

# LEGISLATORS AT ODDS.

## Winter of Warfare Predicted at Albany.

### ELECTION OF ELIHU ROOT.

The Fight Against Governor Hughes Will Have Bitter Factional Differences to Keep It Company—Raines and Brackett on Unfriendly Terms. Assembly Minority is Dissatisfied. United States Senator Root's Career. Governor Has His Own Bill on Direct Nominations.

[From Our Special Correspondent.] Albany, Jan. 20.—An undercurrent of bitter discussion stirs the political waters at Albany, and it is not confined to one party.

In addition to the strained relations existing between Governor Hughes and the legislature, particularly the Republican members, there are other conditions that do not augur well for a harmonious session this winter. In fact, there is every indication that the new legislature will participate in a series of sessions that will prove also utterly tumultuous, and factional differences also are already fanning smoldering embers into flame.

Aside from the clashes on the floor of both houses caused by the nature of legislation, protracted parliamentary raids are expected to result from the factional divisions above hinted at in the senate, for instance the sores caused by the manner of making the important committee appointments this year will take long in healing. Senator Brackett of Saratoga Springs is leading under what he considers a modification, and it is freely predicted by those on the "inside" that he will present a majority leader, and that he will have many a picture painted before the young session is much older.

#### Brackett Couldn't Oust Davis.

Brackett was a potent factor in the senate for eleven consecutive years from 1896 to 1906. He did not return in 1907 for the two year term, but was sent back in his old seat last November. He held many important positions in the senate organization in his time and among them the chairmanship of judiciary. This year he felt that he was entitled to return to this chairmanship and made urgent request for the appointment. He believed that Senator George Davis of Lancaster, last year's chairman, could be taken care of in another way and one that would be acceptable to Davis. But Lieutenant Governor Horace White and Senator Raines decided that Davis should retain the chairmanship, and Brackett was placed as a member of the committees on finance and codes. In addition, it is stated in the high places that Raines will go after Brackett on the floor of the senate and spank him thoroughly by attacking his legislation. But Brackett is a doctory fighter, a parliamentary warhorse who can take punishment and give it too. He can stand up under fire better than probably any other man in the upper house. The opinion of Brackett's friends is that Raines will make a mistake in leading a fight on him or in directing others against the Saratogian. One of them expressed himself to the writer as follows: "The folks that are going out after Brackett in the senate had better be very careful. He can take care of himself under any circumstances. They had better let him alone if they want to accomplish anything for the state during the session."

#### Revolt Against Woodruff?

Revolt against State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff is expected to show its head during the winter at Albany. Many Republicans are chagrined at his failure to remain in the fight for the United States senatorship. His followers are not satisfied with Elihu Root and argue that Tim showed decided weakness in allowing himself to be so easily eliminated.

#### Democratic Discontents.

Among the Democrats the chief dissatisfaction seems to have arisen over the result of the fight for the minority leadership in the assembly. The three New York city candidates for that honor are displeased at the election of Daniel D. Frisbie of Schoharie county, an editor and publisher at Middleburg. Frisbie was in the assembly in 1900 and 1901. The minority in the assembly is certain to be split and torn by the ill feelings caused unless Mr. Frisbie proves himself a master peacemaker. He has a pleasing personality, advanced ability and sound judgment and should be able to meet the exigencies of the situation.

#### State Constabulary Fight.

That the fight over the state constabulary measure will prove as active as that over direct nominations and ballot reform is a foregone conclusion. The state constabulary bill is a distinctly Republican plan. One result that its enactment would secure would be the wresting of the police department of New York city from the control of Tammany Hall, and this is a point that the Republican leaders highly desire. The Democratic organization in New York city, they claim, has been unable to increase its strength at the polls through the control of this

immense department. The Republicans have strong hopes of electing a mayor at the next city election, and the police department might be an influential factor in the contest. The constabulary measure provides for placing the police of cities under the control of a state department which would, of course, be a department controlled by the Republicans.

