

A PROGRESSIVE TICKET.

Far be it from the Itemizer to say one word against any of the gentlemen, on either ticket, who have allowed themselves to feel the call of good citizenship, and apply for the position of serving the dear people as city officers. As far as we are able to judge them, each and every one would do his best to subserve the interests of the town, and work for its advancement. As, to some extent, a newspaper man is a public mentor, it is our duty to weigh well the aspect of a city election from every standpoint, and then come out for the men whom we honestly believe would best fill the positions for the benefit of all. The Itemizer, under its present management, will never have any other aim in view than that of advocating what we believe is best to keep this town progressing in a clean, moral way. It is a certainty that in the past we have made many enemies by so doing, but that troubles us not in the least, and we will still be found advocating what we believe to be right, be it city, county, state or national affairs. For the above reason we are compelled at this time to advocate the election next Monday of what will be known as the Progressive ticket, a ticket, as we look at it, composed of men with sufficient experience in city affairs, level headed business men, perfectly rational, and thorough upholders of the go-ahead policy which has been in vogue in our city affairs for the past ten years, willing to follow out the policies laid down by previous councils during that period for the town's advancement along conservative lines, not conflicting with an equitable tax for the purpose, fully realizing that a growing city like ours cannot be run on a levy that would govern it and make necessary improvements as during the years previous to that period.

For mayor on that ticket we have Riley Craven, not for so many years a resident of this town, but a man who comes here with a fine business record, and who has shown to us fully in his connection with other developments and his own business relations that he is a man fully qualified for the place, one who can be depended upon to assist in developing it, commensurate with our ability to pay the cost—in fact, a practical business man, one who will look after the city's affairs as well as he does his own, and that is saying a good deal.

For councilman at large we have a man who has been thoroughly tried out in city affairs. We all know that he takes an extreme interest in everything pertaining to the town's interest, and he makes no count of the time it takes to see to it that things are done rightfully in every respect. There is no one man in town who has more at his fingers' end the financial standing of the town, and to turn him down as a member of the council would be to throw everything, especially of that nature, into a chaotic state, which would mean a severe blow to seeing that everything is done rightfully and at the proper time.

For auditor Charley Gregory has fully demonstrated his ability to sit as policy judge and to keep a proper record of the transactions of the city so that no complaint is forthcoming. As so far no opposition has developed against his candidacy, it is to be supposed that no kick is coming and that he will again go in by a unanimous vote.

For councilman in the first ward H. G. Campbell, while an untired man in city affairs, has fully shown his ability in other directions and there is scarcely any question but what he will be chosen to represent the city from the "Bloody First."

In the second ward there is a man put forth by the Progressive ticket who has always made good in whatever station of life he was placed. It is just as certain that Tracy Staats will make a good councilman as it is that he fully justified our votes in the other places of trust in which he has been placed.

Frank Coad in the third ward should be given the vote of every resident. He has been a councilman for a number of terms, and there is no other man who has devoted more of his time to looking out for the city's interests than has he. We would like to talk of the good he has done for us in many "stickfuls," but it is imperative that the Itemizer go to press and cease our little say for the benefit of the town.

CITIZEN'S VIEWS.

Advocates Election of Progressive Ticket for Good of City.

To the Editor:

I would like to use the columns of your paper for a few remarks concerning the different candidates for the leading city offices, to be voted upon next Monday. In the first place, I want to say that I have carefully considered both tickets in the field and I believe the Progressive ticket to be composed of some of the best men in Dallas.

For mayor, there is J. Riley Craven. There is no better man in town. He is now one of the heavy taxpayers of the town; is one of the owners and proprietors of one of the largest business concerns in this city; is a good, careful, economical, progressive business man; a good, progressive citizen; a clean man in politics; a man against whose ability no one can say a word; a man who has always been opposed to a wide open saloon policy; a man who is just what he says he is, and is making no pretensions for the purpose merely of gaining votes; a man whom the people can safely trust in all matters; and a man who has not been mixed up much in any kind of politics, and is therefore free from political trickery; a man morally and mentally qualified to act as mayor of this city. No better man, for all classes of people, could be found in this city to hold the reins of government for the next two years. He is a pleasant man; a man who is not so conceited that he thinks he knows it all, and no one else knows anything. He has shown admirable qualities of leadership; has always been ready with an open heart and pocketbook for all public improvements, and public matters tending to promote the interests of this city. In a word, he is a man of merit.

