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REMARKABLE INCREASE AT THE CLOSE OF A PANIC.

NORFOLK NATIONAL EXPANDS

The Institution Now Has a Surplus of \$50,000 on a Capital of \$100,000. Comparison With What It Was Twenty Years Ago.

At the annual directors' meeting of the Norfolk National bank, the usual dividend was declared and the surplus increased \$20,000. This makes a bank of \$100,000 capital and \$50,000 surplus, which is a mighty comfortable condition for the officers to contemplate just at the close of a panic.

It seems to be rather a remarkable coincidence that in the "Twenty Years Ago" items there appeared one to the effect that on January 3, 1888, "The Norfolk National bank directors declared a quarterly dividend of two and a half per cent, and added \$2,000 to the surplus fund. The dividend for 1887 reached nine per cent, while \$4,000 was added to the surplus."

The lapse of twenty years has shown great changes in the condition of the Norfolk National bank as well as the city of Norfolk itself. Twenty years ago the Norfolk National bank had a capital of \$60,000 with a surplus after the \$2,000 had been passed to that account of \$9,000.

W. H. Bucholz became president in 1901, and he in turn was succeeded by C. E. Burnham, now president, in March, 1904, when Mr. Bucholz retired from the bank to go with a bank in Oakland, Cal. Mr. Bucholz has since returned to Nebraska and is now cashier of the Merchants National in Omaha.

At the time Mr. Burnham became president of the Norfolk National it had a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$20,000. Two years ago the surplus fund was increased to \$30,000 and now it goes to \$50,000, a most remarkable increase when it is remembered that banks in all directions have been going to the wall during the past three months.

While the Norfolk National bank has changed presidents twice in twenty years, the change in the board of directors has been very slight, five of the directors of twenty years ago still serving on the board, viz: F. J. Hale, S. S. Cotton, F. P. Hanlon, A. Bear and N. A. Rainbolt, denoting a solid unchanged policy in the conduct of the institution during all that time.

The Norfolk National bank was chartered under the national banking law in 1855, absorbing at that time the C. P. Mathewson private bank, which was established in 1873, thus making it the oldest banking institution in the city.

CHRISTMAS IN THE WEST

Miss Opal Coryell Writes of Her Vacation.

Miss Opal Coryell, who is attending the state university of California, at Berkeley, that state, writes home of an interesting Christmas vacation which she has been enjoying. She was the guest of Miss Maud Chidester, whose father is city superintendent of schools at Eureka, Cal., a town situated 200 miles north of San Francisco.

"My first semester in the state university has been one round of hard work and pleasant times, and now at Christmas time a steamer trip to Eureka, which I will try to describe. It was simply grand! The ocean was quiet and smooth on the bay, except in one place, where it was rough for a short distance. We were near the land all the way, just running along the coast. On one side of us nothing could be seen but white caps and rolling water. I put on my life preserver just to see how it would fit, at the same time hoping I would never have to wear it.

"As for liquor, what harm is there in selling it, and selling it on Sunday? To close the saloon is to discriminate against the poor, who like their liquor just as well as the rich. The difference is in the fact that the man of means can have wine in his cellar or go to his club and get his liquor, while the poor man cannot. He has to depend upon the saloon for his beer."

"Bill," the editor said to the new reporter who was sent out to write up a fire, "don't talk about the fire belching from every window. It is as impolite for a fire to belch as it is for a man."

When we see a man who cultivates long finger nails, we think of clubs, pistols, and that sort of thing.

cooking once more.

While visiting here I will call upon Mrs. Fred Hardy, formerly of Norfolk. At Frisco, while waiting for the boat I was surprised by seeing the Nebraska football team come trooping off the train. It surely seemed like home to see "Nebraska" written across their sweaters.

We will leave here about January 15 for Berkeley.

PEST OF RABBITS

Bounty Will be Offered for Their Destruction by Washington State. North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 6.—The state, having been overrun with jack-rabbits, the next legislature will be asked to offer a bounty for the destruction of the pest.

The appropriation of hundreds of thousands of dollars made in past years in the successful war of extermination against the coyote is likely to be duplicated in the campaign against the new foe.

