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 Bran, bulk 40c per cwt \$7.00 ton
 Shorts bulk 50c per cwt \$9.00 ton
 Screenings 35c " \$6.00 " " " "
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 Corn 60c " " " "
 Oats 50c " " " "

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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Notice.
 All persons interested in the cause of sound money, irrespective of past party affiliations, are hereby requested to meet at Cornell Hall tomorrow evening, Friday September 25, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a branch of the American Sound Money League.

Window shades of all kinds at C. R. Watson's. 29

Paints, oils and varnishes at C. R. Watson's. 29

M. Fitzgerald, of Crookston, was in town yesterday.

If you want to buy tame pigeons, call at this office.

Read our Merriman correspondence. It will be a regular feature hereafter.

Fred Coffey, of Ainsworth, was in town on business Tuesday, returning home yesterday morning.

Rev. O. T. Moore and family arrived in town today, and will remain as pastor of the M. E. church.

J. A. Hitt has built a new buggy shed on the south side of the Northwestern Livery and Sale Stable. This is a sign of prosperity.

W. G. Mason and Frank Mygatt, of Longpine, are furnishing the commissary department of Fort Niobrara with 1,600 bushels of potatoes at 35 cents.

The young ladies club, "The Mystic Six," entertained Messrs. W. A. Jackson, Frank Brayton, G. W. Carson, John Smyser, C. M. Sageser and W. T. Kincaid at the home of Miss Edna Dwyer, Tuesday evening.

Rev. O. T. Moore will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday at 11 in the morning and 7:00 in the evening. Sunday school, Junior League and Epworth League at the usual hours. All are cordially invited to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fike and family returned last night from their visit among relatives at Centralia, Illinois. Mr. Fike's mother, who was very ill, is much improved. A sister of Mrs. Fike, Miss Lena Hawkins, accompanied her home, and will spend the winter here.

Richard Grooms living on the Niobrara three miles west of the Darr bridge, left at this office yesterday three potatoes of the Peerless variety which weigh 7½ pounds, the largest one tipping the scales at 44 ounces. They are smooth, firm and white, and a lover of the tubers could not ask for better ones to be set before him. Mr. Grooms has more just like them.

M. F. Harrington, the silver-tongued orator of O'Neill, will speak here Friday evening, October 2, on the financial problem. Mr. Harrington has reputation as a speaker which is second to none in this state, and a large audience should greet him. Some of the candidates for state offices will also be here at the same time. The same speakers will be at Wood Lake Thursday, Oct. 1.

Within the past two weeks the editor of this paper has held conversations with a number of cattle men from different parts of the country on the matter of ranging cattle and we find that it is the desire of a good many that the free range law should be passed in this country. The advantages of such a law can be readily seen and would be a great means to induce cattle men to bring many large herds into this country, where there is such an immense range for cattle. Ainsworth Star Journal.

Two Conventions.

G. F. Billings and Robert Good nominated for Representative.

The populist convention of the 52d representative district was called to order at Sparks last Saturday afternoon by D. W. Beatty, of Norden. J. W. Whillans nominated Dr. Beatty for chairman and V. T. Chambers nominated J. W. Whillans for secretary. Both men were elected without opposition. The chair appointed the remaining two delegates, V. T. Chambers and W. F. Morgareidge, as a committee on credentials. The committee reported eight delegates entitled to seats. Of this number four were present.

Election of a district committee was next and Geo. Reinert was made chairman of same. Harvey Millay was elected committeeman from Keya Paha. At this point resolutions were deemed to be in order, and the resolutions adopted by the senatorial convention were also adopted by this convention. The resolutions were neither read nor presented, so we are unable to testify to their worth or lack of worth.

A motion was made and carried that Robert Good be invited to speak to the convention, which he did. The tenor of his remarks will be found on the editorial page of this paper. None of the delegates present disputed the facts set forth by Mr. Good, but they refused his proposition by a vote of 6 to 2, so an informal ballot on representative was taken, which resulted: O. P. Billings 3, L. C. Sparks 5. Mr. Sparks in a neat little speech withdrew from the contest and requested that on the formal ballot Cherry county cast her five votes for Billings, which was done. The convention then adjourned.

The convention of the Democrats of the 52d representative district was called to order last Saturday by Robert Good, five of eight delegates being present. The convention was small but harmonious and enthusiastic, and an organization was effected by the election of W. E. Haley chairman and Robert Good secretary. Both gentlemen accepted the position in neat little speeches and the convention proceeded to take off its coat and get to work.

After thoroughly discussing the situation nominations for representative were called for, and the name of Robert Good was presented. Keya Paha having no candidate, on motion nominations were closed and Robert Good unanimously declared the nominee of the convention. The honor was accepted by Mr. Good who promised to hew to the line and let democrats know they had a candidate to vote for in at least one district. This sentiment was loudly applauded.

A district organization was effected by the election of J. M. Coble committeeman from Keya Paha and W. E. Haley from Cherry county. These gentlemen will decide between themselves who shall be chairman and who secretary.

The convention having completed its labors, adjourned sine die.

An exchange pertinently remarks: "The darkest hour is said to be just before dawn. If the farmer feels sorely aggrieved at the price of hogs, cattle, corn, wheat or anything else he may have to sell, he must bear in mind that the world has often faced just such critical periods before, and that this period of depression in prices must sooner or later be relieved just as the others have gone before. We have all seen hogs sell lower than they are selling to-day, and then we have seen a good long stretch of profitable prices since that time. Let every man go right ahead as best he can in his usual routine of work with the firm belief that things will assume better shape by and by. It is his right and duty to work intelligently and for himself and this is a good year for him to do so."

