The Palladium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1890.

Democratic Nominations.

COUNTY.

District Attorney—CHARLES W. AVERY, Phœnix.

Sheriff—LUMAN T. RICHARDSON, Volney.

Superintendent of Poor—MARVIN THOMPSON, Granby.

Special County Judge—AZARIAH WART, Sandy Creek.

Justice of Sessions—GEORGE E. PARSONS, Oswego.

ASSEMBLY.

1st Dist.—WILLIAM B. HOWARD, Volney.

2d Dist.—FOWLER H. BERRY, Parish.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

1st Dist.—ELIZABETH COATES, Fulton.

2d Dist.—TRACY D. BLYE.

3d Dist.—IDA L. GRIFFIN, Mexico.

CONGRESS.

Representative in Congress—EDWIN K. BURNHAM, Wayne.

CITY.

Recorder—CHARLES N. BULGER.

STRANAHAN BRANDED.

The Drafted Men's "Advocate" for September 1890, has the following:

"Hon. N. N. Stranahan of Fulton, Oswego county, has been renominated for the Assembly. HE WAS ONE OF OUR MOST EARNEST AND DEVOTED FRIENDS and we hope the Drafted Men will do all they can, not only to elect him, but to swell his majority to the largest possible proportions."

MORE OF STRANAHAN'S RECORD.

While the Hon. N. N. Stranahan is driving about the country defending himself from the charge of having betrayed his constituents in the matter of the World's Fair, and with having entered into a compact with the Drafted Men to pass a law whereby the taxpayers of this county will be compelled to pay $900 to the Drafted Men who *didn't* go to the war, perhaps it would be well for him to explain also how he happened to be making speeches at 12 o'clock at night in the Assembly, in behalf of that *notorious* measure known as the Aqueduct Contractors' bill. And then while he is thus on the defensive it might be well for him to state how it happened that his conduct in that matter was so contrary to what was right, that the New York Tribune, the national organ of the Republican party, denounced him for the part he played on that midnight in May.

As is well known to all intelligent citizens who keep the run of current events and political affairs, the Aqueduct Contractors' bill was one of the most vicious and corrupt measures that found its way into the Legislature last winter. While it is true that enough Democrats combined with its Republican supporters to force it through the Legislature, it is nevertheless true that the bill was notoriously bad and was promptly vetoed by Governor Hill, for which almost the entire press of New York united in commendation. And yet we find that Mr. Stranahan, the young man who is so sure he will not support the Drafted Men's bill unless his constituents want it, voting and speaking at midnight for this measure.

The Tribune of May 9th, 1890, gives a report of the manner in which the Assembly suddenly took up the bill at midnight. Mr. Acker, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, made an adverse report on the bill and Mr. Gardenier moved that the report be rejected. This motion was beaten, which was substantially a vote accepting the adverse report. Assemblyman King of New York then made an appeal for the bill in behalf of the contractors, and the Tribune says: "Every one was amazed to see Assemblyman Deyo of Broome county and Assemblyman Stranahan of Oswego county sweep off their feet by this manly appeal." Mr. Stranahan appealed to the Assembly to reconsider its vote. Just here an extract from the Tribune's columns as to what further transpired will be read with interest:

Mr. Webster of New York denounced the proposal to revive the bill, dwelling especially upon the fact that it was proposed to change a law of thirty years' standing. Mr. Lewis of New York denounced the proposed amendment to the bill in severe terms, pointing out the danger of amending the laws of New York by hasty action at midnight on the night of adjournment. Mr. Acker said that the people of New York would do justice by the aqueduct contractors, and that the latter should not have the preference in all trials. It was a favor not possessed by any other litigant. Hamilton Fish, Jr., now shrewd of the mask which he has been wearing upon this Aqueduct bill and appeared to the open friend of the Aqueduct contractors. "It is easy for Mr. Acker," he said, "to make cheap capital by denouncing this amendment, but I will declare frankly that I think these aqueduct contractors should have their claims put upon the proper calendar. I expect the newspapers will denounce me for this opinion, but I nevertheless will express it."

The bill, however, was lost by the following vote:

Ayes	70
Noes	84

Mr. Acker suddenly now prevented the passage of the bill by pointing out to the House that it was past 12 o'clock, and the legislative day had expired. Mr. Fish raised that the point of order was not well taken, and despite the protest of Mr. Dunham, Mr. Deyo, Mr. King, who wished [illegible] vote was announced as follows:

Ayes	79
Noes	76

[illegible] Stranahan, who [illegible] Acker, who [illegible] Dunham, who [illegible] Deyo, who [illegible] Fish, who [illegible] King, who [illegible] Webster, who [illegible] Lewis, who [illegible] Gardenier