While the coyote ruled the plains there was no chance for the jack rabbit to exist, but of late years the increase of the rabbit has become alarming. The rabbits have increased so fast that oftentimes a whole season's crop is ruined by their depredations. They destroy the young fruit trees by eating the bark; they eat the young grain just sending its first shoots above the ground, while vegetables are their special delight.

It is believed that the proposed bounty will greatly help, as the boys in the country districts find it easy to shoot the pests or trap them and with a small bounty of 10 cents a scalp, with what they can get for the skins and meat, will encourage the youth of the state to go after the rabbits in dead earnest.

YOUTH OF 20 WEDS WOMAN OF 55

New Year Bride is Mother of Nine Children, Grandmother of Twelve.

Des Moines, Jan. 6.—The most remarkable wedding Iowa has seen in a decade was that of David Louis Brunce, a beardless youth of 20, and Mrs. Delliah Broyles, aged 55, hair white as driven snow, mother of nine children and grandmother of twelve.

As these twenty-one offspring and the bridegroom's father and mother stood with bowed heads, Rev. John A. Durant spoke the words that united this strange pair for life in the little church known as Scott's Mission.

No wonder tongues are wagging in South Des Moines society circles. Ministers say the affair is the most extraordinary that has ever come to public notice.

"My boy needs a wife who will be a mother to him. That is why I encouraged him in his courtship," said Mrs. Brunce, mother of the bridegroom. "It is true, my son's wife is three years older than I am, but what of that? She's a fine woman and I know she can make my son happy."

The extraordinary courtship which led to this unique mating of souls began several months ago. Mrs. Broyles was not disposed to yield at first. The idea of being courted by a man thirty-five years younger than she was novel to say the least.

"Why, David, I'm old enough to be your mother," she said as she sought to put him away. "What of it? You are old enough to have sound sense; that's just what a young husband needs," replied David, philosophically.

Well, there was no use, and finally Mrs. Broyles capitulated.

CHAMPIONS SALOONS.

Roman Catholic Priest Indulges in Plain Talk to Congregation.

Elgin, Ill., Jan. 6.—Although a temperance advocate, Rev. J. J. McCann, pastor of the St. Mary's Catholic church, surprised friends and critics alike in his sermon at New Year's mass by attacking the methods employed by local option workers.

He flayed the leaders, disagreed with the Protestant ministers, and asked the members of his congregation, while making their New Year's resolutions, to include one vowing not to join the local option movement which is sweeping over the country.

Father McCann took his text from St. Paul. "We should live soberly, justly and Godly in this world."

"Large cities like Elgin, and especially Chicago and New York, cannot be run like a small Sunday school class of children," he said. "If laws are enforced so well that we cannot see violations without taking dark lanterns and sneaking around back doors, I think we should be satisfied. People who take fine-tooth combs or magnifying glasses to detect moral corruption are altogether too finical.

"I think we ought to give city officials a fair show. When laws are enforced so well that we have to employ detective methods to find crime, then I think we are going too far. We elect city officials to enforce laws. If they don't do their duty we can change them at our next election. The world isn't going to wreck and ruin within two or four years, with the remedy in our hands.

ALL THREE ARE POISONED

MRS. DENNIS CRUM AND HER TWO CHILDREN.

BY EATING CANNED SARDINES

Mrs. Crum, Who Conducts a Restaurant on North Fifth Street, and Two Children Are Alive Only Because Physician Arrived in Time.

Poison in canned sardines almost resulted in three deaths in a Norfolk family yesterday. Mrs. Dennis Crum and her two children, after eating the sardines, became deathly sick. A physician was immediately summoned and only saved their lives by quickly administering an antidote.

Mrs. Crum conducts a restaurant on North Fifth street. Today the three poison victims are much better.

MONDAY MENTION.

Carl Lichtenburg of Hadar is visiting friends in Norfolk.

Joyce Hall returned Sunday evening from a short visit in Omaha.

Lester Weaver returned to Wesleyan university at Lincoln Monday.

Geo. Barr and wife of Stanton were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braasch of Hadar were city visitors Saturday.

A. J. Durland has returned from a short business trip to Omaha.

Herbert Zutz left Monday to resume his school work at Watertown, Wis.

Miss Hand, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Weaver, left Monday for North Bend, where she teaches school.

