

The Norfolk News

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Beet Sugar association is to be held in Omaha on the 5th.

Mrs. Nation has received an offer of \$75 per week to go on the stage. She knows how to act, all right, with a hatchet as the principal property.

We opine that Mrs. Nation's real name is Helen Nation, and that the "jointists" in Kansas have agreed that her middle name begins with a D.—World-Herald.

The prohibitionists are the first to pull themselves together and plan for the coming campaign. The state executive committee of the party was called to meet at headquarters in Lincoln January 23 to organize and prepare for the campaign.

The people incarcerated in the Hastings insane asylum must belong to that class who will not heed the level-headed advice "Don't tear your shirt." It is said that 36,000 shirts were purchased for that institution between August and December, 1900.

It is an off week when neighboring exchanges do not chronicle from two to a dozen transfers of real estate, mostly farm property, at increasing prices. Nebraska real estate is all right, but some people are just beginning to find it out. Now is the time to investigate.

The citizens of Fremont are still in pursuit of a public library and, what more, they are going to get it. The Woman's club has contributed \$300 to the scheme and teachers of the public schools \$275. The various classes in the schools contributed from \$14.25 to \$27.50 each.

Methodist revivals in the Philippines are meeting with unprecedented success. It is said that a native Moody has been discovered and that 5,000 native converts of Manila, Malibay and Galalaguin joined the church in a body and now hold services in former Catholic churches.

The sea serpent excitement is doomed—a walking fish has recently been landed on the Florida coast and it is naturally expected that crowds of winter resorters will flock to the locality with the understanding that the next capture will be a genuine and handsome mermaid.

A gambler at Springfield, Ill., was recently fined \$2,937 for practicing his profession, which was promptly paid in currency. A few such fines would soon drive gamblers from the business by depriving them of the necessary stake money and at the same time city finances would be improved.

Great funerals in England appear to be somewhat dangerous to the public. It is reported in the dispatches that 1,800 people were injured in the crowd that assembled to see the late queen's funeral procession. Many of the injured ones were seriously hurt and all of the 1,300 were taken care of in the hospitals.

It is said that there are 67,000,000 acres of public lands in the Philippines which will not be disposed of until congress takes action in the matter. When opened to settlement the "prairie scooner" will give way to the steamship and the landsecker will scurry across the rolling waves instead of the rolling prairies.

The Omaha News makes a timely suggestion to Ex-Senator Pettigrew in the following: "Senator Pettigrew proposes to take as his toast at the Columbus banquet 'From Lincoln Down to Hanna.' It is a striking title, but 'From Lincoln Down to Pettigrew' would be a still more striking one, and just as free from reason."

The old time democrats are planning a big meeting in Philadelphia on the 22nd, when it is said that David Bennett Hill's presidential boom will be launched. Plans are being made to feed 300 of the faithful, many of whom have attained prominence in national politics. A full and complete report of the proceedings will probably not appear in the Commonwealth.

One wrecking firm offered to raise the hulk of the Maine in Havana harbor for nothing and give the government 3 per cent on the sale of the debris as souvenirs. The company has great faith that the patriotic American people and their love for souvenirs will come to their aid and adequately reimburse them for their trouble, and they would probably not be disappointed.

The World Herald has produced some figures regarding the census that are very gratifying to the people of north Nebraska. The figures indicate that while the South Platte country shows a decrease in population of 21,565 in the past ten years, the North Platte country shows an increase of 31,134. If you want to know which portion of Nebraska is the most popular consult the census returns.

The society people of Lincoln will be ready to listen to the next minister when he discourses upon the dangers of the

dance, if a recent dispatch is to be believed. After a ball recently held in that city, in which the high society people took part, it was found that two of the participants were suffering from the first symptoms of the small pox. There has since been a grand rush to be vaccinated.

A French scientist claims to have discovered a method of purifying water by the use of electricity that will effectually do away with filters. He claims that with four machines he can purify all the water used by New York city. He should next turn his attention to New York politics. Even though it would require 50 machines to purify its politics the city could well afford the investment.

A young man of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested on the charge of intoxication, but proved to the satisfaction of the court that he was merely exuberantly happy over the fact that a young lady had promised to be his bride, to the exclusion of a rival. This is a warning to young men not to express joy over promised nuptial felicity in the presence of officers who can't distinguish genuine joy from alcoholism.

Mrs. Nation's way of surprising the liquor traffic seems to be becoming popular. A recent victim was a saloon keeper at South Sioux City, this state, whose joint was pretty thoroughly despoiled by a company of 20 women yesterday afternoon. The movement, if it becomes general, may be successful to a certain extent in discouraging the keepers of saloons, but it is questionable. It certainly can have no permanent effect as would be given through the legal enforcement of a law.

