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The race for governor in Illinois goes merrily on and no one knows the result. The candidates all pretend they do. Have you made a guess yet?

Attorney General Stead has about finished two terms in his office in Springfield and about four years from now will probably be finishing another, all on account of his ability.

State Auditor McCullough is a candidate for renomination and will get it. He is the only veteran of the Civil War in the political race, is a fine man, and will add strength to the ticket.

Don't overlook the fact that Col. Frank L. Smith is a candidate for the office of state central committeeman. He has accomplished a great deal for this district and every republican should support him.

Lieutenant-Governor John D. Oglesby is not saying much, and his race is being overshadowed by candidates higher up and lower down, but undoubtedly John is sawing wood. He has a peculiarity of getting there.

Senator Shelby M. Cullom is viewing the fight from afar, but his political eyes see sure victory. He is in Washington attending strictly to business and says he has not the time to spend in making a personal canvass, and hasn't the money to afford to travel in special trains.

Hon. Chester W. Church is making a splendid canvass for secretary of state, with good prospects of winning. Mr. Church was a member of the legislature for several years, an able lawyer and would make a splendid official. Attention is called to his advertisement in this paper.

Some comment is made because President Taft's vote was so light in

North Dakota. Well, the president's friends knew that they could not carry that state, and it looks at a distance as if they played the game and defeated Teddy in his supposed stronghold. This political game is a funny one.

Congressman John A. Sterling, of Bloomington, who has so ably represented this congressional district for eight years, is a candidate for renomination. There is no doubt of his renomination, but the people should give him a larger majority than ever as a compliment to the man and his splendid ability.

Mr. Tiffany, of Freeport, was the last candidate to enter the race for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor. Mr. Tiffany is an able lawyer and a man peculiarly fitted for the office which he seeks. He has a good many influential friends behind him and will undoubtedly make a good race.

Col. Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, has been chosen President Taft's campaign manager in Illinois. Col. Smith has secured a six months release without pay from his duties as internal revenue collector. The selection of Col. Smith to this important position is a high compliment to his popularity and ability.—Cabery Enquirer.

The democrats in congress are fast throwing away any chance they might have had to carry the national election this year. They are spending their time passing bluff bills for political effect until the conservative element in their own party is disgusted. There are many democrats who were anxious to get in the race for office this year who are glad they are not in it. They see the "hand-writing on the wall," as it were.

"We say that Theodore Roosevelt in this role of a third term candidate is the most pathetic figure which American politics has offered in many a day—pathetic because it reveals a man with elements of real greatness, and with his fame secure, fallen victim to that megalomania, and the vaunting ambition that grows out of it, which has destroyed so many children of fortune."—Milwaukee Free Press.

Hon. James B. Lyon, of Pontiac, is a candidate for renomination for member of the state board of equalization, and is deserving of the solid republican support of Livingston county at the primaries. As a banker and business man he is peculiarly fitted for this important place and has

made a fine record. One of the oldest members recently informed us that Mr. Lyon was one of the most valuable members of the board.

This congressional district should be proud of the services of such an able, progressive representative as Congressman John A. Sterling. His ability and usefulness has brought this district into prominence in Washington, and at this time he is the ranking republican member of the judicial committee of the house, and will undoubtedly be the chairman next year. Mr. Sterling has always had a kindly political feeling for Livingston county and it is hoped that he will receive practically the solid republican vote here.

Lou Emmerson, of Mount Vernon, a brother of Morris Emmerson, the able editor of the Lincoln Daily Herald, a strong republican paper in this district, is making a telling race for state treasurer. The Emmerson brothers are dyed-in-the-wool republicans, and have always been found in the front rank of the workers and have never asked for office. Now is a splendid chance to reward one of the brothers for his loyalty. His name appears second on the ticket, and he is a splendid, good fellow and would appreciate your support.

The question of alleged presidential preference primaries as relates to the office of President cannot be held in Illinois with any kind of protection as it does not come under the law. The presidential primary in North Dakota was under the law but it lacked the registry system of voters and now the Roosevelt people claim the democrats carried the state for LaFollette. If they could do that under a law, what sense is there in trying to hold a primary without a law. The way Lincoln and every republican president since then has been nominated is good enough now.

