrounds was circumvented and every effort has been made during his term he says to introduce in the playgrounds amusements that will be helpful to building up the physique of the children of the city.

April 24/19

## GRIFFIN'S RETREAT

Mayor Patrick R. Griffin, of Hoboken, may have his failings, but one of them is NOT a weak heart.

Yet Patrick R., survivor of many an offensive, both in victory and in defeat, has at last retreated.

He went to make a speech at a food conservation gathering in Hoboken the other night. But when he saw the audience made up mostly of women, the hasty retreat was taken.

Now, that situation would have been exactly to the liking of a fellow like "Gene" Kinhead for instance, for the classic of Hudson county driving power in oratory could face a thousand women with even greater pleasure than he would face a thousand men, but there are probably more men who would have run away, like Griffin, than there are men who would have faced the music—or rather, the women—like Kinhead.

Mayor Griffin's attitude will need no explanation; almost every man will understand just how the retreat happened.

April 23/19

## THE MAN WITHOUT A PARTY.

Harry Schmulling, one of Mayor Griffin's "assistant" commissioners in Hoboken, seems to have reached the "zero" hour of his political life. He elected as a Republican, four years ago, but since fallen so completely under the Griffin that he is out of his own party.

Schmulling is not prepared to admit that he is a democrat, and the Democrats are not prepared to admit it, either.

In three weeks he must face the electorate in election without a party—and without any other support, except the complete failure to do any of the things that he preached, prior to his election to the City Commission.

April 14/19

## OH, HORRORS!

Commissioner Bernard McFeely, of Hoboken, has had a bad attack of near-horrification.

The mention of bringing strike-breakers into Hoboken to man the trolley cars brought forth this from the Director of Public Safety:

"Strike-breakers, as a class, are recruited from the army of thieves and thugs of the United States. They make this employment their specialty and are, therefore, a menace to the peace and order of our city and it is to their purpose to prevent an adjustment of differences between capital and labor, prolonging thereby the struggle unnecessarily."

If thieves and thugs are such a "menace to the peace and order" of the city, Commissioner McFeely might start in by cleaning out the underworld element which has infested the pool rooms and gambling resorts of the city for many months.

The utterance that comes from the commissioner in Hoboken; strange, circumstances.

April 18/19

## Mile-Square City News of the Future.

(From Jersey Journal.)

Over in Hoboken, Mayor "Paddy" Griffin and his Assistant Commissioners have passed a law to make the Police and Fire Departments a haven for old men. We may now expect more items from the Mile-Square City something like these:

"Fireman Methusaleh was injured when he fell from the second rung of a ladder he was trying to climb at a fire in Newark street today. His crutch slipped."

"John Doe, aged 99, was arrested today for impersonating an officer."

"Patrolman Noah tripped on his long white whiskers and fell, losing the trail of a fugitive he was pursuing."

"It was announced today that all fire alarms have been abandoned in Hoboken, excepting general alarms. It takes a general alarm nowadays to get enough firemen out in time to fight even a small blaze."

"The City Commission ordered grandfather clocks for all police and fire stations in the city today."

Dispatch  
Feb. 19, 1919

## HOBOKEN COMMISSION ELECTION INFORMATION

Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 16, 1919.

Editor Hudson Dispatch—Kindly let me know: 1. What day is the election for city commissioner. 2. How many districts are there in the city. 3. How many petitions and how many names on each. 4. How soon must the petitions be in and to whom.

And oblige.

Candidate, Second Ward.

1. May 12. 2. Forty-five. 3. Each petition must bear only one signer, and there must be as many as one half of one per cent. of the vote at the last general election. 4. Not later than ten days before election day, and filed with the City Clerk.—Ed. Hudson Dispatch.



# HOBOKEN ELECTION PLACES AND MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL MAN THEM ELECTION DAY THIS YEAR

## Sweeping Changes Made By the County Board in the Personnel of the Officials and Schools Are Used Largely in the Plan That Has Been Adopted.

The character of the election officers who will greet Hoboken voters when they go to the polls on election day will be a shock to some of the old-timers who have been casting their ballots there in the past under conditions that were a disgrace to the whole idea of the universal suffrage.

The County Board has still to locate a number of the polling places, but to a large extent they are in school buildings and those that are not have been placed in a higher class of stores than was used in other years. Those that are yet to be located will probably follow the same course.

These are the polling places, so far as located, and the election officials:

### First Ward.

First District—Robert Stokes (R), 45 Newark St.; John H. Lindstrom (R), 73 Washington St.; Joseph Milberg (D), 409 Bloomfield St.; Frank H. Leach (D), 80 River st.

Second District—Paul Engelke (R), 122 River St.; Lewis Darnstadt (R), 129 Hudson st.; Jessie H. Johnston (D), 727 Bloomfield St.; John Monnell (D), 107 Hudson St.

Third District—Wm. Little (D), 123 Madison Ave.; Joseph Burns (R), 211 Hudson St.; Sarah D. Simon (D), 629 Washington St.; Wm. Applegate (D), 225 Washington St.

Fourth District—Arthur Schmidt (R), 222 Park Ave.; Wm. Locher (R), 214 Park Ave.; Alice M. Brown (D), 604 River St.; Richard Grube (D), 151 Third St.

Fifth District—Joseph Goldenstein, 105 Bloomfield St.; John De Boer (R), 127 Garden St.; Joseph Freeman (R), 118 Bloomfield St.; Mary H. Sivenderan (D), 309 Bloomfield St.; John Rice (D), 114 Bloomfield St.

Sixth District—Herman Wittenauer (R), 62 Washington St.; Chas. B. Root (R), 89 Garden St.; Ethel M. Sweatman (D), 1201 Washington St.; Thos. Monaghan (D), 64 Washington St.

Seventh District; Public School No. 7, Park Ave. and Newark St.—Wm. Schroeder (R), 239 N. Y. Ave.; Henry Weiss (R), 142 Garden St.; Mary C. Benson (D), 60 Twelfth St.; Geo. W. Horn (D), 134 Park Ave.

Eighth District; Public School No. 7, Park Ave. and Newark St.—Geo. Ackerman (R), 65 Willow Ave.; Chas. Chamberlain (R), 81 Willow Ave.; Marjorie Livingston (D), 1309 Bloomfield St.; Roy Heck (D), 62 Garden St.

### Second Ward.

First District; John Bossman, 63 4th St.—Henry Truss (R), 57 4th St.; Benj. Dorsett (R), 307 Bloomfield St.; Kathryn G. Bowers (D), 514 Garden St.; August Williams (D), 326 Washington Street.

Second District; —?— Charles Engel (R), 529 Washington St.; Arthur W. Jurgens (R), 404 Washington St.; Rudolph Magnus (D), 422 Washington St.; Mary L. Murray (D), 1108 Bloomfield St.

