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HARRISON FIGHT WON.

People of All Parties United for the Honest Mayor and for His Re-Election.

The Democratic Party Is a Unit in His Favor and Will Vote Solidly.

While All Indications Point to the Largest Majority Ever Given for Chief Magistrate.

The election is all one way. Carter H. Harrison will win with ease.

The registration was all Democratic. Tuesday's registration in the thirty-five wards of Chicago showed a total of 46,927 names added to the books, which already contained 463,176. This does not mean, however, that the total registration for the spring election will be 450,000 or more, as next Saturday the officers of election will have to revise the lists and strike off those names which appear twice, as well as all those of voters who have died since the last registration, or moved and failed to register from their new residence. The usual result in an intermediate registration like that of Tuesday is that there are more deaths and removals than there are new names on the lists, and revision after a Presidential election generally shows a loss rather than a gain in the number of voters registered.

The figures are absolute in all but eight wards, and in these the totals had to be estimated, as there were one or more precincts missing in each. Altogether there are missing but forty-seven of the 1,126 precincts of the city, so the percentage of estimates is small and will not vary materially from the figures which will be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners.

The Democrats asserted that the registration was largely in their favor, and pointed specially to the First, Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards in proof. It is admitted generally that in these wards, as in the Nineteenth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth, the Democratic organization proved to be in better working order than did the Republican as far as getting voters to the polling place to register went.

The showing in the First and Eighteenth is not unexpected, as these are essentially lodging-house wards, in which every registration is largely a new one. On account of the shifting character of the population, there always are a large number of old names to take off to make place for the new. In the Twenty-first Ward the Republicans thought they made a good showing, as it is largely Republican territory, but the Democrats retorted with the cry that the large registration was all in the Democratic precincts to the south, and the Republican section had not held its end up. This is Mayor Harrison's ward, and the Democrats hope to carry it on that account.

Perry Hull must feel bad.

Talk about an election! Why, it's a walk-away.

Honore Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer, nominated for Alderman in the new Twenty-first Ward, is quite likely to be elected, despite the fact that the district gave President McKinley a majority of 1,300 last fall. If enthusiastic support of the Democratic organization and the assistance of a vast number of friends avails for anything his success is already assured.

This ambition of Mr. Palmer's to become an Alderman is no idle whim of the moment. "I have thought for a long time," he says, "that I would like to take some part in public life—to have some active connection with the affairs of government. I have not known just where to make a start, nor for that matter just how, until it came to my mind that nowhere could I better learn the affairs of a great city, know its necessities and realize what a citizen should do for it, than in the Council. So, you see, I have announced myself as a candidate for Alderman, and am going to make the fight until election day as a Democrat. I shall take an active part in the campaign, attend every meeting that I can, make speech-

es, talk with people, and act just like any other man would who desired to enter the Council. My mother is pleased with my action and my father thinks that I am doing right, and if I am elected and can as an Alderman do anything that will benefit this city of my birth I will feel that I have done right." Mr. Palmer is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, 27 years old, a Harvard man, well traveled in Europe and his own country, fond of athletic sports and outdoor life, manly and wholesome. Perhaps no better evidence of the change in the character of the City Council from five years ago could be given than his earnest wish to be an Alderman and the willingness of the Democracy to accept him. When Mayor Harrison became the President of the Council the "gang" and the "boodlers" had the whip-hand and the decent men were in the background. To-day the honorable and public-spirited men have the foreground and the "gang" is very much subdued. A great many reasons exist now why a gentleman with a desire to work for the city's good can enter the Council and be a potent factor for the best. "If I can join with the capable men now in the Council," says Mr. Palmer, "and with those to be elected and do my share of the work I think I will be satisfied. Chicago is my home, and I feel for it as any man must for the spot on which he has grown to manhood. We need to do a great deal for ourselves, though, to bring about a great many changes. One man cannot accomplish this, nor two men, but if everybody takes a good hold and makes a strong pull we can bring the city to the highest standard. I do not pretend to say that I understand a single municipal question at the present time. I do not know any one that does, but I not only can learn, but if elected propose to know. Good streets, a new charter, the best system of lighting, the regulation of the street railways, the improvement of walks—these are things in which I am interested and on which my vote will always be for the city's highest interests. I should imagine that the statement was true that we have the worst street-car system of any city in the United States. The accommodations are wretched. Boston has solved the problem of congestion in her downtown district with the subway plan, and Chicago can solve it if Aldermen and city officials work together and secure intelligent co-operative action from the street railway companies. The streets belong to the public. They cannot be made too free for the use of the public.

