

NONPARTISAN SYSTEM OF VOTING PUT TO TEST IN JUDICIAL STRUGGLE

Balloting for Supreme Court Justice Evidently Done Blindly, With Wailing Slightly in Favor

POSITION AIDS PALMER

The nonpartisan system of voting for candidates for judicial offices underwent a severe test yesterday in the balloting for Supreme Court Justice. There were only two candidates on this ballot, Emory A. Walling, of Erie, who is already on the Supreme Court bench by appointment, and Charles Palmer, a Prohibitionist in politics.

Apparently the large majority of voters in Philadelphia at least, voted blindly, without knowing anything about either candidate. In such a situation the name appearing first on the ballot usually gets the cross mark. Observers of the methods of uninformed voters in the polling booths know that such is the usual practice.

As a result of this situation, Justice Walling broke about even with Palmer in Philadelphia. Returns are not available to show the result in other parts of Pennsylvania. It seems altogether probable that Justice Walling will run ahead of his opponent elsewhere than in this city and gain the nomination. On the returns so far available, however, his victory is by no means certain.

Another example of the advantage of being first on a ballot that is complicated or not understood by the average voter in the vote polled in Philadelphia by William S. Aaron, of Altoona. Aaron is a Brumbaugh delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention. Efforts were made of course to secure his nomination by friends of the Governor. He ran 25,000 ahead of all other candidates for delegate-at-large in Philadelphia, however.

NEW PEACE OVERTURE BY HICKSITE FRIENDS MAY LEAD TO REUNION

Meeting Receives Minute to Open Doors to Young Men Who Are Not of Clergy

WOMAN GIVES ADDRESS

Hicksite Friends, meeting today at 15th and Race streets, took another step toward peace with the Orthodox Friends at 4th and Race streets.

Last autumn the latter organization made overtures to the Hicksite Friends to combine their efforts for maintaining national peace. The offer was accepted gladly at that time and the remark was made by those to whom it had been tendered that it showed a drift toward a program by all Christian churches to forget their little differences in favor of unity on big things.

So today there was no surprise when a minute was introduced in the Hicksite Friends conference, proposing the selection of a general conference which would consist of 50 persons, to be made up of at least two members of each monthly and quarterly meeting to admit to their deliberations as a matter of procedure and worship other friends than ministers and elders.

The phrasing is purely technical. It is designed to draw "young blood" to the meetings, and especially members of the Orthodox Friends, not in any particular spirit, but solely in a way for the two branches of the society to get together.

The subject of peace has occupied a large measure of attention in all meetings of the Friends ever since the great war in Europe began, and out of these discussions has come the subject of a more profound unity between the two branches.

Dr. Jesse Holmes, president of Swarthmore, has told the current meeting that the United States has itself to blame for its present potential difficulties, and said "tumultuous Americanism" was responsible for the "situation" existing between this country and Japan, which is not, he said, is entirely right in resenting the dictatorial utterances of California.

When war comes, he said, it's too late to talk peace, and be successful. Peace agitation must be carried on, he advised, by securing the removal of causes that make war. Japan offers an opportunity, he said, and so does the Monroe Doctrine, which he thought should be amended by removing its dictatorial tone and framing a document which secures the same purpose through the combined effort of all American Republics.

For the first time in 50 years a woman addressed the Hicksite friends today. Miss Elizabeth Lloyd told of her efforts at organizing isolated Friends all over the country. Responses were made to her talk by Isaac Clothier, William Bancroft, Dr. Jesse Green, of West Chester, 99 years old; Septimus Marten, Arthur Jackson and George Welton.

It was suggested to members of the Society that they communicate with Congressman Butler, of Delaware county, and Congressman Browning, of New Jersey, both members of the House Naval Affairs Committee, protesting against the five-year naval increase bill.

COLONEL JOHN BIDDLE NEW WEST POINT CHIEF

Named to Succeed Colonel C. P. Townsley as Commandant of Academy

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary of War Baker today designated Colonel John Biddle, of Baltimore as the new commandant of the West Point Military Academy. Biddle will succeed Colonel Clarence P. Townsley, who is ineligible for reappointment. The change will go into effect about July 1.