Third District; Emmanuel Lewis, 106 7th St.—Henry W. Peters (R), 622 Park Ave.; George Maier (R), 108 7th St.; August Berner (D), 605 Bloomfield St.; J. W. Rufus Beeson (D), 800 Hudson St.

Fourth District; Nicholas Fornarotto, 806 Washington St.—John W. Schwartz (R), 103 Ninth St.; Arthur J. Strathman (R), 827 Washington St.; Adolph Keller (D), 909 Washington St.; Harris W. Lange (D), 1229 Park Ave.

Fifth District; Walter Bates, 111 11th St.—Matthew W. Scheel (R), 1021 Park Ave.; Robert H. Davies (R), 1004 Park Ave.; Margaret M. Johnston (D), 727 Bloomfield St.; Salvatore Rinalli (D), 333 Jefferson St.

Sixth District; Con. Silaurki, 1106 Washington St. (Barber Shop)—Charles R. Thiele (R), 1101 Washington St.; George Van Gussbeck (R), 1113 Washington St.; Albert H. Knight (D), 1118 Hudson St.; John Field, Sr. (D), 1115 Washington St.

Seventh District; B. Alessi, 1312 Washington St. (Barber Shop)—Wm. Hoagland (R), 1310 Washington St.; Wm. A. Schuetz (R), 1317 Washington St.; George D. Kuncken (D), 1215 Washington St.; E. V. Lundgren (D), 58 12th Street.

### Third Ward.

First District, High School, Garden St., near 4th St.—Wm. Haffner (R), 330 Bloomfield St.; Wm. Reilly (R), 322 Park Ave.; Genevieve Bach (D), 580 Washington St.; George La Dain (D), 90 Hudson St.

Second District, High School, Garden, near 4th Sts.—George Dews (R), 600 Willow St.; Chas. Krieger (R), 608 Park Ave.; Marie Tokarski (D), 1014 Washington Ave.; Chas. J. Rocco, 509 Jefferson St.

Third District; Public School No. 4, Park Ave., bet. 5th & 6th Sts.—Jos. Eitelman Jr. (R), 165 Fifth St.; Jos. Eitelman (R), 165 Fifth St.; Wm. S. Stuhler Jr. (D), 912 Hudson St.; Marie L. Naack (D), 943 Bloomfield St.

Fourth District; Public School No. 4, Park Ave., bet. 5th & 6th Sts.—Chas. Jensen (R), 35 Willow Ter.; Harold Draffin (R), 509 Willow Ave.; John J. Logan (D), 263 Sixth St.; Antoniette C. Tschinkel (D), 215 Eleventh St.

Fifth District; Public School No. 1, Garden and Third Sts.—Nathaniel Fine (R), 409 Grand St.; Bert Martin (R), 325 Grand St.; John F. McCarthy Jr. (D), 320 Clinton St.; Eileen Duncombe (D), 1230 Park Ave.

Sixth District; Theresa Wachendorf, 509 Grand St.—Humbert Cupanioli (R), 251 Tenth St.; Charles Minnella (R), 513 Washington St.; Helen M. Taylor (D), 219 Thirteenth St.; Edgard N. Wilson (D), 358 Fifth St.

Seventh District; Frank Barge, 403 Fourth St.—Sebastian Santomena (R), 413 Jefferson St.; Raffaele de Crinto (R), 203 Madison St.; Max Kusselup (D), 405 Adams St.; Gertrude M. Rogers (D), 1021 Park Ave.; J. C.

Eighth District; Pietro Pinto, 321 Monroe St.—Arthur F. Ulrich (R), 305 Monroe St.; Frederic Sganibati (R), 305 Monroe St.; Christian Wagner (D), 327

Monroe St.; Fred. A. Seide (D), 330 Bloomfield Ave.

Ninth District; Mrs. H. E. Brophy, 514 Monroe St.—Jas. J. Carmelitano (R), 419 Monroe St.; Otto Beck (R), 600 Monroe St.; Frank A. Monaco (D), 418 Madison St.; Cornelius Fitzsimmons (D), 1307 Bloomfield St.

Tenth District; Frank Bounomo, 556 Sixth St.—Chas. Vizzeti (R), 1028 Hudson St.; Chas. Mazzei (R), 217 Tenth St.; Bernard Lichenstein (D), 1305 Bloomfield St.; Anthony Pierro (D), 525 Monroe St.

### Fourth Ward.

First District; Public School No. 5, Clinton and 2d Sts.—John McBride (R), 367 Newark St.; Daniel Horowitz (R), 356 Newark St.; Abe Eilon (D), 118 Adams St.; Herman Vorberger (D), 533 Washington St.

Second District; Public School No. 5, Clinton and 2d Sts.—Martin Nestor (R), 126 Willow St.; John Halloran (R), 102 Clinton St.; Israel Greenberg (D), 118 Clinton St.; Henry J. Cafferata (D), 739 Bloomfield St.

Third District; Public School No. 5, Clinton and 2d Sts.—Andrew Youngclaus (R), 213 Clinton St.; Walter King (R), 412 2d St.; Michael Jordan, Jr. (D), 224 Clinton St.; Chas. Bonin (D), 912 Garden St.

Fourth District; Public School No. 3, between 2d and 3d Sts.—Chas. Faist (R), 214 Jefferson St.; Oliver Mooney (R), 228 Jefferson St.; Louis Pollio (D), 213 Jefferson St.; John H. Grouls (D), 1008 Garden St.

Fifth District Public School No. 3, between 2d and 3d Sts.—John D. Knupel (R), 126 Adams St.; Geo. Jansen (R), 129 Madison St.; Albert Kaiser (D), 118 Jefferson St.; John Semenza (D), 510 1st St.

Sixth District.—Frank Lobes (R), 71 Adams St.; John J. Carmody (R), 77 Adams St.; Richard Bayer (D), 902 Hudson St.; Fred'k Geiger (D), 407 1st St.

Seventh District; Barber Shop, Williams & Henderson, 64 Jefferson St.—Jacob Lavin (R), 511 1st St.; Fred Oberlinger (R), 501 1st St.; Michael Kenny (D), 91 Madison St.; Frank Cordts (D), 704 Hudson St.

Eighth District; Public School No. 9, Monroe St.—Pancella (R), 604 1st St.; Wm. Dahl (R), 124 Madison St.; Wm. Haggerty (D), 119 Monroe St.; Geo. H. Steil (D), 200 11th St.

Ninth District.—Martin J. Cudahy (R), 132 Jackson St.; George Hochsted-

ter (R), 211 Jackson St.; Ferdinand G. Ulrich (D), 121 Harrison St.; Edward Burrows (D), 122 Jackson St.

