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Within the past few days the managers of the republican campaign have been closing up the lines and making the last preparations for the battle of next Tuesday, and from the information obtained from reliable sources now in the possession of the committee there is every reason to believe that the entire republican ticket will be elected.

Of course, no one questions the election of all of the republican candidates save Low and Trompen. The populists and democrats at first tried to make it appear that Judge Tibbetts had a show of re-election, but this talk has of late been abandoned, and it is now conceded that he cannot possibly be elected. Lately many populists have admitted that Mr. Baker's prospects are not flattering, and there is, undeniably, a feeling that his cause is hopeless notwithstanding the almost superhuman efforts that have been made in his behalf. It has seemed to an unprejudiced onlooker that in the last week or two there has been a concentration of effort on Miller to the manifest disadvantage of the populist candidate for clerk of the district court.

Never before in the history of Lancaster county has there been such a desperate effort to elect a candidate. Mr. Miller, as a campaigner, has exhibited a zeal born of desperation. He has done such things and said such things that the people have wondered greatly at his versatility. Like many another smooth man he has over-reached himself, and it is probable that in trying to do too much he has weakened instead of strengthened his cause. Mr. Miller, by some means, has secured the more or less active co-operation of prominent republican B. & M. officials, and this has not helped him with the rank and file of the people who are disposed to look with suspicion upon a coalition between a demo-pop office holder and republican railroad managers. It is also no secret that a certain bank in this city is taking a considerable interest in Mr. Miller's candidacy, and this fact, while it may help him with some people prejudices him with others. It is pointed out that Mr. Miller has rapidly evolved himself from a plain citizen,

with a decided leaning towards what is known as the common people, into a scheming politician with strings that lead directly into the back rooms of banks and the private office of railroad managers. Mr. Miller was elected in the first place by men whose chief object was to rebuke this sort of manipulation which the demo pop candidate is now engaged in.

Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Baker have shown an agility in straddling platforms and parties; in being all things to all men, in being farmers to farmers, and workers to workers; in wearing the badge of prohibition in one camp and the insignia of personal liberty in another; in carrying a pitcher of cold water on one shoulder and a mug of beer on the other; in appealing for votes on every conceivable plea known to the fecund mind of the most crafty of practical politicians; in subordinating every consideration of political consistency to private and personal desire for gain, i. e., office, that have surprised and dumfounded the most experienced political roustabouts in this county. These two gentlemen have taught a lesson in practical politics that will long be remembered. The result of it all is awaited with the keenest interest.

A conservative estimate gives Mr. Low the election by from 1,000 to 1,500 votes. It is thought that Mr. Trompen may fall below this figure, but few republicans are willing to admit that his plurality will fall below 800. It is figured that conceding most of the claims of the opposition, Mr. Trompen will come to the city of Lincoln evenly matched with the demo-pop candidate. That being the case his election is emphatically assured. It is only a question of how large his plurality will be. The First ward will probably go to Miller. There are good reasons to believe that the Second ward will give a small plurality to Trompen. This ward can also be given to the demo-pops for the sake of argument. Trompen will carry every other ward in the city, and in three out of the five remaining he will have a very large plurality. Many sanguine republicans believe that Low and Trompen will be elected by pluralities ranging from one to two thousand and this is not improbable.

It can be said to the credit of the republican candidates that not one of them has in this campaign made a hypocrite or a demagogue of himself. Each man has stood squarely on the record of the republican party and has not claimed to be anything but a republican. There have been no appeals to populist or anarchistic prejudice, no straddling of parties or sentiment. The candidates are without exception broad-minded, liberal men, and they have not found it necessary to vary their conduct or change their convictions from time to time as the occasion and surroundings changed. They have strengthened the republican cause by making the campaign simply as republican candidates. They have not been compelled to answer any charges against their integrity as men. It is conceded that all the candidates are good republicans and good citizens, and this fact is depended upon to insure their triumphant election.

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