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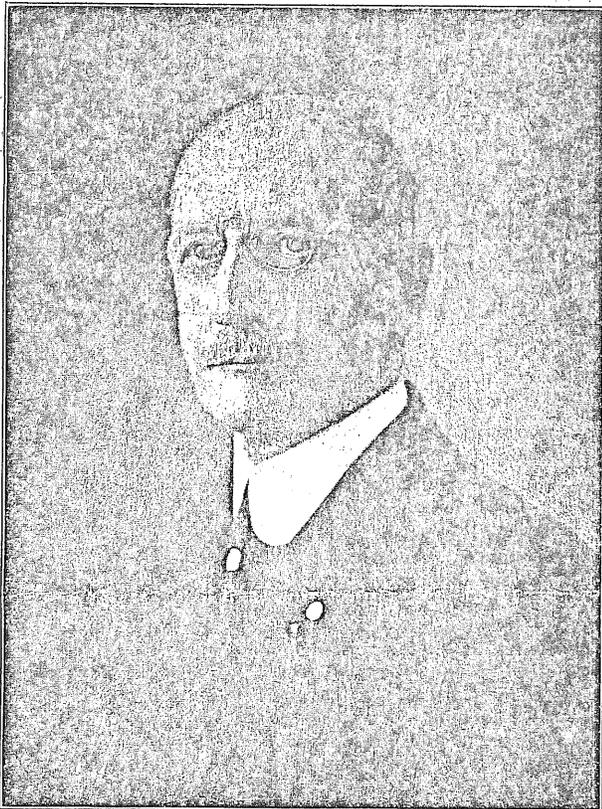
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JAMES A. ROMEYN, LAWYER, EDITOR, BUSINESS MAN, RESPECTED CITIZEN.

Well Known, Honored Resident of Hackensack, Prominent in City, County
and State Affairs, Member of County and State Bar Associations.

RECOGNIZED LEADER IN REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES OF CITY AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS



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REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETS

First Gathering Since Election is a
Cause for Jollification.

NEW OFFICERS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

The November meeting of the Republican County Committee held last Wednesday evening in the court house, Hackensack, proved the occasion for a real jollification.

It was the first time since the general election that members of the committee had met as a whole with the successful candidates and naturally congratulations were extended on all sides.

Just one note of dissatisfaction crept into the meeting when Joseph A. Brohel of Hackensack, and Committeeman Knox of Tenafly asked some pertinent questions as to what consideration the County Committee was to get after all its hard work.

"What consideration do we get," asked Mr. Brohel of Chairman B. Duncan McClave: "Are we just the wheel horses that do all the work?"

Mr. Brohel intimated the committee was never consulted as to appointments and declared it was a question for the County Committee to think over.

Perhaps Mr. Knox was a trifle more emphatic when he said the representatives of the Republican party in the County Committee have a right to be consulted as to appointments.

Continuing he said the rank and file are all splendid during the campaign, but afterwards they amounted to very little.

"I have no quarrel with the Sheriff or the Under Sheriff," Mr. Knox declared, "but there is too much of a hurry in making appointments, when the men and women of this committee make these victories possible.

"I don't believe any man should be picked out without first obtaining the wishes of the members of the County Committee."

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James A. Romeyn's education was acquired in well-known institutions beginning with native public schools, he went to the still noted Lawrenceville Academy, then to the celebrated Rutgers Grammar School at New Brunswick, and thus prepared, he entered Rutgers College in 1872, graduating from that institution in 1876. Mr. Romeyn prepared himself for the law by study in the offices of Bedle, Muirheid & McGee, three eminent lawyers of their day—the head of the firm was the eminent ex-Governor Joseph D. Bedle—and also taking a course in Columbia Law School. Following this preparation, Mr. Romeyn was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1879, when he immediately began to practice in Jersey City, continuing until 1890. A part of the time was devoted to a partnership with John Griffin (noted as a vice-chancellor), the firm name being Romeyn & Griffin. But Mr. Romeyn tired of the law, and after eleven years of practice that proved successful, he retired from it. His nature required activity, however, and in 1894 he became editor of Bergen county's only daily newspaper, the "Evening Record," then in its infancy. It was an independent publication, occupying a field all its own and furnishing an outlet for the young man's well-known energy. It was a work in which he took especial delight, conducting the newspaper upon a high moral plane that won public approval and commendation from all sources; at the same time the paper was devoted to the dissemination of the cleanest and most important home news, covering events in the fullest manner where they were of the most important concern. Thus he made the paper a reflection of the high standard with which he entered upon the enterprise; and here again he accomplished the achievement which marked his life-work.

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That Mr. Romeyn made a pronounced success of the real estate and insurance business which he established is evidence of his versatility, energy and popularity, coupled with a reputation for honorable methods in his various dealings.

