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A Foolish Practice

After a defeat some populist and democratic papers conceive it to be their duty to charge bad faith on the part of their allies. The Plattsmouth Journal has already begun this senseless course, saying:

"It seems that most of the people's party voted with the republicans this year. If this should prove the case, this will be the last year of fusion the democrats will have with that party in Nebraska. When the populist's will go to the polls and vote for such a man as Mickey, and against as honorable, upright and able a man as Hon. W. H. Thompson, it is about time that democrats ceased fusion. The Journal is not one of the fusion kind, anyhow. Don't believe in it; never did, and if we live an hundred years, never will. But will always be governed by the will of the party

leaders."

After the way numerous Nebraska democrats voted for McKinley and other republican candidates, it comes with pretty bad grace to begin to charge populists with voting for Mickey. Doubtless a few of them did. So did some democrats. But the chief grievance any of us have is that so many thousands stayed at home and did not vote at all. The Independent believes in co-operation, but would not go out of its way to coax the democratic party to try it again.

Must Take Our Medicine

The vote in Butler county as cast yesterday showed more than the usual number of stay-at-home fusion votes. There can no longer be offered the plea that voters are deceived and lack enthusiasm, and all that sort of thing. For reasons best known to

themselves the voters refuse to exercise the right of franchise. As to why they feel that way we do not know. The work of husking corn is not driving them, because the weather has not been favorable to piling large quantities in cribs. It is a fact that they refuse to go to the polls. No substantial reason can be given why they do not vote. It is one of the most unfortunate conditions a free people can get into. It is better a thousand times to be defeated by an active, aggressive majority. You know that either you or your methods are unpopular. This apathy, which puzzles the thoughtful, is the same spirit that has preceded the decay of patriotism and the downfall of every republic that ever existed among men. Fusion apathy and republican activity has turned Butler into a republican county. It is a little tought to eat humble pie, in a county that used to cast a thousand fusion majority, but we will have to take our medicine. It is not easy to smile with your mouth full of raw quinine, but that is what fusionists must learn to do.—C. D. Casper, in Butler County Press.

A Point Well Taken

Shaw of the cabinet in a speech said that it would cost the government 25 per cent more to operate the coal mines than it does the capitalists. Well, suppose it would. The working people would get the 25 per cent and coal could still be sold for one-half what the coal barons make us pay.—J. A. Wayland, in Appeal to Reason.

And that applies with equal force to the same objection to government operation of the railroads. Very likely it would cost the government more for operating expenses than it now does the corporations, but as Mr. Wayland says, the working people would get the amount of the increase, and the whole people would have the advantage of equitable rates on the start and eventually much lower rates. Three-quarters of a cent per ton mile is not a heavy rate for hauling freight—but that is an average. It's the fellow who has to pay from five to fifteen cents per ton mile, while some other gets a much lower rate, who finally must close up shop.

The Brass Bands Won

Just why the Rock Island railroad, with its few miles in the Fourth congressional district, should care to elect one of its attorneys as congressman, to the extent of sending special trains and brass bands over its line to boom Mr. Hinshaw, has never been fully explained. The facts are that the Rock Island has become one of the great railway corporations of the southwest and much of its mileage lies in the Indian territory and Oklahoma. This section has been a very rich railroad field for several years because the roads there enjoy the protection of the United States government and pay no state taxes because no state government exists to tax them. Schools, bridges and all public improvements in that rich section must all be obtained by private subscription and the railroads have so far blocked all attempts to secure any local government by the residents of those localities. This state of affairs is so profitable that a congressman in Judge Stark's place who would throw his influence to continue it would be worth several brass bands and lots of passes. That's why the Rock Island is so cor-

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Treasurer-elect Mortensen has announced that he will appoint H. A. Babcock, present insurance deputy, to be deputy treasurer. This will be hailed with delight by certain lines of insurance which have been treated very shabbily by Mr. Babcock during his incumbency as insurance deputy under Auditor Weston. Mr. Babcock is such a thorough old-liner that he has no patience with men who fool with mutual insurance, and, while he doubtless tries to be as fair as he reasonably can, he can't well do it.

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Wonders What Would Happen if
the Army Were to Engage
in Football.

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THE GAME IS HERE TO STAY.

Those of us who regret its cruel brutality and wish it might be refined are simply wasting our regret and thanklessly look on and worry. We may as well give in. The boys are determined to play football. They know of no other form of athletic sport so fascinating. The best thing for us all is to accept the situation and make the best of it. Fortunately the life insurance companies do not include football as a prohibited game or occupation, and

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