

## **CHARGE FRAUD IN BALTIMORE.**

**Republicans Will Contest the Election  
for the Mayoralty If the Count  
Goes Against Them.**

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BALTIMORE, Md., May 6.—Congressman Frank Wachter, the Republican candidate for Mayor in yesterday's election, and the Republican City Committee still assert that only the official count will determine who is elected. On the face of the returns, with the vote in three precincts not counted and in dispute, Robert M. McLane,\* Democrat, has 517 plurality.

Suspecting fraud, the Republican and the Reform League had detectives employed as watchers at the polls and in the rooms of the Supervisors of Election. It is charged that Democratic workers close to "Free" Rasin, the boss of the machine, were seen to enter the room where the ballot boxes were. Chairman Mason charged that the Democrats were attempting to raid the ballot boxes, and the Chief of Police had them removed to a police station.

A committee of prominent Republican lawyers will take charge of the contest. Upon the statements of the detectives and the reports of regular Republican watchers the Republican Committee charges fraud and manipulation of ballots and asserts that the official count will show as great, if not greater, plurality for Wachter than the present returns indicate for McLane. The three uncounted precincts in three previous elections gave good Republican majorities.

Congressman Wachter says he has been elected and that he knows that the citizens will see to it that the will of the majority is superior to that of a ring of selfish politicians.

Both Democrats and Republicans agree that the result of the election means the downfall of "Free" Rasin, for thirty years the Democratic boss. His candidates for Controller and President of the Second Branch of the City Council were overwhelmingly defeated, hundreds of Democrats voting for the Republicans.