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**Clean Politics.**  
 To the Democrats of the 8th Senatorial District:

At a meeting of representative Democrats of the 8th district, at Harvard, Sept. 8 1900, William Desmond of McHenry county was named as Democratic candidate for the house of representatives, of the legislature, against C. V. O'Connor. At the meeting were present full delegations from the three counties of the district. After careful investigation the campaign committee there appointed, reports, that the nomination of Mr. Desmond is in the interests of clean politics; that he did not buy his nomination and hence will not have to sell the people out if elected to get his money back.

Desmond is a candidate by the voice of the people instead of the whistle of the politician. He has been for many years assessor, later supervisor of Hartland, and for all of his life of fifty years a resident of McHenry county.

After teaching school for a time he has become a successful farmer. He is a man laboring with his own hands. As a speaker is a man of education, general information and ability, he possesses every qualification of a representative. Always interested in politics, a Democrat but never a politician, his character is even above suspicion. We confidentially invite a comparison with O'Connor, who is a new comer in the district.

We fail to find in O'Connor a single qualification for a seat in the legislature. Politically, O'Connor is the child of Donnelly, the second edition of Edlestein, but we are constrained to find Edlestein the superior.

In 1898 O'Connor was chosen as an anti-Donnelly delegate from Boone, but he soon began to play with Donnelly at Woodstock. The next day he did all he could to break up his own friends and played in the interests of Donnelly's nomination. Sleep, sweet sleep with Donnelly produced its effects in 1900. Donnelly delivered the McHenry sheep over to O'Connor this year.

At the senatorial convention just held the Lake county delegates were ready to assist in nominating any good Democrat in McHenry county rather than see O'Connor nominated, but no, the bargain had been struck, in the sweet sleep of 1898 O'Connor got the mutton, although some of the McHenry delegates did not like the way it was done. They were prisoners bound by the fetters of the unit rule.

Since 1896 contracts have been made two years ahead by a very small gang in McHenry and Boone. The bargain has already been struck. In 1902 the candidate is to be a certain man in McHenry county. Politics has been a business of bargain and sale. The strict rules of the market have governed. The cows in the pasture have as much to say with nominating Democratic candidates for the legislature, as the average Democrat of this district. O' Democrats, freemen, citizens, how long will you suffer things to be so! Is the spirit frozen in your veins, that you cower, and crouch beneath the politicians, like a hound beneath his master's lash!

In Boone county the town of Spring was against O'Connor. So the town committee gave notice of caucus mainly to O'Connor's supporters and by this trick elected O'Connor delegate to the county convention. In the town of Belvidere which has more democrats than all the other towns put together, the caucus committee permitted to vote, minors, republicans, and a non-resident railroad construction gang.

But it will be urged that democrats of the district don't know enough to mark a ballot so as to vote for an independent. This is a

slander on every democrat in the district.

This humbug was exploded in 1898, when Geo. A. Mawman carried Boone by 250 and Lake by 1300 over Donnelly, the so-called regular nominee. This year Boone and Lake will do better for Desmond, and in his own county of McHenry it will be almost unanimous for him. Now that McHenry is aroused we expect to carry every township in the district for Desmond.

It will be urged that we must stand by the so-called regular nominee. This is the song of the crook. It was composed by the politician. In nine cases out of ten it is used to bolster up a weak and unfit candidate. A man is driven to the last ditch in argument when he is forced to resort to this defense. It is a bankrupt appeal.

There is, however, one appeal which is even more beggarly than this, and that is that the nomination of a good man like Desmond will endanger the election of Bryan and Alshuler. That is to say, to put a decent man in the field as a candidate endangers the state and national ticket! Gang rule is the great thing which has held democracy down in this district. It is the unsavory reputation of our leaders which has stopped progress. Let it be known that a large majority of the democrats are for Desmond and a purification of the democratic political air and the Bryan and Alshuler vote will gain fifty per cent.

J. K. ORVIS, of Lake Co.,  
 J. E. CUNNINGHAM, of McHenry Co.,  
 WM. BIESTER, of Boone Co.,  
 Campaign Committee.

**Possible Danger Ahead.**

We glean from a recent number of the Chicago Tribune the following significant figures:

In the city council of Chicago for the year 1892-3 there were thirteen saloonkeepers.  
 1893-4, thirteen.  
 1894-5, seventeen.  
 1895-6, eighteen.  
 1896-7, twelve.  
 1897-8, nine.  
 1898-9, seven.  
 1899-1900, six.

The Chicago city council had about five years ago reached that point where reputable citizens began to look upon it as a disgrace to be a member of that body. The saloonkeepers were having it all their own way. They were seeking in every ward for some possible candidate who would uphold their disreputable business, and from 1892-6 there was an increase from thirteen to eighteen saloonkeepers members of the city council; but about that time the better class of citizens in Chicago began to recognize the fact that if they were to have any financial or moral safeguard left they must change the character of the city council. As an outgrowth they formed a municipal voters' league and began to look for a better class of men as candidates for the council. The result is that in the next five years, from 1896 to the present time, the number of saloonkeepers in the council has been reduced from eighteen to six.

The question is now coming rapidly to the front even in the little city of Highland Park. The experience of the election in '99 is beginning to come up in the minds of the best class of citizens. In the light of that experience, the voters of Highland Park who are addicted to drinking and drunkenness ("Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in Ascalon") that there is any drunkenness in Highland Park) naturally begin to cast about for such representatives in our next council, as will be inclined either to establish saloons in our fair city or be looking in some other direction when the doors of blind pigs are almost wide open in our



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midst. We have it on the best evidence that not only certain aldermen, but some other big men, have more than once in the last ten months discussed the advantage of having saloons in Highland Park and get the revenue from them instead of letting the lovers of strong drink go to Highwood for their toxicants and the Park suffer the curse of it. We will not stand by and place discuss the fallacy of this reasoning. We can understand an honest minded man, who is not in sympathy with drunkenness and rowdiness and trouble, that in any thinkable way that such reasoning is a word go on the principal of evil in this world we are to take a chance but we pass that point by finding nowhere in divine instructions any support for the doctrine of "choosing between evils." The doctrine of sacred writ is plain to each and every man.

One thing is clear: whether we have licenced saloons or not licenced saloons, we cannot expect to close the doors of blind pigs in our midst when high officials patronize them; and now we think of something extremely absurd in public officials who daily patronize saloons, licensed or unlicensed, to prevent the evil and maintain law and order. "Shall the blind lead the blind?" "A house divided against itself cannot stand." A man is for the saloon against it. He cannot patronize it and consistently oppose it. We think it is very plain that these institutions are kept up in our midst, why strong drink has for the past year and a half brought into the town from Highwood almost openly and nothing done

**The Highland Park**  
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the purpose of organizing a McKinley and Roosevelt club. If the county goes as the Park bids fair to go, through the number of old democrats in line for McKinley and sound money on Thursday evening, there will be a funeral for some one, sure, politically. McKinley and Roosevelt will not be the victims, either. Some of the oldest democrats in Highland Park are strong against Bryan this fall. The McKinley Club has for its officers: P. A. Montgomery, president; O. H. Morgau, first vice president; B. A. Fessenden, second vice-president; R. W. Hawkins, third vice-president; Everett Millard, secretary; Elisha Morgan, assistant secretary; Emil Rudolph, treasurer.

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