Tenth District Cigar Store, David Lewine, 609 1st St.—Harry Foorman (R), 86 Monroe St.; Chas. Holmberg (R), 64 Harrison St.; Jas. P. Lavery (D), 1122 Garden St.; Charles Grimm (D), 518 Newark St.

Eleventh District; Public School No. 9, Monroe and Second Sts.—Fred. Linpogel (R), 127 Garden St.; James Anderson (R), 47 Jackson St.; John J. Marnell (D), 513 Newark St.; Richard J. Butler (D), 200 Monroe St.

### Fifth Ward.

First District; 257 Eighth St.—Edw. E. Miller (R), 703 Park Ave.; Albert Hasselmann (R), 731 Garden St.; John H. Koenig (D), 735 Park Ave.; Thomas Muir (D), 1208 Park Ave.

Second District; Public School No. 2, Garden St. bet. Ninth and Tenth Sts.—Lester Hopkins (R), 207 Ninth St.; Frederick Fuchs (R), 814 Park Ave.; Geo. H. Steljes (D), 700 Hudson St.; Harry Hartman (D), 827 Willow Ave.

Third District; Public School No. 2, Garden St. bet. Ninth and Tenth Sts.—John Spencer (R), 915 Garden St.; Edward Huneke (R), 258 Ninth St.; Chas. A. Sylvester (D), 929 Willow Ave.; Henry J. Camby (D), 902 Bloomfield St.

Fourth District; Public School No. 6, Willow Ave. and 11th St.—Wm. H. Stall (R), 1000 Park Ave.; Herbert E. Hoch (R), 1035 Park Ave.; Chas. Papachane (D), 259 11th St.; John E. Hickey (D), 263 11th St.

Fifth District; School No. 8, Seventh St. bet. Adams and Jefferson Sts.—Chas. Mundt (R), 832 Willow Ave.; Norman Van Breele (R), 916 Washington St.; David Casazza (D), 702 Grand St.; Samuel Cunningham (D), 1018 Willow Ave.

Sixth District; School No. 6, Willow Ave. and 11th St.—Edward P. Wicht (R), 913 Clinton St.; John U. Meyer (R), 919 Clinton St.; Thos. Mayburn (D), 1108 Park Ave.; Jas. Donlon (D), 905 Clinton St.

Seventh District; School No. 6, Willow Ave. and 11th St.—Herman Kuehn (R), 1108 Park Ave.; Henry G. Wefer (R), 744 Park Ave.; Frank J. Doran (D), 1031 Park Ave.; Jacob P. Ross (D), 202 11th St.

Eighth District; School No. 6, Willow Ave. and 11th St.—David B. Franklin (R), 1231 Park Ave.; Richard L. Bates (R), 1226 Park Ave.; Herman Lange (D), 1140 Bloomfield Ave.; Geo. W. Stewart (D), 1202 Willow Ave.

Ninth District; 207 14th St.—Frank J. Lees (R), 1302 Bloomfield St.; Chas. A. Alexander (R), 212 13th St.; Richard Hickey (D), 1016 Park Ave.; J. Delaney (D), 1316 Garden St.



**ELEVENTH REG'T  
ENGINEERS HOME  
IN PART AT LAST**

Ten Thousand Troops Land From Three Transports at Hoboken Piers Yesterday.

**SEVERAL LOCAL MEN  
COME ON THE SHIPS**

Three transports docked in Hoboken yesterday debarking nearly 10,000 troops. The majority of them included units of the Kansas National Guard, which made up the Thirty-fifth Division, which had been in France since last April, had taken a major share of the fighting and lost many casualties.

Nearly 5,000 troops arrived on the S. S. Mobile which formerly was the Cincinnati of the Hamburg-American Line and was on her first trip since the war opened in 1914. She is one of the liners recently turned over to America for the transportation of troops and there were on board seven German officers, as representatives of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company.

With the 130th Artillery came two Kansas boys, Emil and Walter Kuechenmeister, nephews of Mr. Storbeck of Hoboken.

**Eleventh Engineers.**  
The Eleventh Railway Engineers, the only volunteer regiment from New York, apart from the National Guard regiments, which was in the fighting early as September, 1917, were re-ported in a detachment of seven and 256 men who arrived on the S. S. Teresa at Hoboken. It is the first American regiment to be sent to France with General Byng's army at Cambrai when the Americans made a counter offensive to drive the British back. Eleven Americans were taken prisoner when they were on the railroad construction work. They threw away their tools and rifles being used as combat weapons. Over 70 men of the regiment were killed and wounded. John J. Doherty, brother of Counselor at Law Doherty & Kinkead, was a casual on the Santa Rosa. He is better known as the son of Peter's College, and lives on 10th street, Jersey City. He served with the rank of sergeant and had been fifteen years in the service.

**SOLDIERS OVER  
THERE MAY BE  
DISFRANCHISED**

Only Seven Days Provided for Them to Receive Ballots and Vote

**LAW MAY DISQUALIFY  
ALL MEN OVERSEAS**

Sailors and soldiers of Hoboken, who are entitled to vote for the election of commissioners on May 13, stand a fair chance of being disfranchised, at least those soldiers and sailors who are in Europe.

According to Edward Sharkey, assistant city clerk, who is in charge of the arrangements for mailing the ballots to the soldiers and sailors, states that the law calls for the ballots being in the hands of the soldiers by May 13.

Petitions can be filed up until ten days before the election. It will take at least two days more before the official ballots will be printed. That leaves at the very most seven days in which to mail the letters and have them sent to France.

There is hardly a chance that any soldier will receive his ballot in France by May 13. The soldier or sailor, according to the law, must vote on May 13. The ballots are being sent to France in accordance with the law, and if there is a close vote for last place, then the soldier vote might be the deciding factor.

When the ballots return from France and they are opened thirty days later by the Secretary of State, the question is, will those ballots which are voted later than May 13 be accepted as good ballots, or will the soldiers be disfranchised through no fault of their own, but because of the narrow provisions of the election law. That is something which will have to be decided when the time arrives and if there is a close vote it is likely that it will be a big factor in deciding the election.

**"THIRD" TICKET  
GIVEN UP, WILL  
SUPPORT GRIFFIN**

Ferguson Refuses to Head Independent Movement in Hoboken

**VERDON LEADS FIGHT  
ON ADMINISTRATION**

There will be no Lambert ticket, no Ferguson ticket, no "third" ticket in the Hoboken City Commission election two weeks from tomorrow.

The election will have only two tickets, one headed by Mayor Griffin and made up of members of the present administration, and the other headed by William P. Verdon, Republican leader, and made up of two Democrats and two Republicans, besides Verdon himself, for a Fusion ticket.

