

CHARLES A. TOWNE. Charles A. Towne has been mentioned by Mr Bryan as reorganizer and leader of the democratic party of the near future. No man recommended in that way can command strength enough to make much showing. If possible Mr. Towne has more isms in his head than the other gentlemen.—Davenport Democrat.

"COIN" HARVEY. "Coin" Harvey has bought with the proceeds of his fool book, 320 acres of Arkansas land, with the largest spring in the state on it. He is going into the health resort business. If his idea is to start an asylum for financial quacks he is on the right track, provided the treatment will not be worse than the disease.—Davenport Democrat.

H. P. BENNET. Few citizens of Nebraska City know anything of the Hon. H. P. Bennet of Colorado. He was formerly a legislator in Nebraska. After that a judge and a member of congress in Colorado. He did much here that was admirable. But the big elm trees around the Fulton place, corner of 10th and 2nd avenue, which Mr. Bennet planted in 1856, will outlast in beauty and utility all his statesmanship. Plant trees!

NEW GUARDIANS. Telegrams from Chicago in the Sunday morning papers of November 25, 1900, inform the people that Charles A. Towne, silver republican, and Silver Republican Senator Fred T. Dubois, are at the Auditorium Hotel in star-chamber conference with the recent populist candidate for the presidency, for the purpose of planning the future of an alleged democratic party. These new guardians have all records political except those of democracy.

AN ORGAN. At Lincoln—under the guidance of an all-round crank—the populists publish the central organ of their variegated vagaries. It favors irredeemable paper currency, the initiative and referendum and denounces the writ of injunction. There is no ism of the fusionists which it does not vehemently espouse. And now this organ of populism denounces all gold democrats as enemies of the government because they voted for McKinley and the gold standard instead of voting for the incarnation of 16 to 1—the candidate of the National Populist convention at Sioux Falls. All alleged democrats who voted the populist ticket may, saith the organ at Lincoln, vote, act, take part in and help to control the democratic party of the United States. But all gold standard democrats, saith the same soothsayer, are forever banished because they voted for a republican. To vote for populists is righteousness in a democrat and to vote for a republican everlasting damnation.

TOMB-STONE. The Kansas City Times, a rampant advocate of the candidate of the populist party for the presidency, wishes to continue populism as pilot for the democracy. To this end it commends the prophet, William Joel Stone—known now as Tomb Stone. Stone's forecasts of the recent vote in New York, and the wagers made by him on the election of the populist candidate for the presidency commend his judgment to the Kansas City Times. The gentlemen who endorsed and worked for the populist candidate in 1900, propose another warmed-over populist for 1904. They are in command. They can have "a third battle."

DOCTOR TEAL. If Governor Dietrich appoints as good men for all offices as Frederic Teal, of Omaha, his superintendent of the hospital for the insane at Norfolk, the people will have slight cause for complaint. In this appointment due consideration was given to merit and special fitness. Doctor Teal is a young man, scientifically equipped for his position and was highly recommended for the place by the medical men of Omaha. Governor Dietrich will in the end accomplish much more, politically, for his administration by continuing to exercise the same kind of discrimination in appointments than he could by following the example of his predecessor, who made party loyalty alone the basis for political preference. An honest, efficient, and competent administration would prove a wonderfully effective argument among the people of this state for the continuation of Governor Dietrich's administration. Give us a bright, capable, efficient educator for the Blind Institute.

A WISE MOVE. A combination of Massachusetts gentlemen are making a move in the right direction. They propose investigating the records at Washington bearing upon the Philippines and then to send a representative to the islands to carefully look up matters there. The character of the men interested is indicated by their representative, Professor A. B. Hart, of Harvard University, who has called upon the president in regard to the movement.

The public is greatly in need of reliable information on this subject. An impartial and thoroughly nonpartisan investigation of the Philippine situation by men of character would materially aid a correct solution of the problem. The standing of the Massachusetts gentlemen as students of history and their repute as authorities upon questions of civil government would be a guaranty of their freedom from political bias or prejudice and would give any report they may make peculiar interest and special significance. They should be given every encouragement in their praiseworthy effort.

TEXAS. Texas now feels the blighting effect of injudicious advertising. Her orators, statesmen, and jurists, for years have taken ghoulish pride in the enactment of a lot of unwholesome legislation against everything bearing the corporate trade-mark and subjecting legitimate business enterprises to various forms of legalized persecution until the state is known from Canada to the gulf, from New York to San Francisco, as a place inimical to energy and enterprise and an unprofitable field for the employment of capital. Governor Sayers is convinced of the past folly of Texas and announces that the state will in the future be good and that capital may come in and be protected. He invites men of money everywhere to go to Texas and investigate her resources. Perhaps it was this pronunciamento of Governor Sayers, that caused the "late peerless" to change his mind about going to Texas. He would be more content with a domicile in some quiet, secluded spot where the operations of his automatic facial and vocal machinery would not be disturbed by the uncongenial whir of substantial, wage-paying industries.

HOW? There are many men very sensitive upon the subject of a reorganization of the democratic party of the United States. Mr. J. K. Jones of Arkansas, who may be remembered as revelator, organizer and seer in a recent campaign, is nervously irritable at the mere suggestion of a national democracy without Jones for commander, assisted by Tomb Stone of Missouri, Altgeld, Tillman, and other statesmen of the same brand.

THE CONSERVATIVE is not anxious for any sort of a democratic party which must be dominated by economic fallacies and political heresies. And reorganization as talked by sensible men means, for democracy, the getting rid of disorganization. Disorganization came of discrediting the doctrines of democracy, and adopting and advocating those of populism. However, with Jones & Co. in control the renunciation of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, the recantation of the assaults upon the judiciary, and the rejection of the initiative and referendum which are a menace to a representative form of government, hardly seem possible.

THE CONSERVATIVE heard of a cooper who mended old tubs, kegs, and barrels no matter how badly dilapidated.

A Hole. His patience was proverbial. He reorganized those receptacles for fluids cheerfully even when only a few hoops and a half dozen staves were brought to him. But at last he got mad and profaned. He was asked to reorganize a barrel with only an old bung hole for a foundation. He damned the proposed attempt and constructed a new barrel.

A new party might be opportune, perhaps, for 1904.