

The Norfolk News

The "Yankee peril" is still menacing Europe. An American grain elevator is to be built at Leith, Scotland.

It is said that a new kind of glass has been discovered that cannot be broken. It would be a joke to fit out a vacant building with this sort of glazing and fool the stone-throwing kids.

The democrats of Missouri have taken to fraudulent elections to keep that state in line for the party and the conscientious members of the party are deserting the cause like Filipinos leaving an insurgent regiment.

Nebraska fusionists do not find much consolation in the call for the republican state convention which will consist of 1808 delegates. This total indicates the splendid growth of republicanism in Nebraska as shown by the last election.

The O'Neill Frontier, edited by D. H. Owsen, is this week of age, having been published for 21 years, and the paper never looked better than on its 21st birthday. The editor believes that after an experiment of 21 years he is entitled to remark that "the paper has come to stay."

The weather has been so dry in Lincoln that the mayor prohibited the use of fire crackers and other explosives to the laids of that city. A recent rain has caused him to change his mind. The question naturally arises "Where was Lincoln when the crops of north Nebraska were being flooded?"

With only a day intervening between this and the Fourth young America is not to be blamed for growing restless and chafing somewhat when asked to perform the unappetizing chore of splitting the kindling or bringing a bucket of water. After the Fourth for a few days we will be too tired for such labor.

Some of the comments on the shirt waist question for men would lead a person to believe that many of the very swiftest society people would prefer to welcome a far coat for summer wear than a shirt waist. There are many, however, who prefer sensible comfort to uncomfortable conventionality.

The Battle Creek editors have decided to celebrate in proper style and no paper will be issued in that town next week. It is very seldom indeed that the country publisher is supposed to suspend publication and enjoy a holiday with the rest of humanity and have no business cares to worry him; and the example of the Battle Creek editors may become popular.

When the republican party took control of national affairs the government was paying \$34,000,000 annual interest on the public debt. With two wars since, that would ordinarily mean a large increase in interest, the annual payment has been reduced to \$29,000,000 and the national credit is gilt-edged, all of which is so-called argument for democratic ascendancy.

Henry Watterson wants the democratic party to go into the next campaign penetrated with modern ideas. Mr. Watterson is not alone. That sentiment is quite unanimous with everybody but republicans. They would much prefer to meet in political battle a "dried-up organization with non-progressive issues rattling around in its platform than a new creation, full of vigor and with up-to-date policies.

A fellow who was arrested for immorality at Sioux City during one of the recent hot days complained that he was cold and his shivers indicated that he was. The sweltering people of the city envied him that day, even though he was "bug house." If the mind doctors could but make people believe that they were cool on a hot day and warm on a cold one their business would attain magnificent proportions. Here is a suggestion that doesn't cost anything and the shrewd knacker may turn it into a fortune.

Dakota City has a strong Political Equality club, but the Eagle is somewhat in ignorance of what the membership desires. The Nebraska laws give them a voice at school elections but at such an election held Monday afternoon not a member of the club was present and the Eagle considers it the most important election of the year. The men present, however, acted magnanimously and elected two ladies as members of the board of education. Perhaps the ladies are more interested in the club and its meetings than any old election.

Now the kissing bug stories are ripe and a story comes from Derby, Conn., that Burton Griffin, an athlete 80 years of age had died in great agony from the bite of one of these bugs. He worked in a foundry and one day felt a stinging sensation on his arm and noticed a drop of blood appear while a large black bug flew slowly away. The next day his arm swelled and he became ill and died two weeks afterward. Now the workmen can scarcely be persuaded to stay in the foundry and a piece of floating soot drives them into a panic. Someone should now construct a nice sea serpent story and everyone will realize that summer is here and at its best.

The improved appearance and matter

contained in Monday's issue of the Stanton Register is explained by the fact that it was issued by the ladies of the Methodist church of that city, with Mrs. W. N. Orris as editor and Mrs. Chas. Chace assistant. Mr. Pont might make a ten-strike by retiring permanently in favor of the ladies. The paper is full of good advertisements in which Norfolk merchants are well represented. One of the editorials is: "If Mrs. Nation desires a quiet life why doesn't she get into business with some fellow who doesn't believe in advertising, instead of using her hatchet? They are the people who can furnish more quiet to the square inch than any other class of people."

