

HARDY'S COLUMN

Won't allow it—Two Senators—Bar tenders—Difference—Train Robbery—Stock market—League of Republican Clubs—We are Not Anxious—The First State Interest—American Greed—The Chief Issue—Stretching Imagination—Money Dug—The Prohibitionists—Bad Breath—Not Recognized.

Will the authorities allow the declaration to be read in Manila the Fourth? Let any Filipino be caught reading it and he will be shot for treason.

Meiklejohn and Thompson will make a grand republican span for the senate, one is stuck up and the other stuck in the mud.

The Journal reports that 150 extra bar tenders are now on hand in Kansas City waiting for the democrat convention. That is a small number compared with the 4,000 extra it took in Philadelphia, to run the McKinley cantoons.

The difference in the two tickets is mainly this, the republicans have put their rough rider at the tail of the ticket while the farmer have put their rough rider at the head.

Another Nebraska train held up in York county this time. A robber went through the sleeper and took some \$200, then jumped off the car. Better hang a revolver in every berth as they do life preservers on steam boats.

The stock market of New York was not disturbed by the McKinley convention, for the operators knew they owned every man of a gun in the convention and now they know they own the candidates. The millionaire factory of course will be disturbed when Bryan is elected, for there will not be half as many made the next four years. But the farmers are not disturbed for they know Bryan stands for them.

The league of republican clubs is on its last legs. We will see how their ratification compares with the ratification of Bryan. To state the fact, there is nothing to generate enthusiasm in McKinley and Mark Hanna. If there is not three times the number at the Bryan ratification we will kiss Bud Lindsay's toe.

We can't say that we are anxious for Towne to run for vice president. He will do us more good in the cabinet, then we want to make him president after Bryan.

We have one state interest that above all others should receive careful attention and that is our public schools. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is the head center of this interest. Several candidates have been mentioned but for experience as a teacher and superintendent none seem to take the lead of Prof. C. F. Beck, of Burt county. If we do make Beck our money appropriator for other state interest, it matters little, but we can not afford to scar the education of our children. We hope Prof. Beck will be nominated and elected.

Hoag Koog and a patch of country around it will satisfy American greed as now manifested in McKinley. South America must be traded for a patch of East India, then we must go into the Mediterranean, whip Spain, take her territory, build the Nicaragua canal, trade half of it for half of the Suez canal, then we will be fixed and will be ready to let McKinley retire.

The chief issue in the coming presidential election is prosperity for the millionaire versus prosperity for the farmer. Multiplication of the one and prostration of the other. If McKinley is re-elected the millionaires will double in number, if Bryan is elected homes without a mortgage will double. The republicans did not dare to knock silver and greenbacks out this time but if McKinley is re-elected both will have to go. They did not promise in their platform to let the money standard alone where they have now left it.

It is the longest stretch of the political imagination with the least degree of consistency to assert that Cleveland's administration caused all the hard times all over the world and the McKinley administration has brought prosperity to all the world. It would be equally just to conclude that the inhabitants of the burning lake are more prosperous under McKinley than under Cleveland.

Clark's millions did not come out of the common people as did the oil trust and sugar trust money, but out of the ground in the form of gold, silver and copper ore. Clark had no special law to help him as the other fellows had. The money he subscribed to the Bryan election fund will not stink.

The prohibition convention, this year, went hunting bear and nothing else. The members are ready to sit watching for bear and let the wolves gnaw their right legs off. Their guns are loaded for bear and it will be a crime to shoot any other animal. Their speakers will be hissed if they say a word about any other civilized curse only the saloon. The kind of political gun that suits us one loaded for any and every injustice and wrong. The prohibition gun we once carried was so loaded.

Intoxicating liquor seems to run too freely through the mouths of our office holders. The channel is easily detected by the polluted breath. There are men now holding office of trust and responsibility in this state who would not be retained as brakemen on a freight train for a single day. Republicans used to make away with barrels of liquor in our state institutions, all for snare bites, of course, and the snakes are biting just about as hard as ever now.

