

# The O'Neill Frontier

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If one of the difficulties of learning Samoan is that each noble has a private dialect of his own, the difficulty is matched by a linguistic complication in certain other parts of Polynesia. In the Gilbert Islands the men and the women speak literally a different language. The difficulty of mutual intercourse is overcome by making the women use the masculine tongue when talking to the men. Among themselves it is taboo. Any man who does not trouble their heads about the other.

It is not often a woman becomes a college dean when she still is willing to let her hair be cut. Mary L. Reilly, just put out of the Catholic university summer school in Washington, smilingly confessed to 25 years. Her appointment is a tribute to her pluck in winning a way through Smith college when practically her only resources were determination and brains. By turning her hand in vacation times to whatever offered, she was able to keep on with her studies, and despite difficulties has reached her goal.

Scientific research has disclosed that Cleopatra was the first woman to wear a hobble skirt. Hieroglyphics on the newly excavated building blocks in Egypt show the famous queen in a gown drawn so tightly about her ankles that one wonders how she walked at all. The theory that Cleopatra committed suicide because Octavia sported a hobble skirt tighter than hers is open to debate. Anyway, Cleo created the role of a hobbler.

A quaint old superstition in Iceland is that every bride must invite all her friends to a dinner in her own home, and every article of food must be prepared by the bride herself. If she is successful in pleasing her guests, she not only receives praise for her own skill, but helps along her younger sisters, who are then assumed to be equally good at cooking, and consequently have a much better chance of getting married.

The board of health of the state of Washington is stirred by the presence of the bubonic plague in Spokane, where three deaths are attributed to it, and there are said to be at present sixteen cases of the real thing. The plague, which deaths have occurred have been burned, and drastic measures will be employed to check the trouble. It is asserted that some cases early diagnosed as grip and pneumonia really represented the plague.

Besides the creation of a council of state, the draft of a revised constitution, submitted to the Greek assembly permits foreigners to enter the government service, makes primary education compulsory, reduces the number of deputies to 110, gives judges tenure of office for life, and curtails the right of the king to adjourn the assembly without its own consent.

The suggestion has been advanced by President Crooks, of Albany college, Oregon, that there should be erected in San Francisco, fronting the Golden Gate, a statue or some memorial to Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific. Balboa first sighted the waters of the Pacific on September 25, 1513. On September 13, 1913, there will occur the 400th anniversary of the discovery.

The best oranges on the European market are from the land which is said to fetch now the highest price for orange culture. There is a jesting phrase among Jewish colonists as to Palestine fertility: "If you but stick a pin into the soil, you will next year get a crop of them." The oranges bear fruit two months before those of Italy and Spain.

Mrs. Louise C. Jones, one of the four women members of the legislature of Colorado, has introduced a bill to prevent corrupt practices in elections. It provides that persons convicted of crimes against the ballot of felony degree shall be disfranchised for a term of five years in addition to the punishment prescribed by the existing laws.

The government intends to sow broadcast over the mountains of Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota the seed of native trees, and also the seed of foreign trees—the Austrian pine, Corsican pine, Scotch pine, Norway spruce, European larch and others. The seed has been shipped to the section in lots of from 50 to 200 pounds.

Some pink pearls seem to change color something like watered silk. Such pearls when perfectly round and of fine color bring the rocks. Out of the Gulf of California are plenty of pink or peach pearls, but they seldom come in good shapes and are really red to pale yellow, rather than pink. They are sometimes as white as china.

A certain medical specialist was in the habit of using a notebook to assist his memory. In the course of time his aged father died. The worthy doctor attended the funeral as chief mourner with due solemnity. At the close he was observed to draw out a notebook and cross out the words, "Mem. Bury father."

A company has patents covering a rope made of several strands of paper covered galvanized steel wire. The rope thus produced is strong, tough and flexible, suitable for clothes lines and such uses. It is claimed that a rope of this kind will withstand the action of the weather 50 per cent longer than cotton.

In France the operators of aeroplanes are held responsible for damage done to persons or property when coming to the earth. In two cases such operators have been found guilty of homicide and punished, although the punishment was not as great as that for other forms of the same crime.

