

HUDSON DISPATCH

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1919.

THE OUTLOOK IN HOBOKEN.

With election day only five days off in Hoboken, there are some things that appear to be so definitely drawn that there no longer appears to be any question as to what will happen.

Nine out of almost every ten people one meets in Hoboken will either assert or admit that Mayor Griffin and Commissioner McFeely are certain of re-election.

Nine out of almost every ten people one meets in Hoboken will either assert or admit that William J. O'Neill, one of the independent Democrats, will win almost to the same certainty that Mayor Griffin and Commissioner McFeely will win.

Nine out of almost every ten people one meets in Hoboken will either assert or admit that Commissioner Harry Schmulling is about as certain to be defeated as Mayor Griffin, Commissioner McFeely and William J. O'Neill are of being elected.

Nine out of almost every ten people one meets in Hoboken will either assert or admit that Commissioner Londrigan is in for a severe cutting, though not to as great an extent as Commissioner Schmulling, and that he may also go down to defeat.

A great many people, though not on any nine-out-of-ten scale, have an idea that Commissioner Bach is on about the same footing as Commissioner Londrigan, and that he will have a hard time pulling through.

A fairly safe assertion is that when the "third" ticket, so-called, got into the field that all chances of defeating the Griffin administration, as a whole, disappeared.

Mayor Griffin seems to be in a position where he will elect anywhere from two to four men, with himself and Commissioner McFeely as certain, and with either Commissioner Bach or Commissioner Londrigan, or both, as likely. If he can pull Commissioner Schmulling through to re-election his organization will indeed prove itself nothing short of invincible.

Aside from Mr. O'Neill, the most likely winners from among the independents appear to be John Fergusson and William P. Verdon, leaders, respectively, of the two independent tickets.

John F. Gardner, ex-Judge Harry W. Lange and ex-Mayor George H. Steil will also probably each make a fair showing, but neither of these is likely to develop any serious vote-getting strength.

To summarize, the three almost certain winners appear to be Mayor Griffin, Commissioner McFeely and William J. O'Neill, with the chances for the other two places being split between Commissioners Bach and Londrigan, and Messrs. Fergusson and Verdon, approximately in the order named.

There may be other guesses, some based on individual interests or wishes, some based upon poor information, some upon prejudice. The predictions made above are based upon the best information available by trained newspaper men, on the best information obtainable from a fairly comprehensive canvass of men of the city, not merely prominent men, but men of little prominence who reflect, or who should reflect the opinions of the small groups of which they are parts.

DEMOCRATS LEAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF HOBOKEN

**"Another Landslide," Says
Mayor—"City Behind
the President."**

Hoboken last night remained true to its traditions, and put over a Democratic landslide. There were several unusual factors in the situation, not peculiar to Hoboken, but all of them having a bearing on the election in the city.

In the first place, there was considerable anxiety on both sides of the political fence to know just how the draft had affected the parties. Judging by the returns, it would appear that the Republicans have suffered the more heavily. The Democratic totals show the situation to be normal, and, if anything, somewhat improved. On the other hand, there appears to have been a falling off in the Republican totals, the results for that party in many of the wards being very small.

It was not expected by the stalwart Democrats of the city that the action of the President, in calling for a Democratic Congress would alienate any support from the party in the city, and the manner in which the votes were rolled up for the Democratic candidates fully justified this view. If the Republicans had hoped that they would gain anything by this action of the President, they were doomed to disappointment in Hoboken.

It was shortly before 9 o'clock that the first box was received and from that time until close on midnight, the boxes arrived rapidly. City Clerk Daniel Haggerty, with Assistant City Clerks Duffy, Sharkey and Kehoe with Clerk to the First District Board Frank Leach, handled the boxes, and the work of tabulating the returns was speeded. Commissioner James Londrigan, formerly City Clerk, was, as usual, busy checking up the returns, while Mayor Griffin and Commissioner Bach remained until a late hour, watching the returns.

"It is another Democratic landslide," said Mayor Griffin. "Hoboken shows that it stands, as always, behind the President."

Congressman John J. Eagan made a remarkable run and left Brennan far in the rear. The entire Democratic Assembly ticket received a big vote and in fact the straight ticket, with remarkably little variation, led throughout the city.

The Socialist vote in the city showed about the same as usual and remained an eligible quantity.

Baird ran somewhat behind his ticket, while Edge received the best vote of any on the Republican ticket.

The so-called "independent" Democrats were utterly repudiated by the city. In every ward they were all but ignored, and in every ward they were utterly snowed under by the regulars.

It was 1 o'clock when the last box was received and the final tabulations started. These were held up for half an hour by a delay with one box. In spite of this, however, the manner in which the returns were handled by City Clerk Haggerty and his men constituted a record, the last tabulation being made hours ahead of the earliest in past years.

On the short term for Senator Hennessey polled a total of 3,650 votes

as against 1,481 polled in favor of Baird. For the full term Senatorship La Monte polled 3,607 as against 1,502 polled by Edge.

Congressman John J. Eagan secured an easy lead over Brennan, the vote for Eagan being 3,678 against 1,292 for Brennan. For the State Senate Edwards polled a total of 3,334 against 1,185 by Story.

John J. Coppinger was high man on the Assembly ticket, with a total of 3,751 as compared with 1,369 polled by Reynolds, high man on the Republican ticket.

Gormley, "Independent" candidate for Supervisor, received a total of 228 votes throughout the city as against 2,869 polled by Sweeney, the regular Democrat, and 1,034 polled by Trotter, the Republican.

On the Freeholder ticket, Boland, with 3,308, Keitt, with 3,196, and Driscoll, with 3,176, were easy leaders. Shaw, with 1,373, Armitage, with 1,352, and Hunter, with 1,304, were bad seconds on the Republican side. Growney, with 445, led the "Independents," and was well ahead of his ticket, Daly scoring 167 and Jones 146. Darke and Introcaso, with 3,376 and 3,181, respectively, made a big run for Coroner; Miller and Briery, the Republicans, getting only 1,374 and 1,278, respectively.

LIVELY CONTESTS EXPECTED IN MAY AT CITY ELECTION

**Candidates Galore Appear-
ing for Positions as
Commissioners.**

An insight into the bitterness that will in all probability attach itself to the forthcoming election for the City Commission in Hoboken next May can be gathered from the charge made to-day by ex-Mayor Martin Cooke, of Fifth street, Hoboken, to the effect that "he was counted out in the last election." The sensational allegation was made to a representative of the Hudson Observer by the ex-Mayor when the former sought to ascertain whether or not he would be a candidate at the next election.

"Are you going to be a candidate at the May election?" queried the reporter.

"That I cannot say at this time," he answered. "You know I'm very busy now, but there are some circumstances that might compel me to run."

"And what might those be?" ventured the reporter.

He said further that his business had grown to such an extent that it takes all of his time and keeps him very busy, but if Schmulling runs on a ticket with the present Commissioners he would throw down the gauntlet and jump into the fray unhesitatingly. At present the former Mayor is undecided and only time will shape his plans.

Little surprise was expressed in political circles when it became almost certain that David Mullins, financial secretary of Hoboken Lodge of Elks, would become a candidate. He was "incommunicado" when a Hudson Observer reporter put the matter up to him. He did admit, however, that a great number of his friends are urging him to become a candidate at the coming election and he has the matter "under advisement."

Another "dark horse" in the race is likely to be Contractor Charles Vezzetti, of 1028 Hudson street, Hoboken. When spoken to, he said he was unprepared to say anything at this time. Further questioning by a reporter brought forth little definite information about his plans.

Former Councilman Max Miller, who, it is said, will be a candidate, said to-day that he was also undecided, but as soon as he made up his mind he would announce himself. He is at present a Civil Service Commissioner, having been appointed by Governor Edge. William O'Neill may be a candidate also. John Gardner, who ran against Cooke at the last Mayoralty election under the old system, has decided to run, as has Republican Leader William P. Verdon, who says he is sick and tired of electing men and have them run away from him after taking office. Former Police Commissioner Anthony Capelli, it is said, will seek a seat in the City Commission. If ex-Mayor Gonzales can spare the time from his business he too will become a candidate. John Ferguson is also being boomed as a candidate and he may announce his candidacy after the first of the year. In fact there will be candidates galore.

All indications point to a bitter election with many factions involved. The present members of the City Commission will seek re-election and will leave nothing undone to bring about that result. At any rate it is more than likely that Hoboken will witness one of its old-time elections, and with so many well-known citizens in the race, things are sure to hum. The election will be held next May, so that there is ample time for more aspirants to throw their hats in the ring.

Nov. 6, 1918

REGULAR DEMOCRATS.

| HOBOKEN. | Muro | Bowen | Donovan | Coppinger | McAteer | Gaede | Silver | Schultz | Snow, Jr. | Nolan | Stanton | Sullivan |
|------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|---------|----------|
| First Ward..... | 528 | 540 | 543 | 538 | 544 | 542 | 536 | 530 | 533 | 538 | 532 | 519 |
| Second Ward..... | 557 | 560 | 562 | 557 | 551 | 568 | 539 | 536 | 543 | 548 | 554 | 553 |
| Third Ward..... | 815 | 843 | 814 | 810 | 810 | 809 | 795 | 790 | 802 | 802 | 797 | 787 |
| Fourth Ward..... | 752 | 743 | 751 | 752 | 749 | 751 | 739 | 735 | 745 | 751 | 749 | 740 |
| Fifth Ward..... | 846 | 868 | 874 | 873 | 869 | 873 | 837 | 824 | 848 | 868 | 860 | 858 |
| Totals..... | 3498 | 3554 | 3544 | 3530 | 3523 | 3543 | 3446 | 3415 | 3471 | 3507 | 3492 | 3457 |

INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS.

| HOBOKEN. | Breen | Vena | Griffin | Dolan | Clerihew | Leddy | Ransom | McKeever | McGuinness | Castellano, Jr. |
|------------------|-------|------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| First Ward..... | 24 | 15 | 24 | 25 | 14 | 35 | 16 | 23 | 20 | 12 |
| Second Ward..... | 28 | 25 | 33 | 35 | 22 | 32 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 21 |
| Third Ward..... | 22 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 22 | 45 | 18 | 26 | 28 | 38 |
| Fourth Ward..... | 13 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 21 |
| Fifth Ward..... | 47 | 35 | 43 | 45 | 29 | 58 | 30 | 43 | 36 | 34 |
| Totals..... | 134 | 128 | 151 | 155 | 95 | 184 | 95 | 129 | 121 | 126 |

REPUBLICANS.

| HOBOKEN. | Reynolds | Kenneally | Stephens | Mayberry | Happ | Ferguson | Blauvelt | Bridge | Hilger | Putnam | Johnson, Jr. | Bond. |
|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-------|
| First Ward..... | 192 | 194 | 193 | 191 | 191 | 196 | 191 | 194 | 192 | 185 | 189 | 188 |
| Second Ward..... | 377 | 362 | 376 | 374 | 368 | 376 | 378 | 372 | 365 | 367 | 363 | 357 |
| Third Ward..... | 215 | 207 | 209 | 207 | 203 | 207 | 207 | 209 | 203 | 205 | 206 | 209 |
| Fourth Ward..... | 182 | 178 | 181 | 178 | 176 | 181 | 176 | 176 | 173 | 172 | 169 | 167 |
| Fifth Ward..... | 403 | 389 | 396 | 394 | 385 | 399 | 397 | 397 | 387 | 398 | 389 | 382 |
| Totals..... | 1369 | 1330 | 1355 | 1344 | 1323 | 1359 | 1349 | 1348 | 1320 | 1327 | 1316 | 1303 |

| | U.S. Senate (Short Term) | | U.S. Senate (Full Term) | | State Senate | | Supervisor | | | | Freeholders | | | | | | | | Coroners | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|------|-------------|--------|-------|------|---------|--------|-------|----------|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| HOBOKEN | Hennesy | Baird | La Monte | Edge | Story | Edwards | Gormley | Trotter | Sweeney | Shaw | Armitage | Hunter | Jones | Daly | Gronney | Boland | Kelit | Driscoll | Drake | Introcasso | Miller | Brierly |
| First Ward..... | 573 | 202 | 558 | 221 | 158 | 515 | 28 | 145 | 415 | 195 | 197 | 201 | 15 | 23 | 61 | 508 | 499 | 502 | 524 | 488 | 192 | 188 |
| Second Ward..... | 559 | 400 | 552 | 420 | 342 | 537 | 63 | 286 | 440 | 380 | 372 | 379 | 34 | 35 | 78 | 514 | 493 | 498 | 525 | 471 | 383 | 364 |
| Third Ward..... | 847 | 221 | 834 | 222 | 164 | 787 | 35 | 167 | 684 | 221 | 220 | 217 | 30 | 38 | 63 | 775 | 753 | 717 | 779 | 755 | 218 | 194 |
| Fourth Ward..... | 770 | 191 | 749 | 206 | 152 | 683 | 30 | 128 | 613 | 173 | 170 | 168 | 22 | 26 | 54 | 711 | 700 | 697 | 718 | 703 | 155 | 153 |
| Fifth Ward..... | 901 | 434 | 914 | 433 | 369 | 834 | 73 | 308 | 727 | 404 | 393 | 399 | 45 | 45 | 189 | 800 | 751 | 762 | 830 | 764 | 406 | 379 |
| | 3650 | 1448 | 3607 | 1502 | 1185 | 3856 | 229 | 1034 | 2879 | 1373 | 1352 | 1364 | 146 | 167 | 445 | 3308 | 3196 | 3176 | 3376 | 3181 | 1354 | 1278 |

AUGUST 22, 1918.

