

The Planet

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

THE MUNICIPAL ARENA.

The thoughtful ratepayer and civic patriot who studied over the list of municipal nominations in his Planet last evening may, perhaps, have been somewhat disappointed. While a number of excellent names have been submitted, the impression seems to prevail, quite generally, that, taking the entire nomination list into consideration, it is weaker than was hoped for.

If there is any force to the general plaint—and The Planet trusts that the anxiety is over-estimated—the remedy rests with the ratepayers themselves. That there is excellent council material in the long list of aldermanic nominees, no one will deny. It will be the duty of the ladies and gentlemen who will visit the ballot booths next Monday to use their best judgment, without fear or favor, in selecting those men who will devote their energies ably, diligently and honestly to the best public interests of our fine young city.

1903 is not going to be an uneventful year. It promises to be one of the most important of years. Questions of the greatest moment to the city must be decided during the next twelve months and the interests of the public demand strong, resourceful and, above all, incorruptible and upright men for the city government.

Every ratepayer, doubtless, has been deluged, to a greater or lesser extent, with "platforms," more or less meagre and general, to which the canvassing candidate commits or pledges himself. These are, as a rule, strict economy, reduction of the rate, commercial expansion and industrial development.

Good! And yet some of us have heard the self-same platform enunciated before with equal indefiniteness—and have not noticed the rate decreasing alarmingly.

To be candid, The Planet is of the opinion that the subscription to even an excellent platform, or the election of a council pledged to it, will not usher in the millennium. After all, we think it will be found in the future, as in the past, that the great need of our city is men, rather than platforms. Not that platforms are not useful and even necessary; but the more useful and necessary the platform, the greater need there is for men to work upon it. Elect a council of nominees pledged to a platform of the most advantageous municipal development, and what would the result be? A disordered public service and a discredited policy.

The Planet finds no fault with "the platform." It has some strong features and is certainly in accord with modern ideas. We are merely uttering a word of warning against relying upon pledges rather than upon men. Pledges are as plentiful as politicians; but men to be relied upon are now—and have always been—very scarce. We suppose there never was a council elected in any part of the country that was not solemnly pledged to a policy of economy in the administration of public affairs. Measures are all right and very necessary, but it requires men to give effect to even the best of measures.

In commending, then, certain candidates to the favorable consideration of the electorate The Planet seeks to do so without personal preference or prejudice, without fear or favor, in sincerity, with the best interests of our city at heart; choosing not the man who promises the most, but the man whom public confidence testifies will perform the most, keeping always in mind that the great essential must be strict integrity and incorruptible honesty and uprightness.

Two candidates seek from the electors the high honor and the resultant responsibilities attending the office of Chief Magistrate.

What has been said concerning the choice of the Council as a whole applies with especial force to the selection of its head, the man who will preside over it—the pilot at the wheel of our civic ship of state. As between Mr. William E. McKeough and Mr. George W. Cowan we do not think the electorate will experience any difficulty in making the selection, keeping in view the best interests of the people at large and the high standard of efficiency and integrity set before us. Mr. McKeough meets the requirements. As a citizen he has always enjoyed and merited the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. As a public man with an extensive municipal experience he possesses a council record for energy, earnestness and efficiency and zeal for the public weal. He has combined economy with enterprise and, we feel assured, the municipal regime under his direction would be business-like, beneficial and highly satisfactory to the people of our city. Above all, Mr. McKeough is a man of the strictest integrity, against whom no shadow of suspicion has

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And while referring to the majority of The Planet takes the liberty of voicing public sentiment in congratulating Mr. McKeough upon the campaign he is conducting. Whether he prove successful or not, he has earned the admiration of the entire community by instituting a clean, manly, honest campaign; descending to no improper tactics, indulging in no personal abuse. His efforts have been devoted to dealing with civic issues—not to the injury of his opponent personally or in his business relations. Mr. McKeough's campaign is a credit to himself and a tribute to the intelligence of the people—a tribute they are not slow to recognize and appreciate.

In re-electing Dr. J. L. Bray and Mr. W. D. Sheldon to the Board of Water Commissioners by acclamation the electorate have testified to their recognition of the excellent manner in which these gentlemen have served them. Few civic departments have been conducted on a better business basis than has this and The Planet desires to unite in the general congratulatory congratulations being extended to Dr. Bray and Mr. Sheldon.

The battle for school trustees promises to be interesting. With the exception of Mr. McKeough all the present members who are going to the polls have opposition. There are not, so far as we are aware, any momentous issues at stake, ward interests being generally responsible for the contests. It will be an excellent thing for our educational interests, in The Planet's estimation, when our school trustees are elected by the vote of the city at large.



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It has been my aim throughout to work for the best interests of our splendid young city and devote my efforts conscientiously to the public welfare.

I regret in many ways that business reasons have prevented me again seeking the honor of your support, but desire to very gratefully acknowledge the many favors I have received at your hands during the past year.

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