

POLITICAL POINTS.

"Vanity of vanities, with the preacher, all is vanity."  
 And it is even so with politics;  
 For, if one attaineth unto the highest offices in the gift of the people  
 What hath he attained after all?  
 What hath he to own, but vain and empty glory.  
 Which is as fleeting as vain life, and e'en more so?  
 Or what hath he to leave behind, and when the days of his vanity have passed?  
 Verily, politics is the greatest of all vanities!

Now that we are to have a pop governor and legislature, let us bow to the inevitable without so much apprehension. Governor Holcomb has publicly proclaimed his views. The people of this state and the money kings of the east need no longer remain in dread of radical or vicious legislation. The large majority given Governor Holcomb in this state attests the fact that thousands of Nebraska's best business men voted for him, even though they did vote the balance of the republican ticket. And that the judgment of these thousands of republicans, insofar as they believed Holcomb to be an efficient and conservative executive was not at fault. His letter evinces this fact; his record for the past two years proves it.

And Governor Holcomb, keen man that he is, feels what is expected at his hands in return for the great confidence reposed in him. He is aware that he is the recognized leader of the populists of this state, and that he will either make a good record or destroy his political future by his policy this winter.

It may also be asserted that the pops of this year are not of the rabid class of some years. Like all other political bodies, they, too, have learned the great importance of conservatism and consistency. They know the attitude of banks and other corporations; they realize that by their actions the credit of Nebraska will either be maintained or hopelessly shattered. And having a knowledge of these facts, one can hardly believe that the coming state dignitaries will jeopardize their chances for further success by treading on the toes of Governor Holcomb or by the advocacy of measures which have a tendency to injure the state. It is also believed that the populists will not temper with matters affecting local politics, though they may cut the city charter to some extent.

And speaking on this subject, it should be stated that a great many newspapers injure the state to the same extent that populism is said to do. The papers in question, instead of making the best of an unsatisfactory bargain, have the pernicious habit of disparaging the state's credit in their every issue. Instead of advising and encouraging a good administration, they ridicule and discourage it. Instead of incurring the temporary friendship of the opposition, they only intensify its enmity. And all this to the detriment of the state.

While The Courier does not desire to maintain a pop legislature, it is impressed with the fact that much benefit would inure to the state would the press but temporarily bolster up a broad and safe policy, and give the populists credit for wisdom and conservatism until they have reason to denounce them.

The Young Men's Republican club of Lincoln will hold a meeting some time next month, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected. John B. Cunningham, who is now president of the club, has given out the information that he will positively not be a candidate for re election. John has made an efficient general for this force, and no doubt would have been tendered a second term had he desired it. Since his declination the friends of Ned

Brown—who are, by the way, a host in themselves—have been booming him for president for the young republicans. Whether Ned will accept the position is not known. He should do so, at any rate. He is able, trustworthy and energetic, and that is the kind of material the Young Men's Republican club needs at its head.

Jim Parker has imparted an awful secret to one of his bosom friends. He stated on the quiet that he was not a candidate for any office next spring. But we have this chestnut before.

Many people are wondering what F. W. Collins receives from the national republican pie counter. In regard to this matter it may be reliably stated that Mr. Collins will be given nearly anything within reason he may ask for. In order to relieve the minds of the aspirants for office in Nebraska it may be asserted that Frank will not interfere with any of their contemplations. No; he is after a greater position. Mr. Collins needs no recommendation from press or individual. His record and personal work are known. He is deserving, and can be sure of being richly rewarded.

Corn is being daily used for fuel, while there are tens of thousands who are hungry. Millions of tons of coal lie at every hand, while many thousands of wretched human beings shiver in the cold. The man with the corn cannot get the coal; the man without corn can not get neither it nor the corn. Strange, isn't it?

Doubtless a great many men who make politics a business are wondering what they have to be thankful for.

The republican city central committee will probably hold a meeting soon and discuss the advisability of using the Lincoln system at the spring primaries. It is said that Mayor Graham and all the committeemen but one favor the adoption of it.

The silver men in the First, Fifth and Sixth wards will experience no difficulty next spring in finding candidates for the council. In the first named ward is N. C. Brock; in the Fifth dwell Col. Joe McGraw and Lieut-Col. William Price, and in the Sixth liveth the Invincible, Col. L. L. Pace. As to the Second and Seventh wards, there may be some trouble in securing candidates on the silver ticket, as the Second went republican by 20 and the Seventh by about 1/2 a vote. Alex Weber will undoubtedly be the silver councilmanic candidate in the Third ward. In the Second ward Fred Voght will likely buck the republican candidate for the council. In the Sixth the friends of Sam A. Adler will strive to place him in Guthrie's shoes, and promise that gentleman a warm fight. The Courier some weeks ago gave the names of all the other candidates for the council, so need not again print them.

What's the matter with the Fourth and Fifth ward statesmen? Here we have a city campaign knocking at the door, and there are no candidates for council in the above named wards excepting the present incumbents.

Considerable excitement would be aroused if a certain prominent candidate for mayor would quit the field; yet such an occurrence may be looked for.

E. R. Sizer is a candidate for United States marshal for this state, and that he will receive the appointment is conceded by every one who is a judge of such matters. Notwithstanding that every newspaper man, state, city and county official, the chairmen and members of all republican central committees, nearly every attorney and other citizen of Lancaster county have signed his petition, Mr. Sizer needs not the

blare of trumpets nor the clanging of cymbals to make him popular. His record of twenty or more years in this county commend him as a loyal exponent of republicanism; his services to the party of protection are of incalculable value. For years has he preached the principles of the republican party, and when he was not expounding them he was assiduously laboring for their introduction and practical use. Unlike that of many men, the reputation of Mr. Sizer has never been reflected upon, and never have his motives been impugned. His worth and sincerity as a republican needs no comment. As an original McKinley man, Mr. Sizer was among the foremost. As a candidate for the marshalship he stands pre eminently first and is deserving.

We know the spring campaign is on by the number of ward caucuses being held.

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