

RE-OPEN THE NOMINATION.

Why not hold a second "Goo-Goo" primary and nominate Miss Beattie Smith for City Clerk instead of Mr. "Billson?" They both live on West Jones Street and were notified years ago to pave their sidewalks. Miss Smith, who is a poor lady, complied with the OFFICIAL (?) notice and had her sidewalk paved. Mr. "Billson," who has stood at the pie-counter for over six years, and who has never failed to draw his salary, CONTINUES to pay no attention to this long-standing order, while his neighbors continue to plod through his mud.

WHO PAYS THE FREIGHT.

This question has been answered thousand of times; in fact, everybody knows that "Jones pays the freight." But nobody has yet told the tax-payers who pays for the coal and lights as well as for the time and office rents while Mr. "Billson" has been doing the work of Assistant Grand Secretary for Mr. John C. Drewry. Besides, how can a public official find time with his great rush (?) of public work, that not only strains his mind and energies, but his (overgrown) voice also, to act as Assistant Grand Secretary. The tax-payers, even the laboring tax-payers, have a right to ask these questions.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Who is to blame about the looseness in this Bond business? The City Clerk is the proper official to record the will and doings of the Board of Aldermen. He is the medium of communication between the Board and other officials. Did he not know that Chief Mullins had not given his bond? When he turned over the tax books to the Tax Collector did he not know that said Tax Collector had not filed his bond according to law? Did not the City Clerk know that the Tax Collector was required to give bond before he commenced the collection of the taxes? It was his business to know it. He was either ignorant of the law, careless in the performance of his duties, or wholly incompetent to fill such an important office.

The Republican candidate, if elected, will not be guilty of any of these charges. Give the present good-natured Clerk a rest.

Bro. Rural: "What's all this talk 'round Raleigh 'bout Goo Goos?"

City Merchant (unfortunately for him, not an advertiser in these columns): "Why, its an athletic Association, I believe. They went around and invited a bunch of fellows to join; asked both Democrats and Republicans. But after they had exercised and felt "sorter" strong, Big Boss Jo-deceive-us saw a chance to get himself back into some political power, and he got up and hollowed for a **Strictly Democratic Primary**. And then all the Republicans were promptly given the boot. It was a shame, too, to boot them out, because the citizens of Raleigh had rather taken-on to the idea of a non-partizan municipal management and everybody was anxious to see Raleigh run in the interest of the tax-payers. But one thing is certain, Big Boss Jo-

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

To the Voters of Raleigh:

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by a rising vote at an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting held last night.

Whereas, under the administration of the Democratic party the valuation on city property has largely been increased and the tax rate increased 25 per cent and the poll tax correspondingly increased, while the city has been growing worse and crime, corruption and graft runs rampant; and—

Whereas, under false promise made by the Democratic good government crowd that taxes would not be increased if the barrooms and dispensary were voted out, and the public schools would be run full terms (promises well known and remembered by all our citizens, which they have utterly failed to keep); and—

Whereas, a large suburban territory was compelled, over the protest of its citizens and property owners, to come in and submit themselves to the exorbitant taxation under promise of fire, police and sanitary protection and privileges, which promises they have utterly failed to keep; We therefore hereby—

Resolve 1. That we pledge ourselves not to vote for any man or set of men representing the party which has placed these unequal and unnecessary burdens upon the people of this city, and, if entrusted to manage any part of the city's affairs, we pledge ourselves to reduce all salaries (not wages), where possible, to a reasonable amount, and to cut off graft and jobbery; to make and keep a clean city and government; to give to the people in the new territory, as far as possible, the same protection and benefits of water, lights and street and police protection with the older part of the city, and to distribute the patronage and employment in the city equally to all parties, having due regard for each locality as well as efficiency of service.

2. We are unalterably opposed to raising the tax valuation on small property owners and residential property, as is now the case, out of all proportion to the larger and more valuable business property, and we favor reducing the city tax rate to a minimum.

3. We are opposed to the sale of the City Market House and grounds and the issuing of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in bonds, without first submitting the question of a bond issue to the approval of a majority of the qualified voters of the city, and believe it is a scheme against the best interests of the many tax-payers of the city.

4. We pledge ourselves to give to the city a **CLEAN, ECONOMICAL, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**—a square deal to all its citizens in every part of the city and special privileges to none.

OUR WATCHWORD:—HONESTY, RETRENCHMENT, AND REFORM.

GREATER RALEIGH—BETTER RALEIGH—AND A CLEANER RALEIGH ADMINISTRATION.

deceive-us certainly swallowed the Goo Goos whole."

Bro. Rural: "Well, it served the Goo Goos right; but, I'll tell you one thing; I'll be d— sorry for Raleigh if Jo-deceive-us gets a chance to run it, for he don't know anything but "rule or ruin."

NOTICE, REPUBLICANS!

A ratification meeting will be held at the hall of the Young Men's Republican Club, opposite the post-office, on Saturday night, May 1st, at 8:30 o'clock.

Every member is urgently requested to attend, and to bring along as many interested voters as he can. Do not fail to be on hand, as important facts of interest to everyone in Raleigh are to be discussed.

WILLIAM J. ANDREWS,
President.

CHAS. D. WILDES, Secretary.

We welcome to our desk a copy of "The Raleigh Republican," a four-page daily paper which is being published during the Raleigh municipal campaign under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican Club. E. G. Nichols is editor and Chas. D. Wildes is business manager. It is neat and well printed—in fact, mechanically, it is all that could be desired. Its columns are brimming full of hot-shot for the Democratic grafts, and contains much good advice for the tax-payers and voters of Raleigh.—Smithfield Journal.

"COMPARISONS ARE ODIUS."

There is an old saying, that "comparisons are odious," and no fair-minded person will resort to such tactics to bolster up a sinking cause. The News and Observer of yesterday morning, in publishing the names of the Republican candidates for city officers attempt to discredit these gentlemen by slurring allusions to their various callings. We might reply, and very successfully, if questions of this kind were in order; but they are not. There is no necessity, even if there was good cause, to make personal allusions to the character or calling of any Democratic nominee. It is enough for the voters of Raleigh to understand what they stand for—what they propose to do, to be convinced that they are not the proper men to entrust with the affairs of the city. Are they any better than their predecessors? Are not two of the very worst violators of the law again candidates? Is not the "Boss Tweed" of the present Board one of their chosen leaders?

We make no attack on the personal character or the business integrity of any official or of those seeking support from the good people of Raleigh. The question is, should they be trusted?

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This year they are promised a "big reform." What guarantee have the people of Raleigh that this "big reform" will follow the election of the Democratic ticket?

Better make a "clean sweep" and give the other side a chance.

The city of Raleigh, or rather the Democrats in charge of it, have never done one thing in the way of street improvement in South Park, one of the new residential quarters of Raleigh. Those people out there were forced to come into the city and they are now paying the same rate the property owners pay in the older parts of Raleigh, where they have lights, water, sewerage and **SIDE-WALKS.**

Think of it; the United States Post-office wont give those people mail carrier service **BECAUSE NO SIDE-WALKS HAVE EVER BEEN MADE FOR THE MAIL CARRIERS TO WALK ON.**

Who will reform the reformers?