

DETECTIVES SIT UPON S. P. C. A. LID

Winning Conservatives Keep Opposition From Archives of Society

TO CONTEST ELECTION

Private detectives are sitting on the lid of the S. P. C. A. building, where they are watching the conservatives who are trying to keep the progressive party from winning the election.

After a day's contest which would have put to shame many a heated main election, the conservative party, defeated the progressive party by a vote of 263 to 223. So with the conservatives in power for the moment they have in the society's headquarters some of the same private detectives they used at the rally yesterday, with the intention to keep all sympathizers with the defeated party away from the building.

It is proper to say the conservatives are in power for the moment because their nomination of votes will be counted in court. This was stated without qualification today by James J. Hagen, attorney for the defeated progressive. He said:

"The results are easily explained. The successful conservative party, by appealing to their religious prejudices, enlisted the aid of certain organizations. Names were put in and who kept them secret, in large numbers. Members for those who paid by several of our opponents. Even though membership cards were sent to them they were not members of the society. I am confident that no court would permit such votes to override the will of the majority of the real members of the society. The matter will be unquestionably thrown into the courts with a view for an honest second election."

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Mr. Hagen made the reference to the society's assembly despite the fact that Mrs. Charlotte W. Hagen had been the only treasurer the society has ever had and will continue to serve for fifty years. This will be her forty-eighth term.

The first to experience the presence of the private detectives was John P. Cohen, who has served nearly twenty-five years as an agent for the society. He is the man who originated the horse water station idea and for the last five years has been superintendent of that department.

When he went to headquarters today he was refused permission to open his desk, he said and had to get out of the room. Nobody could show any authority for the refusal, he said, but Thomas S. Carline told him the written authority would be immediately presented.

Carline and Carline have been at headquarters for years and yesterday Carline worked night and main for the conservatives, while Carline worked for the progressives.

Cohen was the only progressive sympathizer to get around to the society the morning of today, but he said he learned that all progressives would be treated as he was. The private detective in charge was around yesterday while the election was being on.

It is understood that Mrs. T. F. Halvey will be kept out of the building if she comes around. Mrs. Halvey has been of the manager for many years and the storm of the election centered in great part around her. It is said she and Carline could get along and it was very generally understood that if the conservative won Mrs. Halvey would go and if the progressive won she would stay. The report is, however, that Mrs. Halvey will resign before she can get fired.

While conservatives are awaiting the next step, the leaders of the defeated party will meet here today in Mr. Brown's office for a council of action.

Miss Katherine Craig Biddle, who was chosen for the presidency by Miss Leta Helen Ashbridge, will be there, so will Mrs. Halvey, Mrs. Lindbury Bodell, and probably Mrs. A. G. Kelly.

Four hours a good deal of talk, too, that yesterday's election has so outraged the society that it is the beginning of the end." The inference is that the fight has so torn the society's organization that it will have to amalgamate with the more S. P. C. A. to continue its existence.

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