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JUST A SQUARE DEAL

One point urged against Judge Killefer in his candidacy for a renomination as Probate Judge, is the fact that he is not an attorney. To those who really understand the situation, this fact should be a point in his favor.

There has been no law practice to divide his time or energies. Any one having business to transact with the Probate Judge during the past four years have always been able to find him in his office. If there ever has been a criticism on his administration, the writer has not heard it. There will come a time, in the administration of county affairs, when the demand that every office holder in the county devote his entire time during office hours to the affairs of the office he is elected to fill, and not divide it with some private business. If Judge Killefer is nominated and elected for a second term, the people of Van Buren county are assured four years more of a business administration in the Probate Office, with the Probate Judge attending to the affairs of the office, and giving the business of that office his entire time. That is what a Probate Judge is elected for. Judge Killefer is a real Probate Judge in every sense of the word. There has not been a county officer in many years who has not been accorded a second term. Prosecutor Earl L. Burnans, who is seeking to deprive Judge Killefer of the customary two terms, served two terms as Deputy Prosecutor, and two terms as Prosecutor, and without opposition. His second term will not expire until December 31 next. Surely Judge Killefer's record in that office, his attention to business, his fidelity to his trust and the universal respect and esteem in which he is held in the county, should entitle him to the same consideration that has been given those who are now opposing him.

Following are editorial comments clipped from some of the county papers:

(From Decatur Republican).  
Judge of Probate William Killefer of Paw Paw was a visitor to Decatur one day last week in the interest of his candidacy for renomination.

He called on as many voters as time would permit and was cordially re-

ceived wherever he went. He is indeed a gentleman of the old school, whitened with the passing of a half century of active life, yet vigorous, kind and courtly, he would immediately impress even a stranger as a man of ability and trustworthiness.

It is charged against Judge Killefer that he is not a Republican, that he has always been known as a Democrat, and won his first election as Probate Judge four years ago on the Progressive instead of the Republican ticket. That is the reason another feels justified in stepping in and contesting with him the nomination for the customary second term on the Republican ticket.

We do not criticize this opponent in seeking the nomination, the primary is open to all. But to the writer the political affiliations of Judge Killefer in the years past do not weigh an atom against him. If he has been an efficient Judge, if his character is above reproach, if he is one who can be trusted to guard the rights of those who, by the changes of time, are forced into his court, if he commands the confidence and respect of the public then there is no good reason why he should not be returned.

Judge Killefer is not a good campaigner in the ordinary acceptation of the term. He says little in his own behalf and nothing to the detriment of those who oppose him. But we happen to know that he is a loyal member of several organizations, and we also notice that he wears a little bronze button which signifies that he was one of those brave young men who offered their lives in the defense of our country in the great Civil War, that through their sacrifice the young men of the present generation might enjoy a citizenship so glorious that the rank and file of them cannot comprehend it.

When we learned that Judge Killefer was a Union soldier in the Civil War we did not feel the necessity of asking how many years he belonged to this party or to that party. The little bronze button qualified him and with the honor and respect we tender him the very small service of one vote in the August primary.

(From the Bloomingdale Leader).  
Four years ago Judge Killefer was elected to this office on the Progressive ticket. This year he is asking for the nomination on the Republican ticket. While Mr. Killefer is not an attorney we have never had a better Judge nor one who gave as much of his time to the duties of the office. We have known Mr. Killefer personally for many years, as he was a resident of this village previous to his moving to Paw Paw, and we know him to be a man of excellent judgement, courteous and kind-hearted at all times, and one who can safely trust to look after the affairs of your estate, or who would deal honestly and kindly with your children should they be required to appear at the juvenile court.

While we are not personally acquainted with Atty. Burhans we take it for granted that he is an able man and undoubtedly would do his best to fill the office creditably. However we do not feel that his claim of always being a Republican entitles him to any special consideration. The day has passed when people vote for a candidate just because of his past party affiliations, and had Theodore Roosevelt been chosen as a leader of the Republican party this year the fact of his having headed the Progressive ticket four years ago would not have counted against him.

