

FALL CAMPAIGN IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP FORCE

Political Speakers Probably Will Start Mud Slinging in Earnest.

RUCKER STARTS ATTACK

Pasts of Both Parties to Be Dragged Out in Open.

Lady-like pats on the wrist are to yield to punches to the jaw in the municipal campaign, many politicians predicted to-day.

With the election of a mayor, city clerk and councilmen only a few weeks away, the political speakers are preparing the mud and abuse to convince the Indianapolis citizens the other candidate is a malefactor and their own choice is to be the city's savior.

Until the past week the Democrats had a monopoly on aggressive tactics. Walter Myers, Democratic mayoralty nominee, for weeks had been shooting at the record of the Shank administration and defying John L. Duvall, Republican nominee, to state his connection with George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, and William H. Armitage, leader of the Shank political ring.

Rucker Starts Attack

Then Alvah J. Rucker, head of the Republican speakers bureau, sounded the keynote for attack along the entire G. O. P. front.

Rucker himself led the assault and its target was the fact that Walter Myers served as city attorney under the Bell administration. Rucker was prosecuting attorney in the trial in which Mayor Joseph E. Bell was acquitted in Marion County Criminal Court on a charge of conspiracy to violate the election laws.

Rucker charged the same men he contended intimidated the voters in the days of Bell are supporting Myers.

"That's ancient history," Myers replies. "We're talking about the issues of 1925. Besides, Rucker failed to substantiate his charges. He's using that stuff as a decoy to draw fire away from his candidate."

Indications are the Myers and the Democratic orators will proceed with denunciation of the alleged Coffin-Armitage-Duvall combination, with some heavy volleys of charges concerning the power of Armitage in the present administration.

To Demand Publicity

Myers intends to demand publicity the reason why city council, composed overwhelmingly of Republican members, failed to proceed with the investigation of the board of works and its alleged transactions with Armitage, denounced in fiery speeches by councilmen.

The Democrats contend there were irregularities in the nomination of Duvall over his opponent, Ralph A. Lemcke, and assert they are taking steps to prevent their recurrence in the mayoralty election.

Both candidates, as is the usual custom in any campaign, have pledged themselves to a program of economy and lower taxes. Both are Octoberly eager to take the police and fire departments out of politics.

Watch Governor

The municipal politicians also are watching with considerable interest the way Governor Jackson jumps on the question of appointment to serve the unexpired term of the late Senator, Samuel M. Ralston.

The support of a powerful newspaper and of an influential organization for Duvall are said to be involved in the matter. There are many rumors of trades and deals on the senatorial question affecting in their ramifications the municipal race.

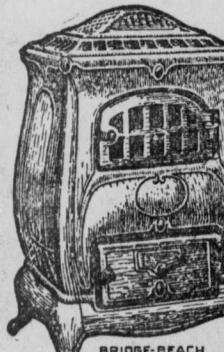
Aside from generalities, neither candidate has promised any specific program, if elected mayor. The fast and furious controversy is over the deep, dark past of the Republican and Democratic parties.

"It's a cinch; my only fear is overconfidence," says Coffin. "We'll win in a walk," says William E. Clauer, Democratic chairman.

VISITOR IS KILLED

By United Press
ELKHART, Ind., Oct. 16.—Body of Silas Pontius was to be taken back to Blachly, Ore., today for burial. Pontius was killed here Thursday, when struck by an auto. He was visiting relatives here.

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