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A thoroughly reliable Republican exchange exclaims in jubilant tones, if the expression is allowable, "Lumber is on the jump! Wonderful advances have occurred within the past few weeks in the price of lumber. The rise in price is from \$1 to \$6 a thousand. Southern pine has shown such an increase, and hard woods are abreast. Hemlock brings \$12.50 as against \$9 the first of the year. In yellow pine there is an advance of \$5 a thousand. Lumber is going still higher. There is no telling when it will stop." True, there is no telling when it will stop, so long as no action is taken against the formation of trusts. The gigantic lumber combine has thus raised the price to the consumer, and short sighted organs diagnose such feverish conditions as an indication of the return of prosperity. It is a pitiable thing to see a man sick unto death mistake the coming of the death calm for the return of health. How much more pitiable is it to see a strong nation writhing in the clutches of a giant octopus, mistaking the loss of sensation, as its life is crushed out, for an evidence of a healthful condition. Our contemporary is evidently slightly confused on the symptoms of commercial life and death.

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HON. JAMES T. JOHNSTON, of Rockville, dared to express an honest opinion on the question of "expansion," in his recent speech at Clinton. The result is that he is being unmercifully lambasted by his quondam friends of the Republican press. They can find in their vocabularies no epithets too vile to apply to this man, whom once, when he was a narrow partisan, they were delighted to honor. Like Henry U. Johnson, he now doubtless sees how liberal is the party to which he belongs.

A great hue and cry is being raised about the scarcity of farm hands in the Northwest, and it is being used as an argument to prove that all who desire can get employment in this great country. There are more than enough men in Indiana alone, who are sitting around idle, to glut the labor market of the entire Northwest. The demand is for a few days only, during the harvest rush, and when that is over the men would be as idle as here. It is all talk and of a very cheap kind.

THAT Secretary Root will resign in the very near future, is a rumor that is pretty well authenticated. So the dreary procession of noncompetents and malcontents keeps on through the stirring annals of this administration. McKinley is constantly welcoming the coming and speeding the parting guest in his illustrious cabinet. He keeps things moving, and will move himself when a few more months have rolled away.

THE grief of the Indianapolis News over the platform of the Iowa Democrats is simply pathetic. It was extremely thoughtless not to say unkind of those democrats not to consult the News on such an important question. The News fancies that it knows just what should have been the nature of that declaration of principles.

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MAJOR JONES, of Toledo, has decided to be a candidate for Governor of Ohio, strictly independent, on a ticket all by himself. It will be a case of not only a man of one party, but a party of one man, and he will probably be a mighty lonesome candidate. He succeeded as a candidate for Mayor, but this is a very very different thing as Jones will soon discover.

THE conversion of the Hon. Dick Croker to the anti-expansion doctrine has made him a target for all the barbed shafts of the republican press. His opinions have no weight with the expansionists now. And to add to their sorrow and chagrin, it is said that Tom Reed is the man who caused this sudden change of front.

THE war cloud in South Africa continues to roll up in quite a threatening manner, and to darken very perceptibly. The thunderbolt of war may fall at any moment. When it does the Boer with his gun will make an appalling record of red before he gets out of the way of the Anglo-Saxons.

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SENATOR BURROWS stands by his interview, but says that he is not hostile toward the administration. We have no evidence as to the feeling of the administration for him.

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