

MRS. POTTER TO TRY AGAIN.

NOT DISHEARTENED BECAUSE SHE GOT ONLY TWENTY-FIVE VOTES.

The Kansas City, Kas., Independent Candidate for Mayor Says She Has a Great Duty to Perform—Barnes Chosen by a Handsome Plurality.

The Republican candidates in Kansas City, Kas., yesterday were elected by the usual majorities. Out of a total vote of 10,245 Nat Barnes, Republican candidate for mayor, had a plurality of 1,728 over Frank Merstetter, Democratic, and a plurality of 5,949 over Mrs. Anna Potter, the female Independent mayoralty candidate. Mrs. Potter got exactly twenty-five votes.

Complete returns from the eighteen precincts show the following vote for mayor:

	Male	Female	Total
Nat Barnes, R.....	3,998	1,978	5,974
F. S. Merstetter, D.,	3,181	1,065	4,246
Mrs. Potter, Ind.....	3	22	25

Mrs. Potter, although disappointed at the result of the election, takes her defeat philoso-



THE NEW MAYOR OF KANSAS CITY, KAS., NAT BARNES

phically. When a reporter called at her home this morning she appeared to have forgotten politics and was preparing to move down

town to superintend the erection of her new home which will be a duplicate of the four story structure burned last fall.

"The count was wrong; they counted me out," she declared when reminded that she had only received 25 out of 10,245 votes cast. "I think I should have received at least two-thirds of the votes cast, but they counted them for Barnes and Merstetter. I heard yesterday that votes were being bought and that the other candidates were treating the men, but neither my husband nor I would treat. We told them that it was not legal."

"Are you out of politics?" was asked.

"No, I am still in politics, if that's what you call it. I am not disheartened. The idea of a woman being disheartened! I intend to make the race two years hence and I intend to keep the fight up until the women reform the city. That is about all I have to say on the subject. I think that my candidacy for mayor of this city has done great good to the woman suffrage cause in Kansas."

An analysis of the vote cast at yesterday's election in Kansas City, Kas., shows that about 90 per cent of the registered female vote was polled and that the women divided their votes between the Republican and Democratic candidates, the Republicans getting two out of every three female votes cast. While the women did not elect Barnes they made his plurality more than double what was expected.

Barnes carried five of the six wards and twelve of the eighteen precincts. His majorities were 446 in the Second ward, 992 in the Third, 254 in the Fourth, 200 in the Fifth and 188 in the Sixth. Merstetter's majority in the First ward was 252.

The only Democratic councilman elected was John Kelley of the First ward. The new Republican councilmen are: Charles N. Hammond, Second ward; George J. Twiss, Third ward; Oliver B. Tröwer, Fourth ward; William N. Burn, Fifth ward; John Davidson, Sixth ward. The new council will stand Republican 10, Democrats 2.

William Fletcher in the Fourth ward, and Harry Bell of the Sixth ward, are the members of the board of education elected by the Republicans.

Henry Swingley, Democrat, defeated J. F. Bradley, a colored Republican, for justice of the peace in the First district. The justices elected in the Second and Third districts are: George W. Betts and John P. Sims, both Republicans.

The three constables are Mark Cassidy, Democrat, and D. W. White and James Sweigert, Republicans.