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Norfolk is about to become a full-fledged city by having free mail delivery.

Will the esteemed Independent mention a few "staple goods" that have "gone up 300 per cent.?"

The disturbance in the Philippines has grown disinteresting. A dead calm reigns, with Aguinaldo still on the wing.

The Frontier has no objections to the republican national convention going to Chicago. We hope this will settle the matter.

If some newspaper publisher would put forth as much work on quality as they do on quantity it would be appreciated by the reading public.

A sugar manufacturing concern is being incorporated in Delaware with \$100,000,000 capital to operate in the sugar districts of Hawaii, Cuba and Porto Rico. It is said the new concern is going to smash the notorious sugar trust.

If the luminous light of journalistic nonsense down in the cellar will take a squint at the constitutional document of these United States he will see that President McKinley is not the law-enacting body of the nation.

If the Mormon church has to go and Utah lose her statehood as a result of the Roberts commotion in congress, the voters of Mr. Robert's state will feel like going up on a lonely mountain top and administering themselves several prolonged kicks.

The report of Director of the Mint Roberts shows that silver dollars, which were to be obliterated upon the election of McKinley, were coined during the last fiscal year to the number of 18,254,709. The beauty of it is, too, each of them are worth 100 cents.

When, a couple years ago, state warrants rose to a little above par, the hosts of calamity thought it a great stroke for their party and pointed with pride to the fact. Secretary of the United State Treasury Gage is now doing what State Treasurer Meserve did then. But it is different, you know.

The Boers of south Africa are maintaining unequal warfare in a remarkable manner. The British meet with reverses at almost every turn. If the Boers are able to hold out, as present indications suggest they will be, it is quite probable the war will terminate in the independence of the colonies. The courage, daring and steadfastness of purpose manifested by the smaller power inspires admiration from all men.

The esteemed Independent is silent regarding the call for the meeting at Hastings on the 28th inst. to organize a union reform party and get ready for the great conflict of 1900. This is a movement in which every "true reformer" should manifest interest. The 1900 battle will be the effort of their lives, and no opportunity should be missed between now and then to strengthen the ranks all along the line.

Fremont Tribune: The annual report of Comptroller Dawes of the treasury department shows that during the past year there has been an increase in individual deposits in the national banks of the country amounting to the enormous sum of 410 millions. It is to prove that times are hard and there is still a panic in the country in spite of such figures as these that Coin Harvey is about to set himself at work, under the auspices of the democratic national committee.

Richard Croker, the New York City political boss, is widing his base of operations and says that Bryan will be the next democratic candidate for president and that the issues will be imperialism and trusts. Richard is the whole thing in democratic politics of New York and when he puts his claws on the Bryanized democracy of the whole country he becomes a bigger boss than Mark Hanna ever was—in the wildest fancies of the pops.

The World-Herald went after the senatorial appointment for Mr. Hitchcock with the same vigor it tackles everything. Inasmuch as no republican had a gost of a show, The Frontier would kind 'o like to have seen the most notorious of Omaha editors get the job. But Mr. Bryan wired from his winter resort in Texas for his old employer to stand back and ordered Governor Poynter to appoint William V. Allen. The order was complied with and Mr. Allen returns to the senate. Talk about bossism, that was the rankest piece of bossing ever done in Nebraska politics.

The Albion News is responsible for this: "Numerous feather-weight political economists are criticising Secretary of the Treasury Gage for buying outstanding bonds of the government at a premium. If they are worth a premium to others, why are they not to one who eventually has to pay them? The present reformers in this state boasted of their business-like policy in buying state bonds with sinking funds in the state treasury. They had to pay a premium on these bonds because other investors would do so, and they were worth it. Why is it so different with the republican administration at Washington?"

If the esteemed Independent will turn back to the market records of '95 and '96, when democracy was in full blast, it will see, if it can see anything, that the farmers of Nebraska were getting 5 and 10 cents a bushel for corn, 30 to 40 cents for wheat and 9 to 11 cents for oats. Hunt up the local market reports of the grain producing districts of Nebraska—they talk; not the markets to which the corporate elevator men go with the grain they have bought of farmers. In '93 and '94 grain went skyward but the hopper of virgin clods in this state had none to sell. In Dec., '96, it went up again and four good crops have been put to a rising market since it became known that William McKinley was to be the power behind the throne at Washington.

Syracuse Journal: The late election in Nebraska will be the last victory for the combined forces of fraud and sham. It's always darkest before the dawn. We believe the light of the sun of reason and common sense will soon rest upon our hill sides and brighten up our valleys, that the mist of error which has so long hung o'er the people, will pass away, and with it the silver calf whose bleatings have been heard so long that all men have become tired.

Very true. But the bright sun of reason and common sense will not need to cut so much of a figure. Party divisions and wranglings, multiplicity of organizations and multitudines of ism will eventually encompass the downfall of "fraud and sham." Indications of this are now apparent and all republicans need do is to maintain a steady hand and saw wood.

