

In the list of candidates given on the opposite page no mention is made of one or two aspirants for political honors who have very recently shied their castors into the arena. A. L. Funk, of this city, is one of the latest candidates. He is looking upon the office of county superintendent with longing eyes. There is also talk of a new candidate out in Havelock, this voting precinct having already two aspirants for office in the persons of Pat Dore and C. W. Corey, the first for county clerk, and the latter for county superintendent. Now rumor has it that R. O. Castle will be "brought out by his friends" as a candidate for clerk in opposition to Dore. There is also another candidate for county superintendent out near Union College. A candidate for constable not included in the list is W. W. Carder.

It has been the practice for years to hold the republican city convention, at which candidates for justice of the peace and constable are nominated, immediately following the county convention and in the same place. This year it has been suggested that an interval of several days be allowed between the conventions. This would be a little more trouble, but the change is on many accounts desirable. Coming at the close of the county convention the city convention has always been held amid great confusion occasioned by the general uproar of departing country delegates. Two years ago J. G. Bowers was clearly the choice of the city convention for constable; but the confusion was such that the secretary could not record the votes, and another candidate was allowed to slip in.

There is talk now that a primary fight may be avoided in the Fourth ward. After Judge Holmes and Judge Hall got together it seemed to be generally understood that the two judges would, between them, name the delegation, leaving the three candidates for clerk of the district court in the ward, to fight at the primaries for the incidental support of the delegation. Friends of the various candidates for clerk have suggested that a much better way to settle the difficulty would be for the judges to name the delegation, and then allow the delegates to agree on one candidate for clerk of the district court. The candidates will probably agree to such a course, which would simplify matters considerably in the Fourth.

Judges Holmes and Hall have given the utmost satisfaction and it is the prevailing sentiment not only in this city, but over the county, that they should be continued in office. The two judges are popular and their friends are confident of their nomination.

John Trompen is now mobilizing his forces preparatory to swooping down on the county convention. Trompen has long taken an active part in republican politics, serving for a time on the state central committee, but up to the present time he has remained a private. He feels that he has a good chance to change his luck this year.

Interest is centering on the Fifth and Sixth wards just now. It is freely talked that in the Fifth there will be arrayed Sizer and Maule on one side with Ensign and Burr and other candidates opposing. Cochran may side in with Ensign and he may not. Doty will be on the Sizer-Maule side, as will one of the candidates for justice of the peace. Kimmel, Burr, Funk and the rest will properly attach themselves, and Henry Hoagland may combine his strength with the first named combination. It is the general opinion that the strength is pretty evenly divided and a close contest is looked for. Should the Ensign faction be uppermost, with Cochran on that side, Ensign's chances for nomination would be fairly good and Cochran would be in a fair way to be nominated for county judge. Sizer would not be in the convention and Sam Low would be left by all odds the strongest candidate for clerk of the district court, with excellent prospects of success. On the other hand if Sizer and Maule should carry the ward, with Cochran on the other side. I. W. Lansing of the Fourth would probably be renominated for county judge, and Sizer and Maule would be strong candidates in the convention, the one for clerk and the other for judge. Unless Hoagland should be in this combination with the trading strength of the delegation, the successful candidate for sheriff in the Sixth ward, would in all likelihood, find the nomination between himself and John Trompen—it is likely that the shrievalty nomination will go either to a Fifth or Sixth ward candidate or to Trompen. Should Hoagland have the Fifth ward delegation back of him, there would be a pretty three cornered fight, with himself, Trompen and the successful Sixth ward candidate at the corners. Among the uncertain quantities in the Fifth are Kimmel, Brown, Funk, Leese, Price, and, notably, Cochran. The situation may be materially affected by the course adopted by these candidates.

And the Third ward, too, contains much that is of interest. Beckman, for county commissioner, will, of course, have the cordial support of the ward. There are two candidates for sheriff and John S. Bishop wants the ward for county judge. Elmer Stephenson is deep in study and he may ask the ward to support him for clerk of the district court. At least one, and probably two of the candidates will be compelled to retire on or before the primaries. Curiosity is ripe as to which of her many favorite sons the Third will bring with her into the convention.

W. L. Brown is a popular Fifth warder, and his friends have not forgotten that he is a candidate for county judge.

Mr. Baer will be re-nominated for county superintendent, with Corey left in line for the nomination two years hence.

Dr. Winnett has given satisfaction as coroner during his brief term, and many

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look upon his candidacy for the nomination with favor.

One of the leading candidates for district judge has an interesting interesting political history in Indiana, having been prominently identified with the public life of that state. A. W. Scott was a republican member of the legislature in 1887, at the time of the memorable senatorial deadlock between the followers of Ben Harrison and Dave Turpie. It will be remembered that there were 74 republicans and 74 democrats in that body, and for two weeks the ballots were taken without a change. Mr. Scott and his colleagues staying by Harrison until Turpie finally won the day by winning over one of the four independent members. Mr. Scott was graduated from the state university of Indiana in 1881, and has practiced law since that time. He was assistant prosecuting attorney, a member of the legislature and a leading republican. Since Mr. Scott's residence in Lincoln he has taken the same active interest in the republican cause, and has on all occasions contributed his services to the party. In the Sixth ward where he resided for a number of years, he has the very general friendship and support of the people, and will be given the enthusiastic support of the delegates without a contest. Mr. Scott was chairman of the city committee one year ago and his success in the management of that campaign is well known. He was also, prior to the incumbency of Mr. Abbott, city attorney. He has a large acquaintance throughout the city and county, and his reputation for integrity of character and ability as a lawyer, as well as his zeal as a republican, make him a strong candidate.

Dan Kelly, the Sixth ward candidate for sheriff, has to his credit an 18 years' residence in Lancaster county, and while he has always been a republican, casting his first vote for Rutherford B. Hayes for president, and for the republican candidates in all preceding elec-

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tions, he has never held an office or been a candidate for office. He has taken part in all campaigns, but has contented himself with working for the republican cause and for his friends. Mr. Kelley's business has taken him among the farmers, and "Dan Kelley" is known in every part of the county. No one man possesses a larger acquaintance throughout the county. Mr. Kelley has resided in the Sixth ward since moving into the city from out near College View about four years ago and is a leading political factor in that precinct. He possesses the confidence of the community and should he be successful in his candidacy for sheriff the county will have in him an able, energetic and thoroughly upright official.

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