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HERE IT IS.

Unwritten History of the Salary Bill's Defeat.

Clerk Hershey Boasted of His Opposition to the Bill

And Senator Alexander Told Him: "You'll Regret It."

Senator Burke Was a "Good Fellow" When He Voted For High Salaries.

The people of Summit county have heard a great deal about the Russell Salary bill, but they have never been told just how it was defeated.

The account is very interesting. It is furnished to the DEMOCRAT by one who knows.

The methods that were taken to defeat this bill would bring disgrace upon any official or association of officials concerned therein.

On the Sunday evening prior to adjournment of the Legislature in the spring of 1888, three of Summit county's high salaried Republican officials, among them County Clerk Hershey, went to Columbus.

The Russell Salary bill, which had previously been passed by the House, Representatives Russell and Kempel voting and working for it, was then in charge of Senator Alexander, to whom it had been referred after being message to the Senate for concurrent action.

Shortly after the Senate session opened on the following Monday morning, Senator Alexander's attention was called to Senator Vernon Burke of Cleveland and County Clerk E. A. Hershey of Akron, who were together in a corner of the Senate chamber. Clerk Hershey had his arm around Mr. Burke's neck and was whispering something into his ear.

It will be remembered that Senator Burke received his nomination after having published upon his campaign cards that "if elected I will vote for M. A. Hanna for U. S. Senator."

Clerk Hershey had been as vigorous in his denunciation of Mr. Burke as any of Mr. Hanna's friends had been after Burke had—as the Hanna papers claimed—"turned traitor" to Mr. Hanna by refusing to vote for him after having given out that he would support him.

But it seemed that Clerk Hershey had forgotten all about this so-called "treachery" on the part of Burke when Burke's help was needed to defeat the bill that threatened the exorbitant salary of himself and fellow officials. Hence the demonstration of affection for Burke.

As soon as Senator Alexander saw Burke and Hershey together he walked up to them and addressing Mr. Hershey, said:

"Mr. Hershey, are you here to defeat the Russell salary bill?"

"That's what I'm here for," replied Mr. Hershey, with the boastful air of one who knew that his purpose would be successful.

"You'll regret it," was the indignant reply of Senator Alexander, as he returned to his seat.

The lobbying commission from Summit county had in the meantime labored with Mr. Garfield, and other members of the Senate. Garfield, contrary to all precedent, insisted upon opposing the bill that was championed by Senator Alexander. For years it had been the custom for Senators elected from the Twenty-Fourth-Twenty-Sixth joint districts not to interfere with the affairs affecting the counties of the respective districts.

Two plans were suggested for defeating the bill—Garfield being a party to both. One was to propose an amendment—in itself of perfunctory nature—which would have necessitated the bill's being sent back to the House for concurrent action—a course that would have virtually killed the bill owing to the early hour of adjournment. Another plan was to vote it down outright.

Not knowing what the program was Senator Alexander reported the bill shortly after his colloquy with Hershey. According to the program Garfield immediately proposed his amendment. The bill was defeated.

The following report, from the Senate Journal, Vol. 93, page 890, tells the whole story:

"Mr. Alexander submitted the following report:

"The select committee of one, to whom was referred H. B., No. 881, Mr. Russell, with leave to report at any time, report it back and recommend its passage.

J. PARK ALEXANDER.
"Said bill was ordered read the third time.

"The question being on its passage, Mr. Garfield moved to refer the bill to a select committee of one with instructions to amend as follows:

"Insert at the end of line 26 'provided that the auditor shall receive three per cent. of all omitted taxes.'

"Which was agreed to and Mr. Garfield was appointed such committee, who reported the bill amended as instructed.

"The question being 'Shall the bill pass' the yeas and nays were taken and resulted—yeas 8, nays 13, as follows:

"Those who voted in the affirmative were—Messrs. Alexander, Cromley, Kennon, Mitchell, Riley and Williams—6.

"Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Blake, Burke, Cohen, Doty, Garfield, Harper, Jones, Plummer, Robertson, Schafer, Sheppard, Sullivan and Wightman—13. So the bill having failed to secure a constitutional majority was lost."

This, in brief, is the history of the defeat of the Russell Salary bill—a defeat which within the last two years has cost the tax-payers of Summit county upwards of \$80,000 more for compensation for their county officials than they should have been reasonably required to pay.

It is to the shame of Summit county that officials elected upon a platform pledging themselves to work for a reduction of exorbitant salaries—as the Summit county Republican platform of 1897 pledged its candidates—should have used such dishonorable means to prevent the platform from being carried into effect.

It is common report that some of Summit county's officials—beneficiaries of the Machine which made the defeat of this bill possible—now have at their disposal a campaign fund amounting to upwards of \$10,000, every cent of which is to be used in bringing about their reelection.

