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POINTS IN POLITICS.

The newspaper in Omaha that is conducted by the person whose mental and moral responsibility are in question, has, with considerable difficulty, been saved from destruction by spontaneous combustion during the pleasant little controversy over the Omaha fire and police commission. The most strenuous efforts could not prevent a display of temper that has added to the burden of ridicule already resting on the humped shoulders of Mr. Rosewater. His venomous attacks on Attorney General Churchill and Mr. W. J. Broatch and others would, perhaps, have received serious consideration had they emanated from a source of mental or moral responsibility. Coming from Mr. Rosewater they have had approximately the same effect on the public mind as that of a drop of water falling on the rolling bosom of the ocean.

William J. Broatch has managed to get along and live measurably happy under the displeasure of the afflicted Mr. Rosewater, and as he reads in the *Bee* that he, Broatch, is a "political desperado," as "gentle a political pirate as ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat," etc., etc., I can imagine a pitying smile on his ruddy face. Mr. Broatch is a gentleman and a man of intelligence, and he is not a man to be affected by the petty shafts of doddering irresponsibility.

In the course of Mr. Rosewater's more or less frenzied editorial expressions, he was abusive of certain persons who presumed to criticize the governor. The office of governor, contended Mr. Rosewater, is a high office and it should be respected. This is an amusing effrontery on the part of the senile and irresponsible editor. Mr. Rosewater having lost that full possession of his faculties that makes one mentally responsible, doubtless forgets that he has maligned every governor of Nebraska in fifteen years who has not yielded to his dictation. Governor Thayer, if he keeps a scrap book, could produce some Rosewaterisms directed against himself that would show that the editor of the *Bee* has about the same respect for the gubernatorial office that he has for the truth; and it is not a matter of record that he ever bestowed any consideration whatever on the truth. Senility is a dreadful thing when its manifestations are perforce exposed to the public.

The manner in which delegates to the republican state convention are chosen in this county is not altogether satisfactory to the rank and file of the party. Indeed, if the truth were told, it is altogether unsatisfactory. It has been the custom for some years past, for the county convention to make the regular nominations, transact other necessary business, and then adjourn, leaving the naming of the state delegates to a committee, or, if the county has a candidate for a state office, to the candidate. Sometimes the delegation is not made up until several days after the county convention.

Last year R. E. Moore was the candidate of the county for lieutenant governor. The convention allowed him to name his own delegation, and it was, I

believe, three days after the convention that he announced the names of the chosen delegates. There was considerable fault finding. Mr. Moore was not particularly at fault as he followed an established precedent. The question was raised at the time, Were the delegates the proper representatives of the republicans of the county? It was intimated that the right of the delegation to a seat in the convention might be contested, inasmuch as it was not chosen at the county convention.

The naming of a delegation in this manner is not republican and it is not necessary, and for the sake of harmony and good feeling in the party, it would be wise to return to the old plan and select the delegates while the convention is in session. It is urged as an excuse for the system that has recently been followed, that the county's candidate can make his own selections better than the convention; that if the republicans of the county are really for him, there can be no harm in allowing him to name the delegation. Certainly if the county has a candidate and has instructed for him that candidate ought to have something to say as to who shall go on the delegation. But the candidate would not lose anything by submitting the names to the convention and having them elected by the convention. Such a course is more open, and more closely in accord with republican ideas than the other way.

The state convention this year will be comparatively unimportant, and there is no general desire for a place on the delegation. There will be no serious opposition to the renomination of Judge Norval, and the two candidates for regents will doubtless be selected without difficulty. Mr. Morrill has had nothing to say as to his candidacy for renomination; but it seems to be generally understood that he will be renominated in recognition of his valuable services.

There has been talk of raising the Rosewater issue in the state convention, and should this be done there would be some lively developments. Then there may be an attempt to force a free silver resolution on the convention. There is a considerable sentiment opposed to any expression on this subject, it being an off year, and the money question having nothing whatever to do with the election of a judge and regents. But if the free silver minority want something said on this subject and insist on it they will doubtless be accommodated. If the republican state convention should go on record it will not be in favor of Bryanism.