By recent changes made in the design of the motorcycle its appearance is greatly improved by making use of the tubes of the frame for the storage of many of the parts which are now hung to it. For this purpose it is necessary to make the tubing a trifle heavier.

The students of the Nebraska state university have refused to take part in an interclass debate on woman suffrage. Both teams in sending in their refusals, declared that "the equal franchise question has but one side. There is no negative."

It is proposed to manufacture paper from pulped blue-gum timber. Tests have been carried out at English paper mills, and are said to give a product equal to that made from African esparto grass.

Irrigation projects are receiving serious government attention in Brazil, particularly in the northern states, with their total irrigable area of 500,000 acres and their 2,000,000 people.

Only 1 per cent of the cablegrams sent over seas are concerned with family or private matters. The rest are commercial, journalistic or official.

# EXPERTS OF THE LAW LABOR TO UNTANGLE LAWMAKERS' BLUNDER

### Conflict Found in Bills Providing for the Election of Local Assessors.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1.—While Attorney General Grant Martin was verifying the report that the last legislature passed two conflicting bills relating to the date of the election of precinct assessors, the commission appointed by Governor Aldrich to revise the statutes was holding a meeting in the state house to consider the purpose of amending the laws so as to extend the term of county assessors to the laws enacted by past legislatures.

The attorney general, as a report of his investigation of enrolled bills, said H. R. 168, which was drawn for the purpose of amending the election laws so as to extend the term of county assessors one year, provides that precinct assessors shall be elected in the year 1909 and every two years thereafter. He finds that H. R. 184, a bill amending the revenue law for the purpose of extending the term of the county assessors one year and making amendments to the methods of assessing property, provides that precinct assessors shall be elected in the year 1912 and every two years thereafter.

The two laws conflict as to the time of the election of precinct assessors and the attorney general has not yet decided which law is to govern. H. R. 184, providing for the election of precinct assessors in the year 1912 was passed one day later than the other bill, which provides in reality for the election in the year 1911. H. R. 184 passed with the emergency clause and is now in effect, while the other law will go into effect July 7.

It is evident that the legislature first intended to pass an act extending the term of county assessors and that it made the change in the time of the election of that officer, but failed to make any change in the term of office of precinct assessors. Later, but only one day later, the legislature passed another act declaring that the precinct assessors shall be elected every two years in the odd numbered years. The passage of H. R. 184 carried with it another new provision permitting precinct assessors to be eligible to two consecutive terms of two years each.

Some believe the \$20,000 appropriated by the legislature for revision of the statutes will be money thrown away, because every recurring legislature will do its part toward balling up the statutes and soon they will be as conflicting as before the revision.

### DEN OF GENUINE PANTHERS FOUND BY CASS RANCHER

Lincoln, Neb., May 1.—North American panthers in Nebraska. This statement may startle you, but nevertheless it is true. A den with 10 little kittens cuddled up together has been found on the ranch of H. T. Richards, a few miles west of South Bend, in Cass county.

While Mr. Richards and a few of his men were working on the ranch they saw an opening in the side of a canyon. After enlarging it one of the men, Grover Otte, entered. Back in the cave 10 or 12 feet he found the 10 kittens. When one of them was brought to the entrance it was found to be a black panther.

Mr. Otte is now domesticating the kittens at his home. They are only a few days old and have not yet opened their eyes. The stripes and spots on each one are very similar and it is difficult to tell one from another.

After the den had been found several of the men on the ranch waited for the return of the mother panther. Their watch was in vain. Since the discovery of the kittens neither of the parent animals has been seen.

It is not known how the panthers happened to locate in Cass county. Several months a strange animal has been seen at a distance in the vicinity of South Bend. Those who reported that they had seen a panther were ridiculed.

However, the farmers living in the neighborhood of the den have complained about "the mysterious disappearance of sucking pigs, lambs and fowl. According to reports, a number of chickens have suffered greatly in the last few months.

Those who have seen the kittens are certain that they are of the North American species.

Mr. Richards, the owner of the ranch, lives in this city.

### FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL WINS OVER WEEPING WATER YOUTHS

Fremont, Neb., May 1.—Fremont high school won from Weeping Water in the debate held here last evening and will be represented at the Lincoln contest. The naval question was debated.

