

HENRY MEISTER - runs for office in 1913

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Henry Meister is the candidate from the fourth ward, nominated in the same convention that could have nominated anyone else, if it saw fit to do so. Has been a member of the city council 8 years and a member of some of its most important committees. Has any graft in that time in any capacity been imputed to him? He has for many years been superintendent of the Crawfordsville Wire & Nail works, a place of great responsibility and he has retained the respect of all who work under him. Is he dishonest or crooked? If so would the directors of the factory employ him? The directors of this factory are as good business men as can be found in this community. Would it not be good business for the voters to back up their judgment in retaining for the city's service a man who has proven so valuable?

At end of article about the 9 men running for office (Republicans)

Can any one name the boss in any party that will control the actions of the above men if elected, and if controlled will such control lead them against the best interests of the city? In their choice of men to run the various departments of the city has the past administration of the men now in office chosen anyone for the benefit he would do the party? Have they been chosen for the part's good of the city's and have these appointees made good? Not a single man in the above list has sought his nomination. They have not been "hand picked," by any committee guided by the subtle influences of wily politicians, they were selected by a large representation of a majority of the voters of Crawfordsville in an open, public convention. The service and sacrifice demanded of them in nearly all cases will not be paid for by the nominal salaries offered. This city is asking of these business men a favor. Would not any city be fortunate to have its affairs left in their hands?