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## DEMOCRATS AT SEA OVER HEAVY DEFICIT IN STATE TREASURY

CUDGELING BRAINS TO RIND  
SOME WAY OF AVERT-  
ING STATE TAX

## CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

Party Committed To Sabbath Desecration—Legislature Misses Wilson's Dominating Influence—Suppressing All Attempts To Carry Out Policies For Goal of Commonwealth.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 20.—Governor Fletcher and his advisors are continuing their efforts to find some way of averting a treasury deficit without the imposition of a State tax. There have been several suggestions. One is for a \$10,000 bond issue. But this would have to be submitted to a vote of the people, who might not give their endorsement to concrete evidence of Democratic extravagance and mismanagement. A direct inheritance tax is another Democratic idea. But even if the widows and orphans were compelled to give up to the State a portion of their legacies, less than a fourth of the estimated treasury deficit would be provided for.

Democratic chieftains are coming home to roost. An accounting must be made to the voters next Fall. With an estimated deficit of \$2,380,000 staring them in face, the Democratic leaders have cause for woe.

### Lack Competent Leader.

The people of New Jersey are asking, "What's the matter with the Legislature—why doesn't it do something?" The Democrats are in control and should furnish the answer. But whatever explanation is offered, the fact is that at the end of six weeks only the very smallest portion of the work cut out for the majority, if they would fulfill their platform pledges, has been accomplished. The dominating influence of Woodrow Wilson is missed. In both Senate and House the lack of courageous, resounding leadership of the majority is apparent. Indeed the majority has been put on the defensive by a series of resolutions questioning their party policies and demanding investigation of conditions for which they are held responsible. Instead of accepting the gauntlet the majority leaders have impounded all such resolutions offered by the minority.

### Democrats Attack Sabbath.

Should the Christian Sabbath be abominated, or shall the Continental Sunday take its place in New Jersey? The Legislature must decide this question squarely. It is the biggest moral issue in this State since the people put the ban on gambling. Democratic legislators have introduced several bills striking at the fundamental Sabbath law of the State. One of these, the Milligan bill, permits all theatrical or vaudeville attractions, moving picture or singing entertainments, professional base ball games and other sports on Sunday. Its introduction, several days ago, received the attention of those who appeared at the committee hearing to protest against this desecration of the Sabbath, but it was in line with the Democratic platform of last year. In other words, the Democratic party, from the Milligan point of view, is committed to the overthrow of the Christian Sabbath as it has been observed and respected since the very foundation of government in New Jersey.

### Suppressing Investigations.

Over in the Senate a Republican request for an investigation of lawless conditions in Hudson County, where a Grand Jury has condemned Sunday liquorizing, is shortly impending. The Republicans say that the Wilson-proclaimed policy of "pitifully publicized" has been transformed under the Fletcher administration into one of "summary suppression." When legislative majority lacks the courage, or the resources, to meet the attacks of the minority it can hardly expect to hold the confidence of the people.

### SPLIT HAIRS IN COURT OVER LEGAL RESIDENCE

**Mathias Acquitted Of Voting Illegally  
In Somers' Point Election.**

Charged in an indictment with illegal voting at the primary and general elections of 1912, Louis J. Mathias, President of the Somers' Point Club, was placed on trial before Judge Clarence L. Cole and a jury in the Atlantic Court of Common Pleas Thursday and acquitted yesterday by the jury in fifteen minutes.

It was the claim of the State that Mathias voted at Somers' Point in 1912 before he had established a legal residence in this State by remaining here for one year. The defendant admitted on the stand that he had acted as judge of the election for the 21st precinct of the 15th ward, Philadelphia, and had also voted at the Somers' Point Poll.

Haffert, it appeared, had assaulted the Mayor in his newspaper and Steedman took offence at his comments. While walking down the street together from the city hall to a hotel a dispute arose in the seminole that followed. Haffert planted his heavy right fist on the editorial nose.

Steedman said Haffert started the fight and he struck him once, after the editor made an unsuccessful attempt to land a blow on him. Haffert denied that he raised his hand.

"Stand up together and let us look you over," said the Court and the combatants measured shoulders. Both stood nearly six feet high.

Steedman said he was ashamed, the affair happened in a public street, but was not sorry he acted as he did. "When anyone strikes me I strike back," he said. Sentence was served by Judge Cole.

Court was adjourned yesterday until Tuesday morning next.

### Collector Kept Firm's Money.

Abraham Goldfarb was found guilty Wednesday when he was placed on trial charged in an indictment with embezzeling the sum of \$70 from an Atlantic City drygoods concern. The State claimed that the defendant, who was employed as a collector, kept for his own use sums of money which he had collected from customers of the store. The defendant denied that he had embezzled any of the firm's money and declared that some of the entries in the customers' books were false. He alleged that in one instance his signature had been forged. Goldfarb is now under bail and under the circumstances was permitted to go to his home until sent for, by the Court to receive sentence.

**Sprinting Contest At May's Landing.**

It has been decided by the committee of the school principals of the County that the annual county spelling contest will be held this year on the afternoon of Saturday in May, at the Court House, May's Landing. Full details of the contest and rules were printed in last Saturday's issue of "The Record." Valueable cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

### Circuit Court in March.

Judge Howard Curran announces that he will hold a session of the Circuit and Supreme Court at May's Landing on the week beginning March 23 next. All lawyers who have cases they wish to have tried are requested to communicate with Judge Curran.

## WOODCHOPPER FALLS HEIR TO ESTATE OF AN UNCLE

### Joseph Ireland Awakes To Fortune Awaiting Him.

To few persons comes the good luck to fall asleep almost penniless and awake the next morning to find themselves the possessor of a modest little fortune. Such was the pleasant experience this week of Joseph Ireland, a wood-chopper, who formerly resided here but for several months has been making his home at Dorothy.

"Joey," as he is familiarly known, was notified a few days ago by the Surrogate that an uncle, James Ashton, of Richmond, N. Y., had bequeathed to him a one-sixth share of his estate; \$2,425.17, to be exact. The same amount was bequeathed to Edward Ireland, of Burlington; Horace Ireland, of Atlantic City; Catharine Headley, of Atlantic City; Mary Steedman, of Pleasantville and Rena Robinson of Holly Beach.

Ireland has been a familiar figure about town for many years and is known to almost every one in the community. The news of his good fortune will come as a great surprise to his many acquaintances, but hardly more so than it came to himself.

### PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

We will look for you at the Martha Washington Supper to-night.

Mr. Victor Ritzenthaler spent last Sunday in Mt. Holly.

County Engineer A. H. Nelson was a visitor Thursday last.

Freelander J. Harry Fulmer, of Ventnor, a guest visitor yesterday.

Miss Edith McGill, of Collingswood, is visiting Mrs. Edmund Lambert.

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