"As to the compensation to be demanded from the street railway companies and the length of life their franchises should have I do not know. I wish to know, and I mean to be intelligently informed on the questions, so that if I am elected I shall be able to act right. It is my hope that the Council in the future shall take such action that the downtown streets may be relieved from the congestion now making it almost impossible to drive in them. In the busy hours of the day it is practically impossible for any one to get by the surface street cars. The city ought to have the power to raise more money for its use. There is no use trying to run a city of the size of Chicago on a treasury containing only enough funds for a town of half a million inhabitants. We ought to have funds commensurate with our size, and so that all our avenues and streets may be made clean and beautiful. Chicago could have no better advertisement than clean and well-paved streets. The impression they would make on strangers would be most powerful. I wish to meet the people of my ward, to know them, and if I win, to know what is best for them. The ward as now constituted in area is one of the largest and most important in the city. The mercantile and other interests in the south end of it and on

the river front need consideration, as well as the residence portion. Having a good understanding of my own ward, I will be able more intelligently to grasp the needs of the whole city, and I hope, if elected, to be a credit to my constituents. I have no desire to win my election on any other platform than that I am a citizen of Chicago, that I have a sincere desire to enter public life, and that if I am made an Alderman I will perform my whole duty honestly." Potter Palmer has never sought a political life, although he might have been honored by his fellow-citizens several times if he had so elected, but it is said he cordially approves of the decision of his son, which was reached without any interference of his own. Honore Palmer, the candidate, was born in the old Palmer home at 47th street and Grand boulevard, but spent much of his boyhood in the home which stood where the Newberry library now does, and then in the other home occupied for years at Dearborn and Maple, diagonally across from the present home of the Marquette Club. The home on the North Shore drive has been occupied since 1885.

Honore Palmer spent last summer at the Paris Exposition with his mother. The remainder of the year was occupied with attention to his father's extensive business interests. His tastes are simple, his manners unaffected, and his purpose to be an Alderman quite evidently a desire of his own heart. He understands, better than might be supposed, the political conditions of his ward, and he is already prepared for any of the vicissitudes of politics that are as likely to overtake him as any other man.

Hon. Oscar Hebel, the bright young lawyer whom the Republicans have nominated as their candidate for City Attorney, was born of German parentage in the city of St. Louis in 1868, and came to Chicago with his parents in 1874. He attended and was graduated from the North Division High School, and studied law in the Chicago College of Law, graduating in 1891. He took a post-graduate course at the same school the next year and commenced practice. He held the position of assistant city prosecutor under Mayor Swift, and last January was appointed Election Commissioner by Judge Carter, which position he still holds.

He is President of the Twenty-first Ward Republican Club and is a member of the Marquette Club. He was married two years ago to Miss May C. Steffen and has two children.

In these days when there are so many charges of unfaithfulness on the part of public men, rightfully or wrongfully, it is a brilliant exception to find one of whom not even his political opponents speak disparagingly. Ald. George Duddleston, Democratic candidate for Alderman from the new Twentieth Ward,



MR. HONORE PALMER, The Next Alderman from the Twenty-first Ward.

certainly occupies that enviable position. He is a business man whose presence in politics is for the benefit of the administration of municipal affairs. A native-born Englishman, who has adopted the American flag as the emblem of his citizenship, he is absolutely fearless in his advocacy of the right. Manly in his official and private life, solid in the matters of trade and esteemed by his political friends, George Duddleston stands to-day as a Democrat who should be called still higher in political greatness within the near future.

No member of the City Council in recent years has fought so persistently for the West Side as George Duddleston, member of the City Council from the old Eleventh, now the new Twentieth Ward. Mr. Duddleston was elected to the Council in 1897, and from the hour he entered the Council to the present time he has been the undaunted champion of this neglected section of Chicago. Every dollar's worth of property Mr. Duddleston owns is situated in the West Town of Chicago. He has seen adverse legislation passed by the Board of Aldermen before he became a member, and determined that he would make a bold stand for his own and other West-Siders' interests should he ever have the opportunity. He was given the opportunity, and his record shows that he has faithfully fulfilled the promise he made before being elected. It is a matter of deep concern to the property owners of the West Side who they have to represent them in the Council. The first consideration is whether he is a West-Sider, and, if so, has he any property interest. If answerable in the affirmative, the party label he may wear should have no influence. Ald. Duddleston should be re-elected because his zeal in behalf of West-Siders certainly outshines him to a reward for a fidelity that has never faltered.

