

## POINTS IN POLITICS.

THE republican convention Wednesday afternoon was thoroughly harmonious—much more harmonious than was anticipated. It was expected that there would be a very sharp contest over the nomination for city engineer, and there was a feeling of uncertainty as to the nominations for police judge and water commissioner. Percival had a hard fight in his own ward, and the fact that the Fifth ward had so many candidates made the outlook a little uncertain. For months there had been talk of opposition to Frank Waters, and some people believed up to within a few days of the convention that a candidate might be brought forward who would defeat him. But there was comparatively smooth sailing. There was no opposition to Waters. Comstock did not shy his castor into the ring; and the votes cast for Captain Cochran were simply in the nature of a compliment to the grand old man of the Fifth ward. Waters has been in a trying position the last two years. He has had to contend with the enmity of the mayor and meet the not always fair methods of that officer, and has had to submit to a hundred petty annoyances. The office of police judge is not a desirable one under any circumstances. Mayor Weir has added to the annoyances of the office and made life a burden to Waters. Withal he has made the most effective police judge in the history of the city, and there is a very general feeling that he thoroughly deserves a reelection. And, by the way, there need be no fear that Waters will get left. His vote will surprise some people.

Mr. Percival has demonstrated his ability as a fighter. From the very first, two years ago, he has had to fight every inch, and after election he did not find it all plain sailing. Then again, in the recent campaign, he encountered serious opposition in his own ward; but he has managed to come out on top so far, and we believe his good fortune will not leave him now. He was fairly nominated and he is entitled to cordial republican support.

B. G. Dawes isn't very much older now than he was a month ago, but he is a good deal wiser. He has learned something about Lincoln politics. Mr. Dawes, all things considered, made a strong campaign, and he had the manliness to yield gracefully, when he saw that the current was against him. He made many friends and should he be a candidate for city engineer two years hence he would be a very hard man to beat.

Adna Dobson's popularity was decisively shown in the convention. Dobson is a good, clean man and a competent engineer. He is an excellent candidate in every way.

Mr. Abbott has given entire satisfaction in the office of city attorney, which office is far from a sinecure, and he deserved the hearty endorsement given him by the convention.

In making John Fawell the nominee of the party for cemetery trustee the convention bestowed suitable recognition on an active republican and good citizen.

Surely Messrs Ludden, Hackney and Stire are broad minded men and intelligent enough, too, to give a satisfactory administration of school officers.

Some of the councilmanic nominations were bad. But that was to be expected. When you attempt to purify the council you are tackling a tough and unpromising job. In several instances, however, the nominees are a decided improvement over most of the men that have been named in the past. In nominating business men the party is taking a proper step, and some good results are expected to follow the election of certain of the candidates named Wednesday.

The party is to be congratulated on its choice of A. W. Scott for chairman of the city central committee.

It will be said—indeed it has already been said, that the resolutions adopted do not mean anything. It is doubtless a fact that they will have no effect on such of the members of the city council as are hopelessly indifferent to the city's interest, or hopelessly corrupt. The general effect will be good, however; they will be very handy to refer to, when an alderman evidences a tendency to get out of the traces.

Captain Billingley came out for reform in his brief speech accepting the chairmanship in a most touching manner.

The Fifth ward captured three offices, which is much better than this ward usually does.

Mr. Moseley was hissed when his name was presented at the Fifth ward caucus. Mr. Moseley suffered the fate that has almost invari-

ably befallen Fifth ward councilmen. They hold the office one term, and go out with no one to love them.

If anything is calculated to give one an exalted idea of politics, and the disinterestedness of ward statesmanship, it is a study of conditions as they exist in the Fifth ward.

In politics it pays to aim high. If you shoot for the inter-state commerce commission you may bring down a collectorship.

Some weeks ago we stated that Governor Crouse would be a candidate for re-nomination. For the last year it has been frequently asserted the governor would not be a candidate, and well informed politicians have, in figuring on the situation this year, left Crouse out of their calculations. Our announcement therefore, was received with some surprise, and in some quarters it was regarded with amusement. It was emphatically denied by some of his closest friends. But recent developments only confirm our original statement. There is now no longer any doubt but that he will seek a re-nomination, if there is not some unforeseen change in existing conditions. Crouse must be considered in all speculations relative to the gubernatorial office.

Jack McColl, the perpetual candidate, has, we are credibly informed, withdrawn from the race. He never was, in the present instance, a formidable figure.

Mr. Raymond may become a candidate for governor under certain conditions.

There is a growing conviction that Mr. Bryan will be a candidate for congress again.

The convention of the national league of republican clubs will be held in Denver June 26. Nebraska will be entitled to about forty delegates. President Lansing of the state league will shortly issue a call for the state convention. It will be held in this city, probably some time in April. Officers and delegates to the national convention will be elected at this meeting.

## Five Per Cent.

A dividend of 5 per cent to depositors in the Capital National bank has been declared, payable within the next ten days. Mosher spends more money every two months than the total amount of this dividend.

## LECTURE BY PROFESSOR FOSSLER.

Professor Laurence Fossler, of the state university, will deliver a lecture at the Third Presbyterian church Sunday evening on "The Essentials of Early Teutonic Religion." Tuesday evening at the same place Rev. J. G. Tate, of Hastings, will deliver an address, and Professor Seamark and Mrs. Charles Hovey will sing.

## AMONG THE BREAKERS.

The forthcoming dramatic performance at the Lansing theatre by local talent will be given for the benefit of the poor, and from the interest manifested, and the rapidity with which tickets are being sold, it is evident that a large sum will be realized for a worthy cause. The performance itself promises to afford much genuine entertainment, many of those taking part having already demonstrated their ability in amateur theatricals. "Among the Breakers" is the name of the play. The presentation is set for Wednesday, March 28. The following will appear in the cast: Misses Effie Steen, Myrtle Stevenson, Ruby Jones, Rachel Brock, Grace Oakley, Grace Burr; Messrs. Harry Reese, Sam Low, H. B. Hicks, Frank Polk, Frank S. Burr, Ross Curtice, Harry Lansing. Selections will also be given by the University Glee club.

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