

POLITICAL GOSSIP OF THE DAY

MANY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES COMING FORWARD.

Primaries Tomorrow Night and Convention Saturday—Jedediah Skeen Will Run on Independent Ticket.

(By E. T. Spencer.)

With the Republican county convention within less than a week and the primaries tomorrow night, the political pot is beginning to boil. The many candidates that have kept in the background are beginning to come out and the Republican county convention, which has heretofore been looked upon as going to be a quiet one, will be most lively. With only one or two exceptions there are two or more candidates for each office. The greatest interest centers in the two houses of the legislature, county commissioners and county attorney, for which there are many candidates.

In speaking of the attorneyship it may be well to mention the independent candidacy of J. D. Skeen, who is seeking to secure a petition signed by 100 voters, so that he can have his name placed on the ticket. This young reformer, it is alleged, has stated that he did not care to be named on any of the regular tickets because he would not be able to carry on his prosecutions owing to being tied down by political promises, for it would be necessary to make the promises to be elected. Owing to the fact that Mr. Skeen prosecuted a few councilmen because they openly voted themselves \$65 per year for extra services, and secured the removal of one member of the council, fancy has turned the young fellow's head, until now, in his own estimation, he is a second Jerome or Parkhurst of the country, and particularly in this state. Although his reform methods may be looked upon with satisfaction by some, yet it is apparent to all the public spirited citizens that it was by the failure of the particular councilmen to support him in the fight for the city attorneyship about two years ago. He has overlooked the fact that an official in one of the state institutions has received large sums every month for professional services and another city official has been allowed extra large sums for "clerk hire and incidentals." In conclusion it may be well to state that should Mr. Skeen succeed in getting the names of the necessary 100 it would be doubtful if he could even secure their votes. Everybody knows that a selected few and Jedediah Skeen have attempted to run the Republican party in Weber county, and because they were turned down they now purpose to destroy it. The only way for Jedediah to be convinced and let the people know that it was spite work is for him to run for office.

The Candidates.

For state senator three candidates have been mentioned, among them being President L. W. Shurtliff, who is reported to have declined to enter the race; County Attorney E. T. Hulaniski has been mentioned by his many friends in the city and county. F. J. Hendershot is another prospective candidate for the upper house of the legislature, and has many friends making a canvass for the office.

For the lower house of the legislature many candidates have come from the sheltering wing of their precincts and are scouring the county for delegates. George S. Dean of North Ogden and Archibald McFarland of West Weber are two of the first candidates to be announced. John K. Splers and Joseph Ririe, who is also mentioned as candidate for county commissioner, are being pressed forward by the live stock and sheep interests of the county as well as the large agricultural districts. E. B. Fuller of Eden has been brought forward by a morning contemporary. Rudolph Kuchler has also been men-

tioned several times by prominent Republicans for the lower house.

For county commissioner, Billy Wilson and Oscar Madson, the present incumbents, are out for renomination. Mr. Wilson has held the office for a number of years and has made a most efficient officer, but then he is a public official and has his enemies. Mr. Madson has given entire satisfaction during the past two years of his administration. The Hon. David McKay of Huntsville is being mentioned for the office of commissioner. Bishop McKay in his public life and as a representative in the state senate has made a magnificent record. The interests of the county would be in good hands with him. John Fife of Riverdale, Frank Moore of Randall, Fred Foy of Slaterville, Nephi Hardy of Roy, Hy Stallings of Eden, Jesse Fowers of Hooper, Phil Orth and W. G. Smith of Huntsville have been mentioned for commissioner. Each of the above named gentlemen are representatives of the people and would be acceptable candidates.

For county clerk, David Mattson, the present clerk, seems to have little opposition, but nevertheless Dave is making a fight for the renomination upon his past record. Samuel G. Dye of Riverdale, the clerk of the county board of education, is being mentioned by his friends and urged to enter the race for the county clerkship.

Joseph B. Wallace for county recorder and Alma D. Chambers for treasurer will probably be renominated by acclamation. The latter has made an efficient officer and has the full confidence of all the people of the county regardless of political belief. Mr. Wallace, a deputy under Dan Ellis, and who succeeded that gentleman, has proved himself a capable officer.

For the treasurership, Thomas B. Farr has been mentioned by some of his followers. Mr. Farr is connected with the Pingree National bank in a position of trust he has held for some time, and bears a fine record.

The people of the county seem to think that George Alva Sebring is capable of protecting the interests of the county from the criminal element for two more years. So confident are the people that no other candidate has come forward. Mr. Sebring has made a splendid record for the county in the office for which he now seeks renomination.

Two candidates are mentioned in connection with the office of county assessor. They are Edwin Dix, the present assessor, and E. T. Wooley of the Fourth ward. Both gentlemen have a great following in the county and the contest promises to be interesting.

In the fight for county attorneyship there are three candidates. They are James H. Devine, Nathan J. Harris and R. S. Farnsworth. Mr. Harris was the first to enter the race. Mr. Devine, a promising young attorney, is handicapped by the fact that he has not been in the city more than two years, but then his friends urge his nomination anyhow. Mr. Farnsworth has made a quiet record before the bar in the city and state, and has a large following throughout the county. All three of the candidates are capable men.

H. J. Craven, for county attorney, and H. B. Steele, for constable of Ogden City, have so far found no opposition and their nominations will probably be unanimous.

The primaries for the county convention, which meets at the court house next Saturday morning, will be held tomorrow night. The First ward will meet at the city hall, the Second ward at the Third ward amusement hall, the Third ward at Mound Fort amusement hall, the Fourth ward at the court house and the Fifth ward at the Fifth ward amusement hall.