In spite of several quite large bank failures during the past week Dun's Review of finance and trade says: "The country is undeniably prosperous, and with prospect of an abundant harvest to supply our own needs, and increasing European deficiencies, the situation is viewed with confidence." Confidence though much derided by the fusionists, was a republican argument that would be day for protection and prosperity and will continue to maintain prosperous conditions. The American people have every reason to be confident with a party of confidence in power and a few failures, even though of some importance, need scarcely cause a ripple on the surface of general conditions.

Repeal the new internal revenue law there are several new state laws that are operative today for the first time. The game law has been very generally presented. One feature of the law not generally known is that every county sheriff and constable is authorized and required to assist the commissioner and deputy commissioner in its enforcement. The new election law passed by the late legislature does away with the blanket ballot, replacing it by one six inches wide on which by a single mark the voter may vote a straight party ticket. A non-partisan election board may be summoned like jurors in a court and their service made compulsory. It also provides that a state convention may make support or opposition of a constitutional amendment part of a party ticket. The legal practice of osteopathy in Nebraska also dates from today. The new inheritance tax law goes into effect. Kidnaping is made a crime with penalties ranging from three years imprisonment to the death penalty. An inheritance tax law, compulsory school attendance law, one protecting cattle owners against "rustlers" and many other new laws take effect while several laws, among them the barbers examining board law, become operative. As ignorance of the law excuses no one it would be well for everyone to secure information regarding the new statutes.

Beginning with Monday, for the first time since 1898, the American people can have their chewing gum, use their perfumery and cosmetics, send telegrams and express packages, insure their lives and transact legal and financial business without paying Uncle Sam for the privilege. The new revenue tax law which goes into effect on the first relieves the public of about \$15,000,000 in annual expenditures and deprives the government of a similar amount of income. Those who use revenue stamps have undoubtedly been buying carefully since the new law was passed and yet there will be many who will have a supply on hand when the law goes into effect and a bargain sale in the interest of Uncle Sam might be received with popular approval. The revenue department is authorized to redeem such stamps, but there will be many possessing a few stamps who will not wish to go through the form required for their redemption and would dispose of them at a sacrifice and the person who would purchase them at a fraction of their value might be able to make a considerable profit. Included among the articles on which the tax has been repealed are: right are bank checks, bills of lading for export, bond or obligation by guarantee company, certificates of damage, certificates of deposit, charter party, chewing gum, commercial brokers, sight drafts, express receipts, life insurance policies, leases, manifests for custom-house entry, mortgages or conveyances in trust, orders for payment of money on sight or demand, perfumery and cosmetics, power of attorney, promissory notes, proprietary medicines, patents, telegraph messages, telephone messages, United States money orders and warehouse receipts.

In reply to the suggestion of The News that patrons of the railroads might not like to have their view obstructed by a continuous grove of trees along a railroad's right of way the Conservative says: "Passengers can live in health and prosperity without viewing landscapes. But all animal existence on this globe will perish when all forests have been destroyed. As between human life and landscapes from car windows, the Conservative prefers life." This is quite a radical view of the question. If human life depended upon the foresting of railroad rights-of-way this paper would be the last to raise an objection. There is an abundance of land obtainable for forest purposes, especially in Nebraska, without depriving travelers of their pleasure, and again there are landscapes which should be

hidden from the eyes of the ordinary railroad passenger and a screen of trees would prove welcome and beneficial. The News is a warm friend of arboriculture and would be pleased to see the railway companies and other corporations that use a large amount of wood material, become prime movers toward forest extension and preservation and when it comes to a matter of life and death will favor the use of every foot of railroad ground for the growing of trees, but until that time arrives this paper will stand up for the rights of the scenery-loving traveler. The forestry question is important to health, to climate, to building schemes and for many other purposes, but there are millions of acres which should be employed in growing trees that are now of little or no value and until this is used there will be small excuse for continuous rows of trees along railway tracks. The railroads could acquire title to large tracts of land and grow the timbers they require economically and beneficially, and The News hopes they will do so.

