

Political Primer

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CHAPTER V

The net result of deliberation over hundreds of names, by party groups, is a primary ballot with 133 candidates for the 32 County offices.

Of these candidates, 85 are Republicans; 48 are Democrats.

Where the leaders considered a thousand names, the voters in each party will select 32.

Where the voters need consider fitness only, the party leaders considered fealty to faction, popularity and political strength, location, race and religion.

Where the political leaders spent months in adjusting differences, and considering qualifications from a political standpoint, the voter may neglect to deliberate until the evening before the primary of April 13th.

The County offices to be filled are important administrative and law enforcement offices.

The Administrative offices to be filled are the County board, three Sanitary District trustees, two Assessors, one member Board of Review, County Treasurer, Probate Judge, and clerks of courts.

The application of the taxpayers' money to the public's best interest cannot be expected from inferior men elected to these offices.

The Law Enforcement offices are:

First—the Sheriff. He has control over the lawless dives operating outside the city. No citizens' organizations, at great expense, should be compelled to furnish evidence of palpable abuses. A real live man-sheriff would issue an order, with no reading between the lines, that would close the open and notorious of these places.

Second—the State's Attorney. There is no selection of State's Attorney this spring. By prosecution, he can punish elected officials for dishonest administration.

State's Attorney Grinnel many years ago completely wiped out a corrupt County board by sending to the penitentiary those members who did not escape to Canada.

State's Attorney Deneen and his successor, State's Attorney Healy, punished by conviction quite a list. It included County Civil Service Commissioners, a Clerk of court, election offi-

cials and township officers for violation of law.

In spite of the conduct of the Sheriff's office and failure to function of offices of today, no punishment of a public official by the State's Attorney has occurred in the past six years.

Third—the County Judge. He has the election law to uphold. The election of a man of proved integrity to this office is of paramount importance.

A heavy primary vote for each official nominated will not only make him feel free, if elected, to serve the public at large, but obligate him to do so and be some assurance of a continual support that will free him from fear of defeat by the small, self-interested minority that knows what it wants and condemns to defeat those who do not do its bidding.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence T. Morand of 506 Washington avenue gave a surprise party last Friday evening at their home for Frank B. Lambert of Chicago, who is leaving Saturday, February 20, for a month's trip to Cuba and Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kaumeyer, 601 Linden avenue, left Wednesday, February 10, for a month's stay in Florida.

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