

Political Pot-Pie.

As was predicted by the Pie-maker in last Friday's paper, Hon. Fred A. Wing was appointed assayer of the new assay office located in Seattle on that day and has been receiving congratulations of his many friends for the past week. There will be a number of appointees under him and applications for each of them have begun to flow in thick and fast. The appointing of Mr. Wing to the above mentioned place was, as said before, a happy solution of the postoffice contest, which had begun to wax warm in this city and now Senator Wilson can appoint the man who can demonstrate to him that he can bring about the most party harmony regardless of whom that man may be, but, it is generally conceded at this writing, that George M. Stewart has a walk away for the appointment. If there is one thing that Senator Wilson can be commended for it is for staying by his friends. During the last campaign it is said that the senator was often thrown in close political relations with Mr. Stewart and he formed quite an admiration for him as a party worker, and, that being a fact, with the outside influence that Mr. Stewart has brought to bear on the senator, there is every reason to think that he will advise the president to name Stewart for the Seattle postoffice at the proper time.

Mr. Columbus T. Tyler who met with some unexpected delays in getting everything ready to take his place in the land office, finally overcome all of the obstacles and was sworn in last Tuesday morning as receiver of the Seattle U. S. land office. Mr. Tyler will make a good official, as he is one of Seattle's best business men. He is a Republican to the backbone and was never known to throw off on a Republican nominee, whether he personally liked or disliked said nominee. He has always abided the decision of the majority of his party without murmur or complaint.

Paul D'Heiry, who has rendered the Republican party some good indirect work, owing to his affiliations with the Populist and Fusion parties, has been appointed to a command in the army and went East last Wednesday evening under government orders from Washington to report for immediate duty. And thus the faithful shall be rewarded, providing his face is not black.

"Yes, I am a candidate for the supreme judgeship of this state under the following conditions," came from Attorney Fred H. Peterson, "If Judge Humphries or any other candidate gets a majority of the King county delegation then I am for making it unanimous and go to the state convention as a unit for such candidate, but in case the leading candidate gets but thirty or forty per cent of the delegates and the others are divided among many others with no probability of them concentrating on such leading candidate, then I am in the race for the place. Personally I am very favorable to Judge Humphries' candidacy, but in case he has no hope of getting the delegation solid for him then he has no show of securing the nomination and no other man from this county for that matter.

"I am rather inclined to think that although King county had a candidate two years ago she has a business right to ask for a candidate this year also. One third of all the legal business done before the supreme court of this state comes from King county, and, it appears to me that it is a straight business proposition to say that one man on the bench who is thoroughly familiar with the legal practices of such county should be one of the five members on the bench. It should not be a matter of political preferences, but one of business on a business principle. Regardless of whom it may be I am decidedly in favor of King county being represented on the next supreme bench of this state."

There is a bare possibility of the Review having counted without its host in pitting Sheriff Moyer as the next Fusion nominee against the Republican nominee, A. T. Van de Vanter, for there are others in the Populist party who are working like beavers for the nomination and they say their labors are showing good results. Chief among the others is Swan Lewis, the popular hotel keeper, who is out for the Fusion nomination and out to win. "I am a candidate for sheriff of King county and do not forget it," said Mr. Lewis one day this week. "If the successful conducting of business in this city for the past twenty-two years is not a recommendation for me to my party then I have nothing more to say. I have stood back for others quite long enough. I believe I have as many friends in King county as the fellows who get the offices, if not more, and my friends do not propose to take no for an answer another time, but they declare to me that they propose to stand by me in the fight and they do not

seem to fear the results." The Pie-maker believes that Lewis is a very strong candidate and will not only give Sheriff Moyer a hard tussle in the Populist convention, but will give the Republican nominee a hard fight at the polls.

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The following political stuff was picked up on the streets by the Pie-maker one day this week and he believed it too good not to publish.

"I believe that the success or defeat of the Republican party next fall depends, largely, upon the wisdom or unwisdom used in our primaries and nominating convention.

This ought to be a Republican year, in this county and state; I believe that it will be, and that it will be a year of disappointments to the would-be political boss, for it seems to be in the air that the Republican voter will be in the field at work before and at the primaries, before and on the day of election.

"I believe that no large number of the ambitious ones will get there solely by reason of their desire for place."

"It seems to me that the coming campaign should be the opportunity for the honest, capable, faithful and consistent Republican. I mean just the plain, everyday UNITED STATES Republican, regardless of place of birth or color, and, by the way, Mr. Pie-maker, it would not surprise me nor shock my sensibilities if I, as a Republican, were called upon to fall to vote for a colored friend and brother; say, what would be the position of the Pie-maker on such a proposition?"

"How about the old soldier?"

"Yes, I am one, and from such a standpoint you may quote me as saying that all things being equal, as to fitness in all respects for the place, I should hope that the old soldier would at least stand an equal show. I hope that the Pie-maker will not be found boasting any unfit man for any position, solely for the reason that he fought to save the union. All honor to and respect for the old soldier, but I am not in favor of placing a round man—even if he does wear a Grand Army button—into a square hole.

"Well, no, nothing more at this time, thank you. If you can see what I have already said into shape fit for the Pie-maker's use you are a dandy."

"Please say for me, Mr. Pie-maker that I am not a candidate for the postoffice now nor any other time. I admit that I have some aspirations for a place on the supreme bench of this state, but I do not want it understood that I am a candidate for every vacancy that may happen to occur. I am making no scramble for the nomination, which I would not be averse to accepting, because I do not believe such nominations should be traded for as is customary in conventions," came from ex-Superior Judge J. W. Langley one day last week.