DIFKEMA LOOMS BIGGER

The Leland for Governor publicity committee are working overtime to convince the voters of Michigan that Mr. Leland will have the solid backing of Wayne county. This, of course, is for the effect such an announcement will have on those who always want to climb in the "Band Wagon" at the last minute. Such a claim, however, to one who knows anything about the politics of Wayne county appears greatly overdrawn. Mr. Leland, of course, will carry Wayne county, but it will be a long way from the solid support of his party in that county. Mr. Diekema will have a strong following in Wayne county; he is very strong in the Upper Peninsula, and it is conceded that he will have a heavy vote throughout the western part of the state. As the campaign progresses, thinking men are understanding more and more his worth to the party and to the state. In qualifications, experience and ability, the kind that goes to make a real governor, Mr. Diekema stands out above them all. He is the strongest man in the race and should be nominated by a big majority.

Following is an editorial clipped from a recent issue of the Grand Rapids Press:

Withdrawal of L. D. Dickinson of Charlotte, from the Republican gubernatorial race gives added impetus to the campaign of western Michigan's candidate, former Congressman Gerrit J. Diekema, of Holland. Mr. Diekema, who had been trotting in second place from the beginning, has taken a sudden jump owing to several ill-advised moves on the part of the sleeper interests on the east side of the state. Several handicaps to the Holland

man's success have been wiped out and the fact that he is being universally touted in Wayne county as second choice to Leland and that he is going to carry the upper peninsula by a big margin seem to have put him way in the lead among the field of gubernatorial candidates who face the starter Saturday when the petitions are in. At least two important factions who were opposing Diekema under a misapprehension now are solidly lined up in his support.

PRESIDENT WILL NEED THEM.

The next four years, if the Republicans win the coming election, will mark an important era in the history of our country. The president, strong man though he is, will need all the assistance at his command. He will need the counsel and assistance of statesmen in the senate and in congress, who have, by reason of their years of service in those bodies, acquired a knowledge of affairs of state that gives them power and prestige to do things. The Cassopolis Vigilant of last week sums up the situation in its editorial columns as follows. It is worthy of the careful consideration of Republicans who have the interest and welfare of the country at heart:

(From Cassopolis Vigilant).

To elect Hon. Charles E. Hughes president in November and then provide him with a working force of green-untried congressmen and senators with which to carry out the party's policies of government would be extremely foolish for the Republican party, and this fact should be taken into consideration when candidates are nominated at the primaries on August 29. The names of Senator Charles E. Townsend and Congressman E. L. Hamilton will both appear on the primary ballot for renomination. Mr. Townsend with a record of eight years in congress and six years in the senate, and Mr. Hamilton with twenty years of experience as a congressman and occupying a position in the House which gives him prestige and a power to accomplish things which will be useful alike to the country and its president and which it will take any new man years to acquire even though he be possessed of great natural ability. There are hundreds of men in the state and scores of men in this district who would in time, possibly, make good Senators and good Congressmen, but it would be folly to place them in training at this time when we need and can have the benefit of experienced men to uphold the hands of a new President.

The Chautauqua going public of Paw Paw and vicinity should feel mighty kind toward Mr. Holliday, of the Midland Chautauqua bureau. In addition to one of the best programs ever put on in Paw Paw, Mr. Holliday announces that he is to give us the Great Helen Keller as an added attraction. This feature should be one of the greatest drawing cards ever brought to the Chautauqua platform in Paw Paw.

Congressman Hamilton recently made one of the strongest speeches of his career in the house of representatives. The True Northerner has an advance copy of the speech, which we regret cannot be published in full. The subject is "Alleged Democratic Conversion to Tariff Commission Not Genuine," and is a masterly effort. Mr. Hamilton is recognized as one of the strongest orators in the House, and his speeches are used perhaps more than those of any other member as campaign material. The speech in question will be a valuable addition to the campaign literature of the Republican party in the coming campaign.

