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Was Mike's letter on railroad assessments a grandstand play with a desire to be made governor himself lurking beneath?

Drenching rains have quickly changed the tune of the Nebraska press from drouth and alarm to "bumper crops" and well-fed cattle.

Croker says he wants nothing more to do with Tammany politics. He has settled down on English soil to spend his remaining years in ease and luxury.

While Nebraska zephyrs have been unusually boisterous, still we have not been swept away in floods, buried in molten lava, blown to the skies nor yet swallowed up by an earthquake. Stand up for Nebraska!

Neville immerses from the stillness and announces himself a candidate for another term in congress. There is very little activity in the pop congressional camp in this district this year. Hitherto aspiring statesmen have taken note which way the wind blows.

One of our esteemed and worthy populist district judges, W. H. Westover, is suffering from itching palms, and he can mighty easily get them scratched by getting the nomination for congress. Republicans would want nothing better than a Westover leading the "reform" gang.

Two months after the organization of the Civic Federation, which faithfully promised to arbitrate all labor troubles and banish strikes from the land, word comes from the anthracite coal regions of the beginning of the "most serious labor struggle in the history of the country, if not of the world."

The striking coal miners in Pennsylvania are going about the task of getting more pay in a sensible way. There is an utter absence of destructive violence which so often characterizes the strikes and the manner in which the miners are conducting themselves is highly commendable. This will go a long way toward enlisting the moral and material support of the public in behalf of the miners.

Promoters of tax reform in Omaha have scored a signal victory for higher taxation of corporation property. A total increase in the assessments of five corporations doing business in that city amounts to over a million and a half dollars. There is a popular movement all over the country in favor of a reformation in taxation, and it looks like the time had come when corporations are to be taxed according to the value of their possessions.

On May 20 the flag was officially "hailed down" and the government of Cuba handed over to the people of the island, with Thomas Estrada Palma president of the republic. It was a day of gladness to the dusky skinned natives, who entertain the deepest gratitude to the American people as the instrumentality in expelling a merciless foe and establishing a republic upon a sure foundation. Under the supervision of General Wood the financial affairs of the island have been placed in safe condition, with \$567,169 in cash and \$137,560 in bonds to turn over to the new government. There is a lesson for the Filipinos in the Cuban history since Spanish arms were vanquished. Cuba threw herself upon the United States and trusted our national honesty to deal with her fairly, and she now is a free country. The Filipinos greeted the United States with bullet and bayonet, and they have been in turmoil ever since. Had the Filipinos

shown a different spirit toward Americans they might now be enjoying similar blessings to those accorded Cuba.

The contest for the republican congressional nomination in the Sixth, while involving the ambitions of some half dozen good men, seems to lay between Judge Kinkaid of O'Neill and Judge Grimes of North Platte. The odds are a little in favor of our own judge, as there is no more capable man in the district and he has twice made some considerable personal sacrifice to hold up the republican banner when other men were afraid to go to the battle front. It appears to The Frontier that the majority of the delegates to the Crawford convention will be of the opinion that as a matter of justice Kinkaid should have the nomination; further, that as a business proposition for the people of the biggest congressional district in America they should have Kinkaid as their representative in congress.

### COUNTY CONVENTION.

The republicans of Holt county are hereby called to meet in convention at the court-house in O'Neill on June 7, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the following purpose:

- 1 To select a chairman of the Holt county central committee.
- 2 To select a secretary for the Holt county central committee.
- 3 To select a county central committee.
- 4 To select fifteen delegates to attend the state convention.
- 5 To elect fifteen delegates to attend the congressional convention.
- 6 To elect fifteen delegates to attend the senatorial convention.
- 7 To transact such other business as may properly come before it.

The basis of representation of the several townships shall be one delegate for every ten votes or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. Samuel Sedgwick at the general election held November 5, 1901, which will be:

Atkinson.....	16	Pleasantview....	2
Chambers.....	6	Rockfalls.....	3
Cleveland.....	2	Sand Creek.....	2
Conley.....	3	Saratoga.....	1
Deloit.....	3	Scott.....	3
Dustin.....	3	Shamrock.....	1
Emmet.....	3	Sheridan.....	3
Ewing.....	3	Shields.....	3
Fairview.....	2	Steel Creek.....	5
Francis.....	3	Stuart.....	15
Grattan.....	4	Swan.....	1
Greenvally.....	2	Verdigris.....	6
Inman.....	6	Willowdale.....	1
Iowa.....	3	Wyoming.....	2
Lake.....	2	O'Neill-1st w. 4	
McClure.....	2	O'Neill-2d w. 3	
Paddock.....	6	O'Neill-3d w. 6	

Total..... 133  
It is recommended that no proxies be allowed but that the delegates present be authorized to cast a full vote of the township represented by them. It is further recommended that all township primaries be held on May 31.

