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COUNTY TICKET

For Joint Senator
JOHN W. TYNDALL
For Representative
JOHN W. VIZARD
For Prosecutor
JOHN C. MORAN
For Auditor
C. D. LEWTON
For Sheriff
ALBERT A. BUTLER
For Surveyor
L. L. BAUMGARTNER
For Coroner
JOHN S. FALK
For Commissioner First District
DAVID WERLING
For Commissioner Third District
MARTIN LAUGHLIN

CITY TICKET

For Mayor
DAVID D. COFFEE
For City Clerk
JACK McFEELEY
For Treasurer
W. J. ARCHBOLD
For Marshal
ED GREEN
For Councilmen—First Ward
AL BUEHLER
ALEX LEBRUN
For Councilmen—Second Ward
H. S. PORTER
HENRY STETLER
For Councilmen—Third Ward
PETER GAFFER
PETER KIRSCH

THAT PRIMARY.

The nomination of George W. Cromer for the fourth time as the republican candidate for congress in this district, means simply that Congressman Cromer is in the saddle and knows how to stay there. He may not know how to stir the hearts of the country by a festoning and flowery oratory in the halls of congress, but he is a pastmaster in the art of stirring the party machinery into action when his political fortune and future is at stake. This was never better illustrated than in this contest. Not alone in Adams but in Wells, in Jay, in Delaware, in Madison, and in Randolph, all those in high position in the councils of the party and who enjoy lucrative office at the hands of the republican party used the prestige of their office and their own personal influence in behalf of Mr. Cromer. This support was not given in a milk and water way, but was given as though the triumph was a personal one to them. We do not mean that all the support given the eighth district representative emanated from this source, but we do mean that he had all this support and added to it was the willing workers from every precinct in the district. With such a solid phalanx the opposition had but little show. In fact it was a gallant fight they made with no official patronage, no rural routes to hand out, no postmasters to dance to their music, no organization of any nature whatever. Nothing save and except the indomitable spirit that George W. Cromer must bite the dust of defeat. They worked early and late and devoted their best energies, and the vote accorded Mr. Dunlap is a testimonial of personal sacrifices from that part of the republican party who labored zealously without hope or thought of party reward. It was a gallant race. Think of making an organization and a canvas before 25,000 voters in five weeks, and you have a fair calculation of what was consummated in that short time in behalf of the candidacy of Mr. Dunlap. It is an evident fact that as long as Mr. Cromer's ambitions lie along the line of serving the eighth congressional district in congress, just that long will party discord be rife, and he be compelled to override opposition within the ranks of his own party. But while that is true, he

will always have at his command a machine backed by a hard working force to aid in conferring office and honor upon him.

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The congressional nomination is chuck full of harmony, but the brand is slightly off color.

The republican congressional convention for the twelfth district, is slated for Fort Wayne March 23.

The Adams county majority for Cromer of 200 grew some Tuesday and came out of the box nearly twice that size. It is a slippery job to skin an eel.

Preble township boasts of twenty four republican votes while thirty were cast at the congressional primary, every one for Cromer. This is a progressive age.

The democrats of St. Marys township will meet in mass convention at the school house at Bobo, on Thursday, March 17, for the purpose of nomination a township trustee and township assessor for St. Marys township.

Machen, poor fellow, is to get two whole years for his wholesale fraud in the postal department of our national government. Should all the rascals be convicted, the government will be to the expense of several additions to the now crowded prisons.

The amount and character of crow that will be devoured this fall is enough to make many members of the g. o. p. sick at heart. It is thought, however that the only prohibitionist of the first ward can stand the dose without the necessity of a taster to ward off ill effects.

Oily Doc. Sharpe will have to be reckoned with after all, when it comes to handling the ship of state of that grand old party in Wells county. Doc. was skinned alive several times, but on election day his fine Italian hand made it possible for a real nice juicy majority for Cromer.

Texas' are starting a boom for Senator Bailey for president, and but for his location he would receive hearty endorsement from the party. He is one of the cleanest and most brilliant men of the party and would add luster to the country and his party as the chief executive of the nation.

The organization of the democrats for the city election in May has already begun, and from the tone of voice now displayed there will be nothing short of an effective and complete organization. That is the kind of work that counts and it is the kind that will elect every democrat on the ticket. Everybody get busy.