Whenever a habit or sin is quite successfully brought into disrepute by popular verdict some learned professor of a leading college appears ready and willing to champion its cause and make the victims believe that they have been sensibly following a health rule all the time while the cranks who objected were mere ignoramuses. A recent instance is where a Chicago professor says that cigarettes are beneficial to a tired mind. The gentleman should see that everyone likely to read his opinion has a cigarette in their possession before it is given to the public.

Perhaps it is not generally known that Nebraska is a leading state in the "Belgian hare" industry but such is said to be the facts only that the "Belgian hare" produced here is commonly known to the natives as a jack rabbit. It is said that the thousands of jacks shipped into Omaha this winter are put through a process of refrigeration and then shipped to the east where wise men buy them for Belgian hares and dilate upon the delicacy thus afforded. One firm is said to have a contract to furnish 40,000 of these "Belgian hares" to the English markets. The animals are very fair food as "jacks" but it probably needed the Belgian hare craze to properly introduce them to the epicures of the east.

U. E. Foster of the Plainview News has sold that paper to John Gunthorpe, formerly of the Brunswick Herald, but will continue his connection with the News for at least a couple of months. Gene is a good newspaper man and has elevated the News from comparative obscurity to a first place among the weekly publications of north Nebraska since assuming control about eight years ago. Mr. Gunthorpe is said to be a man well versed in the art preservative also and it may be that the people of Plainview will lose nothing by the change, but certain it is that few country publishers would keep it up to the standard to which it has been elevated by Mr. Foster, who has not determined upon his future occupation.

The people of many towns in the state have been undergoing the inconveniences of quarantine regulations, with closed churches, schools and theatres diminished business, a lack of social functions and a general depressing effect which a contagious disease so readily produces. The Fallerton News thus expresses relief over the fact that the quarantine has been raised: "The ringing of the church bells last night was welcome music to the ears of Fallerton people. Welcome to church-goers as announcing that they could again assemble at the house of worship and attend services after an intermission of six weeks and welcome to the citizens at large as conveying to them the news that the board of health considered the condition of the city such that meetings of all kinds could again be held."

We always like to see a farmer or horseman drive up to a hitching post these winter days, jump out of his rig, unfold a big warm blanket and carefully cover his faithful horse. There is a big heart in that man. He'll do to tie to. He is thinking of something else besides himself, and he takes as much pleasure in caring for the comfort of his horse as for himself. On the other hand, it makes us sad to see a great big man, warmly dressed from head to foot, drive a sweating, steaming horse up to the rack, hastily tie him, then leave him shivering and make for the nearest hot stove. There is something wrong about that fellow. He may belong to the church, may be a nice man, may not swear, smoke or chew, nor have any bad habits, but we wouldn't want to be his

horse. He isn't human when he doesn't know enough to protect dumb brutes from the consequences of his own acts.—Hooper Sentinel.

There are pessimists who believe that in a short time the people will begin starving to death, owing to the rapid increase in population of the world and believing that there cannot be enough food produced to keep them. They need not worry, for a few years at least. They do not understand the undeveloped resources of Nebraska and other western states. And then even though these were fully developed the agricultural department has estimated that there are sufficient nuts grown in the world to feed three times the present number of people on the globe. An exchange says: "The United States government recommends nut culture. In New England the abandoned farms are being planted to nut trees—walnut, butternut and chestnut. And all through the northern states, lands where nothing else will grow are being used as nut orchards. Nuts, as food, have been thought indigestible, but the new methods of preparing them make them as beautiful as they are palatable."

The recent death of a little four-year-old girl at Somerville, N. J., should be a valuable lesson to parents, nurses or other persons having children to manage. This child opened the kitchen door and was frightened into convulsions, from which death resulted, by beholding a negress boggar who had long been a bugaboo to the children of the town. It is probable that when this little one was naughty, instead of being properly punished, she was frightened into good behavior by threats of what this beggar woman would do, and her childish mind was so filled with fear that the mere sight of the woman had the fatal effect. It is an easy method of correcting most children, and frequently employed, to incite fear by stories of beggars or witches, but a much more satisfactory way would be direct and immediate punishment. Many children are corrected by the mother with the threat, "I'll tell papa," or "papa will whip you for this," with the result that the little ones are taught to have a terrible fear of "papa's" punishment, when in reality he is not more to be feared than "mama." Much the better way to control children is for the person having them in charge to convince them that obedience is imperative and enforce such obedience whenever occasion requires by personal influence, whether it be done by lecturing or the liberal use of a vigorous spanking arrangement.