Is it any wonder, that, having enjoyed the exorbitant salaries which the defeat of the Russell Salary bill conferred upon them, these officials can afford to spend such an enormous sum of money in the campaign?

Two thousand of the prominent taxpayers and citizens of Summit county petitioned Senator Alexander to do all in his power to have the Russell Salary bill incorporated into law.

If these petitioners, whose request was treated with immeasurable arrogance and scorn by their high salaried officials, some of whom not only lobbied against the salary bill, but contributed money to its defeat,—will, at the election a week hence, cast their ballots against the Republican Machine which permits its beneficiaries to resort to such high-handed practices, salary grabbing in Summit county will be given a setback from which it will never recover.

And the next Legislature will be permitted to enact a law that will place officials' salaries upon a reasonable basis.

LEG BROKEN—Charles Lincoln, of Akron, while making repairs on the roof of one of A. G. Faatz's houses on Erie st., Monday, fell to the ground and broke both bones of his left ankle. Drs. Sherman and Andrews reduced the fracture—Kent Bulletin.

MORE TRACK ROOM—The main siding of the Erie is to be extended from Marion, Ohio, to Slicks, a distance of five miles, in order to give track room for the cars handled at Marion.

LAST LINKS.

DANCING ACADEMY—Prof. Sid Morey has opened up a dancing academy at Kent. Dances will be held every Thursday evening. The first dance was given last Thursday evening and was a great success.

NEW HORSE CARS—Forty new horse cars, just out of the shops, passed through on the Erie Friday night. They are all painted white.

C. L. S. C.—A meeting will be held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Farrar, 705 Mill st., to perfect the organization of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific circle, which was begun last Wednesday. All who wish to take up the Chautauqua course of reading are invited to be present. Officers for the circle will be elected.

DEATHS.

LEWIS—Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, aged 27 years, died at her home in Copley township, Friday night, Oct. 27, of purpural fever. Funeral Sunday at 9:30 o'clock. Burial in Copley.

MANN—Mrs. Catherine, widow of Philip Mann, 220 Portage st., aged 57 years, 7 months and 11 days, died at 11 o'clock Saturday, Oct. 28, of old age and asthma. Funeral Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the church at Copley Center.

W. C. T. U. MEETING—The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held at the W. C. T. U. rooms, 162 S. Main st., Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The October reports will be due. All persons interested in the work are cordially invited to attend.

LATE PERSONAL.

Charles Boeger of 118½ Jackson st. is seriously ill.

Mrs. M. B. Shumaker of West Market st. has returned from Cleveland, where she has been visiting friends the past few days.

Mrs. Geo. J. Clark of Hornellville, N. Y., is here visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma A. Saunders of 417 South Forge st.

The Sans Souci club met last evening at the home of Miss Beesie Edwards on Washington st. The time was spent in playing progressive pedro after which refreshments were served. The first prize was won by Miss Anna Roan and consolation by Miss Lillie Wetzel. The next seance will take the form of a Holloween party at the home of Miss Florence Latham.

Forty members of Colfax lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, were in Cleveland Friday night, where they were entertained by the Cleveland lodge.

An apron social was given at the home of Mrs. Martha Irvin, 1207 East Market st., Friday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church.

A social and supper at the West Congregational church was enjoyed by a large number of guests Friday night.

ON "EASY STREET."

Comfortable Way to Be Rid of the Coffee Habit.

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THE WEATHER:

Bain tonight and Sunday—Cooler tonight.

UNHAPPY.

She Wanted to Die.

Miss Grace Snowberger Drank Carbolic Acid.

She Had Threatened to Commit Suicide.

Friend Received Letter From Her Saturday.

Post Mortem Examinations Showed Cause of Death.

Miss Grace Snowberger, chambermaid at the Buechel hotel, committed suicide in her room last night. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Snowberger of 221 Bluff st. and was 23 years, 6 months and 23 day old.

Miss Snowberger was addicted to the use of morphine. It is said she drank considerable liquor during the last few days. She entered her room last night at 8:30 o'clock. In a short time she called to another chambermaid, who found her lying on the bed. The hotel manager was notified. He hastily telephoned for physicians. Doctors Murdock, Underwood, A. E. Foltz and Caulfield responded. They made every effort to save her life. She died at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

What caused her death will be determined by a post mortem to be conducted by Coroner E. O. Leberman. An empty box was found on a stand in her room which was labeled morphine, and it is believed she took an over dose of it. One ounce bottle and another one-half ounce bottle were found. These were labeled carbolic acid. Both were empty. Carbolic acid was found in the bottom of a drinking glass.