The Hon. John W. Tyndall, of Decatur, was nominated for joint senator yesterday by the democrats of Adams and Allen counties, at a convention held in the assembly room of the court house at Fort Wayne. The nomination was unanimous, and the popular Decatur leader was made the standard bearer of the joint district amid a perfect whirlwind of enthusiasm. The convention was the largest of its kind ever held, and the sturdy, loyal democrats of the two glorious old democratic counties did themselves proud in attendance, in fervor, and in the happy consummation of the work before them.—Huntington News-Democrat.

In the event of there nomination of Congressman Cromer, will the Muncie morning Republican sheet and the Anderson Herald join the Democrats of the district and help elect a Democrat to the place so inefficiently filled by the present occupant? If these two newspapers were honest in their opposition to Mr. Cromer, they certainly can not support him in the event of his nomination and retain whatever self respect the respective editors may possess. There is no doubt about the Democrats nominating a capable and clean man, one who will be worth the respect and confidence of ever man in the district regardless of politics. Unless the two papers were hirelings in the Cromer-Dunlap fight, they will be in honor bound to support the Democratic candidates otherwise they will be forced to do one of the most humiliating jobs of crawling and wined many a day.—Muncie Herald.

AFTER THE BALL.

The Adams county speakers of the day were the nominee, Judge Erwin, Clark J. Lutz, Mayor Coffee and A. P. Beatty all of whom covered themselves with sweet scented glory. Their remarks were well received and cheered to the echo.

Appreciative words were those expressed by W. H. Reed a former townsman here, but now one of the leading and promising lawyers of the Allen county bar. He spoke from the ritual of personal knowledge, and proclaimed his sentiments in a forceful way.

The convention hall was packed like sardines in a box, and another could not have squeezed in, had the case been one of life or death. It was the beginning of a new era in Indiana democratic politics, and from now on it will stand in hand the guardians of the g. o. p., to watch our smoke.

Senator Lew V. Ullery presided and he wielded the gavel like the senator and democratic soldier that he is. He is the present Allen county senator, whose record is clean and wholesome and whose political career throughout is as an open book. Senator Ullery's star is in the ascendancy and some day we hope to hear of him enjoying distinction and honor with an official handle to his now unassuming name.

The nominating speech of Judge Richard K. Erwin was molded after the same old pattern of eloquence that has made him a favorite upon the platform for many years. He upheld the starry banner of Adams county and delighted the audience by the many sparkling gems of oratorical eloquence. The Judge is a prime favorite in Fort Wayne where he has appeared many times as a public speaker.

Senator Tyndall accepts the honors of his party with that modesty that is characteristic of the man. It will be this same good judgment and practical knowledge of men and affairs that will make him a valued member of that law making body, the senate of the Indiana general assembly. He is cool, collected, level headed under fire and in all, the kind of a man to entrust the safety and preservation of our law making government.

The Fort Wayne newspapers so completely covered the ground that there is little left for us to say. But as a matter of cold facts with out any supplement of hot air, we must confess that the newspaper service in Fort Wayne is unexcelled. The papers are clean, strike straight from the shoulder, and are a credit to the progress and stability of a city of 50,000, with business interests of stupendous and incalculable value. They are all prospering as they deserve and are wearing diamonds all out the proper size.

Along with the three thousand and five hundred other Adams county democrats we doff our hat to the untirred of Allen county for the kindly consideration given this county, her courtly treatment accorded our people, and last but not least her recognition of the justice in the claims of Adams county. Our cup of joy is filled to overflowing and we predict that some day in the dim future the bonded debt will be paid with interest at the customary rate, and that the democrats of Allen county will rejoice that good politics guided them aright on the eventful day of February 25, 1904.

Senator Steven B. Fleming's melodious voice sounded sweet and alluring as he praised the merits of the nominee, and moved that the bars—political bars—be closed up tight, and that the nomination of Mr. Tyndall be made by acclamation. It was in conformity to the fulfillment of his promise—and Steven Fleming's political promise is always worth one hundred cents on the dollar. Mr. Fleming is a great fellow and his many qualities for bonifide admiration, are too numerous for personal mention. May his star shine as bright as the noon-day sun, and may he continue winning laurels in the business and political world that are so justly due him.

AS A SERMONIZER.

Judge Erwin has only reached the stage of delivering sermons in democratic conventions, but the effort was so good that we still have hope. We reproduce his nominating speech at the Fort Wayne senatorial convention:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention—On last Saturday I made a solemn promise that I would be here today with a sermon prepared for the occasion.

