

LOCAL POLITICS.

Lively Time in the Eighteenth Ward—Clark's Friends Win.

Wards Which Cannot Be Relied on to Support Any Candidate.

Complaints of the Unfair Dealings of Certain Committeemen.

Meetings of the Ward Clubs—Preparing for the Primaries.

The Republican candidates for the Mayoralty occupy apparently the same position that they did before yesterday. The friends of Ald. Clark established their case no reason to revise the figures or more than a majority. There is, it is a disturbing element in their calculations which may modify their figures somewhat, but then it is an element which cuts both ways. Where a ward has a candidate for some other city office, such as Treasurer, City Attorney, or City Clerk, it is not in the habit, if it can help it, of taking a very prominent part in the Mayoralty fight for fear of causing ill-blood and hurting the chances of its special candidate. Thus, for instance, John Rabeira is a candidate for City Treasurer from the First Ward, and so is ex-Ald. Knopf, from the Thirteenth. The delegates from the Fifth Ward are claimed by the Clark people, and those from the Thirteenth by Mr. Hawleigh's friends. It is more likely, however, that the delegates from those two wards will not take any active part in the canvass. It is probable that they will split up their suffrages in order that, when the Majority is out of the way, they may not be alienated from themselves the supporters of defeated candidates. The Eighth Ward, whose vote is generally assigned to Mr. Spalding, is a candidate for City Clerk in the person of Tom Semmitt. The delegation from his ward will probably vote for the winning candidate, whoever he may be, and not put itself in antagonism to anybody. So to the extent that various wards have candidates for minor city offices, it is difficult to tell precisely how they will vote, though the chance is that they will split up their ballots. This, however, does not materially affect the footings of Ald. Clark's friends, because, as stated above, it cuts both ways.

THE FEELING IN THE NORTH SIDE was shown to a certain extent last night by the selection of a delegate ticket in the Eighteenth Ward, where the friends of all the other candidates combined were unable to make any headway against Clark's supporters. The same state of affairs, it is pretty generally admitted, obtains throughout the entire North Side.

During all yesterday the supporters of the candidates were making final arrangements for the contest, which is to come off Monday night.

MR. SPALDING has not yet seen a letter of acceptance to the list extended to him, and it is not necessary that he should; nor does the fact that he is delaying it dampen in the slightest the spirits of his friends.

There have been put in circulation by unwise adherents of some candidates, and also by the Democrats, a variety of stories concerning many of the gentlemen who have been mentioned on the Republican side for the Mayoralty. None of them have any truth in them, and it is, therefore, unnecessary to repeat them, since their only effect can be to cause soreness of feeling.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS are about the only new thing in local politics yesterday by the announcement that the Prohibitionists are intending to hold a meeting at the Palmer House club-room Wednesday evening to take political action for the purpose of placing Prohibitionists in nomination for city officers. A call is in circulation asking delegates from all the Prohibition Societies and churches, irrespective of creed, to attend. The general impression was that the movement, which is by no means widespread, will fall flat, and that whoever is nominated, in case he accepts, will receive but a handful of votes.

C. VERLING. It is understood that Mr. F. C. Verling is spoken of as a candidate on the Republican ticket for South-Town Assessor. Mr. Verling has a long and thorough acquaintance with real-estate matters, and if he enters the field, will put the other candidates to their trumps.

ROTTEN THOUGHTS. Complaints have been made in certain quarters of unfair selections of Judges at the primaries. It is claimed that here and there the Central Committee for a ward has selected judges who cannot be trusted to honestly count the votes, but whom he can trust to return a set of delegates whom he has selected, and who, when they meet in convention, will designate him as the Committeeman for the ensuing year. There are, unfortunately, some such rotten thoughts in this city—chiefly in Democratic wards where politics move in a vicious circle which knows no break. The man on the Central Committee selects the judges, who choose his delegates, who reflect him, in order that he be the following year may go through the same performance. The result is that delegates are chosen who do not represent the Republic of the ward, but simply cronies who are generally animated rather by a desire for money or office than for the welfare of the party. It is a question how far this representative of nominating judges should be left in the hands of any one man; and it is doubtful whether it would not be better, when complaints are made by a ward club or by the friends of candidates of unfair selections, that the Committeeman should be deprived, in part at least, of the power of choosing judges, so that his representation may be given to other elements in the ward, and an opportunity be given to all Republicans voters to cast their votes and to see that they are honestly counted.

FIRST WARD. That one of the First Ward Republican Clubs which opposes Mr. Dixon, and favors Mr. Fred Gaisler, for Alderman held a meeting at the Grand Pacific last night, President J. M. Thatcher in the chair.

