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FIGHT FOR CLERKSHIP.

Three Candidates Want to Be Elected Common Council Clerk.

There promises to be a lively fight this year for the clerkship of the common council. The present clerk, W. A. Lynett, Democrat, is undisputed by the fact that the political complexion of the council has been charged since he was elected last and announced yesterday to a Tribune man that he is a candidate for re-election.

There are two Republican candidates in the field and both have already begun an active canvass. They are Edward R. Conley, of the Eleventh ward, and Harry Hutton. The former is a well known young man, who was a candidate for assessor in his ward last Tuesday and who, though defeated, ran sixty votes ahead of the rest of the ticket.

An effort will be made by some of the Republican members to have Assistant City Clerk Evan Morris elected clerk this practically dispensing with the office.

Incumbent Democrat common councilman seen yesterday, said that it was likely that no Democratic candidate would be put up for chairman, the way things look now.

NINETY-TWO YEARS OLD.

Mrs. Hannah Hallock, Who Saw Soldiers Leaving for the War of 1812, Died Wednesday.

Mrs. Hannah Hallock, who was probably the oldest woman in this city at the time of her death, passed away Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Kinback, of 529 Olive street, aged 92 years and 6 months.

Mrs. Hallock was born in Stroudsburg in 1809 and lived there for over eighty years, moving to this city eight years ago to live with her daughter, Stroudsburg, in Mrs. Hallock's early days, was but a cleared spot in the midst of a "forest primeval."

Her husband, Captain William Hallock, was a devout Quaker all his life and was for years the warden of the Madison county jail. He died some twenty years ago, at the age of 75.

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WOELKERS NOT YET DEFEATED

STRONG PROBABILITY OF HIS BEING ELECTED.

On the Strength of an Allegation That Four Illegal Votes Were Counted for His Opponent in the First District of the Eleventh Ward, Court Grants an Order Directing the Election Officers to Appear for Examination—Contest in Dickson City.

Some few or more persons were congratulating themselves and the committee yesterday and the day before that Constable Joseph P. Woelker of the Eleventh ward had been defeated for re-election. Their congratulations, it now appears, were a bit premature. Unless present calculations are all asked, Woelker is elected.

In the first district of the Eleventh ward according to the returns of members of the election board, four illegal ballots were counted which contained votes for Woelker's opponent, Peter Marker. This mistake if rectified, will give Woelker a majority of three, the vote returned being Marker, 267, and Woelker, 268.

Attorney C. S. Donovan, representing Constable Woelker, went before court yesterday and secured an order directing the election board to appear this morning to be examined on the above allegation.

In the affidavit presented by Woelker in support of the motion for a recount, it is set forth that on at least three ballots which the board counted as being regular a cross appeared in the circle at the head of the Republican column, and a cross in the square following the name of the Democratic assessor. It was further alleged that on another ballot which contained a cross in the circle at the head of the Republican column and a cross in the square after the name of the candidate for constable in the Democratic column, the name of Woelker was scratched out, and that of Marker written immediately underneath.

Counted for Marker. The board counted all these four votes for Marker. Under the decision of the supreme court, these four ballots should have been completely ignored. The supreme court has explicitly ruled that a cross in the circle at the head of one column and a cross in any square in any other column invalidates the whole ballot. The evident intention of the voter may be plain, but the intention is not to go.

Reilly and James Reid, Republican, were tied at 115 according to the returns. Reilly alleges that one of the ballots which contained a vote for Reid was illegal in that the mark at the head of the Republican column was not within the circle, but just to the right of it and completely outside of it.

There is no question but that this ballot is illegal, but there is a question as to whether or not the court can grant the petition for a recount. The law provides that the returns of city elections and elections for justices of the peace shall be made to the prothonotary and by him presented to the court for review.

Judges Edwards and Kelly consulted yesterday on Mr. Reilly's motion and will hand down their decision this morning. If the court decides it has no authority to order a recount in a municipal election, the mark at the head of the Republican column will not be considered.

The official count of the returns of Scranton and Carbondale was begun yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At 4:30 o'clock, when adjournment was had, the Paderewski tally, found in two districts of the Fifth ward of Scranton had been counted. There were no discrepancies discovered in the Morris-Costello vote and only a few unimportant discrepancies in the vote for the other officers.

The count is being computed by the following clerks: Supervising clerk, Lewis B. Carter; recording clerk, H. S. Alworth and James Bell; file clerks, John M. Gunster and John M. Corbett; recording clerk, John M. McCourt.

Attorney D. J. Reedy, the ex-sheriff and John J. Fisher are present in the interests of the Democratic city committee. George Marshall is keeping tabs for the Republicans.

Hearings on rules secured by the Attorney General to revoke liquor licenses were conducted yesterday by Judges Edwards and Kelly, setting in argument court. Ten of the twenty-six cases were heard. The others were continued for various reasons.

A bit of a spice was injected into the hearing of the rule to revoke the license of William Healey, of Dunmore. The complaint originally charged him with selling liquor on Sunday, October 27, 1901. When the complaint was examined yesterday, it was seen that October 29, 1901 had been substituted. Attorney John B. Jordan representing Mr. Healey, alleged that the ex-sheriff was irregular and made a motion for the return of the license. The case was continued by Alderman Kasson and it is understood that the necessary escapes will be erected in the meantime.

SOLD "BOILED" BUTTER. But O'Connor Had No License and Was Arrested. M. P. O'Connor, a commercial traveler employed by Wilkinson & Goddard, of Newark, N. J., was arrested Wednesday night on a warrant issued at the instance of Deputy State Food Inspector F. J. Stevens, on the charge of selling what is known as "boiled" butter to the trade without a license.

Both Sides Heard From. STRIKERS AND EX-STRIKERS WRITE LETTERS. Men Who Have Returned to Work Make Reply to the Letter of the Executive Committee of the Strikers Who Are Still on Strike—The Latter Combat Some Statements of a Tribune Editorial and Further Define the Present Position of Their Organization.

Two more letters on the subject of the breaking up of the street car strike were communicated to The Tribune yesterday. The first is from the strikers who have returned to work, and is as follows: INSURGENT LETTER. Editor of The Tribune.

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Now if we injured the union, by forming a social club, where we could discuss our grievances with one another in a brotherly manner, and endeavor to have an honorable settlement of the strike, which has been for an unjust and un-called for motive, and have our families receive their necessary daily bread and clothes as well as to pay our doctors, does it stand to reason that we should be proud of the fact that we have severed our relations with that body?

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DEMPSEY THE WINNER. He Threw Reilly Twice in Music Hall. Joseph Dempsey, of Dunmore, last night defeated Thomas Reilly, of Bellevue, in a wrestling match conducted in Music Hall for the gate receipts, which were considerable, as the hall was pretty well filled with a rather noisy crowd of supporters of both men.

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