



STATE SECRETARY TO BE CANDIDATE

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TILSON TO BE HONORED

New Haven Italian Residents Planning to Give Testimonial Banquet.

For some reason a rumor was circulated this week to the effect that Dr. William L. Higgins of Coventry does not intend to be a candidate for renomination as secretary of state at the next republican state convention.

The Italian residents of New Haven are arranging for a testimonial banquet to Congressman John Q. Tilson to be held about March 1, a celebration of the honor conferred on him by being raised to the dignity of grand officer of the cross of Italy.

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independence. He was known as a senator and who thought it more important to carry out the wishes of his constituents than to obey the crack of the party whip.

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During 1868, and indeed for fourteen months, Warner was abroad and Hawley carried the burden of editing the Courant. During 1866 and 1867 both Hawley and Warner were in Hartford so the correspondence had been suspended.

Hartford, Feb. 27, 1869.

My dear Charles—which includes both of you: It would be utterly impossible for me to prove in any court under Heaven that I love you and consider myself about the truest, longest-lasting, surest friend you have.

But I have often and often thought of you and enjoyed with you your good times, and been sorry for the little things that may have marred it a little—the confounded old express stocks, etc.

Enjoy yourself with all your might. I thought of sending you some good advice. You were too anxious & industrious—too full of memoranda like Hooker—not enough of what you see around you now—the dolce far niente.

Courant Doing Well.

The Courant is doing well. Declared \$23,900 last year, call it \$21,000 fairly. I think it is more than either Prov. Journal, Spgld. Repub. or Worcester Spy made.

Just been looking at this day's Saturday's number. Fourteen and a half columns of reading matter—3 cols. telegraph; good Boston letter; first installment of a good story don't know who writes it. Hattie furnishes column of good fashion gossip and clippings. I furnish column and some political squibs.

When you get into Adams' place it will be bully. We can beat New England. Sam Bowles' best fellows are gone and he can't & don't do so much himself. We can beat him.

I've unintentionally left the biggest item to the last. You know it already. Goodrich wanted to sell out. Got tempted by one of the book speculations in Asylum street. Asked good price. Was offered \$30,000 by that Fred Goodrich who went to Boston. I coaxed him to say less for cash & got "Nat" Shipman to buy. "Nat" gave him \$29,000 cash and gave me a written agreement to let me buy him off within five years at same price.

I was glad to have Goodrich go. He is with us yet and will be till April 1st. Has been good & faithful ever since he sold out. Is a little sick of his bargain, & almost wants to buy back. Has lost his old way of insisting & is quite obedient. Tom Day makes no fuss at all. Wants his dividend. Don't care for anything else. Was pretty good natured about yielding your dividend. Said he only meant \$2,000 but no matter—would let it all go. He took the pains to write & ask formal written consent of Jewell, the endorser. Jewell said all right, of course. So your things are easy.

Mark Twain Interested.

I wish Hubbard was a better business man. But he isn't much better than you or I. Must get somebody & that's what's worrying me to Bonnerize for weekly. Mark Twain wants to know what sort of an agreement can be made. Will be here soon. Is getting out a

was much nearer right upon that than many of our people feared. And those who were right would not listen a moment to any compromise. The Chicago Convention helped me at home amazingly. You know how much difference outside sanction makes in a village: it is just so in a small state.