Every political element making up the fusion party in Nebraska has been invited to the appointive lunch counter, excepting one. The silver republicans who supported Harrison, the silver democrats who supported Cleveland and the silver pigs who supported Weaver have been remembered by state appointments

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but not a man who supported St. John has had a smell. Thousands of them will vote for Bryan all the same and help raising the money standard to help the millionaire.

Trusts Easily Destroyed

In July's Success, Hon. Champ Clark, Congressman from Missouri, writes these stirring sentences about the trusts: "Trusts might be regulated now, later they will be extirpated. "How? In two ways: 1. By placing everything owned manufactured or sold on the free list. 2. By making it a penitentiary offense to own stock in a trust, to have any financial interest in one, or to be engaged in any manner whatsoever, in running or conducting one. "If these two laws were enacted and enforced honestly and resolutely, in a twelvemonth there would not be a trust left but the two words—consummation devoutly to be wished."

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Splendid Success of a Strong Home Institution Fittingly Signaled. \$60,000 OF NEW BUSINESS IN A WEEK. Three Years of Achievement to Be Reviewed at Lake Manawa on the Fourth of July.

"The 3d of July marks the third anniversary of the life of our company," said Mr. B. H. Robison, president of Omaha's successful life insurance company, the Bankers Reserve Association.

"We propose to make a day of it at Lake Manawa on the Fourth, when the president will meet and greet the officers and field force and the day will be devoted to a general jollification. "The staff which I have gathered about me is most efficient. We have been so busy all this year writing new policies that we have had no leisure for pleasure. I want the field agents to meet each other and the officers of the company, and have, therefore, arranged to celebrate the glorious Fourth.

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"There," said he, "is \$60,000 of new business written in a single week in spite of hot weather and the malevolent attacks of alien competitors. The twelve names of those dozen policies are a banner of the best business men in Central Nebraska, and every man of them is an aggressive friend who will work to increase our business and protect our revenues against enemies who slander and frauds who would impose upon the company.

"The strongest insurance writers in the west are flocking to our company. Insurance solicitors know a good thing. They want to ally themselves with a vigorous, modern, well-managed company offering insurance contracts which meet the increasing demands of the times for life insurance. "I wish it were possible to assemble our Advisory boards for this celebration," continued President Robison. "It would be an invaluable object lesson to some of the alien agents who spend their time trying to injure our home companies. They would see men of intelligence, of influence in their communities, whose names and character are a guaranty that the association to which they give a most loyal support has the confidence of bankers, merchants, professional men, farmers, stock growers and the people of all occupations.

"We have laid one policy in May. Do you know of any other company doing business in Nebraska with such a record? "Come over and meet the representatives of the Bankers' Reserve and get acquainted with a group of hustlers, the like of which you will not find again until we call them together on some other occasion," concluded the head of the famous local company as he turned with justifiable pride to his desk and his duties.

Franklin on Imperialism

The well-founded esteem and, permit me to say, affection which I shall always have for your lordship make it painful for me to see you engaged in conducting

a war, the great ground of which (as described in your letter) is "the necessity of preventing the American trade from passing into foreign channels." To me it seems that nothing can ever be equal to the expense of doing so. It is an object for which men may justly spill each other's blood; that the true and sure means of extending and securing commerce are the goodness and cheapness of commodities, and that the profit of no trade can ever be equal to the expense of compelling it and holding it by fleets and armies. I consider this war against us, therefore, as both unjust and unwise, and I am persuaded that cool and dispassionate posterity will condemn to infamy those who advised it, and that even success will not save from some degree of dishonor those who voluntarily engaged to conduct it. This letter of Franklin's can be found in the third volume of a work entitled "Modern British Essayists," published by Carey & Hart of Philadelphia in 1857.

BRYAN'S ELECTION CONCEDED

Chicago's Greatest Daily Predicts That the Democrats Will Carry New York. The most earnest and most fearless McKinley organ in the west, the Chicago Times-Herald, practically concedes the election of Mr. Bryan and the defeat of its idol, basing its conclusions on the fact of the nomination of Roosevelt. The day after the Roosevelt nomination the Times-Herald started its leading editorial with the declaration that "the republican party must now face the serious problem of electing its ticket without the electoral vote of New York," and for reasons stated:

In Albany Governor Roosevelt was the death head at every corporate feast, the fly in every pot of oily lobbying for which Tom C. Platt lives and schemes. Tom Platt would rather have a democrat in the governor's mansion at Albany than a second term of Governor Roosevelt.

