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## A SMASHUP

ACCORDING to reliable reports the Morris-Green-Glauque combination got a severe jolt the other day; so much so that one of the members withdrew of his own volition and another was in danger of being thrown overboard. The original source of our information is none other than Nephi L. Morris, one of the sponsors of the Glauque candidacy and one of the promoters, we believe, of the combination above mentioned.

It appears, according to the story told by Nephi L. Morris, that Richard P. Morris, Herman H.



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Green and Arnold Glauque had entered into a hard and fast combination for political purposes mutually beneficial to all concerned. This scheme seemed to work all right until Mr. Green undertook to enlarge the scope of his activities by making a little tie-up of his own on the side, and without advising the other members of the combination.

The facts are that Mr. Green sought an interview with Mr. Ferry and finally obtained it; that during this interview he was quite positive in denying that he was in the Morris-Glauque combine, (Continued on Page 3.)

## THE CANDIDATES

ORDINARILY we would prefer to discuss the issues instead of the candidates, but this campaign has been most unusual in character. The candidates as a rule have sought to steer clear of the real issues involved and to confine their respective candidacies to the measurement of their individual characters and qualifications. Hence it becomes necessary to speculate as to what certain candidates will or will not do with respect to the main issue before the people.

The issue is as clear as the daylight and there is no occasion or excuse for any candidate to attempt to straddle it. The issue is simply this: shall the policies of the present city administration be sustained and its personnel continued in power, or shall the people have a new deal? With this plain question of broad public policy in mind we shall now size up the respective candidates.

The election of Richard P. Morris as mayor means an endorsement of the Park-Grant-Morris regime and a continuation of its pernicious policies. Mr. Morris has been the brains and backbone of the present administration; he has held the balance of power in the commission and has never failed to throw his support to Park and Grant. He professes to stand upon the record of the present administration, and does not deserve therefor the support of those citizens who differ with its policies and practices. Moreover, we venture the prediction that the election of Mr. Morris will insure the reappointment of Chief of Police B. F. Grant, for it is our belief that Mr. Morris could not shake Mr. Grant if he wanted to, and that the chief will not be shaken so long as he has a ghost of a show to hold on.

The election of Mr. Ferry means the overthrow of the combination now in control of the city and a square deal all around. He says so himself, and Mont Ferry is a man of his word. We suspect that when Mr. Ferry assumes the mayorship (we feel certain of his election) there will be a general housecleaning all along the line, for the good of the service perhaps. In our judgment, he would not only grace the position, but would deal cleanly and consistently with all matters of public policy. In the event of his election the administration of public affairs will rest in sensible hands, and the city government will once more be in position to command the respect of all fair-minded citizens. He will go into office without prejudice and pledged only to do his duty as he finds it to do. We cannot help but admire his stand, and predict an era of good feeling in the community if he is given an opportunity to serve the city.

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## A MISREPRESENTATION

THE attempt of Herman H. Green and his cohorts to make political capital out of the refunding of excess special tax levies and overpayments would be pardonable, perhaps, were it not for the extreme injustice being done to his predecessors in the city auditor's office. The official records of these transactions do not substantiate the claims of Mr. Green and his friends; on the other hand, they directly dispute these claims and point to Rudolph Alf and W. H. Shearman as being the men to whom the major portion of the credit is due.

The record shows that Mr. Green did not discover that refunds were due certain taxpayers because of excess levies and overpayments of special taxes. The record does show, though, that years before this gentleman entered the city audi-



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tor's office, these excess levies and overpayments were acknowledged and considerable refunding had been done. It appears, in fact, that this particular work was initiated during the administration of Mr. Alf, and that it was the practice to refund to those who happened to know that they were entitled to a rebate and demanded payment.

It remained for Mr. Shearman, however, to set the wheels in motion for a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the special tax rebates. According to his report to the city commission, Mr. Shearman immediately upon his assumption of the duties of city auditor, personally investigated these matters, found the special fund accounts in bad