I spent nearly ten weeks of the campaign on the stump in Maine, Pennsylvania & Connecticut. I was two days in Raleigh at a small state convention & made a speech which was reported in full there & distributed all about the state, I am told.—My campaign closed with a two hours speech in Allyn Hall to a packed house, and it was the first time in my life that I had a chance to talk in Hartford as I wanted to. It was well received, though I don't think I spoke quite as well (as to repose of manner) as at New Britain the Saturday night before—(scrupulously refrained from saying anything about Congress this spring though I would have been glad to go. Strong (Congressman—Ed.) always said Hawley will be a candidate." I sometimes said in answer to a question, "Yes," would accept if nominated." Two or three weeks before the Convention 40 of our best republicans signed a letter asking me to allow myself to be a candidate. I said "yes." Strong's retainers with Beckwith started a great hullabaloo. I had the most powerful backing in Hartford (Bissell, Calvin Day, all the old set friendly) & could have carried the Hartford caucus ten to one. But the rest of the district was not so certain. Strong had all the small politicians well disciplined, particularly of Tolland County. I saw a warm personal fight before me. Strong was my warm friend (for whatever motive in the senatorial fight) & I emphatically withdrew in three days.

The probabilities are that I shall stay right here on the Courant. I have met Grant two or three times & stand well with him & his staff & Colfax, etc. I could get a nice foreign appointment or something profitable at home. Life is short; there is too much to do; have not time for a foreign mission especially as I don't see what good I could do. If I were 25 years old 10 years abroad might be a valuable part of education. But I am in the war now & have no time to go back to West Point. As for any collectorship or merely money making office I wouldn't have it. So it looks very much as if I should stay right here four or five or six years with you.

Chance for Cabinet.

But it is frank to say (though I may seem ridiculous to you who will have learned all about it before this reaches you)—that there is quite a chance for my going into the cabinet. The matter has been favorably presented to Grant. He has discussed it more than once. Here it is (now Sunday night Feb. 28) within 4 days of inauguration & the country know nothing whatever of the composition of the cabinet & it is not believed that Grant has told one of the appointees. He has only said that Schofield will remain Secretary of War for a time.

Gen. Terry who has spent some months at Washington & who is to be restored to a southern command wrote me a letter on Friday, received last night, in which he says that he supposes I am to be in Washington this week, hopes I am to be and says I certainly hope you will be cabinet officer before the week is out. Sumner, Wilson, Boutwell are considered out of the question now. Geo. G. Fogg has been in Washington some time & he wrote me a week or two ago that he considered my chances as good as any other New Englander. Now this is valuable to you as showing that I have perhaps acquired new market value within the year I think my chance are one in a hundred just about. The odds are immensely against it. But for Terry's remark (& he has been talking (had been that day with Grant's staff) I should say there is no chance. But months ago Jewell & I agreed to attend the inauguration so I shall go down Tuesday. Don't let this cabinet talk seem ridiculous conceited or ambitious to you. It has been in many newspapers all about New England & elsewhere.

The Monday Evening Club.

You have written first rate letter. Shall I say that I fear you were too anxious to study & that peculiar matters weighed you down. It seems to me that you hardly got back quit your boyish (good boyish) cheerfulness—though there is good writing an smart humor and quaintness & sens in them all, and all our friends speak well of them.—By the way, did you make the acquaintance of Rev. Dr. Henry? He is a valuable member of society. He & Trumbull & I were movers in getting up a club called "Monday Evening Club" Meets ever 2 weeks. Talks upon a selected subject—all around once and then gabble. Members Henry, Brownell, Trumbull, J. H. & Dr. Stowe, both the Hammersleys, Twichell, Meech of the Church, Dr. Jackson of Trinity, Hawley. We intend to have in Dr. Trumbull of the Baptist Church, you, Mr. Burton and three or four others. I am sure you there is good in it. We have fascinating talks. No gammon. Few ladies. Light refreshments.

All our old friends are getting along well. George & Lillie appear to be jolly in their new house. The baby is really a splendid boy & doing fine. George and I are wise and philosophical about stocks. We don't speculate much now. The Hookers are flourishing. John Day is a much better fellow than he used to be. He has been

B. predicts a deluge of candidates for the Harvard baseball practice this year because the track equipment was destroyed by fire.

thirteen bench warrants in the grand liquor probe have been issued, but identity of those named kept secret, they "will not be served for several days, and nothing concerning them will be revealed until then." Until "then" weather may or may not be warm, there is calculated to be a little ering.

