

**The Norfolk News**

The enemy's country is expanding—Virginia democrats have also eliminated Bryan and Bryanism.

It is estimated that the United States steel corporation is losing at the rate of \$300,000 a day in business on account of the strike.

Iowa papers are predicting that Cummins' plurality will be about 100,000. Anyway it is about a sure thing to predict that he will be elected.

A Missouri exchange says that an Indiana town has had a shower of crickets but St. Louis had a fall of something citizens with long memories call water.

The threatened scarcity of potatoes has caused the St. Louis Globe-Democrat to recommend rice as a suitable substitute. Both are chiefly composed of starch.

The Omaha News thinks that if Admiral Schley was intoxicated at Santiago the government should supply its admirals with quantities of the kind of liquors used by him.

A young Frenchman aged 22, 9 feet and 2 inches in height, and weighing 418 pounds, is soon to wed an English girl who is 8 feet and 3 inches in height. The minister will probably be compelled to use a step ladder in tying the knot.

Nebraska has 3,924 miles of irrigation ditches and its real estate value has been increased by about \$16,988,310 thereby. With all the property under irrigation that can be, Nebraska will in time become one of the most valuable agricultural states of the union.

A London editor has been called to appear before the bar of parliament to answer to the charge of comparing the nationalist party of that country with Tammany. The question is what would happen in England if they had the genuine Tammany to deal with?

Douglas county democracy is to picnic at Bennington next Sunday. It is supposed that the day will be remembered by the speakers, who will come prepared with sermons and that the sports and athletics announced will convey valuable moral lessons.

The Nebraska Independent doesn't like Eli Perkins because he is such a liar. While the Independent is reforming him it should also turn its attention to some fusion editors and politicians. One handsome thing about Eli is that he doesn't even pretend to tell the truth.

Mr. Bryan says that he still stands on the Chicago platform but it appears that he will have mighty precarious footing after the "common" democrats of the country get through with it. If the said platform gets a few more jolts like that given in Ohio the planks will be pretty seriously splintered.

Geo. T. Angell of Boston, editor of Dumb Animals, is the latest to criticize the cruelty to dumb animals as exhibited by the South Omaha bull fight. It was certainly cruel for the flies to attack the poor brutes but the matadores should be given credit for doing their best to relieve the distress of the animals.

The fusionists are already beginning to tell what the result will be if republicans are successful at the polls. They have missed their guess so often that it is a wonder they do not become tired and quit but in the absence of other campaign material they probably feel justified in making the worst of what might happen.

A Taswell, Ind., man recently announced he was a second edition of Algic Crook, and had never been kissed. The next night he was held up by six young beauties who planted several resounding smacks on his virgin lips. Now all the unmarried men in the city are making the same bluff, but are not being called.—Omaha News.

The leading pop journal of the state is convinced that there will be some middle-of-the-road democrats in Nebraska next campaign. It is probably right, the fusion democrats are disappearing so rapidly that it is a question if they will be able to muster as many voters during the next presidential campaign as the mid-road populists did last year.

The democrats think that a standing army of 100,000 men on pay is one of the most horrible conceptions of republicanism, but those who remember the army of the unemployed under Cleveland, when two and a half millions of men were kept standing, or sitting, without pay, to fight the gaunt wolf of hunger from their doors and with many casualties reported, are inclined to think that while the republican way may not be the best it is much better than the democratic method.

While a large number of democrats favor the nomination of Judge Hollenbeck for the supreme bench the democrats of Dodge county insist that George L. Loomis of Fremont is the proper man for the position. If the democrats manage to raise a candidate, the quarrel is not an easy one to settle.

lists, will slip into the fusion circus with a candidate and nab the plum.

David Nation, the husband of his hatched wife, alleges in his petition for divorce that she held him up to ridicule, neglected her family duties and abandoned his home. That's about what they have to do when they get busy as reformers. They become so addled with the intoxication of publicity that they are scarcely conscious of the neglect of their proper duties.—Fremont Tribune.