#### Election of Elihu Root.

The election of Elihu Root as United States senator attracted particular attention to the legislature this week, although it has been known for several weeks that he would be the choice of the majority. The impression has been created that Mr. Root will become the actual Republican leader in the state as a representative of President Roosevelt, and in addition it is conceded that he will be the most important man in various committees in the senate representing the administration on the floor of the upper house.

As a member of the committee on foreign relations he will be able to further the lines of action he originated while secretary of state. It is interesting to note that Mr. Root appeared before this senatorial committee in Washington a few days ago to explain the treaty negotiated with Great Britain affecting the question of the boundary waters between the United States and Canada and also the three treaties relating to the Panama question. The terms of these treaties have been made public and from the attitude of members of the committee in questioning Secretary Root it appears likely the treaties will be reported favorably.

Mr. Root is a graduate of Hamilton college where his father had been instructor of mathematics. He has received degrees of doctor of laws from many universities including Yale Harvard, Princeton and Columbia. He was a member of the constitutional convention of New York state in 1841 was secretary of war under President McKinley, was a member of the Alaskan boundary commission and became president of the Bar association of New York city and of the American Society of International Law. As secretary of state under President Roosevelt he has had many difficult problems to handle and of late has been particularly engaged in smoothing over the threatened troubles with Japan.

#### Assail the Sunday Laws.

A wholesale attack on the existing Sunday laws has been begun by various members of the assembly, but it is certain that they will meet the fate of the Sunday baseball and Sunday saloon opening laws of last year, none of which was reported from the committees.

#### Senate Favors Hughes Opponents.

That the senate will be unlikely to favor Governor Hughes' recommendations unless it sees some public reason for so doing is evidenced by the prominence accorded various of his opponents in the organization of the house. The case of Senator Grattan of Albany county is typical. Grattan is controlled by Barnes, the Republican leader of Albany, who has led the up state attack on Hughes. Grattan voted against the Agnew-Hart anti-racing bills, etc. This year he has been made chairman of the insurance committee and a member of three other good committees finance, taxation and retrenchment and judiciary. Grattan has probably had more experience in connection with the legislature than any other man of his age, thirty-three years. He was page boy in the assembly, assistant librarian and assistant postmaster there, a member of assembly five years, secretary to ex-Senator Nussbaum of the Twenty-ninth district and is now in his third year in the senate.

#### Governor's Direct Nominations Bill.

The members of both houses of the legislature have been confident that Governor Hughes would not have any particular bill on direct nominations introduced. They argued that he would support some one of the several bills introduced by members who have drawn up bills independent of the chief executive. But they are doomed to get a surprise. The governor has been aiding in the drawing of a bill now receiving its final touches from William G. Brown, a wealthy New York lawyer who is president of the Direct Nominations league.

Mr. Hughes will press the passage of this bill. It has not as yet been decided who will introduce the measure in the senate and the assembly.

#### A Brackett Anecdote.

An amusing story is told of Senator Brackett when chairman of judiciary a few years ago. He was said to be very arbitrary at times, and he would sometimes report out bills on his own initiative without getting the consent of any other member of the committee. One day, the story goes, Brackett was sitting alone in the judiciary committee room with a pile of bills, picking out several which he reported to be put on the calendar. Another member of the committee happened to come into the room. He saw what Brackett was doing and protested.

"Why, senator," he said, "it seems very odd to me that you should assume so much authority as to report bills all by yourself. I think other members of the committee should."

"Look here, senator," broke in Brackett; "the judiciary committee was having a busy meeting and one entirely—entirely, I say—harmonious until you intruded and spoiled things. Really, senator, as chairman of this committee I must ask you not to interrupt its deliberations."

The "intruding" senator had some bills that he wanted out of the committee, so he thought it wise not to annoy the chairman further. He hurriedly departed, leaving Brackett in harmonious session.