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Several years ago, Mule Rocker got from the farm and it was a mystery to Trainer Clark where his playmate had gone to. The telephones were ringing in town. "Have you seen the mule around such a place? We have one," would come a voice. When fishermen had their basket lunches for the fishing ground on Front street, they saw an animal with a 10-foot store straw hat on. It was the mule at 10 o'clock in the morning and Mate Ashcraft rubbed his eyes to see if he was awake or only walking in his sleep, to see a mule with a straw hat that time in the morning. Rocker on full steam ahead and was soon out of sight.

When I ask how Rocker is, the mule will scratch his ear with his right leg. He also will say 2x2 is 4; but has taken me a long while to teach me the tricks and to count. Hour by hour I put away a good western story book to teach mule Rocker things. It is my hobby to be raising horses and mules to study them." So the fishing age has a trained mule that can do anything but sing, and many are wondering if Trainer Clark is going to put the mule in the movies; but we guess the Hill farm will hold him.

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—Headline.
It seems about time, considering that they probably built it.

It is well known that trippers to the winter resort beaches gloat over news of blizzards and deaths by freezing in old home town. In a spirit of give-and-take the stay-homes crowd, diabolically, over the report that three died in California blizzards and others were shaken by earthquake.

"Well," says W. A. R., "the paper we've been discussing the boulevard stop system 'for some years' and kicking about the synchronization of traffic lights 'for some years,' and the improvement of the Park river, its bed bank, has been considered 'for some years.' Gosh, don't time fly!"

The slavery problem remained undecided, also, while the government was said to hurt anybody's feelings.

Still, the rum runner has a free choice. He can stop his boat or stop flets.

If you see a young woman clapping her hands, don't think her goofy. She's acting in practice to marry a genius.

It's a pretty good world, and by the time a fellow loses faith in Santa Claus usually has a brother-in-law or two.

When a man says his sins are forgiven, he usually means he has had time to forget.

It usually costs the grocer about \$600 to pay for a winter resort visit, and then it's a customer that gets the trip.

on municipal boards and commissions between now and February 1, and it was stated this week that he will probably be ready to announce the first of these appointments within the next week or ten days. No extensive changes are anticipated, says a local paper, it being seemingly the mayor's intention to keep the city family as brought together by his predecessor, the late Mayor John B. Towner, pretty much intact.

The annual dinner of the Litchfield county bar association this week in the town of Litchfield was an enjoyable social affair. It was well attended by members of the bar of the county and by outsiders. It is now the custom—and a delightful one it is—for members of the bar in each county to meet annually for social purposes. It is recalled that it was on one of these occasions that the late Judge William Scoville Case was the principal speaker as the guest of the evening and he made a brilliant speech which is remembered to this day. It would be using a backneyed phrase to say that Judge Case held the audience spell bound. Judge Case had a literary touch and a felicity in phrasemaking that captivated his audience. The late Michael Kenally, who practiced law in Fairfield county, was a guest of the evening, and was particularly pleased with the brilliant oratory of Judge Case.

Mr. Kenally was the predecessor of J. Henry Roraback in the chairmanship of the republican state central committee, and in response to calls from the guests he made an address in which he eulogized the orator of the evening. It was afterwards remarked that Judge Case had inherited his gift of oratory from his father, the late William C. Case, one of the greatest advocates at the bar of the state. "And he improved his inheritance, if that were possible," remarked Mr. Kenally.