Fusionists need only to watch the dwindling majorities of the fusion parties to realize that it is not growing in favor. At one time the populists polled almost as many votes in the state as the republicans; now the latter party is easily ahead of both democrats and populists in the number of votes cast. Fusion has been a good thing—for a few fusion office holders and the republicans. Let 'em fuse.

Among the comparative statistics compiled for the Pan-American exposition regarding Nebraska, are the following: Number acres improved land, Nebraska, 18,274,035; number acres improved land, Pennsylvania, 13,210,597; miles railway, Nebraska, 5,706; miles railway, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, 5,497; number Indians in Nebraska, 3,528; number Indians in New York, 5,318; per cent illiteracy, Nebraska, 3.1; per cent illiteracy, Massachusetts, 6.2.

A trade journal says that newspaper publishers should prepare for a big business this fall. Most publishers are prepared for such a happening, in fact have been prepared for years, but the rush has never struck. They find plenty of work, but a large portion of it is profitless. It is to be hoped that the trade journal has not missed its guess and that for one season the publisher will enjoy a share of the prosperity that has been falling to the lot of other business men. Let the rush strike and the average publisher will risk being swamped by it.

J. H. Cook of Carthage, Mo., chairman of the allied third party and also chairman of the fusionist populist state committee of Missouri has called a mass national conference to meet in Kansas City September 17, 18 and 19. Mr. Cook has undertaken the stupendous task of uniting all the national reform forces in one party. It is the outcome of the Kansas City conference of June 18 and 19. It is supposed by "reform" forces every thing but republicans are included—it is the one party that needs reforming and all others must unite to accomplish that purpose.

Some one has figured it out that the church steeples of the country represent an expenditure of \$45,000,000, and he is probably not far out on the way. The steeple is sometimes the most expensive part of the edifice and is of no particular use except as a home of bats and sparrows. It is largely for show and until the church people quit building steeples they cannot consistently object to the extravagance of a woman who wears a flower and a feather on her bonnet. Lately, it must be admitted, the steeple has not been considered a necessity to a church structure and many modern churches have this feature omitted.

The key-note of the symposium in last week's Conservative regarding "The Young Man's Chances" is that men of energy, ability and honesty are in ever increasing demand. The young man who waits for something to turn up, or the one who is looking for a "snap" or the one who proposes to do legislate that all anyone will have to do is to sit down and gather in their share of wealth will never succeed. There are opportunities in plenty but they must be worked for. The young man who begins at the bottom of the ladder is usually given opportunities to work himself up if he shows that he is deserving of promotion.

It is constantly being impressed upon the people that if they want excitement of the genuine pioneer sort, for which the west was at one time famous, they must journey east to find it. The latest occurrence reported from the uncivilized east is the holding up of a stage near Glen Falls, N. Y. The trick was done by one lone masked bandit Wednesday night. The stage contained seven men and one woman and the robber secured \$20 in cash. Frequent reports of bears being killed come from the east and many similar stories go to indicate that the east is more wild and woolly than the west. It would not surprise western people in the least to hear of an Indian massacre in New York or Boston.

In spite of all that has been said against the fakir, people continue to contribute to his support and a picnic, circus day or a fair is incomplete when one or more "victims" are not reported. Sympathy for the man who loses is not so keen as formerly. He has had ample opportunity to learn that he is about certain to lose when he enters another man's game and when he loses and makes complaint there are more people who laugh than weep when he recites his tale of woe. If he should happen to win he would consider himself very

wise and would not trouble the police with his story of success as he is as liable to arrest as the fakir. And the fakir is the last to complain if he loses. He doesn't expect to lose and seldom does, but if he does he will not complain about it, except with the expectation of leading another victim on.

