

## ATTACKS ON HUGHES.

**His Appointment of Blackmar to Succeed Bartlett Rouses the Democrats.**

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ALBANY, Jan. 6.—Simultaneous attacks upon Gov. Hughes were made to-night in the Senate and the Assembly. The Governor's selection of Abel E. Blackmar, a Republican, to succeed Judge Willard Bartlett, a Democrat, as a Justice of the Supreme Court in the Second District, was the cause of the outbreak.

Mr. Palmer, who has resumed the position of minority leader, introduced a concurrent resolution to amend Section 4 of Article VI. of the Constitution, relating to the filling of vacancies in the Supreme Court. The resolution adds the words, "But in filling such vacancy by appointment, the appointee named by the Governor shall in all cases be of the same political party and faith as was the Justice to fill whose place he shall be appointed."

"To appoint a man of different politics," Mr. Palmer said in speaking of his resolution, "for partisan reasons, amounts to nothing more or less than a filching of goods, an official embezzlement, the more reprehensible when the object of it is a place in the judiciary which is justly regarded as more sacred than other places in spoliage."

"I desire to call attention to the fact that the present Governor, who has been much advertised as superior to partisan intrigues, has appointed a Republican to fill the vacancy in the Second District caused by the promotion of Judge Willard Bartlett."

Senator Grady led the attack in the Senate.

The change of front on the part of the Democratic minority, which at the last session in more than one instance supported policies of Gov. Hughes, was made manifest on the opening day of the present session, when Senator McCarren took a whack at the Governor's message even before formal motion had been made to receive it.

The same spirit on the part of the minority was abroad to-night in the Assembly, where resolutions were introduced providing for a legislative inquiry into the conduct of the Public Service Commission for the First District, appointed by Gov. Hughes, and the work on the barge canal by State Superintendent of Public Works Frederick C. Stevens, also a Hughes appointee.

A great number of bills was introduced in the Senate. One of these, by Senator Foelker of Kings, provides for amendments to the receivership law which will make it necessary for the Attorney General to make applications for the appointment of receivers to the court within the judicial department in which the receiver is to be appointed.

Senator Saxe introduced bills giving the Sinking Fund Commissioners of New York City power by unanimous vote to remit taxes on property owned by charitable and religious organizations which wrongly appear on the assessment lists, and to adopt a similar course in regard to uncollectible personal tax.

Senator Cullen put in a bill reducing the price of electricity sold to the City of New York for the Borough of Brooklyn from 12 to 10 cents per kilowatt hour.

Senator Agnew introduced the bills providing for the carrying out of the recommendations contained in the Governor's message with regard to race track betting. There were three bills.

Senator Fuller of Brooklyn introduced a bill for permissive direct nominations at primaries.

## NEW COLUMBIA PROFESSORS.

**Kenyon Cox, Daniel C. French, and John La Farge to Teach Fine Arts.**

The Trustees of Columbia University, at their meeting yesterday, appointed Kenyon Cox, Professor of Painting; Daniel C. French, Professor of Sculpture, and John La Farge, Professor of Decorative Arts. Messrs. Cox, French, and La Farge were nominated jointly by President Butler of the university and the Council of the National Academy of Design, in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the university and the academy. It is expected that the three new members of the Faculty of Fine Arts will begin their duties next September.

The following gifts have been received by Columbia for the special fund for the equipment of the departments of mining and metallurgy:

Estate of D. Willis James.....	\$2,500
Adolph Lewisohn.....	2,500
Nichols Copper Company.....	2,500

Dr. George T. Jackson was appointed Professor of Dermatology, vice Dr. George H. Fox, resigned.

## FINDS A TIMES PRIZE MEDAL.

**It Was One Awarded in 1903 In School Essay Contest.**

A silver medal awarded by THE TIMES to Miss Hattie Schornstein in 1903 for merit displayed in an essay on the history of this city, written when she was a pupil in Public School No. 10, was found lying on the sidewalk in 125th Street. Miss Schornstein can regain her property by applying to Salvatore Scorza of 305 West 117th Street. Young Scorza saw the medal glisten in the reflection of an electric light as he was walking along 125th Street near Lexington Avenue on Saturday night.

The contest in which the medal was a prize was arranged by THE TIMES in May, 1903, pupils in the high schools and in the higher grades of the elementary schools being eligible to compete in the writing of an essay on the history of this city, the occasion being the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its founding. Cash prizes amounting to \$1,700 were offered, and in addition 1,000 Tiffany medals were awarded.