

IN THE REALM OF POLITICS

Another gubernatorial candidate has shield his caster into the arena and is reported to be canvassing the Fifth district with energy in an attempt to surround himself with a formidable lot of support when it comes convention time. The aspirant is J. P. A. Black, an attorney and banker of Bloomington, and the news comes to Lincoln from an authentic source. A prominent resident of the district says that Mr. Black is in earnest and that he is making a herculean effort to rally the Fifth under his banner. He has been a figure of considerable prominence in the district for a number of years and may become a formidable candidate, say his friends.

On the heels of this positive announcement comes just as emphatic a statement from Captain C. E. Adams of Superior to the effect that he is not a candidate for any office this fall. Occasionally his name has been mentioned as a possibility in connection with the governorship, and again his friends have urged that he should be the congressional nominee on the republican ticket. But the captain declines accepting further political honors and declares himself content to rest in retirement and devote his energies to business.

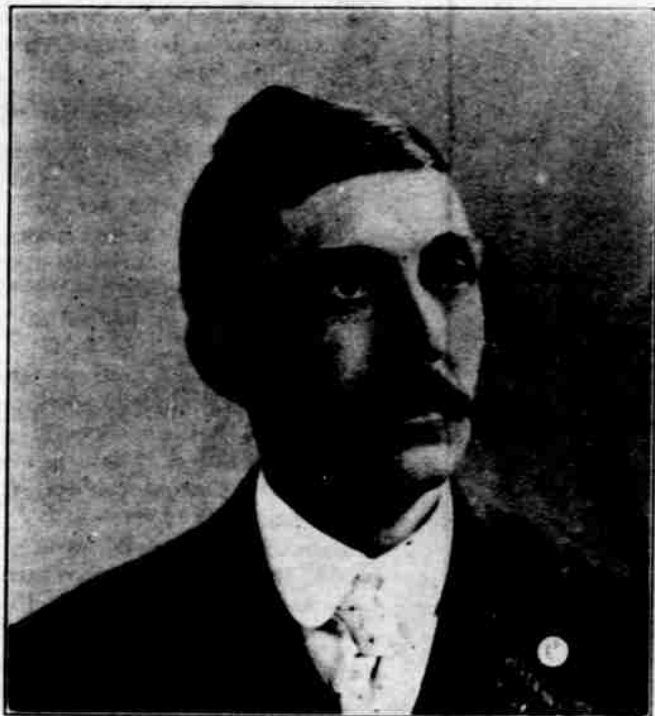
But there promises to be plenty of

and attorney W. P. McCreary of Hastings have an incubator operating on a similar ambition.

From Nance county has emanated at various intervals the rumor that George D. Meiklejohn may be a gubernatorial candidate. The former assistant secretary of war was in Omaha yesterday and took occasion to deny that he has any intention whatever of appearing again in the political field soon.

"I am not a candidate for any office," he declared. It is also rumored in and about Douglas county with considerable persistency that J. H. Van Dusen of South Omaha may enter the lists, but his intimate friends insist that this is all dependent on whether or not his friend Governor Savage stays in the race. With Savage in Van Dusen will be out.

Mr. Rosewater seems to be having a little trouble in the Second in selecting a man to go against Mercer with any chance of success as the editor has just about abandoned his idea of going before the people of the district himself. Martin Rowley, time keeper at Armour's South Omaha is said to have Mr. Rosewater's favor just at present and an Omaha paper prints the following account of the situation



W. C. FRAMPTON.

Candidate for re-election to the city council from the Fifth Ward.

W. C. Frampton, candidate for re-election to the council from the Fifth ward, obtained a legal education and fitted himself for his profession through nery effort. His father died when he was an infant and since he was seven years of age Mr. Frampton has been thrown entirely on his own resources.

Thirty-eight years ago he was born at Chariton, Iowa. His parents had fled from Independence, Missouri, to escape the vengeance of the bush whackers who had captured the town and were dealing out death and destruction to the Unionists.

The following winter the father of young Frampton contracted pneumonia in the logging camp and died. As soon as he was large enough to work the youth took up the struggle of making a living.

He attended Norton Academy at Welton, Iowa, one of the oldest schools in the state. He came to Lincoln in 1889 and finished his law course at the state university in 1893. Since that time he has been practising here and is now a member of the law firm of Love & Frampton.

Two years ago he was elected to the council and is now up for re-election. During his term he has ever been enrolled for the best interests of the city, recording his vote on the side of advancement and progress.

congressional timber in the district nevertheless. From Mr. Adams' home town, Superior, Smith Caldwell is said to be an aspirant. Then there is State Senator Allen of Arapahoe who has entertained the busy bee for many months. Judge George Norris of McCook is said to have congressional desires sprouting, while Banker Clark