Fremont had the affirmative, the speakers being Clarence Eldam, Harvey Johnson and Gus Marquardt. The Weeping Water speakers were Olive Fowler, Aaron Rauth and Mabel Murphree. Professor Sheldon, of the state university, and Professor Wells, of Nebraska Wesleyan university.

The debate was held in the high school auditorium, which was crowded with enthusiastic Fremonters.

### STEEL TRUST BUYS A PACIFIC COAST PLANT

San Francisco, May 1.—The Call reports today that the sale of the Risdon works in this city to the United States Steel corporation has been virtually completed. At the same time the report states, the corporation has acquired more than 14 blocks of land adjoining the Risdon works and a half mile of water front at the southern end of the city. These purchases are said to have cost the corporation a total of \$2,250,000.

Important extensions are planned, says the Call and in connection with the new works iron ore deposits in the hills of California are to be developed.

# SLIDING PEN WITH MARRIAGE YEGGMAN AGAIN IN NEBRASKA

### Man Arrested at Omaha Charged With Bank Robbery and Dynamiting in Kansas.

Omaha, Neb., April 29.—Capture in Omaha, the scene of a crime romance which saved the marrying robber from prison, has closed the active career of Charles McKenzie, held here for the robbery of a bank at Hudson, Kan., and shooting a watchman.

McKenzie was arrested by George Emory, special officer of the Omaha police force, after the fugitive had been shadowed into the city by a detective employed by the American Bankers' association.

Sheriff Cline yesterday obtained a requisition for McKenzie and is expected to call for the prisoner some time today.

McKenzie was a police character in Omaha for several years. He was arrested here February 21, 1907, by Donahue and Heitfeld, detectives, for the robbery of the home of Henry Neumann.

Successful prosecution of the prisoner was under way when Miss Grace Neumann, daughter of the prosecuting witness, visited McKenzie in jail and became enamored of him.

Secretly and without the father's knowledge, Miss Neumann married McKenzie in jail while his case for grand larceny was pending. She forced her father to a dismissal of the case, and McKenzie was released.

The marriage, according to reports in the hands of the police, was far from happy. McKenzie and his strangely-wedded bride left Omaha and Henry Neumann moved away. Until he was arrested here Tuesday the Omaha officers had heard nothing of McKenzie.

McKenzie was arrested for the robbery of the Neumann home when he appeared at a pawnshop in the presence of a detective who attempted to dispose of a valuable collection of gems. They held him in jail without a charge until a complaint came in. The valuables were found to have been those taken from the Neumann home.

A message received by the police here indicates that Max Rice, night watchman at the bank in Hudson, robbed by McKenzie, has died from his injuries. Thus a charge of murder and robbery both stand against the prisoner, and Sheriff Cline, of Topeka, has obtained requisition papers to take him back to answer to that charge.

### DEATH OF PIONEER WOMAN.

Lyons, Neb., April 29.—Mrs. Mary Deman, a little over 76, died very unexpectedly Tuesday night of heart failure and was buried today at the home cemetery near Decatur. Her maiden name was Behrens, and she was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and emigrated to America at the age of 18. She married Frederick Deman in Illinois, and later came to Iowa and on to Nebraska, arriving at Decatur, where they have lived on a farm ever since. They have four children, Frank J. Deman, of Lyons, A. H. Deman, of Tekamah, Mrs. Lizzie Richards and L. H. Deman, of Decatur.

# ROOSEVELT BOOM IS BEING TALKED AGAIN

### Many Republican Leaders Think His Nomination Necessary to Save Party.

Washington, April 29.—That a strong movement is on to force the re-nomination of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for president in 1912 is the highly interesting information that has developed here.

Back of this movement are some of the leading republicans in general. As yet it has not taken organized form. But within recent days Colonel Roosevelt has been consulted about it by men high in the councils of the republic.

It is declared that Colonel Roosevelt, though refusing to get into the race and become an avowed candidate for the republican nomination, would regard a nomination by the republican party as a call to duty and he would not shrink from it.

That some of the leading progressives in congress and some of the leading regulars as well want Colonel Roosevelt to be the nominee is positively certain. They say he alone can save the republican party in 1912 from a sweeping defeat.

