

**POINTS IN POLITICS.**

Now that the republican county central committee has met and fixed the date of the convention there is a disposition on the part of the candidates to begin the ante-convention fight at once. For a couple of months there has been more or less preliminary skirmishing; but the campaign for nominations cannot be said to have fairly begun until this week. All through the heat of July the politicians' ardor will wax strong, and the clashing of the clans will go on unrestrained by the influence of the dog days. The desire for office is a thing beyond the reach of winter's cold or summer's heat. It rises above the elements, and leads men a merry dance through all the days and some of the nights.

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Nebraska may, at rare intervals, sustain a failure of the corn crop; but since the good old days when territorial politics was not unmingled with the smoking "gun" there has never been a failure of the crop of candidates. At all times, aye, in the darkest hours the state has seen, even in that fearful period when the cloud of grasshoppers brought an all-pervading gloom on the commonwealth, patriots have not been wanting to man the guns and pocket the shekels provided by "we, the people". And the zeal for public service has increased as the trees on the Nebraska prairies have grown taller, and the bung hole in the great treasury vat has oozed more and more. In Lincoln and Lancaster county the patriots swarm around the public crib in much the same way that bees swarm around the hive, and their industry in the pursuit of office is comparable to the industry of the bee. They work with might and main, these patriotic politicians, apparently undeterred by the fact that mighty few win the prize they covet.

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One hears a great deal about this or that politician's popularity and influence. So and so will be successful, it is said, because of his pull. But after all, pull and popularity are generally distanced by hustle. It isn't always merit that pulls in under the wire first, and influence often lags along in the rear while energy shoots in ahead. Of course popularity and influence are good things; but the candidate who places the most dependence on work, who sees the most people, who is most active, is generally the one who is successful.

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It is a far cry to the Twelfth of August. Many are the hopes that shimmer in the sunshine of the present that will have gone glimmering ere the goal of mid-summer is reached. Some of those who are now most active will have been lulled to sleep, and new men will be bombarding the walls. A Hicks may foretell the changes in the weather a year hence, but no grey beard may comprehend the mutations of Lancaster county politics. It is given to no man to tell what the future has in store for the attenuated, Hickman patriot or the gentle and diffident Ensign. Who can say what pitfalls may come in the way of a Kelley or a Melick? And is there anyone who would presume to fix the fate of the ruddy-hued colonel known from Greenland's icy mountains to Africa's sunny strand as bold Ed Sizer; or fasten the destiny of that redoubtable young man of the raven hair and piercing eyes who answers to the name of Low? And none can say whether Charley will have the proper open sesame or be compelled to Waite outside; and that man of canned goods and vegetables, Rohmon; and the unctuous son

of Erin, Patrick Deere; and smoothly smiling Harry Wells; and that man of warlike mien Frank Mitchell; and the vivacious Tom Cochran; and the good natured John Cunningham; and the lucky Ike Lansing; and the rising young man, Spencer; and the sphynx-like Charley Hall; and the man of the handsome whiskers, Ed Holmes; and the bland Scott; and the cherub faced Maule; and the man-who-shakes-his-head-when-he-makes-a-speech, Jim Caldwell; and that other ex-legislator, Cornish; and about a hundred others—what are the wild waves of prophecy saying of them? It is all uncertain—as uncertain as life among trolley cars and appendicitis and green apples and D. G. Courtney.

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That there will be more or less fusion on the part of democrats and populists is probable; but there are a good many members of both parties who are not possessed of an over-weening desire for fusion, and they will not fuse even if the conventions demand them so to do. It is generally thought among the populists and democrats that any effort to secure offices this fall other than those now held by Mr. Miller and Mr. Baker would be fruitless, and there will be a more or less concentrated endeavor to keep these two men in at the expense of the balance of the ticket.

The Third ward will support John S. Bishop for county judge.

Fred Beckman and Maxey Cobb are entirely serene these troublous days.

J. S. Baer has helped the ticket before, and there is a general desire to have him put up again.

Pat Dore will in all probability, get into the convention with a goodly number of votes at his back.

The candidacy of Jim Mahoney for sheriff is expected by its promoters to bring down a deputyship.

There was talk of bringing out a new candidate for sheriff, Ryan by name, in Havelock; but Ryan has, it is said, declined to be a candidate.

There is a revival of the Elmer Stephenson talk. It is said that the Third ward may present his name when the nominations for clerk of the district court are called for.

D. G. Courtney isn't devoting so much time to politics as formerly. About one-half of his valuable time is given to telling the inmates of barrooms and corner loafers what a bad paper THE COURIER is. "THE COURIER," says the bosom friend of the late Charlie Crow, "is a -----" and its editor is -----."

Captain Billingsley says there will be a fight over the judgeships in the Fourth ward. This, with a great many people, settles it. A number of well informed politicians still insist that Hall and Holmes will fight, each with a candidate for clerk of the district court hanging on his coat tail. There are others who maintain that both judges will go into the convention. It is said in support of this that both Hall and Holmes are acceptable to the people of the county and that sentiment will dictate the nomination of both. "The h—l with sentiment," remarked a Fourth ward warrior who heard this assertion. "We are going to fight dead sure." The indications of a fight are fairly encouraging.