# Woman's Sphere

"Poor girl! I am sorry for her. Mrs. Popular looked over at the lonely wallflower as she spoke." "Some one ought to tell her how to be liked in this world," remarked Mrs. Clever.

"How to be liked? What do you mean?"

"The secret of life, getting what you radiate. When you go near Miss Wallflower, do you feel that she likes you very much?"

"Well, she has rather a repelling manner. I always thought it rather unfortunate."

"It is not so unfortunate as it is selfish. She wants to be liked without liking anybody. Now, that sort of thing doesn't work in this world. You get just what you give to others. If you are suspicious you beget suspicion. If you are jealous you inspire jealousy. If you are cold and selfish you cannot possibly expect warmth and generosity."

"Miss Wallflower simply wants a good time. She does not think for one moment about giving it to others. She has a sour expression on her face, and yet she expects people to come up and smile at her. She is quite indignant that she is left to sit by herself all the evening, and yet she hasn't sense enough to stop and wonder why. If she would cease wondering about herself and would begin to think about making other people happy, if she would honestly ask herself what is her attitude toward those around her, what she does for them, what her influence on them is, I'm sure she would set her feet on the road to happiness."

#### Seriousness of the Sex.

Woman is too serious. I take as an example the programs presented for the entertainment of the different women's clubs. I can be a highbrow when it is necessary, believe me, but when I want an afternoon's



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enjoyment I'm afraid I shall cut any club that presents an entertainment consisting of doleful songs and addresses by different clergymen on ancient and modern art. That is what happened to me the other day when I attended the monthly luncheon of a well known social club.

Ye gods and little fishes! Imagine a man's club under similar circumstances!

I tell you what, the men know one thing we don't know much about, and that is how to enjoy themselves. Women are born martyrs. They just love to suffer.

#### For a Spoonful Pudding.

1 tablespoonful each of butter, cornstarch and milk; 2 tablespoonfuls each of sugar and flour; 1 teaspoonful of baking powder; 1 egg, pinch of salt, raspberries.

Chopped pineapple or pitted cherries may be used in place of raspberries, if you happen to lack a supply of that fruit. In measuring butter have your measurement level, but the spoonfuls of sugar, flour and cornstarch must all be heaped up.

Cream the butter, then cream the butter and sugar together. Mix the salt, cornstarch and flour, reserving a little flour to mix with the baking powder a little later. Sift these dry ingredients and mix with the butter and sugar; then add the milk and the yolk of the egg, beating the batter thoroughly. Now put in the baking powder, mixed with the small quantity of flour that was left, and finally fold in the white of the egg.

Butter three earthenware coffee cups and into each put two generous tablespoonfuls of red raspberries, and over the fruit two tablespoonfuls of batter. This recipe provides a quantity sufficient for three such cups. If smaller cups are used only a tablespoonful each of the fruit and batter should be placed in each one. Cook in a steamer for forty-five minutes and serve with any liquid sauce suitable for a steamed pudding, or with sugar and cream.

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The next social secretary at the White House will be Mrs. Eleanor Relyea. She is an expert at bridge and has made pocket money by giving lessons in the game to fashionable Washington. One of her pupils was Mrs. John R. McLean and rumor has it that it was through the good offices of Mrs. McLean that Mrs. Relyea secured the appointment referred to. Mrs. Relyea was appointed to a place in the war department in 1907. She is the widow of Albert Relyea, formerly a chief of a division in the treasury department.

Miss Rose Fritz, the American champion typist who accepted the challenge to type 100 words in a minute in a London newspaper office, went through the ordeal triumphantly. She accomplished the remarkable record of typing 262 words from an article in the newspaper before her in two minutes twenty-six seconds, or at the rate of 107.6 words a minute. The type writer used had been operated for two years. Time was taken by an expert timekeeper on a chronograph.