FUSION TICKET IN HOBOKEN FOR THE SPRING ELECTION

**Verdon Admits This—Thinks
Schmulling Will Run
With Democrats.**

There will be a Fusion ticket in the field next spring when the fight for the Hoboken City Commission will open in earnest and it is confidently believed that at least two of those on this ticket will be elected to office.

William P. Verdon, Hudson County leader of the Republicans, stated this morning that the coming primaries and election are now to near to permit of any discussion of the election next May for Commissioners. He plainly indicated, however, that Commissioner Harry L. Schmulling, the lone Republican in the Commission, who was elected by the Verdon organization, has broken from the parent fold.

"How about Schmulling?" Verdon was asked. "Will he be with you?" Verdon looked thoughtfully at the remains of a cigar.

"Isn't he running on the Griffin ticket?" he asked, with that artless intonation which is one of William's greatest assets.

"That's what I have heard," he went on. "Everyone seems to take it for granted that Harry will run with the other four."

More than this Verdon was not inclined to say beyond adding that there would certainly be a Fusion ticket in the field and that very little would be heard about the election until next January.

Nevertheless it can be stated that there are at present two men in the Fusion ranks who are believed by their supporters to stand a big chance of winning. One is former Mayor Cooke, who ran sixth in the election in 1915, and the other is John Gardner, whose breach with Verdon has long since been healed.

It is expected that a candidate capable of attracting the Italian vote will also be on the Fusion ticket. Beyond these, however, matters are uncertain.

There is a very persistent rumor to the effect that former Mayor George Gonzales intends running for Commissioner. Gonzales has been notably active of late, while appearing to take no further interest in politics. His friends are urging him to take the field once more and the indications are that he will do so.

Efforts have also been made to induce Verdon to be a candidate on the Fusion ticket, but he is not apparently enamored of the suggestion. He stated this morning that it had been suggested to him, but that he was not over keen. Nevertheless his manner is such that it is more than likely he will get into the race if the ticket demands it.

So far as the Democrats are concerned it is not likely that there will be any material change in the ticket next May. The present Commissioners have made good in their offices and will stand on that fact. The status of Commissioner Schmulling is the only uncertain factor and the probabilities are that he will run with his fellow Commissioners.

APRIL 30, 1919.

LAMBERT CLAIMS CONTROL OF THE G. O. P. COMMITTEE

**Calls Meeting of Hoboken
Republican Committeemen
and Is Elected Chairman
—Says Days of Abuse and
Villification Are at End.**

Adherents of the Harry J. Lambert faction of the Republican party in Hoboken are jubilant today, following a meeting last night at the headquarters of the Hoboken Regular Republican Club, 419 Washington street, Hoboken. Lambert issued a statement today in which he said that William P. Verdon, erstwhile leader of the local Republicans, had been virtually deposed. It is claimed that Lambert has succeeded him and is now chairman of the Hoboken Republican City Committee.

While Verdon was at Belmar and later at Trenton, Lambert and ten members of his faction sent out notices to all the newly elected Republican city committeemen asking them to attend an organization meeting of the local committee. Forty-eight men were on hand at the meeting last night, and all had properly certified credentials, according to Lambert. He admitted that three of those present were Verdon men, gone over to his side of the fence, but declined to disclose their names for the present. Four more, he said, would come over to his side within a very short time.

The meeting last night was held in accordance with the election laws of 1918, Section 66, and Mr. Lambert quotes in part as follows: "The annual meeting of each city committee shall be held on the first Monday after the fourth Tuesday in September in each year, at an hour and place to be designated in a notice to be given by the respective chairmen thereof, at which annual meeting the members of each committee shall elect one of their members as chairman to hold office for one year, or until his successor is elected."

"Verdon is out of it," stated Lambert this morning. "He is in the middle of the sea, and hasn't a leg to stand on."

In paragraph 506, Section 21, of the Election Laws of 1918, is afforded Verdon's only possible chance of a come back, according to Lambert. This section deals with the organization of the committee and the distribution of funds, and reads in part as follows: "Within ten days after the annual organization of such state, county or city committee, which shall not in any event be more than twenty days after the general election in November, it shall be the duty of the person who has had the custody of the moneys contributed to or on account of any state, county or city committee during the previous year, to file with the Secretary of State in the case of the state committee, and with the county clerk in the case of the county or city committee, a statement of the amount of received * * * and also a statement of the purposes for which said money was expended. * * *"

Officers elected at last night's meeting are as follows: H. J. Lambert, chairman; Alfred Rathjen, vice-chairman; John M. Rehm, secretary, and Herman A. Henke, former councilman, treasurer.

In explanation of the meeting, Lambert said:

"Last Saturday at midnight Verdon's term as county committeeman expired; as did mine. He was no longer a member of the County Committee. It was his duty, under the law, to send out notices of an organization meeting of the City Committee before midnight on Saturday. This he failed to do. No member of the Republican City Committee received any such notice."

"Thereupon," said Lambert, "after waiting until the last minute for Verdon to take action, he and ten members of the committee in good standing sent out the notices for the meeting. As a result, according to Lambert, a majority of the Republican City Committee attended the meeting last night and became automatically aligned with his faction of the local branch of the Republican party."

"The campaign of personal abuse and villification of party candidates has ended," says Lambert, "so far as he and his men are concerned. 'I shall tolerate it no longer,' he declared this morning. 'Members who show a disposition to indulge in abuse against the former Republican leader will not be allowed to do so.'"

Lambert referred to Verdon more than once as "the former leader" and "the late Republican leader."

A Liberty Loan rally followed the organization of the ward committees. Politics will be adjourned for the duration of the loan campaign, Lambert this morning.

Following is the personnel of the Lambert forces in the various wards, as they were chosen last night: First Ward, William Harloff, chairman; J. Erxmeyer, secretary, and S. J. Gutilla, member of the executive committee. Second Ward, Clarence M. Frey, chairman; John F. Linck, secretary; Herman A. Henke, member of the executive committee. Third Ward, Harry Muller, chairman; Carmine Di Giovanni, secretary, and Alfred Rathjen, Jr., member of the executive committee. Fourth Ward, Joseph King, chairman; Walter Purdy, secretary, and Joseph Jacobs, member of the executive committee. Fifth Ward, Arthur H. Briggs, chairman; Louis Ramm, secretary, and George Piper, member of the executive committee.

The Republicans at their meeting last night enthusiastically indorsed the candidacy of Governor Walter E. Edge and the entire Republican ticket of nominees.

APRIL 30, 1919.

BIG REGISTRY IN ALL SECTIONS OF MILE SQUARE CITY

Over the Eleven Thousand
Mark — Hundreds of
New Names Listed.

With two districts still missing the total registry in Hoboken yesterday for the election of Commissioners on May 13, is 10,822, making it certain that the registered vote in the city is well over the 11,000 mark.

Never before in the history of the city has there been such an outpouring of voters as took place yesterday. In every ward and district of the city the same rush was experienced. In many instances the added registry was greater than the old registered vote.

While every ward ran high in this added registry, the Third Ward led all the rest with an added registry of 1,650, the next highest being the Fifth Ward, where the added registry totaled 990. The Second Ward was lowest with a total of 839 added registrants.

The Fifth Ward has the highest total of registrants, with 2,601, the Third running next with a total of 2,207, the First Ward being lowest with 1,868. The total added registry for the city, with two districts missing, is 5,270, as against the previous registry of 6,243. The figures are as follows:

| FIRST WARD | | | |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|
| District | Reg. | Added. | Total |
| First..... | 106 | 109 | 215 |
| Second..... | 116 | 67 | 183 |
| Third..... | 107 | 120 | 223 |
| Fourth..... | 177 | 147 | 322 |
| Fifth..... | 97 | 74 | 171 |
| Sixth..... | 143 | 105 | 252 |

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|--------------|------|-----|------|
| Seventh..... | 123 | 104 | 227 |
| Eighth..... | 134 | 128 | 262 |
| Totals.... | 1007 | 863 | 1868 |

| SECOND WARD | | | |
|--------------|------|--------|-------|
| District | Reg. | Added. | Total |
| First..... | 121 | 121 | 242 |
| Second..... | 129 | 130 | 259 |
| Third..... | 143 | 100 | 243 |
| Fourth..... | 250 | 152 | 402 |
| Fifth..... | 128 | 98 | 227 |
| Sixth..... | 167 | 106 | 273 |
| Seventh..... | 229 | 141 | 370 |
| Totals.... | 1167 | 839 | 2016 |

| THIRD WARD | | | |
|--------------|------|--------|-------|
| District | Reg. | Added. | Total |
| First..... | 150 | 118 | 267 |
| Second..... | 126 | 108 | 235 |
| Third..... | 124 | 118 | 242 |
| Fourth..... | 118 | 67 | 185 |
| Fifth..... | 95 | 72 | 167 |
| Sixth..... | 107 | 73 | 180 |
| Seventh..... | 140 | 78 | 204 |
| Eighth..... | 164 | 107 | 271 |
| Ninth..... | 115 | 109 | 224 |
| Tenth..... | 114 | 100 | 214 |
| Totals.... | 1253 | 1650 | 2207 |

| FOURTH WARD | | | |
|---------------|------|--------|-------|
| District | Reg. | Added. | Total |
| First..... | 69 | 83 | 152 |
| Second..... | 90 | 70 | 160 |
| Third..... | 104 | 61 | 165 |
| Fourth..... | 141 | 112 | 253 |
| Fifth..... | 153 | 99 | 252 |
| Sixth..... | 102 | 86 | 186 |
| Seventh..... | 110 | 72 | 182 |
| Eighth..... | 99 | 111 | 210 |
| Ninth..... | 123 | 81 | 199 |
| Tenth..... | 102 | 71 | 173 |
| Eleventh..... | 121 | 82 | 198 |
| Totals.... | 1214 | 928 | 2130 |

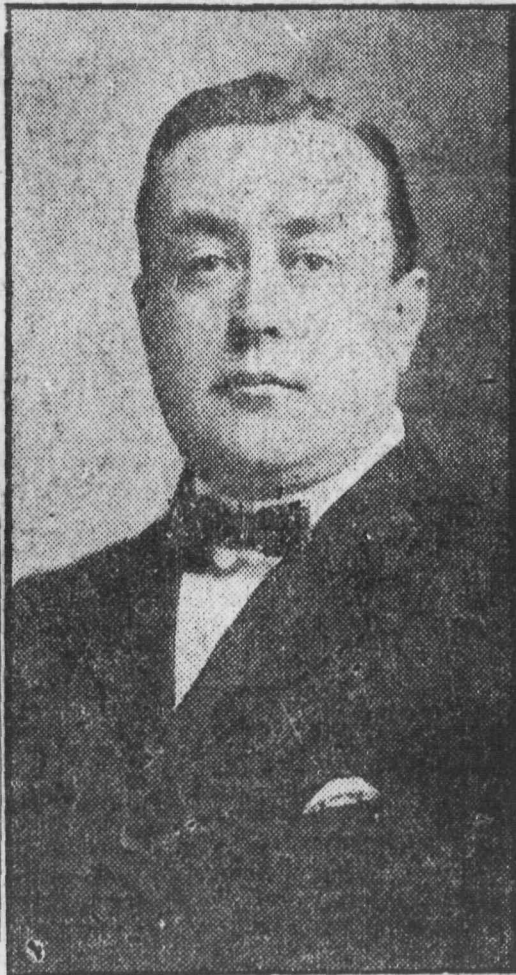
| FIFTH WARD | | | |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|
| District | Reg. | Added. | Total |
| First..... | 205 | 144 | 349 |
| Second..... | 199 | ... | 356 |
| Third..... | 237 | 150 | 387 |
| Fourth..... | 177 | 148 | 325 |

FEBRUARY 26, 1919.

LAMBERT FACTION NOT WITH VERDON

Harry Lambert, County Court Clerk, and leader of the Republican faction of Hoboken, opposed to Verdonism was highly indignant this morning at the insinuations that he will support William P. Verdon or a ticket made by that individual. Mr. Lambert said:

"The statement in last night's issue of the Hudson Observer that I would support a ticket for City Commissioners headed by William P. Verdon is utterly untrue. I consider one of the main issues in the coming



Harry Lambert

campaign in the City of Hoboken will be the elimination of the notorious gangs and gangsters who now infest our city. The election of a man of Verdon's type would only further encourage these gangsters.

