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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1902.

We will speak out, we will be heard, Though all earth's temples crack. We will not bate a single breath, Nor take a single sentence back.

We are pleased to announce that Palmer A. Montgomery, of our city, has finally consented to be a candidate for state representative. It is well known that his many friends have been urging him for nearly a year to consent to run, but it is only within a few days that he gave his consent. The town of Deerfield will no doubt go solid for him.

Of course the nomination of

ward is another entering wedge of the old set to get back into the city hall. Personally, Mr. Morton is a good, honest man, but he has seen fit to identify himself with the old ill-reputed set. But, supposing he had not done this, he could not render the city a tithe of the service Mr. Green-slade can render. There is not a man in that ward today who can do for the city what he can.

Some good people are just a little afraid Dr. Turner, in Ward Two, is the candidate of the old gang, though they don't quite think so. Dr. Turner is too much of a man and public-spirited citizen for that, or we are greatly deceived. Because he is a friend of some of them don't prove that he will ally himself with the old set who abandoned our city politics and squandered the city's money. Besides he knows too much for that. He knows as well as anyone that the old repudiated set have not votes enough, by

far, in that ward to elect him, and if elected it will be by the votes of good, honest men, men of public spirit, whose great desire is to promote the prosperity of the city. Now, does any sensible man suppose Dr. Turner will go back on these men? We don't believe it for a moment.

The situation in the Third ward is a big joke or a serious blunder, as you wish to look at it.

Mr. Cobb was so effectually snowed under last year that most people would have said that he would stay where he had been put. But not he; he got out his little petition with the signatures and held it till 10 o'clock Saturday night and then filed it after it seemed sure the citizens would file none. While Mr. Cobb is not our man, by a long way, we admire his pluck and persistence under such a defeat as his a year ago. Of course, it is the quietly entering wedge of the same old gang to get back into power. Mr. Cobb's record as alderman and mayor is too well known to need recital here.

Some people, by the way, are blaming Mr. Shields for not becoming a candidate. He is not to blame. A lot of men in the

shabbily; and he is not such a chump as to set himself up as a target for their unworthy treatment again. There is no better man in the ward for alderman than James H. Shields. The city owes the beginning of its street improvements to him more than to any other man. And he began on his own street, too—put his hand in his pocket first. We very much wish he was in the field, because he would be elected, for the ward has had all it wants of Cobb. But Mr. Shields has only shown a proper self-respect.

Notwithstanding the rigidly enforced prohibition laws, this county still has a few men—not men, but very bad imitations of poor models—who will spend their last cent for whisky, and have a poor, half-clad wife and children crying for bread under the half shackled roof of a tumble-down cabin in some remote nook. Such cattle are not worth the salt that it would take to preserve their worthless hides if they were skinned.

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