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The Lincoln printers tender financial aid to the United Mine Workers, in the forthcoming struggle for better pay. If there is any class of American laboring men underpaid it is the coal miners.

The Spencer Advocate and Reporter have consolidated, the former taking over the latter. It is the part of wisdom to reduce the number of newspapers. There is hardly a county in the state in which it would not be well to consolidate from four to six papers.

The Lincoln Star is authority for the statement that a boom has been launched by friends of the governor, Mr. Mickey, for United States senator to succeed Senator Millard. Norris Brown, then, is not the unanimous choice of the senator makers?

Nebraska editors are demanding a senatorial candidate whose paramount characteristics are anti-railroad. Nebraska's and the nation's greatest need is legislators who put the welfare of the taxpayers of their respective states above personal ambition.

In selecting a successor to Senator Millard it would be well for the party to pick the man who is equipped with a large fund of information rather than dollars, who has legislative fighting qualities and who has an interest in the state in general. One who will simply vote right is not what is wanted.

With all due respect to the fair daughter of the distinguished president, the business of providing wedding presents is greatly overdone. Miss Alice is about to become the bride of a millionaire and the gifts showered upon her are about as much in order as a subscription for Rockefeller would be. The liberality of the public might better be bestowed upon the needy.

In the party's zeal to know just where prospective candidates stand on important questions the thing may be overdone by insisting on caucus rules and convention edicts that would tie a candidate "up in a sack" so as to preclude the able men from accepting a nomination. A man with the ability to properly represent Nebraska in the senate would not enter into the contest had he to cast aside his own sense of right and justice and lay aside his principles to be bound by the rules of a party machine. A man whose heart is right, whose interests are with the people and who is guided by moral principle needs no set of machine made rules to go by.

The Norfolk News complains that about \$2,700 in cash went out of that town during the month of January to catalogue houses. That is nothing to be surprised at, as the same thing is going on at every town in the state while local merchants stand around with their hands in their pockets not knowing how to prevent it. To begin with, the sending away habit can never be entirely done away with as there will always be a class of people who retain the notion that they can do better by sending away. But there is a remedy within the reach of the local merchant that has been demonstrated right here in O'Neill this winter, and has been before. Two local merchants advertised sales in December so thoroughly, so completely and so forcefully that people were brought to their stores even from adjoining towns and one store the first or second day of the sale had to lock its doors until the crowd within could be disposed of before others could be admitted. It demonstrated that the home mer-

chant could sell the goods if he went at it in the right way. The secret of the catalogue house success is that they know how to call attention to a person's needs, know how to set before them the good qualities of just the thing they need and know how to appeal to the pocketbook. These are business characteristics that a great majority of country merchants need to acquire or if they all ready have them to put them in practice. A business concern which regularly and systematically advertises its business and treats its customers right never yet had a force of idle clerks.

The O'Neill school district and city treasuries and Grattan township are in need of the money due them from the county to pay off warrant indebtedness and stop interest, but this apparently makes no difference to the retired county treasurer, his deputy, clerks and supernumeraries who are drawing good salaries and have a warm office in which to pass the winter days. Work that should have been closed up the first week in January and the various treasuries given their money is being continued as a winter's job regardless of the accumulated costs to tax payers. But this is a real populist characteristic.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT.

The Fremont Tribune has discovered that "the democratic editors of Hastings have commenced to quarrel about the postoffice in 1908, as if there was going to be a democratic melon to cut in that year."

The announcement that President Roosevelt has in mind the formation of a new party—a Roosevelt party—out of which the New York Herald makes a sensation, is quite ultra, thinks the Sioux City Journal. There already is such a party, the most popular and the most potent in the history of this country.

The Norfolk Press says the republican state convention should pledge its candidate for senator to favor a constitutional amendment requiring United States senators to be elected by direct vote of the people. If such were the requirement now, there wouldn't be any doubt about a rate regulation measure being passed by the present congress.

The Madison Chronicle speaks up in behalf of the law and the boys: The selling of tobacco to young boys of school age is a serious offense against the laws of the state, and should not be tolerated in any community. There are plenty of temptations in a boy's pathway which can not be overcome but the practice of selling tobacco in any form to school children is most pernicious and an inexcusable and direct violation of the law.

It is the confirmed opinion of the Howells Journal that some of the newspapers of the state would be more highly regarded if they would cease their senseless fight on the chancellor of our state university. We cannot always agree with some of the views expressed by Chancellor Andrews but we can at all times give him credit for doing his utmost to advance the interests of our university, which ranks high with the educational institutions of the land.

"Among those present" at a Bryan reception in Manila the other day appeared a strangely familiar name—Aguinaldo, says the St. Paul Republican. It is only five short years since Don Emilio posed as a second George Washington and monopolized the attention of campaign text book authors but now there are none so poor as to do him honor. A meeting between Aguinaldo and Bryan half a decade ago would have been recognized everywhere as an incident of world-wide significance. Now it scarcely attracts passing mention, and the name of the Filipino agitator is almost forgotten. Time is an infallible test of fame, and the spuriousness of Aguinaldo's pretensions has been speedily established.

The Hastings Tribune calls attention to the fact that whatever benefits the farmers of Nebraska is a benefit to the state at large. Nebraska is primarily an agricultural state, it says, and upon the success of the husbandman depends the success of the merchants and the business men in general, hence it is essential that the farmer should be benefited and favored whenever the opportunity presents itself. There are various ways to help the farmer besides buying his products, and one of them is to keep him posted upon the success and progress of other farmers, and wherein lies the secret. A farmer may stock his place with many head of cattle and have success almost assured, and then lose all through some disease which he might easily have prevented had he been in touch with the cause of the success of some other farmer. For illustration: Down in Red Willow county a farmer close to Box Elder lost a

number of cattle from permitting them to run in cornstocks early in the season. Then he experimented by going over his cornfield with a stock cutter, and again turning on the cattle. The result was that he has not lost a single head since. Another farmer in that part of the county was losing his cattle by the cornstock disease, and upon hearing of the successful experiment by the other farmer he cut down his corn stalks, turned the cattle in the field and did not lose another animal. This clearly demonstrates the necessity of farmers, as well as business men, keeping in touch with the progress of their neighbors. If cutting down the corn stalks will prevent an epidemic of the corn stalk disease every farmer should know it.