# NEBRASKANS MUST SERVE JAIL TERMS.

### President Taft Refuses to Pardon Four Convicted Wealthy Cattlemen.

Washington, April 29.—President Taft refused to pardon Bartlett Richards, William G. Comstock, Charles C. Jameson and Aquilla Triplett today, four wealthy Nebraska cattlemen, who have been convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government of grazing lands along the Wyoming border.

The men are owners of the Nebraska Land & Feeding company with principal offices at Ellsworth, Neb. The evidence at the trial showed they had fraudulently induced homesteaders to claim thousands of acres of land which were later turned over to the company for grazing. Richards and Comstock were sentenced to a year and Jameson and Triplett to six months.

In a talk before a circle of mothers, Mrs. Nan Demen, of the Milwaukee children's hospital, urged mothers not to shake their babies. "Let 'em cry," she said. "It does 'em good."

**BIG PRICE PAID.**  
New York, April 29.—A first edition of Thomas Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," which sold in Peterborough row in London for 6 pence in 1751, brought \$4,500 at last night's session of the Hoe library auction sales. It was the top notch of the day and was paid by a New York dealer. By way of contrast, a book nearly 300 years older, the "First Principles of Euclid," having the first continuous series of geometric illustrations ever printed, went under the hammer for only \$4.50. The total sales last night had passed the \$350,000 mark.

# NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

**YORK, NEB.**—S. B. Christian has sold his bank stock in the Farmers and Merchants bank, and also his residence, to J. H. Cloud, and for the present will retire from business.

**ATKINSON, NEB.**—While Rev. Joseph Angell attended the meeting of the Niobrara presbytery at Wayne, Mrs. Angell took her husband's place in the pulpit for two Sundays.

**LINCOLN, NEB.**—Governor Aldrich will reappoint as a board of control the present three trustees of the school for dependent children in Lincoln. The members are A. L. Weatherly, the Rev. H. H. Harmon and Dr. P. E. Hall.

**TECUMSEH, NEB.**—Simeon Hudson, now recovering, is sent up from here for robbing and paroled when he became blind a year later, writes a friend that he is about to publish a book on prison life.

**M'COOK, NEB.**—Will H. Peters was arrested as he was about to leave the city on the midnight train, charged with forgery. He was remanded to the county jail for trial at the next term of district court.

**LINCOLN, NEB.**—Twenty-eight hundred of the 4,476 wolf bounty warrants made out in the auditor's office have been mailed to claimants. The entire drain on the state treasury will be over a hundred dollars less than the \$28,000 appropriated for this purpose.

**LYONS, NEB.**—Game Warden Hyers and Deputy Sterile Peterson arrested two Italians here for violating the game law—they were caught hunting. A fine of \$20 each was imposed. They tried to get some persons who were setting for fish, but the offenders could not be identified.

**FREMONT, NEB.**—Street Commissioner Fletcher has decided to do some experimenting in the construction of the sand-clay streets. The government claims that this mixture makes a fine surface. Mr. Fletcher will have several hundred loads of clay hauled to the sandy streets in the south part of the city.

**NORFOLK, NEB.**—The committee collecting for the Y. M. C. A. building reports that the pledges are being paid as well as they expected. The exterior of the building has been completed. E. M. Huntington, one of the executive committee, declares it will cost about \$11,000 to complete the interior. About \$1,000 will furnish it.

**ANSELMO, NEB.**—At the special election held here Tuesday, the citizens voted on a \$10,000 bond proposition, \$7,500 for water works system, and \$2,500 for electric lights. The bonds were carried by a large majority. The citizens placed a bus nearly on top of the street from the recent fire will now start to build at once.

**NORFOLK, NEB.**—Dill Armatas, aged 45, a Greek section man on the Northwestern, was killed two miles east of Battle Creek by a passenger train. The man did not get off the train until the locomotive was nearly on him. Then he dropped his shovel and returned to get it.

**ALMA, NEB.**—The bank robbers who attempted to loot the bank of Ragan are still at large. After breaking open the bank they did not enter, but abandoned the attempt to blow the safe. A horse and a buggy of a nearby farmer and went in a southeasterly direction towards the Kansas line. Sheriff Carroll is still in pursuit.

