

POLITICAL POINTS.

The "campaign girl" now knows her "ma,"
Who introduces her to "pa."
Who, mayhap, has within his "crow"
The feeling of a hungry maw.

The children now no longer fight
About their choice's worth and might:
And lapel buttons, dark and white,
With campaign clothes, are lost to sight.

The torches which lit up the dark,
And stirred enthusiasm's spark,
No longer afford us the lark
That always did their pathway mark.

The great election now is done:
Republicans, of course, have won:
The "silver man" forgives the son
That helped McKisley to the bun.

We'll now prepare political biers
For those in sackcloth, grief and tears.
And rehaul governmental gears
And bring good times for at least four years.

We now have not only the new
woman, but the "campaign girl" as
well. Good leather!

All great political parties have for all
time demonstrated their firm belief in
the assertion "It pays to advertise."
Never before in history have political
parties placed so many, or half as many,
orders for printing as they have during
this memorable campaign.

The popocrats are undoubtedly wonder-
ing "what the wild waves are say-
ing." While we are not morally certain
we believe that the following woeful
expressions would be heard were we in
a position to listen to the white crested
billows as they roll restlessly and cease-
lessly on:

I have lived a wonderful life and have
learned a great deal during the past
four months.—W. J. Bryan.

Verily, I am still likened unto Othello
in one respect.—Col. L. C. Pace.

"And now is this, the hour of my dis-
content."—Norris Humphrey.

Hereafter you will please find me at
my Lincoln office.—J. H. Broady.

It's a mighty good thing that our
backs were made to fit the burden.—
Owesley Wilson.

If there is a party to which I have
not yet bolted, please name it.—Never
Fail To McGraw.

If any amendments to the Australian
ballot law are introduced the
credit for such legislation should be
given Paul Clark, as he was the first
legislative candidate to suggest a meas-
ure of this nature. As Mr. Clark, along
with thousands of other staunch repub-
licans, sees it, the Australian law should
embody the Crawford county plan, so
far as it relates to primaries, in all mu-
nicipal elections, at least in cities of the
first class, in this state. While such a
proposition will meet with some oppo-
sition, it is easy to believe that the leg-
islature will approve of this important,
beneficial and fair method for conducting
primary contests.

It is surmised that old line fire insur-
ance companies will experience their
share of tribulation during the coming
legislative session, which will have been
brought about by the recent contro-
versy between State Auditor Moore and
the Farmers' Mutual Insurance com-
pany of this state, wherein the questions
involved were as to what kind of pay-
ment was necessary for membership
fees, time notes or cash, and whether
or not the Farmers' Mutual should be
granted a certificate authorizing it to
transact a mutual insurance business in
Nebraska.

The bitter feeling that was engen-
dered, the history of the affair, and the
effect which its discussion produced in
various directions, are too fresh in the
minds of all to need further comment.

The Farmers' Mutual, while temporarily
and partially victorious, did not obtain
from the state supreme court what it
believed to be a permanent safeguard to
its thousands of members and its mil-
lions of dollars of risks; therefore it will
probably make its influence felt in the
house and senate. The Farmers' Mutual
company is impressed with the idea
that old line fire insurance companies
are, under a technical provision of the
statute regulating such companies, try-
ing to destroy its reputation and busi-
ness, and lays all the blame for its late
disagreeable experience with the state
authorities at the door of the leading
old liners, claiming that it was at their
instigation that it (the Farmers Mutual)
was temporarily estopped from securing
a certificate, without which it could not
have done business.

It is apprehended that the Farmers'
Mutual will do all in its power in retali-
ation for the wrong which it contends
was done it. As its membership includes
men in all parts of the state, a super-
human effort has been made to elect as
legislators as many members of the
company as possible. It is stated by
those in a position to know that there
will be a number of representatives in
the next house who were elected for
the express purpose of enacting laws
favorable to mutual insurance com-
panies, both fire and life, and also for
the purpose of squelching any insurance
measure not tending to restrict the
present limits of old line companies.
However, legislation pertaining to all
manner of insurance will likely be the
feature of the pending session of our
legislature, allegations of the Farmers'
Mutual notwithstanding. That this is
true is evinced by the preparations al-
ready being made by both sides to the
controversy.

The flurry created by the subject of
"Three commissioners instead of a
mayor and council in cities of the first-
class," has about died out, though it
may be revived before the legislature
convenes. It is safe to venture, how-
ever, that any bill providing for a board
of three commissioners in lieu of mayor
and councilmen would hardly meet the
approval of our state dignitaries. This
is not intended to discourage such a
proposition, as the truth of the proposi-
tion will be accepted by everybody who
gives the subject serious thought. The
real objection to the plan is not its new-
ness, but its apparent impracticability.
The plan does not ever present a
phase of plausibility. While such a
method may contain its merits—and the
most miserable man or scheme has some
commendable virtue—its also possesses,
at a casual glance, ten demerits for
every redeeming qualification it em-
bodies. To assert that a board of three
men could confer upon the people the
satisfaction rendered them by their
ward councilmen, or, in other words,
their "next door" neighbors, is, indeed,
making a sweeping statement. Further
discussion will be devoted to this point
later on, however, when a more concise
and intelligent view can be had of its
worth or futility, as the case may be.

Another question which always comes
up before our state law makers is that
regulating the issue of bonds and the
amount thereof, in villages, towns, cities
and counties. It is rumored that Lin-
coln's taxpayers will make some inter-
esting demands upon the legislature, the
effect of which will create considerable
excitement, aside from becoming a po-
tent element in next spring's campaign.

The attempt of Irvin S. Kennedy to
besmirch the reputation of Water Com-
missioner Byer did not terminate just
as that individual expected. Mr.
Kennedy has for six months en-
joyed the position of fireman at the
Rice street pumping station, and in or-
der to obtain such position he had pre-

teended all along to be a republican,
when, in fact, he is, and always has
been, a popocrat, and as evidence of his
loyalty to that party, and at the same
time to create a popocratic sensation, he
last week resigned his position and
immediately circulated the lie that he
had been discharged by Mr. Byer for
"political reasons." Mr. Kennedy, it
should be remembered, is the man who
asserted, in the presence of half a dozen
men, that "he would never be found
protecting the stars and stripes," and
further, he said, "Damn the American
flag. If Mr. Kennedy had been dis-
charged, these remarks alone would
have warranted the action. But, as be-
fore stated, Kennedy was not dis-
charged. He quit of his own accord.
However, his slanderous statements will
not be entertained by fair minded men.
Mr. Byer's twenty-five years' residence
in Lincoln bespeak his record; the cow-
ardly and treasonable tactics of the
popocratic Kennedy stamp him as he is.
Hence, the matter needs no discussion.

No one can accuse Mayor Graham of
being prejudiced or partial, notwith-
standing his loyal and unquestioned re-
publicanism. Last Monday, when the
Bryan men were holding high carnival,
Mayor Graham "threw the keys of the
bastille into the well," accorded them
all courtesies ever given republicans, and
treated them fairly and squarely—in
other words, he bade them exercise every
one of their lawful prerogatives, and
did not object if they stretched a point.
Mayor Graham, by his frank and honest
conduct in that affair, has not only in-
curred the respect of the popocrats, but
of all men of honorable inclinations.

Coroner Holyoke will not be called
upon to sit upon the "dead" popocrats.

of this county, as they have been "sat
upon" enough already.

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