The Norfolk News

If the British army in South Africa don't get smashed on the kopf they run some chances of getting it in the nek.

The boiling of the political pot has this year long before the usual time of starting the fire.

The reason has been discovered for the early conventions-Mark Hanna intends to kill Bryan off by exposure to early spring weather in his rear platform speeches and by working him considerably over time.

Just two years ago Thursday the battleship Maine was sunk in Havana harbor. Many events have happened since that date which lead one to the belief that the event was duly and appropriately remembered.

Culbertson of the Ira Cole Era says: "Violation of the laws of nature do not always shorten life. Many men have lived to be over eighty years old, yet have chewed tobacco, smoked, drank and voted the democratic ticket all their lives."

Reports from various parts of the country are to the effect that St. Valentine's day was the biggest on record for the number and value of tender missives sent through the Uncle Sam's mail. Love undoutedly prospers with improved business conditions.

A negro at Kansas City, Mo., has been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for snatching a white woman's pocket book. This is a severe punishment and probably deserved. The only question is, would a white person of some standing and intelligence have received a like sentence from the same court?

Mr. Bryan's statement that his supporters in the east are constantly increasing in numbers will have to be taken with some degree of allowance in view of the fact that he so frequently made similar assertions during the campaign of 1896, none of which the returns went to prove.

Edgar Howard of the Papillion Times gives the whole snap away when in criticising a certain article he says the sentiment "is undemocratic, unpopocratic, and, therefore, unconstitutional.' More than one republican policy has been hooted at by the popocratic press not particularly because it was unconstitutional but because it was "undem ceratic and unpopocratic."

The committee on public buildings and grounds of the house of representatives has before it some 200 public building bills and Congressman Mercer, the chairman, is under tremendous pressure from those interested. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the only really important bill before the committee and the one which should be first considered is that providing for the government building in Norfolk. All others are of minor consideration.

It is the general opinion that the supposed retreat of the Boer army from Kimberly will yet end in some disaster to the British forces under General Kelly-Kenny. It is one of their standard tricks to retire in appearant fear from a British advance and when they get the English army where they want them turn the tables in a decisive manner. Those who have studied the war will be much disappointed if the usual tactics are not pursued in this instance.

The opposition is pleased to term every republican sheet whether it be a city daily or a cross-roads weekly as an "administration" organ. An unwitting compliment in ended for a cruel slam. It is an honor to any paper to be the mouthpiece of the administration, but for the administration to father all the varied and sometimes wonderfully original thoughts of the editors of the laud is unjust, as it would take all its time and would exhaust several thought germ inators.

The Omaha municipal campaign is now on and it promises to be a lively one. Frank E. Moores, the present mayor heads the republican ticket, while the fusionists have placed in nomination W. S. Poppleton. The chief issue of the campaign seems to be for and against municipal ownership of water and lighting facilities. The World-Herald has already started out on a campaign of personal abuse, and mud-slinging will probably be a leading feature.

The report of the misfortunes of Frank G. Simmons, postmaster at Seward, comes as a shock to the newspaper men favorably known. It would be very difficult to make his friends believe more like sympathizing with than condemning him. It is to be hoped that he may be able to settle up his troubles satisfactorily.

proposes a ticket to be nominated at the hampton, Mass., in 1804 an, anti-expan- to charges filed last July by Chas. H

been somewhat retarded by the spell of tion in the breast of the writer to want ing. The antis of Nebraska would be weather but it will be sizzling in earnest | to be state treasurer. He feels as though | swift to rebuke the sentiment | that | the Bartley company for a few years.

> telope county has been called to meet to nominate candidates for members of all up at one sitting. The entire plan gree. of the campaign seems to be for a long one with all the primary, business finished soon after the grass commences to shoot. Time alone will tell whether the policy should be commended or condemned.

The instruction today being given in the public schools is at great variance readin,' ritin' and 'rithmetic is ample and sufficient. The public schools are suggestion that pet animals should be care for them, and above all they brutes, a trait that not all are taught and not oppose a movement that may

be retired as would also the treasury

Again that sting of ingratitudeelected them—that party that promises \$2,307,902,945. everything but accomplihes nothingthe party of Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, Webster, Lincoln, and every other prominent American statesmen-democracy. Surely all the people but a select few are crazy, incompetent, and unfit to draw the breath of life. Their number is constantly decreasing and the tattered rag of popocracy is on its last Spion kop.

