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The republican national convention will be held in Philadelphia, notwithstanding The Frontier expressed itself in behalf of Chicago.

The esteemed Independent reliably informs the public that free coinage at 'steen to one will be a vital issue of the oncoming campaign.

Mr. Hitchcock says he feels the "sting of ingratitude." It must be rather stinging to have the man for whom you have labored so hard give you a slap like that.

The dailies make half column heads in type big enough to read a block away, followed by an article set in type so small that a spyglass is needed to read it. This, the people are thankful, is strictly a daily idea.

The difference between the argument presented by republicans and that of the opposition is that the former is supported by facts, existing conditions and common sense, while the latter rests on suppositions, glittering generalities and senseless platitudes.

The Independent's inflated interview of "one of the most successful and experienced lumber men in Holt county" sounds like the claptrap of the pennybrained stumpper. The said "successful and experienced lumberman" is also an experienced partisan of the rankest kind.

The demand for Frontiers has largely exceeded the output the past two months and the publishers have found it necessary to add to the number of papers printed. The exchange list has been left without papers almost entire, and some of our "single" subscribers have had to do without. We have increased the output so as to reach all.

The Denver Post comes forward with the latest scheme in sensational journalism. A lady reporter was assigned by the management of the paper to be arrested and to write a sensational story of her experience with the police and in the jail. The girl was arrested charged with larceny, and now the complaining witness in the case will not withdraw her charge.

Fremont Tribune: There is much talk of Secretary Root for McKinley's running mate and of Governor Hogg for Bryan's. What a brace of tickets, my countrymen! How such a contingency would be welcomed by the press! What possibilities of jocular comment. McKinley and Root; Bryan and Hogg. Root, Hogg or die. Brine and Pork. The money question, the Root of all evil. And so forth.

Independent: Will The Frontier tell its readers whether it prefers to bring the Filipinos under the full and complete rights of citizenship, with a right to vote, help make our laws and formulate our governmental policy; or does it wish them to come under our dominion as slaves?

The Frontier accords to the Filipinos the same right to become American citizens that is accorded every alien. If the islands become a part of United States territory, that territory is entitled to every privilege vouchsafed in our national constitution.

State Journal: England will call upon the United States for gold to tide her business through the pinch caused by the stoppage of supplies from the Transvaal. Some buying orders have already been placed and the Bank of England will pay any price that may be needed to bring the yellow metal over. It is a matter of congratulation to the people of the United States that they are in a position to let this gold go, as they will make a neat profit out of the transaction. The treasury and

the banks of this country are full of the precious metal. The new currency bill will soon become law, and then it will be impossible to deplete the treasury reserve, no matter how much the speculators may be willing to pay for gold to supply the foreign demand. Some of the stock brokers may lose in the flurry that follows the reverses to English arms, but the legitimate business interests of the nation are in a condition to profit rather than lose through any shaking up of the business of the world may receive on account of the war in Africa.

### A Republican Request.

The republican state committee addressed the following communication to Governor Poynter:

Governor W. A. Poynter, Lincoln, Neb.—Dear Sir: In the death of Senator Hayward the state has suffered a loss which can scarcely be expressed in words. A man of grand character, he had endeared himself to the people by his sterling integrity and devotion to principle. The people have lost their chosen representative just when, in the ordinary course of affairs, he would have been entering upon the discharge of his duties. Probably at no election for United States senator in this state was the choice of the people so faithfully responded to by the legislature as by his election as senator. The issue before the people in the election of the legislature was distinct and well defined, and resulted in a deliberate choice of a republican majority in the legislature, the electors fully understanding that it meant the representation of this state in the United States senate by a republican for six years. I believe, governor, that you fully assent to the proposition that when the electors of the state have deliberately passed upon a question, that their wish should be respected, and that there can be no plainer duty for a public officer than, as far as lies in his power, to see that their expressed wish should receive full fruition. Speaking for the republican organization of the state, I ask you, in view of the foregoing facts, to appoint some reputable republican to fill the office which death has made vacant, or call the legislature together for the purpose of filling the vacancy. By this action, governor, you would establish yourself as a broad, fair minded man, with a high conception of duty, a man who could rise above partisanship and act along the higher lines of statesmanship and fidelity to the interests of the whole people. I have the honor to be, governor, yours very respectfully, Orlando Tefft, Chairman.

The Frontier endorses what Mr. Tefft says, but it is amazed that he would indite such an epistle to Governor Poynter. So far as related to the governor it is a waste of paper, ink and energy. To ask a pop to appoint a republican is gall remarkable. Though Mr. Tefft's request is reasonable, ah, proper. Contemplate the "blood on the moon" had he done such a thing. Whatever was the right thing to do, the fact is patent that Governor Poynter is a partisan. Principles of right do not always actuate the movements of governors any more—ah, not so much—as they do the actions of the private man. Moreover, there are other kings behind the throne at Lincoln. Mr. Poynter could not, had he wished, have done otherwise than he did. It was the prescribed way and he had to walk therein. It is The Frontier's opinion that Nebraska politics will need to go through a series of evolutions before it is worth while asking a populist governor to make his appointments conform to the wishes of the sovereigns of the commonwealth.

