

From a book entitled: *Detroit Is My Own Home Town* BY MALCOLM W. BINGAY:

In 1896, Detroit Mayor Hazen Pingree ran for governor of Michigan, and easily won. But he had been re-elected mayor in 1895 and the term ran through 1897. He blithely announced that he would hold both offices! The Supreme Court ruled that this was illegal and impossible. He would have to retire as mayor. Pingree refused and functioned in both offices until February 15, 1897. By this time the Supreme Court was so angry that it issued a warrant for his arrest for contempt of court. Pingree then gave in. He announced that he had selected **Captain Albert E. Stewart**, a veteran vesselman of the Great Lakes, as his successor. A special convention was called to nominate Stewart on the Republican ticket.

Captain Stewart was a man with a large Adam's apple and a flow of profanity that would have melted the winter ice of Lake Superior. He was about as much qualified to be mayor as I am to be an adagio dancer.

His speech of acceptance was one sentence: "If I am elected I will do just what the governor tells me to do."

He meant it! Pingree meant it! The Democrats put up William C. Maybury, former congressman and a gentleman famed if not for inventing, at least perfecting the fine art of going through the neighborhoods kissing babies. There were mothers in this town who used to worry for fear their little ones might not grow up to be bright boys and girls if they had not been kissed by that dear kind man, Mr. Maybury. The only stand Maybury ever took was with one foot at the bar when far away from Detroit.

But despite **Captain Stewart's** strange insistence that all he ever planned to be was a stooge, Maybury beat him by only 248 votes.

(Note: The New York Times reported that Maybury won by 1000 votes).

DEMOCRATS CARRY DETROIT.

Maybury Elected Mayor—Pingree's Candidate Badly Beaten.

DETROIT, Mich., April 5.—A. C. Maybury (Dem.) was elected Mayor to-day by about 1,000 majority over Albert E. Stewart, (Rep.) Judge John Miner, (Dem.,) candidate for Police Justice, was defeated by Judge Albert F. Sellers, (Rep.)

Maybury's election is looked upon as a decided defeat for Gov. Pingree, who practically nominated Stewart as his successor as Mayor after the courts had overruled the Governor's contention that he could hold both the offices of Governor and Mayor.

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DETROIT'S MAYORALTY FIGHT.

Pingree Has Not Participated—Three-Cent Fares the Issue.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 4.—The most prominent feature of the rather quiet city campaign which practically closed to-night was Gov. Pingree's non-participation. Heretofore he has always taken a prominent and almost dominant part. The reason for this is supposed to be that Capt. A. E. Stewart, the Republican candidate for Mayor, is opposed to Gov. Pingree's plans for private purchase as a means of procuring municipal ownership of street railways.

Both Stewart and his Democratic opponent are running on 3-cent fare platforms, and this has been practically the only issue the campaign has brought out. Mayor Maybury, who is seeking re-election, defeated Capt. Stewart at a special election three years ago. It is known that Maybury will draw some strength from independent Republicans, and his friends are very confident of his success. The Republicans, however, will concede nothing, contending that Stewart has a reasonable chance of election.

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