

HARDY'S COLUMN

It looks as though the republican party in this state is permanently divided by the Thompson line. There seems to be a contest before the new governor for the control of the appointments. Thompson wants them all and the anti-Thompsonites want a part. The two senators are ruled by him, the governor has not yet shown out, but the show-up in the legislature is decidedly Thompson. The republicans of Nebraska have no grounds for criticising the manifestations between Bryan and Hill. The president of our last state senate has not been ruled.

We can see no benefit or justice in our game laws. Why is it not just, proper and profitable to send prairie chickens out of the state as it is to send barnyard chickens? Why not send a deer with every steer. Of course we should not be allowed to trespass upon our neighbor's premises to his damage. It is better for city boys to be out hunting and fishing than hanging around saloons.

Some people are inclined to ridicule Christmas gifts, greetings and entertainments. They also hold in contempt birthday and wedding presents. They want to be hermits in the midst of friendly civilization. It is not wasting money to give presents, for it serves to interweave our love, our respect and our confidence in each other. We need to be tied to our neighbors, our friends and our relatives. There are two memorable days in the lives of most of us, birthday and wedding day; then after these death day will come.

The coal strikers, they say, were well fed during the strike. A million or more was contributed by other labor unions. It is all right for laboring men to stand together; now if they will only vote together.

It is talked that a Cleveland democratic daily paper is about to be started here in Lincoln. Then next will come a Jeff Davis democratic paper. Many seem to think that the name purifies the whole carcass.

President Roosevelt asks to be excused from acting as single judge in settling the trouble with Venezuela. He recommends and it looks probable that his recommendation will be accepted by all parties interested, that the matter be submitted to The Hague. It means the world's national peace court sitting in the city of Hague, the capital of the Netherlands. We favor a world's court just as much as we do county courts and state courts. We believe a labor court is needed to settle questions arising between corporations and individual laborers.

Congress is not so strongly opposed to Cuban reciprocity as it was the last long term. It is a shame that we can't let our colonies trade with us free, just as states and territories trade with each other. A bill has passed the lower house reducing the tariff on Philippine goods to 25 per cent.

Congressman Fowler has reported another money bill, all for wild-cat bank bills and nothing else. Silver and greenbacks are left out.

The appropriation of 140 millions for pensions has been made.

The oil trust has raised the price of kerosene two cents a gallon and have just paid a dividend of forty-five cents on every dollar of stock, water and all, for the past year. They have now got control of the Texas oil wells.

A hundred and twenty thousand tons of coal has been bought by New York and Boston people in England within the last ten days. They paid seven shillings while a month ago they bought it for six shillings.

The Italian government has erected a woven wire fence, hung every few rods with a bell, along the line next to Switzerland to prevent free trade. Sentinels are stationed along in hearing of the bells. Wonder if our government will ever run such a fence from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast?

The Monroe doctrine prevails in Europe as well as here. Let France or Germany undertake to absorb Switzerland, Belgium or the Netherlands and England would make a fuss and other nations would join.

It has been nearly fifty years since the first ocean telegraph cable was laid. Great excitement then prevailed

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on both sides. Now the cable across the Pacific attracts but little attention. All the result of scientific progress.

There is actual talk by the gold-bug republican democrats of nominating Grover Cleveland for president in 1904.

Railroads charge only about half for carrying imported goods from New York to Chicago, St. Louis or Denver that they do for carrying home-made goods of the same kind. That nearly wipes out protection.

The amount of pork exported to England last year from the United States was \$46,000,000, an increase since last year of \$9,000,000. A large proportion of it was bacon. Over two millions in boots and shoes were sold to the English people.

H. W. HARDY.

Wants a New Name

Editor Independent: I have read the last issue of your paper and I beg leave to differ with you in your reply to the clipping from the Saunders County Journal, under the heading of "A New Name," that a new party is not built in a year. Was not the populist party that elected John H. Powers governor of Nebraska built with the year, and did it not cast a larger vote proportionately in the state of Nebraska than both it and its fusion allies ever have since? Was it not a

getting together under a new name? I was there and I thought so, and I knew many that had been life long democrats, who believed and said that the old hulk had outlived its usefulness and ought to have been buried long before that; both old parties were so putrid with corruption that they were a nuisance. And did not they prove it when they fused to and did steal the state offices, and that was the only fusion I was ever satisfied with. They fused willingly, and I for one would have been glad to have had them eternally stayed together. I was a greenbacker, and am yet, and have not forgot how more than willing the democrats always were to fuse with anything and anybody; providing they could name all the candidates and get all the offices, even if they had to steal them. You undoubtedly remember how it was in 1896, when Tom Watson had to be sacrificed to that insatiable greed for office and in 1900 when Towne had to go the same way, and when had Bryan been the great man that many supposed him to be, he would have declined to run, under the circumstances, without his fusion mate. He had the opportunity twice to show himself greater than the party which lured him to defeat; but he misplaced his opportunity all for a name. While it has been demonstrated dozens of times, the great majority of the American people despise the name democrat, and none more heartily than thousands who claimed it more than half their lives.

Don't be too sure that a name can't

be dropped. I think the election on November 4 proves that thousands have dropped it already and have not picked up another yet. I am not one of the stay-at-homes, but I have charity for many who were. Not because they cared to shuck corn so much, as because they are disgusted with the political conditions. David B. Hill, in New York, and the same old gang in Nebraska, who fused with the republicans in Nebraska and who ever heard of a prohibitionist, who had reformed? I heard of one in Kansas, out of a job, several years ago, but of one that reformed, never. Now don't be too hard on the stay-at-homes, nor too sure that the people won't get together under a new name. They will be compelled to do it soon, and if there's not another name found it will be spelled revolutionists.

JACK NEWTON.

Rev. N. H. Blackmer, Monowi, Boyd county, Neb., in settling for a number of blocks of cards says: "The election went against us, and it surprised me. In this county the new railroad towns must be republican. The new farmers who have bought out the old ones must be republicans. But there was lack of interest here. Well, we can stand it if the mullet heads can; tax-shirking by the railroads and state mismanagement is no harder on us than on them. Keep up the fight for reform and economy."

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