

ABBOTT'S RECORD IN ISSUE

Jacksonians Looking Up County Democracy's Choice for City Chairman.

ECHOES OF COMING POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Unfavorable Comment on Projection of Republicans Who Last Year Gave Aid and Comfort to the Democrats.

The facility with which the gold democrat is getting back into control of the democracy is likely to attract considerable attention between this time and the date of the democratic primaries. The announcement of the county democracy that Lytle I. Abbott is its preferred candidate for chairman of the democratic city convention is arousing the indignation of the Jacksonian crowd, and the flash of well furnished cutlery is being seen around Jacksonian headquarters. Abbott is known to be an ardent gold democrat, and the Jacksonian are going to make the most of it in their way against the noise crowd. One of the chief functionaries of the club was noted recently for the files of The Bee in the city library, hunting the record of Mr. Abbott's backsliding. He had the volume open at November 2, 1896, and was perusing a report of the visit of Hon. John P. Irish to Nebraska on that day to tour the state in a special train on the Wabash of Bryan's train and to expound on his trip the doctrines of the gold democracy. From the file of The Bee the Jacksonian functionary was digging up the record that among the Nebraska democrats who met that train at Pacific Junction and accompanied Mr. Irish on his trip through the state was Lytle I. Abbott. Later reports in the files of the same paper showed that Abbott was subsequently charged before the Jacksonian club with having supported Palmer and Backer in opposition to Bryan and Sewall, and upon conviction of the same charge had had his name expunged from the roll of membership along with others. Assurances are given by the Jacksonian crew that due stress will be laid upon these facts in the coming democratic primaries.

A prominent member of the Jacksonian club of the fusion firing line is authority for the statement that a new democratic candidate for mayor is about to be sprung who will clean up the political territory with one broadside. He refuses to divulge the personage as yet, but renewed whispers of the name of James E. Boyd may be the purr of the Jacksonian kitty.

It's a poor night that does not see at least two or three republican ward club meetings. This activity even before the primaries is taken to be a sign of healthy interest on the part of the republicans in the coming city campaign.

Considerable dissatisfaction has arisen in several wards with the selections of primary election officials by the republican city committee ignoring the demands of various candidates who under the law are entitled to representation. In the Second ward, too, one of the men slated for judge at the republican primary presided at a Bryan meeting last November in the interest of the democratic ticket, on which account some of the neighborhood republicans and his eligibility and saying that the committee ought to be able to find republicans enough to serve who are not just out of the democratic camp.

That recalls the fact that one of the republican candidates for the council is having his position circled by another man who last fall organized the Swedes into a democratic club and went bar and baggage over to the fusion ticket. The same criticism is being made in the case of that man who is thought to be enough sound republican enough to get the signatures to all the councilman petitions that may have to be circulated.

OMAHA, Feb. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your issue of the 2d you state that at the Seventh ward meeting held last Thursday night Lyman Waterman made a bid for his candidacy for tax commissioner. You also state that Mr. Waterman last November, after being fairly and squarely beaten for the assembly in the republican convention, had himself placed on the ticket by petition and defeated the regular nominee at the polls. Now the facts are these: At the meeting referred to I made no bid for myself as tax commissioner, and as to the sentiment manifested toward me at that meeting it all came from Mr. Kowalewski and his followers. One of them asked if I intended to run by petition. As to the balance of the charges I will make the following statement: Before the primaries were held in the Seventh ward last fall for the county officers I placed my name on the primary ticket for the endorsement for the office of assessor. There were no other candidates for this office against me, and I received the endorsement of the fusion and republican members on the fusion and republican tickets. I have never voted anything but the republican ticket in any way, shape or manner, and expect to be a republican and work for the republican principles. I think I have the endorsement of the taxpayers of the Seventh ward. These statements are true and correct, and if any man dare deny them, let him do it and sign his name. Very truly yours, LYMAN WATERMAN.

The Jacksonian crowd in the Second ward has held its caucus and has taken its stand for the democratic duel. It has selected as its candidate for councilman a gentleman of the euphonious and suggestive name, Conrad Hug, a German, in the employ of the Waltham Art company. T. J. Flynn, a member of the last legislature, is the preferred candidate for city clerk. The delegates chosen are Adam Rippe, W. H. Herdman, Stanley D. Letovsky, R. J. Atchison, Max Grimm, Mike Kracher, Joseph Kelly, Theodore Wirth and Joseph Piskerz.

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Room Rent Costs Them Seventy-Five Cents a Month and They Have It Paid in Advance. "What rent do you pay?" "Seventy-five cents a month. Each of us pays 25 cents."

How do you live? "Oh, we've got an old stove up there, and we cook oatmeal and stuff on no false pride. He had no social status to maintain, so in a burst of frankness he admitted that he had been out of the penitentiary at Fort Madison only a short time. He was permitted to return to his palatial apartment.

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HORTON IS CHOSEN TRUSTEE

Exposition's Creditors Formally Ratify Their Claims to His Charge.

BILLS ARE OVER FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Claims Aggregate More Than One-Tenth of the Total Liabilities Given to the Exposition Company.

In the federal court yesterday Referee W. H. Herdman received additional claims against the Greater America exposition, which amounted to \$47,672, over one-third of the total amount of liabilities as given in the schedule of the association, which was \$118,225.47. The total number of claimants is fifty-three, most of them being unpreferred creditors. The preferred claimants, those holding labor claims, had no voice in the selection of trustee. Under the terms of the law it was necessary for the successful candidate to receive a majority vote of all the unpreferred creditors and that vote must represent more than half of the unpreferred claims. In the case of bankruptcy proceedings such as this it made the work of selecting a trustee tedious, as two tally sheets had to be kept, one representing the vote and the other the voters' claims.

Trustee is Chosen. At the afternoon session Richard S. Horton was elected trustee of the property of the exposition by the unpreferred creditors, receiving fifty-two votes cast by creditors holding claims aggregating \$59,000, out of a total of seventy-one votes, aggregating \$88,000 in claims. What promised to be a long session was closed by a ruling of Referee Herdman to the effect that all claims presented and filed in the form of law would be considered as proved for the purpose of selecting a trustee. Exceptions were taken to this ruling by some of the claimants and the matter was referred to the referee, who proceeded with the hearing, but which were caused by claimants taking particular exception to certain claims. As soon as the result was announced Mr. Horton was declared elected, but he will not take charge of the assets until the tally sheet has been signed by a majority of the creditors. He has filed a bond in the sum of \$10,000. The largest claim filed on Saturday was that of Frank Murphy for \$26,000, evidenced by two notes for \$4,000 each and one for \$18,000. Other filing claims for more than \$1,000 were: Western Newspaper Union, \$2,000; M. E. Mulvihill & Co., \$2,525.15; John M. McGowan, \$1,210.30; Charles D. Thompson, \$5,000; Hayden Bros., \$1,568.87; Clonbrook Steam Boiler company, \$1,775.

At Friday night's mass meeting John Rush made the statement that the Omaha Street Railway company proposed to extend