There had been talk of a Lambert ticket, headed by John Ferguson, but it is now understood definitely that Ferguson will not run, and that Lambert rather than support his arch-enemy Verdon, will throw his support to Griffin and the entire Griffin administration.

There has been talk of William O'Neill retiring from the Verdon ticket but up to the present time he has not indicated that such will be the case.

Charles Vezetti has decided not to run on the Verdon ticket, owing to illness in his family, and his place will be taken by Max Miller, a Verdon man.

The Verdon ticket will be as follows: William P. Verdon, Max Miller, John F. Gardner, George H. Steil and William O'Neill.

The Griffin ticket will be: Patrick R. Griffin, Gustav Bach, Bernard N. McFeely, Harry Schmulling and James H. Londrigan.

There is not much evidence of any large number of independent candidates this time. While there were 51 candidates four years ago, the only candidate who has openly declared himself thus far, outside the two tickets, is License Inspector John J. Delaney, who is likely to draw a considerable vote from Schmulling, Republican, who has joined forces with Griffin.

Verdon has expressed himself as much better satisfied that Lambert throw his support to Griffin than that there be a third ticket. He figures that if there had been a third ticket that it might have polled a fair vote, on the strength of some respectable candidates who were considering running. On the other hand Verdon claims that Lambert will be unable to "deliver" any considerable vote to Griffin.

**FERGUSON AND  
VERDON MIGHT  
SPLIT CHOICES**

Proposition From Ferguson Camp Is to Exchange "Second Choice" Votes

**WILL VERDON ACCEPT  
THE PROPOSITION?**

Out of the minds of those comprising the Ferguson ticket has come a scheme whereby that ticket hopes to work hand in hand with the Verdon candidates, in a plan to secure enough second choice votes to make a showing.

The plan put forth from the Ferguson camp would be a greater benefit to the "third ticket," no doubt, than to Verdon, for Verdon has the organization and if there is any trading to be done, he could get his organization to deliver.

On the other hand the Ferguson ticket is supposed to be supported by Harry Lambert. Lambert's organization does not compare to Verdon's, and moreover, it is hardly likely that Lambert would deliver any votes to Verdon, even if the arrangement were made.

The idea is that with both the Verdon and the Ferguson tickets working together against the Griffin ticket, each set voting first choices for their own candidates, and then second choices for the other set of candidates, that they might bring about the defeat of the Griffin candidates.

Verdon is convinced that he and at least two of his candidates are likely to win a straight fight against Griffin, and is not likely to be decoyed into any scheme to help elect another set of candidates, after holding out against getting together with the Lambert crowd.

**Verdon's Side of the Bargain.**  
On the other hand, if Verdon can be shown where a first and second choice arrangement can be worked to the advantage of his candidates, as against the Griffin ticket, he will no doubt see the force of such a bargain, for Verdon is not bashful about getting in on a deal where he has a chance to get some benefit himself.

The Ferguson people say that the fight is not against Verdon, but the Lambert organization supporting Ferguson, Lange, Gonzales and Hencke and Capelli knows better. Lambert has been out to beat Verdon from the start and Mr. Verdon and the men on his ticket believe that they have the situation well in hand and can lick the Administration ticket and they are out to do it.

With the large addition being made to the registry yesterday Mayor Griffin stated that this was all in his favor, and he believes that the bigger the registry the bigger will be the majority vote of all five candidates on the administration ticket.



# BUNGLED SEWER JOB, HAVEN FOR POLITICIANS; ALREADY HAS COST OVER ONE MILLION

**Asphalt Contractor Undertook to Build Sewer—Employed Dock Builder to Superintend Job—Truck Driver Given Berth as Head Boss in Charge of Mechanical Work—Plans of Fuertes, One of Greatest Sewer Engineers in the World, Turned Down for Those of Inexperienced Local Engineer Who Had Political Pull—\$1,200,000 Has Already Been Paid on "Million Dollar" Sewer; May Cost Two Millions—Contract Full of Loop-Holes, and Faulty Work Shows Before Job Is Completed.**

**GRIFFIN AND "ASST. COMMISSIONERS"  
PUT NO TIME LIMIT ON WORK; WORK  
HELD UP, MAY TAKE YEARS TO FINISH**

The stench of Hoboken's million dollar party-constructed, but-wholly-paid-for (through the generosity of five commissioners) sewer system is beginning to leak out, and the leaks are so big that those who were "in" on it are scuttling to cover.

A grossly overpaid job, for a contract was made to order for the right party, with so many loop-holes that the job might never be finished by the contracting party, it bids fair to rival before it is completed the scandal over the Hudson County Court House, only that when the Court House was completed it was a finished job. It is problematical whether the Hoboken sewer, when all the checks are cashed, will ever be a finished job.

## Reeks With Incompetency.

It reeks of the incompetency of workmanship, with parts that are not level, and of the trunk sewers that are laid now there is a bottom in the pipes that is hardened and caked that the totally inadequate fall of water from the tide which fills the tanks to sluice out the sewers will hardly raise a ripple.

Born in the laps of a group of politicians who cared so little for the city's welfare that they contracted to have the sewer constructed without putting a time limit on the completion of the job, Hoboken's million dollar sewer will become one of the costly political jokes of the country, and men who have made sewer building their life work just smile when Hoboken's million dollar white elephant is mentioned.

## Local Politics Crop Up.

Industrial Hoboken long cried for a sewer that would take care of the properties west of Willow avenue, uptown, a section of the city that had no connections with sewers. A reputed sewer engineer by the name of Fuertes submitted a plan before the Common Council of Hoboken, and Joseph Whittemore, civil engineer in Hoboken, made such a bitter attack upon the Fuertes plans that they were NOT accepted—AT THAT TIME.

When Mayor Patrick R. Griffin got control of the city, with Commissioners James H. Londrigan, Bernard N. McFeely, Gustav Bach and Harry L. Schmulling, as willing tools to back him in whatever schemes came to his mind, the time was ripe to go ahead with this huge project of building the sewers.

Joseph Whittemore, engineer, who so bitterly attacked the Fuertes plans as unfeasable, pre-

sumably because Mr. Fuertes was going to supervise the entire job himself, when the second plans were submitted, and they differed, not fundamentally, but only in slight details with the original plans, was so taken up with the scheme that he endorsed the plans and was made supervising engineer of the job at a remuneration of 6 per cent. of the job. Mr. Fuertes was retained as consulting engineer at a remuneration of 2 per cent.

Having got so far it was now up to the City Commissioners to get a contractor.

There suddenly sprang into being what is now known as the Hoboken Construction Company. Its president is William T. S. Crichfield, of Uvalde Asphalt notoriety, who was seldom out of the courts in connection with his contracts.