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FRENCH HURL BACK TWO TEUTON DRIVES ON VERDUN FRONT

Attacks Against Positions at Dead Man's Hill and Thiaumont Farm Repulsed by Defenders

ARTILLERY FIRE INTENSE

PARIS, May 17. German forces have renewed their offensive on the Verdun front.

To the west of the Meuse the Germans delivered a strong attack against the French position on Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill), using hand grenades, but it was repulsed, the War Office stated today. Another German attack with grenades was launched east of the Meuse against the French trenches in the region of Thiaumont farm, but the communiqué reported that it, too, was repulsed.

Artillery on both sides showed violent activity throughout the night at Haudromont wood and at Vaux pond.

Both at Dead Man's Hill and at Thiaumont farm the infantry actions followed intense bombardments by the Germans.

The text of the official communiqué follows: There were artillery duels at various points on the front, particularly in the Champagne in the region of the butte of Mesnil.

In the Argonne, at Fille Morte, a battle with mines resulted to our advantage.

On the left bank of the Meuse our first lines were bombed. An attempt by the enemy to advance by using grenades on the outskirts of Le Mort Homme was completely checked.

On the right bank there was great activity on the part of the artillery on both sides in the region between Haudromont Wood and Vaux Lake. Northwest of Thiaumont farm, a grenade attack on one of our listening posts was repulsed.

A. MITCHELL PALMER DEFEATS LIEBEL FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Easy Democratic Victory Throughout the State With Philadelphia Left Out of the Reckoning

BATTLE FOR DELEGATES

The Democrats of the State had two lively contests to call them to arms. The Old Guard, as the Philadelphia Gordon Bromley machine is designated, took up the cudgel for Michael Liebel, for National Committee as opposed to A. Mitchell Palmer, the recognition nominee. The Old Guard over the State took up the fight, and in places it was lively. Early indications, however, pointed to an easy victory for Palmer, with Philadelphia left out of the reckoning. Palmer was especially strong in Allegheny and in the centre of the State.

METHODISTS FAIL TO PICK BISHOPS

First Ballot Yesterday at Conference Session Does Not Result in Election

SARATOGA SPRINGS, May 17.—Shortly after the Methodist Episcopal General Conference went into session today official announcement was made that the first ballot taken yesterday for the seven new bishops had failed to result in an election. The total number of ballots cast was 816, 10 of which were defective. The number of votes necessary for election is 537, but the highest candidate received only 412. More than 75 names were voted on.

It is believed that voting for the bishops will continue until the end of the week. The names of those clergymen who received 100 or more votes on the first ballot follow: Dr. Thomas Nicholson, secretary of the Church Board of Education, New York, 412; Charles B. Mitchell, Chicago, 337; M. S. Hughes, Pasadena, Cal., 313; Franklin Hamilton, Chancellor American University, Washington, 323; A. W. Leonard, Seattle, 29; Dr. Herbert Welch, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., 287; E. S. Tipple, New York, 285; Charles E. Locke, Los Angeles, 277; Joshua Stansfield, Indianapolis, 178; William H. Crawford, president Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., 180; W. P. Oldham, New York, 199; E. G. Richardson, Brooklyn, 149; Horace L. Jacobs, Williamsport, Pa., 145; Robert Jones (negro), editor Solvay Advocate, 114; L. J. Birney, of Boston University, 111; W. F. Sheridan, Chicago, 105; A. E. Craig, Sioux City, Iowa, 104; M. S. Rice, Detroit, 103.

Dean Birney subsequently withdrew his name.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE FLOWER MARKET OPENS



After being threatened by early morning clouds, which promised to cause postponement, the annual flower fête emerged with the sun today. In this booth, left to right, are Mrs. Howard Ayrmore Sands, Miss Eleanor B. Hopkins, Mrs. Gardner Cassatt and Miss Mary Wright.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE FLOWER MART OPENS WITH SPLENDID TRADE

Society Women and Maids Offer All Sorts of Blooms and Plants, at Charity Sale

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Gorgeous beyond its predecessors, the third annual Rittenhouse Square Flower Market opened today. Transformed for the occasion into a spot of floral beauty in the name of charity, the municipal plot from Walnut to Locust streets, and from 18th to 19th streets, is in the hands of the matrons and maids of society, who, until sunset, will preside at the many attractive flower-laden booths and other stands which comprise the market.

Mrs. George Gordon Meade Large and the large corps of associates who have labored with her for the success of the affair are hopeful that this year's function will net greater results than the two previous years have shown.

