

JUDGES NOW TO THE FORE

POLITICIANS TURN ATTENTION TO JUNE ELECTION.

Both Old Parties Will Hold Their Conventions This Month, the Democrats on the 18th and the Republicans on the 25th—Present Occupants of the Bench Are Expected to Be Candidates for Renomination—Many Lawyers Seek Advancement.

The judicial campaign is now receiving attention of politicians, and they yesterday began to look over names of possible nominees. Both the republican and democratic conventions to nominate judicial tickets will be held this month—the democratic on April 18 and the republican on April 25.

As the time is short, much activity is expected among the candidates, and it is said that half the lawyers in Chicago aspire to the bench. Unless the bill pending before the legislature increasing the number of circuit judges is passed there will be fifteen judges to elect—fourteen to the Circuit and one to the Superior bench.

So far as could be learned, there is no demand for bipartisan tickets. It has been charged that certain of the republican leaders advocated the nonpartisan plan, but this was denied by men who claimed to be in the confidence of those leaders. It is said also that the delegates to the republican convention were elected to nominate a straight republican ticket, and will do so.

Present Judges May Be Renominated.

The gossip is that all the old judges of both political faiths who want a renomination may get it. As yet no one of them has made public announcement that he was not in the race.

Democratic leaders predict that all of the sitting democratic judges will be renominated. They are Murray F. Tuley, Edward F. Dunne, Thomas G. Windes, Frank Baker, Francis Adams, and Richard W. Clifford of the Circuit bench, and Jonas Hutchinson of the Superior bench. As to the other eight or eleven, as the case may be decided by the legislature, they will be selected from a list of favorites already made up.

It was said that E. O. Brown, Lockwood Honoré, Charles M. Walker, and probably W. H. Barnum are as sure of being named as the old judges. Among those who believe their chances are the best were found the names L. P. Boyle, James A. O'Donnell, William Prentiss, Capt. William P. Black, William Thompson, J. W. Errant, Charles H. Mitchell, Joseph David, G. J. Tatge, Edward U. Flehman, and H. T. Gilbert. A number of these men were on the ticket that was knocked out by the Supreme court last fall.

Republicans Anxious to Be Judges.

The republican judges who expect renomination are O. H. Horton, Arba N. Waterman, John Gibbons, Elbridge Hanecy, Edmund W. Burke, Richard S. Tuthill, and Charles G. Neely of the Circuit, and Theodore Brentano, the Superior bench.

Among the republican lawyers whose names will go before the convention are Assistant State's Attorneys A. C. Barnes and H. O. Spragle, Theodore K. Long, Fred A. Bangs, L. D. Condee, M. W. Plinckney, McKenzio Cleland, A. J. Hirschl, F. A. Smith, M. R. Powers, Henry W. Price, Elmer E. Beach, William Pettis, Harry Olson, and R. S. Hes. Nearly all of these men will go into the convention with the support of delegates elected in their interest.