Hon. Edward Muelhoefer is working hard for the election of the Republican city ticket.

Things look pretty "rocky" for Government Contractor Peirce.

Some people wonder whether the United States Senators from Illinois can "square things" at Washington, D. C., so that Government Contractor Peirce may be allowed to continue the work of erecting the new Government Building?

Hon. O. F. Severson is one of the most popular police magistrates in Chicago.

The Hamilton Club announces that the speakers at its Appomattox day banquet next month will be President James B. Angell of the University of

Michigan, who will deliver an address on "China," Congressman Julius C. Burroughs, Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court and Congressman Francis W. Cushman of Washington.

Captain James H. Farrell is after the lean sharks. The people are generally with Capt. Farrell, and certainly are in this instance.

Frank E. White would have made a good Alderman, and he will prove a strong candidate on the Republican ticket next year.

Hon. George S. Foster, regular Democratic candidate for Alderman in the Twenty-seventh Ward, is the right man to vote for in that half-way. Mr. Foster is one of the best lawyers in Chicago, and should be elected by a convincing majority, as when he was in the City Council before he made an honest and proud record, having always worked hard for the best interests of the whole people.

Republicans of the new Seventeenth Ward are looking around for another candidate for Alderman, as John F. Samski, who has been given the Republican nomination, declines the honor, which was given him by acclamation. Mr. Samski has made a good record in the Council, and it is believed he could carry the Seventeenth Ward if he could be prevailed upon to remain upon the ticket as the regular Republican Aldermanic candidate.

Hon. Fred A. Busse, leader in the Illinois State Senate, has interested all of his "Indians" and every friend he has to work for the election of his good friend Oscar Hebel, the Republican candidate for City Attorney.

Inspector Nicholas Hunt and all his men in the Second Division (Hyde Park district) are working like beavers, night and day, for the election of Carter H. Harrison. Inspector Hunt says they will increase Mayor Harrison's majority over that of two years ago.

Twentieth Ward Democrats say they will elect Hon. George Duddleston to the City Council, as his fearless advocacy of public interests has made him a favorite son of Democracy, and will also command for him the suffrages of the best Republicans in the new Twentieth Ward.

The West Town Democratic ticket will be elected, as it should be. Collector Cervey, Supervisor McLaughlin and Clerk Warwick have made good records, and consequently enjoy the full confidence of West Town taxpayers.

HARLAN BOLTS HANEY

He Will Make No Speeches and Will Not Support the Republican Machine Nominee.

This Shows Which Way the Independent Voters Are Going to Cast Their Ballots.

Perry Hull and His Candidate Will Now Have a Fine Time Getting Beat.

John M. Harlan will not support Hanev for Mayor.

This is especially embarrassing to the Republicans, and means that the Democrats will get the independent vote. It is decidedly embarrassing, in view of the fact that Hanev is said to have asked Harlan to help him.

John M. Harlan stated that he would not make campaign speeches for Judge Hanev, and the latter denied that he had asked Mr. Harlan's support.

"I met Mr. Harlan last week because some of his friends insisted that I should see him," said Judge Hanev. "We chatted but a few moments about every-day affairs. I have not asked Mr. Harlan to make speeches for me, nor has any one done so at my solicitation."

Mr. Harlan was not disposed to discuss the matter at length. "I have been asked to make some speeches for Judge Hanev," he said, "but I don't see that I can. I expect to make no speeches in this Mayoralty campaign."

"Will you take any part whatever?" "Well, I can't support Judge Hanev, that's all," was the terse answer.

"You will not be an independent candidate?" "I haven't even considered such a thing," came the frank and immediate reply.

Mr. Harlan declined to answer the question as to whether Judge Hanev had asked his aid, referring the inquiry to the Judge. Twenty-eight of the twenty-nine delegates from the Thirty-second Ward who supported Mr. Harlan's candidacy are said to have asked Mr. Harlan to come out for the Judge, while the latter admits that many Harlan men have been among the thousands who have called at his headquarters and proffered support.

