

POINTS IN POLITICS.

The *News*, referring to our remarks about its bolting of the nomination of J. W. Percival for water commissioner, says that the editor of THE COURIER is one of those reformers who shout eleven months in the year for municipal reform and the nomination of good candidates, but who can be bought off when the time for action comes. We do not consider it necessary to reply to any insinuations as to our being "bought off." Some people who are familiar with recent events in this city may question the good taste of our highly esteemed contemporary, the *News*, in bringing up the subject of the bargain and sale of newspapers. This is a topic that our contemporary would do well to avoid, if it desires to have the public forget recent disclosures which affected it in a more or less painfully direct manner. The editor of THE COURIER in his feeble way shouts for reform not eleven, but twelve months in the year; but he believes in doing his fighting before, and not after the conventions. He does not believe in the absurdly sensational policy of the *News* that swallows, on occasion, whole pools of corruption and strains at a speck on the surface. He is a republican and he believes republicans can consistently and conscientiously vote for the republican candidates at the election next Tuesday. Certainly any teapot tempest that may have been raised in a bushwhacking newspaper office has not made it apparent that Mr. Percival is unfit for the office of water commissioner. The *News* presumes to state what "Mr. Smith knows;" but no one has a clearer understanding of what Mr. Smith knows than Mr. Smith himself, and we require no suggestions from the *News* on this point. If our contemporary is honestly of the opinion that Mr. Percival is not a fit man for the office, the proper time for it to have expressed itself, as we remarked last week, was before the caucuses and the primaries and the convention. But it maintained a resolute silence during the ante convention campaign, and only when Mr. Percival was nominated did it suddenly discover that he is a bad man. The policy of our contemporary has for more than a year past been dominated by a blatant demagogism, and in the bolting of Mr. Percival observant persons can see, besides a desire to be sensational, a studied purpose to play into the hands of what are, after all, its dearest friends, the demo-pops. The *News* claims to be republican, but it is never so enthusiastically happy as when opposing republican measures and republican candidates and boosting the fanatical schemes of the populist party or assisting pops or democrats to break into public office.

H. M. Bushnell is said to believe that a seat in the state senate would require the obligations of the republican party of Lancaster county to him, up to date, for running a straight republican newspaper, (with strong Byran, free silver, free trade and petticoat tendencies.)

Judge Strode is one of an uncertain number of men in this county who might, "under certain circumstances," as Governor Crouse says, become a candidate for congress.

The Young Men's Republican club, which is now acknowledged to be the strongest political organization in the state, has displayed a marked activity in this spring's campaign, and it will be well represented in the big republican majority that will be rolled up next Tuesday.

A number of women have taken offense at some statements in last week's COURIER concerning the board of education, and in some instances the idea seems to have been formed that we are opposed to the women nominees because they are women. This is a very much mistaken idea. The issue in the campaign for the election of members of the board of education is not the right of women to hold this office, as some of the advocates of the "non-partisan" ticket would have the public believe, but a proper administration of school affairs, and without indulging in any personalities we can say that we believe the interests of the school patronizing and tax paying public would be best subserved by the election of the republican nominees, Messrs Ludden, Hackney and Stire. The board of education is a most important body, with large powers and the control of a vast expenditure of public money, and the nomination of these three gentlemen by the republican party was dictated by a desire to take the board out of its present rut, and infuse new blood into it, for the purpose of giving the city a more practical and economical administration of school affairs. The nominees on the non-partisan

ticket are, we are convinced, thoroughly reputable and well intentioned persons; but to speak plainly, they represent an element that is already dominant in the board. Messrs Ludden, Hackney and Stire are in every way well equipped for the proper administration of school matters, and they represent a sentiment in this city that calls for economy in school, as in all other public expenditures, and the management of the school department along practical lines.

Mr. Abbott has made an excellent city attorney, one of the most efficient the city has ever had, and he is entirely deserving of the tribute which he will, on Tuesday, receive from the voters of this city.

The attempts, not always of the most honorable sort, to weaken Judge Waters have not had the desired effect. He is a popular candidate and will be re-elected by a handsome plurality.

The nomination of John Fawell for cemetery trustee was a happy thought. Fawell's candidacy is very popular.

Adna Dobson is standing squarely upon his record as city engineer, and that is what is going to re-elect him by a wide margin.

The republican councilmanic nominees are, in most instances, good men, and the re-organized council will be an improvement.

Republican officials and citizens who have been called upon, successfully, to pay tribute to the afternoon newspapers in this city on the ground that they were performing and would continue to perform valuable service for the republican party sometimes speculate as to whether they have not been buncoed.

THE ETIQUETTE OF VISITING.

Married women leave their husband's cards with their own; that is to say, one is left for the gentleman of the house and one for the hostess, writes Isabel A. Mallon in an article on "The Art of Dressing for Visiting" in the April *Ladies' Home Journal*. A dinner party demands a call within two weeks, but this is not required after a tea or a large reception. If a friend is ill it is proper to call in person and leave a card with kind inquiries written upon it. A very pretty English fashion is gradually finding its way here. After a severe illness a lady may send by mail to all the people who have called to enquire for her an engraved card reading in this way: "Mrs. James Brown presents her compliments and her thanks for recent kind inquiries." This does away with the necessity of making visits when one is still in ill-health, and yet it is a recognition of the courtesies received. It is polite, also, to leave a card of congratulation when a new baby appears in the family, but one is never expected to ask to see the mother.



Remenyi, after the concert Tuesday evening, was present for a few minutes at a private dancing party. The violinist made some remarks to an acquaintance on dancing in general that were interesting, and he also made some comparisons between dancing in the old country and the new that probably would not have been particularly gratifying to some of the terpsichorean experts present. "Dancing," he said, "is an art in the old countries."

One of the most interesting matrimonial rumors now current in this city concerns a well known musical director and a lady who has a large acquaintance in social circles and who was the erstwhile wife of a prominent business man.

University people are looking forward to the expected marriage of one of the professors, the initial of whose name is found very near the commencement of the alphabet. The university has a number of distinctly available men in its faculty just now, and the assiduous attentions of certain of these accomplished gallants to Lincoln's belles has given rise to considerable speculation of an interesting character.