R. R. Dickson, Chairman.  
C. L. Bright, Secretary.

### ITEMS OF NEBRASKA LIFE

During a storm lightning struck the wagon bridge at Schryler, demolishing a pier and letting the end of a span into the river and starting a fire that burned three spans.

Three people perished in a fire at Laurel last Thursday which destroyed the implement house of John Jacobson. Jacobson, his wife and child, living over the implement store, perished in the flames.

Last Friday morning William Gray and Herman Sandman of Lynch quarreled over a dog. Sandman attacked Gray with a pitchfork. Gray defended himself with a club, striking Sandman over the head, which resulted in his death. Gray gave himself up. Both men are quiet, respected farmers and the trouble has created great excitement.

Rev. Samuel P. Benbrook, pastor of the Christian church at Wymore, engaged in an altercation with Dr. W. H. Johnson, an officer of his congregation, and shot at him five times, none of which took effect. Rev. Benbrook was arrested and confined in the city jail to await the arrival of the county attorney to conduct the preliminary hearing. There was at first considerable excitement on the streets and some vague threats of lynching, but better counsel prevailed and the law will take its course.

A special dispatch to the World-Herald from Springfield, Keya Paha county, tells this Indian tale: A case is now being tried at Springfield which stirs the whole Sioux nation to its utmost depths and result of which is awaited with a frenzied interest by the surviving warriors who participated in the Custer massacre. The defendant, Joseph Boucher, is the grandson of a French explorer and his mother was the daughter of the Sioux chief, Spotted Tail, the triumphant hero of many Indian wars. Boucher's father was the man who was commissioned by the government to visit the hostile bands on Powder river after the Custer massacre to arrange for the terms

of peace. He possessed the unbounded confidence of both the military authorities and the war-painted braves. The defendant is charged with the murder of John Belleisle and is making a battle for his life which proves him a worthy descendant of Spotted Tail. The immediate cause of the killing was a feud between the two men over a beautiful maiden possessing a strain of Creek blood. Belleisle had raised the girl and was enamored of her charms to the verge of insanity, but when she met Boucher it was a case of love at first sight and neither the frown of the foster parent, the use of Winchester rifles nor the fastening with picket ropes was sufficient to keep the lovers apart. In the dark of the night Boucher hoisted his sweetheart upon his trusty Indian cayuse and galloped across the wilds and got married by an Indian preacher. Belleisle became desperate and vowed vengeance upon his dusky rival. They met near the reservation line and in the presence of the girl began the fatal fray. Both men were armed to the teeth, both reached for their guns, but the speed of action which characterized Spotted Tail was developed in the grandson and Belleisle fell, mortally wounded, with his hands upon his breast, violently clasping a pocket in which he always carried a picture painted by himself of the Creek beauty. The jury was selected after the regular panel and a large special venire had been exhausted. The counsel in the case are W. C. Brown, county attorney, assisted by L. T. Gerung of Glenwood, Ia., for the state, and C. E. Lear of Springfield, M. F. Harrington of O'Neill and A. W. Scattergood of Ainsworth for the defendant. Great crowds are in attendance at each session of the court and the excitement is intense. It is rumored that in case Boucher is convicted the Indians may attempt to rescue him.

### MATTERS OF NEWS.

A plot to kill King Alfonso of Spain has been discovered and the plotters arrested.

An explosion in the Fraterville and Thistle coal mines at Coal Creek, Tenn., killed 150 miners.

A cyclone in the region of San Antonio, Tex., killed many people and destroyed much property.

Bishop William Taylor, the noted missionary bishop of the Methodist church, is dead at Palo Alto, Cal., after a long illness, at the age of 81 years.

Fully 5,000 miners, foreigners, have left Lackawanna county, New York, within the last week for Europe for a holiday during the strike. It is estimated that at least 30,000 strikers will take advantage of the tie-up for a trip to their old homes in Europe.

Details of the plan for consolidation of the kodak enterprises have been published. The aggregate cash value of all these enterprises is estimated at \$20,000,000, and capital stock of the consolidation is \$35,000,000. The new company, which is incorporated in New Jersey, will acquire properties all over the world.

The bill providing for the cession of 416,000 acres of land in Gregory county, S. D., by the Rosebud Indians for the sum of \$1,040,000, has passed the senate, and is now before the house committee on Indian affairs. There is no disposition on the part of the committee to rush the matter through and with the most speedy legislative work, the reservation could not be opened before next fall.

