

SPROUL AGAINST CHESTER MAYOR

William T. Ramsey Announces He Will Seek Senate Election on "Wet" Platform

HE WILL RESIGN HIS OFFICE

Governor Sproul will oppose the efforts of Mayor William T. Ramsey, of Chester, to get into the state Senate on a "wet" platform.

Mr. Ramsey has announced his intention of resigning his municipal office to enter the fight for the office left vacant by Senator Richard J. Baldwin.

Governor Sproul and his allies in Delaware county are prepared to wage an energetic fight against the campaign of Mayor Ramsey. This action will be taken, it is said, despite the Governor's belief that the liquor question is a dead issue in the state.

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged yesterday in a conference with Governor Sproul.

Mr. Ramsey was the "wet" leader in the last Legislature and succeeded in having enacted what was known as the Ramsey 2-75 per cent beer bill. The Governor vetoed that measure after the Assembly had ratified the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution. Late in a bitter fight between the Sproul-McClure factions in Delaware county, Mr. Ramsey, backed by the McClures, was elected Mayor of Chester over the Sproul candidate.

Mr. Ramsey, principally because he desires to assure himself a political future and also because he is interested in obtaining liberal enforcing legislation, is eager to go back to Harrisburg. His friends say he undoubtedly will make the fight, and it is presumed his opponent will be former District Attorney McDade, whom the Sproul forces are grooming for the battle.

Governor Sproul's friends say he has high regard for Mr. Ramsey, but he would feel it inconsistent upon his part to support a "wet" candidate, especially as he is of the opinion that the Legislature disposed of the "wet" and "dry" question last year.

If Mr. Ramsey does take the field as a candidate for the Senate it is understood Senator Baldwin, who is strongly opposed by the Sproul forces, will gladly withdraw, and the McClure forces will throw their entire strength to Mr. Ramsey, who, if elected, will undoubtedly assume leadership of the "wets" at Harrisburg in 1921.

For weeks past politicians have been watching Delaware county, for it has been predicted the threatened battle between the Sproul-McClure forces would be unusually bitter. Late last week, when it was reported the Governor

LOST BOYS SOUGHT BY CAMDEN POLICE

Lads Disappear After Displaying Revolvers, Indicating Ambitions to See "Wild West"

KEPT THEIR PLANS SECRET

Soon after the parents of George Curtis, thirteen years old, of 439 Spruce street, Camden, reported the mysterious disappearance of their son, armed with a revolver, to the Camden police today, the parents of Howard Mallen, fourteen years old, of 511 Spruce street, said their boy was also missing. He, too, went away with a revolver in his pocket.

The fact that both of the boys left their homes yesterday afternoon about the same time has convinced investigators that they have gone together on some sort of adventure.

What their plan is no one knows. The boys, living so near one another, were acquainted, but no one in the neighborhood can recall hearing them discuss plans for seeing the world.

It is supposed that the boys, having seen the "Wild West" in motion pictures, are on their way to that land of romance.

Young Curtis is described as a boy with blue eyes and light complexion. He wore a cap and a blue suit when he was last seen.

His companion, Mallen, also has blue eyes and a light complexion. He wore a sailor cap and a serge suit.

The Camden police have extended the search for the boys to Philadelphia.

WOMEN PREPARE TO VOTE

Germanatown Y. W. C. A. Inaugurates Six Suffrage Lectures

Germanatown Y. W. C. A. has inaugurated a campaign in the form of six lectures to prepare the women of that section to properly exercise the privilege of suffrage when it comes to them.

Starting Wednesday afternoon, March 3, and Friday evening, March 5, the course will consume six successive weeks, with the same lecture given at both sessions each week.

Miss Lida Stokes Adams is the first speaker on the list. She will discuss "The Call of Citizenship." Others in sequence are Miss Lucy Lewis, "The Legislative Department of the Government"; Miss Helen Moore Fogg, "The Executive Department of the Government"; "The Judiciary Department of the Government," by a speaker to be announced; Mrs. George A. Pierol (Wednesday) and Mrs. Samuel B. Scott (Friday), "Election Laws and Methods" and Mrs. Edward Bidle (Wednesday) and Thomas Raeburn White (Friday), "Philadelphia Charter."

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THE UNITED GAS IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

N. W. COR. BROAD AND ARCH STREETS

Philadelphia, March 3rd, 1920.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The United Gas Improvement Company will be held at the office of the Company, Northwest Corner of Broad and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, May 3rd, 1920, at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the purposes of electing a President and six Directors, to serve for the ensuing year; of considering and acting upon the subject of a proposed increase in the authorized capital stock of the Company from 1,221,456 shares of the par value of \$50 each, to 1,521,456 shares of the par value of \$50 each, all of which increase shall be Seven Per Cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock, also entitled to preference on liquidation to the par value thereof and accrued unpaid dividends, to be redeemable in whole or in part at \$55 per share and accrued unpaid dividends, to have the same voting rights as the Common Stock, and to have such other rights, privileges, preferences and limitations as may be determined at said meeting; of authorizing the issue of 122,060 shares of said Preferred Stock to be issued and disposed of by the Board of Directors at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as said Board shall approve, provided, however, that said shares shall first be offered to the stockholders *pro rata* for subscription at par; the balance of the authorized shares of said Preferred Stock to be issued from time to time, but only when and as authorized at a subsequent stockholders' meeting; and of transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The stock transfer books will be closed from 3:00 P. M. April 21st, until 9:00 A. M. May 4th, 1920.

By order of the Board of Directors.

G. W. CURRAN, Secretary.

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Philadelphia, March 3rd, 1920.

To the Stockholders of The United Gas Improvement Company:—

This letter is written in explanation of the enclosed notice that at the Annual Meeting, to be held on May 3, 1920, you will be asked to authorize an increase of the authorized Capital Stock of the Company to provide that said increased Capital Stock shall be Preferred Stock, and to authorize the issue and disposal by the Board of Directors of \$6,103,000 thereof.

It is the policy of State Utility Commissions and Municipal Authorities to discourage the establishment of competing companies where the existing company gives good service and extends its plant to care for new business offered at remunerative rates. As all of the properties in which The United Gas Improvement Company is interested are located in prosperous and growing communities, this policy involves the annual provision of considerable sums for Working Capital and for Extensions. Prior to the War these funds were mainly provided by the investment of the undivided profits of The United Gas Improvement Company, and by the sale to the public of securities of the local companies.

War conditions have narrowed the market for securities of gas and electric companies, largely because the increased cost of labor and materials entering into the production of gas and generation of electric current have not been fully offset by increases in rates allowed by public authorities.

Your Board of Directors believe that it is wise to now make provision against a possible continuance of these conditions for two or three years by creating a security so attractive to our stockholders and others that it will find a ready market. After conference with bankers well qualified to pass judgment on such matters it is believed that the proposed issue of Preferred Stock of The United Gas Improvement Company will constitute such a security.

If you approve the policy outlined above I will appreciate it if you will execute and mail the enclosed proxy for use in case you are unable to attend the meeting.

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