L. Nicola arrived home Sunday night from a two weeks' visit at his old home in Washington, Iowa. Mrs. Nicola remained in Iowa for a more extended visit.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: H. M. Coleman, Lynch; J. P. Classen, Madison; S. D. Dunn, Creighton; S. W. Stauffer, Lyons; Misses Clara Stephens and Emma Treadwell, Wisner; J. F. Peterson, Blair; Miss Saline Farnsworth, Madison; J. F. Slaughter, Burke; Miss Lotie M. Robertson, Wayne; Miss Josephine Richardson, Madison; A. G. Billenbeck, Humphrey; William Krother, Stuart; F. S. Putney, Miss Lulu Putney, Tilden; Dwight Blake, Jamison; Miss Ethel Blake, Wayne; George Bufington, Dallas, S. D.; A. Bucholz, Lynch; J. H. Jones, Pierce; C. L. Carpenter, Wayne; B. J. Overton, Creighton. Dr. E. L. Brush was in O'Neill Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Winder is visiting in Norfolk.

Miss Minnie Schram spent Sunday in Fremont.

Chris Lenser came home from Fremont Sunday evening.

Albert Miller is home from a visit with his parents in Minnesota.

Mrs. Burt Mapes returned today from a New Year's visit in Omaha.

Mrs. Rica Walters and daughter, Esther, have returned from Omaha.

Fred Madsen, who has been quite sick for several days, is able to be up today.

Miss Nora Hans of Battle Creek left Monday to return to her school work at Red Wing, Minn.

Frank Flynn has finished his course in Boyles business college in Omaha. He has a homestead in Gregory county which will probably receive most of his attention during the coming year.

Miss Lela Braasch entertained friends Saturday evening in honor of Miss Bertha Stierson.

Mrs. G. F. Bilger returned home today from a trip to Omaha. She had been absent for a week.

Charles Verges left at noon for Chicago to complete his medical course at the Herling Medical college.

Miss Bertha Stierson of Atkinson, who has been visiting at the home of Miss Lela Braasch, has returned home.

Mrs. A. J. Durland returned Tuesday evening from Omaha, where she was a New Year's guest at the Bromo home.

Miss Brant returned home last evening from Omaha, after spending Christmas and New Year's with relatives.

Miss Sophia Nethaway, who spent the holidays with Norfolk relatives, left this noon for West Point, where she is attending school.

Miss Josephine Butterfield, after spending the Christmas holidays in Norfolk, left Sunday for Wellesley, Mass., where she is a member of the Junior class. Miss Butterfield holds the presidency of her class at Wellesley.

Among the north Nebraska students who left Monday to attend the Lutheran university at Watertown, Wis., were Martin Wagner and Herbert Zutz of Norfolk, Philip Lehman of Stanton, Ernest Hoffman and Ernest Hans of Battle Creek and August Westerause of Winslow.

Dr. Fairchild of Clinton, Iowa, probably the greatest consulting surgeon west of Chicago, was in Norfolk Saturday for a short stay in the city. Dr. Fairchild is consulting surgeon of the Northwestern, the Burlington, the Rock Island and the Illinois Central. He was the guest of Dr. P. H. Salter in Norfolk.

This column was in error regarding the assembly at the home of Mrs. Shippee. It was choir practice of the Second Congregational church choir instead of a dancing party, as this column erroneously reported.

Miss Anna Boehnke of Fremont came up last evening for a visit with friends.

Miss Lou Podendorf of Missouri Valley, who has been spending her vacation with Miss Edith Schram, returned home yesterday.

Misses Anna and Nellie Welsh of Missouri Valley, who have been visit-

ing their cousin, Miss Anna Welsh, returned home yesterday.

Miss Nettie Cowan returned home from Omaha last evening, where she spent her Christmas vacation.

Miss Gretchen Schwartz returned home from Omaha yesterday noon.

Willie Bruce, who is a brakeman on the road, went to Verdigré to spend the coming month with his parents.

Miss Margaret Lund and two sisters and brother returned to their home in Battle Creek, after spending the past few days at the home of their uncle, Wm. Beck, and family.

Hans Anderson spent Saturday and Sunday in Creighton with his sister, Mrs. Fred Sprecher.

Mrs. Foster of Omaha, who has been visiting relatives in Verdigré, stopped off here on her way home to visit with her niece, Miss Madoline Welsh.