The editor of this paper has about concluded that newspaper notoriety as represented by illustrations is not satisfactory. During the inauguration ceremonies at Lincoln he attired himself in his colonel uniform and paraded the streets proudly and boastfully for several days, hoping that he would prove a tempting subject for a snap shot artist, but when the picture of other colon is presented in the Illustrated Bee his countenance was among the missing. Then at the state press meeting at Omaha, Brother Foster of the Plainview News was subsidized into appearing in his stead, hoping that a fine picture would be the result and might serve to appease an outraged public, disappointed by the Lincoln failure. Many extra copies of the Illustrated Bee have been ordered to supply the demand of distant friends but it was too widely circulated where the editor is best known and the substitution was detected. The picture was good, without a doubt, and received many flattering comments, but the editor has been roundly abused for the means employed. The only time success has recently been secured was when a likeness appeared in the World-Herald, and then enemies spread the story that it was grossly flattering and was not nearly as true to life as pictures of local Elks which appeared later in the same journal. The editor has about decided that the next time he poses it will be behind a stone wall, with the camera on the other side.

Too Many of Them.

Hawaii is certainly progressive and is acquiring modern political methods in a manner surprising to those who had thought it largely inhabited by barbarians. Evidence of Hawaii's progress is furnished by the fact that Delegate Wilson's seat is to be contested. Commenting on the matter the State Journal says:

"A memorial has been sent from Hawaii to congress, suggesting the expulsion from his seat of Delegate Wilson because the election was illegal, being held before the legislature of the territory had authorized it by law, and because Wilson is a bigamist and because he has within the last two years disencumbered himself of disloyal thoughts on sundry and divers occasions."

"The last cause for action should be stricken out of course. If that was a test of eligibility to a seat in the American congress, there would perhaps follow a general hegra of antis and Bryanites from the two houses. There are numerous examples in the senate and house of people supposed to be qualified to sit, notwithstanding they are against the United States and in favor of cutting down its territory and in full sympathy with the armed enemies in the field."

Mrs. Nation is to be received at Des Moines providing she leaves her hatchet at home.

Not all of us will have as imposing a funeral as Queen Victoria, but will all be just as dead.

When undecided as to which is the best place on earth to make your home come to Nebraska.

Mrs. Nation has been shot at but the bullets glanced off harmlessly—at least they took no effect.

A new style in women's hats is probably about to be born. A bonnet 3,000 years old has recently been discovered on an Egyptian mummy.

Wanted at once—Mrs. Nation to come to Lincoln with her hatchet and smash some of the fixtures in the senatorial contest before the legislature.

If the legislators have been waiting for winter before they get to work and elect those United States senators this is a good week in which to do it.

The war department will raise and equip ten Filipino regiments in the Philippines and the rebels will experience the sensation of fighting their own countrymen for a change.

A Spanish railway has ordered 520 cars from an American firm. Is this to indicate that Spain is becoming civilized and that it may yet recover its lost prestige as a world power?

Since January 1 the day's length has made a net gain of about 50 minutes, reminding the people that the time is approaching when chores may be done without the aid of a lantern.

American exports of manufactures made a gain in 1900 of \$60,000,000 over the preceding year, the entire value being placed at \$411,000,000. The United States is certainly expanding.

The fellow who predicted a severe winter for Nebraska has become mighty scarce, or perhaps he is the same fellow who now exclaims "I told you so," and professes to have foretold an open winter.

It is now said that King Edward VII of England is suffering from cancer of the throat and that his days are numbered. If this proves true the English people will indeed have cause for grief.

The late Senator Chas. A. Towne is reported to have accepted the position of attorney for the New York Liquid Air company. He will probably take his salary in the product of the company so as to be able to sport satisfactorily when the campaign of 1904 opens.

It is said that in the Kiowa country, soon to be opened to settlement, there will be about 9,000 homesteads and in the Wichita country there will be 3,400 homesteads. If the land is all available for farming purposes a large number of families will be provided with homes and a living.

All but six seats in the next United States senate have been filled. The senate will consist of 50 republicans, with a combined opposition of 34, giving a majority of 16. Five of those yet to be elected should be republicans and, should all be chosen in accord with the political complexion of the legislatures, the republicans will have a majority of 20, and within five of a two-thirds majority.

