

Result of City Election

**Ticket Nominated by Mass Convention Elected Throughout.
Citizens Down Disgruntled Clique. No More Rule For
the Few, But For the Masses.**

The election of Tuesday is now history and in its recording it is a pleasure to announce that at last the people of Blackfoot have awakened from their two year slumber and have, by their ballots, deposed the head of the city government, who in himself was a kindly disposed, inexperienced man, having as his counsellors men who used his administration for personal advantages and advancement. At nine o'clock on Tuesday evening the returns of the election were being announced at the various picture shows, and it was with a feeling of great enthusiasm that the audiences heard the returns of an election in which the disgruntled bunch defeated their own candidates by too much slandering, and other ungentlemanly actions.

On Monday night one of the most enthusiastic meetings in connection with a city campaign in this city, was held in the Auditorium by the supporters of the ticket nominated by the mass meeting, and addresses were given by Col. W. Orr Chapman and Mayor-elect L. M. Capps.

Col. Chapman, the sage brush boy orator, made votes for Mr. Capps from the time he arose until he sat down at the conclusion of his address. He denounced the statements of the editor of the Idaho Republican, he hit from the shoulder at the many short comings of the present city administration and concluded his remarks amid great applause. In part he said:

"Something has been said in the opposition journal about there having been 'Boy Play' in the making of nominations. I take it that this is a covert inuendo aimed at me, because of the fact that at the mass meeting held in this hall a few weeks ago, I had the honor of presenting the name of the popular choice for Mayor. (Applause). I desire to say, that I have as much right, and as high privilege to raise my voice on public matters, and that my vote has the same force and effect as has that of the distinguished gentleman, whom I am informed, penned the article to which I refer, or as the editor in whose columns it was published. (Applause).

"I have the same right, aye, it is my duty, as it is the duty of all other citizens to take an active interest, and if necessary, a part in matters of public concern—And be it presumptuous or otherwise, whenever or

wherever I see fit or deem it my duty so to do, I shall not be remiss in the performance of that duty. (Applause).

"The same paper, in bold type, announces to the public the startling fact that the mass meeting was repudiated, and that Tom, Dick and Harry have filled tickets by petition. I want you to thoroughly understand that the mass meeting and its action has been repudiated by but one element. The so-called Corps faction has not, in any way, repudiated the action of the mass meeting. But, on the contrary, have looked well to the fact that the ticket nominated by the mass meeting is properly filled, and have spent their time and faithful effort to the end that this ticket, headed by Hon. Luther M. Capps, will be elected on tomorrow. (Tumultuous applause).

"Inasmuch as there has been considerable talk about this mass meeting, I think it is well for me to discuss it briefly. The mass meeting was called by Mayor West, over his own signature, and as it stated 'By request of many citizens,' for the purpose of selecting candidates for the various city offices. The meeting was widely advertised, which resulted in a large and representative gathering responding to the call of the Mayor. The meeting was formally opened by Mayor West, upon whose request a chairman and secretary was elected, both without opposition, and both of whom were at that time warm supporters of Mayor West. Committees were appointed upon procedure and resolutions, the resolutions committee being provided with ready-made resolutions highly commending Mayor West and his administration. Up to this time everything was alright. During the deliberations of the committees the chairman called upon Rev. Edwards for remarks. Rev. Edwards, responding to the call of the chair, paid an high eulogy to Mayor West—understand—not in a nominating speech and before nominations were in order; and in concluding his remarks Rev. Edwards warmly advocated the re-nomination and re-election of Mayor West.

"President Duckworth was also called upon by the chair, to which he responded. And he it said to his everlasting credit, he had too high a regard for his ecclesiastical position to endorse, from this platform, the candidacy of any man. (Loud and tumultuous applause).

"Now, as to the charges of 'stuffing the ballot' at the mass meeting.

