

PRESIDENTIAL BOOM FOR SPROUL STARTS

Governor Selected by United Penna. Congressional Delegation at Harmony Dinner

KENDALL WASHINGTON HOST

Governor Sproul's presidential boom was launched at a dinner in Washington last night.

Representative Samuel A. Kendall, of the Twenty-third district, was host, with the United Pennsylvania delegation and Republican party national leaders present.

The Governor was hailed as ideal presidential timber, both as a "favorite son" and a man whose talents command respect to the entire country.

Governor Sproul indicated that he would be glad of support for the office, but said he would not stand for the delegation going to the Chicago convention to use his name as a stock in trade for political bartering. He is against the "favorite son" campaign.

Will Accept Republican Nomination

He will be a candidate if there is a call for his services, and will wage a determined campaign for the office if the Republican party agrees to support him.

The Governor said that the time is regarded as merely a "safe Republican state," as he thought or aspirations to the presidency.

Senator William E. Crow, chairman of the Republican state committee, attended the keynote of the dinner and the entrance of the Governor into the national field when he declared that Pennsylvania must be resolved with by party leaders at Chicago.

"In the past," said Senator Crow, "Pennsylvania has presented candidates for the presidency, but we have been told that because Pennsylvania is no doubtful Republican element she has no chance of serious consideration. That is the doubtful states, but in my opinion the present situation calls for deeper consideration."

Pennsylvania Will Be Considered

If the Republican party has no greater claim to the suffrage of the people than the picking of its candidate from a doubtful state, then it has no chance whatever. We must base our campaign on the paramount issues of the day and then pick our candidate without reference to the state from which he comes. Therefore Pennsylvania proposes its Governor as a candidate to meet the issue. Pennsylvania will present her demands to the convention without break in her delegation, and we have every confidence that those who select the candidate will give Pennsylvania every consideration."

Governor Sproul said:

"The mention of my name in connection with the presidential nomination is of course, very gratifying. No man of patriotic mold could fail to be proud that his friends and associates would even consider him for this great honor. To me—and I say it in all sincerity—the principal elements of pride and gratification come from the fact that I may constitute it as an endorsement of the state administration, especially as coming from our associates in the politics of Pennsylvania—you who yourselves hold positions of leadership in the state and are yourselves entrusted with great responsibilities."

"Doesn't look to me as though any of those worthy aspirants who are most active in wishing their names at the present moment would go to Chicago with a preponderance of delegates. It would appear as though they would shrivel up in their skins if they are not careful. The people are very attentive and very critical and seem slow in forming or expressing their opinions. They have suffered so terribly from the mistakes of the past that they are going to take no chances on the future. They would like to exchange an overland of 'noises' and 'visions' for a period of sound sense and sound practice. Of course, there will be some people in Pennsylvania who will try to pick a winner and attach themselves to his star in the hope of favors to come. I am convinced, however, that we can take a practically united delegation to Chicago and be of great use there to our state and to our party without any 'favorite-son' game."

Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, paid high tribute to the ability of Governor Sproul.

Simon W. Fess, of Ohio, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, predicted that the party would look to the East this year for its guiding star.

In addition to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, the dinner was attended by prominent Pennsylvania politicians. Among those present were: Harmon M. Kephart, state treasurer; W. Harry Baker, secretary of the state committee; Mayor Babcock, of Pittsburgh; Harry McDevitt, secretary of the Governor; Joseph G. Rogers, sergeant-at-arms of the House; W. Tyler Page, clerk of the House; S. A. Kendall, Jr., and Charles P. Swope, secretary to Senator Penrose.

Sproul Presidential Hat Is in the Ring to Stay

Governor Sproul's hat was pitched in the presidential ring at a banquet in Washington last night.

The United Republican delegation from Pennsylvania agreed to fight to keep it there.

The hat is there with the Governor's permission, provided there is no thought of attending the Republican national convention with his candidacy as a bartering stock.