**HASTINGS, NEB.**—Harry Palmer, charged with the murder of his wife, was bound over without bail. When asked when he saw the woman, he said he had on the night of the shooting and the hole made by the bullet fired with suicidal intent was plainly visible. He almost tottered until the ordeal was over. It was with evident relief that he pleaded not guilty.

**NORFOLK, NEB.**—Two prominent elevator representatives concern themselves who control about 200 elevators in the state were in the city and announced that grain is being held all over the state for higher prices. One, representing a concern controlling 44 elevators, says the present carload of grain was bought Saturday for any of the elevators.

**WEST POINT, NEB.**—The livery barn of Henry Ickman and the garage of C. C. Stahl, adjoining, were destroyed by fire, only the walls being left standing. The cause was the automobile tank of gasoline. Two automobiles were destroyed. The garage was gotten out in time. Partial insurance was carried.

**BEATRICE, NEB.**—A valuable horse, lost from a moving train, caused some consternation among trainmen on the Wymore-Beatrice run. A train left Beatrice carrying a stallion loaded in a car. Freight car the animal was missing. It is supposed the car was either left unsealed or was opened by some unauthorized person. The animal was later found near the track unharmed.

**BROKEN BOW, NEB.**—Joseph Booth, a farmer living west of town, is looking for the slayer of a valuable horse that belonged to him. When Booth discovered the body of the animal in his pasture, he found that a hole had been blown clear through the animal, presumably by a slug fired from a heavy shotgun at short range.

**GRAND ISLAND, NEB.**—The three suspected bank robbers caught in the undergrowth along the Platte river after a chase by several posses, are still in the Hall county jail and may be kept here for safe keeping instead of being taken to Aurora, the county seat of Hamilton county, in which the crime was committed. One of the men has been identified as Arthur Gray, who served 10 years for robbing a bank at Lyons.

**WALTHILL, NEB.**—The newly-elected board of trustees organized by applying the commission plan of government to the control of village affairs for the ensuing year. Commissioner William Dietmer is given street alleys and parks; Commissioner Noah Taylor, water works; Commissioner William E. Anfin, electric lights; Commissioner Harry L. Keefer, law and order and cemetery; Commissioner John L. Irby, finance.

**COLUMBUS, NEB.**—St. Louis advices announced that Monday, May 8, has been set for the trial of Dora E. Doney, the former Columbus woman, acquitted of a murder charge in St. Louis a year ago, now held for trial for bigamy. The attorney for Mrs. Doney informed the court that his client is ill at her home in Tennessee and hardly thought she would be able to appear for trial May 8.

# STREET CAR STRIKE NOW LOOMING IN QUAKER CITY

Philadelphia, April 28.—An important general meeting of division 477 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Workers will be held tonight in the labor lyceum, when methods to secure an increase in wages from 25 per cent to 35 per cent will be discussed after the executive board submits its report. C. O. Pratt and P. J. Shea, members of the International board will be in attendance.

# DRAPERS BUNGLER IN EFFORT TO PLUNDER CROW OMAHA YOUTH

### Bernard Smythe, Nearly Dead From Drugs, Victim of Masked Assailants.

Omaha, Neb., April 28.—Dazed and staggering under the influence of chloroform, Bernard Smyth, 18 years of age, walked into his home after a thrilling escape from kidnaping at 11 o'clock last night. In fulfillment of the threats of many blackmailing letters demanding high ransom from the boy's father, C. J. Smyth, former attorney general of Nebraska, two masked men seized the youth, while he was walking home from a tennis club about 6 o'clock. The men bound and gagged their victim, threw him into a closed carriage and took him to a deserted shack in a suburb of the city.

According to young Smyth's statement, one man departed saying he was going to get Frances Hochstetler, the 16-year-old chum of Smyth, who also had been threatened. While they were left alone together, Smyth says, the remaining kidnaper became drunk from the fumes of chloroform he was administering to his captive. At that juncture the young man broke away and escaped to a street car line, from which point he got home. Smyth is in a serious condition of nervous fright and stupor and his narration of the adventure is incoherent.

The affair marks a startling climax to a mystery which has alarmed the city for three weeks. Letters demanding \$2,000 on the boy and the Hochstetler girl have been persistent up to Sunday, while detectives guarded both of the threatened homes.

