

nation of Nebraska's favorite son. This is reasonable and just. It is the only practical solution of the difficulty. But from present indications it is altogether likely that McKinley will be nominated on the first or second ballot.

That man of smiles and colored waist-coats, John L. Webster, wants to go to the St. Louis convention as a delegate-at-large. He is being pushed forward as an "original McKinley man." When Samuel Warren wrote "Ten Thousand a Year" and created the character of "Oily Gammon," he had in mind a man bearing a close resemblance to the smooth and slippery gentleman of handsome visage and exquisite sartorial embellishment, John L. Webster. This oleaginous and Brummelesque individual is a man of large and varied talents. He is the Vanishing Lady of Nebraska politics, the artful dodger and gifted skirmisher of the republican party. He can squeeze through a keyhole and wiggle through the minutest crevice. He is finer than silk and smoother than grease. His smile is beautiful and his dancing, mincing mien is diverting to a degree.

POINTS IN POLITICS

J. C. F. McKesson denies that he has ever been a candidate for auditor. He is willing to be returned to the senate. Mr. McKesson is an experienced legislator, having served in both houses. He is popular in this city as well as in the county. He is active and well informed, and will be a strong candidate before the convention.

J. H. McClay will have the unanimous support of Lancaster county for auditor. Mr. McClay has the advantage of a large acquaintance among the republicans of the state, and his candidacy, pressed by a unanimous Lancaster county delegation ought to receive recognition at the state convention. Mr. McClay has many elements of strength, and is thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of the position to which he aspires. If the proper effort is made this county might secure this important office.

Mr. L. J. Byer, the republican nominee for water commissioner, is one of the best known citizens of Lincoln. He has resided in this city twenty-six years and has a record for integrity that stood him well in hand in his recent candidacy for the nomination for water commissioner. Mr. Byer was cemetery trustee for nine years, and was street commissioner three years. He has the confidence of the community and his nomination adds strength to the republican city ticket. He will go into office pledged to give the water office an economical, business-like administration. Mr. Byer believes the water department may be made self-sustaining, and he will labor toward that end.

E. J. Burket is in a fair way to be nominated for the legislature. He is one of the prominent and respected young republicans of the Fifth ward, and his candidacy meets with no opposition in that ward. He has an excellent record and will be a strong candidate.

J. D. Woods, of the Fourth ward, doesn't propose to be deterred by any legislative combines. He is a candidate for the lower house, and he expects to have the solid support of his ward. Mr. Woods is well known as a progressive farmer and enterprising citizen. He was county clerk two terms.

Lancaster precinct will only have one

When in a previous presidential campaign this remarkable and versatile acrobat appeared before the republican state convention he slipped and slid around on the platform in a manner that out-gammoned Gammon. Finally he struck a rough place and the people made him spell out the name B-l-a-i-n-e. A few weeks ago, before it was definitely settled whether Nebraska would be for McKinley or Manderson, this noted performer appeared before a public McKinley meeting in this city and with characteristic finesse, he declared that the weather was fine, but omitted to say whether he was for McKinley. Mr. Webster wasn't ready to jump. He didn't get into the McKinley camp until he was pushed in. And this slippery, smiling gentleman wants to go to St. Louis as an "original McKinley man!" Wasn't it Webster who tried to break instructions at Minneapolis?

Mr. Webster is polished and highly ornamental. He is the most precious bit of decorative bric-a-brac we have in the state. Is it expedient to risk sending him to St. Louis?

THE EDITOR.

candidate before the county convention, Mr. T. M. Wimberley will have the unanimous support of the precinct for the house of representatives, and he will be in an excellent position to secure the nomination. Mr. Wimberley is cashier of the Windom bank at University Place. He has resided in this county for many years, having cast his first vote for Garfield in this city. He is an enthusiastic republican and is known as an out and out McKinley man. Mr. Wimberley has the respect of the people in his precinct, and he is favorably known to republicans all over the county. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans.

A feature of the next session of the legislature will be the insurance lobby. The work has already commenced. The old line companies have agents in the field and the agents have plenty of money to spend. An effort will be made to secure the nomination and election of candidates for the legislature who will assist the old line companies in crowding out the mutual companies.

Robert Ryan, of this city, Irving Baxter, of Omaha, and M. L. Hayward, of Nebraska City, are mentioned as candidates for the supreme bench in case the constitutional amendment for an increase in the number of judges carries.

Teeters and Olsen are candidates for the legislature in the Seventh ward.

The people of Lincoln are to be congratulated on the improvement that will be effected in the city council when that body is reorganized after election. One of the prospective new members to whom the public will look with confidence is W. B. Comstock, of the Seventh ward, who received the republican nomination after a spirited contest by a vote of 316 to 181. Mr. Comstock is known as a prominent young attorney and ardent republican. He is committed to the cause of good government and his reputation is a sufficient guarantee that his public service will be in the interest of the people. He will be one of the strong men in the council.

E. R. Spencer, of Firth, is being pushed along in his candidacy for the senate by the record he has made in the legislature. Mr. Spencer is a representative man, and along with his other

out in the rain

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