The time is past when Pennsylvania and presidential timber can be overlooked because this is a "safe Republican state," it was agreed.

The railroads were hinted as a possible campaign issue by the Governor, if the question of their return to private ownership is not handled without friction.

Governor Sproul declined to enter as a "favorite son," but wants to be judged on his merits and achievements.

BANDITS ROB GROCERY

Three Men Get \$125 in Susquehanna Avenue Place—Flee in Auto

Three bandits held up Louis Emborn in his store at Nineteenth street and Susquehanna avenue last night and, after taking \$125 from the cash register, escaped in an automobile.

They entered the store about 8 o'clock, while Emborn was alone, having apparently watched for this opportunity.

The three stood at the counter until the grocer approached and then one suddenly drew a revolver, ordering Emborn to back into a corner. Another man ran to the door to keep watch, while the third rifled the cash register.

The thieves, unlike other motor bandits, had no money on them at the time of the store without leaving one of their number in the car, ready to start the instant the robbery was completed.

It was therefore necessary to go out and start the engine.

Deaths of a Day

EDWIN F. SMITH

Spent Fifty Years in Reading Railway Service

Edwin F. Smith, an eminent civil engineer, who in the autumn of 1911 commencing a century of service with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and then retired, having reached the age limit of seventy years, died yesterday at his home, 4102 Locust street. Since 1911 he had continued his profession as a consulting engineer with offices in the Commonwealth Trust Building.

Mr. Smith was born in Catwissa, Pa., in 1841, and after acquiring preliminary education in the high school at Reading, was graduated from Union College with the degree of A. B. Later, he received the degree of civil engineering and master of arts from the same institution.

Rebecca E. Judkins

Rebecca E. Judkins, daughter of the late Dr. William Judkins, of Cincinnati, died Sunday morning in Atlantic City.

Miss Judkins, who was eighty-seven years old, was known widely as an educator. Her school for girls, founded in the early seventies, and named by the late George W. Childs, exerted a real influence for almost a century. She possessed rare administrative ability, with an intimate knowledge of human nature, and attracted to her school a notable faculty.

Edward Hatch

Edward Hatch, who has held the position of chief bookkeeper of the city controller's department for twenty years, died Sunday at his residence, 1603 Diamond street, after a brief illness, aged eighty-three years. In early life Mr. Hatch was in the contracting business and constructed a number of sewers in different sections of the city.

May 1, 1888, he was appointed to a clerkship in the city controller's office, and June 30, 1890, was promoted to the position of chief bookkeeper, which he retained under different administrations until the time of his death. He was a member of William L. Elkins Lodge, No. 646, F. and A. M., and of other fraternal organizations. He is survived by a widow, Malinda E. Hatch.

John P. Leonard

John P. Leonard, a retired contractor and builder, died Sunday morning in his home, 812 North Twenty-seventh street. He was known widely among builders and was looked on as an authority in real estate matters. He was a member of the St. Charles Building and Loan Association and served on the board of directors of many others. He was a member of the San Domingo Council, No. 236, Knights of Columbus. He leaves a widow, four sons and three daughters.

LONE JUROR SWINGS FINLEY ACQUITTAL

Hugh Hamilton Holds Out Two Days to Free Councilman of Fifth Ward Charge

JUDGE SUSTAINED POSITION

William E. Finley, member of the City Council and Vice leader of the Thirty-ninth ward, was acquitted of conspiracy last night after the jury had deliberated for forty-nine hours.

"I don't believe it is my place to comment on the action of the jury," Mr. Finley said this morning. "They heard the evidence and brought in the verdict. All I had to say I said on the stand, under oath."

The charges against the former head of the Yare-controlled Republican city committee grew out of the allegation that he was the go-between to pay the gunmen hired in the Fifth ward fight at the September primaries, 1917.

It was at this election that the gunman murdered George A. Eppley, a city detective.

The jury retired last Saturday afternoon at 2:29 o'clock. A vote taken then showed that eight jurymen favored conviction and four acquittal. The next ballot showed only one jurymen acquittal.

