

POLITICAL POINTS.

The tramp must often go hungry and cold,
And at him all humanity picks;
Yet he, in his want, is more content
Than the man in politics.

The city republican central committee met last Monday evening for the purpose of listening to proposed amendments to the Crawford county system. Among the numerous suggestions volunteered was that one requiring 500 signers to the petition of any candidate for city office. Another important proposition was that demanding the Australian ballot system at primary elections, which of course includes the registration books. But this proposition went even further, and proposed that the precinct poll books be called in requisition to assist the challengers and judges of election in determining the right of a voter to vote at a republican primary. There were also propositions calling for a division of the Third, Fourth and Fifth and Seventh wards into two precincts each. For assessments of candidates to be paid in full before their names be placed on the ticket. That candidates for council be required to secure 100 names to their petitions. Of all the amendments offered these are most important. And each of them will be just the thing, if the first and last propositions are amended just a little. The candidate for city office should not only be compelled to secure 500 names to his petition, but should be forced to obtain at least one fifth or them in his ward. He should also be prevented from securing more than 550 names to his petition. This rule would be beneficial to the man early in the fight and also to the man who may hold off awhile, and simultaneously give a citizen the time which is sometimes necessary when fixing up a political fence, and not have a tendency to debar a man from running. It would seem that fifty or seventy-five names are sufficient to the petition of a councilmanic candidate. To compel a man to get too many signers to his petition is to invite too much manipulation in keeping some aspirants out.

The committee cannot be too rigid in adopting measures which will block democrats, populists and free silver republicans from voting at any primaries other than their own. The city central committee have had the wisdom to take up these matters at a time when the people are free and considerate, and should settle them by January 15th at the latest.

Which man will the fusionists settle on for mayor, Weir or Fred Miller?

Petitions for candidates for city office are flying around thick. But there is yet time for all comers.

Republicans generally now see the philosophy of The Courier's statement that concentration of forces on the part of republicans is the only way by which they can succeed. The 500 signatures to a petition will bring it.

What's the matter with the men who aspire to the position of Excise man Vaill? Not a candidate for his shoes has been heard from.

We need not look for the legislature to pass a fire and police commission amendment to the city charter. The populists will have enough business to attend to without dabbling in municipal politics.

The various local republican clubs are taking a keen interest in the city campaign, a fact which indicates that republicans are looking for the best mayoralty timber.

Lancaster county never was given its equitable share of federal patronage. Let us try to get it now.

Governor Holcomb is well aware of the republican vote he received, and as he is honest with reciprocal views, republicans need not fear him.

Candidates for public office may come and candidates may go, but we always have a plenty.

R. Henry Thorpe will speak at the

Lansing next Tuesday evening. The tramp orator is a wonder, and will positively entertain all who hear him.

Senator Thurston has given it out cold that Congressman Strode will name the next postmaster for Lincoln. The Courier predicted as much three weeks ago.

No candidate for office should expect a newspaper man to sign his petition. If the candidates will ponder a moment they will discern the logic of this statement.

And when I think of all the "pis"
That will be passed around
My disappointment flies, I sigh,
Again my heart doth bound.

And now comes Charles Gardner of the Fourth ward and asketh for the office of city clerk. That makes three, as Monte Cristo said—Bowen, Turner and the other fellow.

The latest joke sprung this fall is the candidacy of Hans Westermann for postmaster. Needless to say it is a mighty bully joke.

If Senator Thurston ignores the requests of Mr. Sizer's friends, that he be appointed United States marshal for the district of Nebraska, he will do what is adverse to good political judgment and contrary to the predictions of his many political friends in this city. In the event of Senator Thurston's refusal to name Mr. Sizer for the marshalship, which, happily, is not likely, Congressman Andrews, A. E. Cady, and several other influential Nebraskans will help bear the brunt of the "pass up," as on the appointment of Mr. Sizer depends the success of either of the latter named gentlemen.

And Senator Thurston realizes that complete harmony in the republican ranks is the only agency through which Nebraska can be redeemed from populist rule. And he must also realize that harmony can only be induced at this stage of the game by the distribution of federal patronage among the "brewers of wood and drawers of water," and not among men who may have some "personal" pull.

