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front window to suit my wife. I am taking this one of Bryan home, because my little girl wants to hang it up next to McKinley's. She goes to school with Rath Bryan, you know. I am looking for a Palmer picture myself. Just as soon as I get one it is going up along with the other two. We believe in giving every man a show for his white alley in our house."

Near to the Bryan residence is a house occupied by a prominent popocrat and his wife. The popocrat's wife is a warm supporter of the republican party and McKinley. Only one picture is shown in the front window. It is that of the Major. The husband is enthusiastic for the Boy, but for certain reasons he doesn't exhibit any of his enthusiasm in the front window. He may let it out at Eleventh and O.

There are thousands of Bryan and McKinley pictures in the front windows of Lincoln residences. Again candor compels us to record the fact that the McKinley pictures are greatly in the majority. In one place that we have noticed there is a marked preponderance of Bryan lithographs. That is the boulevard out to Normal. There are as many as four consecutive houses with Bryan pictures. If anybody cannot be convinced by attending the meetings at Eleventh and O, he cannot fail to be influenced by the pictures. If, by some means, he is not made to see the error of his ways by the campaign lithographs, there is one more masterly stroke of campaign zeal that is sure to catch him.

We refer to the "ladies' campaign clubs." In this city are Ladies' McKinley clubs and Ladies' Bryan clubs, and the female politician is ready to grasp her skirt in one hand and a flambeau in the other and sally forth on the slightest provocation. The McKinleyized and Bryanized new woman is as intrepid as John Currie, as zealous as zeal itself. Mud hath no terrors that she dare not brave, publicity no horror that she may not withstand. She is ready to walk with muddy shoes in the garish street, or meet Bud Lindsey in his native lair. She has buckled on the armor, and wherever John goes there also will Mary go; whatever John does that also will Mary do. It is certainly convincing to see the women painting the town. Politics, since it was elevated, is not the coarse thing it once was.

W. MORTON SMITH.

A comfortable California trip can be taken every Thursday at 10:30 a. m. in a through tourist sleeping car, Lincoln to Los Angeles without change via the Burlington. Remember this when arranging for your winter trip. Depot ticket office, 7th street between P and Q streets. City office, corner Tenth and O streets.

THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE.

The old newspaper saying, "now is the time to subscribe," was never more true than at present. The times are so full of incident, so many important national and state affairs are shaping themselves for a change, that no one can afford to be without a metropolitan daily or weekly. The St. Louis Republic, the greatest democratic newspaper, is making a special offer of its daily and Sunday paper for three months at \$1.50. It is \$6 a year by mail. The Twice-a-Week Republic is sent two times a week—104 papers—for only \$1 a year. In addition to all the political news, it prints every day a spread of general news and features not equalled by any other paper.

POLITICAL POINTS.

THE MAYORALTY SCRAP.

The contest for the honors of mayor for the next term of office may be said to be now virtually on. The several republican candidates, while they are assiduously laboring for McKinley and Hobart, which, in substance, means the entire republican ticket, do not permit a ghost of an opportunity to pass them without doing a little missionary work on their own account. Quiet "little" schemes are being hatched by the would-like-to-be-mayors and their confidential friends; divers shaped "wedges" are being driven with but a muffled sound, and endless wires have already encompassed numerous political influences.

The candidates for this very important and highly esteemed office have not all been named as yet by any means, and the more prominent the names which are mentioned in regard to the mayoralty office the more exciting and interesting the contest becomes.

So far the aspirants for the office of city executive have been tame and good-natured. No arrogance nor animosity has been permitted to crop out, and under such conditions—which are unusual in political campaigns—even a casual observer, while he cannot even imagine who will be the victor in this strife, can not resist the opportunity of speculating on the visible power of some of the candidates, even if he speculates but little.

Mayor Graham probably intends to succeed himself. Possession is nine points of the law. In many respects he has made an admirable mayor, for which reason he will be a stronger candidate than he was two years ago.

Another man who will stir the "animals" up to the highest pitch is O. W. Webster, who was re-elected to the council last spring without opposition—he having consented to be returned to the council only upon the most earnest solicitations of the taxpayers from his ward. Mr. Webster is not politically ambitious; in fact, he is just the reverse. But he does believe that this city has never been blessed with administrations which practiced economy to the extent that was possible and practical.

As "financier, economist and leader of the council," Mr. Webster has made a lasting reputation. His constituency is not confined to any one class of men; he is popular with all who know him, especially with the taxpayers. Aside from being a shrewd and profound thinker, a keen financier and a prosperous and prominent business man, Mr. Webster can with pride point to a spotless and brilliant record. Mr. Webster has also a moral standing which will not be overlooked, yet he is liberal in all his dealings with the social questions which confront us.

The strength of Mr. Webster is manifest. At present he has an excellent chance of success.

It will be some time before Sixth warders will forget the memorable canvass made by Mr. W. A. Woodward last

spring. While the office at stake was only a seat in the council, it must be remembered that that campaign marked his advent into the political arena for office, and that he defeated two of the most prominent and astute politicians in the ward, namely, Dr. Holyoke and Dr. Graham.