"I feel the citizens of Hoboken are tired of a political commission, that is, a commission that devotes its time to playing politics instead of to the welfare of the citizens of Hoboken. There should be enough representative men in our city with pride enough in their city, to organize a movement to elect five non-political commissioners. Such a ticket the Hoboken Republican Club stand ready to support to the utmost of their energy and ability.

"If such a movement does not materialize, those organizations will place a ticket for five men before the voters of Hoboken and the public may rest assured that the name of William P. Verdon will not appear on that ticket.

In conclusion Mr. Lambert declared that he wants nothing to do with a man of Verdon's character.

INVESTIGATORS CHECK LISTS OF HOBOKEN VOTERS

Prosecutor's Men Making a
Thorough Canvass for
Spring Election.

Thomas Loughran, director of Prosecutor Garven's Bureau of Investigation, has had a large number of men in Hoboken during the past few days checking up the list of voters who are legally entitled to vote at the Commission Government election on May 13.

These investigators are making a house-to-house canvass of the city. In fact, they go into every stable, garage, shanty and alleyway wherever there is a chance of human beings claiming domicile. The record of every voter is carefully taken, then each name is turned in to the Prosecutor's office, where it is carefully compared with the records there on file. If any discrepancies are found, then that voter is marked for further attention at the proper time and in the proper way.

No voter is allowed to vote at the commission government election unless he voted at the last general election, providing he does not go to the polling place and register on April 19.

In the event that the person claiming the right to vote is a naturalized citizen, then his naturalization papers are carefully compared with the files in the Naturalization Bureau to make sure that there is no fraud from this quarter.

While the Bureau of Investigation does not expect to achieve perfection in the Hoboken election, they are trying to close every avenue of fraud that they can discover or imagine, and the canvass is the most thorough.

While considerable significance is attached to the thoroughness with

which the investigation is being conducted in Hoboken, Director Loughran explains that the work here is no different from the methods employed in every part of the county. One half of his men are now at work in Bayonne doing exactly the same thorough work there, while on file in the Bureau office is an almost complete record of every voter in the county.

Soldiers and Sailors Vote PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 246 of the Laws of 1919, soldiers and sailors who are residents of the City of Hoboken, who are actually in the military or naval service of this State, or of the United States, and who, on May 13, 1919, the day appointed for the holding of the Municipal Election for Commissioners, shall be absent from the election district in which they reside, are entitled to vote at such election by complying with the provisions of said Act.

Such soldiers and sailors should file their name and military address with the undersigned City Clerk.

Any person who has knowledge of the name and military address of any soldier or sailor who is a resident of the City of Hoboken may file with the undersigned the name and military address of such soldier and sailor.

ALL SUCH NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 28, 1919.

Upon receipt of the aforesaid information, the City Clerk will inform such soldiers and sailors who are qualified electors of the means whereby they may vote at the ensuing Municipal Election and forward ballots to them therefor.

DANIEL A. HAGGERTY,
City Clerk, City of Hoboken, N. J.

WOULD INDORSE GONZALES, SAYS LEADER VERDON

**Breach Evidently Healed—
Both Parties Likely to
Shun Schmulling.**

Events already indicate that the election of Commissioners in Hoboken next May will be a bitter and hard-fought contest.

Already breaches are being healed in order, as one of the leaders expressed it this morning, that a strong



William P. Verdon

and united organization may be presented by the opposition to the present incumbents.

Perhaps the most startling of these is the joining hands of William P. Verdon, county Republican leader, and former Mayor George Gonzales, for years Verdon's implacable foe.

Verdon stated this morning that he would be quite willing to indorse Gonzales.

"There never was any real difference of opinion," said Gonzales.

"I think that must have been a popular misunderstanding."

Gonzales further stated that he has decided to run for Commissioner, providing that his business is in such shape at the time as to permit it.

"Already," he said, "three of my boys are in the service and it is possible that three more may have to go. That will make it very difficult for me here."

Considerable interest attaches to the position of Commissioner Harry Schmulling. It is certain, unless something very unexpected turns up, that the Republicans will not put him in nomination for a second term. On the other hand it appears to be equally certain that the Democratic party will not be willing to endorse him. There are many men in the party who feel that their services to the party give them priority over the lone Republican. In that event he will probably run as an independent.

"I am sure that the Republican committee would not stand for Schmulling," said Verdon. "He sure did throw us down. There were some people who believed that he was acting under my orders and that I had sold out to Griffin. That is not so."

"I don't think he has one chance in a hundred of getting on the Griffin ticket," he added. "The Democrats would not stand for him and it would not then be possible to make an appeal for a united ticket."

"Schmulling has been no good to the Republicans," he added. "When it was a case, in the old Common Council, of nine to one he fought the whole bunch, but when it is merely four to one he goes out with them."

The new draft regulations raise another possible complication. Mayor Griffin is married and has a family, and as such is not likely to be called. Both Commissioners Londrigan and Bach are over the age limit. Commissioner McFeely, however, is not only within the age limit but is without dependents and is comparatively wealthy.

"McFeely," said Verdon, "will have



Ex-Mayor George Gonzales.

to go unless the war is over by Christmas. That will certainly weaken the Griffin forces, especially in the Fourth Ward."

So far the only men on the Fusion ticket definitely decided on are Former Mayor Cook and John Gardner. Both of these will not come within the provisions of the draft, so far as actual and immediate service is concerned.

"There will be no men on our ticket," declared Verdon, "who will be subject to service. We want men who will be able to devote all of their time to the work of giving the people of Hoboken a clean administration and one that will not be trailing over to New York."

It is known also that there are five or six prominent Italians in the city under consideration by the Republican committee with a view to placing them on the Fusion ticket. If Gonzales runs, as is now almost certain, there will, with the Italian candidate, be but one place open. At the present time speculation as to the identity of the fifth candidate is futile.

Referring to the primary election

and the divisions in the Republican party, Verdon characteristically criticized the Lambert faction as being like a mob, without an organization and without a leader.

"If America were to try to win the war by the same means as those adopted by Lambert the Huns would be in the Middle West by this time. It is merely a case of throwing anyone into the game and filling up a ticket to make a bluff."

"In almost every case the committee men on the Lambert ticket are living away from their districts. There is one man listed for Fourteenth street, who lives on lower Washington street, and this is merely one case out of many. Why, in one district, he could not even get a man to run for him. It might be said that Commissioner Schmulling is a strong man, and if he runs independent he will astonish the 'wise men' of both political factions. It is the consensus of opinion that Commissioner Schmulling has made good and is entitled to a second term."

When Verdon was asked to give his opinion anent Joseph Kinnaugh's statement, published yesterday, he laughed and said that it was the first he had heard of any coolness.

"It's merely his job that's worrying him," he added. "Joe and I are the best of friends so far as I know."

Griffin Raised Your Rent

Hoboken rentpayers are groaning under the ever increasing burden of cost imposed upon them by the necessity of keeping roofs over the heads of their wives and children.

Do you blame your landlord for this, Mr. Rentpayer?

He is merely passing on to you the increased charges that have been placed upon him in the shape of exorbitant taxes. He, at least, is under no direct obligation to you.

You did not elect him your landlord

BUT YOU DID ELECT MAYOR PATRICK R. GRIFFIN AND THOSE PITIFULLY ABJECT TOOLS OF HIS IN THE CITY COMMISSION—BACH, LONDRIGAN, McFEELY AND THE TURNCOAT, SCHMULLING.

These five men, put into office by your votes, taking a solemn oath to serve you faithfully and to serve no others, are responsible through the orgy of extravagance in which they have indulged during the last four years.

THAT IS WHY YOUR RENTS ARE HIGH

That is why we say GRIFFIN RAISED YOUR RENT!

Here are the candidates of the

CITIZENS' AND RENTPAYERS' LEAGUE

Who Are Pledged to Introduce Honest and Economical Government in the City Hall:

William P. Verdon

William O'Neill

John F. Gardner

George H. Steil

They will stop the Two Million Dollar S
the contractor to construct a good sewer at h

They Will Force

The Griffin commission has already paid
\$300,000 more than the contract price for the
sewers—

AND THE JOB IS NOT YET T

More than that: The manner in which the
perpetrated on the people of this city. Yesterd
completed portion of the sewer on Fifteenth Str
sewer and sank almost out of sight. It was ther
\$2,000,000 sewer consists only of a two-inch plan

Permit us to ask Mayor Patrick R. Griff
Improvements James H. Londrigan this questi
answer it:

Who, in addition to William T. S. Crich
favored Hoboken Construction Company?

Who are they, Mayor Griff

Who are they, Commission

This Sewer Job, Mr. Rentpayer, is but on

GRIFFIN RAISED

The remedy is yours if you will seize it
to go to the polls Tuesday, May 13, and cast y

CITIZENS' and RENTP

WILLIAM P. VERDON

JOHN F. GA

GEORGE H. STEIL

(Paid for by William R. Lundy)

Dispatch, May 3, 1919.

VERDON INSPECTS "MILLION DOLLAR SEWER," ATTACKS DIRECTOR OF IMPROVEMENTS

Faulty Construction In Evidence—Sewers Fail to Flush and Stagnant Water Already Causes Breeding Place For Disease—Has Cost Million and a Quarter and Is Not Yet Finished

DIRECTOR OF STREETS IS HELD RESPONSIBLE

William P. Verdon, candidate for City Commissioner, has made a personal inspection of the "Million Dollar Sewer" in Hoboken (which is to cost two millions before it is finished) and with the aid of Capt. Albert Stillman, a practical man in mechanical engineering, has found that the system is almost a complete failure.

Mr. Verdon is holding Commissioner James H. Londrigan, director of streets and public improvements, responsible in the main, or the mess of the job.

After his personal inspection of the sewer system, Mr. Verdon issued the following statement:

"The whole sewer system appears to be a botched job, one which will probably be an almost complete failure when it comes to operation.

The system is not working now, probably because the plans of Engineer Fuertes were carried out by faulty construction.

"The result is that the main sewers now in operation and some of the laterals do not work according to the plans.

"A survey of the Eleventh street sewer system shows that several of the flush tanks fail to operate because of the faulty construction and apparently careless workmanship.

"Taking the Eleventh street system as a fair sample of the conditions of the new sewers, a survey party started at Eleventh and Hudson street, where a huge chamber has been built underground. Here it has evidently been the intention of the contractors on the job to keep the sewage suspended.

"The system as worked out will mean that men will go down into this chamber and bring to the surface the sewage which has gathered there and bring it to the street, dump it in carts and take it—probably to the meadows.

"A centrifugal pump with a motor engine has been installed to keep in motion an agitator, but no protection has been given the motor and it is rusted and not working.

Flush Tank Doesn't Work.

"The next stop is at the flush tank, at Grand and Tenth streets. A series of those 6,000-gallon capacity tanks have been erected for the lateral sewers and an 8,000 gallon flush tank at the beginning of each trunk sewer. By means of a vitrified pipe, river water flows, should flow, into the tanks at high tide when the tanks are filled. Then by an automatic valve attachment the river water floods the sewers, carrying off the sewage or it was constructed with that intention. That was what the money of the city was paid for.

"The tank, supposed to be filling with

river water is filled up with sewage filth, the sewage having evidently backed into the tank instead of the tank water driving the sewage into the river.

"At Jefferson and Tenth streets, the valve rod is not plumb and the tank is out of order. It is important that the valve rod be plumb because it should work automatically, but when the valves were put in they should have been set in the concrete, but the concrete was set before the valves were installed. The result is they were built from the bottom on a wooden plank foundation and they are not set true.

"The valve float instead of falling back into the water sticks on the edge of the plank, and automatically the tank is useless.

Bad Pipefitting.

"Going to another flush tank at Ninth and Grand streets, similar conditions are to be found. Extremely bad pipefitting is clearly evident and the valve is installed in such a manner that free play is not given to the rod so that when it is raised by the tide water, it sticks when it hits the roof of the concrete tank.

"Another instance of the valve being constructed from a wooden plank foundation is found at the flush tank at Ninth and Jefferson streets. The tank should contain nothing but river water but the bottom is filled with slime and filth.

"Opening the manhole of the lateral sewer on Jefferson street, between Ninth and Tenth street, the sewer should show it to be flushed by river water from the flush tank, but there is no river water noticeable, but instead at least six inches of sewage filth at the bottom of the sewer pipe.

Stagnant Water.

"At Eleventh street and the railroad tracks where the big tank which flushes the trunk sewer, or ought to flush the trunk sewer according to the plans of the engineer, it is found that the water in the tank is stagnant. It should be filling with the river water, and automatically flushing this water through the sewer, but it is not.

"What apparently has happened is that this section being lower, although it is supposed to have a five inch fall to the river, the sewage has backed into the tanks instead of the river water forcing the sewage through the sewer pipes.

"Failure of the valves to act because of faulty construction, the drop of the river eliminated because of the bad construction of the sewer when it was laid, the result of inexperience and bad workmanship and failure of the workmen to get proper grades, makes the system practically useless.

"Squatter's" Hut Interferes.

"A most remarkable condition is found on following the line of the sewer north of Eleventh street, alongside the railroad tracks, on Monroe street. Right in the middle of the street has been erected a dwelling house. It has been there for some time. It is what is known as a "squatter's" hut, and has been converted into a fairly decent residence, but it is built in the middle of the street.