Several times during the more than two days the jury was out the determined stand of this lone jurymen saved Finley from conviction.

"The defendant is Hamilton, J. P. No. 6, 2347 South Front street, in the ward of which the accused man is the leader."

"From what the judge told us, I couldn't see that Mr. Finley was guilty of any conspiracy, so I held out for acquittal," said Mr. Hamilton, who today, so it was said at his home, was ill.

VARIETY IN CANVASES OF PLASTIC EXHIBITION

Younger Members of Club Cover Wide Range of Subjects in Sixty Paintings

One of the most interesting exhibitions of the season for the lovers of art is being shown daily at the Plastic Club, 247 South Camac street, from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. A group of ten of the younger members are displaying a wide variety of canvases depicting studies ranging from the quaint old fishing town of Gloucester, Mass., to the temples of alluring Japan.

Mary Russell Ferrell Colton shows a series of paintings revealing the architectural beauties of the Painted Desert of Arizona, while Suzanne Shultz Keast exhibits a group of sketches recently done in Japan.

Isabel B. Cartwright has a group of quaint New England fishing boats typically significant of Gloucester, while Paulette Van Roekens devotes her group to the shutters and chimneys of Newport, R. I. Helen K. McCarthy is represented by two portraits, and among her sketches is a landscape which recently won a prize in a New York exhibition.

Howard, who lately has departed Philadelphia for the more alluring atmosphere of Greenwich Village, devotes all of her space to landscapes.

Arrah Lee Gaul Brennan shows a diversity of canvases ranging from a group of colorful ballet dancers to a sketch showing a birdseye view of the immediate neighborhood of Billy Penn. Constance Cochran, Cora Brooks and Johanna Boerick, whose works are not unknown to the followers of art in Philadelphia, have surpassed their usual standard.

In all more than sixty paintings are shown. Tea is served each afternoon.

Get New Instruction

The jury finally reached a verdict only after returning to the courtroom twice yesterday, and getting an additional charge from the judge at 5:15 o'clock last night.

The jury retired again at 6:05 o'clock. They announced themselves ready with a verdict at 6:20 o'clock. The judge had adjourned court until 10:30 o'clock. He was summoned, however, and the jury reported acquittal at 7 o'clock.

"He told me we have him up," Mr. Finley singled out Assistant District Attorney Gordon, the prosecutor, and walked over to shake hands with him. The greeting was cordial from both.

Judge Albert W. Johnson in his last charge to the jury virtually advised them to acquit Mr. Finley.

"He demonstrated the question of conviction or acquittal was based on the evidence of Samuel G. Maloney, a detective, the principal witness for the state."

The Court's Instructions

If the jury had any doubt that there was an agreement between Finley and Maloney, the judge advised they must bring in a verdict for acquittal, because both men must be a party to such an agreement if it existed.

PROPOSE BUS LINE TO GAP

Stroudsburg Traction Co. Opposes Sight-Seeing Cars to Resort

An application filed by B. A. Krandall, of this city, in Harrisburg today with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of public convenience to operate a line of sightseeing busses between Philadelphia and the Delaware Water Gap during the summer, was opposed by the Stroudsburg Traction Co.

The traction company contends that the proposed bus line would compete with its lines to Portland and the Water Gap and would thereby decrease its revenues. The commission set February 5 for a hearing in the case.

HOME INMATE DIES IN TUB

An inmate of the Old Men's Home, Thirty-ninth and Baring streets, was found dead in a bath tub in the institution last night.

He was Edward Keadle, seventy years old. The case was reported to the coroner's office by Dr. A. E. Blackburn, 3813 Powelton avenue, as suicide. Authorities at the home say Keadle suffered from frequent heart attacks and may have had such a spell while in the tub.

How Finley Was Set Free After Two-Day Jury Debate

Trial of Councilman Finley for conspiracy opened last Wednesday. Went to the jury at 5:20 o'clock. Saturday afternoon.

