

WILSON COME

Spokane Republicans Are All at Sea.

WHO IS TO BECOME LEADER?

Old Personal Issue Is Dead, and No One Has Yet Appeared Strong Enough to Become Party's Head.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—It has not been the easiest thing in the world to pick up the loose ends and reorganize the Republican workers in this county since Senator Wilson let go and removed to Seattle. Perhaps it is because the Wilson organization had political affairs in Spokane County so thoroughly in hand that Republican affairs have been in a chaotic shape since he left. And now, instead of a single compact organization with a struggling minority faction unable to make much headway against it, Republicans are badly split and a dozen or more leaders are finding leadership a most difficult position to attain.

Wilson controlled Republican politics in Spokane County long as he remained here. For fifteen years he had been at the head of party affairs, yielding now and then for the sake of harmony and placing men on his tickets who had been previously opposed. But there was no doubt of his control. If he ever came close to losing it that time came last year, when a portion of the ticket got away from him after being elected by vote of the electors, was beaten at the polls, possibly through disaffection. But in primaries and conventions Wilson's control was absolute.

It has been insisted that Wilson's control of Spokane politics was ruinous for the Republicans of the county, and there have been repeated attempts to unseat him. Whether his control has been a bad thing or not is a question that cannot be definitely answered. Spokane Republicans show what they are able to do without his influence. But Wilson's political enemies will have to acknowledge that he was not a bad man as he remained here. For fifteen years he had been at the head of party affairs, yielding now and then for the sake of harmony and placing men on his tickets who had been previously opposed. But there was no doubt of his control. If he ever came close to losing it that time came last year, when a portion of the ticket got away from him after being elected by vote of the electors, was beaten at the polls, possibly through disaffection. But in primaries and conventions Wilson's control was absolute.

Wilson Always a Regular. Wilson's enemies never accused him of knitting a party ticket, and that may have been one secret of his success in Spokane. But at the same time Wilson was never overzealous in his support of any Republican who had ever cut loose from the organization and supported an opposition nominee.

This explains one reason for some of the bitterness in Spokane politics. Spokane was one of the Washington counties most thoroughly imbued with Bryanism in 1896, and the defection from the Republican ranks was stronger here than in almost any other county in the state. The Republicans who wandered away in 1896 have been coming back; some of them were lined up with the old ticket two years later, and some have rejoined the Republican workers comparatively recently.

Wilson and his friends insisted these men should remain prominent part in party affairs at once. They announced that the doctrine of probationary service must rule, and much of the unpleasantness in Spokane politics has been caused by rigorously enforcing this rule.

What Will Papers Do? While not committing themselves to Republicanism, the newspapers of Spokane head a faction that is attempting to control or to direct the reorganization of Spokane Republicans. This influence attempted a short time ago to secure the reappointment of Foster as mayor, and the name of friend Hartson was named. Hartson was, incidentally, supported by a portion of the Washington Congressional delegation, but his success did not back; some of them were lined up with the old ticket two years later, and some have rejoined the Republican workers comparatively recently.

Moore for Governor. It is likely that J. Z. Moore will be a candidate for Governor again, for his friends regard him now as a factor. Moore would like to be elected. He tried to do so in 1896, but failed to get into the county convention. His home precinct was against him and the committee on credentials held that a proxy from another precinct would not entitle him to the seat. Moore has friends in Spokane, but his influence is not strong enough to control affairs.

Now and then rumors come that Colonel W. M. Ridpath, once prominently identified with the free silver fight and prominent factor in the free silver fight of 1896, would try to go to Congress through a Republican nomination. Ridpath was once a member of the committee in the latter's Senatorial fight of 1897. Two years later he reappeared at Olympia as one of the directors of the Ankey campaign. He was a Congressional possibility three years ago, but after his resignation he was not a candidate for State Representative. He is now a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. He was rather prominent in the Silver Republican movement and has been a strong partisan in the anti-Wilson organization. He will make a fight for Indorsement for Lieutenant-Governor, and his candidacy adds to the complicated state of affairs here.

Will Shaw has been a candidate for State Treasurer. There has been little showing one way or the other made on the Shaw movement, though from outside sources comes an intimation that he has been confined with a fever. He is a perennial candidate, who has never landed. Will Shaw is pretty well known, and his candidacy may work out.

Dick Hutchinson Again. Dick Hutchinson and Cyrus Hapley are forcing themselves to the front in an endeavor to get control of party affairs. Hapley is president of the Roosevelt Club, a political organization formed recently with a view of uniting some of the factions and attempting to get Spokane Republican affairs in shape for the campaign. Hutchinson, so far as is known, is not worried at present by an ambition to get into office. He is out after leadership. Hutchinson will be remembered by old politicians as a former Democratic State Senator from Lincoln County. He announced his conversion to Republicanism prior to the election of 1896, but after adjournment he re-entered the Democratic party, and in 1898 was a strong Populist. He has fluctuated back and forth until comparatively recently, when he became a Republican. Hapley is also a former Republican, and a possible proprietor of a local boom. He went astray in

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