## THE COURIER.

## POINTS IN POGITICS

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A little watermelon and a little green corn in Idaho caused a great commotion in Nebraska last week. Senator elect John M. Thurston had an attack of cholera morbus, and politicians in this state had- attacks of chagrin and hope. One would not have believed that the reports of Mr Thurston's illness would have caused so much excitement. Men who ordinarily take no interest in politics manifested anxiety as to the real condition of the absent senator elect, and when favorable news was received there was a general feeling of relief. At one time it was reported in this eity that Thurs was dead, and within fourteen minutes after the receipt of this false announ cement the politicians-some of themand burial and arrived at the point where they wore ready to congratulate his successor. Thus it is that we are very much alive in the midst of death. How the palpitating populist hoart awelled with hope thosefew hours!
What an important, personage the What an important, personage the ecutive office and write letters to the board of public lands and buildings had become, with the belief that Mr. Thurston had taken his placein an other than earthly Senate:

If Thurson had succombed to watermelon and green corn certain ambitious gentlemen whoee names are even now at the tip of my pen, were in a state of tension almost as dangerous as the cholera. But the watermelon and the green corn were not really in earnest. They were only trifling in the great game of destiny. They carried the game far enough to show the depth of affection honestly felt for the newly. elseted senator and to open the gates of desire. The watermelon and green corn in Idaho produced a poweriul object lesson here at home. The value and importance of the senatorship were appreciated, and patriotic citizens of Nebraska had the fact borne in upon them that it is a matter of some importance to have in the governor's office a patriot rather than a populist. Pat ${ }^{-}$ riotism and populism do not, as a rule, go in double harness.

Had Mr. Thurston's attack proved fatal, Governor Holcomb would have had the privilege of naming his successor. And that would have meant a great deal. When, last winter, Thurston was elected to the United States senate, there was much satisfaction that a suitable antidote for William Vincent Allen's inanity and gracelessuess had been provided. Thurston, it was thought, would more than atone for the blunders and buncombe of Allen. The present governor of Nebraska owes his election to the same elements that gave Allen a place in the senate, and had there been a vacancy the state would have suffered the enforced bu miliation of a second pop senator In the present uncertain condition of

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affairs in congress there is no telling what effect this might have had on the politics and welfare of the nation. Holcomb is not commonly supposed to be in the inner circle of the worshippers of Bryan; but it would not have be in the inner circle of the worship- If any man deserves well of his party
pers of Bryan; but it would not have it is John Tromien. Trompen is honmamed the stag now eclip. Man 20 he same and a life long nan he was before he canditle Sunday school for the roftrum; but heis a man to the respect and good will and a populist and is known to be a sub- votes of his party, then what does? John seriber to most of the heresies and Trompen is a popular citizen and a good vagaries so flamboyantly advocated by republican. His name ought to strength Fourteen Hour Allen; and Nebraska, en the ticket, And Captain Trimble, the now that she is merging from the slough candidate for county clerk. Mr. Trimof populism, could not have profitably ble is an old soldier, and an old res. taken a second plunge.

It is often said at conventions an elections that it doesn't make very much difference who is governor. It really of the utmost importance, from the republican standpoint, that the governor be a republican, and it is to be hoped that the leaders of the party will have the good sense and wise judgment to so arrange matters that the suc cessor to Holcomb will be a repub lican. It is safer, much safer, to have a republican in this office.

Mr. Thurston is probably on the threshold of a career that will give him greatness and the state a considerable measure of credit. He has an unusually favorable opportunity to distinguish himself, and there is little doubt that he will avail himself of the oppurtunity If John Sherman represents the sound money idea, and William McKinley the protection idea, John M. Thurston represents the broadly patriotic idea The present is a time when the Thurs ton kind of A mericanism, patriotism, is greatly needed in this country. It is a mercy that Thurston was spared.

The county campaign has not commenced; but Paul Clark and his co workers have not wait, d for the commencement to put in work for the ticket. A great deal of preliminnary work has been done, and things are in excellent shape. As the time for election draws near the confidence in a sweeping republican victory is increasec. It is admitted on all sides, by members of all political parties, that the republican party in this county has never put up a better ticket than the the one now before the people. Indeed the feeling is generally entertained that it is the best ticket ever nominated by the party. With a strong ticket and a large republican majority in the county it wouldseem that there ought to be no question about the election of every man on the ticket
What reason is there, pray, why any republican should not vote for every re publican candidate? There may be, and in fact there are, good men on the other tickets; but if one is a republican he can surely find no reason for going outside of the party for a candidate. The ndications are that the republican victory will be decisive and complete.

If the young men are largely repre sented on the ticket, the veterans have also a place, and one of the elements of

strength of the republican party in the approaching campaign will be the vet eran republicans who are candidates.
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