"According to the plans of the system the sewer should run right through the middle of the street, and this

would have necessitated moving the house.

"Consequently it has also been necessary to place the flush tank twenty feet back, at a direct angle to the sewer instead of on the line of the sewer which all hampers the flow from the tanks.

"At Thirteenth and Madison streets the valve has been installed in the flush tank, but it is not working and the water in the tank is stagnant.

"That every effort has been made to keep the sewer as near the surface as possible on the western side of the city is very evident from the position of some of the manholes."

'BILLY' O'NEILL IN WHIRLWIND SWEEP OF CITY

Finds Encouragement Wherever He Goes Among Organization Democrats

DECLARES THEY HAVE OPPOSITION ON RUN

"Billy" O'Neill made a whirlwind tour of Hoboken last night and met over 1,000 voters of the city in his efforts to make the people of the city realize that they have an opportunity to vote for a candidate who is on the level and that when he is in the Board of Commissioners he will be the representative of the people, looking after their interests and seeing to it that everything done by the Board of Commissioners will be for the benefit of the citizens and not for any particular politician's family.

Mr. O'Neill was accompanied by William F. Verdon and John Gardner, also candidates on the Citizens and Rentpayers League ticket and they were given an ovation wherever they went. Max Miller and George Steil are the remaining members of the ticket.

Feeling in the Democratic ranks of the city and even among the machine voters is getting stronger every day for O'Neill. He is daily receiving promises of support from quarters which he least expected it.

Said Mr. Verdon of the situation last night: "It is already noticeable that we have the opposition on the run. The people are not going to stand for high rents and that is why the administration candidates are beaten before they start their campaign, and they know they are beaten.

"The people are behind us in our fight for better civic conditions, conditions which will do away with extravagance in municipal management, and in consequence will result in lower rents."

Dispatch, May 3, 1919

CITIZENS' AND RENTPAYERS' LEAGUE

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS

These Men Are Pledged, If Elected, to End Waste and Extravagance in the City Hall

THAT WILL MEAN LOWER RENTS

VOTE FOR THEM ON TUESDAY, MAY 13



WILLIAM P. VERDON

WILLIAM P. VERDON was born in Dublin, Ireland, September 12, 1869. He came to the United States when a young child with his parents and was educated in the public schools of New York. His elder brother, Frederick A. Verdon, operated a large machine shop in Hoboken, and there William learned the machinist's trade. He followed this until he was 26 years old, when he went into the liquor business at Fourteenth and Hudson streets. His conduct of this business was so unusual in those days it became almost a tradition. No woman and no dice or other gambling devices were ever permitted within its doors. In 1908 he became head of the Eastern Creamery Company and is now president of the Verdon Trucking Company. He first became active in politics in 1901, when Frederick A. Verdon ran for Mayor of Hoboken. His untiring and hard-hitting fights in the interests of the public and against the Griffin machine are familiar to nearly every man and woman in the city. He has come up smiling after disappointments that would unnerve a man of ordinary mettle. There is no higher recommendation for him than the character of the enemies he has made. Mr. Verdon lives at 1244 Bloomfield street with his wife and their eight children. His oldest son, Fred, is a sailor on the U.S.S. Grant, now in European waters.



WILLIAM O'NEILL

WILLIAM O'NEILL was born in Athlone, Ireland, September 14, 1879. His parents landed in Hoboken with him when he was two months old. He attended the public and parochial school of this city, but found himself, while still a mere boy, confronted with the necessity of making his own living. He set about it with a pluck and courage that have distinguished all his later life. He began by selling newspapers at the Lackawanna ferry. By industry and thrift young O'Neill made rapid strides and so equipped himself in knowledge of the business that he is now the head of a concern that handles the circulation of all the New York and some local newspapers throughout Hoboken, North Hudson and adjacent sections. He will always be "Billy" O'Neill to the newsboys of the city, every one of whom eats a Christmas dinner provided by Mr. O'Neill each year. His business experience and acumen should prove invaluable in the position of Commissioner. Mr. O'Neill resides with his family at 1185 Bloomfield street.



JOHN F. GARDNER

JOHN F. GARDNER was born in New York City January 26, 1872. He received his education in the public schools. His first employment was as an express helper and he later became a driver for the National Express Company. Ten years of this fitted him to take the position of foreman for the New Jersey Transfer Company, a place he held eleven years. With small capital, but with unbounded energy and a level brain he embarked in a small way in business on his own account. The venture was a success and Mr. Gardner is now president of the Gardner Transfer Company and Hudson Stores, Inc., a thriving concern. He has long been admitted to be one of the most popular men in Hoboken, a fact attested by his remarkable run for mayor in 1913, when he was defeated by the slim margin of 130 votes, though all the strength of a powerful organization and of the then mayor, whom he opposed, was thrown against him. His candidacy, however, had a most salutary effect for the disclosures he made during his campaign of the moral conditions in the city compelled a thorough clean-up of the dives that then flourished. His denunciation of the laxity of milk inspection by the Board of Health served to end the practice of dealers in dumping refuse milk, barred from New York, into Hoboken to feed babies here. Mr. Gardner and his family live at 834 Hudson street.



GEORGE H. STEIL

GEORGE H. STEIL, for two years a School Commissioner; ten years a Councilman, and four years Mayor of Hoboken, was born in this city March 23, 1861. His record as a consistent and fighting champion of the plain people constitutes a thrilling and edifying chapter in Hoboken's history. He would never bow to the machine that just began to rear its head when he was first elected Mayor. His fight against the disposal of private interests of Hoboken's last 10 feet of waterfront was one of his most notable efforts. The city's existing school system is largely the result of Mr. Steil's planning and farsighted vision when he was Mayor. The city firemen remember him with gratitude for having obtained for them added days of rest. It is also worthy of note at this particular time that Mayor Steil had plans formulated for a complete pumping and sewage system with was to have cost only \$300,000. The end of his term prevented its having been undertaken, unfortunately for the taxpayers and rentpayers, who are now footing the bill for the \$2,000,000 sewer. Mr. Steil inaugurated the playground system in Hoboken, appointing the city's first Playgroup Commissioner, and was responsible for the installation of the bath at the County Park. His experience and training should serve the city in good stead now. Mr. Steil and his family reside at 200 Eleventh street.



MAX MILLER

MAX MILLER was born in Hoboken October 6, 1887. He attended the Hoboken public schools, New York University School of Accounts and New York University of Law. His first ambition to become a lawyer was given up for a business career and he has proved himself a singularly apt and successful business man, albeit one whose integrity and square dealing are universally conceded. Being heavily interested in real estate in Hoboken, Mr. Miller took a natural interest in the welfare of his city, and his interest did not extend far till he came to the conclusion that there was something radically wrong with the way Hoboken's affairs were administered. His election to the Council from the Fifth Ward some years ago afforded him the chance he sought to remedy conditions. Although he was in the minority in the board, his aggressiveness and the logic of his arguments against some of the more crying evils worked a number of genuine reforms. Council meetings were never without their thrill when Mr. Miller was in the body. He kept the Griffin majority "stepping sideways" with his attacks on their mismanagement. His experience as a business man and as a municipal official fit him particularly to fill the post of City Commissioner. Mr. Miller resides with his wife and children at 1226 Bloomfield street.

ELECT THESE MEN! END GRIFFINISM AND EXTRAVAGANCE! BRING RENTS DOWN!

Citizens' and Rentpayers' League---Candidates For City Commissioners:

WILLIAM P. VERDON

GEORGE H. STEIL

JOHN F. GARDNER

WILLIAM O'NEILL

MAX MILLER

ELECTION, TUESDAY, MAY 13

(Paid for by W. R. Lundy, 1207 Bloomfield Street.)

CANDIDATES SWEAR THEY ARE ALL FRIENDS OF ORGANIZED LABOR UNIONS

William O'Neill and William P. Verdon Made Hit When They Tell Their Records in Supporting Organized Labor, But Some of the Candidates Fail to Satisfy the Labor Inquisitors.

**JOHN F. GARDNER
ONLY ONE ABSENT**

The guns of the Hudson county labor organizations were turned on the fifteen candidates for city commissioners at a meeting held in Eagle Hall, Henderson and Newark streets, Hoboken, last night, when all of the candidates were put through a cross fire on their attitude to organized labor.

John F. Gardner of the Citizens and Rentpayers' League ticket was the only candidate who failed to appear, but William P. Verdon, who heads the ticket of the league, stated that Mr. Gardner employs nothing but union labor in his shop.

Verdon was the first candidate to go to the bat and in a short explanatory statement he conclusively showed that organized labor had been one of his strong points all his life.

"I organized your boilermakers' union and the machinists' union. I was arrested several times," he declared, "when out on strike for higher wages. I don't need to tell you men what my position with regard to labor is. You all know it," and turning his left hand which is minus one finger, he said, "I lost that fighting for organized labor."

Questioned as to what attitude he would assume in the event of hired strikebreakers being brought into the city, Mr. Verdon replied that he was as much against this kind of vermin as he has ever been and that labor could rest assured that every means would be employed to get them in jail—the proper place for them.

William O'Neill was no less emphatic in his stand for labor organizations. "When I was first in the newspaper business there was no organization," he said. "Then we organized and

my brother was a charter member as was my father.

"Although I was a boss when the strike was called I went out with the men. That's how I stand towards labor. When it comes down to the time when I have to employ 'rats' to do my work then I will quit being a boss."

There were no questions asked by other members of the committee.

George Steil and Max Miller, two other candidates on this same ticket, also went through the same process and stated their attitude toward labor.

John Ferguson, of the Independent's ticket, was the first of that aggregation to be quizzed, or at least invited to make known his views as a big employer of labor it was expected that he would be put through a severe cross examination. He simply read to the committee a letter he had received from the Clippers' union. It was to

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the effect that Ferguson's was no scab shop, never had been, and that Mr. Ferguson was always the first to grant an increase when requested by the union.

John Ferguson told how his father came to start in business. "He was president of the union during the big strike, and the boys lost the strike and my father was blackballed, so we had to start a business of our own and that is how we became bosses because we could not get jobs as the result of championing the cause of labor."

When Anthony Capelli on the same ticket got up for his stand before the bar of labor, as that is exactly what it constituted, he got considerably tied up in the question involving the methods to be taken in the event of strikebreakers being brought to Hoboken. He twisted and turned and then did not satisfy the labor men apparently as to what course he might pursue should he become a commissioner.

George Gonzales was on the defensive from the time he answered to his name and his business. Asked what kind of help he employed he replied that he employed men whenever he could get them and paid wages as high and higher than in most places in the county.

"Are you not in a position to get Union help?" he was asked.

"No," was his answer.

"Did you ever make application to the Union for help?"

"I tried to get help from whatever source I could and I have not enough now," was his answer.

The chairman of the committee insisted on tying the candidate down to the admission that he had never applied to the Union for help, but he qualified that by saying the he did not know there was a Union.

"You surely don't mean to make that statement, that you didn't know there was a Union?"

"Well, there is none for my purpose, that is to supply labor for me to conduct my business," he answered.

He admitted that he had been approached by men who said they represented the Union.

The question was put to him point-blank that he ran what is termed an open shop, but the former mayor did not like that designation, and said that he employed labor wherever he could get it and paid as high wages as any other places.

Questioned further, he said the situation as created was very pleasant to him as it was giving his business a boost.

"But incidentally you are a candidate for Commissioner," he was informed by the chairman.

"Oh that is a very secondary consideration," he replied.

"Then we won't need to come and help elect you," answered the chairman.

Kenneth Forbes, another member of the committee, asked Gonzales if it was

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CANDIDATES SAY THEY ARE LABOR'S FRIENDS

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not a fact that during his term at the express strike in Hoboken, he allowed hired guards to ride on the express wagons with night sticks. He said he did not remember it, but the committee insisted it was so.

Herman Henke said that he was in favor of organized labor and was not questioned to any length.

Judge Harry Lange of the same ticket, was heckled as to what action he would take in the event of strikebreakers being taken into a plant in Hoboken, and some legal discussion followed.

Theodore M. Brande, who presided at the affair for the benefit of the five administration candidates, declared that the purpose of the meeting was to secure from the candidates their views on labor matters and was not intended to embarrass anybody.

Mayor Griffin said he was absolutely in favor of labor organizations, that a man was entitled to higher wages when the cost of living increased. "I would like to see employers divide part of their profits with their employees so that the workmen could get a decent and reasonable living."

As to the question of strikebreakers Mayor Griffin said that the first duty of the public is for law and order, and that he was positively against the employment of strikebreakers and would resort to every means of driving them out of the city.

One of the committee asked him if it was not a fact that he allowed police to accompany strikers in the recent shiyards strike, and that he had prevented men from picketing.

This started quite a scene, and the Mayor said he never authorized anything of the kind, and then he charged the member of the committee with being sore because he did not land a job on the fire department, and the committee ruled that it was apparent that the questions were on a personal basis and ruled them out.

