

POINTS IN POLITICS.

"Is Field really a candidate?"

In the general round of congressional talk in this district, the above question is frequently asked.

Judge Field has, up to this time, had very little to say. His friends has urged his candidacy; but he has preferred to let matters take their course.

But if there was any doubt as to whether, under certain conditions, Field would be a candidate for re-nomination, THE COURIER is prepared to dispel it.

Field is not a candidate—

In the sense that he is making a scramble for the nomination. He doesn't want the nomination if he has got to get down in the mud and barter for it.

Judge Field is a candidate—

In the proper sense of the word.

"Yes" he said, in answer to a query by THE COURIER, "I am a candidate. I would like to receive the nomination if there seems to be a general wish that I should have it. I have the utmost confidence in the outlook this year. Mr. Bryan will, I think will run again, and I believe that in a repetition of the contest of two years ago, I would win."

Judge Field believes in harmony and he says that the candidate of this county should have the unanimous support of all elements.

There is a very strong and very general sentiment here that Judge Field is the one man to carry the banner in this year's contest, and the indications are that he will secure the delegation with ease, and the nomination ditto.

Eugene Moore and Joe Bartley are two men whose political fortunes are secure for the next two years at least.

Mr. Moore as auditor of public accounts and Mr. Bartley as state treasurer, both in their first term, have had much to contend with since their assumption of office; but they have succeeded in giving the people of the state a most efficient, business like administration, and these two most important offices have never been in as satisfactory a condition as now.

Mr. Bartley has had some trying problems to solve since he became treasurer; he had no sooner taken the oath of office than he had to face the failure of the Capital National bank, with the loss of state funds, and changes in the laws and the financial stringency that continued the greater portion of last year, involved his administration in many perplexing difficulties. But Mr. Bartley's long experience as a practical banker has enabled him to meet the various emergencies in an intelligent manner, and the finances of the state are at this time in a most excellent condition. Mr. Bartley has endeavored to call in outstanding warrants as rapidly as possible and this year he will save the state many thousands of dollars in interest. Warrants are not allowed to remain unpaid and at interest longer than is absolutely necessary. Mr. Bartley is running the state treasurer's office in the interest of the state, and his business methods are appreciated. There will be no opposition whatever to Mr. Bartley. He will doubtless be re-nominated by acclamation as he deserves.

The auditor of public accounts, the checking officer of the state, can, if he chooses, permit the business of the state to be conducted in a careless and extravagant manner. On the other hand, if he attends strictly and conscientiously to his duty and endeavors to have the laws complied with in every particular, and is mindful of the state's interest, he can save a great deal of money, and increase the efficiency of the state's service. All of this Mr. Moore has done, and in so doing he has encountered some opposition; but he has not been deterred from his course and he has been most successful in keeping the state's expenditures within reasonable and lawful bounds. Mr. Moore, has since his residence in Lincoln, had no time for anything save the business of his office, and he has given the public an object lesson in official propriety and integrity. He will be renominated without opposition.

That W. S. Summers, the present deputy, will be nominated for attorney general, is very probable; and while THE COURIER does not

intend to say anything disparaging of other candidates, we have no hesitancy in declaring that Mr. Summers is the man who should be nominated. He has demonstrated his legal ability in the attorney general's office and he is in every way fitted for the office. There is something about Mr. Summers' republicanism that we particularly admire. He is an enthusiastic disciple of the faith, and he is ready to preach the gospel at any time and place. He will, if nominated be one of the most popular candidates on the ticket.

Notwithstanding the talk of an early convention, it is not probable that the republican state convention will be held before August 1, and it is quite probable that it will be as late as late as September.

I. M. Raymond continues to be spoken of throughout the state as a candidate for governor. Mr. Raymond's stability commends him to intelligent voters.

There has been a noticeable acceleration of the movement of Jack McColl's boom for governor in the last three weeks. At the present writing it looks as though there would be a hard fight between Majors and McColl with a show for a third candidate as a compromise.

The democratic party came into power with so clear a mandate from the people that it is abundantly authorized to make very radical changes in the whole revenue system of the United States. But it certainly had no mandate to cut, slash, tinker and deform for the mere sake of being able to claim that it had at last done something about the tariff. The Wilson bill as it left the house was a high protectionist measure in every principle. The added work of the senate committee has not made it in any point of principle a more thoroughly protective bill than Mr. Wilson himself made it, but has added to it much more of the character of a log-rolling measure, altered not to conform with any principle, but simply to favor certain special interests that were strong enough to insist upon having themselves protected. The result has been thus far to confuse and disturb the course of trade and industry. If the bill should become a law in one form or another, it would have effected nothing of broad and fundamental importance. It would simply have given us the prospect of a cessation of further actual changes so long as Mr. Cleveland remains in the White House—that is, for a few months after the presidential election of 1896.—From "The Progress of the World," April Review of Reviews.

THE CHAPERON.

To some sequestered, curtained nook,
Whence can escape no prying look,
They would condemn, by hook or crook,
The Chaperon.

When Calve's singing "Carmen", they
Within the box would hold full sway,
And in the background put away
The Chaperon.

When youthful feet fly o'er the floor
They'd relegate to guard the door,
And entertain each wallflower bore
The Chaperon.

But—let us tell the truth!
Who's yonder flirting with the youth
Who has a million in Duluth?
The Chaperon!

Who robs her charges of their beaux?
Who leads admirers by the nose,
'Till they don't know whom to propose
To? Chaperon!

Who is the star in all the play?
Who overshines the company? Nay,
Who is it that is Queen to day?
The Chaperon!
—Town Topics.