

BIG CROWD HEARS GRAEME STEWART

Candidate Says Business Men,
Not Politicians, Urged Him
to Enter the Race.

CALLS FOR HONEST VOTE.

Appeals to Friends for Fair Pri-
maries That None May Have
Cause to Complain.

"I wish to answer a statement that the republican nomination for mayor was offered to a friend of mine and refused, and then offered to me and accepted," said Graeme Stewart in Belmont hall, North Clark street and Belmont avenue, last night.

"At the time I made my announcement I had not conferred with any one outside the ward in which I live, and at no time while conferring with my friends in my own ward was a nomination offered to any one and declined, nor was any nomination offered to me.