Mayor Hayes of Waterbury is quoted as denying the existence of a plan to turn an hospital in that city over to the state tuberculosis commission at a nominal rental. It is doubtful, Mayor Hayes says, according to a newspaper item, if the state could take it this year. The appropriations for the state tuberculosis commission are set up by the legislature for two years in advance. The hospital referred to by Mayor Hayes is a substantial building located on the road between Waterbury and Watertown and was built a number of years since by the voluntary efforts of members of the association, to take care of persons suffering in Waterbury from tuberculosis. The money was raised by voluntary subscriptions. The building provided accommodations for about fifty patients. It served a useful purpose but it has practically been in disuse for some time. The number of patients has dwindled to comparatively a few. Mr. Kimball of Waterbury, and Mr. Goss were beneficently active in the raising of funds to meet the expense and equipment of the building. The generous response to their efforts showed that their public spirited activity was appreciated. It has been suggested that the board of control and the state board of finance are empowered, under a law passed at the last session of the general assembly, to appropriate the necessary money if the need of the infirmity became apparent. The site is delightful and the location healthful. It was stated this week that the waiting list for the admission of patients contains quite a number of names and that the legislators of the session of 1931 may be asked for an appropriation to provide accommodations for them.

There was a rumor in circulation in political circles in Hartford and in other places throughout the state that notices of a meeting of the democratic state central committee was called for this week to elect a successor to Mr. Spellacy as the representative of Connecticut on the democratic national committee. The rumor added that the meeting was to be held in New Haven. The rumor was not confirmed. The three male members living in Hartford are Colonel John L. Purcell of the first district, Ufa Guthrie, of the second district, and Senator Thomas J. Conroy of the third and they had not received notices of the meeting. Neither was Senator Spellacy, whose resignation has not been accepted, notified of the meeting. It was remarked by a committeeman representing a Hartford district that he thought that at least a ten days' notice of the meeting should be given. It was a pleasure to notice from Mr. Spellacy's appearance that he has entirely recovered from his recent indisposition. The opinion of Hartford democrats in regard to his successor as national committeeman is not settled. From the statements in the newspapers, particularly those printed in Fairfield county, it would seem that Former Senator Archibald McNeil is the favorite candidate of the Fairfield county or at least that part of it which is influenced by the sentiment of Bridgeport. There continues to be a sentiment in favor of the election of that sterling democrat, Thomas Hewes, who represented Farmington at the session of 1915. Mr. Hewes is known for his unflinching attachment to the democratic party and his generosity in supporting its activities.

In the death of Senator Harry A. Leonard the city of New Haven loses a citizen who took an active and useful part in its public affairs. He served on local commissions and always with the single purpose of improving the public service. He was the president of the police commission and he did conspicuously meritorious work by his vigilance in the interest which he took in the activities of the department. In politics Mr. Leonard was a republican and an active one, too. He was consistent in his loyalty to the republican party, but not however to the extent of overlooking its shortcomings. At the legislative sessions of '17 and '19 he represented his senatorial district in the state senate. He was loyal to the republican organization of the senate without, however, surrendering his

twenty-four to thirty-five, its present number. At the last session in 1929 its representative in the senate was Ernest W. Christ a man of conspicuous ability in financial matters and who served as house chairman of the important committee on appropriations at the previous session, was the house chairman of the committee on finance.

After six months trial of the proposal to accept women as members of the New Haven Republican club, the board of governors of the club has decided that after January 1 next women will not continue membership in the club. It is conceded that women are a force in political affairs and also in the republican organization, but, says a local paper, the consensus of opinion among members of the club and by members of the board of governors, is that the women should be auxiliary to the club for an independent organization. There are 100 women members of the club and most of them, it is said, agree that they should form an auxiliary.

It was stated, at a meeting of the New Haven Republican club Thursday evening that word had been received from ex-President Coolidge that he will be unable to come to New Haven to make an address at the forty-sixth annual Lincoln day banquet. It was decided to allow women to vote at the annual meeting. The question of the status of the republican women as members of the club was left undecided. There was a proposition before the club for the organization of woman's auxiliary, which would elect its own officers. Last year the club voted to provide for women members and quite a number of women joined the club. It is understood that the matter will be definitely settled this evening.