J. Pierpont Morgan is a master hand at organization but it is probable that he has conceived nothing stronger than his proposed alliance of capital and labor. The employees are to be given stock in the United States Steel corporation at inside figures and that it will result in the strongest possible organization there is little doubt. With every employe a stockholder, sharing in the profits of the business and with an opportunity to advance to the topmost place in its affairs, there will be an end of strikes and every employe will take the same interest in the success of the organization and its profits as the leading capitalist. Labor is advancing wonderfully in American industries. It has been the best paid of any in the world and if it now becomes wedded to capital in the manner proposed by Morgan it will undoubtedly have gained the summit.

The Norfolk Electric Light and Power company is certainly an accommodating concern. That city recently bonded itself for \$16,500 for an electric light plant. The company referred to—a private company already established—realizing that either the city could not make a success of the venture, or it could not, or that both would have a precarious time of it were both to remain in the field, offered to sell its plant to the city in the following manner:—The Norfolk Electric Light and Power company to select one appraiser; the city of Norfolk to select one appraiser; in case these two cannot agree then a third appraiser to be selected by the two already selected. The final findings of these appraisers to be paid and the price to be accepted, none of the appraisers to be residents or property owners of Norfolk, Nebr. And then the company offered to discount the amount agreed upon ten per cent if the deal was closed in the next thirty days. But the council rejected the offer—Grand Island Independent.

Governor Savage announced in Lincoln yesterday that the conditions of the Bartley parole are that the ex-treasurer make an itemized statement as to what became of the missing state funds, and if the conditions are not complied with then Bartley goes back to prison at the end of the 60 days, which will be on September 13. As to what the governor intends to do with Bartley if he does comply with these conditions is not stated. In no event is it intimated that the \$500,000 which the state is out on Mr. Bartley are to be returned. To the majority of tax payers, and particularly to the republicans, the question as to what Bartley did with the money is not of vital importance. That he failed to turn it over to his successor at the expiration of his term of office is a well known fact, and few of us can see any reason why executive clemency should be extended in his case. Had he stolen \$1,000 and been sentenced to the penitentiary, he would have been allowed to serve out his time, and the governor could do no more popular thing than to put him back into the penitentiary and leave him there, without any further reference to conditions.

**A Great Big Westerner.**  
Iowa republicans have shown wisdom in designating Governor Shaw as the state's favorite son. In fact the whole middle west can do no better than adopt him in this relationship. Latter day issues have developed no other man in the region of such courage, brilliancy and ballance.

It was he who, when other western republican leaders were resting on their arms after the merely defensive "sound money" victory of 1896, forced the fighting which resulted in the capitulation of the "bimetallists" in the gold standard act of March, 1900.

He was one of the few political leaders honored, trusted and looked up to in the business men's monetary convention at Indianapolis. He was the one republican governor out of some three dozen in the country at large who ventured into the bogus anti-trust conference in which Governor Sayers, of Texas, sought to produce a democratic issue and leader for the campaign of 1900. And, when once in it, his biting satire and relentless logic had exposed the partisan humbug of that proceeding as it could not have been exposed from the outside. Naturally such a man has become the party spokesman and oracle of his section. When we add to his record of party service that of four useful years as the executive of a state which exacts economical rule and strict attention to public business from its governors, we have a public character which gives us heart in the revival of the belief that American politics can still attract the best men of American communities.

It is rarely, indeed, that a state convention, one planning itself on the party possession of a "national leader of renown," falls so far within the truth as the Iowa body, which plainly has transferred the mantle of Allison, at the senator's request, to the shoulders of Shaw. He is a great big westerner, as strong as any of the elder breed and infinitely finer.—New York Press.

Governor Savage has proclaimed September 3—Labor day—as a holiday.

No plans are being made by Europe to keep Uncle Sam's dollars out of that market because they are unhealthy or inferior.

The cotton crop has suffered by the drought and it will probably require more to buy the baby a shirt than for some years past.

It is said that onions, garlic, asafoetida, cloves and limburger cheese in equal parts, taken regularly, will kill that horrible watermelon breath.

