

POINTS IN POLITICS.

THE Fifth ward will be well to the front as usual in the coming spring campaign. The dogs of war will soon be turned loose, and as they have been feeding on raw meat, they are in prime condition to do lattle. From the present outlook the indications are that the caucus and primaries will equal in warmth any that have preceded, and some of them, as the public remembers, were hot.

Until recently it looked as though Mart Aitken would have plain sailing in the ward for city treasurer; but lately J. P. Maule has entered the race for mayor and he has already received strong backing. Barr Parker and A. D. Burr are also said to be candidates for mayor, but the fight will be between Maule and Aitken if the former remains a candidate. It is said by some that what Maule really wants is the city attorneyship, and others contend that he is a candidate for district judge. But meanwhile he is in the race for mayor, and he seems to be in earnest.

Two years ago Aitken was a candidate for treasurer, and he asked for the usual courtesy of the control of the ward delegation. The caucus that year will be remembered as one of the stormiest on record. Aitken has for years been an active, consistent republican, and he was entitled to what he asked by every rule of political usage. But the friends of Elmer Stephenson were determined that he should be re-elected city treasurer, and they came over into the Fifth ward—and carried the day. Ed Sizer and Gillilan and other prominent workers opposed giving Aitken the delegation, and after a long fight, the friends of Stephenson, a Third ward candidate, were successful in practically defeating the Fifth ward candidate in his own ward. Some of Aitken's friends have ever since regarded this as a great political outrage, and there has been a general feeling that he deserved the cordial support of the ward this year. But Sizer and Gillilan and the workers who are usually allied with them, are now for Maule, declaring that mayor is a more important office than treasurer, and that the ward ought to go after the biggest thing in sight. On the other hand Aitken has scores of steadfast and influential friends and he has an even chance of winning.

George Woods will probably begin his campaign in earnest shortly after his return from his bridal trip. Meanwhile Frank Graham and the rest of 'em are not inactive.

There continues to be much talk of a business candidate for mayor—some man who is not a politician.

Weir will of course be re-nominated by somebody. If he can't get any party or individual to undertake this responsibility, he will nominate himself. And it is no use denying that he will poll a great many votes. Weir will not be endorsed by the democrats. The democrats will have a candidate of their own. F. W. Brown is frequently mentioned in this connection. Mr. Brown, if nominated, would hardly be elected, but he would make an excellent mayor. Some republicans would vote for him.

Elmer Stephenson is regarded by some as a candidate for a fourth term as city treasurer. The fact that he asked the council to examine his accounts is what causes people to believe that he is a candidate. Of course a highly commendatory report of an auditing committee would be a valuable campaign document, and those who know anything about Mr. Stephenson's conduct of his office know the report would be commendatory.

Common Sense

Should be used in attempting to cure that very disagreeable disease, catarrh. As catarrh originates in impurities in the blood, local applications can do no permanent good. The common sense method of treatment is to purify the blood, and for this purpose there is no preparation superior to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills cure constipation by restoring peristaltic action to the alimentary canal.



The marriage ceremony of Miss White and Mr. Marshall, to occur next Wednesday at Holy Trinity church will attract considerable attention as both parties are prominent young people. The present week has been devoid of incident and there is nothing especially encouraging in the outlook. The club dances were not very well attended on account of the extremely cold weather.

The Pleasant Hour club gave one of the most enjoyable dances of the season at the Lincoln hotel Friday. Nearly all of the members were present and enjoyed the dance.

Judge Tucker of Humbolt was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. A. Bruce Coffroth has returned from an extended eastern trip.

Miss Matilda Lennon, a well known and talented contralto singer of Boston, Mass., arrived in the city yesterday to make Lincoln her future home. Miss Lennon will be warmly welcomed in the musical circles of this city.

Mr. Robert A. Clapp, who for the past year has been attorney for the Farmers and Merchants' Insurance Company, has resigned and formed a partnership with Mr. Hasty of Fairbury. Bob, as he is familiarly called, has many friends in this city, who wish him well in his new field of labor.

Mrs. Ed Sheldon and daughter of Nebraska City, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hawley, returned home Tuesday accompanied by Miss Fannie Hawley.

Miss Grace Kenney of Omaha is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Muirette.

Miss Bernice Becker entertained a few friends Tuesday evening.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church gave an "at home" on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Lucie Phillips at 1645 M street. The house was prettily decorated with lilies of the valley and white hyacinths. A large number were present and the evening was delightfully spent with music and recitations. Lemonade was served from a beautifully decorated punch bowl.

Monday evening the Marshall Division K. of P. Lodge Number 41 gave a social at their hall at 10th and O street. A large number was in attendance and enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

The K. of P. sisterhood contemplate giving a pound social next Saturday evening for the benefit of Lincoln's poor. A good musical program is being arranged.

Mr. George W. Avery of Sioux City is visiting C. A. Howe.

Mr. William Meyer, late of Lincoln but now of Des Moines, is in the city.

Mr. J. G. Rounds, cashier of the Citizen's National Bank of Des Moines, was in the city during the past week.

Mrs. H. E. Noble of Portland, Ore., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Marlay, south Twenty-third street. She is accompanied by her children, Marjorie and Janet.