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CITY NOTES.

The city hall office will be closed today. A. J. Decker, of Covington, yesterday collected \$1 from the county commissioners for killing a wild cat. The Ladies' Aid society of the Elm Park church met yesterday. Next Monday Mrs. Palmer, of Wilkes-Barre will address the meeting on the "B. I. A."

LAST NIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN

Number of Impromptu Meetings Addressed by Republican Speakers.

THE CANDIDATES WERE ACTIVE

They Visited Various Parts of the City and Met the Voters--Democrats Fired the Last Gun of Their Campaign in the Armory--Col. Fitzsimmons, Edward Merrifield, C. Ben Johnson, T. P. Hoban, Thomas Law and Others Spoke.

Neither the rain nor late hours interfered with the final canvass of the Republican candidates. By a pre-arranged plan they or their lieutenants in groups of from two to four visited nearly every section of the city and its vicinity last night and met and talked with thousands of voters. It was a plain place-to-place tour for the purpose of meeting laboring men and others who have had neither the time nor opportunity to attend meetings and hear the issues of the campaign discussed.

Wherever the candidates and their friends went they received unmistakable evidence that the vote of the people would be for protection, prosperity and good government, the three principles represented by Republicanism. Whenever a crowd of a score or more persons could be congregated they were addressed, or, rather, talked to, by one of more speakers, who, in a plain, matter-of-fact way, outlined the present issues. Votes were solicited for no one candidate, but for the whole Republican ticket from top to bottom.

At midnight reports were received from nearly all the touring parties to the effect that everywhere there existed an unmistakable sentiment in favor of the Republican ticket. There was found nothing in support of the reports sent out from Democratic headquarters that this or that Republican candidate would be cut for factional or other reasons.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

The Democrats fired their last gun of the campaign at the armory, where about 2000 voters had gathered. There was a band and a number of orators. C. Ben Johnson was the first speaker. He dwelt largely upon the alleged corruption that exists in the administration of affairs in the state and was followed by Colonel Fitzsimmons, who told his hearers how united the party is and a number of other things that he knew were not true. What he had to say was delivered with spirit and force and when he had concluded he was rewarded with generous applause.

CANDIDATE LAW TALKS.

Thomas Law, candidate for clerk of the courts, was introduced by Mr. Law and made an earnest appeal to his hearers for votes. After that City Treasurer Boland, who was engaged all day in paying out Schadt's big corruption fund, made one of his characteristic addresses about bossism and the use of money in politics.

NEW TELEPHONE DEVICE

Its Use Will Obviate Delays in Making Circuits--Details of the Improvement--Its Success Assured.

New York city has a new system of making telephone connections with which telephone engineers have been experimenting for the last three years and which has just been developed to a point at which it is deemed to be practical. It has been in use on a small scale in the "Central" in the New York Telephone company's office for some time past and has been proved to be successful.

Under the present system the subscriber rings the bell that calls his "central" office and asks for the number desired. Eight times out of ten, according to statistics kept by the telephone company, this number is outside of the district served by his "exchange." The operator then has to call the central office through which the connection is to be made, and she must wait until the second operator answers. She then gives to the second operator the number desired and the connection is made.

The new system is to obviate the necessity of ringing up the second operator. Instead, the first operator will place a "plug" in the number on the switchboard in front of her, making the connection with the subscriber desired. The insertion of this "plug" causes a tiny incandescent lamp on the board of the second operator to be lighted, which indicates the connection is desired to be made. In this way the connection is made instantly. The lamp remains lighted as long as the connection continues, and is extinguished by the hanging up of the receiver of the subscriber who asked for the number. The use of this device will put an end to the frequent interruptions of "central" inquiring if it is "through talking." It also will serve to keep the trunk wires free when they are not actually in use.

This improvement, however, is not the only one to be made. Another is to follow it. A new system is soon to be used in making the connection between the subscriber and his central office; that is, instead of ringing a bell he will simply lift the receiver from its hook and place it in his ear. The lifting of the receiver lights a tiny incandescent lamp on the operator's board, obviating the use of the annunciator "drop" in series. When the receiver is returned to its hook the light is extinguished and the circuit is closed.

This system has already been tried in smaller cities, where there is only one central office and has been found to be a success. The difficulty in using it in New York is in making the double connection. The engineers of the New York Telephone company are experimenting with it and Engineer J. J. Carty said that the system undoubtedly would be in operation within a year. The advantage in employing the single system between the operators

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