The only way Platt could checkmate the popular demand for this was through forcing his nomination for vice-president. This is what he accomplished before he left Philadelphia Wednesday night with a glad heart, beating exultantly under his fractured rib.

Having fixed upon Platt the responsibility for the shelving of Roosevelt, the Times-Herald continued in this strain: "And now western republicans must be prepared to face the difficult task of electing McKinley and Roosevelt without relying on New York state. The truth cannot be concealed that as a candidate for governor, an office of which Roosevelt impetuously and honest instincts were needed, Theodore Roosevelt would have attracted thousands of independent republicans, anti-Tammany democrats and civil service reformers to the support of the republican ticket. As a candidate for vice-president, his personality will not count for a rush to win support from these classes.

If a man like Bird S. Coler is nominated for governor by the democrats against any stool-pigeon Tom Platt may name, does anyone doubt that the masses over the political assassination of the Rough Rider will endanger the state and national republican tickets?

The Times-Herald then began figuring on the states. It conceded Kentucky and Maryland to the democrats without question, and the votes of the splinter states added to the votes it got in 1896 would give him nine more than enough to elect. It was argued therefore, that in order to be elected, McKinley would have to get at least nine votes out of the states of the west carried for Bryan.

This is virtual acknowledgement of the defeat of McKinley. He cannot carry a single state he did not carry before. And what is more to the point, New York, Maryland and Kentucky are not the only ones he will lose.

BOER WAR NOT OVER

Preparations by Lord Roberts Indicate Protracted Struggle.

It is clear that Lord Roberts does not consider the war in South Africa ended, as he has put a strong line to the civilians and has ordered the mining men back to Bloemfontein. He is credited with thinking that three months must elapse before affairs will be settled enough to permit of the resumption of business.

A large body of British are again reported to be in Swaziland. General Rundle has issued a proclamation announcing to the farmers supposed to be harboring armed ex-burgers and not informing against them, that these farms will be confiscated and the receipts they hold for goods requisitioned cancelled, or will be compelled to pay a fine of not less than half a crown per morgen on the area of the farms. Patronize our advertisers.

CHESS

July 5, 1900.

The Chess Editor is glad to be back at his post again, and hopes that no further interruptions will occur in the work outlined in this column. Owing to press of other matter, Game Studies will be omitted this week; but next week Ruy Lopez games from the Paris tournament will be selected for our classes. Mr. Hammond of Wymore, because of a change in his work, found it inconvenient to begin his game against the Independent's class in consultation. The secretary of the Nebraska Chess Association is at work on a neat little book in which to record scores of games played by correspondence or otherwise. All members of the association will be furnished a copy.

Only 24 members of the association voted at the election of officers. Messrs. Hald, Seeley and De France were re-elected to their respective offices of president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The following members failed to qualify and vote during the month of June: Owen, Powell, Nelson, Roche, Edwards, Tyson, Carroll, Barron, Hinman, Kinniburgh, Boucher, Whited, Grant, W. S. Swain, and Deacon.

Twenty-one members voted in favor of holding a summer tournament. For place of holding the same, Lincoln received 13 votes, Omaha, 3; Dannebrog, 1; Grand Island, 1; no choice, 4. As to time, there was considerable diversity of opinion. Two members favored June, August 2nd, August had 2 votes; September, 4; October, 4; "during state fair," 3; "any time," 4. Hence it is probable that the meeting will be held in Lincoln in September. Nineteen members promised to attend.

Notwithstanding the fact that the 1899 correspondence tournament is not finished yet, 18 members favored holding another tournament at long range and 4 were against it. As to time of beginning this tournament, 13 voted to begin "now," "soon," or "any time." September had 3 votes; and July, August, October and December had 1 each. Eighteen members pledged themselves to enter. The secretary now proposes this plan to those who desire a correspondence tournament: That each section contain but five players and that each player take up at once his four games, so that the sections will all finish about the same time. The prizes to be offered in each section; a copy of Freeborough's Chess Openings (or some similar book) to the winner, and a copy of Cunningham's "How to Play Chess" to the player having the poorest score of games actually played—a player withdrawing and resigning unfinished games, of course, being not entitled to a prize.