CHARITY SOLE PURPOSE. Charity, not commercialism, is the keynote of the affair, and the Playgrounds Association, the College Settlement, the Visiting Nurses' Society and the Rittenhouse Square Improvement Society will receive the entire proceeds, the money for financing the Market having been obtained wholly from private subscription.

While growing and cut blooms comprise the greater portion of the offerings at the several booths, there are many other attractions. A Novelty Dairy Booth is in charge of the Visiting Nurse Society. Porch furnishings are on display and sale at another stand.

Birds sing as they await purchasers at a dainty stand where flowers also are sold.



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"The Hillside" is suggestive of Spring—Spring and lilac-scented country lanes and a stroll Sunday morning.

This pump, taken from an old Colonial pattern, is wonderfully unique—there is nothing like it in Philadelphia today at any price.

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CAMDEN JUBILATES OVER ITS SPLENDID MATERIAL GROWTH

Exposition Opens Tonight With Shad Dinner to 1000 Men in Honor of Passing 100,000 Population Mark

TEN DAYS OF FESTIVITY

A shad dinner for 1000 men will open tonight Camden's celebration of the fact that it has a population of more than 100,000. To be accurate, it has, by the last State census, 102,242, and since it is growing at a rate of 3000 a year, Camdenites place 105,000 as a conservative figure.

The dinner will be held in the Masonic Temple. The principal speaker will be Chief Engineer Blake, U. S. A., and he will be seconded by ex-Governor Edward Casper Stokes and Congressman William J. Browning.

Camden has gone to great lengths to make its city celebration a big success. Its business men have contributed \$40,000 and the celebration from tonight until May 27 will be run on a high-powered basis.

There are to be parades, concerts, industrial exhibits, and one of the chief features will be the boys and girls, who with thousands of horns, will "blow for Camden."

The first of the three parades will be held tomorrow afternoon. It will be of automobiles only. The second parade will be the fraternal pageant on Saturday. More than 30,000 secret society men will march, and lodges from all of south Jersey and from Philadelphia will help Camden celebrate its new population mark.

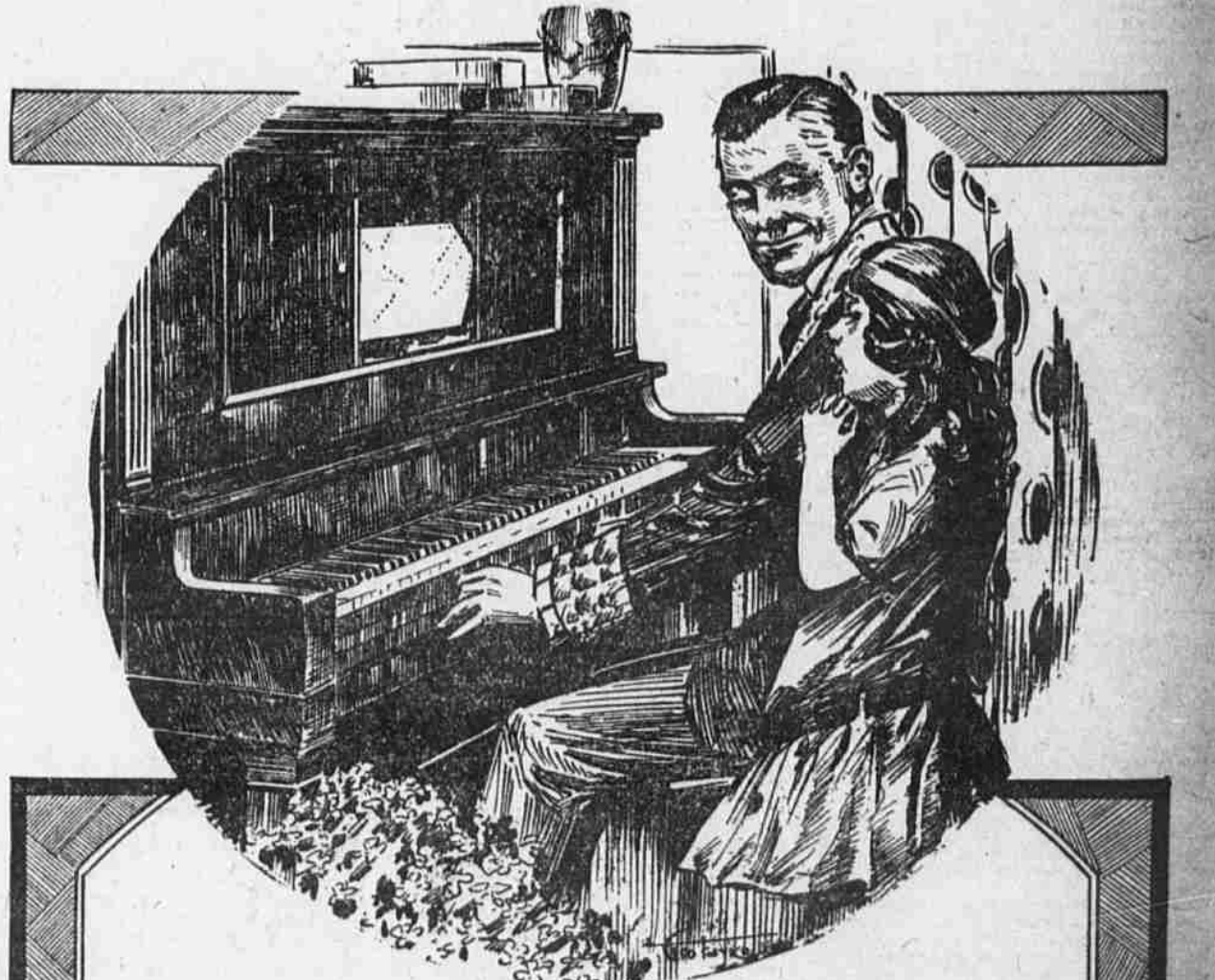
The prides of the city will be the Palace of Industries that ordinarily is the armory. Here Camden will show visitors from all over the world the things for which it is famous—its talking machine records, its soups, pens, soap, leather, perfumes, pharmaceutical preparations, cut glass, vintages, varnishes, oil retzings, chemicals and other features that it groups under the head of "varied industries."

