

ODDS AND ENDS OF POLITICS.

MR. CHESEBROUGH WILL CONTEST. THE BICYCLE QUESTION LUGGED INTO A CON- TROVERSY OVER A SEAT IN CONGRESS.

Robert A. Chesebrough, Republican candidate for Congress in the XIIth District, yesterday served notice on Colonel George B. McClellan, his successful competitor, that he would contest Colonel McClellan's seat in the LIVth Congress. McClellan, who was the Tammany candidate, received on the face of the returns a plurality of 1,311 votes over Chesebrough. The latter's claim is based upon five reasons:

First—That 1,500 persons were permitted to vote illegally for him in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-sixth, Fortieth, Forty-first, Forty-second, and Forty-fourth Election Districts of the XIth Assembly District; the Twelfth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-third, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-third Election Districts of the XIIth Assembly District, and the Eleventh, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-third, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-second Election Districts of the XIVth Assembly District.

The second and third allegations assert that illegal votes were cast and counted for McClellan and that there was a large number of votes cast illegally after 4 p. m., the hour of closing the polls.

The fourth allegation is of an unusual character. Mr. Chesebrough says that Colonel McClellan "caused or instigated the Committee on Political Action of the Metropolitan Association of Cycling Clubs to issue a circular which falsely charged that I opposed the passage of a Wheelman's Liberty bill, a law which granted to cyclists equal rights with the users of all other types of vehicles in the public highways in the city and State of New-York and in the public parks of this city, and that falsely charged that I signed a petition opposing the passage of this law.

"The number of persons using bicycles or tricycles," continues Mr. Chesebrough, "and, belonging to cycling clubs in the City of New-York, and their friends, is very great, and they have a great interest in the free and unrestricted use of the streets by their machines, and are opposed to the election to public office of all persons who object to the free use by their machines of public streets and places, and in consequence of said false circular a very great number of members of cycling clubs and persons using bicycles and tricycles, and their friends, who would otherwise have voted for me, to-wit, about 2,000, voted for you."

The contest will prevent Mr. McClellan's contemplated trip to Europe next spring. He said yesterday, in referring to the charge about the wheelmen, that he had nothing to do with the issuing of the circular spoken of, but he has positive information that a petition against the Wheelmen's Liberty bill, signed by Mr. Chesebrough, is in the hands of John Boyd Thatcher, of Albany.