The Committee appointed to wait upon Sheriff Mann and ask him why Mr. William Baker, the colored employee, had been removed, reported that Sheriff Mann had stated that he had only been recognizing his presence and would make another and a better place for Mr. Baker. Accepted.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Central Committee with reference to the selection of judges, reported that one of the gentlemen proposed by them, Mr. Fred Gaisler, had been accepted by the central body.

Mr. A. Leahy offered a resolution authorizing the Committee appointed to select the names of delegates to be voted for at the primaries to also select the names of a board of Alderman at the same time, and the resolution was carried after some discussion.

On motion of Mr. C. L. Easton, a committee of three were appointed to draw up appropriate resolutions relative to the death of the late John A. Hunter. He had been the first President of the Club, and a very efficient member. Messrs. Easton, H. B. Bacon, and James Welsh were appointed to draw up to be made at the next meeting of the Club.

No other business was done, but the President, Steve Adams, Mr. Easton, B. P. Jacobs, Dr. Lano, and others, read some of the complimentary letters speeches against the action of Mr. Dixon and his friends, after which the Club adjourned to next Monday night.

ELEVENTH WARD. The young men of the Eleventh Ward have fixed up a delegate ticket to be voted for at the primary. On it there are six Spalding men, four Lawless men, and one Clark man. The "boys" at this time are anxious to put up against Lew, but say they have been unable to find one so yet. Mr. Tom Parker was waited upon, but refused to run under any circumstances, and there is some talk of running a colored man.

TWELFTH WARD. The sixth Twelfth Ward Republican Club of the Twelfth Ward met at No. 435 Western avenue last evening. Mr. Hill Montgomery was in the chair.

Mr. Hill made a speech advocating the nomination of Mr. Baldwin for Alderman. He considered him in all respects as the fittest and ablest man that could be nominated.

Messrs. Beaton, V. Parker, and Elliott also endorsed Mr. Baldwin, and said they regarded him as a much stronger man than any other candidate named by the Republicans.

Mr. Baldwin, who was present, was called on for a few remarks, and stated that he was adverse to making speeches before he was nominated. He then thanked the committee for their confidence. If nominated and elected he would go into the Council absolutely unpledged. He thought they would do his duty, and those who voted for him would have occasion to regret it or be ashamed of it.

win, and for his active work in Mr. Baldwin's behalf.

THIRTEENTH WARD. A meeting was held at No. 81 North Western avenue last evening for the purpose of organizing a ward club in the Thirteenth ward. Mr. Headlam announced that the meeting had been captured by a big delegation of "ring" men from different parts of the ward. It was headed by Mr. Knopf, General Gill, Wauzner and others, who put one of their own number, W. A. Phelps, in as Chairman. Mr. Headlam read the call signed by the leading politicians of the ward. The following was the following resolution, which was passed: Resolved, That J. M. Wauzner, who has been asked to be a candidate for Alderman of this ward, by his sterling character, business habits, intelligence, and integrity, is well qualified to represent this ward in the Common Council, and we cordially endorse him as a candidate to the suffrages of our fellow-citizens.

Mr. Headlam announced that Bennett was his first choice for Alderman, and the meeting was supported by a number of the ward. Speeches were made denouncing Headlam, and the meeting broke up.

THE FOURTEENTH WARD Citizens' Republican Club held a meeting last evening at No. 94 Milwaukee avenue, at which the attendance was good. The President, E. W. White, by a public notice by the Club's officers, unanimously endorsed Clements Hirsch for the Aldermanic nomination, and several members declared for Mr. Hirsch, declaring that he was elected by the last meeting of the Club. The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Republican Club Thursday evening to wait upon Mr. Hirsch and state to him the proposition of the Club, returned to the meeting of the Club, the latter a second, and the two so selected to name a third, to act at the Aldermanic primary. Mr. Hirsch returned to the meeting yesterday. Mr. Hirsch returned to the meeting on the ground that he did not wish to interfere with the party arrangements, but he was willing that Mr. Hirsch should have a man at the primary election to see that he had fair play. He stated that there will be a pentagonal fight in the Fourteenth—the Communists with two candidates, the Republicans with two, and the Democrats with one—perhaps two. As both equal factions of the ward are said to be in favor of Ald. Clark's nomination for the Mayoralty, it is quite likely that he will receive the support of the delegation to the City Convention. Mr. Grath has openly pronounced in favor of Ald. Clark, and his friends will aid in the support of the latter nomination.

THE EIGHTEENTH WARD REPUBLICAN CLUB held an adjourned meeting at Lower Turner Hall last evening, John O'Neil in the chair. The attendance was very large.

A communication was read from Ald. Burley, the Chairman of the Club, explaining that his Aldermanic duties kept him away from the meeting, but he would consent to continuing in office until the fall campaign, though he would rather be relieved. The location of the meeting on the night of F. M. Blair, the Treasurer of the Club, in his resignation, which was accepted. William Mangero was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Committee to report the names of a suitable person as a candidate for Alderman reported unanimously in favor of Frank M. Blair, of Marston, Blair & Co.

