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HARDY'S COLUMN.

Extra Session.—New York Legislature, Lincoln Police, Wars, Common People, Gold Bugs Opinion, They have got us by the throat.

It is hinted that if the supreme court sets aside the maximum freight law that the governor will call an extra session of the legislature. Hope he won't call the clerks and yet the Journal thinks the solid republican legislature of New York, clerks and all, have acted the fool more completely than ours did. So misery has company.

The New York legislature has been touching up the dead rich men again by raising the inheritance tax; or rather more than doubling it. They have also adopted a graduating scale so that the larger the estate the higher the per cent of tax. If Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, or Astor should die tomorrow the state would get twenty or thirty millions tax on their estates. Now they fear all the rich men will leave New York but where will they go. Ohio and other eastern states have driven them to New York. New York and Nebraska are states of refuge for criminals. There is no country on earth where they are more safe. They go scott free and are made into receivers and mayors.

If the Lincoln police would look after the saloons and gambling as sharply as they do after bicycle riders they would accomplish much good. If our streets and walks were as narrow as in Boston there might follow great inconvenience in permitting wheels on the walk but from the fact that a single sidewalk in Lincoln is wider than their whole street including both walks there can not follow any very serious inconvenience or damage.

The state doctors are in consultation in Lincoln this week. The main question to be decided is how to get larger fees. Laws must be passed to shut out all doctors better qualified so as to give the old methods a fair show. Three or four times the charges of forty years ago is not enough even though the doctors do buy twice as much. Doctors, bankers and manufacturers must have special legislation in order to stand up with the farmer.

We are heart sick to see the United States and the "powers" of Europe stand by and see Spain murder the Cubans and Turkey murder the Greeks. The Spaniards and Turks are two classes of men who deserve choking down. Leaving humanity out, the United States has a right to say to Spain as she did to France in 1865, keep your soldiers at home and if the Spaniards in Cuba can't hold the Island let Cubans have it. This nonsense has got to stop.

The Beatrice feeble minded war still rages. The republicans can't laugh to any advantage at all, for they had two or three such wars with their own men. Dr. Matheon would not go out. The governor slipped in at the back door while the doctor was out on the front steps and locked him out. Thus the bloody chasm was bridged.

If justice and the common people are to rule in the country they must hang together. The name of the party should cut no figure. A democratic and a people's ticket mean that Massachusetts and New York will rule. The day for common sense is at hand and if the masses of common people have run out of that article then a change for the better is impossible. We might as well crown gold king of the United States curl up and only breath till we die. But we look for a more harmonious fight than we made in 1896 for most assuredly our cause has not lost power or popularity since then. As the democratic barn burners, the woolly head whigs, free soilers and abolitionists joined forces in 1856 so must there be a union in 1900. We want justice in law and trust in government and not in party names. We want the east taxed to help the west as much as the west is taxed for the east. We want no law for classes or callings. Equality before the law is our only demand. This we mean to have and if the east kick over the traces as the south did we will give them the same medicine.

We asked John Ames a democratic gold bug lawyer, what effect would it have upon the price of property to gather in all the greenbacks, treasury notes and silver certificates, by the issue of bonds, and burn them. The answer was "property would go still lower". We asked R. E. Moore, a republican gold bug money loaner and the answer was the same. Less money, lower prices for property and labor are the very things the ruling powers of America want and there are a few Nebraskans who want to stand with the ruling money governing class.

Who does not see the irrepressible conflict which is now raging between corporations, monopolies, trusts and money wealth on one side and the great toiling masses and property wealth on the other. And who does not know that all these leaders upon the earnings of the common people are all found in one party and are all fighting to one end, Masons and Dixons old line in this conflict is the east line of Ohio, making that state, West Virginia and Maryland border states. These states if left alone, would gravitate to the free west but the party lash and use of money intimidates and bribes. When twenty millions can be raised in Pennsylvania, New York and New England to buy votes in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, the rottenness of Denmark is not to be compared. There was no money raised in Nebraska to buy votes in Massachusetts.

The question arises can we settle this conflict at the ballot box or must we resort to blood as in the slave conflict. Will the east submit when we get more votes than they can cast or buy? Can we ever get the votes? Judging from the fraudulent votes counted in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky and Illinois in our last presidential election it seems doubtful. When states count more votes than they have men twenty-one years of age, it looks discouraging. The



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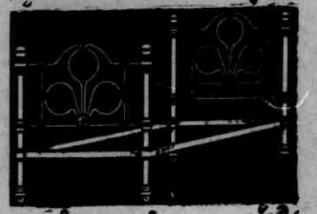
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