And it was not at all surprising that when the bids were opened the bid went to the Hoboken Construction Company, whoever the members of that concern may happen to be. The specifications were in such shape that when the Hoboken Construction Company bid on the job and was awarded the contract it was so framed that no time limit was set on the job.

Under the specifications it was possible for Mr. Crichfield to take twenty years to the job, if he needed that much time, and from the condition of the sewers now it may take a greater part of that time to complete the work.

Joseph Cavanagh might have got that contract, and he was willing to do everything within reason, but somebody got cold feet and the contract was awarded to the Hoboken Construction Company.

Crichfield as the president of the company, and presumably the director of operations, never before had built or had anything to do with the building of a sewer in his life. A little thing like that did not worry the City Commissioners, and the big pie was all set and the plums began to be handed out.

As if to make the million dollar sewer a work of experiment and experience for the men who were to manage it, at the expense of the taxpayers of Hoboken, insult was added to injury with the appointing of the superintendent.

Of course such an appointment was solely under the jurisdiction of Mr. Crichfield whose employes the superintendent of the work would be and the selection fell upon Hugh MacKenzie, a big man in his own line of work at which he had considerable experience, but that was dock

MacKenzie was a dock builder, is still a dock builder, and a high priced man at that, but he never built a sewer in his life or superintended the construction of one. He was going to get his experience at the expense of the people of Hoboken who have to pay for the million dollar white elephant.

Not only did the contractor not know anything about sewer building, but neither did his superintendent, and the big job was on, Crichfield having years ahead of him in which to get through with the job and no experienced sewer builder at the head of the construction.

Then MacKenzie had his walking bosses, in charge of the different sections, as the three trunk sewers were started within a few weeks of each other, and the walking boss was the man that had to supervise the work going on in connection with the trench digging, the carpentry work for the foundations, the concrete work and the laying of the forms.

Walking boss was supposed to be able to supervise the work of several tradesmen, efficient in their several lines at which they had worked all their lives to become proficient.

Let us see what type of man Crichfield had for his walking bosses. There were two civil engineers who stuck to their jobs for a month or so and then quit. They could not in justice to themselves continue with the work that was being performed.

Then there was a man by the name of William Edward Clark. He was a watchman at the Remington Arms and previously was a truck driver. That was his occupation. He started in as one of the gang on the Fourth street sewer and within a short time he was promoted to Walking Boss. A job which called for expertness in the technical work which was being carried out, was handed to a man who had no experience in work of of this kind. About all he knew thoroughly was to drive a truck.

This is the same William Edward Clark who was recently appointed to the Hoboken Police Department and falsified his age in order to get the appointment, and who resigned at the instigation of Mayor Griffin, and is a defendant in the Quo Warranto proceedings now pending in the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

And this big job which was to cost the city a million dollars but will more probably cost them two million dollars before it is finished, was being supervised by a truck driver. There is no need to look further for the reasons for his appointment as Walking Boss. It is only too evident now that the reasons were political.

Using imperfect sewing machine needles is poor economy. Keep a good supply of new ones on hand.



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# THIRD" TICKET GIVES A SURPRISE

Ferguson Gets In Com-  
mission Race In Hoboken  
er Getting Out—Lange,  
zales, Capelli and Henks  
Running Mates—Delaney  
ning As Independent;  
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## RDON SUBSTITUTES MILLER FOR VIZETTI

the "third ticket" in Hoboken has  
come a reality, after all. Sunday it  
was said that John Fergusson had  
definitely decided NOT to lead an in-  
dependent movement, yet yesterday  
influences were brought to  
bear on him to enter the race, and  
he entered.

Other four candidates on the  
Fergusson ticket are former Judge  
Harry W. Lange, former Councilmen  
Herman Henke, former Police Com-  
missioner Anthony Capelli and former  
George Gonzales.

**The Verdon Ticket.**  
William P. Verdon's ticket has been  
ruined by the substitution of Max  
for Charles Vizetti, but other-  
wise remains intact. With William  
and former Mayor George  
on the ticket, together with John  
Fergusson, Verdon believes that he  
can lead the Fergusson ticket, and  
his ticket will be the one that  
will have the Griffin organization the  
most.

**Fergusson's Sudden Change.**  
What induced the "third ticket"  
has not been learned. It is known  
that Fergusson had re-  
solved, during the past week,  
not to run and the an-  
nouncement yesterday of a full ticket  
was a great surprise.

Fergusson said:  
"I did not want to get into this  
campaign as a candidate," said Mr.  
Fergusson yesterday, "and I am mak-  
ing a sacrifice to become a candidate.  
If I win I will smile, and if I don't  
I will still have the same old  
me."

He has been besieged at my home  
with personal calls, with  
urging me to become  
yesterday a petition  
urging me to be-  
placed before

# OVER 10,000 TO VOTE AT MAY 13 ELECTION HERE

As Many As 150 Have Register-  
ed In Some of Precincts  
In Wards

## EACH TICKET CLAIMS ADVANTAGE THEREFROM

The voters of Hoboken have awaken-  
ed in real earnest to the fact that two  
weeks from yesterday where will be  
an election in Hoboken. This de-  
veloped at the closing of the registry  
boards in Hoboken yesterday when it  
was computed that there will be regis-  
tered for the May 13 election over  
10,000 voters in Hoboken.

There were 58,153 voters on the poll-  
books yesterday and entitled to vote at  
the coming election before the Boards  
of Registry sat yesterday, that num-  
ber having qualified by voting at the  
last election.

Throughout the day in Hoboken yes-  
terday it was evident that some of the  
districts were having their voting  
strength doubled, and the strongest  
polling list ever seen in Hoboken will  
probably be brought to light on this  
occasion.

In every ward in the city the regis-

try was heavy, and there was an aver-  
age of 100 names added in each district  
in the city. In some of the Fifth ward  
precincts 150 registered to vote, which  
will bring one district in that ward up  
to 420.

But the Fifth and Second wards  
were no exception. In the Third, First  
and Fourth wards the same condition  
prevailed.

There is a much bigger population  
in Hoboken now than there was a year  
ago when Congressional elections were  
on, and this in some measure may ac-  
count for the extra large number of  
voters making themselves eligible to  
vote yesterday.

Mayor Griffin claims that this is to  
his advantage as many of the voters  
were gotten out to register through  
appeals made to them through the  
mails by the administration candidates,  
and that as a result the administration  
candidates will have an even bigger  
majority than they at first anticipated.

On the other hand William P. Ver-  
don says that the registry is just as he  
expected and that it is now beginning  
to point very conclusively to the fact  
that he is going to win on all five.

