

CITY POLITICS.

The outlook for our municipal affairs is unusually bright and promising. For a long time Mayor Evans refused the use of his name as a candidate for mayor, but so many of our best business men who have the real interests of the city at heart, who want him to serve a second term that he consents to be re-elected. There is no other candidate in the field so far as we can learn. Mayor Evans has given us a thoroughly good business administration and the tax payers have confidence in his business ability, his good judgment, his honesty, and his genuine public spirit. Hence they want him again. With such a kind of a mayor they are willing to put up their money for street improvements, sewers, cement sidewalks, etc. That of course is just what our laboring men want as it gives them work right here at home and sure pay, for under Mayor Evans the contractors have to pay their help before they can draw their pay from the city. So in this matter of mayor, the wealthy citizens and the working men's interests are the same, all want the same kind of a mayor. Then, too, the merchants, grocers, meat men, etc. want him because he wants home men employed, keeps the money paid out for improvements here at home and they get their share of it. A business kind of a mayor, one that is honest and commands the confidence of all classes is just the man we all want for he means home work for our home men, home expenditure of our money, he helps everybody in Highland Park.

For city clerk there is practically but one business man and working man's candidate and that is John Finney. There are other capable men, but they don't want it this year. Mr. Finney is familiar with every detail of that office and its work and we beg leave to remind the taxpayers, that the man who fills the place has got to be a clear, level-headed sober man, about 24 hours every day. He not only keeps the records, but the accounts of the city, accounts of all kinds separately and accurately, and he has to make up the appropriations or estimates for the year to come. We understand Thomas M. Dooley's name is mentioned also.

For city attorney there is but one candidate, Mr. Smoot, the present incumbent. When a little city like the Park is fortunate enough to have such a man as Mr. Smoot, who stands in the front rank of his profession in Chicago as a municipal lawyer, it

would be worse than the height of folly to change. No matter how good a lawyer a man may be in other lines, what we want is an expert in municipal law, and that is what Mr. Smoot is. Lake Forest and Fort Sheridan have found this out by experience and won't have any one now but Mr. Smoot.

Of course the big excitement will be over the city treasurer. Up to date, there are three fully equipped, full-fledged candidates in the field; all good, competent, able and reliable men. We name them in the order of their candidacy: Fred Greenslade, Charles H. Baker and Fred W. Schumacher. Messrs. Baker and Schumacher have their offices on St. Johns avenue, in the business portion of the city, and Mr. Greenslade wished us to say for him that he would establish a place equally accessible where all warrants would be cashed without delay. Everyone knows these three men and each taxpayer and voter will decide for himself which one or them he wishes to have handle the city's cash and vote for him. We understand there are several other men ambitious of honors and emoluments who are thinking seriously of entering the field.

For aldermen, C. G. Phillips only, is mentioned in the 1st ward, and Silas P. Brand in the 2nd ward. If there are others, we have not heard of them. These are good men. In the 3rd ward; the talk all along has been for Col. Davidson. He is a large property owner, deeply interested in the improvement of St Johns avenue, and would be a great help to that end in the council. He has shown the ability to work out successfully the problem of lifting the tremendous burden the fire, one or two bank failures and the hard times put on that institution. Some of Dr. Ingalls' friends are urging his name.

If you want to be city treasurer, fall into line quick; the procession of candidates is getting to be a pretty long one.

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