Some political diplomacy has been used by the Populist and Democratic parties in this county, and especially the former, that might be imitated with some excellent results on the part of the Republicans. For the past few years the Swedish vote of this county has beseeched the Republicans to give them at least one place on the county ticket, if not permanently, for two or four years and they would be satisfied, but that has been stubbornly denied them. The Populist party, having learned of that fact, took advantage of the opportunity and nominated E. H. Evenson for county auditor, and, as a result, that party got every Swedish vote in the county two years ago. Most of the Swedes in the county made a fight for their countryman's election at the expense of the other nominees on both the tickets, but most of them did not leave you until they had given you to understand that the Populist party was not only the poor man's party in this county, but he especially gave you to understand in his opinion it was decidedly the party to which the Swedes should support as it was the only one in this county that had ever given him any substantial recognition. With this the Pie-maker does not agree, but they thought so and the results of the election in this county were very disastrous to the Republican party on that account.

Here is another piece of Populist political chicanery that has been noted by the Pie-maker and might be worthy of espousing: In order to divide the colored vote of this county, and perhaps the state as well, the Populist party has kindly consented to issue a weekly newspaper under the management of a colored man and one who has for the past number of years been employed at one of the coal mines

of this state as one of their stationary engineers, free of cost to him, said manager to have all he can make out of the advertising columns of the paper as his compensation for running the same. This leaked out a few weeks ago when the paper was known as the Northwest Illuminator, when a row broke out between the colored men running it over the spoils thereof and the founder discontinued the Illuminator, but the Pops were not to be outgeneraled so easily so they had the local man in the city to at once issue the Sun, which took the place of the Illuminator. It has some advertising patronage and the manager of the Sun is quite a rustler, but the paper shows that it has not sufficient advertising to get out a single issue were it not held up by some power behind the throne; in other words, it of itself is evidence sufficient to prove that it is a parasite. The Pie-maker sees nothing condemnatory in such political strategy, but he rather thinks it shows political ingenuity on the part of both the political party and the colored man that has been able to work up such a scheme, and he only mentions it to show to the Republicans that the Populists are neither asleep on their rights nor the ignorant street corner howlers in every particular that they have been put down as, for some good political generalship is creeping out here and there that Republicans should at once offset.

In view of the above the Pie-maker is decidedly in favor of seeing some one from among the Swedish voters whose nomination will bring strength to the Republican party from that source, being put on the next county ticket made up by the Republican convention. Most assuredly this should primarily be done to get votes for the Republican party, but at the same time it is secondarily done to prove to the world that the Republican party is the party for the people. It was so considered in the past by all classes of voters and there is no reason why it should not continue on in the same direction by the present generation. The party may have made mistakes in the past on this line, but mistakes should always be corrected and no party is more ready and willing to do so than the Republicans. Keep this in mind until the next county convention is in session and then put it in practice.

Another Republican political weakness has been taken advantage of by the Populist party, which may make them a few votes. One day last week Sheriff Moyer appointed W. S. Gayles deputy sheriff and put him to work. Never in the history of King county has there before been a colored man appointed deputy sheriff and given a star as has been Mr. Gayles. When Republican sheriffs were approached on this point they would always remark that it would be dangerous for a colored man to hold such a position as the whites would not submit to be arrested by them. This was all buncum of the worst kind for, if one of the ex-sheriffs themselves should do anything to warrant their arrest at present and they would come under the observation of Deputy Gayles they would go to the county jail either dead or alive and they would be coolly given their choice as the way they preferred to go. The Populist party claims to be a party of non-politicians, but they never fail to take advantage of such party weakness as the above and they have made many votes thereby. Not long since some Republicans were approached about the nomination of a colored man, they expressed a fear less a certain element would knife him on account of his color. Now as to that, the Pie-maker would suggest that the convention do its work conscientiously as it should and then let the final results be as they may. Republicanism will have cleared its skirts of trying to draw a color line.

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Cubans are besieging Puerto Principe, 5000 of Blanco's army deserted and joined the insurgents. The city will fall into their hands, for they have torn up the railroads so no reinforcements can be sent. In an engagement at Guantanamo 400 Spaniards were killed and 19 captured. It is announced from Cadiz that the reserve squadron has sailed. Too much dependence cannot be put in public announcements from those quarters.—The Texas, Marblehead, Swansea and St. Paul shelled the fort at Caimanera. The walls were demolished, and then the earthworks and barracks; when the enemy field shells were dropped in their midst. Only 5 shots in reply were fired by the Spanish and they struck the water.—After San Juan is bombarded some of our best warships are to make a raid on Spain's sea coast if she does not offer peace.—Private John H. Stevens, troop L, 1st cavalry Washington, of Walla Walla, dies of pneumonia at San Francisco. The Washington volunteers have given up all hope of going to Manila. The three battalions will do garrison duty at Vancouver, Angel island and the Presidio.

FRIDAY.—The president decides that Havana must fall immediately. The landing place for troops will probably be Batabano, on the south coast directly south of Havana.—Now the Vesuvius has been once tried and proved she quietly drops 250-pound charges of gun cotton into the batteries and harbor of Santiago every night. Cervera is mounting guns from his fleet on new emplacements which compels Sampson to bombard them afresh. The Texas blows up the powder magazine on the west battery, causing great havoc.—Spanish steamer Parisina Concepcion leaves Kingston with provisions and money for Blanco in hopes of running the blockade.

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