On the other hand, we have Mr. Kirkpatrick. He is a man who is best described as "a hail fellow, well met." For the office of mayor of this thriving city, he is not fit. In the first place he is too contentious. Today, on mere technicalities, he has a case against the City of Dallas in the supreme court of Oregon; a case over the small payment of a sewer assessment of \$40; a case that will cost this city not less than \$200; a case that no public spirited citizen, with the welfare of his city at heart, would think for a moment of bringing. During the brief time he was on the council last year, his whole attitude betokened that of a man with a most contentious and stubborn nature. City work was hindered by him, and he made things so unpleasant for his co-workers in the council that they his office became vacant, they could not conscientiously re-elect him at the same time pre-serve the best interests of the city. His whole campaign now is being made more in a spirit of revenge than anything else. He has it in for the present administration for the reason that not more than two saloon licenses were issued, and that the two issued did not happen to fall to his own personal choice in the premises, one of his choice now being his principal political ally and manager. It is a well known fact that Mr. Kirkpatrick is absent from the city a great deal. He does considerable buying of necessities outside of the city. In a word, he has not the best interests of this city at heart.

For councilman at large, we have W. A. Ayres. Some persons have it in for Mr. Ayres because he seems to be unfortunate enough to have to earn a portion of his living by acting as deputy

assessor. Some people don't like an assessor. Mr. Ayres is a subordinate, and he must do as his principal says. He is doing his duty as a citizen. Someone must make the assessment. It is a very narrow minded person indeed who would hold any grudge against Mr. Ayres on this account. But as a councilman, there is no man in this town who can compare with him. In fact, Mr. Ayres is the best councilman Dallas ever had. The people of this city should deem it a privilege to be able to secure the services of a man of Mr. Ayres' caliber for a councilman. Mr. Ayres takes a great interest in his work. He knows the workings of city affairs thoroughly; he is a conscientious worker, and is always looking to the best interests of the city. If he is appointed on any committee, he goes out and does his duty as a member of the committee, no matter what a sacrifice it may mean to him. He is entirely unselfish, and there is no limit upon the time that he will and does give to city affairs, when a request is made for his time. He is at all times paying attention to the condition of the walks of the city. He reports all defects. This is a good thing. Otherwise, there might be a defective walk, and someone injured on it, and the city would have to stand a big damage suit. He attends council meetings regularly, and is always ready to protect those persons who need protection and deserve it. He has a mind of his own, and is not controlled by anyone. To remove him from office, would be to remove the best councilman Dallas ever had. An examination of the proceedings of the council would confirm this statement. There is no man in this town who has done as much for this city. He comes now to the voters of this city, and asks for an additional honor—that of being president of the council—councilman at large, the next position in point of importance to the mayor. The people should support him liberally.

On the other hand, there is Mr. Sibley. Mr. Sibley is one of the best men in this town, but as compared to Mr. Ayres for councilman at large, there is no comparison to be made. Mr. Ayres is a man who gets out over the city and does things; Mr. Sibley will do things if he can stay in his office and do them. We know what Mr. Ayres is, and he is good enough for any city. Therefore, we should elect him.

In fact, the whole Progressive ticket is composed of men who take an active interest in city affairs, and who are willing to sacrifice their own business for the welfare of the city. What better men in this town could be selected for councilmen than F. J. Coad, H. G. Campbell and Tracy Staats? Mr. Coad is a willing worker; is a heavy taxpayer; and he has made an enviable record as councilman. He served faithfully in any position he was placed in. Report has it that due to Mr. Coad's manipulation, the installation of the city rock crusher last summer (that is, the purchase of engine and boiler, etc.) cost the city the sum of \$1300. Upon examining this matter, it is found that \$1300 represented the purchase of the engine, boiler, and all other work done by the city on its rock crusher, and at its quarry during the whole of last year. The purchase of the engine and boiler, etc., did not cost half of the \$1300. This report is false. Mr. Campbell is one of our foremost citizens, a heavy taxpayer and a man with life and vim. Mr. Staats, our present county treasurer, is a good man, wherever you may place him. What better men could we get than the men who compose the Progressive ticket? I say none. I hope that each and every one of them will be elected by overwhelming majorities. People interested deeply and at heart in the welfare of this city will support them. Thanking you for the use of your paper, I am,

Respectfully,

A CITIZEN.