Another Black Hand Letter. With an exacting and careful investigation of the alleged kidnaping of Bernard Smyth in progress, further complication has been added to the already confused tangle of doubt by the receipt of yet another "black hand" letter, addressed to C. J. Smyth, the boy's father.

The young man was examined by the police and postoffice officials with reference to his story of the kidnaping, which he says took place Tuesday evening. The officers are inclined to doubt the story told by young Smyth. In fact, they declare there is little doubt but that Smyth, prompted by a desire to appear before the grand jury, concocted the series of letters and kidnaped himself.

Parents Credit Boy's Story. The parents of Smyth accept his wild tale as true. The receipt of the last letter, in the opinion of his father, absolute vindication of his son. So positive is Mr. Smyth that the letter clearly his son's story of doing, presented the facts bearing on its receipt in rebuttal to the implied charge embodied in police statements.

This last letter was marked with a time stamp indicating its delivery at the postoffice at 4 o'clock. It was delivered to Mr. Smyth an hour later. There is nothing to show when or where it had been mailed.

# CRAZED BY SISTER'S SHAME HURST SHOTS UP COURT

Lincoln, Neb., April 28.—While district court was in session yesterday evening and just after his own trial, the witness stand, accused Thomas Hawkins as her betrayer, Grady Hurst fired five shots from the rear of the court room at the man named by the young woman.

Three of the five shots went wild, while the fourth and the fifth took effect in the hip of Hawkins and in the limb of Mrs. Hazel Rys, one of the witnesses.

# GIRL RESCUED FROM GRAVE IN OLD WELL

### Blood Bursts From Body of Her Rescuer as He Is Lowered by Heels.

Orioka, N. D., April 28.—To save Miss Marie Smith from a watery grave, H. R. Olson, of this town, was lowered today, head downwards, into a well 22 feet deep and only 18 inches in diameter. The strain was so great that blood burst through his chest and arm. The girl was rescued, barely alive.

Miss Smith fell into the well at the rear of the Commercial house. Olson hearing the shouts of persons who were frantically racing around the well, offered to be lowered into the narrow space. He tied a rope around his ankles and began crawling down into the well.

Eyewitnesses seized the rope and slowly lowered him. When he reached the bottom he quickly seized her and called to the five men above to pull. Added to her weight of 160 pounds was that of her drenched clothing, and it took three men to pull the two over the edge of the well.

# MRS. CARROLL SPEAKS AT CHILD CONFERENCE

Washington, April 28.—The relation of the home to child welfare was the general topic for discussion at today's session of the second international congress of mothers and parent-teacher associations.

The program included demonstrations of play songs by a group of second grade children of the local schools and a number of papers on various phases of the topic, among those to speak being Mrs. George K. Johnson, president of the Pennsylvania congress of mothers; Mrs. J. R. Little, president of the Georgia congress; Mrs. B. F. Carroll, president of the Iowa congress, and Mrs. Robert Park, vice president of the Massachusetts congress.

# CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Three cases of suspected cholera were registered in this city yesterday.

# OPEN AIR EXERCISES AT HARVARD THIS YEAR

Cambridge, Mass., April 28.—Harvard university plans an innovation in the form of an open-air commencement this June. Memorial hall will be abandoned on account of insufficient seating space and outdoor seats and platform erected in the quadrangle formed by Sever, Emerson and Robinson halls. For a number of years even alumni of Long Island have found it impossible to secure seats. With the proposed arrangement in force over 3,000 can be accommodated.

# HARRINGTON STARTS MOVEMENT TO ASSIST FEDERAL COURT SEAT

### O'Neill Attorney Draws Bill Providing for Increased Terms for Northeast Nebraska.

Norfolk, Neb., April 27.—A draft of a measure which, if enacted in law by congress, would make federal court at Norfolk a reality instead of a farce, has just been forwarded to Congressman Latta at Washington by M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill, and the people of Norfolk, as well as those in the territory affected, will be vitally interested in the bill's progress. Mr. Harrington thinks that the people of Norfolk should organize to help push the bill through congress. The Commercial club will probably take up the matter. Following is the text of Mr. Harrington's letter explaining the bill:

O'Neill, Neb., April 24.—Hon. W. C. Foose, Norfolk, Neb.—Dear Sir: I enclose copy of bill which I am sending to Hon. James P. Latta for introduction. Norfolk should be interested in this measure because it is affected more than any other part of the state by the bill. At the present time there is only one regular term of federal court at Norfolk, and the delay is so long that the tendency of lawyers is to settle everything and get it out of the way or change the same to the Omaha division, where they have plenty of court.