The lighting engineers have worked hard and artistically. A great triumphal arch has been erected on the triangle lawn at Market and Federal streets right off the ferries. It will be flooded with light at night and from it six miles of radiating electrically lighted pyrotechnics will flash out Camden's greetings from the ferries to the armories at Haddon on Wright avenue, and also from the Raighn avenue ferries to the Market street ferries.

The Victor people have donated their bands and orchestras and societies for the various concerts, and all the business folk, working together, have given such of their organization as will come in handy for the exhibits.

The great celebration will close on the 27th with a third great parade to be known as the civic pageant.

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-And Then Get Down to the Facts

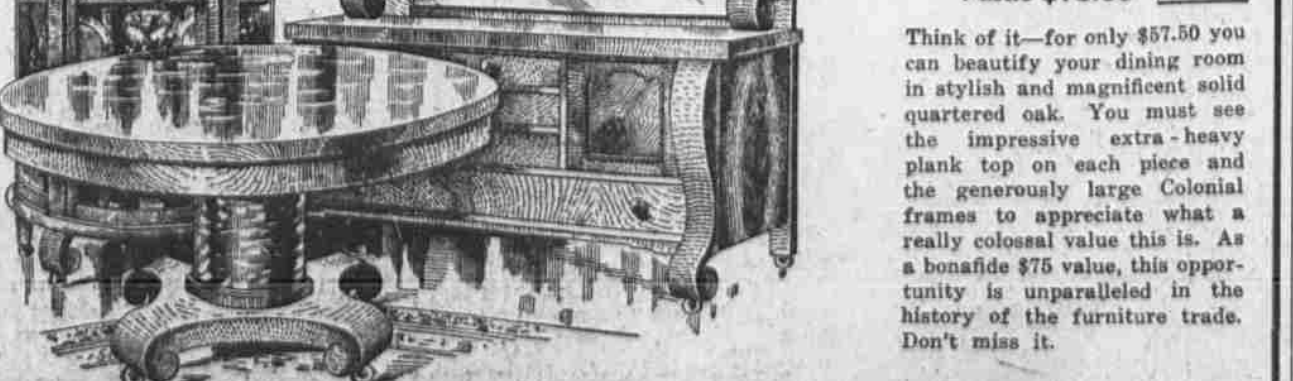
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