The Valentine Teachers' Association will hold its next meeting in the High School room on Saturday, Oct. 10. Program next week. The western division of the teachers association meets at Cooper on October 3.

WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

By "KELLY."

J. H. Day is living in town now so his children can attend our schools.

Did you hear about Honey joining the "Pops." Who would have thunk it?

Mrs. E. D. Valentine went to Ainsworth this morning returning this afternoon.

For information concerning free silver or 16 to 1 call on Honey. He is a Pop and knows.

A new bell has been ordered for our school house which will be here in the course of a week.

Hon. A. E. Cady speaks here tonight on the political issues of the day from a republican standpoint.

Several of our neighbors left this morning for Brownlee to take in the picnic there tomorrow, the 23rd.

David Leach only recognizes two parties in this campaign viz: Americans and British Tories. Which shall you vote for?

F. L. Coffey, of Ainsworth, was in the city a few hours this morning as advance agent for the Graphophone Concert Co., to show here Friday evening.

Jim Steadman and G. W. Burge, of Pass Neb., were in town today with two cars of cattle also D. M. Sears with four cars. They shipped to South Omaha today.

Sheriff Strong and Judge Walcott of Valentine, were in town one evening last week on business. They found time to discuss financial question with us a few moments before departing.

Merriman

Mr. F. P. Mills, our merchant, was in town today.

Mr. Joe Crowe has almost completed his new house.

C. H. and Arthur Bowring are loading a car of hay today.

H. Greene has been doing good business in the livery barn lately.

Mr. Claymore shipped cattle last night. He will probably give us a dance before long.

Mr. Monier has put up 300 gallons of wine this fall. We must all visit the old gentleman this winter.

The Modern Woodman Lodge is gaining ground. Daniel Alder rode the "Grand Bumper" last Saturday night and became a "Woodsplitter."

The F.E.&M.V. railroad company sank a new pipe for the purpose of getting more water. They sank it 120 feet and now have an artesian well; the only one in the Northwestern system, they say.

OLD STUPID.

East German Precinct.

Haymaker's are wearing long faces on account of the recent showers.

Mrs. Reese, of Hooper, Nebraska, is visiting her son Frank, of this place.

Jack Frost made his appearance last Friday night and played havoc with the gardens in this vicinity.

Mr. Newman and daughters recently moved to town, we understand to engage in the dressmaker trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ormesher, of Schlagle, were visiting their niece Mrs. J. A. Adamson of this vicinity last week.

Henry Ballard and Lon Mosher are on this side of the river making hay. They have about 200 tons of hay stacked in the hay flats.

The road overseer, of Schlagle precinct, was out warning men of German precinct to work on the roads. Funny isn't it what mistakes people will make?

SNOW FLAKE.

No crash in banking circles can cause the Independent's exchequer to suffer from a financial strain, as it puts its trust in a higher power where the root of all evil is eschewed and deposits are scrupulously guarded by the sentinel of truth and righteousness.

The above is from the Norfolk Independent, and yet the issue of the paper in which it appeared was composed of only two pages, whereas the normal size of the sheet is eight pages. We hope the Independent's high bank of deposit has not closed its doors.
 W. L. Greene Oct. 17.
 M. F. Harrington Oct. 2.

NEW GOODS

LOTS OF THEM.
 JUST ARRIVED.
 BEST QUALITIES
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THE "RED FRONT"

W. E. HALEY,
ABSTRACTER
 Valentine, Nebraska.

The "DONOHER"

M. J. DONOHER, Proprietor
 Has been rebuilt and rooms furnished with
NEW SUITS OF FURNITURE,
 Making it the most complete and comfortable
HOTEL IN THE NORTHWEST.
SAMPLE ROOM AND LIVERY STABLE IN CONNECTION
 Valentine, Nebraska.

DRUGS	PAINTS
WATSON THE DRUGGIST	
VARNISHES	SUNDRIES

OUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MAE DAVENPORT
 EDNA MACDONALD } Editors
 The Literature class is reading Hamlet.
 Attendance is very good in Miss Callen's room.
 Lelah Colegrove is attending the Grammar School.
 Baseball is the game at present among our school boys.
 Miss Adella Sawyer intends to start to school in a few weeks.
 Mrs. Watson was a pleasant visitor at the High School last week.
 It really seems that our school boys' base balls are bewitched, at any rate they have a great fondness for turnips. Have you noticed it?
RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.
 Whereas, the grim messenger has visited our Order, and a divine Providence has removed from our midst, our beloved sister Mary Nicholson;
 Therefore be it resolved, by Northern Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, that we extend to the bereaved husband and daughter our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days in memory of our departed sister. ABIGAIL CHASE HARRIET GREENINGHAM Committee. F. H. WALCOTT }
 To the officers and members of Valentine Camp No. 1751 M.W.A.
 Whereas it has pleased the almighty creator in his infinite wisdom to remove by death the beloved wife of neighbor M. V. Nicholson, and
 Whereas: We realize the great loss neighbor Nicholson and his daughter Estelle have sustained by the death of a loving wife and a fond mother, therefore be it
 Resolved, that the members of Valentine Camp No. 1751 M.W.A. tender our neighbor and his daughter our sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement. Be it further
 Resolved: That these resolutions be published in the Valentine papers, spread upon the record of our order, and a copy be furnished our esteemed neighbor.
 J. O. FETTLING }
 W. E. HALEY }
 W. S. BARBER }
Wanted at Once.
 Ten good teams to haul freight to the Brick yard and Roseluid Agency. Will have hauling all winter.
 36 DAVENPORT & THACHER.
 The new store building on Main street is rapidly assuming definite shape, and it already improves the appearance of the town. The walls are up to the top of the first story, and joists are being put in.