

## POINTS IN POLITICS.

"Yes, I am a candidate for governor," remarked I. M. Raymond to THE COURIER.

"I want the support of Lancaster county, and I propose to make an aggressive canvass all along the line."

Mr. Raymond has not come to this conclusion without serious consideration. He has studied the prevailing conditions in the republican field of Nebraska politics, and he is convinced that there is an encouraging degree of hope for a Lancaster county candidate for governor.

Mr. Raymond's sagacity is well known, and there are plenty of politicians who will say that the conclusion reached by him is correct.

Both Majors and McColl are waging the most earnest kind of a fight, and the hotter the contest between these old campaigners the better the chances for a third man, and Mr. Raymond is particularly qualified to step into the breach and pull out a nomination.

That Raymond would make a strong candidate and an excellent governor goes without saying.

It is a fact that a good many republicans are entirely too confident regarding the outlook for this state in the coming campaign. The prophets who a year and a half ago predicted the speedy demise of the populist party would be vindicated by results if it had not been, for two things—the financial depression and the dissatisfaction of democrats with their party. The fact that the third party is alive today may be attributed to these two causes. As the drouth in Nebraska bred populists a few years ago, so now does the hard times stimulate this movement. And many Nebraska democrats who subscribe to the populist ideas on the money question will this year vote with the populists. Republicans will have fewer democrats to meet in the approaching campaign and more populists; and there are strong symptoms of an inclination on the part of these two parties to come together in the nomination of candidates, in which event there may be danger ahead. Some of Mr. Bryan's friends who do not want to see him try for congress again are setting up the props for a gubernatorial boom, and it is among the possibilities that he may be nominated by the populists or democrats, or by both. Should he be so fortunate as to receive the endorsement of both parties, a consummation not at present deemed probable, it would require a marked concentration of republican effort to elect the republican candidate. Gaffin, who is just now prominently mentioned in connection with the populist nomination for governor is, in THE COURIER'S opinion, the strongest man in the third party. He is a good man. About the only objectionable thing about him is that he belongs to the populist party. If nominated he would be a live candidate. In the congressional districts, particularly in the First, Third, Fifth and Sixth, there is likely to be a union of democrats and populists. In the Third, should the two parties really come together, it is hardly possible that Congressman Meiklejohn could be re-elected. And in any event there is not more than a fighting chance for the republican candidate in the Fifth and Sixth districts. Dave Mercer will be renominated and elected in the Second and Hainer will undoubtedly be returned from the Fourth. In this district a strong republican candidate would win; a weak one would probably lose. There is much in the situation to call for serious consideration on the part of republicans who have the interests of the party at heart. It might be well to postpone all jubilees until after election, and devote all surplus energy and enthusiasm to the work of preparation for the contests. There never was a time when it was so necessary to nominate clean, strong candidates as now. There is a demand this year for candidates who will not have to waste any time making apologies for themselves, but who, backed by irreproachable records, can go out and win votes from the opposing camps.

The *World-Herald*, which, since Major J. D. Calhoun disposed of his paper and left Nebraska, is the official organ of Congressman Bryan, does not like the candidacy of Allen W. Field for congress in this district. The *World-Herald* pretends that Field's candidacy is a scheme to defeat Church Howe, and it mutters something about the G. A. R. and the soldier vote. It has long been known that Mr. Bryan longs to see Howe nominated, as the latter is, in his opinion, a weaker candidate than Field, and it is not surprising that the

*World-Herald* should express its disgust at the manifestation of a decided Field sentiment. Even Mr. Bryan's most ardent supporters admit that his prospects for re-election would be very poor if Field should be re-nominated. Mr. Bryan does not want Field to run again; but the republicans of the First district, when it comes to naming a candidate will not be guided to any considerable extent by the wishes of Mr. Bryan or the expressions of the *World-Herald*.

J. L. McPheeley, of Minden, is one of the latest to announce his withdrawal from the contest for the republican nomination for attorney general. This leaves the field practically in the possession of W. S. Summers.

It is believed that F. W. Collins will be elected president of the republican state league. Robinson, of Omaha, who was a candidate for this office two years ago, would like the honor; but Collins will probably have the votes and the enthusiasm.

There will be a meeting of the Young Men's Republican club next Wednesday night to take final action on the proposed new constitution and re-organization. The committee appointed to select delegate to the state republican league convention will report at this time.

Plattsmouth News: Mr. Bryan is between the devil and the deep sea. He knows that if he accepts the congressional nomination again he will have the same opposition as two years ago within his own party—and with the Morton contingent much stronger than ever, by reason of its entrenched position behind the bulky form of its great and good friend Grover. In addition to this, the elections of last fall and this spring have put the republicans in power in many places in the district where the democrats have for years been in a position to contribute to democratic success. The governorship offers scarcely better inducements for the eloquent young man to spend his time and money, and it is a foregone conclusion that the successor of Manderson will be a republican. To a man up a tree the conditions seem to warrant the prediction that the Hon. William can return to the practice of law March 4, next.

The republican state central committee will meet at the Millard hotel, Omaha, Tuesday, May 22 at 8 p. m., to arrange for the state convention. It is understood that a strong effort will be made to locate the convention in Omaha this year. Lincoln's claims will be presented in an effective manner, however.

## NOT THE OLD RACKET.

The susceptible young man had asked the girl to be his wife,  
"I am very sorry," she said, "very, very sorry; but it can never be,  
I can be a sis—"

His face grew hard.

"Let up on that, will you, please?" he growled, "It's bad enough for a fellow to be rejected, without having that sister racket fired at him."

"I beg pardon," she smiled coldly, "I had not intended anything of the sort. What I was about to say was that I would be a sister-in-law to you. For further particulars consult your good-looking brother. Good morning."

## THE LADY OR THE TIGER.

She gets two letters in the mail,  
The envelopes are scanned;  
A girl's handwriting is on one,  
A man's the other hand.

She lays them down; she picks up one  
It's seal is quickly burst—  
Now, who is wise enough to say  
Which one was opened first?

Our Wool Graduating dress goods sale begins Monday and lasts four days, at Herpolshiemers & Co. 33 inch all wool Nuns Veiling all light colors and cream 39 cents a yard, and other light wool goods equally low.