A Fargo, S. D., alderman came near being arrested as a horse thief. It is strange that a man should be subject to suspicion just because he is an alderman.

Harry Shrimp of Bessemer, Alabama, was killed for refusing to drink with a companion, and the Sioux City Tribune is of the opinion that "Have courage, my boy, to say no" means more there than elsewhere.

Senator Clark of Montana says he would rather let the grass grow in the streets of his home city than grant his men an eight-hour day. This is the same senator who contributed an immense fund to the democratic campaign committee to aid in putting down the trusts.

Senator Marion Butler is of the opinion that Hill is in effect a republican and stands for the same principles as McKinley and Hanna, and this too, in spite of the fact that Hill has often asserted that he is a "democrat;" that he is a pronounced free trader and an anti-expansionist. Evidently the senator's conception of republicanism is as badly confused as his ideas of democracy.

There is balm in Holt county for Colonel Bryan's wounded feelings that have been so shamefully lacerated in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. The good fusionists of that county have met and resolved that the colonel and his principles are all right in every particular beyond a doubt and propose to let the world realize that there is at least one spot in the union loyal to the twice defeated candidate.

"Coin" Harvey should go more into detail when he asserts that Chairman Jones' mismanagement was responsible for Mr. Bryan's two defeats. If he did so he would probably explain that Jones' greatest mistake was when he adopted "Coin's" book as the acme of political wisdom and placed the author on the stump to prove its teachings. Certainly democracy is having more trouble to get rid of that mistake than any other.

The State Journal thinks that, while the steel strikers may be wrought up to a considerable extent against their employers, they are not yet ready for any foolishness as far as politics are concerned. The Journal says: "They appreciate the difference between the laying off, because work had quit them, and quitting work because there is so much work to do that they are besought with prayers and tears to come back and be good. And when one comes to look squarely at it there is a very large difference."

The burning of negroes at the stake is becoming quite common in the south, several having been burned recently. The latest victim of a mob's fury was a negro near Dexter, Texas, who was accused of murdering a woman who was a bride of but six months. The negroes punished may be ignorant and debased brutes but the mobs seem to be intent on exceeding them in brutality. If mob law must be used why don't the leaders advise some more respectable death than the torture of savages? Senator Tillman speaks in defense of mob law, why don't he use his influence toward making it less brutal? The time may come when white criminals will be burned by negro mobs, then the whites will wish that they were in a position to enter a consistent protest.

American railroads are lately devoting much attention to the development of the territory tributary to their respective roads. Always a factor in the upbuilding of a country, they do more to advertise it than any other industry. Many unique schemes have been devised to call attention to the merits of certain localities and new and novel methods of attracting settlers are always in demand by railway managements. Perhaps nothing better has been conceived than a plan recently put in operation by the Union Pacific company, one of the foremost lines in the movement. That company is now issuing monthly a neat pamphlet of special interest to business men and capitalists seeking locations and investment. It is entitled "Business Openings on the Union Pacific Railroad" and besides giving valuable data regarding the location, population and peculiar facilities of the towns along its lines of road it has obtained the necessary information to state authoritatively what business or lines of business would find a desirable location and custom at each place. It can readily be conceived that such a work would be of inestimable value to business men seeking new fields and it will undoubtedly be of

material assistance in upbuilding the road's territory and thereby increasing its freight and passenger business.

**POLICE SEEK HAYDEN.**  
New York Branch of Swift & Co. Robbed by Trusted Employee.

New York, Aug. 19.—The whereabouts of John T. Hayden, the missing secretary-treasurer of the New York branch of Swift & Co., remains a mystery. Hayden disappeared last Tuesday after he had turned his books over to John Chaplin, an auditor in the Chicago office of Swift & Co., who had come east to make one of his periodical inspections of the firm's accounts. Mr. Chaplin had gone but little way in his work when he discovered that the accounts were short several thousand dollars. A warrant has been sworn out for Hayden and detectives are looking for him. A warrant was issued on a complaint framed on the accusation that Hayden had appropriated \$10,000 which he obtained by one check drawn on the company's account.