The head maid of Queen Margherita makes about \$6,000 a year from the sales of the old gowns of her mistress. This is one of the maid's perquisites. The sales are held twice a year. American women are the best customers. To quote an English journal, American women are willing to pay the highest prices for the souvenirs of a queen.

As most women in the United States know, Mrs. George Cornwallis West was the widow of Lord Randolph Churchill when she met her present husband. When Churchill first saw the plump Miss Jennie Jerome he resolved that he would win her for his wife. The same evening, so it is said, Miss Jerome told her sister that Lord Randolph was the man she was destined to marry. It was some years after Lord Randolph Churchill's death that she became Mrs. George Cornwallis West.

The bottom scale of prices is reached by the poor seamstresses of Paris. They toil from dawn to dark in the making of children's clothes. One cent an hour is the estimated stipend, but if the work is exceptionally clever they can earn 37 cents for twelve hours' work. Female house servants receive about \$8 a month. Saleswomen in the largest department stores earn about \$60 a month.

More than 6,000 patents have been issued by the United States office to women. Some of them are for car couplers, night signaling, life rafts, car wheels, machines for manufacturing ozone, and one is for a typewriter for the blind. Nearly all the patents are for something practical.

A visiting card on which appears a silhouette of the person who offers it and which may have a design appropriate to the owner's station in life is a hit in Germany. It has been introduced here by Mme. Gadschl. Her card has a laurel border, and a harp at the bottom of the card is her design.

An ancient bed valued at \$5,000 is the property of a well known French actress. It is in an excellent state of preservation, and its adornments carry out to the full all the lavish beauty of the bed itself. Draped at the back from a ring in the ceiling are beautiful curtains of antique brocade, plumes of ostrich feathers looping them up at the corners. The bedspread is of richest satin, veiled with valuable lace in exquisite design. Several old English boxes own antique beds which are the envy of connoisseurs.

The only woman jailer in the world, it is believed, lives in Switzerland. Her name is Jenny Porchet. She is governor of the prison of Aigle, in the Rhone valley. Thirty years ago she married the chief warden of the prison and soon proved to be a valuable helpmeet. Of strong physique and with proper ideas of discipline, she soon made herself valuable, often taking her husband's place when he was absent or when he was ill. When he died the authorities offered her the place and she accepted. All the year around the prison contains from ten to twelve prisoners, sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from three months to three years, and, although she has no assistant, she has never had any trouble with her prisoners, except on one occasion, many years ago, when a burly ruffian attacked her. She taught him a lesson in good behavior that confined him in the hospital several weeks. Many a prisoner has been set on the right path again by her wise and kindly advice.

#### Cover for Hot Water Bottle.

The cover should be made of felt or cloth, with a flap fastened by a button and loop, will be a boon to any woman who drives in the country in winter. Fill the bottle with hot water before starting out and slip it into the case; then hold it on the knees under the rug, where the hands may be warmed alternately.

#### To Keep a Child in Bed.

and prevent him from crawling up on the pillows and out of the bedclothes, as so many children do, try the following plan: Sew two loops of tape to the middle of the nightgown hem, one in front and the other in back, then pass a long piece of tape along the foot of the crib, bringing the ends up to tie through the loops on the nightgown when the child is placed in bed. In this way the child is kept in the same place all night, though still free to turn from side to side.

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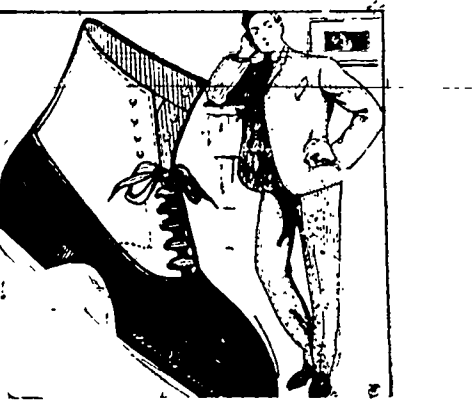
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