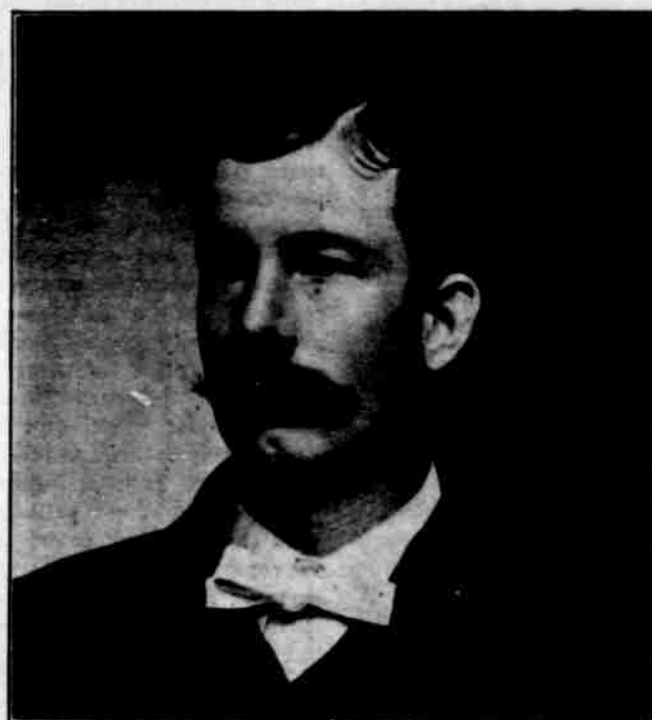
at present:

It is well understood that Mr. Rosewater concluded that Rowley, who is popular among the packing house men, would be just the man to bring in a South Omaha delegation against Mercer, and he has labored with him long and earnestly.

He has sent messengers to South

Omaha, and has had Rowley up here, but the latter cannot help thinking it is all a joke. He told Mr. Rosewater that he was not fitted in any respect for a congressman, and said: "Why, man alive, I couldn't make a speech even if I mixed seven drinks, got you to write it and stood up on the dictionary."

John R. Hays, who also hails from Madison county, is said to be slated for the postoffice, which is said to be intended as a consolation prize. Hays made a fine run for congress two years ago, and would not mind trying it again, but Madison county could not, of course, stand for two candidates, one for governor and one for congress.



ROBERT MALONE.

Candidate for re-election to the city council from the First Ward.

Robert Malone, democratic councilman from the First ward, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Brimfield thirty-six years ago. After receiving a common school education he started west to seek his fortune.

He crossed the Missouri river with \$5 in his pocket and faced the proposition of western table board at \$4.50 a week. He first stopped at Plattsmouth, where he remained two years.

Then he came to this city where he has remained for eighteen years. He mastered the blacksmith trade and worked in various shops about the city.

In 1892 he was appointed chief of the fire department. In this capacity he served six years. His administration was able and efficient and he made many friends. After leaving the fire department he established a blacksmith shop of his own.

In 1898 he was nominated for the council from the First ward. He is now a candidate for a third term on the fusion ticket.

Mr. Malone is a total abstinence man in the strictest sense of the word. He has never tasted liquor in his life. Temperate habits and hard work are the basic principles of his business success.

Mr. Rosewater assured Rowley that made no difference, as Mercer had been in congress ten years, and never made a speech.

He induced Rowley to come to Omaha to call on him at the Bee building, and there introduced him to Seth Cole, as the representative of a powerful franchised corporation, and to another eminent politician, who was presented as the private secretary of the general manager of one of the railroad companies. It was urged that they were "all for him," and that if he would only take it they would wrap up the job and hand it to him. Rowley went home dazed, and it is not yet announced whether he has decided to be used in this connection or not.

Reports received at Lincoln are to the effect that C. H. Sloan stands the best chance of walking away with the Fourth district congressional nomination. Sloan is having trouble at home in the person of Peter Youngers, but his previous prominence and success give assurance that he can get his home county without too much trouble. J. D. Pope of Saline wants to make another try, but he ran behind his ticket in 1900, and this fact is being cited against him. As compared with Dietrich he ran ahead in but two counties, Butler and Polk. He defeated Sloan for the nomination then, and many of his supporters are lined up behind the Geneva man. Hainer and Hinshaw are avowed candidates, and there will be enough candidates in the field to make it a very interesting contest, with no man as a certainty.

Another candidate for the governorship in the person of W. M. Robertson of Norfolk has appeared. Mr. Robertson seems to be well spoken of, although he is not well known in this section.

The Elkhorn folks are said to be pushing Robertson forward, but there is a suspicion hereabouts that Mr. Schneider's real choice is Judge Paul Jessen of Nebraska City. The name of Frank M. Wetherald, of Hebron, who was Mr. Meiklejohn's manager in the last senatorial campaign, has also been brought forward, but close friends of Mr. Wetherald say that he is not and will not be a candidate.

Next Tuesday the city election will be pulled off in Lincoln. No campaign in recent years has been so dull and spiritless as this, especially where so many offices are to be filled. Defeat after defeat has so vividly impressed members of the opposition of the futility of seeking to elect a democrat or populist in this city that it is difficult to find anyone to run against the republican nominees. This condition of affairs is not due so much to the advancement of the republican party in point of numbers, but to the excellence of the nominees, a fact that is directly traceable to the Lincoln system of nominations. The abolition of the convention system was the best thing that ever happened to the republicans as well as the people generally in Lincoln. It took away from machine politicians the power to put their creatures in office, and it has insured the election of republican nominees, a desideratum that ought to appeal to the men in charge of county politics. Better men has given us better government, and it is not to the credit of the fusionists that they have sought to break down this system by trying to declare invalid the law that makes it possible to confine the voting at the republican primaries to republicans only.

The republican city ticket is practically without serious opposition. Mr.