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Philadelphia, June 25, 1900.—Editor Independent:—A friend sent me a copy of your democratic paper. I see you advertise to send your paper for the campaign of 1900 for 25 cents. Please send copy to my address and oblige.

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Problem 19: The key-move is Kt-Qk7. 2. We advise solvers to put the problem on the board and work out the beautiful mates for themselves. Solved correctly by D. F. Logan, Norton, Kansas, and B. H. Rice, Grand Island.

Problem 20: 1. P-K7 K-R2 2. P-K8 (Q) ch KxQ 3. K-Kt6 gaining the opposition and winning as follows: 3. K-R 4. K-B7 K-R2 5. P-K6 ch, etc.

Solved correctly by C. R. Oldham, Moundsville, West Virginia; R. E. Brega, Callaway; N. G. Griffin, St. Edward, and D. F. Logan. Mr. Rice suggests K-B5, K-Kt4, etc. for White; but his solution is faulty, as Black can stalemate or win the second pawn.

End-Game 21: Key-move is RxP, and White either stalemates or wins all the Black pawns. Solved correctly by Messrs. Logan, Rice, Griffin, Oldham, and Rev. J. A. Younkens, Natrona, Pennsylvania.

Problem 21: Key-move is R-B7. Solvers should work out the mates for themselves. There are many variations and some beautiful mates. Solved correctly by Messrs. Logan, Oldham, and Nelson, Hald, Dannebrog.

The unnumbered problem in issue of June 21 was incorrectly printed in the diagram and cannot be solved. It will not be republished at present.

END-GAMES 12, 20, AND 22. Messrs. Griffin, Lundberg, Ellis, Rice, Younkens, and Brega, are still hammering away at the Chess Editor on End-Game 12. Most of them have reached nine moves with no immediate win in sight.

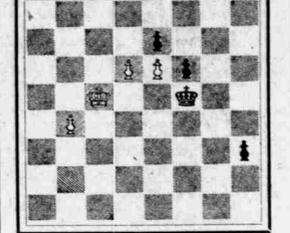
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sight. Messrs. C. B. Swim, Griffin, Younkens, Ellis, and M. Gould, Manhattan, Kansas, started on End-Game 20, but part of them have resigned. Black's 40th move should be P-B5 ch, and White cannot break through without danger. 40...PxP will undoubtedly lose for Black.

Rev. J. A. Younkens, Natrona, Pa., and H. B. Hammond, Wymore, have accepted the challenge in End-Game 22 (the Brega game) and are playing against the Chess Editor.

THE COMPOSITE GAME. This game is moving slowly on its second round. The moves reported to date are as follows: 18. De France, B-K3 Hald, P-Q4 19. Owen, B-B4 Hartzell, B-Q3 20. Powell, BxB

PROBLEM NO. 22. A little lesson in queening pawns. White to play and win.



WHITE. One of Morton's Lies.

Editor Independent—I see that the "Conservative" asserts that Mr. Bryan in 1896 "received the smallest per cent. of the popular vote of any democratic nominee during the entire period" meaning the period from 1824 until 1896. The "Conservative" further says that while Greeley, whose defeat has always been regarded as the most "humiliating disaster to the democratic party," received 44 per cent. of the popular vote Mr. Bryan received but 40 per cent. The truth is that Greeley—whose nomination was the worst mistake the old democratic party ever committed—received 2,834,079 votes out of 6,466,165, which is about 43 per cent. Mr. Bryan received 6,502,925 votes out of 13,923,102 votes, which is 46 per cent. As I do not believe that a man so closely allied with banks, trusts and all kinds of agencies of prosperity" as Mr. J. Sterling Morton should not be able to figure out the right percentage I look for the reason of his arithmetical ignorance in his perpetual endeavor to belittle Bryan's success by any means—with truth, if possible, with lie and abuse, if necessary. Mostly with aid of the last named means. A DEMOCRAT.

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