

NEW WAR IN 15TH FEARED BY G. O. P.

Assemblyman Steinberg Announces He's Out for the Senatorship.

REGULARS ENDORSE NICOLL

Designated Under Coleman's 'Lash,' Says Steinberg, Who Helped Leader Rout Meyer.

Possibility of the renewal of last Spring's unprecedentedly bitter Republican factional warfare in the Fifteenth Assembly District—the so-called "silk stocking district" of mid-Manhattan—was brought to light yesterday with the announcement of Assemblyman Joseph Steinberg that he would seek the Senatorial nomination for the Seventeenth Senate District, which includes the Fifteenth.

Steinberg, who hails from the Fifteenth, has been in the Assembly for eight years. His statement said that petitions designating him for the Republican nomination from the Seventeenth Senatorial District would be put into circulation at once.

The Republican organization in the Fifteenth Assembly District, however, endorsed former Senator Courtlandt Nicoll at a meeting about two weeks ago. Steinberg charges that the endorsement was secured "under the lash of Frank J. Coleman." Coleman is the leader elected in the Spring after the battle made against him by former Senator Schuyler M. Meyer.

During that battle, which set new records for mud-slinging, Assemblyman Steinberg was the ally of Coleman, as was Courtlandt Nicoll. Steinberg was a regular of the regulars. Now, however, he deserts the organization standard and declares against its candidate and its leader.

Others Fear Trouble.

In his statement he says his candidacy means "another fight in New York's silk-stocking district." One of the leading figures in Republican politics of the Fifteenth Assembly District was asked over the phone last night whether he believed the result would be a renewal of the strife of last Winter and Spring. He said he regretted to say it did.

"The organization has endorsed Nicoll," said this man, "and Steinberg, who has wanted the nomination before, says he wants it now. If he has definitely announced his candidacy, it becomes simply a question of whether the organization will back down in front of an individual's personal desires. Of course it will not."

This same man was asked whether he considered it possible that as a continued move of hostility against the "regulars" in the district former Senator Meyer might have "taken over" Steinberg when the latter lost his fight for the nomination and agreed to back the Assemblyman. He said it would represent a sharp reversal of form, as the two had been enemies for some time, but only future events would show whether they had joined hands or not.

During the fight for leadership in the Fifteenth Assembly District Courtlandt Nicoll was put forward as a compromise candidate between Meyer and Coleman, but his name was withdrawn when it was seen that neither side would compromise. After the election Nicoll was the committee member who nominated Coleman for district leader.

Steinberg announced himself as an opponent of Meyer for the Senatorial nomination in 1922, but later withdrew. Meyer Levy, a Democrat, was elected.

Puts Whitman on His Committee.

On his nominating petitions, Steinberg announces, his committee for filling vacancies will include former Governor Charles S. Whitman, Robert Oppen-

heim, Republican leader of the Seventeenth Assembly District, and Mrs. Anita Jerome. The Assemblyman says he will have the support of the organization in the Seventeenth District. Courtlandt Nicoll hopes to get the endorsement from the Tenth Assembly District, the remaining district of the Senatorial district. Steinberg says, however, that the Tenth may put up a candidate of its own, former Assemblyman William A. Pellet.

Thomas F. Gleason, who was active as district leader in the Fifteenth about ten years ago, is named as Steinberg's campaign manager.

Steinberg and his manager express confidence as to the outcome. They say that they will open headquarters in each of the Assembly districts comprising the Senatorial district, and that banners are now being made and will be flung to the breeze in front of their headquarters before the end of the week.

"The people of my district," said Steinberg in his statement, "are behind my candidacy. Had the captains who attended the meeting when my candidacy came up for discussion been left to themselves, I would have been endorsed almost unanimously. But the district leader, Mr. Coleman, acting under orders, forced the captains to endorse my rival."

"But Mr. Coleman and those who are directing him cannot control the enrolled Republican voters who will go to the primary election on Sept. 18 next, nor can they control the people of the Seventeenth Senatorial District at the polls on election day.

"My record as an assemblyman is unassailable. My entire public career is likewise unassailable."

FIGHTS SALOON SCREEN LAW

Lawyer Tells Jersey Court It Interferes With Rights of Privacy.

Supreme Court Justice Minturn at Jersey City yesterday reserved decision on a writ of certiorari obtained by John T. Thorne, owner of a former saloon at 427 Kearny Avenue, Kearny, who was fined \$25 on April 26 for violation of a city ordinance requiring that the interiors of all restaurants and public eating places be exposed to view from the street.

Thorne, it was alleged, had his window screened. John J. Murphy, his counsel, argued that the town had no power to pass such an ordinance, which is discriminatory, unreasonable and confiscatory. Furthermore, he argued, the ordinance interferes with the right of a citizen to read his own mail in private.