There has never been a campaign in the history of the nation where changes politically have taken place so rapidly as the present one. Thousands and thousands of voters in the republican party who were for Mr. Roosevelt thirty days ago are for Mr. Taft now. The ex-president's recall schemes, the third term idea, and Mr. Roosevelt's promise not to run for a third term, the justice of giving President Taft a second term, the results of the primary in North Dakota where Roosevelt was supposed to be the strongest, and in his home state, New York, and his declaration in his announcement that he was simply a receptive candidate and would not

under any circumstances enter into a fight for the nomination, and many other reasons have turned the people to Mr. Taft, and at the present time it is as certain as anything can be in politics that he will be renominated and re-elected.

Col. Frank L. Smith is doing splendid work for the renomination of and reelection of President Taft. He is the director of all the political movements in the President's behalf in Illinois. When he took charge three weeks ago there was a strong sentiment for Mr. Roosevelt, but today there is no doubt but what Mr. Taft will have the Illinois delegation almost if not quite solid in the national convention. The republican voters in Livingston county and this district know Mr. Smith to be a splendid, loyal republican, and they should stand by him in this important fight and we believe they will.

Indications are that J. G. Whitson, the present Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Livingston County, will be renominated and re-elected with practically no opposition. Mr. Whitson has made one of the best Circuit Clerks that ever occupied the office. Livingston county is one of the most important counties in the state and a great many instruments are recorded every year. Mr. Whitson deserves to be congratulated upon the manner in which he has handled this business. At no time has there been a delay of more than three or four days or a week, and then only in the busiest time, in getting all papers returned to parties sending them for record. In some of the counties it sometimes takes a month or two months to get them back. Mr. Whitson has handled a greatly increased business with practically no increased expenditures, and is deserving of the support of everybody in Livingston county, regardless of politics.

There is every indication that the one thing needed to give all the required strength to the movement to renominate President Taft was the announcement of Colonel Roosevelt that he would accept the nomination if tendered to him. From all quarters, and even from unexpected quarters, the most enthusiastic indorsements of the President are reaching both the White House and his headquarters. Mr. Taft's natural abhorrence of making himself the issue was proving the occasion of some anxiety to his lieutenants, but Mr. Roosevelt's statement has made up for all deficiencies in that regard, and through that sympathy for the man whom they think badly treated, which is so characteristic of the American

people, hundreds of voters have been fired with a determination to stand by Mr. Taft in face of the attacks upon him. Many of the messages received at the White House assert that the time has come when the President should receive "a square deal," and declare the determination of the senders to see that he gets it.

### DIVIDED OPPOSITION.

At two weeks' distance from the primary election, the great majority of Illinois republicans are undoubtedly as strong as ever in their opposition to a third term nomination for the present governor. Likewise they remain as far as ever from agreement—as weak as ever in the scattering of their forces, whose support is divided among no fewer than eight candidates.

Several of these candidates have lately gained indorsement or advantage that rightly would encourage their supporters—only that one gain balances another.

Yates has obtained the place he wanted on the ballot, and which, next to the first place, will be the easiest found when voters mark the ballots.

Hurburgh has received the indorsement of the state organization of Swedish-American republicans.

Some influential northeastern and southern Illinois newspapers are added to the list of the supporters of Small's candidacy.

The Quincy Whig comes out explicitly and strongly for Wayman, whom it believes to be the general preference of the republicans of Adams county.

With these and other balancing and equalizing gains in rival camps, the third term minority's chance of winning on the ninth of April is immensely better than it ought to be.

The direct primary, with one ballot determining, and a plurality, however small a fraction of the total vote, enough to nominate, is a great thing—from certain points of view.

### Third Number of Private Dancing Series Given Last Friday Evening.

The third number of the private dancing series was given last Friday evening, there being about forty couple present all of whom had a most enjoyable time during the evening.

Prof. Gualano's string orchestra, of Ottawa, including a harpist from Chicago, furnished music for the occasion, and as the beautiful strains echoed through the hall the pleasure of the light fantastic was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

At a late hour in the morning all departed for home with a feeling that can not be expressed and all anxiously awaiting for the next number.

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

- Brown.....
- Davis.....
- Deneen.....
- Hurburgh.....
- Jones.....
- Small.....
- Wayman.....

(Sign your name.)

Place the number in the square opposite each name as you think he will stand at the primary election April 9, and send to this office.

If you get them correct we will send this paper to you for one year.

Each one has one guess and the contest will close Saturday, April 6, 1912.

The above ballot must be used.

The names are arranged alphabetically, and all the squares must be marked, from 1 to 7.

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