Will Open at 25 Cents.

An optimistic view of the fare of the hop market is taken by Conrad Krebs, who has the largest hop yard in the state. "I have been offered 17 cents for my crop with the hops not out of the ground yet," he said yesterday, "but I would not take 20 cents, as the market will certainly open at 24 to 25 cents in the fall. Any grower can see that if the speculators are willing to pay 17 cents now, advance money and take all the risks, they must certainly expect to realize better than 20 cents."

Here is a chance to get your garden hose at a bargain, and you will soon be in need of it

18c Hose at 14c

15c Hose at 12c

12c Hose at 9c

11c Hose at 8c

10c Hose at 7c

I bought it at a bargain and will give you the benefit.

WESLEY VAUGHN

The Mill Street Plumber.

Notice to Water Consumers.

For the accommodation of patrons who find it inconvenient to call at the company's office, we have made arrangements to leave a copy of the daybook at the store on the 6th to the 20th of each month, where water bills can be paid and receipts will be issued for all payments.

DALLAS WATER COMPANY.

Don Marche, the Name.

Mr. P. S. Greenwood was the lucky individual to secure the \$250 prize and to supply a desirable name for Mr. Flannery's confederate.

The name chosen, from the hundreds suggested, was Don Marche, meaning in French a good bargain, which aptly describes any or all of the purchases you might make at that popular place of new things to eat, drink, smoke or chew.

Maybe Another Erick.

We have to go another information that wooden buildings now on the corner of Mill and Jefferson have been ordered vacated. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grider will come up from California about the last of April, and the report is that a two story brick will probably go up from the Sterling Furniture Company's building on to the corner.

Dallas Boy Loses Wife.

Mrs. Albert G. Magers, the wife of A. G. Magers of the Standard Liquor company, died last evening at 8:30 at the family home at 1130 Oak street, from typhoid fever. Mrs. Magers was well known in this city and leaves a large circle of friends. She is survived by her husband, A. G. Magers, and two little daughters, aged 3 and 2 years, also two brothers in this city and her father and one brother in Chicago. Her maiden name was Fannie Augusta Farnell. She was born in Massachusetts.—Statesman.

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CLUB ORGANIZED.

Enthusiastic Meeting for Commercial Club and Full Organization.

What promises to be one of the greatest things in the history of Dallas, and which will undoubtedly mark a new era in the progress of this community, was the organization Monday evening of the Dallas Commercial club. Eighty of the leading citizens of Dallas met at the court house at the call of Walter L. Toose, Jr., former secretary of the Dallas Merchants' Protective association, for the purpose of organizing a live booster club. Mr. Toose called the meeting to order, explained in a few words the object of the meeting, and the business of the evening was taken up. This being the election of a temporary chairman and secretary, A. B. Muir was elected president; U. S. Loughery, vice-president; W. L. Toose, 2nd vice-president; W. L. Toose, secretary; Eugene Hayter, treasurer; and a board of seven managers as follows:—J. C. Hayter, W. V. Fuller, A. W. Winters, E. E. Williams, H. G. Campbell, J. L. White, and L. D. Brown.

A committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws was appointed with instructions to report at the next meeting of the club.

Mr. Toose introduced a resolution condemning the referendum of the appropriations for the state schools, which was adopted unanimously.

He also introduced a resolution favoring the Army appropriation, which resolution was also adopted unanimously.

The army resolution is printed in full in this issue of the Itemizer. The club also passed another resolution relating to the army question, recommending to the county court that the county court make the army appropriation as desired, to wit: \$3750.

The first meeting of the club, not much else was taken up. Some general discussion as to the necessity of such an organization in Dallas, and the benefits to be derived therefrom, was engaged in. R. E. Williams, D. M. Metzger, U. S. Loughery, Ed. Jacobson, W. L. Toose, C. C. Hayter, W. L. Toose, and others making some pertinent remarks along this line.

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For this small pittance, no one can afford to stay out of the club. The more members, the more good the club can do; the bigger factor it will be in things looking to the upbuilding and development of Polk county and Dallas. All persons desiring to join at so low a rate, and the benefits to be derived therefrom, were engaged in. R. E. Williams, D. M. Metzger, U. S. Loughery, Ed. Jacobson, W. L. Toose, C. C. Hayter, W. L. Toose, and others making some pertinent remarks along this line.

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