Under the head, "Human Jackals," the Butte Gazette writes:

It would seem to us that after the grave had closed upon a man—after he had run his brief career upon this weary and wicked old world and had gone to his maker to settle his earthly accounts—that instead of throwing doubt and suspicion upon his memory every man would hold it as a sacred duty to either speak well of the dead or not speak at all. Like the jackal, who sulks and runs from a live foe but preys upon a dead one, is the course taken by several papers—notably the Holt County Independent—concerning the death of Samuel C. Sample. For political effect and to make strong a weak argument they accuse Mr. Sample of taking his own life, when the facts surrounding his death were such that absolutely give the lie to their base insinuations. Such

journalism is base, cowardly and merits the contempt of all men. To us who knew Sam Sample, knew of his brave battle against disease and business troubles, this gratuitous insult to his memory rankles deep in our hearts.

The only democratic official in this wilderness of populism, Holt county, is the worthy mayor of O'Neill. Holt county has only a couple hundred democratic votes and O'Neill but a spare dozen. Mayor John Harmon is a genuine Jacksonian democrat and it is fitting that he should do something for a fellow Jacksonian. He might at least have encouraged the council to act favorably upon the petition of the citizens to marshalize their superannuated candidate.

### INDEPENDENT EDITOR TALKS THROUGH HIS HAT.

Independent: A vote for McKinley is a vote for the trusts. President McKinley: Combinations of capital organized into trusts to control the conditions of trade among our citizens, to stifle competition, limit production and determine the prices of products used and consumed by the people, are justly provoking public discussion, and should early claim the attention of congress.

### Not Equal to the Task.

Frontier: Doc Mathews is prominently pushed for the republican nomination for governor of Arkansas. Doc has always swam right along with the big fish, and, speaking after the manner of men, is strictly in the political swim of darkest Arkansas. The Frontier hopes its old friend and former editor will pluck the laurels of success, and admonishes him to rule with a gentle hand.

State Republican, Little Rock: Such notices as the above, coming from our old Nebraska home, are most pleasing, indeed. We established the O'Neill, Nebraska, Frontier twenty years ago, and the recollections connected with its publication for the greater portion of the time are bright spots in our life work. In the bitter political campaigns The Frontier, as the pioneer of north-west Nebraska journalism, always carried the flag at the very front, and its guns were never spiked by the enemy, even if blood did flow occasionally. That the paper was rewarded for its services goes without saying, always being recognized under every management as one of the best of the county papers. The writer served five years as postmaster and two years as register of the United States land office under government appointment and we believe the record in the departments is A I. If being in the "political swim" should result in the course of a hundred or more years in floating us into the governor's office in the whitest dark state in the Union, we promise, indeed, to rule with a gentle hand. But—but—but there is a long, devious and crooked road ahead for the republican candidate for office in Arkansas, and the man who undertakes it is surely possessed of more sand than good judgment. Frankly, we do not feel equal to the task.

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**COUNTY NEWS**

### STAFFORD SAYINGS.

Andro Moscow went to Ewing Sunday.  
Horton Bros. are pressing hay for McClough.  
Jim Boies and Jim Haton had business at O'Neill Saturday.  
James O'Donnell is confined to the house with a sprained ankle.  
A party from Coleridge was taken orders for tombstones here Monday.  
The McDermott press gang are pressing hay at Stafford this week.  
Mrs. Shobe is visiting with her daughter Mrs. Bergstorm for a few days.  
Services were held at Catholic church Monday. They will be held again Jan. 3.  
Jack McGrane came up from Oakdale Thursday evening, returning Monday morning.  
Charles Fowler came down on

Sunday's passenger and spent the day at Bergstorm's.

### INMAN.

Mr. Harmol is painting the hall. William Watson is home from Texas. I hear we are to have a concert this week. Mr. Smothers is helping Mr. Pond press hay. Elias Klinetob is improving his house, inside and out. The Good Templars initiated three and the Juveniles four, last week. The Methodist meetings have been discontinued, after three weeks without a convert. The Juveniles did well with their first debate. It is a fine thing for children to learn.

The Woodmen will meet the first and third Saturdays of each month, beginning with the new year.

The Good Templars and Juvenile Templars will celebrate Christmas. Miss May Downey, Mrs. Edith van Valkenburg and William Leidy compose the committee on arrangements.

### PAGE ITEMS.

P. E. Chase has just finished a new barn.  
Mrs. Page was a Plainview visitor last week.  
Mrs. Doc Stewart is ill from pneumonia.  
Mrs. Page has been quite ill the past few days.  
The Good Templars have a lodge here of fifty-nine members.  
Mr. Swan has purchased a house and moved his family here.  
Mrs. French is building a new house near the home of her son Roy.  
Mrs. Park's baby being ill, she was unable to attend her music class this week.  
Miss Dollie Reanbosh of Hartington is here visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Wagers, and other friends.  
Mr. Rowbridge has moved his family to his new building and is getting ready for his new stock of goods that have already arrived.  
Kev. E. W. Wilcox, who has been conducting protracted meetings at Middle Branch, was compelled to return home on account of sickness.

A number of young friends gathered on Saturday evening at the home of Miss Ruth Page, who departed on the 10th for Knox county to teach a four months' term of school.

The young people of Page, who organized a literary society about four weeks ago, meet weekly and are having some interesting debates. The next meeting will be held Friday evening at R. Gray's home.

Mrs. Hollenback mother, of Ed, arrived here from Wisconsin about two weeks ago to spend the winter. She was taken sick shortly after her arrival and died Monday evening of this week. The remains were laid to rest on Wednesday beside those of her daughter in the Lutheran cemetery. She was 78 years of age.

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