

instrumental in shaping its affairs. All the court proceedings for the public improvements of the city by special assessment have passed through his hands and he has carried to a successful issue assessments aggregating over \$350,000. Mr. Smoot has been the attorney for Lake Forest for the past six years, consulting attorney for the village of Fort Sheridan since its organization, and has been special counsel for several of our sister cities in matters pertaining to their welfare. He has had a large experience in municipal and tax matters, and is well known as a careful, able, and conscientious lawyer.

Mr. Fred. W. Schumacher.

Mr. Fred W. Schumacher, candidate for city treasurer, was born in Allegan, Michigan, in 1861. At fourteen years of age Mr. Schumacher was thrown upon his own resources, but knowing the value of an education he worked his way through the Allegan high school, and after graduating, came to Chicago to study pharmacy, graduating from the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1890. Mr. Schumacher then came to Highland Park, where he has been engaged in the drug business ever since. Mr. Schumacher is a good business man, and is a pleasant and genial gentleman.

Mr. Daniel Cobb.

Highland Park, April 13, 99.

TO THE EDITOR:

In view of the fact that Mr. Shields has addressed an open letter to the citizens of Highland Park on the subject of his candidacy for the office of mayor I have been pressed by many friends to ask you to give expression to my views, as I am a candidate for the same office.

Let me say that in this contest I have no personal feeling. I did not seek the nomination; it came unsolicited. Those who urged me to accept it believed that my two years' experience in the city council qualified me to become the city's executive. Months before Mr. Shields entered the contest my name had been freely mentioned; later A. W. Fletcher came forward as my opponent, but ultimately withdrew, as he publicly expressed it, in favor of Mr. Shields. The contest therefore is not of my making. If assertions now alleged to be untrue have been made during the campaign as to Mr. Shields' utterances in the past, I am not, nor are my supporters responsible for them; they originated years ago with the men who now are his closest friends and warmest supporters who made them so potent at that time as to cause his defeat.

Mr. Shields states he has made no pledges, from which it is reasonable to suppose he wishes it inferred that I have. Let me say here that I have made no pledge and have no understanding with any person or coterie of persons in regard to what I will or will not do if elected, on any particular maker. This I have pledged to the citizens as a body and I reiterate it here: namely, that when the question of the city receiving compensation for franchises arises, I will, so far as lies in my power, see that such compensation insures to the credit of

the tax payers as a whole and not to a select few.

Further, I will say that I favor purifying our water supply, if it needs it, so that the health of our people may be preserved; I favor better roads so that the comfort and convenience of the community may be enhanced; I favor the extending of all reasonable privileges to industrial enterprises so that our young people may find occupation at hand when they leave school; I favor a conservative financial policy so that the high credit of our municipality, painfully built up during the last few years, may be maintained; finally I favor a policy which will result in the greatest good to the greatest number. Thus believing I allowed my name to go before a caucus at which perhaps a majority of the voters who will cast their ballots at the polls, were present, and I esteemed it a high honor to receive its unanimous nomination. Of that caucus public notice was given weeks before it was held; to that caucus everybody was invited; in that caucus every ward was very fully represented; before that caucus the name of any candidate would have received the fairest consideration; it was not packed; it was dominated by no faction or clique; it was conducted with the utmost order and all classes of citizens took part in the proceedings and I should deem myself ungrateful in the highest degree were I to allow the sneers, slurs and misrepresentations that are being made in regard to it to go by unnoticed.

Respectfully,
DANIEL COBB.

Mr. David H. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes, candidate on the "Cobb ticket," first came to Highland Park in 1869, but has not lived here constantly, since then. He is a veteran of the civil war. He left Brown University where he had been a student a year, to enter military service in 1861 and that year was in the expedition against Port Royal, under Gen. T. W. Sherman, a brother of the famous Gen. Sherman.

Mr. Holmes is a native of Connecticut, but claims Rhode Island as his former home state, as he lived there from the age of eight until he was twenty-five. During theseventies Mr. Holmes was chief clerk in the first division of the mail service, a division that comprised the New England states, and for some years he was superintendent of mails in the Boston

post-office, having over a hundred men in his department. A few years previous to 1882 Mr. Holmes was in business in Chicago with Mr. Rodman Carter, and from '82 till '90 he was in business in Colorado. Since 1890 Mr. Holmes has been a resident of Highland Park.

Mr. S. F. Knox.

Mr. S. F. Knox, whose name graces the "Cobb ticket" as the caucus nominee, as opposed to Mr. Smoot on the "Shields ticket," was born in Princeton, Bureau Co, Ills., Aug. 10, 1863. After leaving school he was associated with his father, S. M. Knox, for four years as eastern representatives of the Union Pacific & Burlington and Missouri River Railroads in the land and passenger departments. After that time Mr. Knox came to Chicago and read law with W. C. Goudy of the firm of Goudy, Green & Goudy and attended the Northwestern University Law School. Since being admitted to practice Mr. Knox has been alone in business and has made the Park his home since 1893.

Mr. Edward A. Warren.

Mr. Edward A. Warren, candidate for city clerk, has been a resident of the Park for over twenty years as his parents brought him here when he was a boy, from England, where he was born thirty-six years ago. Mr. Warren finished his education in the schools of Highland Park and is widely and well known here. He served the city as an alderman for three years, and worked faithfully to the best of his ability for the interests of the city.

Mr. John C. Cushman.

Mr. John C. Cushman, candidate all by himself on the independent ticket for city clerk, has been a respected citizen of the Park for twenty-four years and has been identified with the civic history of the town for a large portion of that time; as he has served as an official in different capacities here. Mr. Cushman has a great many letters of reference from many noted Americans and he has been making a very active canvas in the Park, personally, for the honors to be captured on Tuesday next.

NOTICE.

To the citizens of Highland Park:—
I wish to state that I had nothing whatever to do with getting out the circular referring to Mr. David A. Holmes and distributed about town this morning. It was without my knowledge or approval and by whom I do not know.

FRED W. SCHUMACHER.