Pay Day in China. New Year's is the national pay day in China. All accounts must be squared up at that time, and the man who can't raise money enough to pay his debts has to go into bankruptcy. The laws are such that the creditor can enter the debtor's house and take what he pleases if there is no settlement. To prevent such action families clut together and make all sorts of compromises to keep up the business reputation of the clan. New Year's is a great day for the pawnbrokers. Their shops are crowded with people who want to redeem their best clothes before the new year. There are crowds also who want to pawn other things in order to get money to pay their debts. Pawnbrokers receive high rates of interest, in which they are protected by the government.

The Chinese paint the whole country red on New Year's day in more senses than one. Red is the color which with them denotes good luck and prosperity, and all the New Year's cards and invitations are on paper of that color. Every child gets its New Year's present wrapped in red paper, and red inscriptions are pasted over the doors of the houses.—London Mail.

FOX IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT. Power Elected Vice President of Interstate Sheriff's Association. Chicago, June 28.—Methods of reforming criminals while incarcerated in county jails formed the principal subject of the discussion at yesterday's session of the Interstate Sheriff's association. Sheriffs representing 77 counties in 12 states were present, and the trend of the remarks was that no adequate reform could be had until the jails themselves were reformed. The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Fox, Freeport, Ill.; first vice president, John Power, Omaha; secretary-treasurer, Phil T. Megard, Minneapolis.

Strawboard Trust Reaching Out. Chicago, June 28.—The American strawboard officials have a scheme for the consolidation of all the more important boxboard mills of the country, preparatory to reaching out for the absorption of the paper box manufacturers. While options have not been given by a majority of the mills, there is said to be sufficient encouragement for the launching of the scheme, and the initial steps were taken yesterday in the issuance of a circular to the stockholders by the American Strawboard company, asking them to give their consent to a "blind pool." This pool consists of three of the leading members of the directory.

Cuts His Wife's Throat. McKinney, Tex., June 28.—Rev. John Long, colored, while walking along a principal street of this city yesterday with his wife, deliberately cut her throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife. Her head was nearly severed from her body and death was instantaneous. Long then tenderly laid her on the grass, folded her arms across her bosom and proceeded down the street, where he was captured after a vicious fight and placed in jail. Long was released from an asylum several months ago.

Writ of Habeas Corpus Granted. Denver, June 28.—Judge Hallett of the United States district court yesterday granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Edward H. Reid, a cattle shipper of Omaha, who was convicted in the district court of Arapahoe county of having violated the Colorado statutes by shipping cattle into this state from Texas without having a bill of health from a state inspector, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the county jail.

Fatally Shot in Saloon Brawl. Joplin, Mo., June 28.—Will Moore, manager of the S. C. Henderson Grocery company of this city and one of the most prominent young business men of southwest Missouri, was shot in the back and perhaps fatally wounded by Wilkins Taylor, son of one of the wealthiest mine owners of the city. The young men had been quarreling for an hour in a saloon over a local racing matter. Both had been drinking.

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Pope Is Seriously Ill. Paris, June 28.—A dispatch to the Petit Bleu from Rome announces the pope to be seriously ill and says that Dr. Laponni, his attending physician, does not leave the pontiff's bedside. The Vatican officials are anxious concerning the pope's health.

Last of Volunteers Arrive. San Francisco, June 28.—The Forty-third regiment, the last of the volunteers to leave the Philippines, arrived here yesterday on the transport Kilpatrick, 23 days from Manila. The Forty-second infantry was mustered out of the service yesterday.

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TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD. The formal trial of the torpedo boat Biddle was held Tuesday. The contract speed was 28 knots and she averaged 28.6.

As a result of the plow consolidation it is expected that nearly 100 northwestern traveling men will be forced to look for positions.

President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists said Tuesday that he regarded the machinists' strike as practically won.

The stables and wharves of the Metropolitan Coal company on First street, South Boston, were burned Wednesday morning. Loss, \$400,000.

M. M. Welch of Atlanta was Tuesday elected acting corresponding secretary of the Baptist Home Mission board to succeed the late Dr. F. H. Kerfoot.

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Identified. A richly dressed woman entered the office of a trust company in Philadelphia the other day to rent a box. "Have you any one to identify you?" asked the attendant. "Certainly not," said the woman indignantly. "Everybody knows who I am."