While Mr. Woodward has always actively participated in politics, he, like Mr. Webster, has never been a seeker after political preferment. But, in accord with many others of our citizens, he became alarmed at the city's financial condition and the impending danger which further threatened its treasury, and he, too, decided to enter the council, if possible, and become a watch dog of the city's interests, and that he has been such is proven by the numerous wise and economical measures he has introduced and made laws.

If one's ward support portends anything, Mr. Woodward is extremely acceptable to the people of the Sixth ward, as the overwhelming vote they gave him attests. He is conservative, capable and far seeing. Being a heavy taxpayer, he is deeply interested in Lincoln's future.

That Mr. Woodward is no novice in politics is evident. That his following, especially the laboring men, is great there is no doubt. The support he would receive from the taxpayers and from that class known as the "moral element" would also be large. That Mr. Woodward's candidacy will infuse unusual vigor and interest in the campaign is a foregone conclusion.

And then there is the redoubtable and energetic George J. Woods, who, a year ago conducted one of the most remarkable campaigns ever fought in this city, in an effort to capture the honor he now seeks. George Woods needs no introduction or commendation here. He has, and always will have, a host of admiring friends, and when he enters a campaign and means it the opposition knows what to expect. He is a stalwart from the ground up, his record is clear, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that he might be successful in his second attempt to ascend to the mayor's chair.

The candidacy of John P. Maule is looked upon by some with suspicion. Not because Mr. Maule would not enjoy the honor and prerogatives of the office of mayor is this feeling of distrust predominant in the minds of some of his friends, but the impression that he is running for a purpose other than his own election, induces it. Just how much foundation exists upon which to base such an opinion is not known, but it is surmised that some recent actions on the part of Mr. Maule have given rise to this idea.

If Mr. Maule succeeds in eradicating this view of his candidacy he will put up a fight second to none in aggressiveness and intensity. Having participated in politics practically all his life, what he does not know about its ins and outs isn't of much value. He not only possesses the appearance of a statesman, but has a mein in perfect harmony with his looks. As a speaker he is eloquent, forcible and convincing. As a political opponent he is verily "an ugly customer."

It is not presumed that J. D. Parker, R. S. Young or Barr Parker will cut any perceptible amount of ice in that fight, though it must be admitted that appearances are sometimes deceiving.

COUNCILMAN'S CONTESTS NEXT SPRING.

Tom Draper will be a candidate for re-election to the council next spring from the First ward, but he is liable to meet with strong opposition from P. W. Copeland, who was defeated by Bob Finley at the primaries last spring. In that fight Mr. Copeland declared that he was counted out, and it is too true that the judges and clerks of election

in that ward, as they were in several others, were quite lax and careless in their methods of conducting the primaries.

Mr. Copeland, however, does not feel that the party has done him an injustice; neither is he politically ambitious; but he nurses a very ardent desire to demonstrate that he can be elected councilman if he wishes.

It is possible, however, that Mr. Copeland may be constrained to defer his ambition until the expiration of Finley's term, when, in the event of his (Copeland's) success, his sense of gratification would be more keen and appreciative.

The Second ward has so far produced James Stevenson and Alex Jeteas as contestants for J. D. Parker's chair. It is quite likely that other gentlemen will appear to dispute the right of these two councilmanic aspirants, as they both have a large array of bitter and unrelenting political and personal enemies.

Alex Jeteas would undoubtedly have been appointed to fill the unexpired term of J. D. Parker had Frank Graham received the nomination for county treasurer, as in that event, Mr. Parker would have been acting mayor, and would have vacated his seat in the council. As it was, Mayor Graham's declination to run for county treasurer blocked his contemplated plan.

The Third ward will have something new and startling on the primary "board" next spring. For several years past politics and factions in that section have been all one-sided. Hereafter it will be somewhat different. The moral and substantial element of the Third, ever since the defeat of Kerman last spring, have begun to realize their strength, and have determined that no mere "count outs" will go with them. The "gang" is now practically powerless in that ward. This was indicated by the election of Charley Spears last spring, when he was bitterly opposed by the element which had been carrying things with a high hand previous to that time.

The significant feature of Mr. Spears' campaign, and one which substantiates the assertions above made, was that Mr. Spears did not announce himself as a candidate for the council until about ten days before the primaries, and after all the wires had been laid by Mr. Kerman and his friends for the latter named gentleman, and when it was thought no strength could rout him.

While R. S. Young, at the present time councilman from the Third, contemplates entering the mayoralty race, and consequently will not be a candidate for a third term, there is a goodly number of clean and able men ready to assume the duties of the office Mr. Young has so ably discharged. While only a few names have so far been mentioned in connection with Mr. Young's seat in the council, it is safe to predict that his successor will be as honest and well qualified as he has been, in spite of the efforts of a well known few to keep fair men out of office.

In the Fourth ward matters will be very much complicated. A. H. Hutton's term will have expired by next spring, and in the event of Mr. Webster's election to the mayor's chair, there will be an additional vacancy to be filled in the council, which, as a matter of course, would be filled by appointment.

Mr. Hutton's political fences are not in as perfect and convenient a shape as he could have kept them had he been less ambitious and more conservative. While there may be nothing to be said against Mr. Hutton's integrity as an official, his record does not even approach that made by his co-worker and colleague, Mr. Webster, though Mr. Hutton may have accomplished that which came within his range and power with all the ardor at his command.

It must, however, occur to every one