Doctors Underwood, Murdock and Caulfield conducted a post mortem just after dinner today under the supervision of Coroner Leberman at Billow's morgue. The stomach showed the effects of carbolic acid, which caused her death. The doctors, however, consider the case remarkable, inasmuch as the lips and mouth of the deceased did not bear any traces of the poison.

Coroner Leberman also examined the room the young lady died in. In her pocketbook was found \$5.68 and a few small photographs of friends.

Wrote a Friend.

Miss Snowberger said last night at

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the supper table that she was going to kill herself, but as she had made over a score of threats before, no attention was paid to her remarks. She wrote a letter to Mrs. Minnie M. Moon of 119 Lincoln st., and mailed it. Mrs. Moon received the letter this morning. The contents stated that she was going to end her life by taking carbolic acid. She asked Mrs. Moon to notify her parents and to bury her in her black dress. She concluded by bidding all good bye. The young woman's motive for taking her own life is unknown. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

DECORATED

Their Home With Theatrical Posters—Welcomed Back.

When E. C. Wildes and bride returned from their wedding trip yesterday and went to their future home, they were greatly pleased to find that kind friends had decorated their home in brilliant style with all kinds of posters and notices. A goodly supply of posters of "A Wise Woman" company were placed on the porch and house, while large signs reading "Married at Last" and others equally pertinent informed the passerby that Mr. and Mrs. Wildes would be glad to see their friends. The joke was fully appreciated and Mr. Wildes was out only a couple of hours' time in removing the posters.

Address to the Democratic Clubs of Ohio.

By President A. C. Baehnel.

The Democratic legions of this state are at this moment drawn in battle array, and are fast approaching the firing line. On November 7, a peaceful battle of ballots will take place the result of which will go down in history as one of the most momentous ever waged in this commonwealth.

It is highly important, therefore, that clubs organized for the paramount interests of Democracy, and which have been such a potent factor in cementing our party into a closer union of purpose than ever in her existence, should bend to our work in these closing days of this campaign, with a determination born of a steadfast belief in the declaration of principles promulgated in our platform.

Let no Democrat for one moment think he can in any measure be excused from entering heartily into the duties that devolve upon him as a member of this great party of the people. Every individual effort contributes to the greater success that awaits our united Democracy, that every Democrat feels the importance of this contest, and is ready and willing to perform his whole duty as an American citizen is evident on every hand. The interest manifested all over the state is of the most encouraging nature, and augurs victory for our party and its principles this year.

What an impetus to National Democracy if we shall be triumphant in Ohio, we shall then be equipped to go into the conflict next year with confidence that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall be vouchsafed to all citizens, who prize eternal vigilance as the price of liberty.

FORGETS

Visits to This City.

Hanna Could Not Carry Summit County.

When He Was Candidate For Senator.

Engineer Parshall Wants to Work Election Day.

Anxious to Get Back at Anderson—Local Politics.

Mark Hanna, in his tour up and down and across the state, has been throwing a few bouquets at himself in every speech. One of his favorite compliments to himself is that in which he says: "We carried every county in which I addressed the voters." He refers to the campaign of 1897, when he was a candidate for United States Senator. Mark must have forgotten his two visits to Summit county that campaign. He appeared in Akron twice. The first occasion was when he came here as an intruder, accompanying the Presidential party, at the alleged non-partisan reception in Grace park. Although he was all cocked and primed for an address that day, he was headed off by the prompt action of Chairman P. E. Werner, who held that it would be an insult to the non-partisan committee which had arranged the affair to permit Hanna, a candidate for office, to turn the affair into a political meeting. Later in the campaign Mark delivered a speech in Assembly hall, appearing with Senator Frye. It was on this occasion that he "commanded" the Republicans to get into line. Col. Dick will verify the statement that Summit did not go Republican in the fall of '97. He has not forgotten the conversation he had over the telephone election night, with his Hanna, when he was called to time for the crushing defeat of the Republican Legislative ticket in this county.

Mark, however, probably comes as near the truth in this statement that he carried every county in which he spoke, as in a good many others that he makes.

The enthusiasm that is being displayed by a number of Republican workers in the present campaign is remarkable. Take for instance ex-City Engineer S. W. Parshall. His official head was chopped off by Judge Anderson's proxies on the Board of City Commissioners. They were acting under orders from headquarters and Mr. Parshall knows it. He has declared himself openly as being against the re-election of Judge Anderson. Realizing that Mr. Parshall had many friends and that he was a dangerous political enemy, Judge Anderson's proxies decided to handicap him in his work against their dictators. He was, at their suggestion, named as one of the clerks in his precinct, in the Second ward. By this move the Probate Judge's proxies hope to keep Mr. Parshall from working against him on election day. Mr. Parshall has declared that he will not act in the capacity assigned to him. He will get a substitute and devote his own time to getting even with Judge Anderson.