Miss Beasle Eiter of Niobrara passed through here yesterday on her way to her school near Clarkson, after having spent the holidays with her parents.

Miss Augusta Machmuller returned to Omaha after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Machmuller.

Mrs. Fred Sprecher returned to her home in Creighton Saturday, after having spent the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Anderson.

Miss Lizzie Schram went to Pierce yesterday to her school after a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Gertrude Nielson returned to Lincoln to the university, after spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nielson, west of the Junction.

Mrs. Ed Kenneley, who formerly lived at the Junction but is now a resident of Foster, is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Barritt.

Miss Lida Squires went to Pierce yesterday on business.

Will Hill returned Saturday from Omaha, where he has undergone five operations on his eye. Mr. Hill got a piece of steel in his eye in the round house last summer, and can see nothing with it yet. He will return to Omaha in ten days and undergo another operation. The sickness of his three children with chickenpox called him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Demmon of Missouri Valley were visiting relatives in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Helen Friday returned home from a week's visit in Creighton last evening.

Dick Walton is visiting his brothers in Tilden this week.

S. T. Adams and family, who have been quarantined with diphtheria at their home on South Fourth street, are out now.

Miss Rebecca Duggan returned to Pierce yesterday to school. She has been spending a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson.

Miss Geneva Moolick returned Sunday to her school, four miles northwest of the city, after having enjoyed a two weeks' visit at home.

A large crowd of young people thronged Klug's ice pond yesterday afternoon and night.

Tuesday with the second exchange day during the daylight hours and the annual meeting of the Commercial club in the evening, is to be an important day in Norfolk.

The first service in the "week of prayer" series was held Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Rev. W. J. Turner, pastor of the First Congregational church, spoke on "The Promises of God." Monday evening's services was announced for the Christian church.

A telegram was received yesterday by Mrs. W. G. Baker from Congressman Burton L. French of Idaho announcing the arrival of a daughter in the French household at Washington. Mrs. French is a sister of Mrs. Baker and was formerly a teacher in Norfolk, Madison and Tilden. She was Miss Winifred Hartley before her marriage.

Rev. E. F. Eberly of Chadron will not become pastor of the Baptist church in Norfolk. The Chadron pastor has written to Norfolk to this effect. Mr. Eberly spoke in Norfolk recently and after hearing him the Baptist church extended an invitation to come to Norfolk where the church has been without a minister since Rev. Mr. Benjamin left for California.

Schools and colleges the country over throw open their class room doors Monday morning following the holiday vacation. Trains were crowded Sunday with college students returning to the college centers and with teachers going back to their work.

The Norfolk schools opened Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation. Save for Miss Boyd, whose arrival in Norfolk will be delayed until Wednesday on account of illness, the Norfolk teachers were all in their class rooms. In Miss Boyd's absence the first grade in the Grant school was turned over to Miss Lena Mills. The next Norfolk school vacation will be in April.

A party of men and women of Philadelphia have just returned, says the Omaha Bee, from a three months' trip of roughing it in Wyoming, where they were the guests of Mr. Gilpin Lovering on his ranch near Dubois. They have brought with them a rich collection of heads of deer, antelope and mountain sheep; and the young people, bronzed and healthy looking, give full corroboration to their tales of horseback riding through the foothills, hours of lying in wait for game, and camping out on the half broken trails.

Mr. Lovering's ranch is eighty miles from Lander, the terminus of the Northwestern line, in the midst of the finest big game country in America. It is at an elevation of 7,000 feet. The ranch covers thousands of acres. The houses are of logs, with big open fireplaces and large rooms, and possess particularly strong interest by reason of the fact that Owen Wister is said to have written the first part of his famous novel, "The Virginian," here.

W. A. GARDNER IN NORFOLK

PRESIDENT OF THE OMAHA ROAD PASSES THROUGH.

RETURNING FROM BLACK HILLS

Accompanied by General Manager Walters and General Superintendent Braden of the Northwestern—Went on to Omaha.

W. A. Gardner, president of the Minneapolis & Omaha road and vice-president of the Northwestern system, went through Norfolk Monday morning. Mr. Gardner came from Deadwood, where he was joined Friday by General Manager Walters of Omaha and General Superintendent Braden of Norfolk.

