

'SQUIRE RAYMOND AGAIN IN THE FIELD

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ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 12.—Alderman J. B. Raymond, of this city, who enjoys the distinction of being the only colored magistrate in the Commonwealth, will be a candidate for renomination at the Republican primaries to be held January 2 next. "Squire" Raymond will be a candidate for a third time in his home ward, the Seventh, to succeed himself. From every indication he will be unanimously chosen, and the nomination is equivalent to re-election.

During his twelve years' administration Alderman Raymond has made an excellent reputation as an official. He is widely known throughout the State. During the political combat in 1895 between United States Senator M. S. Quay and the combine, Alderman Raymond was a delegate from Blair county to the Republican State Convention and uninstructed as to his choice for the chairmanship.

At the suggestion of then Congressman J. D. Hicks, of this district, the Alderman went to see Senator Quay. He listened attentively to the arguments presented by the Senior Senator, and started the next day on a stumping tour through the eastern part of the State for the purpose of helping to mould sentiment in behalf of Quay for the chairmanship. Needless to say, he voted for him in convention, and has been one of his most ardent friends ever since that memorable political battle.

Alderman Raymond's re-election, it is believed, is only a question of majority.

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