

**POINTS IN POLITICS**

In these closing days of the campaign the republican central committee is receiving many specially encouraging reports from all sections of the county. Perhaps never before has there been such an aggressive campaign waged as in the present instance. The committee has thought best to put the larger part of the effort in meetings, and for two or three weeks past many meetings have been held nightly, and almost every country school house, city hall or wherever the rallies have been held, have been crowded to their utmost capacity. The best speakers of the party have been secured and they have given freely of their time. All this has been in marked contrast to the proceedings of the populist committee. It has been doubtless noticed that there have been practically no populist mass meetings or speeches. Now, in the first place, the populists have found it impossible to secure speakers who would compete with the republican orators. There are only one or two men available for this purpose. Then there seems to be an acknowledgement on the part of the populist committee that the cause is hopeless so far as making new converts is concerned, and all efforts have been bent towards making what is known as a financial campaign. All other arguments have been subordinated to the money argument. The "winning ways" of some of the populist candidates have provoked much discussion, and the trend of this discussion is unfavorable to the populist candidates. The report that one candidate on the populist ticket, in order to secure the withdrawal of an opposing candidate, offered him a considerable sum of money, has been followed by many other similar reports of the free expenditure of money for political purposes. There seems to be an inexhaustible amount of money at the disposal of populist candidates, which is distributed freely, and some of the political workers who are in politics for what there is in it have found in these candidates a veritable mine. The republican candidates have neither the ability nor the inclination to pursue this sort of a canvass, but it is not thought that they have lost anything thereby. The better element of people is not at all influenced by the methods above cited. Messrs. Trompen and Low, who have been compelled to make a stronger fight than the rest of the republican candidates, have not attempted to compete with Messrs. Miller and Baker along financial lines. They have gone out among the voters of the county honestly and frankly stating their position, making no promises they are unable to fulfill. They have impressed voters everywhere by their candor and honesty.

The republican candidate for sheriff, should he be elected, will never give any occasion for the accusation that he caused the American flag to be lowered from a public building on a patriotic occasion.

The Germans and other liberals who have enjoyed the beer and other liquid refreshments supplied by the populist candidate for the clerk of the district court do not, many of them, know that this same candidate has the endorsement of the prohibition party. The prohibition endorsement and Mr. Baker's practices can hardly be reconciled, and

it is probable that this candidate in trying to get on both sides of the fence at the same time will lose votes from both sides.

It is no secret that the populist candidate for clerk of the district court is making a determined effort to secure straight democratic votes in the face of his recent declaration that his democracy is only skin deep. Democrats have no use for skin deep democracy, and they are apt to repudiate Mr. Baker as he repudiated them. It is also easy to see how straight, middle-of-the-road populists, if there are any of these left, might take offense at Mr. Baker's declaration. What he told them was, in effect, that outwardly, to all intents and purposes he was a democrat, but that inside, where nobody could see, he was a populist. Another case of straddle that is likely to prove disastrous.

The candidates for the judiciary, Hall Holmes and Cornish, are considered to be particularly strong candidates. The fact that they are not opposed with any considerable vim would indicate that the opposition has no hope of defeating any one of them.

A particularly noticeable feature of the campaign is the fact that the republican candidates have been on the aggressive from the very start. No republican candidate has had to defend himself against a single charge. The demo-pops, on the contrary, have been on the defensive from the first, and they have been kept pretty busy explaining things. The republican candidates for judge of the district court and sheriff and clerk of the district court, upon whom the opposition has centered its strength, are beyond the reach of attack. They have no weak places to be uncovered, and there has been no uncovering. They have nothing to explain. They have been left free to conduct an old-time republican campaign.

In the present campaign it must be remembered that there is no populist party, no democratic party. The only party presenting a solid front is the republican party. Mr. Miller and Mr. Baker represent about all there is left of the free silver democrat and populist parties. There is another democratic wing in the field, but its flapping does not attract any attention. On the other hand the republicans are thoroughly united and harmonious, and a vote for the republican candidates means something.

The personnel of the county ticket has been pretty thoroughly discussed in THE COURIER. It is not necessary at this time to go over the ground again, but too much importance cannot be laid on the necessity for voting for every candidate on the republican ticket. There is no good reason why any good citizen who inclines toward republican views should refuse to vote for any republican candidate. The candidates are the best selection that could have been made, and if you think there are good men on the other tickets just look at the republican ticket and see if the men on it are not as good or better. Vote the whole ticket, from top to bottom, from judge down to constable, because it is the best ticket in the field; because the other ticket does not represent anything save a personal desire for office; because a complete republican victory at this time will place the party in an excellent position for next year's important campaign. It is a good ticket to take whole.

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