Commissioner Schmulling next made his bow to the inquisitorial committee and stated how strong was his attitude in favor of organized labor, and only one member of the committee started to question him, but the question turned out to be a shower of bouquets. The chairman said they were not there to hear personal bouquets thrown around.

Commissioner McFeely, when put to the test, stated clearly that he had refused to allow strikebreakers in the city, had refused to allow policemen to ride on the cars when the trolley strike was in force, and that he was at all times with organized labor.

Questioned as to his attitude in the event of strikebreakers being brought into plants on the river front by boat, Commissioner McFeely made a hit when he declared that he would tear down the fences and have the men arrested on suspicion and if any had criminal records would have them locked up.

Commissioner Londrigan stated his attitude towards organized labor and pointed out when the living increased he raised the pay of the men in the street department. He also stated his strong opposition to strikebreakers and stated that it would be his purpose to see that every effort was taken to prevent their importation and following their importation to have them turned back from where they came.

A similar line was taken by Commissioner Bach.

The inquisitorial body was made up of delegates from the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union. The records of the answers made by the candidates were kept by Kenneth Forbes.

PLEDGE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

The Lambert faction of the Hoboken Republicans have formally endorsed the members of the Citizens' Non-Partisan League for City Commissioners.

The candidates appeared before the members of the Hoboken Republican Club and each made a short address to the members, promising that they would give a faithful administration if elected.

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MAY 5, 1919. Dispatch

O'NEILL MAKES GAINS IN ALL PARTS OF CITY

Makes Canvass of the Fourth
Ward and Receives
Encouragement

SAYS PEOPLE WANT
NEW BLOOD IN BODY

William O'Neill is going around every day in his campaign for commissioner, and the inroads he is making on the machine vote are being realized at headquarters. At a number of affairs he attended with William P. Verdon on Saturday he was given an enthusiastic reception, and yesterday they were making a canvass of the Fourth ward, Commissioner McFeely's stronghold in the city.

"I am more confident now than ever that I will win," said O'Neill, yesterday after a hard day's work. "I have been in several campaigns but have realized before I got in that I was beaten. Now it is different, and when I am elected the people can be sure of one fact and that is that I will be there to represent them and nobody else, and nothing crooked, will be put over while I am a member of that board."

"The people want new blood on that Board of Commissioners and I am going to infuse it. Everywhere I go I get promises of support and those men are in earnest."

O'Neill is one of Hoboken's favorite boys. He has worked himself up from the ground floor and there is no more generous person in the city than himself. Many people have reason to know of his generosity and those things are going to count on election day. "But," said Billy yesterday, "I am not going to the Board of Commissioners to throw away the people's money."

FERGUSON FEELS HE'LL BE LUCKY

John Ferguson feels that he is going to be elected a commissioner a week from to-morrow. "I am not over-confident about it," he says, "but I have that feeling. Anyhow, if I do not get there we are going to make this a real city. You can expect to see things happen, and I never tackled anything but what I put it over."

"I believe the people of Hoboken want me to represent them, and if I

am not elected then I will know to the contrary that the majority do not want me. However, that is going to make no difference, and there will be no personal abuse in my campaign. I don't believe in knocking another fellow down to get his job."

FRAUD IN SEWER IS CHARGE OF MR. VERDON

Declares Crichfield Has
Sold Equipment; Says
Londrigan Is Afraid to
Disclose True Situation
to the People.

"PAID MORE THAN
CONTRACT PRICE"

William P. Verdon charges that a deliberate attempt is being made by the Director of Streets and Public Improvements James H. Londrigan to shield the Hoboken Construction Company in the matter of the sewers in that no effort is being made to complete the sewer construction, and that Crichfield, the president of the corporation, has sold all his apparatus.

"It's as plain as a pikestaff," declared Mr. Verdon. "The sewers have been badly planned, badly constructed, and Crichfield does not intend to finish the job. He has sold all his equipment, and lumber, and there is still six months' work to be done, but he has been already paid more than the original contract price."

"Why has Crichfield sold his equipment and left the job unfinished? Why does not Commissioner Londrigan make it plain to the people what the state of the new sewers are? When they will be completed? And why not a stroke of work has been done on them in two months? There cannot be the excuse made that there is no labor. There is more labor than Mr. Crichfield could handle. Is it that Crichfield does not intend to finish the job?"

"Is he waiting to see if the present Board of Commissioners are re-elected and then go ahead on some plan whereby he will be paid extra, or has he thrown up the sponge altogether, selling out his equipment and calling quits before he has completed his work."

"The people of the city have a right to know if this is so, and if it is, what action is Commissioner Londrigan going to take to see that Crichfield is at least held to his contract to finish the sewers. Perhaps the City Commissioners have no vehicle at present whereby they can appropriate more money to pay the Hoboken Construction Company, and do not want to disclose how they are going to hand over half a million dollars more on a job that has already cost hundreds of thousands more than was called for in the contract. At least they don't want to make any such disclosures with the election so near at hand."

"This is the most outrageous affair that has yet been perpetrated on the city, and still Commissioner Londrigan makes no effort to acquaint the people with the conditions or tell what he is going to do about it. The Director of Public Improvements knows the sewers are a joke, and that the joke has cost the citizens just at present over a million and a quarter and before it is finished it will cost the people two millions, and he is afraid to mention sewers to anybody, far less come out with an open statement to the people as to what the situation now is."

"It is our intention to see that when we are elected that Crichfield will be compelled to complete his job according to specifications and see that he does complete the work within a reasonable time and at the contract price."

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CITIZENS

—OF—

HOBOKEN

Keep Hoboken from the GRASP of the GRASP politicians. One of the issues of this campaign is the TAXES. HIGH TAXES mean HIGH RENTS.

**FOR LOWER TAXES---CLEANER GOVERNMENT
AND BETTER STREETS**

Vote for the Citizens' Non-Partisan League Candidates

ANTHONY CAPELLI

JOHN FERGUSON

GEORGE GONZALES

HERMAN A. HENKE

HARRY W. LANGE

"A PEOPLES' ADMINISTRATION"

You have become tired of the present administration in Hoboken.

They have made good for themselves ONLY. Not for the TAXPAYERS.

The object of Commission Government is to eliminate politics from city affairs.

Why change from one set of Politicians to another?

ENDORSE ALL FIVE COMMISSIONERS FOR RE-ELECTION MAY 13

Hoboken Democratic Committee Unanimously Passes Resolutions Eulogizing Past Four Years of the Present Administration.

WILL WORK FOR THEIR RE-ELECTION

Unanimous endorsement for the five City Commissioners was given at the meeting of the Hoboken City Democratic Committee at 85 Washington street, last night. Each of the five commissioners were present and they made short addresses, outlining their work for the past four years.

After some commendatory remarks had been made by a number of the members of the committee the following set of resolutions were submitted to the secretary, John F. Lewis, and formally placed before the meeting. They received the unanimous vote of the body and were adopted:

"WHEREAS, In the times past and at present the Democratic City Committee of the City of Hoboken has unselfishly sought and now continues to strive for the election to public office in Hoboken of persons pre-eminently qualified, to the end that our City should be intelligently, liberally and economically governed; and inasmuch as the people have witnessed the fulfillment of the pledges and platform principles uttered by the present Board of Commissioners, so be it

"RESOLVED, That we endorse for re-election Mayor Patrick R. Griffin, a resident of the First Ward.

"The same ability and skilfulness with which he administered the workings of the Democratic organization of this city were applied by him to the administration of the city's affairs upon his induction to office. Throughout his term he has been in daily touch with his office and his work. Thoroughly familiar with all branches of the municipal government and the needs of the city, he has within the bounds of law and the recent legislative enactments relating to municipal budgets, expenditures and audits, obtained the greatest possible measure of results and by simple business treatment throughout the stress of the war period caused the development of Hoboken greatly to expend, yet conserving the city's taxes and resources. His experience and the co-operation that necessarily follow his energy and capacity for organization and exhaustive detail are assets which the voters will appreciate.

"We accordingly urge the Democrats and the voters of the entire city to re-elect Patrick R. Griffin Commissioner and do pledge him the loyal support of the Democratic City Committee.

"Be it further resolved that we endorse for re-election Gustav Bach, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, a resident of the Second Ward. He has been the financial administrator of the city for the past four years and through him and his highly-trained assistants has adopted a sound system of book-keeping that won from State Commissioner of Accounts Walter R. Darby his praise as being a model for the municipalities of the state to follow. It was through his intervention that the county tax rate of \$5.41 per \$1,000 or ratables in the City of Hoboken for the year 1918 was set aside and a refund of the 1918 taxes paid to the taxpayers of Hoboken. Time and again his business methods have served the stockholders of our municipal corporation, the people, sums of money totaling thousands of dollars. We solicit the support and votes of the people of Hoboken for Mr. Gustav Bach at the coming election of Commissioners.

"Be it further resolved that we endorse for re-election James H. Londrigan, Director of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, a resident of the Third Ward. His ripened experience as former City Clerk of Hoboken conspicuously fitted him for the arduous labors of his department. His work of repairing and keeping our streets clean and the great accomplishment of completing the Seventh, Eleventh and Fifteen street sewer systems, the agitation for which had been mooted for over a quarter of a century with naught done, signally mark a further stride in his honored career. What has been effectuated by the building of the new sewer system will redound to the greatest benefit to our city.

"We pledge our heartiest support and solicit of the people his re-election.

"Be it further resolved that we endorse for re-election Mr. Bernard N.

McFeely, director of the Department of Public Safety, a resident of the Fourth Ward. Under his administration the fire department has been motorized and brought up to date and to the foremost rank. The fire houses have been rendered sanitary and improved. The improvement in the efficiency in both the police and fire departments best evidence his ability to properly safeguard the lives and property of our citizens. The recent additions to the personnel of the police and fire departments makes such departments, in efficiency, equal to any such in the state.

"Resolved further that we submit our assurance to the voters that by re-electing Mr. Bernard N. McFeely he will continue to merit and deserve their approval.

"Be it further resolved that we endorse for re-election Harry L. Schmulling, Director of the Department of Parks and Public Property, a resident of the Fifth Ward. While Harry Schmulling was elected to the office of Commissioner as an Independent, his entire course of official conduct has been in harmony and unison with his colleagues and free from unworthy partisan bickerings. He has been guided by the true spirit of commission government and has devoted his energies and abilities to the achievement of good government, rather than play politics. He is fairly entitled to re-election. Entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the parks and public property, he has showed an unusual aptitude for such work. Our public parks have undergone great improvement and are now and for several years have been what they should be—beautiful and healthful places of recreation. He has established numerous playgrounds throughout the city, thereby filling a long-felt want and furnishing the children with safe and healthful enjoyment and exercise.

"We therefore pledge him our undivided support and earnestly solicit his re-election.

"And be it further resolved that in the foregoing candidates the city and each of the five wards will find representation in men experienced in office, of known ability and unquestioned integrity, and that all voters are urged to vote in the first choice column for Patrick R. Griffin, Gustav Bach, James H. Londrigan, Bernard N. McFeely and Harry L. Schmulling, as they appear in the bracket, by marking an X with a black lead pencil in the square opposite their respective names."

HOBOKEN DISTRICT LEADER IS HOST

West Hoboken Scene of Dinner
Attended By Hoboken
Officials

Members of the City Commission of Hoboken were the guests of honor last night at a banquet given at Cappelletti's Hall, 619 Paterson avenue, West Hoboken. Mayor Patrick R. Griffin, occupied the seat of honor at the table and at his side sat Commissioners Gustav Bach, James Londrigan, Bernard N. McFeeley and Harry L. Schmulling.

The affair was given by the members of the James Damato Association, of which the popular Democratic committeeman of the Tenth district, Third ward, Hoboken, is standard bearer. Over one hundred persons were in attendance and they certainly enjoyed the appetizing meal.

Camelio Parisio officiated and among the speakers introduced were the five Commissioners and Recorder Adolph Carstens. Others who sat at the guest table were Police Captain Thomas Garlick, Health Inspector Frank Ginty, Personal Tax Collector David Hamilton, Assistant Postmaster Michael Burger and Assessor Edward Barrone.

A HAPPY POSSESSION IS A VICTORY BOND

DON'T DIVIDE YOUR PRINCIPLES ON
MAY 13th—ELECTION DAY

VOTE FOR THE
Democratic Administration Candidates

One Good Term Deserves Another.
Stand By Those Who Have Made Good.

| For Commissioners | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice | Other Choice |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GUSTAV BACH | X | | | |
| PATRICK R. GRIFFIN | X | | | |
| JAMES H. LONDRIGAN | X | | | |
| BERNARD N. McFEELY | X | | | |
| HARRY L. SCHMULLING | X | | | |

YOU MUST VOTE FOR FIVE IN THE FIRST CHOICE COLUMN.
MARK YOUR BALLOT AS INDICATED.

GET A FIFTH SERVICE STRIPE BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE VICTORY LOAN.

Charge to John F. Lewis, 1121 Park Avenue, Hoboken, N. J., Campaign Manager.