First ballot taken, eight for conviction, four for acquittal.

Next ballot taken, eleven for conviction, one for acquittal.

Jury convinced of Finley's innocence found to be Hugh Hamilton, a voter from Finley's ward.

Jury stood eleven on one all day Sunday, with several arguments.

Yesterday morning the vote again stood eight to four for conviction.

Another ballot in the afternoon later showed eleven to one again.

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Jury at 7:05 returned verdict of acquittal to conform to judge's instructions, they say.

Finley discharged.

Jury's deliberations exceeding forty-nine hours, establish record here, according to veteran court attachés.

AMNESIA VICTIM FOUND IN CAMDEN

Young Man, Member of American Legion, Says He Never Heard of Philadelphia

REMEMBERS BEING AVIATOR

The authorities of Camden are puzzled over the condition of a young man who wandered into the Y. M. C. A. last night in a dazed state and collapsed, apparently losing all his memory faculties on regaining consciousness.

The young man fell to the floor of the Y. M. C. A. shortly after 9 o'clock last night and Doctor E. Hirst was called. He said the victim was suffering from hunger and exhaustion and had him removed to the Cooper Memorial Hospital.

On regaining consciousness today the man said he did not know his own identity. He could not recall his name or where he came from.

He is twenty-five years old, and of refined manner and appearance. His clothes are of good quality. In the collar of his overcoat is the name "H. E. Gill." His shoes and suit were purchased from New York dealers.

The man wears an American Legion button and says he remembers something about having been up in the air in France and fighting. His forehead bears the marks of an old wound. He never heard of Philadelphia, he said, nor Camden.

He is five feet seven inches tall, weighs about 140 pounds, has black hair and a small mustache. He had a large sum of money on his person when found.

Patrolman Finds Woman's Watch

Patrolman John Pioran, of the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station, found a woman's gold wrist watch at Hazard and Jasper streets this morning. The watch was fastened to a gold link bracelet. The patrolman turned it in to Lieutenant McGarvey. The owner may secure the property by identifying it at the station house.

Lecture on Mexico

Dr. John Mez, who has just returned from Mexico, after a residence of two years in that country, will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Friends' Meeting House, 20 South Twelfth street, at 8 o'clock tonight. His subject will be "A Constructive Policy Toward Mexico."

SCORE HURT SLEDDING

Two Bobsleds Collide on Chester Hill Near Governor's Home

Nearly a score of young persons were injured in Chester last night when two bobsleds collided on Shoemaker's Hill near Governor Sproul's home. It was the last trip down the hill the sleds were to make the evening. The riders were tossed in all directions as the sleds came together.

The most seriously injured were: Meril Simpkins, two fingers cut from right hand and body bruises; Edward Dickerson, fractured ankle; Paul Vercoe, lacerations and contusions of the head; Conrad Scott, dislocated shoulder.

How other members of the party escaped with but slight cuts and bruises or no injuries at all is considered remarkable. Automobiles were pressed into service, and the injured taken to the hospitals.

SAVES GIRL FROM ACCIDENT

Patrolman Hurt Shoving Her as Trolley Runs Away

Vincent Miles, Manayunk, patrolman, saved Miss Rob Thackray, twenty years old, of 145 Kalow street, from serious injury when a trolley car ran away early this morning in Wissahickon.

Miles, who lives at 336 Pindale avenue, Roxborough, was riding on a trolley on Manayunk avenue at 12:25 o'clock this morning. Miss Thackray was on the same car. At Osborne street the car got out of control, sped out Seneca street to Rochelle avenue, and

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All lumber is very scarce and 125 to 250 per cent higher. Fabrics and leather used for covering are sold out a full year ahead and prices are soaring. Production is only 50 per cent of normal, while the demand is 35 per cent ABOVE normal, making an actual shortage in the market of 85 per cent. Add to this the loss of a month's production because of the coal strike and the situation gets worse instead of better.

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