The first official estimate of the result of the explosion of Mount Pelee has been announced. This gives 28,000 as the number buried in the ruins of St. Pierre. Six thousand persons were rescued by steamships or fled to places of safety. Three thousand probably were drowned. This is the most careful estimate made so far. Subscriptions to a fund for the relief of the survivors are being made all over Europe and in America, the United States government making a large appropriation and individual states raising popular subscriptions.

Esther Dowie, daughter of Dr. Alexander Dowie, proprietor of "Zion," died Thursday night of burns, suffered for hours without medical attendance, while "Elijah II." prayed over her. Miss Dowie was 23 years old and a student at the University of Chicago. Yesterday morning her hair caught fire from a gas jet and her head and face were horrible burned. Nurses placed salve on her wounds, as the Dowie doctrine allows of the use of medicine externally. Meanwhile the "divine healer" was hurrying to the bedside from his new city of Zion, at Waukegan. Upon his arrival the attendants were excluded from the room and Dowie sank to his knees in prayer. His supplications lasted all day. He refused to cease even to take the nourishment which his followers would have pressed upon him. The patient was unconscious much of the time, but even this did not move the father to break from his doctrine and send for medical assistance. The patient died at 9 o'clock in great agony, having returned to consciousness a short time before.

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Summer tourists in Europe will doubtless find the Marconigram a great convenience.

Canada has filed a claim to the north pole. She wants all of that sort of climate she can get.

The New York banker who prays for the rich evidently believes that charity begins at home.

Forty pounds of limburger cheese stolen at Buffalo cannot be traced. Then it isn't genuine limburger.

A gentle hint of summer may be detected in the announcement of a reduction in anthracite coal prices.

King Alfonso proposes to establish a free library at Madrid. No matter where he got the idea, it is a good one.

Mr. Carnegie has been requested to extend his beneficent library jurisdiction so as to take in the island of Cuba.

Buffalo Bill expects to become a millionaire and may yet succeed in having his name placed upon Mrs. Astor's list.

Ice cream freezers want to form a union. Young men who buy ice cream will be forming a union next for self-protection.

The rumor that rich cream sold by milkmen is generally mixed with starch probably started at the pump of some envious dairyman.

People who have been on the roof of a high building will wonder how Santos-Dumont can sail over Mount Blanc without getting dizzy.

Dr. Hyde thinks women should be allowed to propose marriage. But the old method of suggesting it would seem to answer every purpose.

Canada is going to build a \$10,000 barbed wire fence along the Montana border. But who in Montana wants to tread on the tail of Canada's rag-jan?

Mr. Rockefeller's Cleveland pastor says there are anarchists among the rich, but he wisely leaves the shoe to be put on by those who think it may fit them.

Since the Countess of Castellane has taken out a \$1,000,000 life insurance policy for the benefit of her creditors her lightest sneeze has a potential value.

Secretary Shaw is learning how much more difficult it is to settle a dispute over the repacking of a woman's trunk than to settle great financial problems.

John L. Sullivan declares that he would not trade appetites with John D. Rockefeller. The latter must be afflicted with an uncommonly bad form of dyspepsia.

A New York woman has named her little daughter Ping Pong. Evidently the one who wants to have her name copyrighted isn't the only New York copyman with a queer streak.

Boer sympathizers in Holland say the war in South Africa will last four years longer. Some of the other Boer sympathizers are unwilling to believe England can hold out that long.

King Alfonso is reported to be jealous of King Edward. Yet the latter would doubtless be glad to give half of his years and half of his weight to Alf if it were possible.

In calling for bids for the construction of 150 locomotives the Belgian government offers to give preference to those of American manufacture. It is cheapest every time to get the best.

So far as the homes of the country are concerned our foreign relations are not one-half as important or troublesome as our domestic servants.—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

It is announced that the new president of the National Congress of Mothers has children of her own. It is safe to say, therefore, that she has neighbors who don't believe she knows the least thing about the business.

There are about 8,000 self-supporting Pueblo Indians, in twenty-six villages, twenty of which have day schools, costing the United States not less than \$20,000 annually, besides a much larger sum expended upon the boarding schools.

It is claimed that only about half the people of Paris are native Parisians, and the latter are said to be diminishing in numbers every year. Still, it has not come to pass that the native Parisian has no chance to get on the Paris police force.

Old settlers are able to recall with a distinctness that is all too vivid many a spring when the roads were blocked with snow in this section as late as the middle of May. It is a noticeable fact that the older the settler is the more discouraging are the stories that he can tell about late springs.

After all, there may have been a little affectation in Dr. English's "strenuous objection to being called the author of 'Ben Bolt.'" The poet Gray professed to think lightly of his immortal "Elegy;" but Gen. Wolfe said, just before he fell on the Plains of Abraham, "I would rather have written that poem than taken Quebec."

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