Germany doesn't express an overweening friendliness for American pork but is willing to give some recognition to sauer kraut made in this country, having recently placed an order for 2,400 tons of the fragrant concoction with a Philadelphia house, with which soldiers of that country in Pekin will be regaled. Perhaps the time is not far distant when sauer kraut, wienewurst, limberger cheese and other staples of commerce will be considered more peculiarly American than German. Certain it is that many Americans are very fond of these articles of food.

The idea of transporting children living in outlying districts to and from a school centrally located is receiving favorable consideration from educators in all parts of the country. Where this method has been employed the results have been very gratifying and it has been found that the expenses are much less than the cost of employing teachers and maintaining schools for the benefit of a few pupils. Sioux City is a pioneer in the west in employing this method. There the board of education pays the fare of the children on the street cars and while the expense amounts to quite a respectable sum during the year, it is but a small per cent of the cost of providing and maintaining schools in the districts where the pupils reside. Other school boards are talking of adopting the plan in their districts.

The Cubans give evidence of a trait of character too often exhibited by those who have been benefited by great sacrifices of friends. Instead of expressing their gratitude to the United States government for the loss of life and treasure contributed toward obtaining the freedom of the islanders from Spanish tyranny in their new constitution they totally ignore the nation that has most

benefited them and seem to think that it was their own prowess alone that brought about the results. It would not be surprising if within a few years the islanders would come to believe that they could whip this country and the rest of the world. The opinion of one senator is thus expressed: "There is not one word in that constitution to indicate that the United States has befriended those people at a great sacrifice of life and treasure. If the president consults the best interests of this country and is guided by the prevailing sentiment in congress he will decline to receive their constitution until it contains certain provisions which will specifically recognize the part this government has played in securing independence for them."

Walt Mason does not believe that ancient heroes were more chivalrous or polite than modern people and gives an example of true politeness in the following: "There are people who say that the grand manners of our forefathers have departed, and that it is a pity, yet we think that there are people still on earth whose manners are courtly enough for anything. Take the average agent for instance. When you open the front door and find him there, it is a pleasure to the earnest student to note his smile of the Louis XIV epoch, and nothing could be finer than the magnificent bow he makes as he asks if the lady of the house is in; and if the lady of the house happens to be in, and it is her day to receive agents, he moves into the richly furnished parlor with the grace of a prince, and ever, while he explains the merits of his combination feather duster and can opener, he gives evidences of the beautiful manners of the olden time. It was just today that an agent, while making a sweeping bow, knocked a handsome glass vase off an escaire in the southeast corner of our domain. It did not embarrass him the least. 'When I make such a break as that,' said he, with the true Chesterfieldian grace, 'I always pay the fiddler.' Whereupon he left with the lady of the house a magnificent chromo representing a large pink cow standing up to her waist in water."

Farmers who decide to sell their farms and move to town often find when too late that they have made a mistake. They learn by severe experience that while they know how to farm successfully they are not successful in business lines, and cannot bring the returns from their money as they could when it was invested in a farm. The wise farmer is the one who will make his wealth on the farm and when he has a sufficiency will move to town, if he so desires, and spend his remaining days in peace and comfort. The Wisner Free Press discusses the matter as follows: "A man who had just disposed of a tract of land at a big figure the other day said he didn't know what he was going to do with the money. It sets a man guessing, who has been accustomed to farming, to know what to do with his money when he sells out to make it bring as much as the farm annually produced. A half section of land converted into cold cash is not near so easily handled to the owner's advantage, if he be a practical farmer, as the farm itself, and sets a great many to passing up a few sober thoughts before making over a deed to the old farm unless they have previously settled on what they propose to do with the proceeds. It is a very poor farm that won't bring in a bigger per cent on the valuation than money at present commands on the market. And unless he has a speculative turn, which is not a secure proceeding, it is hard to turn it into a more profitable channel of investment than that from which he has just drawn it."

Fat Man Wanted a Correction.
"That was a fine report you had of the explosion," puffed the fat man, who did not know there was an elevator in the building and climbed three flights of stairs to the editor's office, "a fine report, I must say." And sarcasm fairly rang in his tones. "Did you know that it was my furnace that blew up, that I stand the loss, that but for me you wouldn't have the item?"
"If you are D. J. Jones, we did."
"I am D. Jacobus Jones. You didn't even spell out my middle name. You'd think that my wife and hired girl were the whole thing the way you wrote it up."
"The girl was terribly burned, and your wife was badly hurt while saving the girl. You don't appear to have had any hand in the matter."
"Didn't, hey? Did you notice how slowly I sat down when I came in here? Did you hear me stifle a groan? I'm sore as a felon from the crown of my head to the sole of my foot. That's what I am. But there's not a word about that."
"Were you in the explosion?"
"No. Wish I had been. When I heard the report, I knew some one must be hurt. I fell down stairs. I ran five blocks for a doctor. When I got home, I was so exhausted that I had to retire, and this morning I had to roll out of bed on a chair to get up."

