

# IN THE POLITICAL WHIRL.

## Camden in a Lively Congressional Contest.

### ANTI-GRATZ WORKERS ENCOURAGED

#### Campaign Jottings of Interest Gathered at the City and State Committee Headquarters of Both Parties.

There was widespread interest in the Republican delegate election in Camden county last night. Delegates were chosen to the Congressional District Convention, which meets at Bridgeton on Thursday next. Hon. Thomas H. Dudley and Christopher Bergen were the rival candidates, and the latter's friends claim to have carried every ward in the city.

During the voting at the Fourth ward polls Policeman Ikey Scheeys got into an altercation with two men named Richmond and Walters. It is alleged that he used a blackjack without provocation. The two men who were assaulted immediately engaged the services of a lawyer, who will cause Scheeys's arrest to-day on the charge of assault and battery. Following are the delegates elected in Camden city and in the various townships:

First Ward—W. Bally, Isaac Gibbens, George Barrett, Frank Welch and Howland Croft.

Second Ward—J. Willard Somers, Frank C. Somers, John Wells, W. H. Day and Samuel Bakely.

Third Ward—Dilwyn Pettit, J. Milton Powell, David Freeman, Sr., George Denny and Albion Lane.

Fourth Ward—Everett Ackley, Samuel M. Gall, William Ireton, Joseph Brown and Howard Lee.

Fifth Ward—Christopher J. Mines, Jr., Frederick Parker, John H. Miller, David Rankin and Samuel Roach.

Sixth Ward—A. R. Dease, James Brown, Isaac Robinson, John Brother and James Hewitt.

Seventh Ward—John C. Edwards, M. D. Cornish, William K. Price, Reuben Gaskill and John W. Everman.

Eighth Ward—Samuel H. Mourey, William H. Smith, Herman Holmbold, E. Thompson and Thomas Watson.

Stockton township was carried by Dudley, and W. Harrison Livermore carried Woodbury.

Centre, Delaware and Haddon townships of Camden county were carried by Bergen.

The Congressional district includes Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem and Cape May counties. The indications are that Congressman Hires will be renominated.

#### Anti-Gratz Workers Encouraged.

While there was nothing to indicate the slightest change in his position, as formally announced by him a couple of weeks ago, Mayor Fidler's reply to inquiries yesterday, that he was not for Gratz or any other candidate for Register of Wills, seemed to revive the activity of the anti-McManes men.

The Mayor simply said that he would be entirely neutral in the matter of the nomination of a candidate for Register of Wills, and when asked if the Police Department was taking sides, he added: "None whatever. They have explicit orders to keep their hands off, and take no part in the fight whatever. I have no interest in it one way or the other, and the Administration has not given its support to any single candidate. That is all I have to say about it, and you can take that as final."

At a meeting of the Twenty-ninth Ward Executive Committee last night Messrs. Bardsley and Gratz were indorsed, and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Harry B. Ring has served with distinguished ability for one term in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, and voted upon all questions with a proper appreciation of the best interests of the citizens of the Twenty-eighth district, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Republican Ward Executive Committee of the Twenty-ninth ward indorse the candidacy of Harry B. Ring for renomination as one of the representatives from the Twenty-eighth district, and pledge to him our cordial and hearty support at the primary election to be held Tuesday, September 18, 1883.

J. H. Anker, of the '87 Club of the Twenty-ninth ward, has received an autograph letter from Levi P. Morton, the Republican candidate for Vice-President, acknowledging his election as an honorary member of the club. The Republicans of the Twenty-third and Thirty-third divisions of the Twenty-fifth ward will hold a mass meeting this evening at Miller's Hall, Fairhill and Somerset streets.

Friends of Representative Vogdes in the Thirteenth ward are much concerned over the active canvass being made by Charles G. Harris, the lawyer, who is strongly backed for the Republican nomination for the Legislature. Vogdes's supporters find that there is a growing sentiment in favor of a new man, the argument against the return of their favorite being that he has reached the age when his retirement should be gracefully acceded to. Mr. Harris is popular and has an excellent chance of winning.

The Feronia Club took possession of their new headquarters last night with due ceremony.

Company A of the Young Republicans perfected their organization at the Broad street barracks last night by the election of Frank B. Thompson, president; H. L. Brooks, vice president; Thomas Orr, secretary; William J. Moore, treasurer; Clarence T. Kensel, captain; J. Dallet Roberts, first lieutenant; John M. Sutterle, second lieutenant; James A. Bromley, third lieutenant, and George D. Glenn, fourth lieutenant.

#### What the Democrats Are Doing.

The Democratic City Committee met last night and named the temporary chairmen for the city conventions, which meet on Thursday, the 27th instant. Henry C. Loughlin will call the Judicial Convention to order, William D. Kendrick the City Treasurer's, and George W. G. Gibbons the Register of Wills.

The selection of temporary chairman of the Congressional and Senatorial conventions was left to the members of the City Committee from the several districts. The primary election will take place Monday, the 24th instant, and the ward conventions on the following day. The last day for paying poll tax and for naturalization is October 6.

Samuel Josephs is actively at work arranging for the mass meeting and banner raising in the Twenty-ninth ward on Saturday evening next. He has obtained promises from Congressmen Carlisle and Breckinridge, of Kentucky, that they will be on hand to address the meeting, which will be held in the base ball grounds, Twenty-fourth and Ridge avenue. There will be a meeting to-night at the Jefferson Club House, Eighteenth street and Fairmount avenue, to arrange for the parade. Delegates will be present from a number of clubs. The banner-raising on Saturday night will be at Eighteenth street and Ridge avenue.

The Austro-Hungarian Democratic Association was addressed by several speakers in foreign languages last night at Wheatly Dramatic Hall, Fifth and Gaskill streets.