

# WOULD BE CITIZEN CALLS MAYOR VICE PRESIDENT

Another Candidate in Circuit Court Ranks State Executive as  
"Has Been" in Ranks of Champion Ring Artists—Big  
Naturalization Class Is Quizzed by Doe.

Joe Konkell is no longer mayor of Superior, but is the vice president of the United States; Francis McGovern was once the champion lightweight prizefighter of the world, but has been lost in obscurity since he became governor of the sovereign state of Wisconsin; "Bob" LaFollette is "that guy with the pompadour," but is otherwise unknown to fame—if statements made by some of the applicants for citizenship papers at the courthouse yesterday can be believed.

Weird answers were given by a few of the close to 100 men of various nationalities who were made voters after the examination conducted in circuit court by R. K. Doe, federal inspector, before Judge Risjord of Ashland, sitting for Judge Ross, who is ill in St. Paul, but most of the applicants acquitted themselves with credit, answering with intelligence and without hesitation.

## Many Nationalities.

An even dozen nationalities were represented, including one Turk, one Austrian, two Hollanders, three Englishmen, four Scotchmen, five Belgians, six Germans, six Canadians and 11 Russians. The Swedes, Finlanders and Norwegians were in the majority in the order named with 30, 29 and 24 candidates respectively, making a total of 122, but of these only 101 appeared for examination, of which number 92 passed, three cases were continued to give the applicants further time to prepare themselves, and three were denied papers—one because he failed to prove he had been in this country the required five years, another because he was unable to furnish a deposition from Ohio, his former home, and the third by violating the law by being engaged in the saloon business, prohibited to aliens. The remainder were continued because of non-appearance.

Only one man was unable to read and write, but otherwise proved himself to be well informed and was passed. He made his mark in the presence of two witnesses. Another was unable to read English, but was well educated in his own language—Finnish.

## Mayor "Vice President."

But the man who made the hit at the examination was the one who relegated "Joe Konkell" to political oblivion by nominating him to the vice presidency. It is believed he got the mayor mixed up with the vice commission, which recently made a visit to Superior and caused considerable discussion.

It was also noticeable that few had ever heard of Vice President Marshall, but not one faltered when William Jennings Bryan was mentioned, and all, apparently, had had it impressed on them that Woodrow Wilson was the president of the United States.

A hundred or more different questions were asked, but only a few were put to each applicant, so there was little repetition and no chance for those awaiting their turn to "get a

line" on what was in store for them. On the whole, it was said by the officials, the men who passed were above the average in intelligence.

## From All Walks of Life.

They were from all walks of life. There were men with whiskers and men without; horny-handed sons of toil and dapper little clerks with smooth faces and carefully manicured fingernails. But the greater number were laborers, farmers and artisans.

Owing to a delayed train, Judge Risjord was unable to arrive in time to open court at 9 o'clock, as had been announced. It was 11:30 before the first applicant was examined, and it was after 6 o'clock before the session closed.

The February term of the circuit court will open Monday morning, with Judge Risjord on the bench.

Those who appeared for the examination yesterday were as follows:

## The Candidates.

August Speek, Michael Blank, August Mattson, John Rutkiewicz, David Jermila, Carl Anderson, Erik John Brown, John Larson, Anthony Aloysius Borucki, Morris Fergal, Abraham Lavin, John Lintula, Tolet Dahl, Anthony Bukowski, John Thompson, Abel Sampson Tonstad, Laurets Larsen Mork, Stanislaw Sznalder, Abraham Greenberg, Kornelius Mikkelsen, Martin Kalbfleisch, Adolf Johnson, Teophiele Geloede, Hyman Miller, Swan Ivar Nelson, Victoria Chopik, Samuel Drasin, Sam Singer, Andrew Evenson Sollee, Ole Gronning, Tony Krans, Hugh Monroe McKenzie, Thomas Kerr, Carl Mattson, Carl Thompson, Nels Bronssen, Carl Ingemansson Nordin, Carl Gustafson, Archibald Russell, Adam Reh, Thomas Russell, Frederick William Davis, Thomas Johnson, Richard Carl Leander, John Lindstrom, Matti Nykanen, Otto Soyrinki, Andrew Westrom, Henry Soyrinki, Ole Hofstedt, Otto Nurkkala, Richard Jarvinen, William Lindstrom, Andrew Forst, Herman Johnson, John Salamaki, Ernest Wilson, Thomas Wanhala, John Herman Wallen, Sydney John Pearson, Hans Anderson, Magnus Swanson, Ivar Numminen, Gustave Steinhilpert, Haagen Olson, Christ Bakken, Rudolf Hartych, Antti Honkanen, Einar Nelson, Elias Stein, Elias Kaforey, August Lindquist, Frank Maki, William Niemi, Paul Olson, Frans Leonard Johanson, John Bakke, John Robert Goodfellow, August Nurkkala, Knut Thorson, Lachlan John Nicholson, Bernard Bernstrom, Clarence Nelson, Aaron Craig, Henry Lammi, John Anton Norkooli, Bernt Larson, Wiktor Maki, John Gustafson, Edward Bergslien, Nels Pederson, Carl Sundquist, Peter Kospi, Carl Oscar Lindquist, Hubert Van Grinsven, Peter Van Wiehan, Gustaf Hendrikson, Alfred Anderson, Christ Schonberg, Halvor Holm, Theodor Clesnick, Julius Veerman, Werner, Alexander Nurmi, August Edward Anderson, John Olson, Noel Jubenville, Gilbert Iverson, Olof Kaggerud, Arvid Kronberg, Martin Nathaniel Anderson, James Kerr, Christian Martisen Moen, Thomas Sheasby and Edward Niemo.