There was food for thought in the statement of former Mayor T. Macdonough Russell to the members of the Lion's club of Middletown on the subject of the establishment of a commission form of government this week. The subject cannot be said to be a new one, but Mr. Russell's clear statement presented it in a manner which made it more attractive as a municipal subject of more serious attention than has heretofore been given to it. Middletown ranks with Hartford and Norwich in age, the three cities being incorporated at the May session of 1784. New Haven and New London antedated their incorporation by six months. They are prosperous cities and anything which makes for their healthy development and governmental improvement deserves thoughtful consideration.

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Connecticut state senate passes resolution asking congress to place Joseph R. Hawley, retiring U. S. senator, on army retired list with rank of general. General Manager W. W. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania railroad, confers with P. H. Morrissey, Grand Master of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in effort to avert strike.

Czar Nicholas of Russia narrowly escapes death as Nihilist mob sends rain of bullets into Winter palace at St. Petersburg.

Dr. Francis D. Edgerton, Yale lecturer and officer of Middlesex county and Connecticut Medical societies, dies in Middletown at age of 67.

Meriden appoints committees consisting of 400 leading citizens to arrange for centennial of city's separation from Wallingford.

President Arthur Twining Hadley of Yale announces that university will largely increase tuition fees.

Advocate of "Roadhouse" site for new state armory in Hartford organize with William W. Hyde as president; Walter S. Schutz, secretary; Frank P. Furlong, treasurer.

Governor Henry Roberts submits to general assembly report of special commission favoring extensive changes in capitol, including new senate chamber.

New Britain common council votes to request general assembly for right to consolidate town and city governments.

DR. J. WARREN HARPER.

(Sydney Post, Nova Scotia.)

In the death of Dr. J. Warren Harper, which occurred at Hartford, Conn., last week, the Post lost a valued correspondent. Poet, traveler and sportsman, Dr. Harper visited far countries, but managed always to spend a few months of each summer at Margaree. He never tired of extolling the beauties of Cape Breton, and with voice and pen—over the radio and through the medium of the press of the United States—he told his audiences of the manifold attractions this island offered the summer tourist. During the past ten years many letters and poems written by Dr. Harper were printed in the Post, and it is probable the last verse he wrote, "An Ode to the Garden Pool," Margaree, was published in the New York edition of this paper.

BANNING BLACKSTONE

(Louisville Times.)

From Northwestern University comes a report that Blackstone along with Littleton and Coke are to be eliminated as major factors in teaching law students, thus emphasizing once more the passing of the old-time lawyer and his theories and practice. It is said that the ancient authorities are now out of date; that they had no conception of modern methods of handling legal matters arising in a new world. Lawyers of the old school would be lost in these days. They would not lack ability for many of them had great

of you and enjoyed with you your good times, and been sorry for the little things that may have marred it a little—the confounded old express stocks, etc. By the way—to rush pell mell at the things to write about, you remember those 100 shares of Adams? We carried and renewed & carried and renewed and Adams went down, I believe, to 46—below 50 at any rate. It ran up & down and got to 68 & we sold. It went to 69 & we were sorry—down to 55 or so it is and we are glad. I guess we lost about \$600 on it, all together. Don't know but we shall try it again to get back a little. But I have pretty much done with stocks. I've lost near \$5,000 in two years. Enough of that disagreeable subject.

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Sam Bowles said to me two months ago, "There is a great deal of work on the Courant." Dined with H. J. Raymond (of the New York Times.—Ed.) last Saturday (we have struck up quite a friendship!) He said, "You do a great deal of work on your paper."

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Speech at National Convention.