His interest in general public affairs is seen in activities connected with official matters in different fields. He took part in several movements having for their purpose the improvement of the town in a progressive manner. This was in accord with his advanced policy as editor of the Evening Record, which he is known to have always maintained. It was also apparent in his connection with the Hackensack Rotary Club, of which he was at one time president; he was also elevated to the presidency of the Hackensack Real Estate Board, because of his peculiar fitness and eminent qualifications. In fact, Mr. Romeyn's popularity extends to all classes of the populace. He served for eight years as a member of the Board of Health, and has been treasurer of the Hackensack Hospital Association; is a member of the New Jersey Bar Association and of the Bergen County Bar Association, also of the Masonic order, and of the Holland Society of New York. He is a descendant in a direct line of one of the most noted, as it is the oldest ecclesiastical families of the Reformed Dutch Church in America, his father, the Rev. Dr. Theodore B. Romeyn, the last occupant of its pulpit, having been the honored pastor of the First Reformed Church of Hackensack for more than twenty years.

Mr. Romeyn was likewise, at various times, and in different capacities, connected with different social organizations, in which respect he has contributed largely to the social life of the town, which always had his support, especially in church work.

...munities where for one reason or another the initial endowment effort was delayed. A number of delayed drives are under way in large cities where sums amounting to many thousands of dollars are expected to be raised.

The completion of the endowment fund was outlined as one of his principal aims in office by Commander McQuigg after his election at the Omaha convention. He has gone into the work with his characteristic energy and has expressed hope of being able to make a report to President Coolidge, national honorary chairman of the endowment fund movement, within the next two months, announcing that the needed amount has been fully subscribed.

PATERSON'S HARD COAL SUPPLY NEARLY EXHAUSTED.

Paterson's supply of hard coal is practically exhausted according to a recent announcement by James Wilson, president of the Paterson Retail Coal Dealers' Association. The public is being instructed to use bituminous coal or else go without heat this winter.

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The resignation of Birum Calkins of Ridgewood, and Mrs. Thompson of Hackensack, were accepted and the vacancies referred to the municipal

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ARRESTED PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

Hackensack Police Help to Uncover Elaborate Swindling Game.

THREE OTHER ARRESTS IN HUDSON COUNTY

The Hackensack police assisted in the uncovering of what is expected to prove to be an elaborate counterfeiting game in the arrest on Monday evening of Pasquale Lamola, aged 34 years, on charges of attempting to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill on local merchants. At the same time three men were arrested for similar offense on Bergenline avenue, Hudson county. Lamola was arrested by Officers Pavlik and Dalia and Detective D'Alto who were accompanied by Police Commissioner Bogert. Lamola was taken to police headquarters and searched for other counterfeit money. Two more bills of like denomination were found concealed in the lining of his coat. Lamola offered a \$20 bill in payment for goods at the store of Antoinette Esposito, corner of Jackson avenue and Frederick street. The proprietess became suspicious of the bill by its feeling and general appearance and submitted it to Michael Chomick, a customer. Chomick thought the bill looked "phoney" and telephoned police headquarters. By the time the police arrived Lamola had left the store but he was later located at 31 Jackson avenue where he was attempting to pass a bill on Louis Sanzari. Lamola practiced the same game in each store. He made a purchase of goods amounting to more than a dollar and then produced a single dollar bill and the counterfeit \$20. Of course, his purchase would require the changing of the \$20. Rolled up with each counterfeit bill found on his person when searched was a one dollar bill. The case has been turned over by the local police department to the Federal authorities in New York city as this is a matter for the Federal government to handle.

CHARLESTON CONTEST AT LYRIC.

Manager Hugh Otis of the Lyric Theatre has arranged a Charleston contest for the week of Monday, November 16. The prizes will be cash; \$15 for the first, \$10 for the second and \$5 for the third. The winner of each night's contest will dance at the finals on Friday evening. The contest will be held only in the evening.

A generous use of milk, eggs, vegetables and fruits, excluding rich desserts and sweets from the meals, will make the work of digesting food very much easier and help the body to build up good resistance.

ENDOWMENT FUND GROWING

American Legion Hopes Soon to Have Five Millions of Dollars.

The national organization of the American Legion is well started in the first big task of its new administration—completion of its five million dollar disabled veteran and orphan endowment fund, according to announcement by John R. McQuigg, new national commander. Legion posts in New Jersey and many parts of the country assisted by the citizens of their communities, are at work in the endowment fund movement.

The raising of an endowment fund to finance its activities in behalf of the disabled men was begun by the Legion a number of months ago and was reported nearly completed at the recent national convention at Omaha. Reports being received at national headquarters indicate that it will be only a matter of weeks until the entire amount is subscribed.

Posts now carrying on endowment fund campaigns are located in com-