

trict by President Arthur. When Cleveland came in the first time, Captain Tanner retired to private life, and with his brother engaged in the sawmill business in Louisville, Clay county.

But he didn't remain in the background very long. He ran for State Treasurer and was elected, and until several months ago was United States Subtreasurer in Chicago, having been appointed by President Harrison.

Captain Tanner removed to Chicago about two years ago and is now a leader in First Ward politics. He took a prominent part in the Raymond-Kochersperger fight and quietly brought in the First Ward delegation for Kochersperger when men who have controlled the First for years were anxious to vote the other way. Tanner did yeoman service for Callom at the recent State convention and was the means of bringing about the combination between Henry Wulff and the Senator's country forces which dictated its action.

Mr. Tanner took the chair and, having thanked the committee for the honor conferred on him, delivered a short speech which evoked much enthusiasm. He said the responsibilities of the position to which he had been elected were very great and he appreciated fully how grave they were. Not only were the responsibilities of the Chairmanship heavy, but so were those of the entire committee. In their hands rested to a great extent the interest of the party in the State of Illinois at a juncture full of possibilities and of the greatest moment to the party.

"This committee," said Mr. Tanner, "is not, nor can it afford to be, the committee of any candidate for the United States Senatorship. [Cheers.] It is a committee for the party and its duty is to take care of the interest of the party as a whole, without special regard to those of individuals." [Applause.]

Mr. Tanner went on to say that every man who was ambitious to have his name presented at the Senatorial caucus next winter was entitled to an equal show, and every effort should be made to encourage competition in order that the full party strength could be brought out in the fight for the Legislature. It was the duty of the committee, therefore, to be absolutely non-partisan in that respect.

Touching the actual work before the committee, Mr. Tanner said that while some of the enthusiasts were talking about carrying the State next fall by 75,000 majority, those members of the committee who had been in the fray before knew how difficult it was to win at all times, and appreciated the fact that they had no walk-away this year. The Democrats had enormous influences back of them. They had the National and State administrations, and they had also the great patronage and resources of the city of Chicago. While there was more or less confusion just now in the Democratic party, arising out of the Congressional muddle and other circumstances unfavorable to that party, yet their leaders were in the field, alert and active. It therefore behooved the Republican organization of Illinois to be watchful and wakeful. They had a hard fight before them, but with steady, conscientious attention to duty the Republicans of Illinois were sure to carry the Prairie State back into the Republican column this year.

Mr. Tanner's speech was full of fire and enthusiasm, and provoked frequent applause.

The Ninth Ward Central Republican Club, re-enforced by 500 wage-workers of that ward, have endorsed Miles Kehoe for Congress from the Fourth District. At a meeting in Pulaski Hall, Eighteenth street and Ashland avenue, Mr. Kehoe was warmly welcomed as he spoke at length in favor of restoring to power the Republican party of protection and prosperity. Speeches were also made by Charles Moertell, C. J. Belinski, and others. Mr. Moertell, who is a mechanic and an active representative of the wage-workers of the district, presented resolutions, which were unanimously adopted. The preamble contained a recitation of Republican principles showing the advantages of protection to the wage-worker and the disadvantages under the Democratic policy, as tested by experience. The resolutions concluded as follows:

Resolved, That we deem it the duty of every wage-worker to unite and vote for the election of Republican Congressmen pledged to the principles of protection, for we believe if a majority of the Congressmen to be elected next November are in favor of that policy and are opposed to tariff tinkering confidence will be restored, business will revive, and idleness and want will disappear; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize in Miles Kehoe an honest, able, consistent friend of labor, who has ever warned us against the depression, idleness and want that would follow the success of the Democratic theory of free trade, and we further endorse his candidacy for Congress in this (Fourth) district and urge that the Republican convention to nominate him.

A committee of twenty-five was appointed to consult with the voters of the Fourth District and the strongest effort will be made to bring in the Twelfth Ward. The district



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embraces the Eighth, Ninth, Twelfth, and Nineteenth Wards. The Republicans of the district deem it especially wise to select such an aggressive Irish-American partisan as Mr. Kehoe to oppose Tim Ryan, the Democratic candidate.

The Republicans of the Second District have decided to hold their convention Aug. 8. Until a couple of days ago Charles E. Piper, President of the Town Board of Cicero, had the field practically to himself, but a new candidate has sprung up in the person of "Billy" Lorimer, of the Tenth Ward. While Mr. Lorimer has been a hard worker in the party ranks, he has been well repaid for it by being kept continually in lucrative jobs for years by Republican city and county administrations. In Charles E. Piper, however, the Republicans of the Second District have

a man who is not only an excellent business man of integrity and high standing, but a man who understands something of the science of politics. Mr. Piper in days gone by used to fight hard and often, winning battles for Republicanism against the fighting Democrats of the Town of Lake. He gave "Billy" Lorimer a taste of his ability in the Congressional Committee by detecting and counteracting the little schemes by which the cunning Tenth-Warder endeavored to set up the pins for himself in advance. One of these was a plan to disfranchise in the convention several of the country towns wherein Mr. Piper's greatest strength lies, another was to postpone the convention till September so that Billy Lorimer might have an opportunity to make a longer canvass for the nomination. Both propositions were defeated. Mr. Piper has displayed

so much strength in this preliminary skirmish that there is little doubt entertained that he will be able to secure the nomination. The Democrats are talking of nominating John J. Bryant, of Riverside, or John Z. White, of Austin.