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Citizens' Non-Partisan League

ANNOUNCES IN BEHALF OF **JOHN FERGUSON**

THE FOLLOWING:
Unsolicited Letter of Endorsement:

Pattern Makers' Association of New York and Vicinity

John J. Munholland, Business Manager,
George Q. Lynch, Asst. Business Manager,
Commonwealth Bank Building,
Bowery, Cor. Spring Street,
Borough of Manhattan, New York.

New York, May 3rd, 1919.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. John Ferguson, proprietor of the Fox Hill Foundry, 1122 Clinton Street, Hoboken, N. J., is fair to organized labor.

A number of years ago when employed at the trade he was an active member of this association, advocating policies that were the foundation for the conditions of employment which the pattern makers now enjoy.

In negotiating improved conditions of employment I have found Mr. Ferguson to be exceedingly fair.

The membership of this association approve the policy of the American Federation of Labor "Aid your friends, and defeat your enemies." We can therefore heartily indorse Mr. Ferguson and request Organized Labor to support him. I beg to remain,



Very respectfully,

(Signed) JOHN J. MUNHOLLAND,
Manager.

Vote For Our Candidates:
ANTHONY CAPELLI

Continued

**JOHN FERGUSON
GEORGE GONZALES
HERMAN A. HENKE
HARRY W. LANGE**

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

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

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HUDSON DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1919.

A Statement By
William P. Verdon
In Regard to
Harry L. Schmulling

I am a candidate for City Commissioner of Hoboken. It is the first time in my eighteen years of active participation in politics I have sought public office.

Four years ago among the candidates for Commissioner to whom I gave my support was Harry L. Schmulling. He was elected. His actions since he took office constitute one of the principal reasons that moved me to make the race myself this year.

It is through no mere desire to attack or discredit an opposing candidate that I am making this statement. I feel it is an obligation I owe to the people of Hoboken whose votes I am asking for myself and my colleagues on the Citizens' and Rentpayers' Ticket, and many of whom voted for Mr. Schmulling four years ago.

Mr. Schmulling, it will be recalled, was twice elected to the old Common Council from the Second Ward. **On both occasions I managed his campaign. The issues he raised in those campaigns were formulated for him by myself and my advisers. The pledges he made to the people were pledges to do the things I believed the people wanted done.**

When he first took his seat in the Council in January, 1913, he formed a lone minority of one, there being nine Griffin councilmen against him. He continued to look to me for guidance in every step he took. He hewed to the line along the paths I marked out for him, and so loudly and persistently did he voice the rights of the people that a year later we elected two other councilmen, giving us a strong fighting minority of three. Schmulling became minority leader. The ensuing year, still under my guidance, he continued to give battle to the Griffin machine and in November, 1914, he was re-elected, as were two additional members. These, with the three holdovers, appeared to give us six councilmen and to have ended the Griffin control.

It is needless to more than mention the Wallace-Schoenebaum fiasco. That theft of the people's sovereignty is a shameful blot on the escutcheon of the men concerned in it, but no more so than the later defection from his professed principles of the man I am dealing with in this statement.

The voters took the only course open to them after the Wallace-Schoenebaum affair and adopted commission government. Mr. Schmulling, at my instance and with my whole-hearted support, became a candidate for Commissioner.

I distinctly remember a cartoon published in the campaign four years ago in which Mr. Schmulling's opponents pictured and labeled him as "Verdon's Straw Man." They called him my straw man because they knew, and there was no secret about it, that he had consistently followed my advice as to the things he should do in the old Common Council.

And the things he did in the Council were the things the people wanted him to do. He did nothing that was for my personal benefit and I never asked him to. The record he made in the Council, under my guidance, was the record that won him his election as City Commissioner.

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Then Mr. Schmulling, with two years of splendid service behind him, fell for the temptations that were laid out to him. He became part and parcel of the Griffin machine. He has voted in the Commission with the four other Griffin men for every piece of jobbery, including the nefarious sewer contracts, that has been perpetrated. He has been on with the men he formerly so loudly denounced and has joined them in doing the very things he was wont to denounce them for doing. It was not me whom Mr. Schmulling betrayed.

It Was the People Who Elected Him

When Mr. Schmulling was fighting the Griffin machine our opponents called him "Verdon's straw man." That was because, under my guidance, Mr. Schmulling was the spokesman of the people and was continually throwing the light of publicity on the evil things in the Griffinized City Hall. That is also the reason the Griffin Commissioners set out to induce Mr. Schmulling to desert the people. Griffin didn't need his vote in the Commission, but he wanted to silence him and shut off publicity.

There is the difference between Schmulling, "Verdon's straw man" of 1915—and Schmulling, Griffin's acquiescent tool of the last four years.

I do not know what inducement Mr. Schmulling received for turning his back on the people. There is always some inducement for treachery. Judas Iscariot, Benedict Arnold, Bolo Pasha attest that. But I do know that the other City Commissioners who offered the inducement to Schmulling, whatever it was, are as blame-worthy as he is. If there were no receivers of stolen goods there would be little thievery. If there were none to offer inducement to public officials to forget their pledges there would be fewer betrayers of the public.

Wallace and Schoenebaum, of unfragrant memory, had at least the decency to hang their heads after they carried out their deal with Griffin and have never since appeared before the public.

Mr. Schmulling is less sensitive. After carrying out his deal with Griffin for four years he is now a candidate for re-election on the Griffin ticket.

I repeat that that fact is largely responsible for my being a candidate for City Commissioner. I stand for the same principles I have always stood for, the same things Mr. Schmulling, under my guidance, stood for when he was minority leader in the Council.

In or out of office I will continue to stand for those principles. I will again turn on the light of publicity that was extinguished when Mr. Schmulling succumbed to the inducements of his tempters. I will not run away from the people who trust me to be their servant and their spokesman.

William P. Verdon

CITIZENS' AND RENTPAYERS' LEAGUE CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONERS:

WILLIAM P. VERDON

WILLIAM O'NEILL

JOHN F. GARDNER

GEORGE H. STEIL

MAX MILLER

**Elect These Men! End Griffinism and Extravagance!
Bring Down Rents!**

ELECTION, TUESDAY, MAY 13th

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

CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

"A Peoples' Administration"

Headquarters: 626 Washington Street, Hoboken, N. J.

Citizens of Hoboken

We pledge ourselves to stop the present evil and cruel political system that forces a public employe to contribute a part of his salary to perpetuate a political machine in power.

No policeman, fireman or city employe will be forced to contribute to campaign funds. He will be expected simply to do his duty and we will protect him from any form of extor-

tion rather than make him the victim of it.

Every city employe will be protected from all forms of extortion or intimidation and asked only to do his duty and really earn his salary.

Promotions in the police and fire departments will be made according to service and ability of the man instead of favoritism or political pull.

Vote For Our Candidates:

| For Commissioners: | DESIGNATION | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice | Other Choice |
|--------------------|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| ANTHONY CAPELLI | Citizens' Non-Partisan League, People's Administration | X | | | |
| JOHN FERGUSON | | X | | | |
| GEORGE GONZALES | | X | | | |
| HERMAN A. HENKE | | X | | | |
| HARRY W. LANGE | | X | | | |

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CITIZENS' AND RENTPAYERS' LEAGUE

Candidates for City Commissioners:

William P. Verdon

William O'Neill

John F. Gardner

George H. Steil

Max Miller

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The Sewer Griffin Built

Do You Know—

That although the Hoboken Construction Co. contracted to build the Seventh, Eleventh and Fifteenth street sewers for \$970,222.11, Commissioners Griffin, Bach, Londrigan, McFeely and Schmulling have already voted payments to the company of \$1,300,000, and the job is not yet two-thirds completed?

That the contracts entered into between the company and the Commissioners, supposedly representing the city, contain no time limit for the completion of the work?

That the company has sold its equipment and not done a lick of work on the uncompleted sewers in two months?

That, insofar as it is finished, the job is botch work, superintended by men who knew nothing about sewer building, and that much of it will have to be done over again at an immense added expense before the sewers will be of any practical use?

That the flush tanks costing \$150,000, which were supposed to flush the sewage to the river, are nothing more than so many cesspools, full of stagnant water, and a menace to public health?

That this last is true because the builders of the sewers were evidently unaware of the elementary axiom of mechanics that water will not run up hill without some driving force?

That the only way to overcome this difficulty will be to install a pumping station at an additional cost of from \$150,000 to \$200,000?

That the storm water catch basins scattered over the vicinity of Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets are from two to three feet ABOVE street level, so that the only way storm water could drain into the basins would be for it to jump into them?

That these basins will remain useless unless all these five streets are regraded at another additional outlay of from \$250,000 to \$300,000?

That William T. S. Crichfield, head of the Hoboken Construction Co., is in the street paving business (you will recall his paving of Washington St. at a profit of \$45,000 in excess of a fair figure) and that there may possibly have been method in the madness of setting the catch basins above the present street level?

Do You Know These Things, Mr. Hoboken Voter?

They are all true, everyone of them. With other vital facts regarding the sewers, which will be revealed in succeeding articles, they were uncovered during a recent inspection by Albert T. Stillman, a graduate mechanical engineer, accompanied by a practical expert in sewer building.

Are you going to sanction the continuance of this way of squandering your money, of lining the pockets of pet contractors, **WHILE RENTS AND TAXES SOAR?**

Or are you going to say next Tuesday to Patrick R. Griffin, who bosses every act of the present City Commission; to James H. Londrigan, who, as Director of Streets and Public Improvements, is directly responsible for the manner in which the work has been performed, and to Gustav Bach, Bernard N. McFeely and Harry L. Schmulling, not one of whom has ever raised a voice in protest against the jobbery—

"GET OUT! We've Had Enough of You!"

Don't you think Schmulling, in the campaign four years ago, **WHEN HE WAS AGAINST GRIFFIN**, hit the nail on the head when he said:

"Is there an honest man in Hoboken who wants Griffin and McFeely to build the Million Dollar Sewers?"

The remedy, Mr. Voter, is in your hands. There is one way, and only one, to beat the Griffin ticket. Do not throw your votes away on candidates that have no chance to win. If you are against the Griffin ticket, vote for the candidates of the

CITIZENS' AND RENTPAYERS' LEAGUE:

WILLIAM P. VERDON

WILLIAM O'NEILL

JOHN F. GARDNER

GEORGE H. STEIL

MAX MILLER

Elect These Men! End Griffinism and Extravagance! Bring Rents Down!

**Election: Tuesday, May 13. Mass Meeting, Friday Night
at St. Mary's Hall**

Dispatch
May, 8, 1919,

"BILLY" O'NEILL MEETING FAVOR EVERYWHERE

Invades Bailiwicks of Demo-
crats and Republicans In
Vote Search

POPULAR WITH YOUNG
MEN OF THE CITY

A candidate who seems to meet favor most everywhere he goes is "Billy" O'Neill, one of the members of the Citizens' and Rentpayers' ticket.

No matter whether it is in a Republican bailiwick or a Democratic stronghold in the city, "Billy" O'Neill



WILLIAM O'NEILL

Leading Independent Candidate for
City Commissioner.

and his warm smile receive a hearty welcome.

A hustler is that fellow O'Neill, too. First in one part of the city, then in another, and while the night is still young he is just as liable to be renewing acquaintances at just the opposite end of the city from that in which he started.

The young men of the city are strongly backing O'Neill. But his wide circle of friends is not confined to young or old, Democrat or Republican. "They all like 'Billy' O'Neill," as one of his supporters declared last night.

Throughout the city, backers of the three tickets have turned their eyes to "Billy" O'Neill, whom they are picking as a sure winner.

But it is not only "Billy's" winning, but it is the fact that people believe in him that is causing him to gain supporters wherever he goes. They believe that he will keep his promises if elected to office.

O'Neill, who has an army of newsboys in Hoboken boosting his candidacy for Commissioner, got a big reception at several meetings he attended in the First Ward, Hoboken, last night, when he was greeted by hundreds of Hoboken voters and assured of their support next Tuesday.

O'Neill has an army of willing workers on his staff and they are confident of securing his return to the Board of Commissioners.

At the Grand View hall last night he was met by the employers of the W. and A. Fletcher works on the occasion of the Welfare Association's entertainment and dance and was enthusiastically received.

"Nothing can stop me from winning now," declared Billy O'Neill yesterday. "And you can expect to see something interesting at every meeting of the city commissioners. I am running to uphold certain principles and they will be rigidly carried out when I am made commissioner."

At the dance and entertainment of the Patrick McBride Association of the Fourth Ward, Hoboken, which was held in the New Amsterdam hall, West Hoboken, last night, O'Neill was given another big reception. He was accompanied by William P. Verdon who was also well received. "O'Neill is a sure thing for commissioner," was the remark heard all around.

Verdon claims that the betting men in Hoboken and throughout the county are asking odds of 7 to 5 that he will be elected.

MAYOR GRIFFIN IS CONFIDENT OF FULL TICKET

Makes First Address of Campaign at Meeting of Podesta Assn.

ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION ON HAND AT MEETING

The first meeting in Hoboken held for the Administration candidates was under the auspices of the Victor Podesta Association, at 801 Willow avenue, last night, when all five candidates appeared and were given a good reception.

The hall was crowded to the doors and Thomas Kealy, president of the



MAYOR GRIFFIN

Who Is Confident That Full Administration Ticket Will Be Re-Elected.

organization, conducted the meeting.

Mayor Griffin made the first announcement of the campaign when he spoke at this meeting, saying:

"There is no question about the results of this election. During the past four years we gave you the best government that we were capable of, and you will get the same again for another four years.

"There is practically no opposition to the return of the present members of the Board of Commissioners for the simple reason that they cannot point to anything we have accomplished which was not carried out in the best interests of the city."

McFeely Confident.

Each of the Commissioners in turn gave a brief address. Commissioner McFeely, who was greeted with "Atta boy, Barney," declared that it was with perfect confidence that he appeared before them after four years to again solicit their support.

Londrigan Talks.

Commissioner James H. Londrigan said: "Your interests have been our consideration during the past four years. Four years ago we made certain pledges and we have carried them out. The sewer system has been all but completed. The three main sewers are completed and now in operation."

Bach Well Received.

Commissioner Gustav Bach was well greeted and made a brief speech in line with the remarks made by the speakers preceeding him.

Schmulling Praises Co-Workers.

Commissioner Harry L. Schmulling, who was also very well received, said: "In my four years' experience with my colleagues, working with them, I have come to recognize that they are able, honest and conscientious officials. They have approved of the improvements carried out in the park given me every assistance. Their work in their own departments has been beyond reproach."

A social session followed the meeting. Several singers contributed to the program. Joe Sheeran, vice-president of the club, made a speech, and "Pete" Murray also made an address.

The four Commissioners also appeared at the Grant Club, at 800 Madison street, last night and got a good reception. "Bill" Davis, the president of this organization, gave the Commissioners a handful of compliments in introducing them to the members of the club.

COMMISSIONERS CONFIDENT OF THEIR ELECTION

McFeely Declares Efficiency of
His Departments
Will Count

MORAN ASSOCIATION WILL ENDORSE THEM

Commissioner Bernard N. McFeely is the most confident of the Hoboken City Commissioners about the entire Administration ticket going over on election day by a huge majority. While all of them believe that the Administration ticket is a sure winner McFeely places the majority of the lowest man on the ticket at 2,000 above the highest men of the other ten candidates.

"The people have had such an excellent administration during the last four years, seeing an efficient police department put into effect," said the Commissioner yesterday, "a modern

fire department established in the city, that I am firmly convinced the people are not going to make a change now, and will return the five Commissioners with an overwhelming vote."

SCHMULLING IS PROUD OF HIS PARK RECORD

Believes Public Is Satisfied
With the City's Play-
grounds Too

EXPECTS COMMISSION TO BE RE-ELECTED

Commissioner Harry L. Schmulling, one of the administration candidates for re-election, says that it is with confidence he appears before the voters and asks them for re-election for another term on the record he has made as Director of Parks and Buildings.

"When I was assigned to the Parks Department," he says, "on being elect-



HARRY SCHMULLING

Candidate for City Commissioner of
Hoboken.

ed to the board of commissioners four years ago, I set out to make the parks natural beauty spots in the city. I think I have only to ask the people to look at the parks today and realize their splendid condition to show that my handling of that section of my department has been in the best interests of the city and the residents.

"To provide playgrounds for the children of the city, places where they could be amused in healthful exercise and taken off the streets and away from the increasing dangers of automobile traffic was another thing I realized was imperative when I assumed office. I surmounted the difficulty of purchasing by securing the consent of owners of vacant property to turn it over until wanted by them, to the department.

"In this way I have been able to provide playgrounds in sections of the city where they were most needed, and more playgrounds will be opened before long. In the improvements required in connection with the work of the department, I have secured the assistance of the other four members of the commission, who have been as conscientious as myself in the handling of their departments.

"In all we have tried to follow out the spirit of Commission Government, eliminating small, partisan bickerings, sinking such things for the good of the city, and the result has been thoroughly justified.

"Because of those and other accomplishments, I believe that the people of Hoboken are not going to make any change in their commissioners at this time. It is with satisfaction that I look back on the work that has been accomplished and with no misgivings for the continuance of this work in the future."

COURT MAY ISSUE 2,000 WARRANTS

For Arrest of Persons Who
May Attempt to Vote In
Hoboken Tuesday

That applications had been made to Judge Doherty to issue 2,000 warrants, was a report in Hoboken yesterday.

When Judge Doherty was asked if that were so, he said it was, but would not state on whose application.

According to Judge Doherty, evidence secured by the Bureau of Elections, connected with the Prosecutor's office, shows that an attempt may be made by hundreds to vote illegally and the warrants asked for are to forestall

He declared that he would issue many warrants as the facts brought before him would justify. The warrants are to be used, it is said to arrest those who attempt to vote illegally, at the various polling places. Judge Doherty, as previously stated in the Dispatch, will sit at the city hall, Hoboken, Tuesday, to see that all the laws governing the election are enforced, and to take summary action against any irregularities. He stated yesterday he would sit from the time the polls open in the morning until they close at 7 o'clock at night.

EXPECT O'NEILL WILL BE FIRST AMONG WINNERS

Given Ovation at Tiscornia
Association's Meeting
As Elsewhere

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS GIVE HIM ENDORSEMENT

"Will" O'Neill is piling up the votes in his campaign for commissioner and the nearer election day comes, the more certain are his boosters that he will end away up among the winners. In fact, it is asserted that it will be a fight between him and "Barney" McFeely for first place.

At the Tiscornia Association meeting at Second and Jackson streets, last night, O'Neill was given a wonderful reception, and if this meeting alone is any criterion of how the election will go it shows a big place for O'Neill on the first five.

After the Podesta meeting on Thursday night O'Neill was invited to the association rooms, was carried in by the crowd and placed on a barrel when it was demanded he make a speech.

He has received a letter from the Longshoremen's Union to attend a meeting to be held at 107 Washington street on Saturday night when he is to be endorsed for Commissioner. The longshoremen on duty at night have also invited him to meet them on Sunday morning at the same place when they will pledge him their support.

The John J. Gaynor Association has arranged to take O'Neill under their wing and will give him an endorsement. That he will finish high up among the winners is the feeling in many sections of the city, according to those who have been around with him and have sensed the feeling of the voters.

EX-JUDGE LANGE IS EXPECTING A VICTORY

Says There Is Strong Undercurrent Against Present Administration

Ex-Judge Harry W. Lange, who is one of the candidates on the so-called Fergusson ticket, believes that there is going to be a big political upset in Ho-



EX-JUDGE HARRY W. LANGE.
Independent Candidate for City Commissioner in Hoboken.

boken next Tuesday, and that there will be a new regime in the city after the votes are counted.

"I have been going around a great deal," declared Judge Lange, "in making a canvass of the city, and I find there is a great undercurrent of dissatisfaction against the present administration. The people are tired of this sort of thing, and I do not believe, from what I hear, that they are going to turn from one political machine to another. I believe that the people are going to get rid of both machines and start municipal business with a new set of business men."

Judge Lange has been making a very extensive canvass, and has met a great many people from every ward in the city. He is not canvassing for himself alone, but for his running mates as well.

STEIL MAKING GREAT CANVASS IN HOBOKEN

Former Mayor Going From House to House In His Thorough Manner

Probably the most extensive house-to-house canvass ever made in Hoboken is being made by ex-Mayor George H. Steil, one of the independent candidates for City Commissioner in Hoboken. Mayor Steil's campaign has not been a matter of a few days past, for he



GEORGE STEIL

Independent Candidate for City Commissioner in Hoboken.

has been working for weeks, in fact for months.

He is a campaigner of the old school, and in his day he was a far better campaigner, along those lines, than any of his contemporaries. Today he is capable of meeting and calling by name more men, most likely, than any other man in the city, for he never forgets a name or a face.

Mayor Steil is not making an expensive canvass, for he never got rich out of politics, and he has to meet the people in his simple, personal way.

Mayor Steil served two terms as Mayor in Hoboken, having defeated Dr. Joseph Stack in 1905, while in 1907 he defeated Maurice J. Stack and Arthur K. Bonta in a memorable three-cornered fight. The strange fact is that in 1905 William P. Verdon, who is now running with him for City Commissioner, was managing Dr. Stack's campaign against him, while in 1907 Mayor Griffin, whose ticket Steil is opposing, was just breaking in as a new leader, and Griffin's management of the Steil campaign was his first big effort as leader.

Before serving as Mayor Mr. Steil served five terms in the old Common Council, and two terms in the Board of Education. It was through his influence that the teachers received their first general increase in salary, while he was Mayor.

FIVE MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Griffin and Running Mates Visit and Speak Many Times In Course of Night

**OTHER SPEAKERS ARE
HEARD AT THEM TOO**

Five meetings were attended by the administration candidates in Hoboken last night, the principal one being at Vase's Hall, Second and Adams streets which was held under the auspices of the Progressive Democratic Club of Hoboken which had already endorsed Mayor Griffin, Commissioners McFeely, Londrigan, Bach and Schmulling for re-election.

More than 300 persons attended the rally last night and were addressed by Counselor William A. Kavanagh, former Assemblyman Samuel Hirschberg, Myron Ernst of Jersey City, and the five Commissioners.

Sol Lubash was chairman of the proceedings and in a short introduction he referred to the able administration of the five men seeking re-election and urged everybody present to see that they voted a straight ticket.

Counselor Kavanagh made a wonderful speech and made his a very strong appeal.

Mayor Speaks First.

The Commissioners when they arrived at the meeting were greeted with great applause. Mayor Griffin was the first to speak and he thanked the members of the Progressive Democratic Club for the support they had accorded him in the past and pointed out that the attitude of the Board of Commissioners would be the same to the people in the future as it had been in the past. He said there were no issues to talk on. They had given the city a good administration, he said, and he had no fear of the future.

Commissioner "Barney" McFeely was given a big reception also, and in a short talk he spoke of the improvements which had been accomplished in the Department of Public Safety during the past four years.

Commissioners Londrigan, Bach and Schmulling were also accorded good receptions when they delivered short addresses to the gathering.

At the Charles Cappelli Association at Fourth and Monroe streets the Commissioners had another noisy reception, Commissioner McFeely particularly being accorded a big ovation.



Captain "Jack" Barry, Father of the American Navy, was approached during the Revolutionary War by the British to desert the Colonies. Barry's reply goes ringing down the halls of time: "All the British gold in the world would not cause me to desert George Washington"!

I believe that an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

"Billy" O'Neill was Assessor of Taxes during my candidacy for Sheriff of Hudson County. If he supported me, he would lose his position. O'Neill never wavered; ever loyal to his friends, he resigned his place and his unselfish and intelligent work went far in winning my fight.

I am under heavy obligations to the people of Hoboken, but I believe that I can cancel some of the debt by urging the election of William J. O'Neill as Commissioner.

Newsboy in his youth, when other lads of his tender years were in school, so that he might aid in supporting his family. Energy, honesty and capacity won for him success in business life; but success never drew him away from his boyhood friends. Courteous, generous, honest and loyal is "Billy" O'Neill, and these are the qualities that Americans desire in their public servants.

I ask my friends in Hoboken to give to William J. O'Neill that same loyal support which they so generously extended to me.

EUGENE F. KINKEAD.

(Paid for by Eugene F. Kinkead).

EVENING, MAY 9, 1919.

2,000 WARRANTS FOR "FLOATERS" IN HOBOKEN

Judge Doherty Will Issue Them to Stop Illegal Voting Tuesday.

That Judge Richard Doherty will issue 2,000 warrants for the arrest of alleged illegal registrants in Hoboken was the report at the Court House to-day. The warrants will be served if the men attempt to vote at the commission government election Tuesday.

Judge Doherty stated in an interview that application had been made for the warrants, but declined to disclose the identity of the person who requested the action. It is understood, however, that William P. Verdon and his colleagues on one of the anti-Griffin tickets are the moving parties in the plan to keep illegal voters out of the polling places.

It was stated that the information regarding the "floaters" is contained in the records of Prosecutor Garven's Bureau of Elections. Director Thomas A. Loughran, Jr., says that he knows of no such set of facts.

In connection with the elections in Hoboken and Bayonne the County Board of Elections will sit in the Court House to add names to the registry lists to-morrow. Names of Bayonne voters who failed to come out at the regular fall election were added yesterday.

But the board was powerless to act for Hoboken because City Clerk Haggerty refused to turn over the registry books, saying that he had already sent them to the district boards of election. Col. James E. Pope, chairman of the county board, reported the matter to Judges James W. McCarthy, John A. Blair and Richard Doherty.

The judges held a hearing yesterday afternoon and City Counsel John J. Fallon, appearing for the City Commissioners, argued that the county board has no authority to add names before a commission government election. Only the citizens who voted last fall are entitled to vote Tuesday, he stated.