Mr. Chaplin, when seen at his hotel last night, said: "The amount of the embezzlement is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It will not exceed the latter figure, although we have not completed our investigations. It will probably take all of this week to get things straightened out. The thefts have been going on since the first of August."

"Hayden was under bond and the company will not lose a dollar."

**BLAST KILLS AND MAIMS.**  
Molten Metal Explodes in Steel Plant at Youngstown.

Youngstown, O., Aug. 19.—An explosion of ten tons of molten metal in the blast furnace department at the Ohio plant of the National Steel company resulted in the death of three workmen and in the injury of 11 others.

The dead: Richard Richards, Joseph Bugos, John Crinkshank.

The injured: Steven Stahma, Michael O'Brien, Andrew Kahut, Joseph Dymenko, John Steffan, Andrew Burgess, Andrew Magyar, George Jakuz, George Puvilk, George J. Wanizak.

At least six of the injured are not expected to live.

The machinery which controlled the ladle containing the molten mass broke and allowed the metal to drop in a vat containing water.

**HOLD INQUEST OVER BODY.**  
T. F. Clements is Name of Man Who Was Murdered at Arion.

Denison, Ia., Aug. 19.—The inquest in the Arion murder case was resumed this morning. It was developed at the inquest that the victim's name was T. F. Clements, alias J. F. Love, and the fact of the murder was established. The suspect arrested at Mapleton was with Clements on the afternoon of the murder, but seems to be able to prove an alibi at the time the crime was committed. Suspicion rests upon two negroes who have not been apprehended yet. The murdered man was a card shark. He had friends in East Dubuque.

**FOUR HURT BY CANNONADE.**  
South Dakota Soldiers Maimed by Premature Discharge.

Huron, S. D., Aug. 19.—A premature discharge of a cannon at Camp Sheldon Saturday evening caused Private Mackay to lose his right hand and Private Smith his right thumb. Similar accidents occurred while firing a salute in honor of Governor Herreid, when Sergeant Hunt lost part of his right hand and one of Private Wright's thumbs was split. All the injured are members of Battery A of Clark.

**Textile Workers Unite.**  
New York, Aug. 19.—The International Association of Textile Workers' and the American Federation of Textile Workers' met in this city today and endorsed the action of the Fall River operators in resisting a proposed reduction of wages. The action on the part of the Fall River employers has brought about an amalgamation of the International association and the American Federation. The amalgamation will take place on Nov. 19 in Washington.

**State Dairy Convention.**  
Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 19.—The Iowa dairy convention will be held in Dubuque Nov. 12 to 14 next and the program is now being prepared for the same. Professor Curtis of the Iowa experiment station has consented to deliver an address. Secretary James Wilson is expected to be present and other well known agriculturists. Several cities of Iowa are moving to try to secure a meeting of the National Buttermakers' association.

**Sheepmen Slaughter Cattle.**  
Pine, Or., Aug. 19.—There is great excitement on East Pine creek on account of the finding of 17 head of cattle that had been shot to death. Cattle owners of this section swear vengeance. It is supposed that the killing of the cattle was the work of sheep herders. Ill feeling has existed for a long time.

**Mother of Seven a Suicide.**  
Grant, Neb., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Willis Wheeler, wife of a farmer ten miles southeast of Grant, committed suicide yesterday by cutting her throat with a razor. Ill health and despondency are supposed to have been the cause. She leaves a husband and seven small children.

**Santa Fe Mail is Wrecked.**  
Topeka, Kan., Aug. 12.—The west-bound Santa Fe fast mail ran into the rear of through freight train No. 121 Saturday near Pauline, four miles south of Topeka. Engineer James Rolla and Fireman F. B. Wahl were badly injured. Traffic was delayed six hours.

