

POINTS IN POLITICS.

THE republican congressional convention will not be held until after the state convention. The latter will probably not materialize until sometime in August. Under ordinary circumstances Lancaster county would not make its choice of a candidate until the county convention. There are considerations which make it advisable, in the opinion of some republicans, that some kind of an understanding should be arrived at in this county in the near future—in advance of the convention. As THE COURIER has stated, there is an idea in some parts of the district, encouraged by outside candidates, that Lancaster is not harmonious and that this county will not be able to name any candidate whom all elements within the party would support. At least one candidate from another county who has had his campaign under way for several months has repeatedly made the assertion that Lancaster is hopelessly divided and that he will receive the bulk of this county's strength. There is no real foundation for these statements, as republicans here know. Lancaster will agree upon a man who will be supported with enthusiasm by the whole party. There is utterly no question as to that; still the idea is more or less prevalent that the party is disorganized and discordant in this county, or more especially, in Lincoln; and it is a matter of some importance that this idea be dispelled. It has occurred to some politicians that it might be well to leave the choice of a candidate to an informal conference of prominent republicans representing different elements, to be held sometime in the next month. It is suggested that this committee should consist of thirty or forty members, and it is thought, if the body should be clearly representative, that whatever action were taken would be ratified by republicans generally. Whether this is practicable or not is a debatable question; but it is evident that something ought to be done to adjust matters in this county in such shape that we can go in to win. Since it has come to be regarded as reasonably certain that Bryan will stand for congress again there is an even more decided current in the direction of Field. He would be the logical candidate against Bryan, and Judge Field would receive enthusiastic support in some quarters this year that was withheld two years ago. It is important, whoever is to be the candidate, that he have the advantage of an early start, and be in a position to do some work in the other counties of the district before the convention.

The *Journal*, whose fealty to the republican ticket had been somewhat intermittent during the city campaign, finally lined up Monday morning and spoke for the ticket.

Mr. Annin's bureau is doing much finer work for Senator Manderson than it did for Paddock two years ago; but despite the feelers adroitly thrown out by Mr. Annin there are, as yet, no evidences of even an incipient Manderson boom, and there is a strong probability, amounting almost to a dead certainty, that Manderson will follow Paddock into retirement. But the senator has other aspirations, and it does not follow that his defeat at the next session of the legislature means a permanent absence from public life. Some of Manderson's friends hope to see him in the next cabinet.

Mr. Thurston had been busily engaged all the week in the courts in Omaha, and he was tired out when he appeared on the Lansing stage Saturday night, at the big republican meeting, under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican club, but he delivered an excellent speech, one of his best, and it was most enthusiastically received. Mr. Thurston has a large following in Lincoln, and during his brief stay here there was a good deal of talk about Thurston's candidacy for the senate. So far as Lincoln is concerned he is undoubtedly the most popular candidate.

Judge Field remarked at the close of Thurston's speech that there wouldn't have been much of a campaign if the Young Men's Republican club had been taken out of it—and nobody disagreed with him.

Lincoln was caught in the rising tide of republicanism on Tuesday. The victory was fully up to the expectations of the most confident republicans—if not beyond, and it was a paralyzing surprise to the various elements of opposition. The result was overwhelming and places this city in a splendid condition for the contests of the fall. That such a tremendous republican vote should have been cast at a municipal election when there was a strong plea for non-partisan candidates, to say nothing of the bitter opposition to the ticket

in some quarters, indicates that the object lesson in national politics has had its effect upon the voters in this city, and that larger pluralities for the candidate for congress in this district and for the nominees on the state ticket are assured this fall than were ever received. Mr. Abbott, of course, had no real opposition, for re-election as city attorney; but his plurality of 3,000 or thereabouts is nevertheless a gratifying tribute to his popularity, and a deserved recognition of his efficiency. For police judge Waters received 2,803 votes, Whitmore 1,579 and Hunter 637. Judge Waters had considerable petty war-fare on his hands; but we imagine, as His Honor the mayor reads the returns, that he will conclude his influence has certain well defined limits. Percival, who caused such a hysterical manifestation in the *News* office, and who was belabored unceasingly by this squawking little newspaper, is re-elected water commissioner with nearly 500 votes to spare. The conviction forces itself upon us that either the *News* is greatly overstating the truth when it says it has a circulation of "over 5,000," or the readers of that paper to the extent of about 97½ per cent of the total, are not swerved in their judgment by the frothy sputterings in its editorial columns, bestowing merely an amused consideration on the *News*' sensational freakishness. We are of the opinion that the *News* people must see with some clearness that they have placed an altogether too low estimate on the intelligence of voters in this city. Adna Dobson had the field to himself and one of the best city engineers Lincoln has ever had is re-elected by over 4,000 votes. Of course Johnny Fawell is elected cemetery trustee. The vote for members of the board of education was a surprise. There is much the same feeling of chagrin in the *Journal* and *Call* offices over the election of the three republican candidates that there is in the *News* office over the triumph of Percival. In view of the fact that Mr. Ludden and Mr. Hackney have pluralities of 1,000 in round numbers and that Mr. Hackney has 700 votes to spare we suggest that it would be in order for Mr. Jones of the *Journal* and Messrs. Bushnell and Cox of the *Call* to meet and proffer each other some consolation. The meeting should not be public, however. Every republican candidate for the city council was elected with the exception of one, Mr. Denham, of the First ward. Myers in the seventh won after a hard fight. Messrs. Lawler, Graham, Webster, Parker and Sawyer were elected by handsome pluralities. The *News* extra Fourth ward edition bitterly assailed O. W. Webster, and he received 408 votes as against Bigger's 117 and Eldridge's 77. The independents got nothing in Tuesday's election and the democrats got just one office. A. W. Scott, chairman of the city central committee and L. L. H. Austin, secretary, and the various gentlemen who assisted them in the campaign have much reason to be particularly pleased over the result. And the Young Men's Republican club is generally accorded a large measure of commendation.

Church Howe looked after congressional politics a little in Lincoln this week.

Tom Worrall, one of the democrats who had been out in the wet but a short time, will be Postmaster Harley's superintendent of mails. The public will probably have no fault to find with Mr. Worrall.

O. W. Webster is pretty strongly entrenched in the Fourth ward and the *News* when it got out its *Fourth Ward Record* for the purpose of defeating Mr. Webster for councilmen, tackled a big job. The silly attack on Mr. Webster, who is one of the most respected men in Lincoln, and who is an honor to the city council and a credit to the city, fell exceedingly flat. About the only effect it produced was a ripple of amusement on the placid sea of Fourth ward statesmanship.

There is talk of a candidate for lieutenant-governor from Lancaster county.

President Cleveland has nominated Andrew Jackson Sawyer for the post of United States district attorney for Nebraska. And thus the dinner pail brigade receives additional recognition from the administration. Mr. Cleveland has given some lucrative appointment to nearly every laboring man in the state who voted for him. John Fitzgerald and Mr. Harwood haven't got anything yet; but they will be taken care of before the four years are up.

"Beauty" may be "only skin deep;" but the secret of a beautiful skin is pure blood. Those coarse, rough, pimply complexions may, in most cases, be rendered soft, smooth and fair by the persevering and systematic use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.