Following a conference the judges decided that Mr. Fallon was in error and that Col. Pope and his colleagues had authority to add names to the lists. City Clerk Haggerty, therefore, was ordered to produce the books so that the board may fulfill its functions to-morrow, which is the last registry day.

CANDIDATES TO HOLD MASS MEETING

The first big mass meeting to be held by any of the candidates is scheduled for tonight at O. L. G. hall, when the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League candidates, William P. Verdon, William O'Neill, John F. Gardner, George Steil and Max Miller, will make their appeal for the suffrage of the voters of Hoboken, to help elect them City Commissioners.

Captain Marlan Besson is chairman of the meeting, and in addition to the candidates there will be a number of other prominent speakers on hand.

JUDGES CONFER AT LENGTH ON ELECTION CASE

County Board Received Decision Too Late to Act Yesterday

HOBOKEN REGISTRARS MUST TURN OVER BOOKS

The Hudson County Board of Registry and Elections was at sea all day yesterday with the result that no names were added to or erased from the registry books containing the names of Hoboken men entitled to vote Tuesday. The county board added and erased a number of names from the Bayonne registry books, as the city clerk in that municipality had surrendered them on order of the board.

But City Clerk Daniel Haggerty, of Hoboken, notified the board that he did not have the registry books, so President James E. Pope secured a court order directing him to produce them in court yesterday morning.

Corporation Counsel John J. Fallon, of Hoboken, appeared for Mr. Haggerty. Judges James W. McCarthy, John A. Blair and Richard Doherty heard the case.

Mr. Fallon claimed that Mr. Haggerty did not have the books, as they were in possession of the various district election boards in Hoboken. He also claimed that an amendment to the election laws passed in 1917 took from the County Board of Registry and Election the power to add or erase names from the registry books.

The judges reserved decision. Late in the afternoon it was announced by Judge Doherty that the judges had decided the county board had the power it claimed, and could summon the books from the various election districts. Though the county board received the decision too late to act yesterday, the various district elec-

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JUDGES CONFER UPON ELECTION CASES

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tion boards in Hoboken will be ordered today to turn them over to the county board, so that names may be added and erased tomorrow, when the county board again sits for the purpose.

*Dispatch
May 9, 1919*

CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN —LEAGUE—

"A PEOPLE'S ADMINISTRATION"

Headquarters: 626 Washington Street, Hoboken, N. J.

Vote For Our Candidates:

| For Commissioners: | DESIGNATION | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice | Other Choice |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ANTHONY CAPELLI | Citizens' Non-Partisan League, People's Administration | X | | | |
| JOHN FERGUSON | | X | | | |
| GEORGE GONZALES | | X | | | |
| HERMAN A. HENKE | | X | | | |
| HARRY W. LANGE | | X | | | |

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

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

O'NEILL GETS A TREMENDOUS DEMONSTRATION

Big Crowd at O. L. G. Hall
Cheers Popular
Candidate

MAKES FLYING TRIP THROUGHOUT CITY

William O'Neill, candidate for Commissioner of the Citizens' and Rent-payers' League ticket, is making a whirlwind campaign and intends to keep up the pace to the close of the campaign. He made a flying trip through the First Ward again last night and touched at several meetings in the Fourth Ward.

At a big mass meeting in O. L. G. hall he was met with a tremendous ovation and the crowd stood up and cheered for him for several minutes. This demonstration showed O'Neill's popularity in Hoboken and was evidence of the big vote which he expects to get on Tuesday.

At the affair of the Sheridan Club at St. Joseph's hall, he got another big reception, and he was also at the White-Monaco-Dundee dance at the Lyric hall.

"I am going to win," he declared, "and I am not going to be the fifth man either. And when I take my seat on the Board of Commissioners," he told the crowd, "you will be able to come and see me at my office in the City Hall just the same as you can come and see me at my business office on Park avenue, now."

O'Neill, apparently, is growing stronger every day.



ANTHONY CAPELLI

Independent Democrat, Candidate for
City Commissioner in Hoboken.

CAPELLI ENDORSED BY ITALIAN CLUB

300 Members On Hand Pledge
Support; Whole Fergusson
Ticket Endorsed

If Anthony Capelli gets even a fair vote in the uptown wards of Hoboken he is going to be a very strong candidate next Tuesday, according to general predictions, for he will undoubtedly poll a tremendous vote in the lower wards where he is well known.

Mr. Capelli has been a power in the political world for the past twenty-five years and has been in the Democratic County Committee longer than any other member. He has always been an organization Democrat and still considers himself as such, though he has broken with Mayor Griffin for a period of about five years.

The break came about during the last year of the administration of

Mayor Cooke before Commission Government. When Cooke and Griffin broke, Capelli was in the Police Board, and when things became acute he went with the Mayor and has been a close friend of him ever since.

Ex-Mayor Cooke is now an ardent worker for Capelli and the whole Fergusson ticket.

The Italo-American Democratic Club has given Mr. Capelli an endorsement, this action having been taken at a meeting on Thursday night when there were 300 members on hand.

Mr. Capelli addressed the meeting and urged that the members support not only him, but every one of his running mates, John Fergusson, Herman Henke, Harry W. Lange and George Gonzales.

The entire ticket was endorsed and the members are working hard for their election.

ADMINISTRATION TICKET GIVEN A BIG OVATION

Old Time Rally Planned For
Tonight at O. L. G.
Hall

RED FIRE AND PARADE MUSIC, ETCETERA

The Administration candidates had another crowded night of campaigning in Hoboken last night when they were well received wherever they went. Mayor Griffin and Commissioners McFeely, Londrigan, Bach and Schmulling opened the evening at the mass meeting held by the Edward Moran Association at Ferry and Madison streets.

An endorsement for the entire administration ticket was given by the association and speeches were delivered by Corporation Attorney John J. Fallon, Counselor William Hanley, and William A. Kavanagh, while the City Commissioners also made short addresses.

At the meeting of the Cardinale Association at Seventh and Monroe streets they were given another ovation, while a big gathering assembled at the John F. Lewis Association at Eleventh street and Willow avenue, where Jugovich's hall was crowded to the doors.

The Commissioners also attended the dance and cabaret show of the Sheridan Club at St. Joseph's Hall and the White-Monaco-Dundee affair at Lyric Hall.

Mayor Griffith stated that he was well satisfied with the progress of events, and is as confident as ever of the success of the entire five administration candidates.

A big mass meeting will be held by the Administration candidates tonight at Our Lady of Grace Church hall, Fifth street and Willow avenue. John F. Lewis, manager of the campaign, has planned to make this the final word of the campaign and Hoboken will be aroused with all its old time political red fire.

Several parades of different organizations will be held throughout the city, the biggest of which will be that of the McFeely Association which will march to the hall in a body.

Leo Healy will be the principal speaker, while John Joseph McGovern will be chairman. Corporation Attorney John J. Fallon, Recorder Adolph Carsten, Counselor William A. Kavanagh, and Counselor Hanley as well as the City Commissioners will make speeches.

In addition a fine entertainment program has been arranged and among those who will contribute are Elinor Kern, violinist, the famous Shanley trio, George Robinson, soloist, and Ray and George Perry, banjoists.

HUDSON DISPATCH,

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 1919.

O'NEILL THE RIGHT MAN.

No matter who is elected in Hoboken next Tuesday, the taxpayers need a man of William J. O'Neill's type in the City Commission. He is not much of a politician, but he is enough of one not to be easily fooled. Moreover, he is stubborn enough to remain an "outsider," so far as the rest of the politicians are concerned, far as long as four years.

There are very few men who would be able to play a lone hand for four years, if they happened to be elected to a lone minority, but O'Neill is just that type of man. He would rather be right and lonesome than wrong and popular.

The strange part of it is that from present indications he will be swept into office, probably by the largest vote of any man on any ticket—a very unusual thing for Hoboken.

EVIDENCE OF JUDGE DOHERTY IS PROBED

But Officials Declare It Is Too Meagre for Summary Action; Some of 'Phone Numbers In Offices of Reputable Business Men; Doherty Admits Some 'Phone Contracts Erroneously Included

BELIEVES 'PHONES NOW ARE LAWFULLY USED

An anti-climax was reached in the expose of racetrack gambling in Jersey City and Hoboken by Judge Doherty, yesterday.

Instead of evidence being furnished by Judge Doherty that would lead to sensational developments, officials receiving the evidence declared it was too meagre for summary action.

Judge Doherty met Mayor Frank Hague and Mayor Patrick Griffin yesterday morning, as had been arranged at the hearing Thursday afternoon, when Judge Doherty promised to furnish the two mayors evidence that some 75 gambling houses were in operation in the two cities. A rather stormy session occurred in the judge's chambers during which the two mayors furnished with a list of numbers of telephones, alleged to have been used in receiving news of the races for gambling purposes.

Judge Doherty did not disclose just what evidence he had that made him suspect the parties using those telephones to be gamblers.

Investigation of the numbers was immediately begun by the officials of the two cities, while Assistant Prosecutor James F. Clark continued an investigation of the parties named in the 116 telephone contracts impounded by Judge Doherty last Wednesday.

Some of the telephones in Judge Doherty's list were found to be in offices of business men of the highest standing in Jersey City.

In reference to the telephone numbers given out, Judge Doherty yesterday afternoon stated:

"I am glad to note the alacrity of the officials in locating respectable places and the public may be interested in the zeal that they display in respect to the others. No doubt they will find that all the telephones to which I have called their attention are now used for legal purposes, if at all.

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EVIDENCE OF JUDGE DOHERTY IS PROVED

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"Should this be so, the police departments need give their attention only to the future use to which they are put, and if they do not bestow such attention, I will do so myself."

Judge Doherty declared that he had told the officials of Hoboken and Jersey City that several of the telephone numbers which he had turned over to them were with parties who did not use telephones for receiving of racetrack news for gambling purposes. He said he particularly called their attention to the contracts for the telephones in the office of Carlyle Garrison at 75 Montgomery street, Ethel Scott, nurses' employment bureau, 143 Montgomery street, both of Jersey City. Judge Doherty said that these with other contracts were erroneously included with those impounded for use in gambling, and that he so told the officials. As for Zussman and Smith, truck builders, at 191 Van Vorst street, Judge Doherty said that he had received specific complaints against them.

O'NEILL GETS AN OVATION AT BIG VERDON MEETING

Aggressive Independent Tells
What He Will Do If
Elected

VERDON ASSAILS THE ADMINISTRATION

It was a crowded hall of listeners that waited in the O. L. G. Hall, Hoboken, last night to hear William P. Verdon, William O'Neill, John F. Gardner, George Steil and Max Miller speak, the first big meeting of the campaign.

Captain Albert Stillman made a strong speech on the issues of the sewer job and Judge Archbold, of Kearny, made some humorous remarks about the present commissioners and conditions.

District Court Judge J. Raymond Miffany, of Hoboken, was chairman instead of Captain Harlan Besson, who would not appear, as he is in Washington attending a meeting of the Foreign Legion.

Ovation for O'Neill

William O'Neill, the first of the candidates to address the gathering, was given a wild reception and he gave a talk straight from the shoulder, telling the people in no uncertain terms what he intended to do when he assumed office. He paid his thanks to a Hoboken newspaper for not print-



WILLIAM P. VERDON
Republican Leader Who Made His First
Speech of Campaign Last Night.

ing his name in its columns, as he believed that would help more than anything else to elect him.

Max Miller severely arraigned the City Commissioners for what he termed their "four years of mismanagement," and he also took a slam at Commissioner Schmulling, declaring that he had been a traitor not only to William P. Verdon, but also to the people of the city.

Verdon's First Speech

William P. Verdon was enthusiastically received when he arose to speak. Mr. Verdon said:

"I want to be a commissioner of Hoboken. I am not indulging in any office-seeking-the-man pose. I want to be a commissioner because I believe I can render some service of value to this city of ours. That will be my only aim when I am elected, and I want to tell you if my eighteen years in politics in Hoboken has taught me anything about judging public sentiment, my colleagues on the Citizens' and Rentpayers' League ticket and myself are going to win next Tuesday by a most emphatic majority.

Would Be Publicity Agent

"I want to be your publicity agent in the city hall. Most of you know my tactics pretty well. You know when I hit I hit hard, and when I'm in the city hall as your champion I'll knock for the count every shady, questionable, crooked proposition that selfish interests try to perpetrate.

"The people of Hoboken have had so little to say about their government during the past four years. One reason they have had so little to say about it is that they have known next to nothing about what was going on here. The five present commissioners have joined themselves into a league

of silence to keep the people in the dark. I am going to throw a spotlight into the dark places in that city hall and keep it there.

Summarizes Issues

"You know the issues. The details of the sewer jobs, the overloaded payrolls, the high rents that have followed in the wake of extravagance in the city hall have been threshed out in the newspapers, and by other speakers. I will not burden you with repeating them.

"I am going to leave you with just this thought: When you send me to the city hall as your commissioner I am going to fight for you just as hard and just as unceasingly as I ever in my life fought for anyone or anything else I believed in."

George Steil and John F. Gardner were well received and made a good impression on the audience, although it was after eleven o'clock before they got an opportunity to talk.