And the Lambert ticket on which is  
John Ferguson and company also claim  
that the big vote is to the advantage  
of their ticket, their claim being that  
the independent citizens are working  
with the Lambert faction of the Re-  
publican party which is behind the  
citizens' ticket, and that the big regis-  
try surely means the election of the  
entire Ferguson ticket.

Factory printing—"service" for those  
who need it in big business. Dispatch  
Printing Company.

me. It seemed my duty to place my-  
self at the disposal of the independ-  
ent citizens of the city, and if the  
people of Hoboken want to elect the  
candidates on their personally ap-  
proved ticket they will do so.

"If they don't elect the members of  
our ticket then I will be satisfied  
that I have done my duty, as I see  
it, placing myself at their disposal  
as a candidate."

### Where Is Lambert?

A question growing out of the Fer-  
gusson announcement is: Where is  
Lambert in this race?

It is said that he was not consulted  
in making up the Fergusson ticket,  
because Fergusson did not want to  
get mixed up in a Republican factional  
fight.

Lambert wanted to be a candidate  
himself, it is said, so it is not known  
just where he will stand. However,  
it will be noted that one of Lambert's  
men, Hermann Henke, has been placed  
on the ticket.

### Delaney An Independent.

There is also a defection in the  
Democratic ranks, owing to the can-  
didacy of Commissioner Schmulling,  
former Republican. License Inspector  
John J. Delaney has entered the race,  
and it is said that a very formidable  
part of the Griffin organization will  
support Delaney in preference to  
said that there is somewhat of a re-  
volt, and that there will be open-  
cutting of Schmulling, and possibly of  
Commissioner Londrigan, who is cham-  
pioning Schmulling's cause, at a time  
when he will have a very tough road  
to travel himself.

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# "JAWN" FERGUSON MAY RUN FOR COMMISSIONER

Prominent Liberty Loan Worker  
Says Many Have Asked  
Him to Run.

John Ferguson may be a candidate  
for city commissioner at the spring elec-  
tion in Hoboken. Mr. Ferguson is a  
prominent member of the Masonic fra-  
ternity and one of the most popular men  
in the city. His work in connection with  
the Liberty Loan campaign has brought  
his civic interest to the front and his  
name has been prominently mentioned  
of late as a candidate for city commis-  
sioner.

Personally Mr. Ferguson says he is  
not seeking the office, and has no need  
for such a job as city commissioner, but  
he would not commit himself to the  
extent of saying that he would not be a  
candidate.

"Several people have been asking me  
recently if I am going to be a candidate,"  
he said, "but as a matter of fact I have  
not given the matter consideration, and  
I have not been approached in any for-  
mal manner on the subject."



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# PLATFORM

OF THE

## Citizens' & Rentpayers' League Candidates

FOR

# City Commissioners

## FORWARD MARCH!

Hoboken cannot stand still. It must go either forward or backward. It remains for the voters of the City to say by their ballots Tuesday, May 13, which it shall be.

The City has not been going forward during the past four years. That is because its government has been in the hands of five men whose sole aim has been to advance their own personal political fortunes.

Whenever that happens, Mr. Citizen, you pay for it. You pay for it in high taxes, high rents and in that loss of civic pride which necessarily follows in the wake of the prostitution of a fine American community by parasites who succeed in fastening themselves on the body politic.

That is what you have been doing these last four years, Mr. Hoboken Citizen. You have been permitting your life-blood, your hard-earned money, your welfare and that of your children and their children after them, to be sucked out for the sustenance of a gang of political buccaneers whose only thought is to fatten themselves on the public crib.

The candidates for City Commissioner on the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League ticket want to free Hoboken from the grip of parasites. They want to rid the City of the deadening influence of Griffin, McFeely, Londrigan and Bach, who have been carrying out under Commission Government the lessons of the old school of politics in which they were reared; and of Schmulling who, once trusted by the people of the City, forgot all his high sounding professions the minute he was safely ensconced in a well-paid job, and has since been the willing and abject tool of Griffin.

The candidates on the Citizens' and Rentpayers' ticket want Hoboken to GO FORWARD.

### Forward March Is Their Slogan

It will be their guiding principle from the moment they take office.

Briefly outlined below are some of the things the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League candidates propose to do if the people of Hoboken give them the opportunity.

In addition we have noted some of the more glaring and shameful examples of the abuse of their trust by the Griffin-owned Commissioners.

It is for YOU to read and to make up your mind whether you want Hoboken to start going forward or continue going backward.

And Remember if you did not vote at the General Election last November, or if you have moved since then, you must register today, Tuesday, April 29, or you cannot vote Election Day.

The most pressing problem confronting the people of Hoboken today is that of housing. Every man must provide a roof to shelter his family, but rents have been soaring to such unprecedented figures in this city that it is becoming increasingly difficult for the man of moderate income to give his loved ones a reasonably comfortable home.



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## What Is The Reason?

Rents go up in direct ratio to the expenses landlords are put to in carrying their properties. A chief item of the carrying charges of real estate is taxes.

Taxes in Hoboken are abnormally high and are getting higher every year.

Why?

Because the money that would ordinarily be required to run the city government will not suffice to pay the fat salaries of sinecure employes, the exorbitant sums handed over to favored contractors on public works and the fat fees given pet engineers, all of whom are important cogs in the machine in which Patrick R. Griffin hopes to maintain his stranglehold on the City of Hoboken.

These, then, are the parasites that you, Mr. Rentpayer, support in luxury by the payment of more and more money to keep a roof over your head and the heads of your wife and children. When your landlord comes to you and informs you your rent is to be raised, know that it is being raised so that some crooked contractor, in league with your unfaithful officials, may receive several times the fair profit on the public work he is doing. Know that the extra dollars you give your landlord go ultimately to support some incompetent and unnecessary city employe who couldn't, to save his life, go out and make a regular living by the sweat of his brow or brain as you have to do.

What are your feelings, Mr. Rentpayer, when you are compelled to deny your family some little comfort of life that you would have been able to furnish them had it not been for the increased rent burden placed upon you? Do you feel particularly friendly toward the extravagant officials who caused this additional drain upon your pocketbook?

Yet, that is the price you pay for supporting parasites.

And you have it within your power two weeks from to-day to shake off these shackles and be free. What are you going to do about it?

The candidates of the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League intend to do a whole lot about it if you put them into office and clothe them with the required power.

**THEY ARE GOING TO BRING ABOUT A REDUCTION OF RENTS IN HOBOKEN.**

If that sounds like a big job to you, listen to the manner in which they propose to do it:

In the first place, they are pledged to reduce the cost of conducting the government of Hoboken to the absolute minimum consistent with the proper administration of a modern city. There will be no unnecessary places on the payroll and those who are in the employ of the city will have to render 100 cents in service for every dollar they receive in pay.

