

AN ELEMENT IN THE LOCAL CONTEST.

Against the personality of Parka Hone The Blade has nothing to say. He is a young man of average ability. He is neither a bumper nor a loafer. He may, with propriety, be called an average citizen, with nothing to commend him above thousands of other citizens.

But as a candidate for mayor it is significant that he has back of him the rabble element of Toledo. The saloonkeepers want him elected. They are working for him night and day. The hangars-on of the saloons are for Hone. They will vote for him, and what influence they have will be wielded in his behalf. They boast that Sam Jones will receive little support in the saloon districts of the city. The Liquor Dealers' Association is in the fight, and is working for Hone.

It is this element, not the best in the city, which is striving for supremacy. It wants Hone elected because it believes in that contingency it will flourish.

Do you doubt that this element is for Hone and opposed to Jones? Mingle with it and your minds will be disabused of the doubt.

Hon. Samuel M. Jones distinctly states that he will make no promises to the saloonkeepers, and every good citizen will applaud him for making such a statement. The report in saloon circles that Mr. Jones is narrow in his views and entertains puritanical notions of governing a city has been thoroughly exploded by that gentleman and his friends. The people of Toledo know the views which Mr. Jones holds. He has been frank to express them on many public occasions, and if any one is in doubt all he need do is to talk with the Republican candidate.

It has now become a question if the sober, industrious, progressive voters of Toledo propose that the saloons and the elements back of them shall control the city. The saloonkeepers have forced this as an issue, and it should be promptly and fairly met.

The Republican candidate is sound on all questions affecting the growth and prosperity of Toledo. He embodies the characteristics which go to make up an executive who will administer wisely the affairs of the city. He stands for all that is best in manhood, and refuses to bow the knee to an element which seeks for its own ends to control city affairs.

Every man who believes in a clean, pure, honest government should rally to the standard of Samuel M. Jones.