"That may be," was the reply, "but I don't know that you are the woman of that name." Just then another woman, who had been transacting some business, raised her head, and a frigid nod passed between them. "Do you know this woman?" asked the bank official.

"I don't want to know her," snapped the woman. "She lives next door to me, and instructed her footman to kick my dog, just because it chanced to be on her step. You needn't ask me to identify her, for I won't."

"I wouldn't let you identify me," retorted the applicant for a box. "I think you have acted horribly about your old dog, and you left the Dorcas society, telling everybody you wouldn't belong as long as I was a member. A nice Christian spirit!"

In the meantime the bank official, entirely satisfied that the identification was complete, handed over the key to the box, to the ill concealed chagrin of the other woman, who had identified her against her will.—New York Tribune.

A Little Bit Too Sensitive. This cold, hard world has few souls as sensitive as a young man who killed himself in Paris the other day. His home was in Lyons, and his father had given to him 30,000 francs, or \$6,000, to establish a branch office of their business in Paris. After he had been in Paris for several days his letters home ceased, and he disappeared from the little circle of friends that he had made. He had seemed a quiet, steady fellow, and he had chosen his new associates with discretion. When they missed him, they wrote to his father, supposing that he knew where his son was. The father, however, was ignorant of the young man's whereabouts, and the police were summoned and a search made of his apartments. On the bed in his room was found his dead body, with a note by his side, which said:

"I have lost 25,000 francs of the sum that my father trusted to me, and as I would not have it believed that I have squandered the money I am killing myself." This furnished a clew, but nothing more could be learned for several days. Finally, when searching the rooms for the young man's property, his pocketbook, with the 25,000 francs, was found in a corner of the bureau drawer, where he had put it and then forgotten.

Did She Get the Hat? It was a mean trick, of course, and some day she will doubtless get even with him. She saw him take a piece of paper from his pocket, carefully fold it up, put it in an envelope and then place the envelope in one of the far corners of the drawer of the library table.

"What's that?" she asked. "Oh, nothing of any consequence," he replied.

Now, if he had simply thrown it carelessly into the drawer she would have thought nothing of it, but the care he took to put it clear over in the far corner and the fact that he seemed ill at ease after he found that his action had been observed aroused her curiosity. She wondered what it was, and she reasoned with herself that he had said it was "nothing of importance," so he would have nobody but himself to blame if she took a look at it. She was justified in inferring from his words that there was no reason why she should not. And this is what she read scribbled on a piece of paper:

"I'll bet you a new hat your curiosity will not permit you to let this alone." It was a terrible predicament in which to place a woman. How could she claim the new hat without giving herself away?—Chicago Post.

The Iceland Dinner. In Iceland the native's dinner usually consists of dried fish and butter. The fish is ling or cod, which, when caught, is split open and then hung on the lines by the seashore to dry in the cold winds and hot sun. When thus preserved, they will keep for years, being as hard as the nether millstone.

When wanted for dinner, the fish is well hammered by a stone mallet and then cut up into strips. In this state it is eaten, but it is said that it needs an icelander's teeth to get through the meat. The butter is not spread on the fish, but the two are taken alternately, first a mouthful of fish, then a mouthful of butter. It may easily be supposed that the icelander is thankful to have his jaws well greased after every mouthful of the tough morsel.

Spilled His Doze. A town that has played its part in history for more than 100 years ought to be forgiven for being a little sleepy by this time, although its new neighbors may be inclined to poke fun at it. It is told that a Bladensburg merchant was dozing in his store one day when a little girl came in with a pitcher and asked for a quart of molasses. The merchant yawned, stretched himself, opened his eyes and then said in an injured tone:

"Well, ain't there nobody what sells molasses in Bladensburg but me?"

Refrigerated Eggs. Eggs become unwholesome when kept in refrigerators. A fungus forms in them which is easily found by the microscope, although it is not noticeable to the taste. The fungus constitutes a danger when we consider how many eggs are consumed by all classes of society, and people of delicate constitutions ought to be particularly careful that they eat fresh and not kept eggs.