Rebuking the Doctor.
Doctor (weary with unsuccessful efforts to cure patient)—Well, I've just one more remedy to try in your case, and if this doesn't help you nothing will.
Patient—Why didn't you frankly tell me that in the first place, doctor? If nothing will help me, I could have taken that at the start and saved the expense of your attentions.—Boston Transcript.

DEBATE ON PUNISHMENT.

Chinese Plenipotentiaries Meet the Foreign Envoys.

ALLIES SUBMIT 12 NAMES.

Discovered That Two of the Dozen Officials Whose Disgrace They Demand Are Already Numbered Among the Dead. Withdrawal of Alien Troops Sought.

Peking, Feb. 6.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, had a protracted meeting yesterday with the foreign envoys. Twelve names of prominent Chinese officials were submitted with the request that China keep faith with the powers and punish the persons named commensurately with their offenses. The Chinese plenipotentiaries replied that China's earnest hope was to carry out fully the demands of the powers and that she felt sure the punishment which would be inflicted would be satisfactory.

It was discovered that two out of 12 of the persons named were already dead. In certain cases the Chinese plenipotentiaries gave reasons why the punishment inflicted should be banishment and not death, asserting that in these cases they particularly desired banishment because the persons in question were so closely related to the throne. After a long conversation on the subject of punishment it was decided that the foreign envoys should draw up a list of all accused officials, with a statement of the punishment required, which would then be presented to the Chinese plenipotentiaries for definite action.

Li Hung Chang, who is weak from his recent illness, had to be carried in and out of the British legation, he being unable to walk, but his head seems clear as ever. The foreign envoys were impressed with the evident desire of Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to come to terms. Prince Ching asked whether, provided China showed by every means in her power, a desire to carry out the terms of the joint note, the foreign troops would leave Peking. The foreign envoys replied that this was a subject they could not discuss beyond saying that if everything were satisfactory, they believed the powers would begin to withdraw the troops early in the coming spring, but that this depended largely upon the Chinese themselves.

INSURANCE FRAUD FAILS.

Attorney John J. Long Shoots Off His Feet to No Avail.

Des Moines, Feb. 6.—One of the most remarkable cases of attempted insurance frauds ever brought before Iowa courts has been stamped with the condemnation of the supreme court and the verdict of the jury in the lower court in favor of the insurance companies will stand. It was an attempt on the part of a young lawyer of this city, who was financially embarrassed, to recoup his fortune by taking out a large amount of accident insurance and then maintaining himself.

John J. Long went hunting four years ago this month, near this city, and shot a hole through his foot, which necessitated amputation of his foot. There was evidence that the muzzle of the gun had been deliberately inserted inside his overshoe when it was fired off. On account of this the jury decided it was a case of attempted fraud upon the insurance companies and returned a verdict accordingly. The supreme court has reviewed the evidence and reaches the same conclusion. Long was crippled for life and gets no money. His policies aggregated \$34,000.

King Edward Not Suffering From Cancer.

London, Feb. 6.—Professor Sir Felix Semon asks the Associated Press to say there is positively no word of truth in the story published in the United States that King Edward is suffering from cancer of the throat. Sir Felix Semon wishes it to be called a "scandalous invention and ridiculous report." He hopes this statement will be a final answer to the cable dispatches he is now receiving from America. He declares he has been with the king for weeks past and when he last seen him his throat and general condition were never better.

Poisoned Self and Tot.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Bertha Fox was found in her home last night writhing in agony from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid, while in a crib nearby lay the body of her 2-year-old child, killed by the poison and on the floor beside her was her boy, John, aged 4, unconscious from the same cause. The woman's husband, John Fox, was discovered in bed in a drunken sleep. The only statement made by the woman was that she was sorry that she was alive. It was said Mrs. Fox administered the poison.

Zoarite Village No More.

Canal Dover, Feb. 6.—The last act completing the dissolution of the Society of Communists at the historic village of Zoar, which disintegration was begun over two years ago, was consummated yesterday, when the last surveying and apportionments were made. Not only the buildings in the town, but also 7,000 acres of land have been apportioned. The valuation of properties received by each member averages about \$5,000.

Missionary Charged With Extortion.

Peking, Feb. 6.—Rev. W. S. Ament, one of the missionaries of the American board of foreign missionaries, recently arrested by German and French troops near Tung Chow and charged with endeavoring to extort money from the Chinese villagers has not yet been released.