Last summer, when all the other candidates were legging about over the state in a vain endeavor to secure voluminous petitions for themselves, and at a time when they were most needed in their respective districts to lend assistance to the republican ticket, Mr. Sizer was making himself heard and felt in the interest of McKinley. When that memorable meeting was held in the Fifth ward, to ascertain whether McKinley or Manderson was to receive the endorsement of that ward, it was Sizer who almost precipitated a riot by calling for a "ranging up" of the voters, and it was through Sizer's instrumentality that the strength of the big Fifth was swung for Major McKinley.

To demonstrate that Mr. Sizer was more interested in the result of the election than in self aggrandizement, it is but necessary to state that not one of the many thousands of letters or endorsements which he now possesses is twenty days old. He has received hundreds of letters from over the state voluntarily. There are but few newspapers in eastern Nebraska which do not ardently recommend him. There is not a business man, lawyer, state, county or city official who has not interceded for him, either by word or letter. The workingmen of Lincoln are for Sizer to a man, and that he has done them many substantial kindnesses is an open secret.

And right here it may be interesting to Mr. Sizer's friends to read a few figures which The Courier has compiled from the election returns. It will be remembered that during the campaign just ended Mr. Sizer confined most of his efforts to the Fifth ward, and the result of his labors and influence, as appears from the official count, speaks more explicitly and convincingly than can words.

In the Fifth ward reside Governor Holcomb, J. H. Broady and William J. Bryan. When the campaign opened it was thought that these three gentlemen would carry the ward. But, lo! McKinley received the largest vote ever given a candidate in the Fifth ward, not even excepting the vote cast in 1895 for Judge Norval. Precinct A of the Fifth, Mr. Bryan's home precinct, gave McKinley a majority of 97; ward gave McKinley a majority 2; the city of Lincoln gave him 101; and the county coughed up only 829 repu-

majority; the First congressional district gave McKinley the small majority of 704. If the figures in the Fifth ward and the city of Lincoln, when compared with vote of this county and congressional district, do not bespeak the strength of Mr. Sizer, nothing will. The Fifth ward gave the largest comparative republican majority; precinct A of the Fifth gave the largest comparative majority, and it is safe to assert that had not Mr. Sizer been retained as a co-worker of the republican central committee, McKinley would not have received the vote in this city and county which he did.

THE SUN

The first of American Newspapers
CHARLES A. DANA, Editor.

The American Constitution, the American Idea, the American Spirit—These first, last, and all the time, for ever.

Daily, by mail, - \$6 a year
Daily and Sunday, by mail - \$8 a year

The Sunday Sun
is the greatest Sunday Newspaper
in the World.

Price 5c. a copy. By mail, \$2 a year
Address, THE SUN, New York

THE COURIER. \$2 PER YEAR.

CYCLES PHOTOGRAPHS
ATHLETIC PHOTOGRAPHS
PHOTOGRAPHS OF BABIES
PHOTOGRAPHS OF GROUPS
EXTERIOR VIEWS

Clements
The Photographer
129 South Eleventh Street.

Have you made your reputation?
Are you satisfied with it?

We are trying to make our reputation in the

Wall - Paper

—business by beginning with—

NEW PATTERNS - NEW COLORINGS - NEW IDEAS.

The latest treatments for walls.

Copying the old artists, giving you a chance to see everything in ART that is produced. Colonial designs, brought out in colors that cannot help but cheer even the most fastidious.

OUR NEW FLORAL DESIGNS

- Scroll Designs
- Indian Designs
- Empire Designs
- Renaissance Designs
- Rococo Designs
- Lace Stripes Designs
- Dresden Stripes Designs
- Leathers and the

New Colorings

- Pompeian Reds
- Indian Reds
- Terra Cotta
- Rose Pinks
- Empire Greens
- Apple Greens
- Cobalt Blue
- Robin Egg Blue
- Sky Blue
- Arabian Blue
- Forest Greens
- Delft Blues
- Colonial Yellow
- French Grey
- Dirty Grey
- Tobacco Brown
- Conmaris Brown
- Mustard Yellow
- Boston Yellow

ALL SELECTED by the most competent judges in the wall paper business. A corps of thorough salesmen to show you at all times our immense line; also

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, BRUSHES

Our large and complete line of Room Mouldings to match our blended effects in blended freizes. No expense spared in coloring over mouldings to match out stock. The only complete stock of

PAPER HANGINGS

in the west. We have styles adapted to every class of dwelling, public buildings, churches, banks, etc. Our prices are moderate. By simply calling on us, our line will bear out every one of the above representations.

STANDARD GLASS AND PAINT CO.

1312-1314-1316 O Street.