

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

C. H. McCulloch and J. B. Stoddard Candidates for Mayor.

For several days previous to 12 o'clock last Friday night, the last moment at which nominations for city officers could be filed with the recorder, much interest was manifested by the public—apparently a species of idle curiosity. The mayor, city treasurer and four councilmen are to be elected Tuesday.

In the matter of councilmen, it was a question as to who could be induced to run, to offer themselves as sacrifices on the altar of civic welfare. Scarcely a name was mentioned for treasurer. About a dozen were spoken of as probable candidates for mayor. Several weeks since it was known that Attorney C. H. McCulloch would be in the race—for he had so stated himself. A persistent effort was made to induce D. L. Killen to permit the use of his name; but his own good judgment and the insistent protest of his close business associates decided him to decline the nomination, which is to be regretted, so far as the interests of the municipality are concerned. All day Friday it was thought that W. D. B. Dodson would be entered, as it is known that he had given his consent, at the sincere solicitation of friends. Just why it was decided at the last moment not to run him is not known. John Sullivan was considered by some to be a possibility, but he failed to score.

Of course, J. B. Stoddard mentioned his own name quite frequently. Several times it was thought that he had been choked off, clubbed away, driven into temporary retirement. But such was not to be the case. Friday one of his men started out and by hard work succeeded in getting enough names to the petition to "make good". The contest will be between him and C. H. McCulloch.

For treasurer R. H. Miller and W. E. Davidson were nominated by their respective friends. Since then the latter has withdrawn, leaving a clear field to Mr. Miller, whose qualifications to acceptably fill the position none question.

Candidates for the council are: First ward, John P. Baird and C. H. Chance; Second, J. P. Holland and T. H. Dunphy; Third, D. P. Bradley; Fourth, C. K. DeNeffe, which insures a good board of aldermen.

Both of THE MINER's occasionally esteemed contemporaries are advocating the election of J. B. Stoddard; attempting to make it appear that his candidacy is the result of an urgent demand from the business men of the community, and vociferously insisting that there be no "mud slinging" in this campaign.

The reader has doubtless seen a man attempt to keep a hungry hog away from a trough of feed. He would kick the animal in the ribs, smash him over the head with the bucket, knock him down with a brick-bat; all to no purpose. That hog had no sense whatever; his stomach was his only guide and he would charge for the trough the twentieth time, had he known that death would be the fatal price. That is the way Stoddard was "induced," "persuaded" by the business men to run for mayor. Leading business men refused to sign his petition—this THE MINER knows—figuratively speaking, kicked him in the ribs, smashed him over the head, threw rocks at him—all to no avail.

Regarding the "mud slinging" proposition, that is merely an appeal to every

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But THE MINER long ago promised itself not to take any part in this election and must keep this promise, solemnly made to itself. Then, too, if it should tell the whole truth about these matters, Stoddard might scare it half to death by again threatening to bring a libel suit.

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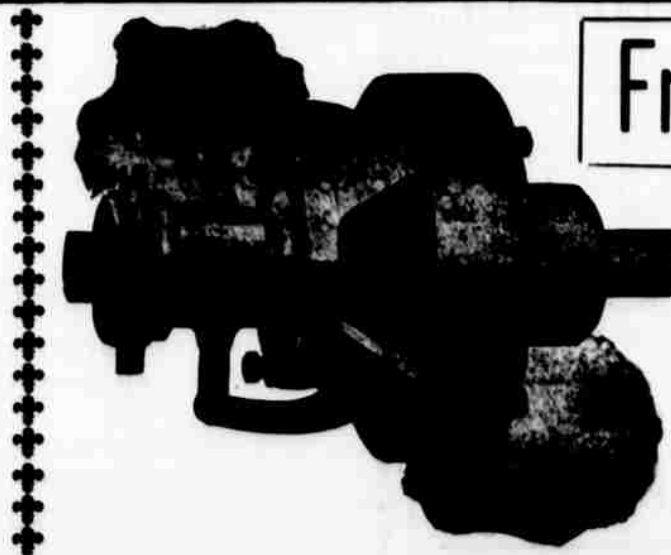
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