The German turner societies are all against Hanev because he favors the abolition of the physical training of children in the public schools and calls it a fad in his speeches.

Many lawyers, business men and the people generally are beginning to talk of the wrongfulness of Judges on the bench interfering in politics. The Record of Wednesday morning truthfully says on this subject:

"Judge Elbridge Hanev of the Circuit Court of Cook County, candidate on the Republican ticket for Mayor of Chicago, points to at least one decision rendered by himself as an argument in favor of his election to the office to which he aspires. For this and other reasons it is desirable that the public should consider with care the subject of court decisions rendered by a Judge who suffers from the itch for political honors.

No one will have the hardihood to assert that the distractions of politics and the yearning for its rewards are beneficial to the bench of Cook County or any other county. Judges are elected to dispense justice in their court-rooms according to the law and the evidence there presented, and not that they may be given a veneer of dignity preparatory to their use by political bosses as candidates for political office. That the bench should be completely removed from the strife of politics is so patent that only the thoughtlessness of a community can render it possible for such an indignity to be offered to it as the naming of a Judge—who in extreme cases even continues to be a Judge after his nomination—as a candidate for Mayor. Such action cannot fail to be demoralizing. It casts suspicion on court decisions in the mass, since if the bench is to be recognized as a recruiting ground for candidates to high office it behooves all its ambitious occupants to "get in line." To carry favor with the bosses by judicial acts would be in the nature of sowing seed for the harvest. To accept popu-

lar clamor instead of law as a guide in cases of wide interest might be a profitable proceeding in the light of future political campaigns.

"A year ago Judge Elbridge Hanev was in the midst of a bitter political canvass, seeking the nomination of the Republican party for the office of Governor of Illinois. There are good reasons for believing that out of the bargains made in that unsuccessful effort to be something more than a politician and a Judge came the nomination of this year, which gives the politician once more an opportunity to trail his judicial dignity through the devious paths of ward politics at the heels of the bosses. To elect this politician to the office of Mayor, while it would soothingly scratch his ambition where it itches and would effectively remove from the bench of Cook County an alien and distinctly bad influence, would do serious harm to other Judges whose desires now are fixed on rendering to the public the best service possible in the high and honorable positions which they hold. To plant other and less worthy ambitions in their minds, while demonstrating to the bosses that to nominate a Judge for political office may be made a winning game, would be to mix a liberal supply of politics with the court decisions rendered henceforth. Those Judges with too much integrity and good sense to be influenced by the blandishments of the bosses and by dreams of political advancement would still suffer by having their motives suspected and their views when publicly expressed on any matter of general interest regarded cynically by the people. In other words, there would be a distinct lowering of the bench's standard and an appreciable loss of respect for it by the community.

"That it should be forbidden by the statutes for a Judge to become a candidate for a political office is unquestionable. The disgraceful exhibitions which have been given two years in succession by Judge Hanev and the bosses in malice conjunction should not fail to bring about this salutary reform. If the aggregation shall accomplish such a result its influence will not have been wholly sinister and degrading."

Mr. James W. Fernald, President of the J. W. Fernald Hay Company, is strongly mentioned as a good man for Republicans to nominate for County Treasurer next year.

Mr. John E. Kehoe, the first assistant of Hon. Andrew J. Ryan, City Attorney, has made a splendid record for himself and the city law department. Mr. Kehoe is a coming man in the Democratic party. He enjoys the confidence and respect of every Judge on the bench, and in the event of City Attorney Ryan's re-election will be retained in the present position he has so capably filled.

Among the strong Democratic candidates who will loom up for County Treasurer next year are Ernest Hummel, Adam Ortsleben, Matt Thome, and Andrew Weber.

Hon. James A. Hogan, Secretary and general manager of the Illinois Stone Company, may be appointed by Governor Yates a member of the State Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners. Mr. Hogan is one of Chicago's most popular business men, standing high in commercial circles, and his legion of friends would be highly pleased to see him thus honored.

Hon. Geo. Duddleston is making a grand fight for a Council seat from the new Twentieth Ward. George says, however, he is working harder for Carter H. Harrison than he is for himself.