I want to say that I don't believe this was done. But if it was done, no man has a right to go about saying that it was done unless he saw it done and if he did see it done, he is unworthy of citizenship unless he would at once, so notify the chair and call a stop to such a proceeding. (Applause).

"Another surprise to us has been the nature of the campaign that has been incessantly waged against Mr. Capps and in favor of Mayor West. It has been a campaign of slander, scandal and libel. A campaign of vilification, defamation and opprobrium.

"I really believe that if one of the elect from Heaven, should be nominated for Mayor of Blackfoot, in opposition to a certain clique here, that before the day of election arrived he would be painted darker than Satan. (Applause).

"I believe that tomorrow the people of Blackfoot will stand, firmly by the action of their mass meeting. And will forever serve notice on those characters and reputations, that this sort of thing has ended. I believe that you will place in the city hall tomorrow, the candidates on the Citizen's Non-Partisan Ticket, headed by Hon. Luther M. Capps. I thank you. (Great applause).

Mr. Capps talked in a masterful manner for a half hour, described the Snake river valley as it appeared when he arrived here twenty five years ago, told of his life long interest in the city, of his own successes and pledged himself, if elected, to use his best efforts in behalf of the city's advancement along lines that would do the greatest good to the greatest number.

The Blackfoot band rendered several fine selections and there is a pleasure in listening to the band play. They keep perfect time, are no longer blowing through their various instruments in that amateur way, common to the ordinary bunch of beginners, and now that they are being drilled by a competent leader, Mr. Langstaff, they are making good all along the line as musicians.

At the conclusion of Mr. Capps' remarks and when the band had played a piece, intended to sooth the troubled breasts of the opposition who were in attendance, W. H. Danilson, who acted as chairman of the meeting, asked those of that element to address the audience, making any statement they might desire to give to the public in regard to the candidates nominated. Attorney G. F. Hansbrough and others of the oppos-

ition left the hall before Mr. Danilson had finished his speech, despite the fact that the report had been circulated that in the event of the opportunity presenting itself the West faction would introduce evidence that would tend to injure the campaign of Mr. Capps.

The election by wards showed the following vote for the officers elected aside from councilmen:

FIRST WARD.

FOR MAYOR.

L. M. Capps, 178; R. N. West, 78.

FOR CITY CLERK.

G. H. Holbrook, 166; T. J. Johnson, 81.

FOR CITY TREASURER.

Mrs. Charlotte Rea, 207.

FOR ENGINEER.

James Young, 184; F. W. Keifer, 71.

FOR POLICE JUDGE.

J. W. Chapman, 187; J. C. Fisher, 68.

SECOND WARD.

L. M. Capps, 67; West, 156; Holbrook, 82; Johnson, 136; Young, 123; Keifer, 93; Chapman, 83; Fisher, 127.

THIRD WARD.

Capps, 62; West, 81; Holbrook, 81; Johnson, 57; Young, 81; Keifer, 51; Chapman, 70; Fisher, 59.

FOURTH WARD.

Capps, 89; West, 51; Holbrook, 96; Johnson, 39; Young, 109; Keifer, 27; Chapman, 98; Fisher, 35.

The various wards chose for their representatives men who have been active both in public and private enterprises, and who are known to be public spirited, painstaking in the administration of affairs and who will make aldermen worthy of the name. In the first ward, A. H. Simmons succeeded himself, and E. T. Peck was elected, taking the place of T. R. Jones. J. G. Bond was re-elected in the second ward, and L. C. Rockwood succeeded F. C. Christ. The third ward had four candidates, Attorney W. A. Beakley, Alex Younie, John H. Bond and Joseph LaCour. A count of the ballots showed that Mr. Beakley and Mr. Younie won. Over in the fourth ward, the bloody fourth, S. W. Gibbs and John S. Watson, two old war horses were elected.

The majorities of the various candidates are as follows:
Capps, 20; Holbrook, 112; Young, 265; Chapman, 149.