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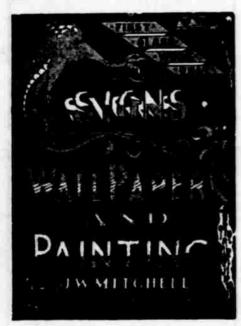
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POINTS IN POLITICS

Last week in this department of THE COURIER, there was a consideration of The the personal aspects of the local campaign. It may be well to consider some of the political issues involved. It an impartial review of the personnel of the various tickets offered to the voters of the county is to the advantage of the republican candidates, then an investigation of the general issues of the campaign is likely to add material strength to the republican cause.

> the people of the country than it does self of the habit of misrepresentation. now; it never deserved so much at the hands of the people as it does now. The republican party, as has been many made mistakes of omission and comso many good men to office, and given party. such satisfactory administration and legislation? Of the many thousands of republicans who have been elevated to positions of responsibility and trust in The answer to this query is a certificate of good character for the republican party. The men who have made on the party.

Now, what of populism? Let us see what claim the populists have on the this state.

famers of the state, and the party has ulist record to point to with pride.

ever been a defamation and a disgrace.

Perhaps the most versatile and influential fraud who ever plied his trade in Nebraska is Charles H. Van Wycke. He is one of the men who are responsible for the populist party in this state. He advocated a new party because he had exhausted the office giving resources of the republican party, with an appetite remaining that bellowed for "more." One of the worst things that can be said about the populist party is that Van Wycke helped form it. This man first showed us here in Nebraska what real demagogy is. There have been many later demonstrations. About eight years ago there was a man in a little town in Gage county whose sole occupa-Primarily, the chief question at issue tion was the defamation of Nebraska, in the county campaign is, Shall the re- This man lied and lied so often and so publican party, naturally and logically gratuitously that he finally secured for in the majority, be successful in carry- himself a certain notoriety. He helped ing all of the offices, or shall one or two organize the new party and his lying sops be thrown to the populist Cer- furnished him a livelihood for several berus? Republicanism vs. Populism. years in the new organization. This Republicanism is live; the republican man is Jay Burrows and he now lives in party was never so much alive as at the Lincoln. It is perhaps but just to him present time; it never meant more to to say that he has of late weaned him-

Some years ago there was a steamboat engineer on the Mississippi river. The times admitted in these columns, has engineer moved to Nebraska and became a member of the republican party. mission. It has sometimes advanced He settled in Seward, and was elected men who should have been left on the justice of the peace. Then he was electrear bench of obscurity. It has some- ed attorney-general. He held office times been chargeable with a neglect of three terms. He wasn't a very good atthe public interests for the sake of pri-torney-general, and when he wanted vate advantage. No party that ever still another term the republican party existed since the fabled days of Homer said nay. Then William Leese, for that was guiltless of these weaknesses. But, is his name carried his appetite for ofand I am speaking now of the republi- fice over to the new party. He was one can party in this state and this county, of its chief organizers. As a demahas there been another party that has gogue he is only second to Van Wycke. anything like its record of achievement? These three were the main instruments Is there any other party that has elected of the organization of the populist be pleased to fill orders for Engraved

What has the populist party accomplished? It has succeeded in putting a this state how many have been a credit number of men in office, and with few to themselves, the party and the state, exceptions, these men have brought rid and how few have been proven recreant? icule and disgrace upon themselves and the state. Three years ago a lot of populists got into the legislature. They controlled that body. The session that Nebraska what it is, have been, to a very year was the most scandalous the state great extent, republicans. The men has ever known. The public money who organized the state, made the laws was scattered to the four winds. There HUNTER PRINTING CO .. and carried on the government have was profligacy and shameless fraud. been, with few exceptions, republicans. There was gross incompetence and And the result is a proud commentary downright dishonesty. There was disregard for the law, a defiance of the constitution. It was at this session that armed troops patrolled the state house corridors, when the capitol was in a Ladies consideration and votes of the people of state of siege for a week. C. D. Schra. And der, populist leader, publicly damned Misses the constitution. Another member ac- Shoes. cepted a bribe and fled from the state. Populism is a plague. It came with- Many others stole supplies from the out a summons, blasted without a rea- state relief commission. Sam Elder, in son, destroyed relentlessly, and now re- the chair of the speaker of the house of cedes as it came. Back of the populist representatives, drew the ridicule of the party as we know it in this state, there entire country. Men like Newberry is not now, nor never was, a single sensi-made spectacles of themselves daily. ble, patriotic idea. It did not spring The state was maligned and plundered. into existence to meet an emergency or That was the first real taste of power save a state. It has never stood for the pone had. The populists elected principle. The populist party has not McKeighan and Kem to congress, the in six years given one valid excuse for former a clever man, but a professional its existence. It has given a hundred dead beat, the latter ignorant and a perreasons why it should not live. The sistent maligner of his state. The pops party grew out of a dissatisfaction-a elected William Vincent Allen United dissatisfaction not with the manner in States senator. This man, when not which the state was being governed, boring the people to death by his galbut with the insbility of the republican vanized speeches, guzzles and fights in party to provide places for all claimants. the by-ways. Allen is worse than a Unsuccessful candidates for office or mistake. He is a crime. The populists ganized the populist party, and organ- have given us Edgerton, Dech, Mart ized in this manner, it has from the Howe, Rewick, Elder, Schrader, et al., first, while making a hypocritical ap- and a fine lot now-is it not so? In the peal to human credulity, represented various counties in the state where they nothing more nor less than an over- obtained control they proved themselves developed appetite for office. The pop- to be incompetent and in many cases ulist party was organized by the de dishonest. There is nothing in the pop- Q. A. RUTHERFORD. C. P. & T. A

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