

HON. G. W. BALL AGAIN NOMINATED

IOWA CITY DEMOCRATS SELECT
STRONG CITY TICKET

Headed by Present Mayor, That Ticket Promises to be Elected from Top to Bottom.

For mayor—Hon. Geo. W. Ball.
For city solicitor—George B. Holbert
For Treasurer—Joseph Shalla
For Assessor—F. R. Spevacek
For park commissioners—Dr. T. H. MacBride, W. P. Hohenschuh, Hon. Geo. W. Koontz.
For chairman of the city central committee—John W. Miller.

This was the splendid ticket nominated by the Democrats of Iowa City last night at their city convention, held in the packed-to-the-doors council chamber.

The convention was marked by enthusiasm and with a single exception by complete unanimity.

The Convention in Detail.
At 8 o'clock Chairman George T. Reddick of the central committee, called the convention to order.

He also suggested the name of Max Mayer as chairman of the meeting. This was approved unanimously.

The 'staunch friend of democracy for the past 57 years, more or less,' as the chairman described Mr. Mayer, was greeted with applause as he made an address of 30 seconds' length.

Ralph Otto was then named as secretary and he read the call.

As a committee on credentials the chair named C. M. Reno, Fred Theobald and W. R. Hart. This committee, after a brief recess, reported, favoring the recognition of the sixty delegates, whose names appeared herein last evening.

The committee on permanent organization was dispensed with, the temporary organization being made permanent at the suggestion of W. F. Murphy who put the question. Unanimity marked the vote thereon.

Former Mayor Speaks.

Former Mayor Fred Theobald nominated Hon. Geo. W. Ball to succeed himself as mayor, declaring that it was the custom of the Democracy since time immemorial to honor by renomination an official whose performance of duty has been eminently satisfactory to his party and the people in general.

Tribute to Mayor Ball.

M. Hurley seconded the nomination. W. R. Hart did the same saying: "The Democrats of Iowa City are to be congratulated upon the fact that they have a large number of good men from whose list might be picked citizens suitable for the office of mayor." He added that the local democracy is harmonious and sensible and therefore in the name of the party he seconded the nomination.

Vincent Zmunt declared in another seconding speech, that it gave him the greatest pleasure to make the second. He said: "During the past few weeks of ante-campaign time, we have heard and read many expressions of thoughtless, superfluous calumny, but such shafts fall by the wayside, when aimed against the typical American citizen. Hon. Geo. W. Ball.

"Today, he stands before us in that capacity, unharmed by the attacks, for the assaults upon a man's nobility of character cannot cause a single feather to fall. Standing upright and firm in his devotion to duty, Mayor Ball shows no marks of the shafts of the agitators and of the calumniators of himself and this beautiful city.

"We should be proud of that city—in the shadow of the university—a city that is the greatest educational center of the Mississippi Valley, and it should be a pleasure to the people of this city to have in office, as the chief executive of the city, a man of such integrity and attainments—a man who ranks as one of the first citizens of the Athens and the entire awake state.

Mr. S. J. Nelson, Eng. 10, who has been confined to his room for the past three weeks on account of sickness left yesterday for his home at Rolfe, Iowa. Mr. Nelson's mother has been with him the past ten days, caring for him. He will be unable to continue his work this semester.

"He who casts his ballot for Hon. Geo. W. Ball may well feel that he has done his full duty to himself, his home and even his Creator. It is a pleasure and a privilege to support this 'grand old man' of Johnson County Democracy."

Mayor Ball by Acclamation
Thereupon Mayor Ball was renominated by acclamation. Called upon

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for an address, he came forward and spoke as follows:

"I desire to return my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for nominating me again this evening.

"I have for many years been a resident of Iowa City and Johnson county, and I want to say, as I have said many times before, that I have been honored by the Democrats and other citizens of both the city and county more than I deserve.

Modest Reference to Self.

"During the time that I have lived in this county, you have known me, and it is unnecessary for me to speak or what I have done or will do. I have never done anything, however, that to my knowledge, was not for the best interests of Iowa City and Johnson county. Moreover no matter how long I live here, I shall never intentionally do anything contrary to the best interests of our city and county.

Eulogizes Home City.

I believe Iowa City today is the best city of its size in Iowa. No city in the state has better government, or is more moral or has more upright, moral, law abiding citizens.

"If elected it shall be my constant endeavor to do all in my power to give this city a good administration. The laws should be enforced and we should continue to have a clean, upright, moral city.

"Iowa City is known all over Iowa. Numerous conventions have been held here, and the delegates, I believe, have always gone away with the highest praise for the Athens on their lips.

"If reelected, I shall do all in my power to sustain the high standard now occupied. Every citizen should have at heart the interests of his home city, and should strive to see that the administration is upheld.

Is for Improvements.

During the past two years and for four years prior thereto many public improvements have been made. We should continue to improve and beautify our city in the future as in the recent past, so far as our funds will permit.

Stands for Duty.

I cannot say nor shall I say how any man shall vote, but I will, reiterate that, if I am elected, I shall strive ever to do my duty as I understand it.

in my best judgment under the law."

Geo. B. Holbert for City Solicitor.
For city solicitor, on motion of Joe Mullin, the convention by acclamation chose Geo. B. Holbert, the sterling young attorney.

Mr. Holbert, called upon for an acknowledgment, said:

"I assure you I appreciate the honor—especially the unanimity of the expression. I have been told lately that but I did not anticipate such an expression. I have been told lately that the office of city solicitor is a 'little office'—not worth the filling. On the contrary, I deem it one of the most important in the gift of the city's electors and it ought to be taken care of. If I am elected I shall endeavor to perform my duties in a manner to protect the interests of Iowa City."

Treas. Joseph. Shalla Renominated.

As treasurer, Joseph Shalla was renominated by acclamation. Of their successful young banker, George B. Holbert, the nominator, said: "Mr. Shalla has been reared among us growing from childhood to manhood known to all. Through thrift, frugality, industry and integrity he has risen to one of the most responsible positions in the city. He is an honor to Democracy, an honor to the race from which he springs, and would be an honor to any race. The Democracy of Iowa City can well afford to entrust him with the duties of treasurer another term."

Mr. Shalla was called for but modestly escaped.

F. R. Spevacek for Assessor

Alderman E. F. T. Cherry declared that F. R. Spevacek had performed the duties of assessor in a thoroughly competent manner and deserved another term. By acclamation the convention started Frank on the route.

Argument Over Park Commissioners

George T. Reddick submitted a statement signed by himself, as city central committee chairman and Frank Westenhaver, his Republican brother chairman. Both endorsed a non-partisan board of park commissioners and recommended the three whose names appear above.

W. F. Murphy introduced a resolution providing that the matter be left to a committee, embracing one man from each ward—to meet with the Republican committee similarly selected, after the method of the non-partisan school board committee.

Mr. Reddick said the Republicans and Democrats were ready to support the non partisan ticket.

Mr. Murphy thought the method of selection undemocratic.

On motion of Mr. Theobald the resolution of Mr. Murphy was amended to include the three names, as the convention's choice. If the Republican convention should fail to endorse these three at its session tonight, there will be two tickets in the field.

J. W. Miller Chairman

On motion of John H. Herring, the convention named J. W. Miller chairman of the city central committee and the convention then adjourned.

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