"I shall not announce my text for the present, for not having named it in advance I am not bound to stick to it strictly throughout the discourse.

"As I arise unannounced and without any introduction it is but proper that I shall make due explanation of where I come from, and as to whom I am I will allow you to find out from some other source. I come from territory joining you on the south, the fairest land the sun ever shone on; the place where the birds sing the sweetest, the flowers bloom the loveliest and the sun shines the brightest—when it does shine—of any place on earth; where the women are the fairest and the men the truest of any place on God's footstool. I come from a place bounded on the east by the state of Ohio, on the south by Jay county, on the west by Wells county and on the north by the next best place to ours of any that I know. We are bounded above by the strong vaults of heaven and below by—well you will concede that we are admirably situated for the production of democrats. We who are the natural products of the soil take great pride in her name.

"Carved out of a territory that was formerly a part of your own, we in coming to you is like coming back home, and like all dutiful sons, we come with the full assurance that we shall, at least, be accorded a kindly reception.

"Next to the pride we take in our own county, we feel a thrill of pleasure in your county and glory in the friendship of your citizens. Bound together by ties of blood and common interest with us, we cannot help but feel that, being in the same senatorial district, we compose the grandest district in the grandest commonwealth in the grandest

country on the globe. It is no ordinary honor to a citizen of our beloved counties to represent such a district in the legislative halls of our great state—halls in which have sat your Barrett, your Hayden, your Ullery, your Bell, your Oppenheim, your Hensch, your Bird, your Morgan, your Dalman, your Gladieux, your Shambaugh and lastly, but not least of any of these, our Fleming, and a score of others whom I might name who have added lustre to the galaxy of statesmen I have mentioned and with whom I have the honor of a personal acquaintance. Knowing you as I do and knowing me as you do, having in mind that here in your county first began my public, if not private life—for here I taught my first school; the records of your justice courts contain the proceedings of the first case I ever conducted as a lawyer, and in which I earned my first fee. In your county I was married and if I was not a citizen of Adams county I would be of this county.

"With all the tender recollections of the past and its many associations, I would not, for the world—I could not—present to you a man for the high honor for the exalted position of joint senator for the counties of Allen and Adams whom I did not know would reflect honor on the two great civil divisions of our state.

"Four years ago I called attention to the great love and affection we had borne you in the past and our fathers before us, and the proudest distinction that we both have today is that neither of us has cause to regret having cast our votes for the men who have occupied exalted positions in the counsels of the party on the bench and in the legislative halls of our state and nation by virtue of our suffrages."

"Recognizing that we are entitled to a man who will reflect credit upon our two counties, and at the same time upon the dignity of the place so long filled by the illustrious citizens and officers I have named, I take pleasure in presenting the name of our beloved and honored citizen, the Hon. John W. Tyndall, for this position. I feel that I am presenting for your consideration one in whom you will feel the same

pride as we feel when you come to know him?

"We have a taxable valuation of \$18,000,000, a county 363 square miles, every foot of which is tillable and a homeogenous population of 25,000 people as true and loyal as ever stood under the starry banner of the free; a county in which we have the greatest democratic majority, according to population of any county in the state; a county where a republican has never held a county office, and where, at the present time, out of twelve townships we have twelve democratic township trustees, and where everybody—men, woman and children including Indians not taxed—is for John W. Tyndall for senator.

"In this convention we recognize our helplessness to secure this position without your assistance and, recognizing your fairness and the justness of our cause, we appeal to your magnanimity, with confidence that you will not hesitate to name our illustrious citizen as the standard bearer for this district.

"In the name of the people I have the honor to represent—in the name of the more than 1,600 majority we gave your distinguished citizen, Stephen B. Fleming, four years ago—in the name of more than 3,500 democrats, whose friendship we bear to each other and that 'Friendship may with stronger chains

Unite our hearts, already bound, for good or ill, Will bind again."

"In the name of all these, I nominate the Hon. J. W. Tyndall for senator.

"My text is John W. Tyndall of Adams county. Give him this nomination and make glad the hearts of 3,500 loyal democrats. Do this and may all the blessings of a long and peaceful life be yours. And when you stand upon the scaffold of your earthly triumphs and defeats, and the great Executioner stand ready to end your earthly existence, and the crimson glory and the clouds that hovered over you in your day of strife, shall sink behind the western hills to rise no more, may that last sleep come to you as peaceful as a mother's caress, and the smiling faces wreathed in glory, bid you to a land that knows no storms, no shade, no night."

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