**TRY TO BREAK THE STRIKE**

**Steel Trust Smuggles Non-unionists Inside the Mills,**

**WILL START MONESSEN PLANT.**

**Expect to Add it to the List of Mills Already in Operation, but Strikers Say it is Impossible—New Workmen Kept on Premises.**

Pittsburg, Aug. 19.—A party of strike breakers, brought up from the south by special train, were safely delivered in the steel mill at Monessen early Sunday morning and the United States Steel corporation expects to add that plant to the number running partly or in full with nonunion men within the next 24 hours. The Carnegie properties also resumed last night without a break in the forces operating them and that fact joined with a promise of an early start at Monessen leads the steel officials here to take a very hopeful view of the situation. The strikers claim that men enough to start the Monessen mills cannot be obtained and that they have not yet shown their hand at Duquesne and other Carnegie plants. They promise that developments will indicate their strength to better advantage. It was anticipated that there would be trouble when the nonunion men reached Monessen, for the strikers were watching the railroads and rivers and had expressed a determination to prevent the entrance of the strike breakers. The men who were handling the movement for the steel corporation successfully veiled their action, however, and had their charges safely within the plant hours before it was known definitely by anyone on the outside that the men had arrived. They were brought to Monessen by special train and were landed at 4 o'clock in the morning. It is not known how many men were in the party or where they were obtained. The mills are guarded and the men will be kept on the premises until all danger of trouble ceases. Bunks for about 50 men have been erected and large quantities of food have been purchased for them. A fence has been thrown around the property and guards posted to keep out all intruders. The strikers will undoubtedly make an effort to induce the strike breakers to quit and the fear is expressed that there will be trouble if any demonstration is made against the men or property. The situation there is regarded as very delicate.

**Officers Patrol Works.**

A report from McKeesport early this morning says at least 40 officers are patrolling the grounds that surround the big Duquesne works. It has been reported generally throughout the valley that 150 men have gone on strike in the converting mill. Nothing definite can be learned, but the officers seem to be much worried and there is a great deal of excitement in and around the works. It is claimed that five lodges of the Amalgamated association have been organized in the different departments of the works.

**THINK CHICAGO WILL JOIN.**  
Vice President Davis Confident Men Will Walk Out.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—W. C. Davis, vice president of the Fourth district and director of the steel strike in the west, announced that he believed the South Chicago men finally will join the general strike of steel workers. Not this week, he said, because there will be no meeting. It is his intention to meet the men individually and endeavor to persuade them to reverse their decision.

Secretary Tighe addressed two big meetings at the East Chicago mills of the Republic Iron and Steel company yesterday. He and Mr. Davis had gone there direct from Milwaukee because the union men had signified their desire to reaffirm their sympathy with the movement in the east and in certain parts of the west. This they did. They went even further, and emphasized their approval of the attitude and action of the South Chicago steel men. Resolutions were passed pledging their support morally and financially. They arranged to contribute \$1,000 every two weeks to the strikers' fund.

These meetings over, Secretary Tighe boarded a Pennsylvania train for Pittsburg. "The west is all right," he said, as he left. "Vice President Davis is now in charge and I am confident the men now out at Joliet and Milwaukee will hold true to their unionism."

**Fires are Out at Bayview.**

Milwaukee, Aug. 19.—Everything is quiet at Bayview. The majority of the strikers remained at their homes yesterday, but some of them gathered in little knots on the streets and discussed the strike. The fires at the Bayview plant have been put out with the exception of the blast furnaces, the output of which is not operated in this city. It is said 400 men are employed in the blast furnaces. Some of the leaders at Bayview hope for a compromise between the United States Steel corporation and the Amalgamated association within the next two weeks.

**All Quiet at Joliet.**

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 19.—All is quiet among the steel workers in Joliet. Great hopes are entertained by the labor leaders that South Chicago will follow the lead of Joliet and Bayview. No attempt to start up the plant here is anticipated this week. The wire mills will be compelled to shut down before the end of this week and this will throw out 2,000 additional men.