This was President Gardner's first trip through Norfolk since becoming the executive head of the M. & O. The trip was made to put Mr. Gardner in touch with present conditions and the outlook in the northwest.

Mr. Gardner came west by way of St. Paul. His trip to the Black Hills was made over the new Pierre-Rapid City extension. He came through Norfolk on No. 2. Messrs. Braden and Walters accompanied him as far as Omaha.

LID AT BONESTEEL

The New Year Affords a New Order of Things in That City

Bonesteel News: The New Year has brought to Bonesteel a new order of things and hereafter it may be classified among the "tight lid" towns. The order went out to all the saloon men in Bonesteel Tuesday that on and after that date gambling in any form would not be tolerated and any violations would be speedily prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Marshall Taylor informs us that he shall see that the order is strictly complied with.

During the past year many restrictions have been placed on the saloon interests of Bonesteel but the one of Tuesday is the most sweeping and has thus far proven the most effective.

All gambling has ceased and all devices have been moved from the properties occupied by the saloons. The saloon men have shown no disposition to resist the order.

It is quite likely that other towns in the county will find it necessary to follow in the footsteps of Bonesteel on this proposition.

HUNT LOST MAN

Bonesteel Citizens Search for Man Tuesday Night—Found Wednesday

Bonesteel News: There was a general man hunt in Bonesteel Tuesday evening and many of our citizens took part in the search. The way it came about was as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Semal whose home is in Yankton county arrived in Bonesteel Tuesday morning and were guests at the Mace hotel. They were aged people and were enroute to visit their daughter who lives near Jamison. They remained about the hotel all day Tuesday and in the evening were arranging to go to the depot to take the train west for Herrick where they were to meet, on Wednesday their son-in-law to convey them to his home. Only a few minutes before train time they settled with Mrs. Mace for their accommodations and awaiting the arrival of the bus to take them to the train, Mr. Semal went to the back yard of the hotel property and from that time until morning he was not seen. Mrs. Semal became very much alarmed at the safety of her husband and a search that night did not reveal his whereabouts.

Early Wednesday morning he appeared in company with Ole Flisram who lives south of Bonesteel. He had wandered to his place the night previous and Mr. Flisram took him in and cared for him until morning.

Mr. Semal says he was slugged and corroborate his statement exhibited a bruised head and a bruised finger. He says it took place back of the Mace hotel. If this is true and robbery was the intent the perpetrator did not carry out his design, for he had lost no money.

This is not generally accredited in Bonesteel. It is thought that Mr. Semal became demented and wandered away in the dark and came in contact with some building or fence and received his injuries in that manner. It is said that he had suffered before with mental derangement and in this instance it is not unlikely that he suffered from the same cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Semal left Wednesday for Herrick.

TAFT PLANS TALK.

Big Secretary is Writing New Speeches and Adjusting His Plumage.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Secretary Taft will make a series of important speeches, and talk on the issues before the country in the immediate future. He has accepted an invitation for Jan. 10 to address the People's Forum in Cooper Union, New York City.

Thus he will invade the territory of Gov. Hughes, whose friends are endeavoring to start a presidential boom for him. On Jan. 14 the secretary will invade the ballfield of Senator Knox. On the evening of that date he will address the Ohio society of Philadelphia.

He has selected an auspicious occasion to speak in his own state. On Jan. 29 the Tippecanoe club, of Cleveland, the largest political institution in northern Ohio, will honor the birth of William McKinley at its annual banquet, and the secretary will be the guest of honor. On Feb. 12 he will address the Lincoln club, of Grand

Rapids, Mich., the occasion being the Lincoln day banquet.

Sentiment on the presidential question has not yet crystallized in the Wolverine state, although Mr. Taft is said to have a strong following there. Gov. Warner, it will be recalled, said in an interview recently that the secretary would get the Michigan delegation.

BLACK HAND IN OMAHA

BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A MURDER.

BODY OF MAN FOUND BY BOYS

Entire Side of Face Blown Off by Charge From a Shot Gun—Victim Had Been Threatened by Black Hand—No Arrests Yet.

Omaha, Jan. 6.—Special to The News: The Black Hand is believed to be responsible for the murder of Gule-seppe Fioranza, whose dead body was found by boys Sunday afternoon in East Omaha. The body was found with the entire side of the face blown off by a charge from a shotgun. It is stated that Fioranza had been threatened by the Black Hand. No arrests have yet been made by the police, but they are following several clues with hopes of unravelling the mystery.

