



National Democrat.

RAHWAY, N. J., May 21st, 1888.

The nomination of Hon. Geo. W. Savage as county clerk, was confirmed by the U. S. Senate last week.

The Plaintiff's Rep. says: "The fact is, there are too many men with 'big heads' in the G. O. P., who wish to boss the party for their own aggrandizement."

Of the thirty-five Republican members of the Assembly of this state only eighteen were present to vote for the local option bill. And yet the leaders are trying to make the party pass a temperance party!

The Republicans wire-pullers are endeavoring to coax the Prohibitionists not to make a nomination for Governor, and propose to "throw a tub to the whale" by promoting a pig temperance plank in their platform!

The French Press announces a decided movement among the Democrats of the Fourth Congressional district for Hon. John T. Bird as a candidate for Governor. We have frequently, in years past, referred to the fitness of Mr. Bird for the position.

There is some Democratic opposition in Hamilton county—they do not seem to be satisfied unless they are fighting and calling each other names, forgetful of the Christian standard, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

If the Republicans of this state want to define their position on the temperance question, they will have an opportunity to do so when the Legislature reconvenes on the 1st of June. They have a majority in both Houses and hence can enact any temperance laws they desire, independent of the Democrats.

The West Jersey Press rebukes the manipulations of the Newark Interceptor which distorts the efforts of Gov. Abbott to aid indigent veterans in securing a pension, into an attempt to make personal gain. Viewed in this light every commendable act of public officials is liable to the same interpretation.

Assistant U. S. Attorney General Lewis Cochran, who was appointed several months ago from Sussex county, N. J., has gone to Dear Park, Montana, to take important testimony for the Department of Justice. Mr. Cochran is one of Attorney General Garland's most trusted officials, and a very popular official.

The idea of some of the Republicans signifying the application for a recount of the vote on the 2nd of June, before each succeeding Congress, and now, after a lapse of years, Montgomery is to be recommissioned in part for the property used by Rippon's Jerseymen.

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THE COUNTY FINANCES.

The County Collector's report shows the finances of Union county to be a very creditable one, under the able and judicious management of our excellent county officials, especially Collector Sheridan Jay Director Martineau. We presume the detailed report will be ordered published as usual, when we will lay it before our readers.

The Finance Committee will give the following synopsis of the regular and supplementary reports:

RECEIPTS TO MAY 1st.

Cash on hand, \$1,012.30

County school appropriation, 4,414.48

Temporary loans, 97,000.00

Miscellaneous, 1,000.00

County and township, 201,642.20

State school tax, 63,338.43

State school tax, 4,343.84

Mandamus city of Plainfield, \$974,346.70

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COMMON COUNCIL.

Council met Tuesday evening, all the members present except Mr. Holloman. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

From J. W. Stock reporting condition of affairs at Alma House for April, as follows: Tomatoes, 3 men, 5 women and 1 child. Receipts, \$10.00. Expenses, \$50.00. Filed.

From M. H. Ackers asking permission to lay a cross walk from Cherry street to the corner of the street. Referred to Street Committee.

From E. T. Tappan asking that correction be made in the assessment of certain real estate owned by him, as he desires to pay the taxes on same. Referred to Assessment Committee.

From John C. Wingate asking that rebate be made to him on taxes, he being an exempt person and having qualified for assessment allowed by law. Referred to Assessment Committee.

From H. B. Bann, clerk of the Water Board, reporting the estimated expense for the interest and running expenses for the year to \$2,000. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Board of Water Commissioners reporting estimate of Board for year ending May 1st, 1887 to be as follows: Interest on \$200,000 bonds, \$12,000.00. Interest on operation of works, salaries, repairs, etc., \$5,500. Total, \$17,500.00. Probable receipts for water rent, \$10,000.00. Balance on hand, \$14,800.00. Deficiency, \$5,144.14. Received and filed.

From Amboy Telephone Co., asking permission to erect poles and wires through street of city of Rahway. Referred to Street Committee.

From B. A. Vail and other property owners on line of Adams street, asking that name of said street be changed to Maple avenue. Laid over till next business meeting.

The bonds of Edmund M. Brown as Tax Receiver, and J. O. Tunison as Police Justice, were read, referred to Finance Committee, afterwards reported correct, approved and filed.

The Assessment Committee reported that Thomas O'Donnell being an exempt person is entitled to the rebate on taxes asked for by him, and the Council resolved that the clerk be instructed to draw O'Donnell's name from the list of assessors for \$14.80. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department reported that Edward Maher has been elected a member of H. & L. Co. No. 1, and also Henry Birgworth, Wm. Wright, John Keller and Henry Kiergeshauser as members of Fire Engine No. 2. Also, J. McChicchee, Joseph Bayley, Wm. Ruback and Albert McCann dropped from roll of Protection Hose Co. Joseph VanPelt asks to be transferred from Washington Hose Co. to Protection Hose Co., and John Below, having served time required by law in independent fire engine, asks that certificate of exemption be granted him. Mr. Lohmiller moved those who have been elected members be continued, and that certificate of exemption be granted John Below. Agreed to.

The Committee on City Property reported leased condition of roofs of Engine Houses No. 1 and No. 2. Mr. Farrington reports that the roof of Engine House No. 1 is in bad condition and that the committee be empowered to make the necessary repairs to the roof.

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Obsequies of the Deceased.

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GREETING.

Authority after authority comes to us laden with praise of President Cleveland's intended bride. They tell us that she is not only beautiful in countenance, but is endowed with every quality of heart and mind; in fact, is sweet and womanly, and in only twenty-two years of age. Now we have a mistress of the White House at twenty-two in the early part of womanhood, is unprecedented and refreshing—comes as a mountain zephyr on a sultry day; but when accomplishments, and qualifications of a high order are added, the picture becomes enhanced, and I feel that the American people have much to be gratified over in the selection of Miss Frances S. Plafly, our future "Queen of Society."

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