

James Callanan Indorsed by the Republican Convention.

An adjourned meeting of the Republican Third Assembly District Convention was held last evening at half-past seven o'clock, at Grand Union Hall, Mr. Lansing Boyer in the chair, and T. C. McKeon, Secretary.

The Convention was addressed by Mr. Maxwell, who stated that they were, as a party, largely in a minority in the Ward, and at previous sessions had proposed to unite on an Independent Democrat. The Independents had nominated Mr. James Callanan, an old and respected resident of the Sixth Ward, and the speaker moved that he be indorsed by the Convention.

The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The Convention then adjourned.

JAMES CALLANAN.

On Wednesday evening Mr. James Callanan, of the Sixth Ward, was nominated for Assemblyman in the Third District by the Independent Democrats. Last evening the Republican Assembly Convention of the same district indorsed his nomination. Mr. Callanan resides at 108 Degraw street, in the Fourth District of the Sixth Ward, and has lived in the Ward eighteen years. He was formerly in the practice of the law, but has of late years been in the real estate business. He is fifty-three years old and has never held office except an appointment as Democratic Inspector of Elections where his duties were faithfully and honestly performed. He is a man whose record as a citizen is without blemish, and who has hundreds of friends in all parties who will rally to his support on election day.

AGAINST THE RING.**A United Appeal to the Independent Voters of Brooklyn.**

The following appeal was issued this morning :

Address to the honest voters of Brooklyn:

FELLOW-CITIZENS: We are on the eve of an election, at which, for the first time in many years, we have the chance to vote for a ticket nominated in accordance with the highest and best principle in municipal politics—local non-partisanship. Had obedience to this principle been the guiding motive in our home politics, those evils which have commanded universal attention could never have been developed in our city government. Had we been true to this principle in the past, we would not today be obliged to confess with shame that Brooklyn has been one of the worst governed cities in the Union.

While honest and intelligent citizens have been neglecting their political duties, adroit politicians, banding with the worst elements in the community, have reduced to a science the means of dishonoring and defrauding the city and of enriching themselves at the expense of the industrious masses.

We are to-day paying the price of our political folly and blind partisanship. A yearly interest account of nearly \$3,000,000 upon our \$40,000,000 of debt has to be paid through taxes and water rates. A mortgage equal to nearly one-fifth of its value has been forcibly imposed upon our real estate. The city has reaped almost no equivalent benefit for these enormous burdens. The prices charged for our public works have been fourfold, sometimes tenfold, the legitimate figure. Public money has been systematically used for private purposes, and organized fraud and corruption have for years been the governing forces in the administration of our public affairs. Even the ballot-box, the fountain of power, the emblem of political purity, has been violated and outraged.

The men who have brought about and countenanced these evils have done all in their power to prevent the development and organization of a just public opinion, and have insisted most strenuously upon the binding obligations of party ties. But political partisanship in local affairs has not secured for us, and cannot secure for us, a good or even a tolerable government.

We now have before us a ticket which is essentially a People's Ticket, a ticket made up of the fittest men of all parties, upon the principle that honesty, capacity and integrity are the first and only things that are entitled to our suffrages.

The agents and servants of a municipal corporation should no more be chosen for reasons of political partisanship than should those of a banking or railroad corporation. We do not administer our own medicines; we do not try our own lawsuits, we have our children taught by professed teachers; we have our armies led by experienced and scientific Generals. We do not choose our doctors, lawyers, teachers, generals, because of their politics. In all the things of life, great and small, we rely upon men of special gifts and attainments. How, then, can we dispense with these advantages in the greatest and most difficult of all things—the art of government? We should choose the best men we can find, irrespective of party, to represent us, and then we should trust them. Otherwise power will remain where it has heretofore been, in the hands of unofficial and irresponsible leaders.

The present struggle is not a struggle for political leadership. It is an effort to administer a long-deserved rebuke to corrupt political machines and to unrighteous political methods. In advocating what is known as the "Coalition ticket," we know neither personal interest nor passion. Bent upon the extirpation of the Ring system we have no ill-will toward the men who are its advocates, except in so far as they merit our condemnation for the evils they have done.

We shall never have a better opportunity to free ourselves from the hateful system which we have suffered. War cannot be made with rose water. Power can only be met with power, and the citizens of Brooklyn should take the matter into their own hands.

Special care should be taken to make it impossible for the Ring to secure the incoming Board of Aldermen, that being the source of its patronage and its strength.

A pure, firm and intelligent administration of our City Government is now within our reach. As taxpayers and citizens, forgetting our National politics, we call upon all good men to unite with us in discarding party ties in local affairs, and to vote against the Ring candidates and the Ring methods. These candidates are the representatives of a mischievous and intolerable system, and the system must be buried beyond all possibility of resurrection if our city is ever to return to peace and prosperity.

Let us defeat every man whom the Ring sufficiently trusts and relies upon to dishonor with its nomination.

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HENRY W. SLOCUM,

Chairman Executive Committee Kings County Democratic General Committee.

WM. M. IVINS,

Secretary Kings County Democratic General Committee.