

FIGHTING TO ELECT BLACKMAR A JUSTICE

Brooklyn Lawyers and Laymen
Unite to Preserve a Non-
Partisan Bench.

LONG LIST OF WORKERS

Campaign Slogan "Keep the Bench Out
of Politics"—An Uphill Fight,
but the Chances Good.

A lively fight is being made by Brooklyn lawyers and those members of the bar who live in Brooklyn but have offices in Manhattan to elect Abel E. Blackmar, candidate of the Republicans and Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, for justice of the Supreme Court. Although the lawyers who are interested admit that theirs is an uphill fight, they are confident that between now and election day they can convince the voters that their candidate deserves their suffrages, and are therefore hopeful of success.

Headquarters of the Non-Partisan Campaign Committee, formed to further the cause of Justice Blackmar, have been opened at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn. This is the committee formed after Mr. Blackmar was nominated, and is strictly a non-partisan organization. Charles J. McDermott is the President, Darwin R. James Vice President, and A. L. Squires Secretary and Treasurer. Yesterday the following list of additional Vice Presidents was announced:

George G. Reynolds, Charles A. Schieren, William C. Redfield, William McCarroll, James McKeen, Ludwig Nissen, George W. Wingate, Walter E. Gunnison, Horatio C. King, Albert B. Reeves, Albert E. Lamb, Frederick E. Gunnison, Frederick P. Bellamy, Michael Furst, Franklin W. Hooper, Eugene F. O'Connor, Hiram R. Steele, Thomas P. Peters, Henry D. Donnelly, Almet R. Latson, Leo Bamberger, William F. Atkinson, Bayard L. Peck, John A. Thompson, Warren I. Lee, Leroy B. Harkness, George W. Brush, Mortimer S. Byers, John Hill Morgan, John B. Creighton, Travis Whitney, Henry B. Ketcham, Charles Aronstam, Isaac Sternberger, Percy G. B. Gilkes, Louis Levin, Edmond D. Fisher, Frank L. Entwistle, Morris L. Straus, Leander B. Faber, Ralph E. Green, George M. Pinney, Jr., William Allaire Shortt, Albert E. Hadlock, Frank H. Curry, Francis F. Leman, Leroy M. Young, Edward Thompson, William H. McKinney, George W. McKenzie, John Lewis Childs, and Andrew McTigue.

Brooklyn has a rather odd situation to face in connection with its judicial nominees this year, for the reason that one candidate, Luke D. Stapleton, has received a nomination from both Republicans and Democrats, as well as from the Committee of One Hundred. This makes certain Mr. Stapleton's election. The other Democratic candidate, however, is Samuel S. Whitehouse, who is running solely on the Democratic ticket. His nomination was due entirely to the refusal of the McCarren forces to fuse, despite the fact that Gov. Hughes had appointed a strictly McCarren man, Mr. Stapleton, to a vacancy on the bench within a short time.

The cry of "Keep the bench out of politics" is the one that the supporters of Blackmar are using, and they point out that the McCarrenites, not satisfied with having Gov. Hughes appoint one of their men, are now anxious to have the other vacancy on the bench filled by a McCarrenite. Whitehouse, they say also, has twice been defeated by large majorities. Owing to the facts of Stapleton's appointment by Gov. Hughes and Whitehouse's rejection by the voters, the Democratic judicial ticket in the borough has gained the sobriquet of "piebald."

The following letter has been sent to voters by the Non-Partisan Campaign Committee:

Dear Sir: Mr. Justice Abel E. Blackmar (Republican) has been nominated by the Republicans and Citizens' Committee of One Hundred for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial District.

Mr. Justice Luke D. Stapleton (Democrat) has been nominated by the Republican and Democratic Parties, and also by the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, and his election is therefore assured.

The above-named committee, believing in the principle of non-partisanship in the judiciary, is seeking to establish that principle in this district by the election of Mr. Justice Blackmar to succeed himself. It has been suggested that if you are in sympathy with this non-partisan movement, you may be willing to express your approval thereof by serving as one of the Vice Presidents. We have already secured the acceptance of a number of prominent lawyers and laymen, but desire very much to add your name to the list.

The time before election is very short, and you are urged to give an answer immediately on receipt of this letter.

Mr. Blackmar was recently appointed to fill the place made vacant by the succession of Willard Bartlett to the vacancy on the Court of Appeals bench. He is a graduate of Harvard, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He was counsel to the commission which investigated the expenditure of \$9,000,000 on the Erie Canal, and for twenty years was counsel to the New York Produce Exchange. He was appointed counsel to the Public Service Commission last year and resigned to take the proffered Justiceship of the Supreme Court.