Contracts for public improvements will be awarded on a strict business basis, just as any privately-owned corporation would award them, and contractors will be held to the strict letter of their specifications in the interest of giving the public full value for the money paid them.

In every other detail of municipal management the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League candidates purpose to limit the expenditure of the people's money to the lowest possible amount. There is neither rhyme nor reason in the leaps and bounds by which Hoboken's annual budget and tax rate has jumped during the last few years. The city has not grown in area, the streets, parks, public buildings and other things requiring maintenance and protection have not materially increased, yet there is not a single city department whose running expenses are not far greater than what they were a few years ago and what they ought to be now.

This is the one great evil the candidates of the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League are pledged to eliminate. Its elimination will mean bringing the administration of the city's affairs back to a sane and reasonable plane and the curtailment of expenditure to that which is necessary.

**This, in turn, will mean low taxes.**

**LOW TAXES MEAN LOWER RENTS!**

**How does that strike you?**

It would drag this initial statement of the aims of the Citizen's and Rentpayers' League candidates to too great length to even attempt to discuss in detail all the ways in which the present City Commissioners have proved recreant to their trust. All the high lights of their transactions during the last four years will be laid before you fully between now and May 13.

For the present, it is sufficient to give a few facts and figures concerning what is, perhaps, the most nefarious piece of chicanery they are guilty of. Plenty more will follow in articles we will publish from day to day in the Hudson Dispatch.

**WE REFER TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEVENTH, ELEVENTH AND FIFTEENTH STREETS SEWERS, NOW UNDER WAY.**

On August 18, 1916, the contracts for the construction of these trunk sewers were awarded to the Hoboken Construction Company.

Incidentally, it might be interesting to discover just who are the stockholders in the Hoboken Construction Company besides William T. S. Critchfield. Maybe Mayor Griffin knows, but, if he does, he has never deemed it wise to tell the public.

Contract No. 1 (Seventh St.) was let for \$377,979.28.

Contract No. 2 (Eleventh St.) was let for \$285,062.60.

Contract No. 3 (Fifteenth St.) was let for \$307,180.23.

**A TOTAL OF \$970,222.11.**

Yet, up to the end of January, THERE HAD BEEN PAID out of the city funds, \$1,228,039.25. Since then other sums have been paid to the contractor, bringing the total paid out to date well up around \$1,300,000.

**AND THE WORST OF IT IS THE WORK IS NOT YET TWO-THIRDS COMPLETED.**

Nor, according to excellent and expert authority, is that part of it which is completed, done in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner, the contractor never having built a sewer before, and having named as his supervising employees men who never built sewers before.

But, that isn't all! The specifications cooked up by the Griffin City Commission for the benefit of their favored contractor place no time limit whatever for finishing the work. He can keep on fumbling around on the job for twenty years if he likes, presumably mulcting the public for some half a million or so dollars a year.

If the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League candidates are elected, they will find a way to force Mr. Critchfield and his unknown partners in the Hoboken Construction Company to complete his contract within a reasonable time and without the payment to them of a single penny more than they are honestly entitled to.

But what do you think of this way of squandering your money, Mr. Voter?

Do you wonder rents are high?

**IT IS THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR THE CROWD WHO HAVE FASTENED THEMSELVES ON YOU!**

You can shake them off Tuesday, May 13, by turning the present Commissioners out of the City and electing in their stead

**CANDIDATES OF THE CITIZENS' AND RENTPAYERS' LEAGUE**

William P. Verdon

William O'Neill

John F. Gardner

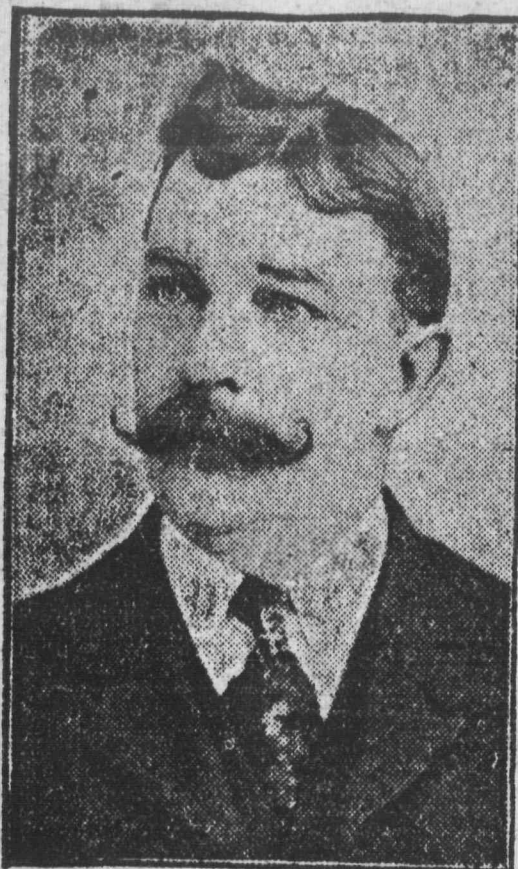
George H. Steil

Max Miller

(Paid for by William R. Lundy, 1207 Bloomfield St.)



## O'NEILL AND STEIL TO RUN AS DEMOCRATS ON FUSION TICKET WITH VERDON FOR COMMISSION



GEORGE H. STEIL

William P. Verdon is now practically sure of his Fusion ticket carrying through in its original form:

Republicans—Verdon, Vizetti and Gardner.

Democrats—O'Neill and Steil.

William O'Neill is now practically sure of making the run. The big boost he got at the McFeely Association is only a part of the encouragement he has received.

The big run he made, away ahead of his ticket, in Hoboken, when he ran for Boulevard Commissioner and later for Freeholder, have shown the esteem in which he is held in his home city.



WILLIAM J. O'NEILL

and in such a fight his friends declare that he would be a winner to a certainty.

Ex-Mayor George H. Steil's friends also declare that he will make a great run, as he always has, whether running with his party or independently. Steil has always been of the independent nature, and has shown repeatedly his ability to carry himself along, even without an organization.

With O'Neill and Steil holding up the Democratic end of a Fusion ticket, it is believed that the ticket would be able to put the Griffin forces to rout.

### THE HEROES WHO STAYED HOME.

Following the line of the super-critical William P. Verdon, who apparently assumes that a real hero must be lacking an arm or a leg or an eye, a natural question would relate to the feeling that may exist between those who went overseas and those who were in the service who never got overseas.

Are the returning soldiers going to look up those who did not get over with an attitude of superiority?

Not only has there been some semblance of this already, but there has even been some semblance of superiority of those who went over and fought compared to those who went over and did not in the fighting.