Popocratic campaign lies are being knocked in the head early in the campaign. The reiterated assertion of the fusionists that there is a secret alliance between this government and Great Britain received its quietus in the house of lords recently when Lord Rosebery, expremier, and one presumed to know air of the plains. whereof he speaks, said: "Last De cember the government made urgent the youth of 1859 has become a man overtures to two great powers, Germany who, in 1899, presents one of his emand the United States, for an alliance, ployes a hundred thousand, another but those overtures were not received seventy-five thousand dollars as a token with such cordiality as to encourage the of his esteem. The name of the wouth government to pursue." And this at a whom The Conservative endorsed in time too, when England would be only to proud and happy to proclaim or hint in 1899 is David H. Moffatt. He banks at such an alliance were it supported by a little in Denver." any grounds whatsoever. The "secret alliance" must be so secret that not even the leading officials of the two govern- telegram from Omaha to the Chicago ments have knowledge of its existence. Record:

THE NEWS wishes to emphasize, even alarm at the prospective visit of the ina he expense of reiteration, the value and necessity of that kind of local patriotism which considers Norfolk the main hub of the universe. It really is of long standing made by the Norfolk to those who live here. While we should be proud to be Americans-anxious to be good citizens of the great republic—while we are indeed fortunate to have our lot east in such a magnifito have our lot cast in such a magnificent commonwealth as Nebraska, it remains once and forever true that this town and its development is what tariffs are somewhat nervous. The ac concerns us most. Here is where we tion of the board is taken at the behest live. Here the prosperity of our neighof the state among whom he is well and | bor affects us -hence we are bound as a | that the visit of the interstate commerce matter of self interest to premote his commission can be traced to the popu success. Here the public health makes list party. that Frank Simmons is dishonest or a difference with our own-therefore it that he intended to defraud the govern- is of vital interest to us that everything ment. He is no doubt the victim of which insures it should be encouraged. statement that it is a political matter, unfortunate circumstances, and we feel Let us be alive to the interests of Norfolk and each one do all in his power to to stand upon the position even though make it clean, prosperous, true-and the recent order of the popocratic state keep it so.

The Plainview Republican of last week | Fourth of July celebration at North that the commission comes in response

composed entirely of newspaper men. | toast: "Louisiana—the price, millions— Among the proposed candidates is the the possession, a curse." The area of him assistance in the freight rate fight editor of this paper for state treasurer. Louisiana at that time included what are to be found many republicans. After viewing the wreck of many prom- are now the states of Louisiana, Arkanising men who have handled funds sas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North other than their own, it is perhaps un- and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, necessary to say that the offer of such a Montana, Indian territory and Oklaposition, even as a joke, arises no ambi- homa, and half of Colorado and Wyomhe could not spare the time to keep Joe state is a curse to the government as would those of any other state cut out of the Louisiana purchase, were it ex-The republican convention of Au- pressed today, and the wonderful price paid at that time would not now purat Neligh on Saturday, April 28, to elect chase the real or personal property of delegates to the state, congressional, any state in the buuch. The antis in senatorial and judicial conventions, also 1801 made a grand mistake, as time has proven, and it is only a matter of time the legislature and county attorney, when the antis of 1900 will be in the The Antelope republicans appear to same ridiculous poistion-in fact even have taken the one from the state com- now the protests against expansion are mittee and intend doing the business being toned down in a remarkable de-

