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The annual election of officers of the First National Bank was held last Tuesday. The following officers were chosen: John W. Holt, president; P. H. Jussen, vice president; John Morehead, cashier; Will Uhlig, assistant cashier. These officers together with J. H. Miles and A. J. Weaver, constitute the board of directors.

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The Democratic Leaders.

The meeting of the democratic national committee developed nothing new in regard to possible candidates for the presidency and the leaders appear to be still at sea as to who of the half a dozen men that are talked of would be the most available. Gorman seems to be somewhat in the lead, with James Parker of New York a close second, but it is quite plain that the Maryland senator has lost some prestige by his course in the senate in regard to the Panama treaty, though it is possible that he will be able to recover from this before the meeting of the national convention next July. The strength of Judge Parker is due wholly to the belief that he can carry New York, where he is unquestionably popular as a jurist, but without any standing as a politician, having had but little to do with politics. There does not appear to be an eager demand on the part of Empire state democrats for the nomination of Parker. A few newspapers have been endeavoring to boom him, but as yet the popular response has been by no means enthusiastic and it cannot now be confidently predicted that he will have the delegation from that state. Mr. Olney has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts democrats and it is understood is willing to be a candidate for the nomination. A great many democrats, however, while admitting the ability of Mr. Olney, are not pleased with his very pronounced admiration for Mr. Cleveland and there is reasons to believe that his reference to his former chief in his speech at the McClellan banquet did him no good as a possible presidential candidate. It is needless to consider Judge Gray among the possibilities and the Hearst candidacy is very generally regarded as a joke, though the chief of the yellow journalists of course does not so intend it. There is no sort of doubt that he is very much in earnest and it is intimated that he counts upon the support of the Bryan element in the national convention.

Who will W. J. Bryan favor for the nomination is likely to become a question of commanding interest to the democrats between now and the assembling of the national convention. He has said nothing since his return from Europe which conveys any intimation of a preference, but it is well understood that neither Gorman nor Olney would be acceptable to him. The marked attention that has been shown the Nebraska leader by eastern democrats since his return shows that he is far from being politically ostracized, even in what he once called "the enemy's country," and indicates that he is still a force in the democratic party.

Now that the place and time for the assembling of the democratic national convention has been arranged, it is to be expected that the party leaders will give more serious attention to the question of a presidential candidate, which at present is as perplexing to them as the question respecting the issues to be presented by the democracy in the campaign. —Omaha Bee.