Realizing the vital importance of the approaching campaign in Cook County, the local party managers have started in to work early and hard. The Executive Committee of the Republican County Central Committee has appointed a strong and representative committee on finance, whose duty it will be to provide the sinews of war. Upon the result of the election in Cook County next fall will depend not merely whether the county offices will be in control of Republicans, but also whether the next Legislature of Illinois will be able to elect a Republican to the United States Senate as a successor to Shelby M. Cullom. There are fifteen Senatorial districts in Cook county, from which fifty-seven members of the Legislature will be chosen, and it is the hope of the Republican leaders now that the party will be able to elect a majority of its candidates. It is figured that a clear majority in Cook County would make a Republican majority in the Legislature on joint ballot almost certain. Besides the Legislature, there are seven Congressional battles to be fought. Work on the Republican side in Congressional districts has lagged somewhat, there being but two Republican nominations made thus far in the seven districts within the county of Cook.

General Smith D. Atkins is lucky in that there were but three men in the race for the treasurership nomination. As it is, he came within two of standing at the head.

There a number of candidates mentioned for the Sixth and Seventh districts. In the latter the candidacy of G. E. Foss has come to the front suddenly, and, judging from the sentiment of the rank and file of the Republicans from one end of the district to the other, it will undoubtedly be successful.

Charles W. Peters of the Eleventh Senatorial District thinks that Frederick Lundin, of the Twenty-eighth Ward, will be nominated for Senator at the convention to be held Friday night at Ashland Hall, Division street and Ashland avenue. Mr. Lundin is a prominent manufacturer and his nomination would be gratifying to the large number of Swedish-Americans living in the district. Ernest Schubert, of the Fourteenth Ward, will probably be nominated as one of the candidates for the House, and M. G. Morrison, of the Fifteenth Ward, a coal dealer, and Walter Sayles and W. R. Parsons, of the Twenty-seventh Ward, are talked of for the other places.

Fifth Ward Democrats are getting ready to elect a president of their ward club to succeed the late Daniel Corkery, under whose administration the club reached a membership of 1,000 and was the banner ward organization in the city. Out of respect to Mr. Corkery's memory the election has been postponed some time, but there is a good deal of talk of his successor. Mr. Corkery's friend, ex-South Town Collector S. G. Miller, is the leading Democrat in the ward and could probably come nearer holding the different elements together than any other man. James Daley and Ald. Mulcahy are also talked of. Mr. Miller will not go into a scramble for the election, but will probably be chosen.

In the Sixth Senatorial District the Republicans of the Twentieth Ward are putting forward Isadore Plotke, a popular young attorney and active worker for one of the nominations for Representative, and his nomination is conceded. The Twenty-sixth Ward will name the other candidate, and George M. Boyd, who made a good race for Alderman last spring, may be the man.

The primaries of four Republican conventions have been set for Friday—the Seventh Congressional and the Sixth, Eleventh, and Twenty-third Senatorial. The Sixth District Senatorial Convention will nominate a minority representative. The Twenty-sixth Ward has a candidate in George M. Boyd, and the Twentieth will support Isadore Plotke. The convention of the Eleventh District will be held Friday evening, at Division street and Ashland avenue. A senator and two representatives will

be nominated. Frederick Lundin, a patent medicine manufacturer in the Twenty-eighth Ward, and ex-Representative Stephen Reynolds are the candidates for the Senate. Ernest Schubert, of the Fourteenth; M. G. Morrison, of the Fifteenth; Walter Sayles, of Irving Park, and W. R. Parsons, of Jefferson, want to go to the lower house. Charles D. Anthony, of the Twenty-fourth, is the most prominent candidate for Senator in the Twenty-third District, whose convention will be held Friday afternoon. And it is claimed the slate that is made up with Anthony for Senator includes Charles D. Wells and Albert J. Olson for the lower house. They are all good men and will make a strong team.

The cases against Hon. John Brennan proved to be all "moonshine," as was expected they would, and the Alderman was honorably discharged.

Mr. James W. Scott has been re-elected President of the Fellowship Club. Other officers have been elected as follows: Vice President, Melville E. Stone; Treasurer, Harry Gordon Selridge; Secretary, F. Willis Rice; Executive Committee, R. A. Waller, Milward Adams, and E. M. Switzer.

The Second Regiment Band will give a concert in Garfield Park Sunday at 3 o'clock. If the audience is large enough to warrant it, the concerts will be repeated on succeeding Sundays.

Democratic leaders are preparing to open their campaign in Cook County as soon as Franklin MacVeagh returns from New England. Mr. MacVeagh expects to be in Chicago within two weeks and then a great mass meeting will be arranged at which he and the candidates on the county ticket will make speeches. By way of getting ready for the fall work, a meeting of the officers of all Democratic organizations in the county will be held within a few days and steps will be taken to locate all unnaturalized residents eligible to become voters and have them made citizens. The campaign will begin early and will be prosecuted with all earnestness by the Democrats. When the county candidates are well started in the race the legislative conventions will be held. Few of the Senatorial districts will nominate before September. With those all out of the way, the party will be ready for the fray. The Democratic State Central Committee will have a great deal to say about this year's work. A meeting will be held a few days prior to the opening of the campaign and a sub-committee appointed to pay particular attention to the Senatorial question.

The death of Senator Perry Anderson, at Alexis, on Saturday, was a great surprise to the Republican politicians of the State. His straightforward record in the Senate and the ability he displayed brought him into prominence. He represented the old Twenty-seventh District, composed of McDonough and Warren counties. It was the intention of the Republicans of the new district, which is composed of Knox, Mercer, Warren, and Henderson counties, to renominate him for the Senate. This would be equivalent to an election.

Mr. Touhy, of Rogers Park, in trying to keep young men from calling on his four daughters, has undertaken a contract which would trouble a bulldog and a regiment of militia.

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