St. Louis, Mo., is planning for an ex-

position or world's fair in 1903, to com-

memorate the Louisiana purchase, fought as only good American soldiers which will be the 100th year since that know how to fight. No young men of purchase was made. The promoters this day and age are held in higher contemplate an expenditure of \$15,000,-000 in preparing for the fair. This memory of the boys who lost their lives amount is just \$3,000,000 more than was we all take off our hats and drop a with the old popular idea that teaching paid by the United States in 1803 for the silent tear without questioning their country then known as Louisiana. motives or the justice of the cause they Could the statesmen who engineered represented. Whether the Philippines getting on the board basis that the that deal see the wealth in property are worth one drop of blood is not the child should be taught those things both personal and real now contained question but it is a question of service which will be most useful to him in in that territory they would undoubt- to a people who would have sacrificed his life's work. Dr. Everett Hale's edly be greatly surprised and could the "little Americans" of that day behold a kept in public schools is not a decided hundredth part of its resources and it. Not all thought that the cause of inovation nor is it without its points to development they would be justified in the North against the South was just. recommend. The children would have believing they were the veriest fools in but all now accord to the herces of that a practical study of natural history opposing a measure that increased the day their just honor. All honor to the before them, they would learn how to government's wealth and power about one-half. The anti-expansionists of the would be taught kindness to dumb present day should be warned by this mean billions of dollars to the country. No one expects that Cuba, Porto Rico, It is apparently impossible for the Hawaii, the Philippines and other terriopporats to obtain campaign material tory under consideration if annexed to or argument without resorting to dole- the United States will prove as valuable ful prognostications for the future—the as the Louisiana purchase, but the present is seldom considered. Senator most obtuse individual cannot fail to Jones of Nevada, in his debate on the realize that they will be valuable acquipending currency measure made the sitions, and that they are capable of a assertion that at some subsequent date wonderful development. Considered the \$346,000,000 in greenbacks would from a purely mercenary standpoint the acquisition of Louisiana was a piece of notes, besides doing away with silver. financiering seldom or never equalled It is awful easy to make such statements in the history of the government. Conand Mr. Jones could just as well have sidered from the same standpoint, the stated that gold would be retired and possessions recently coming under diamonds employed as a circulating United States control, may not attain medium. There is no calamity which the same rank as the Louisiana purit is impossible for men like Jones to chase, but it is not doubted by those who have given it study that they will some day be valuable to the nation under whose control they come. Actwo democratic senators voted for that cording to the census of 1890 the Louisinortoriously infamous measure, the ana purchase for which the paltry sum currency bill, which fixes the hated gold of \$12,000,000 was paid in 1803, was standard on the down-trodden, enslaved given the assessed valuation of \$11,762,people, many of whom do not make 197,589. Of Missouri alone, where the above \$3,000 per year. How can men fair is to be held the valuation of real be so ungrateful to that party which and personal property was placed at

Generous.

The Conservative of Nebraska City contains an account of one young man who heeded Horace Greeley's advice and went west and has profited very much by the move: "In 1859 The Conservative, with absolute faith in his ability and honesty, gave a young man a general letter of commendation. The youth was just starting for Pike's Peak to search for wealth and reputation. He was pale-faced, bright, attractive, but whacked his oxen through to Cherry Creek, however, and fattened and strengthened on his coarse camp food and his out-of-doors sleep in the pure

"In a recent paragraph we see that 1859 and who is scattering cash that way

Is it a Political Matter? A local paper reprints the following

Railroad officials are betraying some terstate commerce commission. Private advices have been received that the commission will soon sit at Norfolk, this state, to consider a series of complaints board of trade. The merchants of that town for years sought to build up a jobbing business, but found it impossible to so under existing tariff schedules cannot compete with jobbing houses on the river. The railroad officials who had a hand in making these arbitrary of the managers and press of the fusion or populist party, and it is also alleged

If the local paper which reprinted this telegram desires to endorse the it has that privilege, and will be expected board of transportation be not enforced. It is a very broad claim to make that it It is a matter of history that during a is a political matter, when the fact is state convention in Lincoln May 2, sionist of that time responded to the Johnson, who, it is true, is not a repub-

lican, yet among those who are lending

It shows decidedly poor judgement for a paper or individual to endeavor to snatch the glory from the coffin of a dead hero for the purpose of making the cheapest kind of political capital-it is desecration of the worst sort and the surviving members of the family receive poor consolation from such sentiment. The man who did so during the civil war was promptly and appropriately termed copperhead which was a mild term for traitor. All honor to the brave lads whose patriotism prompted them to volunteer at their country's behest, to fight her battles and if need be to surrender their lives in her cause. May their glory never fade and may the country they served not grow less through the ranting bickerings of a senile partisan. The young men who went to the Philippines following Dewey's victory and who have gone since, enlisted of their own free will and esteem than these volunteers and to the tens of lives in internal strife to where one was sacrificed in an effort to prevent patriots who have fought and those who will continued to fight for their country.

The action of the middle-of-the-road populists at Lincoln is evidence that they believe the time is at hand to reassert their independence of the corrupt and hated old parties and make an effort to rebuild their organization. There is no surprise that they should come to their senses-from a populist standpoint. The only wonder is that they have so long submitted to democratic domination at a sacrifice of principle-for the few sops in the shape of promises of office thrown to them from the democratic table. It is the general belief that if they had stayed in "the middle of the road" the populist party would by this time have been as strong or stronger than their democratic allies. There are thousands of conscientious populists throughout the country who have been voting the republican ticket rather than unite with the fusion gang and an independent organization would induce their return to first principles.

F. A. Harrison, the well-known Washington correspondent, has other thoughts concerning newspaper men than merely furnishing excellent matter for their columns. He has recently sent his friends some seeds from a honey locust tree which grows at Mount Vernon, overhanging the old family tomb of the Washingtons, thinking that perhaps the editors of the "Tree Planters" state would take some interest in growing trees from seeds borne by a tree of such historical interest. He is not in the relic or seed business, but his desire to furnish his friends something of an interesting nature led him to make the collection.

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