DEATH OF POPULAR YOUNG MAN

Chas. M. Hedrick, Deputy County Clerk of Brown County.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 6.—Special to The News: The people of Ainsworth and of Brown county were shocked Friday morning by the announcement of the death of Charles M. Hedrick, deputy county clerk. He had been sick but a week. The trouble was pneumonia. He was twenty-four years of age and one of the best known and most highly respected of the young men of this county. The funeral was held Sunday in the M. E. church and the sermon was preached by Rev. De-Long in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Johnson, who was sick at home. The following relatives from abroad were in attendance: Mrs. E. E. Welch, York, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones of Lead, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Will Phelps of Bradley, South Dakota; Miss Belle Hedrick, Bradley, South Dakota; Miss Ruth Hedrick of Trinidad, Colorado; and George Bell, Bristow, Nebraska.

It is a sad blow to his mother, with whom he lived. The tenderest sympathies of the community go to her and the other sorrowing relatives.

Mrs. Martha Larabee, formerly Mrs. Coleman, an old settler in this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Howell, north of Johnstown, on Saturday.

Henry Mattesen, a prominent farmer of this county, is quite ill with typhoid fever.

A Triangular Debating League.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 6.—Special to The News: A triangular debating league has been organized, including the high schools of Ainsworth, Long Pine and Atkinson. The question is that of municipal ownership. The debates will take place the latter part of January and the first of February.

Mr. and Mrs. George Story of Pierce, Neb., visited with Bert Fournier and wife the latter part of last week. She is a sister of Mr. Fournier.

There is a vacancy in the second primary room of our schools and the board is looking for a teacher.

A KANSAS 'SPERIENCE.

Bill Jones Hiked Out of Kansas by Invitation.

"Now Awh does recollect a Kansas 'sperience from dat remarkable," said Bill Jones to the first chair barber during a temporary lull in business.

"Awh was in Kansas in a drink parlah. Awh got one flask ob dat Kansas whisky. Den Awh got another flask ob hit.

"Den da boss calm out wid a gun. 'Git,' he says.

"'But, boss, I surtenly am doin' nothin'." Awh expostulated.

"'Naw,' said dat liquor man, 'but any nigger what gits two flasks of dat fire water am lord almighty surtin to start somethin' Git!' Awh got.

"'Dey surtenly does not hab dat Kansas whisky in Norfolk.'"

PRaise CHICAGO.

London Finds Something to Admire in the Methods of the Windy City.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Chicago's health department is to be imitated in the large cities of England if they act on the suggestion of the Lancet, of London, one of the foremost medical journals in the world.

The particular phase of the Chicago department's activity, that is thus brought to the attention of other cities, is the weekly bulletin of health.

The Lancet devotes its "leader" to a flattering diagnosis of the Chicago work, its article being entitled "A Sanitary Bulletin." This six-page leaflet strikes the editor of the Lancet as a novel and commendable enterprise. Citing its motives and merits as ideal, the writer endeavors to show up the shortcomings of the public health officers of the "mother country," and concludes his article in this manner:

"We trust before long that we may see English communities offering to Chicago the flattering homage of imitation."

Incidentally the Lancet gives new weight to the American scientists' declaration at the meeting here on New Year's day that with proper national effort the death rate may be reduced one-half.

FOSTER LIQUOR LICENSE

LIKE BANQUO'S GHOST, IS QUESTION THAT WILL NOT DOWN.

THIS TIME IT IS GEO. M. PFEIFER

If He Fails to Secure a License, Another Applicant Will Appear in the Field—And the War Goes Merrily on, With Prospects of Continuing.

Pierce, Neb., Jan. 6.—Special to The News: Like Banquo's ghost, the contention before the Pierce county commissioners over the granting of a license for the running of a saloon in Foster in this county will not down. The third applicant is George M. Pfeifer and the past two days have been taken up by the commissioners in taking evidence pro and con. The hearing will be resumed this morning. John W. Brown et al are remonstrating and through their attorney, W. W. Quivey, announce that they will file objections as often as there is an applicant for license and it is said that there will be