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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1900.

According to John Finney June 16th will be an important day on the east side of the track and south of Central avenue. Don't forget the date.

The third ward election June 16, will be held in the front of Sullivan's plumber shop. Better see that the election clerks and judges don't get a billiard or pool table in the back room to while away their time between votes.

Some one tried to start a move last week to have both Col. Davidson and Mr. Roberts retire, and get a new man, acceptable to both sides. But the people were so incensed at the lawless, high handed proceeding that they demanded that the Colonel run again. They want to teach these fellows that such proceedings will not be allowed in this city.

The Issue.

Let it be understood at the outset and constantly kept in mind that this is not a personal matter. It is not whether Col. Davidson is a better man than Mr. Roberts, or the other way—it is not personal. Nor yet is it the old dead filter bed issue, nor yet the more live one of St. Johns, as important as that is. It is simply this: Can or shall a set of men in our city council decide to turn a man out of that body just because they dislike him; because he stands in the way of some of their schemes, and they can, with the help of the mayor, command just votes enough to oust him? Shall they be allowed to treat a fellow alderman, who was elected by just as fair and honest and full a vote as any other member of that council, in this illegal, lawless and, as people express it, outrageous manner?

That is the issue; that is the whole thing in a nutshell, and it is that which makes people so determined that Col. Davidson shall run and be elected. They drop every other issue in this,—such lawlessness must be downed once for all, this is a city of law-abiding citizens and not a place of political adventurers.

The Cat Is Out

One of our administration aldermen has very kindly let the official cat out of the bag and told a waiting, puzzled public, what means this new zeal of the administration in prosecuting or persecuting the "blind pig." He said it is not zeal for reform, which every body knows before he told them so; nor yet is it inborn hatred of the aforesaid "pig" and his wicked ways; not at all; such an idea would be too big a joke.

But they persecute the pig because the News-Letter has exposed them so badly and put them in such a plight before the public that they had to do something to defend themselves and attract public attention! That is statesmanship for you. Prosecute one man because another man exposes your misdeeds. That old fellow down East who said "when it came to telling the truth about him, was more than he could stand," evidently has some of his sons in our city council.

But seriously, after all that has passed in the history of the "blind pig", these attacks on the pig are about as big a piece of monumental folly as we have recently witnessed. Even a blind pig might "squeal" if abused too much, and then would not the persecutors flee for hiding?

Were not the blind pig and his ways just as well known to this administration all last season as they are now? Why did they not prosecute then? The public does not object;

may, rather it has demanded the prosecution of the blind pig all these months of this administration's rule and little was done but expend \$50 for a detective who Mayor Cobb said did not amount to much. Why let the pig go on month after month with its wicked work, and now that the thing is closed out, show such zeal in prosecution?

Don't you see, this aldermanic confession is that the News has hit them so hard, they must do something to throw dust in the eyes of the public, to make the dear people believe they are zealous for reform? Is anybody fooled?

Political Crookedness.

Political crookedness of the "peanut" kind is not all found in Highland Park. The methods adopted by the city officials in setting aside the recent election in the third ward finds its counterpart in the trickery of Mr. A. W. Clark of Montana. When Mr. Clark recently found the hand writing plainly on the wall informing him that he was "non persona grata" to the senate, he resorted to a very contemptible method to force himself upon that very honorable body. Through the investigations of the senate committee headed by Senator Chandler, it was decided to turn Mr. Clark down. In the meantime Governor Smith, of Montana, had been persuaded into making a trip to California. It was known that he was not favorable to Mr. Clark. The lieutenant-governor, Mr. Spriggs, taking advantage of the governor's absence, immediately telegraphed to Washington appointing Mr. Clark as the senator. Such kind of crooked methods rarely succeed, and if they succeed at all, it is only for a short time. It always proves a boomerang. Mr. Clark should put on his spectacles and make another effort to read the plain hand-writing on the wall. We would advise some of our Highland Park officials to do the same thing. Their recent action is almost sure to result in one of two things and in either instance will prove fatal to the actors.

Why Not Cushing.

As we remarked a few weeks ago General Grant said: "Find out what the enemy does not want, then give it to him." The administration turned out Colonel Davidson because they did not want him—"any one but Davidson," was their motto;—it is their spirit and purpose now. The question was not on the legality or fairness of the election, not because the Colonel is not honest, not because he was not the choice of the majority of the electors. None of these at all. They were determined to get rid of him,—emphasize the him—that was all. This matter of the illegality of the place was a trumped-up charge, a quasi excuse; a cloak for the real purpose to put him out; a portion of their plan was overheard once.

Now, to let Col. Davidson retire and take Mr. Cushing, or any other man, would be a surrender to that set of men, to their lawless, unjust and revolutionary proceeding; it would be doing just what they want done. That is why the people to a man, with the exception of a very, very few, say "no" to all talk of anybody but the Colonel. Under ordinary circumstances we would all turn in and support Mr. Cushing cheerfully; it would be a pleasure indeed to support him, and we hope not far hence to have the opportunity to prove our professions of admiration for him.

Col. Davidson's supporters stand by him not on personal grounds, but because he stands for a principle, the right of a free, intelligent people to express their choice at the ballot box in a free, full and fair election, and then have their rights and the man of their choice respected. They can't surrender Davidson without surrendering this principle, and that they cannot yield. That is why they cannot go for some one else. It is nothing they have or can have against Mr. Cushing, for there is nothing against him.

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