We have actually heard aspersions cast up by those who got to Europe and who for various reasons had been stationed in England or in the embarkation ports in France, where there was an enormous amount of work to be done.

Our own 309th Ambulance Unit, made up of enlisted men from North Hudson and Hoboken, have been the butt of some comparative aspersions because they did not get in the actual fighting. It will be remembered that this unit became known as the Camp Dix grouchy unit, because of the disappointment those "boys" had in not going overseas as soon as they expected, having been kept in camp from September until along the following summer.

And then when they got to France there were found to be a number of good practical men among them, and they were kept at work for months assembling automobile ambulances. When they finally were moved up toward the front line trenches the armistice was signed before they reached the fighting zone. The members have come back disappointed, and yet it may be possible that some of the super-critics may refer to them as non-fighters some day.

Some of the slackers who found "bomb-proof" berths in this country may not be very popular with the fighting men returning from overseas, but the real fighters will have to be very careful how they reflect upon most of the men who wore the khaki but who were unable to go overseas. Most of them were just as heroic in spirit, and just as willing to fight as the man who went over and actually got in the fighting.



# DEMOCRATS MORE AT A REPUBLICAN TICKET

Griffin Declares That With Opposition Tickets, Re-election Will Be Easy, But Will It?

The line-up of the ticket of the Griffin machine Democrats in Hoboken was definitely settled last night at the meeting of the Democratic City Committee which was called together by Mayor Patrick Griffin, who is chairman.

And some queer things happened at the meeting. In the first place there was a Republican present by invitation but it would seem the Republican has changed his coat and will only be known hereafter as a Democrat or "assistant commissioner," as long as May 13, any time he with the Griffin ticket, is back on the street looking for

is Commissioner Harry L. Griffin. He refused to be drawn out as to whether he is to be considered a Democrat or not, and Mayor Griffin had no comments to make on the matter.

Griffin expressed supreme confidence in the coming election and the fact that the entire Board of Commissioners will be re-elected. At least he tried to impress the members of the committee with this fact and declared that they would get out 75 per cent. of the vote

really have no opposition," he said. "The fight is going on in the Republican ranks where they have two sides and are dicker for a third."

"You see we have no organized opposition and it remains for you (the commissioners) to get out the registry and see that they vote. We don't want to be over-confident, but don't be shy."

Mayor Griffin feels that his cause, what with the police appointments and the sewer work, recognizes that any real opposition is going to be considerable work, but he is sure to water up the confidence of the committee.

What Mayor Griffin said last night at the Democratic Committee is carried out, there will be no meetings conducted by the machine. He stated that until the Liberty Loan campaign is over they could not very well hold meetings for the election. "It would seem patriotic, and it might do us more harm than good," he declared. When he advised the committee to get out and talk to everybody and get votes in that manner rather than holding meetings.

It is a peculiar scheme of things that the lone Republican Commissioner on the board appears with the four Democrats at the Democratic City Committee meeting and the Democratic Mayor declares that the only fight will be that between the Republican factions.

There was a woeful lack of enthusiasm at the meeting and the Democrats, at least many of them, cannot see the idea of having a Republican running on a Democratic ticket. Not that they are disgruntled at this membership of the board being a candidate on a Democratic ticket, but they are "upset" at the entire "quintet" for their part in having him placed there.



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## WITHDRAWAL OF DELANEY IS O'NEILL BOON

Declares His Chances of Being  
Elected Now Almost  
Certain

### "NOBODY'S CANDIDATE BUT THE PEOPLES"

The elimination of License Inspector John J. Delaney from the race for commissioner makes the election of William O'Neill a practical certainty, he



WILLIAM O'NEILL

stated yesterday in commenting on the political situation in Hoboken.

"I am now certain that the Citizens and Rentpayers League candidates will get a majority on the new Board of Commissioners," he said yesterday afternoon.

"The stepping out of Mr. Delaney makes my chance almost certain. From the manner I have been received by organization men I am convinced that I cannot be beaten. It was with considerable reluctance that I first entered the race because it meant a sacrifice of my business interests. I don't care for salary that goes with commissioner as I entered the race as a matter of principle and I don't care what organizations are against be officially.

"It is my intention if elected to see that business of the city is conducted according to law and with strict economy. I am nobody's candidate but the people's and I intend to represent them. Nothing crooked will be put over by the Board of Commissioners except over my dead body.

"I am well enough known in Hoboken by the people and when I say a thing my word is taken as my bond. This is not the time for playing politics and when I am on that Board of Commissioners everything that it put over there will be on the level or I will know why."

## WHY VEZZETTI QUIT COMMISSION RACE

Withdrew When Wife Had to  
Have Two Operations  
Performed

Charles Vezzetti, of Hoboken, who withdrew from the Verdon ticket in Hoboken last week, wants it known that his withdrawal was not because of any lack of sympathy with the Verdon movement, but that it was due entirely to the serious illness of his wife.

In fact, on Monday of this week, April 28, Mrs. Vezzetti was removed to the North Hudson hospital where she was operated upon for the removal of a tumor as well as for appendicitis.

When it became apparent that Mrs. Vezzetti's health would place her in a precarious condition for some time to come, it was then that her husband decided that the excitement of a political campaign might have serious effects upon her, besides which he was anxious to give her more time and attention than he could give if he were engaged in a political campaign.

Mr. Vezzetti, however, is still very much interested in the Verdon candidates, and is devoting as much of his time as possible to helping them in an active canvass.



**WE STAND FOR CIVIC HONESTY AND ECONOMY**

## **OUR PLATFORM**

- I. To form and enforce an economical City Government which will lower taxes and consequently lower rents.
- II. To hold the meetings of the Commissioners at night sessions at a time when all citizens can be present and confer with their representatives and take part in the administration of city affairs.
- III. To render monthly statements to the public of what has been done and what has been spent.
- IV. To see that all public improvements are constructed at the lowest cost and that none except those absolutely needed are begun.
- V. To bring all the City Departments to the highest state of efficiency and keep them there.
- VI. To drive out Graft from the Administration of the City Government.

**TO ALL OF THIS WE PLEDGE OURSELVES**

## **MONSTER MASS MEETING**

**Monday Evening, May 12, 1919**

TO BE HELD AT

**PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 1, 3d and Garden Streets**

OUR CANDIDATES:

**ANTHONY CAPELLI**

**JOHN FERGUSON**

**GEORGE GONZALES**

**HERMAN A. HENKE**

**HARRY W. LANGE**

will address the meeting

**A PROMINENT CITIZEN WILL PRESIDE**

**Come and hear the True Issues of the Campaign**

(Charge to Fred Lange, Jr., 626 Washington Street, Hoboken)