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THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT is impressed with the idea of our eventually becoming a democrat. A democrat is not so worse if they would discard Bryanism.—Atkinson Graphic.

In speaking of Gov. Sheldon's appointment of supreme judges, the Atkinson Graphic says: The appointees are able men, qualified to fill the positions, but as the western half of the state was not represented on the bench it was hoped that the governor would take that view of it and recognize the claims of the west by selecting one of the number from among the many able lawyers and jurists who reside in that territory.

Chester Hunter of Gresham was brought before County Judge Wray Saturday and fined \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly—York Teller.

This is York, the town where there are no saloons. Where do you suppose he got it—bootleggers, hole in the wall, in the "residence districts" or anywhere where the children are likely to run up against it under some non de plume? No license, no name, but it makes drunks and the children stumble into open wells that are not marked. No saloons may mean secret vices. Better have well regulated saloons and know where it is, what it is and have it a little at a time if you want and when you want it.

Fred Thompson, the man who herds Dad Blodgett,\* must have had experience on the range. While getting shaved the other day we heard the next barber talking to Fred. The barber talked to keep Fred's mind off the pain in his face. The barber asked, "Say, Fred, how did you like the Missouri Girl?" The reply was, "seen better but none worse. I wanted to get out on the range after the first arundup but on account of my chivalry or whatever you rustlers of this ranch call it. I had to stay in my stall to the end of the season. You see it was like this. I had a good seat and a fine, good looking heifer came to take the stall on the other side of me. She tehed and shook her horns about her face being where she could not larlet the actors with her eyes. She did not use them words but you understand. Well, kou know me. I said have this place lady and I moved over. When Zeke and the others made such a failure in branding the mavericks, I got up to go. Reached for my hat and it was not there. All at once it came to me that my lid was under the whiteface next to me. Then I sat and suffered with my eyes on the stage and my mind where my hat was. Yes, Dad is a whole lot better this morning. He wants too much hay and grain but I give him a balanced.—Ex.

\*Dad Blodgett is the man who looks like Bixby of the State Journal and recently had a paralytic stroke.

**Tariff Reform or a Change of Parties.**

If the republican party refuses to revise the tariff, as they have promised us, it will certainly follow that it will be revised in the next few years by the democratic party. Tariff revision is in the air and no party can blind the eyes of the people much longer.

In different parts of the country in the election just passed, proves that the people's movement toward revision cannot be stopped. They have been squeezed and re-squeezed and then squeezed again by the trusts and high tariff until sub-

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mission means a civilized form of slavery. It is simply unadulterated nonsense for anyone to claim that most of our trusts are not duly protected and greatly enriched by a tariff that is altogether too high.

One of the greatest blows that can be given to these water-soaked trusts would be to rip open the tariff, and re-adjust it on a fair basis to investors, city consumers and farmers. High tariff protection holds up manufacturers' prices, and people are compelled to pay 25 to 50 per cent more for nearly all the necessities of life, while wages have remained stationary or have increased from five to fifteen per cent only. Practical people know that these facts are true, and yet, so-called great party leaders are fighting back the wave of justice and playing into the hands of the great trusts that are genteelly robbing the people in order to pay dividends on millions of dollars of watered stock that represents nothing but the whirling of the printing press and a small piece of paper.

Still people wonder why prices are so high. Voters of this country must demand a commission of practical fair-minded business men empowered to make changes from time to time after careful and extended investigation, and as universal business conditions warrant. Such changes should be made without disturbing general business, and the plan would remove the necessity for an exciting political fight every few years, which is always perilous to business prosperity.

Business houses make needed changes without disrupting the entire business management. The government can do the same if it is managed along common sense lines instead of by using so much political trickery.—Burton Independent.

**U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Dec. 8.**

Daily mean temperature 19°.  
 Normal 28°.  
 Highest 45°, lowest 13°.  
 Precipitation 0.30 of an inch.  
 Total precipitation from March 1st (the crop season) to date was 17.58 inches and the average for same period for 20 years is 20.86.  
 The temperature exhibit this week shows quite a contrast, 9° below the normal and a range of 49°. The precipitation shows quite an advance above the weekly average and the seasonal average. The winds have been about normal.

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