Col. Scribner moved that Mr. Blair be declared the nominee for Alderman, and the motion prevailed unanimously.

The Committee to select sixty names from which delegates tickets to be voted for at the primaries Monday should be selected reported.

Mr. Larrabee presented fifteen additional names which he moved be added to the list. The names were referred to Mr. Clark, and he thought it no more than right that they should be added, especially since it was apparent that Mr. Clark was the choice of the Republicans of the ward for the office of Mayor.

W. D. Houghtaling was in favor of adding the names as a matter of simple justice. The meeting at which the Committee meeting in the sixty names had been appointed had been the subject of some particular candidate, and had not been properly called. He believed the meeting had been intended to forestall matters, and since the attendance had by no means been representative, every opportunity should be given the members of the Club to express their preferences in the selection of a delegate ticket.

Col. Scribner said that the Central meeting had been regularly called, and denied that it had been in the interest of any candidate or person. The list of names presented by the Committee, he went on to say, contained many of the names suggested by Mr. Larrabee, and Mr. Clark had been justly denied by, for the names had been selected without reference to candidates. All the interest he felt in the matter, however, was to see the best and strongest man nominated—a man who could defeat Harrison, and reward him for his conduct at the fall election.

The Chair compared the names reported with the new list presented, and said that the former numbered six of the names suggested by Mr. Larrabee.

Percy Shuman said he was a member of the Committee which had reported the names, and he thought Mr. Clark had been fairly dealt by. He was opposed, however, to amending the report, for Mr. Larrabee had brought printed tickets with him, and had already circulated them, and the Club could vote them or not at pleasure. The tickets contained the new names proposed, and every member had one in his pocket.

Col. Scribner raised the point of order that the constitution of the Club prohibited the adding of the new names.

Washington Hiesing called for the reading of the constitution, and said that it contained nothing against adding the names proposed. He wanted the names added, and did not see any objection to adding any number of names.

Mr. Chubbrough was in favor of the names, and consequently, opposed to foisting the new names upon the Club. Especially was he opposed to combinations being made.

Mr. Craig was in favor of adding the names, because he wanted to see the fullest and freest expression in selecting delegates. He did not understand that the new names were pledged to Mr. Clark through thick and thin, and they were friendly to him only, and would vote for the best man in the Convention.

After some further discussion, the motion to add the names suggested by Mr. Larrabee was put, and prevailed by a vote of yeas, 10; nays, 10.

As soon as the result had been announced, a member on a back seat moved that the matter be referred to the primaries for settlement.

Mr. Waits seconded the motion in a short speech. He was a friend of Mr. Clark, but opposed to sending a pledged delegation to the Convention.

Mr. Grath was personally in favor of Mr. Spalding, but he believed it to be the interest to support Mr. Clark, and to send a pledged delegation. He wanted to see the Clark ticket endorsed, and to have it go forth that the Club was in favor of it.

In running two trains on his road—the wide gauge for all second-class passengers and trains that will get out the narrow gauge for strictly first-class passengers and political stockholders. Mr. Bliss sent out invitations to those whom he particularly desired to meet at the parlors of Marcus Farrow last evening to meet there and talk over the condition of the ward politics. This was to give it color and respectability. The invitations were sent to a large number of men who were in harmony with himself in running two trains in the same direction. The meeting resolved itself into a caucus, and went through the form of appointing a committee that passed into another room and brought before the meeting six names to select from for Alderman, and of course Mr. Bliss was made Chairman of said Committee. It required just long enough to pass into another room and write six names and report them to the meeting. There was another paper of an Informal ballot, resulting in just what could have been done, and was intended to be done, and was set up to do before the meeting began, and was done at last, to nominate Mr. Billings, the defeated candidate last spring, giving the Second Ward a Democratic Alderman. It will result in giving them another this spring if President Bliss, who is a political adventurer, is permitted to manage the affairs of the ward. The Republicans of the ward are not in favor of Mr. Bliss, and they are his reflection—Bliss to the contrary. By running Billings last spring the Republicans lost a seat in the Council. Bliss proposes to have them lose the other seat by forcing this defeated candidate upon them again. That is paying too dear for the music of Bliss' whistle.

SECOND WARD. TO THE COLORED VOTERS OF THE SOUTH TOWN OF CHICAGO.

We now have an opportunity to pay a debt of gratitude to Col. C. H. Gaubert, for the stand he took in giving place to one of our people on the Republican ticket in 1871 by the nomination of John Jones for County Commissioner. The Colonel is now running for the Republican nomination as Assessor of the South Town of Chicago. Let us, one and all, make it our special business to see that he is nominated and elected. Come on Monday next to the primary meetings.

S. W. SCOTT,
F. L. BARNETT,
LLOYD G. WHEELER.