

Police Lodge In Throes Of 2d Special Election

"Sticker" Campaign for Crawford Complicates 4-Cornered Fight

Introduction of a "sticker" candidate during the second special election today to determine the presidency of Red Rose Lodge No. 16, Fraternal Order of Police, created a furore at police headquarters.

Detective James Crawford, the "sticker" candidate, whose campaign is being conducted by Sergeants David Kauffman and Lewis Matt, despite a decision by President Fred Delsley that a "sticker" campaign could not be conducted, is the fourth candidate in the field.

Other candidates are Policemen Shannon Hartley and William Bitts and Sergeant R. J. Kamm. Two previous elections resulted in a deadlock between Hartley and Bitts.

Court Action Threatened

While the backers of Crawford assert they have a court ruling and parliamentary law to justify their "sticker" fight, threats were made by the other factions to obtain a preliminary injunction from the court to restrain the "sticker" campaign.

Sergeant Delsley, president of the lodge, called attention to the by-laws, which state: "All nominations for officers shall be made at the meeting preceding the election. No member shall be eligible to an election unless so nominated except where the nominee for any office declines his nomination on the day of the election, there being no other nominees, then the nominees may be named on the day of election."

Although Sergeant Kamm has announced his withdrawal, Delsley claims Kamm is still a candidate because he had failed to post a written withdrawal.

2 Ties

The first election was held November 12, with twenty-seven voting. The result was Hartley-11; Bitts-11; Kamm-5.

A special election was ordered and on November 26 forty-seven police-



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men balloted. The vote was recorded as: Hartley-22; Bitts-22; Kamm-3

President Delsley then set today as the date of a second special election.

In the meantime, however, a petition was circulated stating that "We, the undersigned, respectfully request that you call a special meeting for the purpose of receiving nominations for the presidency. This request is made because of two occasions in which voting to fill the office resulted in a tie." The petition was signed by more than a score of members and submitted to President Delsley.

When Delsley refused to call a special nominating meeting, the faction supporting Crawford decided to conduct a "sticker" campaign.

"No useless spending of funds" is Crawford's platform and his supporters predict that he will win.

Real interest has been aroused over the election and workers for candidates were busy today, using their own cars in bringing members on relief to the polls. The voting started at midnight and will be continued until 8 o'clock tonight.

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