EWING

Great preparations are being made for the grand opening of Fraternal Hall on February 22. Everything will be done to make this occasion one of the greatest ever in Ewing.

J. W. Snyder, son of John K. Snyder, returned last Saturday from Ft. Worden, Wash., where he has been one of Uncle Sam's coast guards for several years. From his appearances we must conclude that he has fared well.

Those obtaining the highest scores at Haneman's bowling alleys for the month of January are as follows: Ten pins, James Napier, score 196; J. L. Fisher, score 192; four back, Eugene Gilmour, score 79; duck pins, Ray Benson, score 110.—The Advocate.

STUART

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Corliss of Ne- ligh are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Corliss before going to the state of Washington.

J. D. Poindexter, who lives near Atkinson, has leased the McGrew ranch a mile south of Stuart. He will take possession the first of March. Mr. McGrew will move his family to Stuart to live.

The town marshal got a move on himself and arrested a man Monday for being drunk and disorderly. The fellow refused to go to the bastille and gave the officer a lively tilt on Main street. He was picked up by a half dozen men and thrown into an improvised patrol wagon. His punishment was an hour in jail and a fine of \$1.

The Standard Bearers' society is the name of a new missionary society. The officers are: Florence Snyder, president; Ethyl Cowle, vice president; Pearl Jones, secretary; Dot Galleher, librarian. The object of the meetings is to raise money enough to educate one heathen girl at Miss Livermore's school in Meerut, India. The society meets every Tuesday evening at the different homes.—The Ledger.

ATKINSON

Charley Gonderinger while working on a hay bailer last Monday, fell and ran a pitchfork tine into his stomach. Dr. Douglas was called and under his skilled treatment no serious result is anticipated.

Dr. McDonald and wife went to Thermopolis, Wyoming, last Friday night. They expect to return in about three weeks, that is if they do not get snowed in while making the overland trip to and from railroad.

Mike O'Donnell who lives 7 miles northeast of Atkinson met with a severe accident Wednesday morning by having a horse, which he was riding after cattle, fall on him, crushing his leg and breaking it in two different places. Dr. Douglas was called and at this writing he is reported as getting along nicely.

Tom Morrow, one of the early settlers of western Holt, has disposed of his old homestead where he has resided for over a quarter of a century for \$8,000.00. He will dispose of his personal property and go from here to Denver in the spring and from there he will make a trip to Seattle. He has boys in business in both these cities and he is not fully determined at this time where he will finally locate.

At the telephone meeting held at the rink last Thursday night, after hearing the report of the committee appointed to investigate the cost and feasibility of establishing an Independent Telephone Exchange in Atkinson, it was decided to organize a stock company to be known as the Citizen's Telephone Company of Atkinson, Nebraska, with a capital stock of \$5,000 divided in 500 shares at \$10 each. The following committee was appointed to draft articles of incorporation and open up a stock subscription book: M. Campbell, J. J. Stilson, J. E. Brook, W. E. Scott and Dell Akin.

C. H. Williams, one of Atkinson's hustling real estate men, sold last week to Clay county parties the Robinson ranch located south of town on Holt comprising 320 acres of deeded and 640 acres of school land, the price of which we are unable to give. He also sold the Tom Morrow farm of 320 acres a few miles west of town to Ira B. Hiff of Fairfield, Nebraska, for \$8,000. The parties will move here in the spring and will then take possession. Mr. Williams informs us that he has several prospective buyers who will un-

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doubtedly make a purchase before spring of some Holt county land in the vicinity of Atkinson.—The Graphic.

Cattle Market at Norfolk.

A Norfolk special says: A packing plant to catch a quantity of the cattle now being shipped to the Sioux City and South Omaha markets is to be built immediately in Norfolk by a syndicate of 100 Iowa and Nebraska men. The project has been in the process of crystallization for several weeks, and it was known here that the city might soon get a packing house. The dispatch from Sioux City today confirmed the report and Norfolk is already excited over the prospect.

With all the cattle from the great cattle country in northwestern Nebraska and the South Dakota territory around Belle Fourche, and with all of the cattle from the north, along the Niobrara and Missouri rivers and the Rosebud reservation passing through Norfolk now enroute to the Sioux City and South Omaha points, and with a new freight rate that has recently been made for Norfolk, the project has long suggested itself to the people of this territory. From seventy-five miles (to Sioux City) to 120 miles (to South Omaha) can be saved in shipment and practically a night's time.

The syndicate of 100 men have pledged themselves to pay \$100 each month for five months, after which it is thought the plant will be self-supporting. Experts from Kansas City and South Omaha are known to have been secured, a South Omaha expert having been here to look over the field. It is planned to make use of the empty sugar factory here.

Homeseeker's Excursion to the Northwest, West and Southwest.

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POEM OF FACTS.

If you want any tool, want it quick,
Any tool from a penknife to a pick;
A hod for the mortar, a pail for the water,
Or a trowel for laying the brick;
A hammer to drive in the tacks,
A saw, a hatchet or axe;
A shovel, brace, spade—
Any tool that is made—
I'm giving you only the facts,
When I say that this tool you will find,
In a store that is never behind—
That is second to none:
That is A Number One;
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