

**POINTS IN POLITICS**

The nominees of the republican party for the judiciary, Hall, Holmes and Cornish, have long since been introduced to the people of this district. Judge Hall in the years of his term on the district bench has made a reputation for fairness and judicial ability that will cause him to receive a large vote irrespective of party. Of course, his re-election is assured, as is also that of Judge Holmes. The latter has not been on the bench a great while, but he has for many years been a member of the Lancaster county bar, and lawyers and the general public have the utmost confidence in his fairness and ability. Mr. Cornish has not as yet been tried on the bench, but he has done considerable public service, and this service has been to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. As a member of the legislature he was a careful guardian of the interests of the county. He was looked upon as one of the most judicial members of that body. His arguments on the various questions before the house of representatives were reasonable and logical. And it is a characteristic of Mr. Cornish that he weighs carefully every question put to him before taking action. He is deliberate and deliberative, reasoning and logical. He has had good legal training and is a foremost member of the bar. As a republican, he has long been conspicuous by his enthusiastic fidelity, and he is a proper candidate for the district court bench.

Captain Trimble, nominee for county clerk, is a representative of the farmers and of the old soldiers. He has never held office. He is well and favorably known throughout the county, and his name adds strength to the ticket. He will himself draw support from outside of the party.

It is a known fact that populism as a political issue has been dead in Lancaster county for two years. Its demise occurred not very long after the sell out to Bryan and the passing of Jerome Shamp. The populist party has always been managed by men who were more anxious for the loaves and fishes of the democratic banquet board than for the independent success of their own party. The populist party has, since its organization, played into the hands of the democrats and it has represented nothing, stood for nothing. At the present time there is no life in it. It is an empty shell, doing a last service in attempting to further the interests of the democratic party, and keep two men in office. It can be truthfully said that Mr. Miller and Mr. Baker are all that is left of the populist party, and Miller and Baker would not be populists save for the desire for office. Uncle Jake Wolf, who used to be a populist, can hardly be called such any more, for he is known to be opposed to the populist candidates. A few months ago there were some middle-of-the-road populists, but when the third party followed its usual course and jumped into the capacious democratic maw they were supremely disgusted, and it is not known exactly what became of them. Probably most of them returned to the republican party.

Jerusalem justavus Perseverence Hildebrand, the nominee of the straight democratic party for the office of clerk of the district court, is, barring his name, a first rate, modest man. He will probably receive about 200 votes in the county. All the other votes will go to Sam E. Low, with the exception of a few complimentary votes for Mr. Baker.

Maxey Cobb and Fred Beckman and

J. S. Baer and W. S. Scott, candidates respectively for treasurer, county commissioner, superintendent of public instruction and surveyor, are all present incumbents. They have served to the satisfaction of the people and thoroughly deserved a re-nomination, as they do the triumphant election that awaits them.

Dr. Holyoke, the candidate for coroner, is well known as a good straight republican and physician. He is a good man for the place.

The nominees for justice of the peace, E. E. Spencer, L. A. McCandless and Walter Leese, are all young men, the first two now serving their first term. Mr. Leese was nominated in the place of Judge Gould, who has since left the city. These young men are able members of their profession, have clean records, and will give excellent satisfaction as justices.

The successor to Judge Lansing on the county bench will be S. T. Cochran, who is known throughout the county as an old time republican, as a lawyer and former justice. Cochran's popularity was attested at the late convention. He has friends everywhere, and there is hardly a section of the county in which he is not known as one who has in the years past helped to contribute to republican success.

The republican county central committee is receiving every day the most encouraging intelligence from all parts of the county. There is such an interest in the republican cause as has not been manifested for years, and it is gratifying to know that there is no evidence of disaffection. The candidates are all known to the farmers and voters of the county, and wherever they go they make friends for the ticket. There is manifested a decided revival of republicanism. The presidential election of 1896 is fast approaching and recent experiences have been such as to call back all republicans who have strayed from the fold. There is no longer anything in populism to attract the masses,—there isn't even hope now to attract the avaricious. The straight democratic party has a ticket in the field, not with any serious intentions, but merely as an evidence of good faith for 1896. Things seem to be coming the republican way, and Mr. Clark and his associates on the central committee have every reason to feel confident of the biggest republican vote yet recorded in this county. Every meeting throughout the county is well attended and great enthusiasm is evident. There is no difficulty in getting a crowd or a parade anywhere.

In the last six years the people of Nebraska have been asked many times to vote for populist candidates. The populist office seeker has raised his head all over the land and cried for pap. It has happened that many times this cry has been heeded and these candidates of a nondescript political party, a party that stands for nothing except the spoils of office, have been elected over the heads of republican and democratic candidates. The populist party has been given a trial. It has had in its control county offices all over the state, the legislature, the governor, United States senator, congressmen and other offices, and not one of these men, from Allen down to Mart Howe, has given any respectable reason for his preferment. They have brought discredit upon themselves, upon the party, upon the state. They have not dignified the cause of populism or upheld the credit of Nebraska. With few exceptions they have been incompetent, and in many cases dishonest. Governor Holcomb is perhaps the most respectable member of the populist fraternity who have been

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elected to office in this state. His private morals are perhaps beyond reproach, but his public acts are off the same piece of political maladministration with the acts of Allen, McKeighan, Kem and Mart Howe. Governor Holcomb, personally, is a pretty decent sort of a man, but politically he is a populist, and that tells the whole story.

The youthful and prankish populist from Plattsmouth, who this year heads the third party state ticket as a candidate for judge of the supreme court, has failed thus far to achieve any particular distinction, although he has had plenty of opportunity to make a name for himself. But the distinction will come next month. In the time to come he

will be known as the man who did as much if not more than anybody else to drive the nails into the populist coffin. Maxwell will go down to defeat, and he will go down hard and go a long way, and he will pull the remnant of the party after him. Judge Norval, the republican candidate, is a particularly strong man, and the vote that he will receive will make the young man-who-would-like-another-office dizzy. The state ticket with Norval, Morrill and Gould as standard bearers will bring out a heavy republican vote.

To R. S. M., LINCOLN, NEB.

Dear Sir: You ask why should I vote the republican ticket in the present