This is the situation in the Fifth ward: Sizer for clerk of the district court, and

Ensign for sheriff are about evenly matched. They are regarded as the leading candidates of the ward. Ensign has a large and enthusiastic following, and Sizer has gained considerable strength through his joining in with the Aitken forces last spring. There is sure to be a primary fight and these two will be the principal combatants. The outcome all depends on what the other candidates, Tom Cochran, A. D. Burr, Henry Hoagland, Kimmell, W. L. Brown and John P. Maule, do. Cochran, candidate for county judge, is probably as strong, personally, as Sizer or Ensign, but the fact that the county judgeship is considered a minor office has a tendency to keep him in second place until Ensign and Sizer settle their scrap. Cochran could make either Sizer or Ensign by going in with him; but he is not disposed to antagonize Alva Smith and Dan Kelley and John Trompen by uniting with Ensign; neither is he anxious to arouse the opposition of Charley Waite, Sam E. Low, C. H. Rohman and the other candidates for clerk of the district court by helping to get Ed Sizer before the convention. Some people think Cochran would stand a show if he made the fight on his own account.

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In the District court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Joseph H. Sniffen, Plaintiff,  
vs.

Annie Morrill, et al., Defendants.

Annie Morrill, Romaine L. Bogardus, Wesley Young, Mrs. Wesley Young (his wife, first real name unknown) Joseph N. Dowden, Benjamin M. Gibson, Dewit Wheeler and Orin Y. Wheeler, defendants will take notice that on the first day of May, 1895, Joseph N. Sniffen, the plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by Annie Morrill (widow) to Joseph N. Sniffen, Plaintiff, upon the following described premises to-wit: Beginning at the south west corner of the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section no. eleven (11) in township No. ten (10), range No. six (6) east and running thence north along the section line eighty rods (80) to the north west quarter of said south west quarter of south west quarter, thence east thirty-one and 55-100 (31.55) rods along the north line of said forty acre tract, thence south parallel with the west line of said section to the south line of said section, thence west along said section line to place of beginning, enclosing and including a tract of land off the West side of said forty acre tract eighty rods long, north and south, and thirty one and fifty five hundredths (31.55) rods wide from east to west, Lancaster county, to secure the payment of one certain promissory note, dated February 1st, 1893, for the sum of \$1000, due and payable two years from date thereof; said mortgage provided that in case said note, or interest thereon, was not paid when due, or within ten days thereafter, the whole sum secured thereby might be declared to be due and payable; there is now due on said note and mortgage, the sum of \$1000, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the first day of February, 1893, for which sum, with interest from this date, plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 29th day of July 1895.

Dated June 15th 1895. C. C. Flansburg,  
Atty. for Plaintiff

July 20.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Mary E. Swayne is plaintiff, and John Werts et al. are defendants.

I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 9th day of July A. D. 1895, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to-wit:

Lot number eight (8) in block four (4) in McMurtry's addition to Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 6th day of June A. D. 1895.

Fred A. Miller  
Sheriff

A. Bruce Coffroth  
Atty at Law.

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**ORDER ON ABSENT DEFENDANT**

In the circuit court of the United States, for the district of Nebraska.

At a session of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the district of Nebraska, continued and held pursuant to adjournment, at the United States court room in the city of Omaha, on the third day of June 1895, the Honorable Elmer S. Dundy, Judge, being present and presiding in said court, the following among other proceedings were had and done to-wit:

No 114 R.

Edinburg Lombard  
Investment company

limited, a corporation,

Complainant, vs.

Herman P.

Hermansen et al.

Defendants.

IN CHANCERY  
Order on absent defendant

And now on this third day of June A. D. 1895, being at the May term, A. D. 1895, of the said court, it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the said court that this is a suit commenced to enforce a lien upon real property within the said district, and that Herman P. Hermansen and Johanna M. Hermansen, defendants herein are not inhabitants of, and have not been found within the said district, and have not voluntarily appeared in this suit, on motion of said A. Bruce Coffroth, solicitor for the said complainant, it is considered by the court and ordered that the defendants above named be and are hereby directed to appear and plead, answer or demur to the complainant's bill of complaint, on or before Monday, August 5th, 1895, and in default thereof, an order be entered in this cause taking the said bill *pro confesso*.

It is further ordered by the court that at least twenty days before the said Monday, August 5th 1895 a copy of this order be served upon Herman P. Hermansen and Johanna M. Hermansen the said defendants wherever found, if practicable, and also upon the person or persons in charge or possession of the real property described in complainant's bill of complaint, if any there be; or in lieu thereof a copy of this order be published for six consecutive weeks in THE LINCOLN COURIER, a weekly newspaper published and in general circulation in said district of Nebraska.

(signed) Elmer S. Dundy,  
Judge.

The United States of America, }  
District of Nebraska, } as

I, Elmer D. Frank, clerk of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Nebraska, do hereby certify, that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an order entered upon the journal of the proceedings of said court, in the cause therein entitled; that I have compared the same with the original entry of said order, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

Witness my official signature, and seal of said court, at Omaha, in said district, this third day of June A. D. 1895.

Elmer D. Frank,  
Clerk.

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