It is expected from indications that Assembly hall will be packed full tonight at the Democratic mass meeting to be addressed by John McBride of Columbus and H. A. Mykranz of Ashland. All workmen are anxious to hear these orators. The speakers will be escorted from the hotel to the hall by Foster's band. All members of the Akron Democratic club are invited to meet in headquarters at 6:30 o'clock.

A number of German citizens re-Continued on Last Page.

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Corrupt In Politics.

Dr. Hamill's Opinion of Republican Party.

Shameful Bargains of Hanna and Cox.

Prohibition Mass Meeting in Assembly Hall.

Expects to Poll Large Vote at Next Election.

Rev. Dr. George M. Hamill, of Cincinnati, Prohibition candidate for governor, addressed a fair-sized audience at Assembly hall Friday evening.

Rev. C. J. Tannar, pastor of the First Church of Christ, was chairman of the meeting. An invocation was offered by Rev. J. W. King, pastor of the Main Street M. E. church, and several selections were sung by a glee club, composed of members of the Young Men's Prohibition club.

Rev. Mr. Hamill is a man of scholarly attainments. For a number of years he was engaged in pastoral work, later became connected with the Western Christian Advocate as associate editor, and recently was elected professor of Political Science and Economics in the American Temperance university at Harriman, Tenn., to which place he informed a reporter for the DEMOCRAT he would go at once if he wasn't elected governor.

"If I am not elected governor of Ohio, it will not be my fault," he continued in the conversation. "The largest number of Prohibition votes polled in this state is 24,000, but I am assured that the number will be greatly increased this year."

In the course of Mr. Hamill's address a noticeable feature was that the Republican party was held up as being corrupt. Nothing was said of the Democratic party. This being looked upon as singular of a third party orator, a reporter asked the speaker why he had omitted the usual criticism of the Democratic party, and concluded by asking the speaker for his opinion of the two old parties.

"I will answer that I regard the Republican party as infinitely the most corrupt. It impresses me as being most infamously corrupt in politics."

He referred to the shameful bargain which Hanna had made with Boss Geo. B. Cox of Cincinnati, who, in exchange for supporting Judge Nash, was permitted to name the candidate of his own choosing for lieutenant governor, through whom

Cox hopes to control the Ohio senate.

Mr. Hamill's address, while having a temperance ring all through it, was nevertheless given to discussion of the political conditions and customs of the day. Treating on the Philippine policy of the Administration, the speaker simply asked some questions that the Republicans do not care to answer. These questions, preceded by their introduction, follow, and were copied from the manuscript of Mr. Hamill's speech:

"Judge Nash discussed the Philippine questions in eight paragraphs. Grant that by Article III of the Treaty with Spain, the Archipelago, known as the Philippines, was ceded to the United States, and \$20,000,000 paid for certain properties of Spain, is it not true that after ratifying that Treaty the Senate of the United States passed the resolution—By the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain, it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippines into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended to permanently annex said Islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States?"

"Is it not true that at no time has Spain actually held possession of more than a fourth of the Philippine archipelago?"

"Is it not true that Aguinaldo and his Tagals were engaged in a war for independence when the Pacific squadron sailed into Manila?"

"Is it not true that the policy of the United States changed when General Merritt was appointed to command of the United States forces?"

"Is it not true that the Sultan of the Sulu group was indeed by a payment of \$10,000 to surrender on condition that slavery and polygamy, 'two relics of barbarism,' should not be discontinued?"

By the hearty applause given as answer in the affirmative to these questions, it is little to be wondered at that local Republican politicians met with such ignominious defeat when they tried to capture the Prohibition vote for candidate Seese.

Speaking of the evils of the liquor traffic, Mr. Hamill said that under the administration of the Dow law, adopted in 1898, there have been in the State of Ohio more than 9,000 divorce cases, with drunkenness as the sole cause.

Mr. Hamill arrived in the city at 5 o'clock Friday evening. He remained here over night, leaving for Cincinnati Saturday morning.

Tonight is the last chance to register. If you neglect to do so you cannot vote on election day.

Rev. W. F. Crispin will deliver a Prohibition address at the Fish Creek school house tonight.

Hear Hon. John McBride, the prominent labor leader, and Hon. H. A. Mykranz at Assembly hall tonight. Members of the Akron Democratic club will meet at headquarters at 6:30 o'clock.

A meeting of the various committees of the Republican county organization is being held at Republican headquarters this afternoon.

Prof. S. P. Orth of Buchtel college, Attorney Nathan O. Mather and Candidate for Representative C. F. Seese attended a Republican meeting at Macedonia, Friday night. The meeting was attended by 75 people.