You expressed pleasure over my political course this year & asked several questions. I have done well. A week after I lost the senatorship by two votes, I could have carried the legislature in spite of two Buckinghams. Thanks to Jewell, Bent (U. S. senator.—Ed.) & Byington (Washington correspondent.—Ed.) & good fortune I got the presidency of the Chicago Convention and my opening speech took splendidly. Knew I could do it. Knew the chords that ought to be struck. Managed well as to all the rest so that people thought I had done first rate. I have received more or less credit for giving a key note upon the financial questions. The truth is, the convention

mentalities. But they would not know their way about if brought back. This, notwithstanding much of entangling red tape from which the practice of law has not been able to free itself. Oldtime lawyers would find that most of their ways of making a living had been taken away. They would have little or no income from former sources of revenue. Trust companies, title companies, banks, consolidations now go through a few lawyers a vast amount

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Gen. Terry who has spent some months at Washington & who is to be restored to a southern command, wrote me a letter on Friday, received last night, in which he says that he supposes I am to be in Washington this week, hopes I am to be and says I certainly hope you will be cabinet officer before the week is out. Sumner, Wilson, Boutwell are considered out of the question now. Geo. G. Fogg has been in Washington some time & he wrote me a week or two ago that he considered my chances as good as any other New Englander. Now this is valuable to you as showing that I have perhaps acquired new market value within the year I think my chances are one in a hundred just about. The odds are immensely against it. But for Terry's remark (& he has been talking (had been that day with Grant's staff) I should say there is no chance. But months ago Jewell & I agreed to attend the inauguration, so I shall go down Tuesday. Don't let this cabinet talk seem ridiculously conceited or ambitious to you. It has been in many newspapers all about New England & elsewhere.

The Monday Evening Club.

You have written first rate letters. Shall I say that I fear you were too anxious to study & that pecuniary matters weighed you down. It seemed to me that you hardly got back quite your boyish (good boyish) cheerfulness—though there is good writing and smart humor and quaintness & sense in them all, and all our friends speak well of them.—By the way, did you make the acquaintance of Rev. Dr. Henry? He is a valuable member of society. He & Trumbull & I were the movers in getting up a club called "Monday Evening Club" Meets every 2 weeks. Talks upon a selected subject—all around once and then gable. Members Henry, Brownell, Trumbull, J. H. & Dr. Stowe, both the Hammersleys, Twichell, Meech of Christ church, Dr. Jackson of Trinity, Hawley. We intend to have in Dr. Trumbull of the Baptist Church, you, Mr. Burton and three or four others. I assure you there is good in it. We have fascinating talks. No gammon. Few ladies. Light refreshments.

All our old friends are getting along well. George & Lillie appear to be jolly in their new house. The baby is really a splendid boy & doing finely. George and I are wise and philosophical about stocks. We don't speculate much now. The Hookers are flourishing. John Day is a much better fellow than he used to be. He has been much modified by the engagement. Alice is good too and Burton is growing more and more a sensible steady man. I have not seen him in a long time when he appeared to have a mood on him. Prosperity does him good. That register business has been profitable & he has had half.

I suppose when you return you will board in town. I wish you were at this house. It is a very good place.

There will be no difficulty about arranging work so as not to kill you. We shan't permit you to worry about it. Nobody does now. Yet we do a heap of work.

If I spoke disparagingly of Hubbard I did not mean to. He is one of the noblest and truest men I ever knew. He is sound as a bell through & through. I have never seen a mean or selfish thing in him. Your letter rather led me to talk of self more than I otherwise should.

I have weekly talks ready for you. I should be glad to see you any day—the sooner the better. We did not expect you before April but if you can help it don't stay over the year. We do so miss you, on the paper. Adams is good, but his disease is only youngness but you are worth 100 of him and we cannot wait to educate editors. "Sam" Bowles often speaks of you. Our friendship strengthens. We meet & dine occasionally.

Believe me, if not very attentive yet really—

Your most sincere & affectionate old friend,

JOE HAWLEY.

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of business once scattered among large numbers. There will be those who will deplore the passing of the old-time family lawyer. But he goes to join the old-time family doctor. Each was useful and faithful in his day; neither would have a chance in these days of highly specialized legal and medical service.