### Exports of Iron and Steel.

The most gratifying feature in the growth of the iron and steel trade of this country is the fact that a rapidly increasing proportion of the product of our furnaces and mills is being shipped abroad, says the Scientific American. In spite of the greatly increased demand at home, due to the present era of prosperity, and despite the steady rise in prices, our exports continue to grow at an increasing rate. The first ten months of the present year show an increase over the corresponding months of 1898 of about \$20,000,000, bar iron exports, for instance, having increased in quantity by 100 per cent., steel rods by 30 per cent. and steel sheets and plates by over 100 per cent.; the greatest increase being in wire nails, of which

we sold nearly 200 per cent. more than in the preceding year. Thus our exports of wire for the ten months rose from 135,000,000 pounds in 1898 to 219,000,000 pounds in 1899; steel sheets from 48,000,000 to 109,000,000 pounds and wire nails from 24,000,000 to 56,000,000 pounds. The largest increase in value was in the exports of machinery, which rose in value from twelve million to fifteen million dollars; builders' hardware coming next, with an increase from over five million to over seven million dollars. The total value of iron and steel exports was for 1898, \$67,290,500; for 1899, \$86,162,258. The present indications are that we shall sell to the outside world over \$100,000,000 worth of iron and steel and manufactures therefrom for the whole calendar year.

### A VISIT TO VESUVIUS.

According to the scientists, the ordinary conception of a volcano as a burning mountain is almost the exact reverse of the fact. Properly speaking, a volcano is not a mountain, but a hole in the ground. The mountain is made by the lava it throws up, which streams down and cools in a conical shape with a hole in the center. Then a volcano does not burn. It throws up quantities of stuff in a red-hot, or often in a molten state. What is commonly called the smoke of a volcano is really a cloud of steam.

The view down the crater of Vesuvius, even when it is quiescent, is very impressive. One feels as if one were looking into the very mouth of hell. After an eruption, when the mountain has its top blown away, the crater is a huge bowl, steep on the inside, and perhaps 500 feet deep. This bowl is filled with clouds of steam, lit on the underside with a lurid red glow. The whole of the bottom of the bowl is invisible, owing to the surging cloud of steam. The mountain roars continually with the noise like the roar of the ocean when it bellows into deep caves on a rock-bound coast, and ever and anon a small explosion occurs, and sends showers of red-hot stones straight up into the air. These generally rise to about the level of the top, and then turn and fall back again into the roaring abyss whence they came.

The whole of the upper slopes of the cone of the mountain are covered with cracks, and from the huge fissures comes the same roaring sound; steam, smelling strongly of sulphur, issues from them and the face of the mountain is covered with patches of bright yellow sulphur. The ground is quite hot under foot and the air is oppressive, warm, and stifling with the fumes of sulphur. At the foot of the mountain, which is over three thousand feet high, lies the lovely blue bay of Naples, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. Between the mountain and the bay are the buried cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, both overwhelmed in A. D. 79, the one by hot ashes, the other by molten lava. Up till that date it was not known that Vesuvius was a volcano, and there was an active volcano in the neighboring island of Ischia. When Vesuvius broke out, Ischia became extinct, showing that the two volcanoes are connected under the sea.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### MIDWAY ITEMS.

C. Julius is hauling corn to the Sexton ranch.

William Carey had business at Page Saturday last.

Cold weather here and numerous sore throats is the result.

Maud Waring has begun a term of school in district No. 39.

Messrs. H. and B. Wiley and G. Stratton departed Thursday for Norfolk, where they remain until Christmas.

There will be a shooting match at Venus on the 23d, when it is expected that all the gunners will secure Christmas turkeys.

### M'CAFFREY ITEMS.

Merry Christmas to all.

E. M. Roy is hauling baled hay to Emmet.

Miss Mina Clark visited at home Sunday.

Tom Cunan visited in this valley last week.

Mrs. McCaffrey went to O'Neill Wednesday.

John Dickerson had business at O'Neill Thursday.

Mrs. Morgan and son Will were at O'Neill last Saturday.

The McCaffrey Glee Club met at Lamberson's Sunday night.

Walter Roy attended a dance at Ewing last Friday evening.

Will Morgan made a trip to O'Neill Thursday for a load of coal.

Barney Hines, from north of O'Neill, had business in this vicinity the first of the week.

George Lamberson and Andy Morgan, two our leading sportsmen, were hunting Friday and bagged three quail, a chicken and a rabbit.

We are to have a Christmas tree in the school-house Christmas night. An excellent program has been prepared by the Glee Club. Everybody invited.

### INMAN.

The practicing for Christmas is in full blast.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the Methodist church Sunday.

Inman has another store, opposite Baker's, and is presided over by Will Goree.

The Templars give an entertainment at the Methodist church Christmas night.

Rev. Sharpless preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday. He has been conducting revivals at Lambart.

The debate of the Juveniles was good, many convincing arguments be presented on both sides. They have recitations this week.

### STAFFORD SAYINGS.

Mrs. Dougherty went to Ewing Monday.

Skating is in order at Stafford these moonlight nights.

Clifford Smith, David Babcock and Edith Shobe are absent from school on account of sickness.

Dan McGrane and Charley Boise went to Page Saturday evening to a meeting of Royal Highlanders.

Mrs. M. E. McGrane departed on Monday's passenger for an extended trip east. She is in poor health and her many friends trust the change will prove beneficial.

Mrs. Bois spent Tuesday with Mrs. Passon.

John Carr and Mels Bergstrom went to Ewing Monday.

Willie and Charley Boise had business at Ewing Tuesday.

Mr. Larson's team became frightened at the train and ran away. They were caught at Ewing.

A skating party will be held at O'Donnell's lake Christmas afternoon. The girls will serve lunch. Everybody invited.

A short Christmas program will be given Friday at the Stafford school. There will be a vacation until after the holidays.

John Carr and family, Tom McGrane and family, and Mrs. Dan O'Donnell and Mamie spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. McGrane.

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Legal blanks at this office.

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