

POINTS IN POLITICS

There is a probability, contrary to the general opinion on this subject, that Mr. Bryan may again try to secure the democratic nomination for congress from this district, as stated by THE COURIER last week, there is also a probability that Governor Crouse, of whom it has all along been said that he would not under any circumstances be a candidate for re-nomination, may not only allow his name to be presented to the convention, but may encourage its presentation. Certain developments of a private nature, that have lately come within THE COURIER'S observation, indicate, and very strongly, that Governor Crouse will again be a candidate. The politicians who are counting upon the governor to withdraw himself from the canvass may be, and as it now looks, are pretty certain to be, disappointed.

Candidates for governor, by the way, are sufficiently numerous as to preclude any possibility of a short crop. In fact the market may be said to be already overloaded. Just as a starter, we may mention:

- Lorenzo Crouse, Thomas J. Majors, John Peters, Jack McCall, E. K. Valentine, I. M. Raymond, W. J. Bronch, George P. Bemis, Geo. D. Melkjohn.

The blue shirt is going to be wafted to and fro in the prairie breezes as it was never wafted before. Tom Majors has set, not only one eye, but two, on the governor's office, and between now and the state convention he will address himself solely to the work of getting there. There is no truth in the report that Tom and Rosewater have smoked the pipe of peace. The conflict between these two will be, if anything, more spectacular than ever. Tom yields to his dear neighbor, Church How, the honor of having crept under the Rosewater cover.

Three months ago it looked as though John Peters was going to be a very formidable candidate. John has a strong hold on the officers and members of the state central committee, and there was some reason for believing that a big fight would be made in his behalf. Matters have, however, hung fire, and just now the future of the Peters' boom is somewhat uncertain. It may suddenly shoot into prominence with meteoric brilliancy, or it may gradually fade away like the green on the trees in the autumn.

There is a tradition among politicians in this state that there used to be an old settler who could look back to the time when Jack McCall was not a candidate for governor. If there ever was such a man he has undoubtedly passed away. Nobody now living can remember the time when Jack was not in the field. He came pretty near being nominated once, four years ago, probably nearer than he will ever come again.

The mention of E. K. Valentine, of West Point, ex-congressman and ex-organizer of arms of the United States senate, as a possible candidate for governor, has met with a good deal of favor. Like I. M. Raymond of this city, he looks like a governor, and he is universally popular. He would make a governor worth walking around two blocks to see. Val, as he is called, comes from State Treasurer Bartley's part of the state, which fact would doubtless operate against his candidacy.

Mr. Raymond has not taken the public into his confidence as to his intentions. There is, however, considerable talk of his candidacy, and he may decide to announce himself later on. No one will dispute the fact that Mr. Raymond would make a first-class governor.

W. J. Bronch and Mayor Bemis and a score of other people in Omaha are looking toward the governorship. The prophet who monkeys with Douglas county is quite likely to come to grief. What that county will or will not do is past finding out. Whatever idea Mayor Bemis may have of securing the nomination rests entirely on the ability of Rosewater to control the Douglas delegation. It is not probable that he will be able to do this, antagonized as he will be by John L. Webster et al; and even if Bemis should reach the state convention with Douglas at his back his candidacy would not be successful. There is altogether too much of an anti-Rosewater feeling abroad in the land to make it healthy for the candidate who courts success from the palm of the little editor's hand.

There is a possibility that in the event of certain developments Congressman Melkjohn, of the third district, may decide to become a candidate for the governor's office, in which case the political situation would undergo an important change.

It is said that Senator Manderson, of the second constituency, may consider

not to be a candidate for re-election. The senator may be a delegate from Nebraska to the next national convention and take an active part in the nomination of McKinley for president, and thus open the way for his appointment as secretary of war in President McKinley's cabinet. This is looking a long way ahead; but then politicians are used to that.

Leaving Manderson out of consideration, there are at least two candidates for the United States senate in Douglas county, John L. Webster and John M. Thurston—and the two Johns will make things hum. THE COURIER is able to state with the utmost positiveness that Thurston will be a candidate. Even now his friends are beginning to rally around the "Blaine of the West."

Ex-Senator Algernon Sidney Paddock may get into the fray.

The list of republican candidates for secretary of state, revised up to the hour of going to press is as follows: George J. Woods, Lincoln. C. C. Caldwell, Lincoln. E. R. Sizer, Lincoln. D. C. Mossy, Lincoln. J. C. F. McKesson, Lancaster county. J. A. Piper, Alma. A. R. Crussen, Curtis.

There are a half a dozen candidates for the nomination for commissioner of public lands and buildings. Two of them are J. S. Dew of Tecumseh, and H. E. Russell, of Schuyler.

For attorney-general the following are in line:

- W. S. Summers, Beatrice. J. L. McPhely, Minden. C. C. McNish, Winner. J. P. A. Blisk, Bloomington. W. S. Hamilton, Lincoln.

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Nearly all the new cloth dresses that one sees just now have some sort of beaque over the hips. A favorite pattern is the short "ripple" founce that is cut in circular shape, with no seam at the side, and opening front and back. This may be made entirely separate from the waist to which it is joined by a belt. Short flat tabs of cloth are also popular on the tailor-made gowns, which are as elaborate this season as those from the dressmaker, having quite lost their character for severity and simplicity.

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