By many these off year state campaigns are regarded as a useless trouble and expense, and it does seem superfluous to start up the entire party machinery of the state merely to elect one judge and a brace of regents. All public officers might just as well be elected at the regular general biennial election. Sometime the present law may be changed.

G. M. Hitchcock's political fortunes have generally been misfortunes. The craft of seeming success has very often drifted into the harbor of adversity, and left his hopes and hazards stranded

on the jagged rocks of tuff luck. Here Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Bryan get together and arrange for the election of Judge Holcomb to the executive office of the state, and Holcomb is elected, and then, lo and behold! when the roll is called he turns out to be Rosewater's man instead of Hitchcock's. But Mr. Hitchcock is accustomed to these political disappointments. One more doesn't matter much.

By the way, the *World-Herald* in a recent editorial made use of a demagogic expression that an alert intelligence would have quickly blue penciled. Mr. Hitchcock's papers said—"We are always on the side of the poor as against the rich." The thought suggests itself that when a newspaper is compelled to iterate such buncombe as this it must be lacking in faith in itself, and fearful of its place in the public's estimation.

The preliminary skirmish is over. The precincts have expressed themselves. It remains for the county convention to select from the favorite sons and name the ticket. There are good, strong men among the candidates for every office, and if the convention will be reasonably careful in making up the ticket, republican success is assured from the start.

There are those who believe that the republicans will be successful in capturing every office, regardless of the candidates selected; but there is a very general opinion that notwithstanding the favorable outlook, some care is not only desirable, but necessary, if the offices now held by Judge Tibbetts, Elias Baker and Fred Miller are to be reclaimed to the republican party. The indications are that a ticket will be named that will receive the cordial support of the party and be successful at every point.

The convention will be the most interesting county convention since the memorable occasion when S. W. Burnham was first nominated for treasurer. In the first place there will be a very spirited contest over the judgeships, and some acrimony may be exhibited at the outset. The treasurer and commissioner will be nominated by acclamation, and then will come the principal battle, the fight for the nomination for clerk of the district court. There will be three formidable candidates and possibly more. Of course the nominee will be selected from the city. There are, all told, fifteen candidates for county clerk and it may take several ballots to make a choice. After the district court clerkship has been disposed of, the biggest contest will be over the nomination for sheriff, with two country candidates, Trompen and Smith, and five or six from the city. It is probable that the nomination for county judge will be made on the first or second ballot, and one ballot will probably settle the nomination for county superintendent. The surveyor and coroner will go in easily. In the city convention there will be a considerable contest over the nominations for justice of the peace.

The ante-convention campaign, up to the last week, has been reasonably free from bitterness. Within the past few days, however, there has been a spilling

of wormwood, and some of the candidates are now antagonizing each other with a sort of warfare that does not reflect credit on themselves or the party. An afternoon paper has made charges against Ed Sizer that have no foundation in fact, and has otherwise abused this candidate. Then some of the candidates have carried the fight into other candidate's wards, thus breaking the unwritten law governing the canvass for primary elections.

Since Church Howe set the fashion some years ago it has been quite the thing for politicians to retire, periodically, from politics. Tom Cooie is one of the latest members of the statesmen's fraternity to announce that he will, in future, endeavor to keep away from the grabbing crowd and the politician's infernal strife. Tom has the privilege of changing his mind at any time.

Mr. Baer, the county superintendent, has been kept in his office by official duties until the last week or ten days. Lately, however, he has been giving his candidacy some earnest attention, and he finds a large and growing sentiment in favor of his renomination.

Fred Beckman and Maxey Cobb, candidates for renomination for county commissioner and treasurer, have no contests to look after but they are nevertheless taking an active interest in the primary campaign. Both have given excellent satisfaction in their respective offices and will be renominated by acclamation.

Winnie Scott has filled the bill acceptably as surveyor, and there is a large sentiment in favor of his retention in that office.

A. C. Wright, of Elmwood, formerly of the governor's office, has been tendered a position with the state central committee of Ohio. Mr. Wright will next year serve the national republican committee.

W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island, is spoken of as a free silver democratic nominee for judge of the supreme court.

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