CUMMINS HAS GOOD LEAD. Conventions Up to Date Show Him to Have Majority of Delegates. Des Moines, July 1.—In the county conventions held Saturday Calhoun instructed for Cummins, Allamakee instructed for Trewin, Delaware instructed for Harriman. Tama divided its delegation, giving nine of the 17 votes to Cummins, and Washington and Decatur took no action on governor, neither having a district candidate for governor, and both having a district candidate for supreme judge.

The gubernatorial contest is fast nearing a close, 67 of the 89 counties having held conventions, this date and selected 1,138 of the 1,651 delegates which will compose the state convention.

The standing of the candidates for governor at this time is as follows: Cummins, 611; Harriman, 141; Conger, 14; Herriott, 71; Trewin, 83.

The list of unstruck delegates whose preferences are unknown number 218. If it were known how many of these could be counted upon to support Cummins it might then be told how close Cummins is to the number necessary to nominate, and whether the claims of the Cummins leaders that their candidate is safely under the wire are well founded.

From returns received from Warren county it would appear that Conger won against Cummins there. Warren was the last county in the Seventh district to hold its convention. This would give two counties to Conger, the other being Madison.

ELOPER ENDS HIS LIFE. Jesse F. Thayer Commits Suicide Because His Wife Horsewhipped Him. Omaha, July 1.—Humiliated by a public horsewhipping administered by his wife and piqued because his love for Nettie Hashenberger was unrequited, Captain Jesse F. Thayer, formerly in command of the American Volunteer corps at Lincoln, committed suicide in Jefferson square Saturday by taking poison.

Captain Thayer came to Omaha from Lincoln on Wednesday with Miss Nettie Hashenberger, a dressmaker who had won his heart during the meetings at the barracks. The young woman says that she met Thayer at the volunteer barracks, where the latter has been in charge for four years. She permitted his attentions until she says there was considerable gossip in army circles, when it seemed to her too late to withdraw. When Thayer proposed flight to Omaha the girl acquiesced.

"I liked him as well as any one," said Miss Hashenberger, "although I would not marry him. I took poison and a razor away from him and made him promise he would not kill himself, but he has not kept his word." Thayer still shows the marks of the severe punishment he received from his wife, who recently horsewhipped him.

Before he joined the volunteers Thayer was a singer in comic opera. He came to Nebraska from Freeport, Ill.

Rich Pearl Find at Lansing. Lansing, Ia., July 1.—This city bids fair to become famous for the many fine pearls found here. One yesterday sold for \$1,800. It was found by an old Swede named Benson on the clam bed which produced the famous Queen Mary about a month ago, and although weighing less, 66 grains, is a much finer and more valuable gem. No less than 12 pearls were found here one day last week, but the Benson pearl will probably go down in history as the finest of them all.

Jury Acquits Dr. Winter. Granite Falls, Minn., July 1.—The jury in the murder trial of Dr. Winter late last night returned a verdict of not guilty. Dr. Winter, on April 15 last, shot and killed William Leonard, a gambler, with whom he was playing poker, explaining at the time that he discovered Leonard to be cheating him. He demanded his money back and secured part of it from Leonard's partner, but the other man refused to give up what he had won and Dr. Winter shot him.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD. East bound freight rates are demoralized as a result of a fight by Kansas City roads.

Two farmers, Lee Hine and Isaac Tryon, were killed by a Lake Shore train near Waterloo, Ind., Saturday.

A boy smoking a cigarette started a \$50,000 fire in the livery stable of Charles Seibold at Alton, Ill., Saturday.

Mrs. Eliza Potter, wife of the Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, Protestant Episcopal bishop of New York, died suddenly Sunday.

Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy was sentenced at Kansas City Saturday to ten years in the penitentiary for the murder of her husband.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Panama, owing to a report that the rebel forces have been reorganized. Considerable fighting is in progress in the interior.

M. Fournier won the automobile race from Paris to Berlin, making the distance from Hanover to Berlin in 11 hours 46 minutes and 10 seconds. The racers were welcomed to the German capital by a crowd of 10,000.

The steamer Mohawk, with 700 excursionists for Danbury, Conn., aboard, struck on a rock near Glen Island, Saturday, and sank in water that submerged the first deck. Many were injured in the panic that followed.

The government ended Saturday the most successful financial year in its history. The surplus is \$75,000,000, which exceeds any year in the last decade except 1900, and would have been that but for \$15,000,000 bond purchases.

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