

Mr. Sedgwick's Reply.

In a very able and interesting article in THE COURIER, W. Morton Smith gives a good many cogent reasons why "Jack" McColl should not be nominated for governor. Mr. Smith is entitled to the distinction of being not only the most graceful writer in the state, but of stating his honest convictions fully and fairly without fear or favor. He closes his political article by saying: "Mr. Sedgwick, the former secretary of the republican state central committee, has used up columns of good space in his newspaper demanding better men for public office in this state. Other editors, in off seasons, have taken up the cry. Now that the campaign is on will Mr. Sedgwick, prosecute the good work? Will the other editors who talked fearlessly but a few months back have the courage to voice their honest convictions now? Will the republican newspapers of the state say a word now in disapproval of the candidacy of such men as McColl and in advocacy of bigger men for the state's big offices."

The Times has frequently plead for bigger, stronger and better men for office than some who have been nominated by the republican party in the past, but Mr. Smith evidently recognized the difference between saying "bad birds should be killed" and then firing into the thicket full of all kinds of birds, or singling out one particular bird and blazing away at it. Republicans should remember, however, that we have Holcomb to beat next fall. They know that he is fleet of foot notwithstanding his weight. It is no time to redress fancied individual wrongs nor to open old and malignant sores. However the principals may feel toward each other, there is a permanent animosity between the personal adherents of Majors and McColl, which was still more than embittered by the campaign of ninety-four. The Majors men have charged and still charge that McColl came out of the convention very sore and fully determined to throw cold water on the republican ticket; that he insulted prominent and conscientious supporters of Majors; that he still is resentful and hostile toward them, and that he was worse than indifferent toward the republican ticket during that critical campaign.

Does anyone suppose that the ardent friends of Tom Majors, after having seen him defeated him, as they believe by the luke-warmness, if not treachery, of his principal opponent, are going now to see that indifference rewarded by the election of that opponent? Some of them have even said they want to see him nominated so that they could "give him some of the same medicine he gave Tom." Does the republican party want to invite this tempest to break upon it during this important campaign? Will it not only endanger the head of the state ticket but weaken the entire ticket as well? Will it not endanger the chances of election of every nominee of the republican state convention and weaken the national ticket in Nebraska? These are considerations worth thinking about and discussing.—York Times.

A STERLING OPINION.

The state bank examiners and others close in touch with the present state treasurer are travelling about over the state giving it out as a pointer to band wagon politicians that everything has been arranged and fixed for the nomination of a treasurer chosen by Bartley, says the Sterling Sun. It is given out confidentially everywhere that Mr. Bartley's influence is sufficient to nominate his successor. If this is true it is a dangerous thing. Nothing could be more disastrous to the party than to have it known throughout the state that the treasurer is able to choose the man to whom he is turn over the office

This is no time for this kind of manipulation. The very life of the republican party depends upon the principle that the party, the whole party, in convention assembled shall choose its own candidates. We have no particular objection to Mr. McNish but it is unfortunate that he was brought out by Bartley. The moment that it is demonstrated that a state treasurer can choose his own successor or can even exercise any considerable influence in that direction, that moment the public will lose, to a certain degree, its respect and confidence not only in the party but in the integrity of the office and its occupant. We are to have a new Nebraska. The fields are now green with growing grain and promise a new era of prosperity in business affairs, let us, to some extent at least, inaugurate a new era in our state politics. Let us set the standard high. Let the candidates be nominated by the fair and untrammelled will of the party in its state convention. Then when our ticket is in the field we can point to it with pride and there will be no necessity for apologies or explanations.

THE COMBINE

There certainly are indications of the existence of such a combine (McColl, Moore, McNish) and the republicans should express their disapproval when the time comes, as they no doubt will. The first intimation of such a scheme naturally comes from the Lincoln papers, The Courier publishing the announcement in a recent issue of such a rumor in the lobbies of the capital city, Grand Island Independent.

GOMBINE'S SLATE

The newspapers and republicans generally are beginning to write and talk about the "combine's slate," which already seems to be made up of McColl for governor, McNish for treasurer and McClay for auditor. With Joe Bartley, the astute and clever politician of the state treasurer's office, in the head push, things seem to be moving along very smoothly for the "Three Macs." And yet the query naturally arises in the thoughtful mind, why is the state treasurer so anxious about the successor to his office? And again, is it good political sense or sensible political policy for the state of Nebraska or for the republican party to allow this dictation of a successor to any state office, and especially of an office with the ramifications of the state treasurership? Where are we at we brethren?—Mc Cook Tribune.

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