

**HARDY'S COLUMN**

If the buyers and consumers of liquor are the only ones responsible for the present saloon system then of course the buyers and consumers of trust goods are the only ones responsible for the present trust system. The buyers are the only ones that should be restricted and punished by law.

A. G. Wolfenbarger has been sick, high unto death, and if he should die the saloonkeepers of the state will not mourn, but rather rejoice.

Our legislature should pass a law making husband and wife equal in every legal respect in life or in death. If either should die the other should hold the same relation to the estate and heirship the other would. The marriage covenant should make husband and wife the nearest heirs of each other on earth, in every respect, nearer than father or mother, sister or brother, son or daughter. The late decision of the United States court, that a husband going into another state, for six months, for getting a divorce, does not cut off the first wife's claim is really commendable.

It is reported there are 1,500 cases now on the docket of the supreme court of this state. They will need to appoint twenty more judges to ever catch up. There are hundreds of lawyers in the state and a large slice of them in Lincoln who are not gaining a living by their practice. Nine out of every ten would jump at the chance of being side judge. The fifteen hundred cases can be made to last twenty judges ten years.

The choice of the east is between freezing and canceling the tariff on coal. The politicians fear the mine owners will not contribute to the republican election fund if the tariff on coal is jumped. One change starts the free trade machine. Next will be free trade beef and free trade oil.

Lincoln has a McKinley school house and a McKinley chime of bells and a Bryan farm home in Fairview.

Almost every member of our legislature seems to think that his honor depends upon the number of bills he introduces.

A drunken man was robbed last week in Omaha and when he awoke he found he had been sleeping in a lumber yard. If robbing must be done the drinking men should be the victims for then they will have less money to spend for liquor. If a boy must fill a drunkard's grave he should be the son of a drinking man.

The year 1902 witnessed the building of 6,026 miles of railroad in the United States. Oklahoma stands at the head with 570 miles, Texas 496, Arkansas 371 and Indian territory 363, and so on.

The French government has just made an agreement with three other European governments for a heavy increase of the coinage of silver.

The labor unions object to placing mail boxes in so many street cars, for when there is a strike the government will take the liberty to protect the mail cars.

Illuminating oil and anthracite coal have been found in Alaska near Good Harbor. The oil is of the best illuminating quality.

The tunnel under the Hudson and East rivers by the Pennsylvania Railroad company is one of the biggest railroad jobs of the day.

The labor unions are now working for eight-hour labor days for all who work for others. The next step will be to limit all who work for themselves to six hours' work between midnight and midnight.

Minneapolis, Minn., has presented within the last two years a splendid sample of busted corruption, equal to anything that has ever happened in New York, Philadelphia or Chicago, in fact the clean-up was much better. A majority of the voters seemed to be charmed by the effect of a wide-open city policy. Mayor Ames, elected as a

republican, lead the dirt crowd. Mayor Ames also lead two other heads of departments and the three jumped over into South America or Australia. Lincoln had a full taste of a wide-open city a few years ago.

We have heard much about raising the assessment and increasing the increasing the taxes on railroads and now the railroad representatives appear before the revenue committee and plead for equal taxation upon all property value and equal delinquency in payment of taxes. If other property is allowed to go years without paying any taxes railroads should be allowed to play the same trick.

If the party in power does not do something during this legislative session to equalize taxes, cut off delinquencies and reduce foolish, unnecessary expenses we will do our best to kick them out of power at the end of the next two years. Change of power always works some little reform. There is one thing, we will not be likely to see any drunken roosters appointed to office for the coming two

The appointees in our legislature are climbing up in number as usual. Workers in last November's election are clamoring for pay by way of being appointed to office.

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**Me an' Jake Hefner**

Me an' Jake growed up together, was school mates back in Indiana and both married doters of Zeke Jones. This was 33 years ago this last fall. We boarded with our folks first year, then we heard about the free land in Newbraska and we fixed up a big covered wagon and pulled out fur better or worse. Jane and Tilda hated to part with their folks and they couldn't be blamed fur it; I think they liked me and Jake all right, but since comin' to think of it, it was callin' fur considerable resolution on them to leave the peace and quiet of their old homes, fur what? They didn't know nor we didn't know, but they cheered up by the time we got over into Iowa and by the time we got to the Missouri river they seemed to like to look out and see things we was passin'.

I have been thinkin' considerable about old times lately. Talk about the brave boys in blue and Dewey at Manila, I don't know whether they had more courage than Jane and Tilda or not.

Tell the truth about it, me an' Jake didn't have much money; we owned three horses between us and the wagon; the most valuable things we owned was two of the best girls ever growed up in Indiana. As well as I can think Jake started with \$31 to a cent; I had close onto \$28.

Fur a couple days after we crossed the river there was scatterin' houses; there was enough prairie layin' out, but it seemed like the U. P. railroad owned nearly everything that was worth ownin'. The settlers told us to drift off south of the Platte river to find government land, and so we did. After leavin' the timber country in Indiana where there was lots of logs to build houses, it looked queer to see the stables made out of sod and stove pipes comin' up out of the ground

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where people was livin' down in caves. Jane and Tilda kept wantin' to see down in the dugout caves and we made excuses to a settler and he invited us down to see his folks. Somehow it seemed like we struck home soon as we got in; the woman was awful clever and I am here to tell you that if it was not so unfashionable that a dugout house is just about as good as any other kind of house. Everything was nice and clean, pictures on the wall, and homelike, just as rich as any place I ever seen since then; they seemed so glad to have us come down to see them. They asked about which way we come and about our folks. We went past where their folks lived over in Illinois, but we didn't know it. We all got acquainted right from the start.

They was bound to have us settle near to them and the man (his name is Bill Haines) went with me an' Jake to the land office and we filed on claims as close to Haines as we could.

Bill Haines and his wife and all of us was about equal when it come to what we was worth. Bill helped us put up a sod stable and done the carpenter work to the dugout. He was carpenter because he owned all the saw any of us had. It kind o' went agin me to have somebody else do the carpenter work, but Bill was so clever to all of us that I kept quiet about bein' a carpenter myself.

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