Every boost for the Chautauqua is a boost for Paw Paw. The opening day will soon be here. Everybody talk about it, tell your neighbors about it, dream about it, write your friends about it, and don't let up thinking about it until everyone else who has thought about it buys a ticket.

No need of any one being out of a job these days. If you haven't anything else to do, you might do a little campaigning on the side.

We could use a few more dollars on subscription, if you happen to think about it when in the city.

Hon. Luren D. Dickenson has withdrawn from the race for governor. There has been considerable jockeying in connection with his candidacy, and it looks very much as though some of his friends (?) have been fooling him. He is on the primary ballot, however, for Lieutenant Governor, and it is very probable that he will be nominated. If the "Dry" amendment carries next November, and every indication is that it will, Mr. Dickenson would be the most valuable man to head the senate that could be nominated. The True Northerner is glad to indorse Mr. Dickenson for that important office.

The refusal of Governor Ferris to accept a nomination for a third term was a body blow to the Democratic party. The "Good Grey Governor" is exceedingly popular throughout the state and without question the strongest man in the party. His refusal to make the race leaves the party much the same as a ship without a rudder.

It has warmed up considerably since the "Cold Spell."

Swat the Fly and keep cool.

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HORACE H. ADAMS FOR PROSECUTING ATTY.



Primary day, August 29, will soon be here. I regret that I shall be unable to see and talk with every man in the county personally before that time. I feel that I am qualified for the position of Prosecuting Attorney, and that the claims of Antwerp township for recognition on the ticket are worthy of consideration.

I was born in the village of Lawton, and Antwerp and Porter townships have always been my home. My early days were spent on a farm in Porter township. After graduating from the Lawton High school I attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and graduated from the law department of that institution in 1905. Since that time I have resided in Lawton and practiced my profession in Van Buren county.

It has been many years since Lawton has been favored with a county office and naturally the Republicans of this place feel that we are entitled to it. I am not asking the nomination, however, as any special favor to the village. I am asking it, because I have an ambition to serve the people of Van Buren county in the capacity of Prosecuting Attorney. I believe that my legal training, practice of my profession, together with my service as deputy prosecutor, have given me a training which eminently qualifies me for the office I seek.

If nominated and elected, I shall give to the affairs of the office my best energy and undivided attention. I shall give to every one a square deal, with special favors to none. I shall do my best to give the people of Van Buren county a business administration that will be a credit to me as an official and a source of satisfaction to my constituents.

I earnestly solicit your support at the primaries on August 29.

Sincerely,  
H. H. ADAMS.

KETCHAM FOR CONGRESS.

John C. Ketcham, of Hastings, Republican Candidate for Congress from the Fourth District, will speak at street meetings at the following places in Van Buren county:

Paw Paw, Monday Evening, August 14th.

Hartford, Thursday Evening August 17th.

South Haven, Saturday Evening, August 19th.  
Bloomingdale, Monday evening, August 21st.

E. R. Laverty, the frail yet genial proprietor of Laverty's Variety store is some piscatorial artist. Although the bass are not biting, he went out to The Mile Lake the first of the week and landed a five pound beauty. The veteran fisherman John Hirtleman was with him, but the best John could do was a splendid specimen of the dog fish variety.

To the Republicans of Van Buren County:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Republican Primaries, August 29, 1916. If 25 years in the practice of law and an equal number of years working in the interest of the Republican party counts, then I ask for your support.

I am working for myself for this office and have not the time to devote to the interests of any other candidates.

C. M. Van Riper,  
Hartford, Mich.

A FISHERMAN.

McLain, he went a fishing. One morning late in June, For bait he took a wobbler And, a Shakespeare spoon.

A fisherman, yes, indeed A mighty man was he, For every time he'd make a cast He'd catch an elm tree.

And backlashes, I never see So many in my life, And every time he'd get one He'd have to use his knife.

The boat would fill with water It leaked without a doubt, Mac said he'd have to bore some holes And, let the water out.

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