

POINTS IN POLITICS.

THE governor of North Carolina in his famous remark to the governor of South Carolina, placed himself on record as believing that it's a long time between drinks. Mr. Bryan, as he contemplates the ruins might remark to Judge Broady that it's a much longer time between democratic victories in these piping times of democratic mal-administration. Tuesday's battle was a Marathon if regarded from the republican standpoint and a veritable Waterloo if viewed from an outpost of democracy. Whichever way you look at it, it was a very one sided affair. The democrats did not even retire in good order. There hasn't been anything like it in this town for a mighty long time, and a great many people are still dazed.

No republican candidate for mayor in this city has ever had to contend with an opposition like that which Mr. Graham had to face. But he was elected by a majority that surprised, aye, almost dumfounded everybody, including the politicians. Two years ago Weir was easily elected notwithstanding the vigorous efforts of the republicans. On Tuesday Mr. Graham, against the combined opposition of the democrats, independents and a certain alleged body of men called federationists, was elected with a plurality of nearly 1500. What caused this remarkable change? The reasons were outlined in last week's COURIER, and now that it is all over, the big republican plurality does not seem so very remarkable after all.

When Mr. Weir ran for a second term the contest, it will be remembered, was confined almost wholly to local issues. In the contest which came to an end on Tuesday, there were many issues including free silver, Mrs. Gosper, Brownville, Mr. Bryan, Judge Broady's congressional aspirations, and the proper handling of the social evil; but Mr. Graham won the battle on two issues. The first and the one by far the most instrumental in making votes was the introduction of national politics. The second was the policy to be pursued with reference to certain evils that afflict all cities.

Mr. Bryan is unable to-day to point to Judge Broady as a free silver democrat whom he had elected mayor in republican Lincoln. This he would most surely have done if Mr. Graham had been defeated. Judge Broady, who is a partner in most of Mr. Bryan's schemes, cannot now feel that encouragement in his desire to go to congress that he would have felt if he had been elected mayor. Mr. Bryan and Judge Broady allowed their own personal ambition and democratic politics to cover up purely local questions. The kind of politics these gentlemen represent isn't very popular in this section just now, and when the campaign took a political turn republicans who before had been willing to be mugwumps just once, turned about and became republicans, partisans if you will, once more. From the Broady point of view Mr. Bryan's participation in the campaign were a mistake, the church meeting was a mistake, and Judge Broady may possibly conclude that he is himself a mistake.

Mayor Weir's policy, particularly with reference to the social evils, was regarded by many as impracticable and detrimental to the city. There was a somewhat general desire for a change in this direction—and to this are attributed not a few Graham votes.

The Civic Federation, what of it? The democrats captured it, and judging from returns, they killed it.

The following is a list of republican candidates for county offices who live in the Fourth ward: Judge of the district court, E. P. Holmes and C. L. Hall; county judge, I. W. Lansing and W. S. Hamilton; clerk of the district court, S. E. Low, C. H. Rohman, Tom Platt; county clerk, Harry Wells; sheriff, George Cook.

Elmer E. Spencer and John S. Bishop are candidates for county judge.

Judge B. Cunningham, of the sixth ward has on several occasions acted as county judge in Judge Lansing's absence, and he

likes the job and will try to get himself elected as Lansing's successor.

J. D. Parker aspires to be sheriff of Lancaster county.

WALT SEELEY LOOSES HIS MIND.

Great perturbation was caused in legislative medical and political circles by the report that Walt Seeley had lost his mind. In this great big world of ours very small things are easily lost. Fearing a misfortune of this sort the friends of Mr. Seeley have for years guarded against accident, but the other day his mind slipped away. It was at first proposed to advertise for it, but on second thought it was decided that this would be useless. Even a Sherlock Holmes would be baffled in a quest after it. While it may not have been so imposing as some minds, it had certain peculiarities that gave it a value not intrinsic and from a curio point of view its loss is to be deeply regretted.

THE PASSING OF MR. MCKESSON.

A particularly gratifying feature of the adjournment of the legislature is the eclipse of J. C. F. McKesson, who during the session has burlesqued the role of senator. Mr. McKesson is a most grievous mistake and he can never be rectified. The republican party was guilty of a culpable act when it nominated him for the house of representatives. Its conduct was much more reprehensible when it nominated him for the senate. But the utter absurdity of McKesson's masquerade as a representative of the people has been so manifest this winter that there is an enthusiastic unanimity in the opinion among republicans that this jumping jack must now be retired permanently to the unbroken quiet of private life at Emerald. The days of Touchstone and Falstaff are long since past, and it is not in accordance with modern ideas to maintain performers of this sort at the public expense.

THE NEW MAM.

The Sunset club has a special license to discuss the New Woman because a conspicuous element of its membership is the New Man. The New Man is known by his words. He may or may not be active in the chase, but around the council fire he is heap big Injun. He is Chief Talkee-Talkee, the prince and paragon of Chin-Chin. It is a very lively and illusive question that escapes the arrow of his speech. He knows the causes of all things; or, if he doesn't know, he says he knows, and believes it. The sun never sets on his discoursing. It is appalling to reflect what mountains and oceans and long rivers of eloquence might have been lost to the world but for the New Man and the Sunset club. That is one of the reasons why it is a good thing that the Sunsetters sat down at their last session on the New woman. Another reason is that it didn't hurt the New Woman at all; on the contrary, she seemed to like it. She was present on the occasion, and had her talk machine with her. The *Times-Herald* has been only too happy and proud to print what happened, and having done so, can do no more to add to the gayety of the nation beyond expressing the hope that the New Woman and the New Man may soon foregather again, throw open the valve, abolish the limit and—let her slobber. There will be a reporter for the *Times-Herald* within easy ear-shot.—Chicago *Times-Herald*.

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