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**IN THE REALM OF
POLITICS**

Speaker Sears of Burt county, has shied his castor into the gubernatorial ring, as everybody supposed he would, and it is whispered about that he may inherit the Douglas county delegation. This will require some proof before obtaining belief. Douglas county has so many interests, so many irons in the fire, that it is usually a very difficult task for any one man, especially one outside the county, to boast of having its solid support. Sears stands well in Douglas county, however and he evidently is close to the powers that be in Nebraska politics. Sears is a strong man in many ways, although he does not look the part. When he first came out as a candidate for speaker last winter his ambitions were regarded as precocious and it was not until the skies cleared that it was evident he was the man picked upon for the place. Obstacles that to outsiders looked insurmountable were cleared from his path by magic, and the redoubtable McCarthy, who was generally picked upon as the winner, was not in the fight at all. This is quoted merely to indicate that while Sears has a quiet and unpretentious way of doing things, he possesses that accurate knowledge of what to do and whom to have for you that presages success in politics.

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believed that if Charley Sloan can beat out Peter Youngers in Fillmore, he will stand an excellent chance of landing the prize. J. D. Pope of Saline made the race two years ago and wants to try it again, but he ran away behind the electoral ticket and this fact may induce the folks who really want a congressman of the republican stripe to inform J. D. that it is up to him to go away back and be seated.

The First district presents a decidedly quiescent appearance. When Mr. Burkett was home three weeks ago he talked up the matter of having an early convention, but there was not much warming up to the proposition of two conventions this year. This would be necessary if the congressional and state conventions are held as early as May or June. County campaigns of four or five months are regarded as entirely too long. It is said that in several counties in the district things are ripe for a scrap if Lancaster will say the word. The question now is, will Judge Holmes enter the lists against Burkett? The judge is an astute politician and he is not likely to enter any hopeless or futile contest. Just what the temper of the working politicians is towards Mr. Burkett is difficult to determine just now. Some of them are offended at Mr. Sizer's selection because they believe in rotation in jobs and still others object to

in intemperate language for his action. It must be patent to every man who knows anything about politics that if the republicans desire to win this year they must name for governor some man who has not been actively engaged in the factional fight of the past two years, some one whose character and standing appeal to everybody not bitten with the flea of disturbance. Mr. Wilson has not been affiliated with either the Thompson or anti-Thompson faction, and it is this very potent fact of availability that makes his candidacy formidable; not only formidable, but desirable to those who really wish for party success and who are not interested in keeping alive factional hatred.

It is only here and there in the state that any disposition to keep on scrapping is manifest. Some newspapers that ought to know better are being worked from Lincoln in the interest of the politicians who hope to profit by this method of internecine warfare. Here a so-called newspaper, operated by a chap who is known more as a political plugger than a newspaper man, is weekly tossing out a cargo of mud, some of which it evidently hopes will stick upon the persons of those at whom it is aimed. It has no standing here, where it is recognized as being established by some Elkhorn politicians who hope to be able to guide public opinion in portions of the state by having its falsehoods and personal abuse copied into newspapers. These fellows seem not to be able to divest themselves of the idea that D. E. Thompson is sitting up nights figuring on how to get the senatorship in 1905 and that every move made in Lancaster county is for the purpose of helping him out in this supposed ambition. They do not seem to be able to comprehend that there are men who care more for party success than individual profit, and who are seeking to achieve that end by bringing forth the best man.

The friends and supporters of Mr. Wilson hope to see him nominated for governor because they believe he will be elected by a large majority. He is an able and eloquent speaker, a man of brains and executive ability and would tower above recent occupants of the executive office. If the convention recognizes his peculiar availability it will nominate him. If it is wise it will do so. If it nominates some other good republican Lancaster county will be in line. This is no year for picayune politics or picayune politicians. Republicans generally do not care whether the petty schemes of revenge or profit of politicians fail or succeed, only insofar as they affect the success of the party. They are getting decidedly tired of one set of politicians calling another set names because one crowd happens to be on top and getting the offices. There is not much difference between politicians anyway, only there are some who have honor and fidelity and there are some who, while affecting allegiance to a man's ambitions, secretly act as spy and talebearer for some one else. This, however, isn't going to be a good year for politicians. Governor Savage's action in pardoning Bartley has rightfully roused the rank and file and they will name the next governor. The Elkhorn and Burlington politicians may have different plans, but they won't be able to carry them into effect.



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candidate of the week has been E. H. Hinshaw, of Jefferson county, who again seeks the honor of leading the fight in the Fourth district. Mr. Hinshaw is an able speaker and a good campaigner, but it is difficult to figure out where he has a chance for the nomination in view of his stand in the senatorial fight last winter. Hinshaw was the preferred candidate of the anti-Thompson men. After Thompson secured the caucus nomination he declined to abide by the result and still remained in the field and was voted for. His part in the matter earned for him the cordial political hatred of the Thompson men, and it is not difficult to guess what they will try to do to him now that his candidacy for congress gives them an opportunity to take a whack at his head. It is be-

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Just at present H. H. Wilson's candidacy for governor overshadows in proportions that of every other man mentioned for the place. Mr. Wilson's high standing and his freedom from factional affiliations make him the ideal candidate, a man whom everybody of judgment can turn in and support. He has not been a supporter of the governor's action in pardoning Joseph Bartley, neither has he been running about condemning the governor

The fusionists of the city held their convention Thursday evening. The only remarkable feature of their proceedings was the turning down of Councilman Malone, who received the unusual and unprecedented condemnation of the city convention declining to endorse his nomination at the hands of his ward. Councilman Eriemborn was spared this humiliation. He was beaten in his ward primary. Both men have been members of the council gang and they rightly earned the hard slaps in the face they received. The turning down of Bacon and Fryer by the republicans and Malone and Eriemborn by the democrats ought to be sufficient warning to the other members of the councilmanic combine