

SHADOW OF MAY DOOMS

IT FALLS ACROSS THE PATH OF MAYOR KIEFER, NOW BESET WITH TROUBLE

AS HE FACES REPUTATION

At the Hands of His Own Party, He Also Finds It Rent With Such Dimensions That a Complete Turning Out of the Republican Holders Seems Imminent at the May Election.

Ten weeks from Tuesday the people of St. Paul will be called upon to elect from the list of four candidates who will be set under the classification "Mayor," on the Australian ballot, one man to be the chief executive of the city for the two years beginning next June.

That the present burgomaster will be able to add another two years to his long term of public service seems to be disputed by his own party. Republicans are saying all kinds of disagreeable things about him, regarding of whether they are true or not.

They are saying his administration has been singular in its manifold elements of unpopularity. His enemies declare that after trying for two years at a game of civic battles and shuttlecock with the saloon ordinance enforcement, making a show of enforcement, while legally licensing the social evil by a police "dossier," more or less secret, and an accompanying system of fines. And finally, three months before the expiration of his term, the mayor spectacularly forces the resignation of his chief of police and installs a new man, who, while turning a mailed hand on the saloons and closing the liquor stores at midnight, turns the machinery of his department to the gratification of private appetites, as evidenced in the transfer of the police officers who ruffled the mayor's temper by discovering one of his pet appointees in a mussy state of disorder at a dance of the waiters at Pfeffer's hall.

But, in spite of this general dissatisfaction with the reigning monarch, the Republicans are at sea for a leader. Aid. Sidney H. Reeves has been pressed to the front by a considerable element of the city, but he is lacking in one element, the possession of which appeals to the Republican machinist, generally speaking. Mr. Reeves is not a rich man. The hard working would rather have which can be opened opportunely. That is one serious objection to Reeves in the eyes of the politicians, if not of the voters.

Chester R. Smith has been suggested, but it is urged against him that he is a "silk stocking." However, he is chair of the board of public works, and has quite a following in the machinery of the Republican party locally.

But yet the Republicans are not ready to push one of these men openly into the field and are hoping, as one prominent Republican put it yesterday, "to find some new name to put in the field," who will lead the opposition the requisite laboring to lead them to believe that he is sevenfold, rather than just one weak nominee of a disorganized party.

It is beginning to dawn on the friends and supporters of Mayor Kiefer that "your mayor" will not have a walk-away for renomination. The eligible ward, which two years ago was solid for Kiefer, over two months before the convention is strongly anti-Kiefer just now, and the strenuous efforts of Cuspidian and his friends are being made to improve matters at all. It is predicted that Kiefer will not have more than eighty votes in the convention, and those who have been endeavoring for years to dig his political career as it is all over with the gallant colonel as far as political aspirations are concerned.

Mike Norman, formerly of the city clerk's office, is back from the Klondike, and it is said he will prove to Matt Jensen that he is still more than the proverbial 30 cents in First ward politics.

Mayor Kiefer has decided that there will be no chief of detectives appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Phil Schweitzer. The idea of the mayor is to make this chief of police force just as well, and then, too, it will help on the work of his renomination better to have two appointments to make instead of one. The two new detectives will not be appointed until the campaign is further progressed.

Two years ago the Republican city convention adopted in its platform a plank which was to make this chief of police a public market site. An effort has been made by the council during the past and the next regular meeting, March 5, to select a site, but it was not recommended, but, owing to business opportunities, or, rather, the lack of such opportunities, the members could not agree on the question of the location of the market site. The board of aldermen, it requires eight votes to select a site, and up to date there has always been a sufficient number of members to make this deal a certainty.

At the last meeting of the board of aldermen the contract for a new police alarm system was awarded to the firm which A. J. Knauft has been making. It is a theory that all legislation is a compromise, it is figured out that the Second ward alderman will consent to vote for the Eagle street site. Owing to the absence of the other members of the board during the week, the market site proposition will not be brought up at the meeting of the board Tuesday night, but at the next regular meeting, March 5, when the matter will be chosen. The sudden activity of the council is believed to be due to a circular letter which is being distributed, and which reads as follows:

The present council promised the people a public market and after over a year and one-half of dickering, we find that we are farther off than ever. Making without compensation from the market interest the valuable property we had at Seventh and Wabasha streets, estimated to be worth \$250,000 or \$300,000, we are still confronted with the fact that they cannot agree to purchase a parcel of market site for one-quarter of the above amount. We have decided to call our friends and the people to help us in this matter and secure for St. Paul one of the greatest necessities and its gardeners a decent place to stand and sell their wares. We have presented numerous petitions, attended dozens of meetings without any apparent success. We are sure the public are with us in this matter. The garden season is fast drawing to a close for the present year and before the first of May of next year a new council will have come into existence. We desire to post ourselves and friends and those who have not yet seen this matter, that before you or your friends vote next May, find out what men you can trust to settle this important question. Bear this matter in mind, ask your friends to help us in this matter and we are positive that any candidate at large and at least one of the candidates of the wards can be defeated, if they are found unflinching.

A general meeting will be held in February or March to appoint committees for each ward and to look after our interest and the public and see that the market site will settle this question for all time to come.

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While Out Walking Today stroll by the new clothing house of Lennon & Gibbons and see the magnificent clothing values displayed in the mammoth show windows of this new up-to-date establishment. Saturday's sales beat all previous records and stamped our present Sale of High-Grade Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters as being the banner sale of our existence.

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office yesterday afternoon and came suddenly on a group of politicians who were discussing the chances of the Republican candidates for the mayoralty nomination.

William McTeague, of the Omaha shops, is mentioned as a suitable Democratic candidate for alderman of the Fifth ward.

The Lincoln club now sees the mistake it made in assigning its committees for the banquet. It will probably have to assess its members to make up a deficiency, owing to the limited number of plates disposed of. Had the club the foresight to have appointed Messrs. Selb and Parker on the finance committee, the result would in all probability have a surplus instead of a shortage, as both of these young Republicans have had financial experience.

S. P. Spates, of the Seventh ward, and former Ald. Lindahl, of the First ward, are said to be slated for appointment as members of the board of public works.

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Mehan; second vice president, W. W. Brown; secretary, R. E. Speary; treasurer, W. H. Daniel.

The club will have a smoke social March 3, and will meet fortnightly.

The representation of 1888, based on the McKimley vote, which the executive committee has decided to recommend to the Republican city and county committee, provides for a convention of 326 delegates, divided as follows: First ward, 47; Second, 37; Third, 19; Fourth, 34; Fifth, 29; Sixth, 18; Seventh, 45; Eighth, 33; Ninth, 31; Tenth, 11; Eleventh, 12.

G. H. Holden, of Duluth, announces his candidacy for railroad and warehouse commissioner through the means of a circular. Mr. Holden says he has for ten years been engaged in the operative department of two of the large railroad systems of the country, has a thorough knowledge of that part of the duties of the commission, has for over six years been in the state plain inspection and weighing department, and is also thoroughly familiar with that branch. Mr. Holden is a veteran of two wars, and says he is a life-long, staunch Republican.

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AN AGED PASTOR. Oldest Minister in Black Hills Celebrates an Anniversary.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—DeWitt C. Dickinson, of DeWitt, S. D., recently admitted to the Soldiers' home, died yesterday morning; miliary, cancer of the face.

Dr. C. W. Hargens for the past week has been at Hyattsville, Neb., with some cases of scarlet fever at that place. Rev. A. A. Brown, pastor of the Congregational church of this place, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding this week. Mr. Brown is the oldest active pastor in the Black Hills. He came to Mitchell, S. D., in 1880, from there to Spearfish in 1887, and in 1892 came to Hot Springs to take the position of superintendent of home missions for the Black Hills and Wyoming. He resigned this position several months ago to take the place of pastor of the congregation of Rev. J. B. Long at this place.

TRI-STATE DRAINAGE. Committee Holds a Meeting and Elects Officers.

FARGO, N. D., Feb. 17.—An enthusiastic meeting of the Tri-State Drainage and Canal association committee was held here this afternoon and appointed a general executive committee as follows: Dr. R. C. Kelsey, chairman, White Rock; A. C. Edwards, secretary, Mayo; John S. Fargo, Maj. Edwards, Fargo; E. G. Valentine, Breckenridge, Minn., and Fred Falley, Wahpeton. These are to appoint vice presidents all along both sides of the Red river valley. A mass meeting is to be held not later than March 15 at Fargo. Dr. Kelsey said according to the late government report Big Stone lake can spare 15,000 cubic feet per second into the Minnesota river, thence to the Mississippi, making that river navigable all the year from below St. Paul. It should interest the Twin Cities.

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