Two Terms Instead of One. This bill provides for two regular terms instead of one at Norfolk. In addition to this, it puts more counties in the Norfolk division. For example: The way the Norfolk division is now set up, the county which adjoins Madison on the south, is connected with Omaha for federal court. The absurdity of this is plain. Of course, it was done a matter of favoritism and on request of Senator Miller who was then in the Senate. Boone county which is immediately west of Madison, has to go clear through to Omaha to get a better which is still west of Boone, has to go to Omaha. Cuming has to go to Omaha, etc. I have tried to arrange the new divisions fair to all. The only thing that the proposed bill takes away from the Lincoln district, is Hamilton county. That county adjoins Hall, where there is a federal court. It is so long that the people of Hamilton county are required to go to Lincoln to court because Senator Burket wanted to go in the bill and it was done accordingly.

More Equitable Division. With the exception of taking this one county away from Lincoln and taking several away from Omaha and giving them to Norfolk, there is no other change in the boundaries of the different divisions of the state. I am sure that the boundaries as fixed by this bill will meet the approval of any fair minded man who simply desires no favoritism for any citizen, but that the courts shall be arranged for the convenience of the people and not the people placed for the convenience of some courts.

# FORMER GAS MAN LEADS IN MUNICIPAL CONTEST

Lincoln, Neb., April 27.—Local politics in Lincoln is now at white heat. The republicans and the democrats and the wet and dry factions are holding meetings daily.

A number of the candidates for mayor and excitements have pledged themselves to abide by the referendum vote of the saloon question. It is generally conceded that the drys will win hands down.

A straw vote on the candidates for mayor shows that A. H. Armstrong, the republican, has a business men's association candidate, to be leading Robert Malone, democratic candidate, by more than 100 votes, out of a total of 1,600. Leaders of both parties believe that Armstrong will be elected by a substantial majority.

Mr. Armstrong resigned a few weeks ago from the presidency of the Lincoln Gas company. A suit filed by the city for dollar gas against the company is now pending before the United States court.

The city election will be held next Tuesday.

# MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE GRANTED A DIVORCE

### Woman of Omaha's 400 Given Liberty From Galling Ties of Wedlock.

Omaha, Neb., April 27.—Mrs. Frankie Barton Millard, millionaire society woman, was granted a divorce from Will B. Millard by Judge Day after testimony to the effect that defendant deserted her a number of years ago had been given by the plaintiff and her brother, K. C. Barton.

Mrs. Millard was also granted the custody of the three minor children, Joseph H., aged 16; Henry Ray, aged 12, and Willard B. Millard, Jr., aged 10. The husband was not present during the trial. The Millards have not been living together for more than four years. There is no record of any financial adjustment in the record of the decree.

The plaintiff is the daughter of the late Guy C. Barton, and the defendant a son of former United States Senator Joseph H. Millard.

# WOMEN WILL PARADE FOR BOOZELSS TOWN

Lincoln, Neb., April 27.—In order to show their sentiment against the return of saloons to Lincoln, the women of this city and county are going to parade the streets of the capital city tomorrow afternoon.

Wagons, carriages and automobiles filled with women carrying appropriate banners will make up the parade. It is expected that 200 vehicles and probably 1,000 women will participate.

In the carriage leading the procession will be Mrs. C. H. Aldrich, wife of Governor Aldrich. In the second carriage Mrs. W. J. Bryan will occupy a seat. Many of the prominent women of the city will have charge of the procession.

"This is the only way the women have to show their sentiment," said one of the leaders, "and we are going to take advantage of it."

The government institute for the promotion of the silk industry is to be established by Italy.

# PRESIDENT TAFT OFF FOR NEW YORK VISIT

Washington, April 27.—President Taft, accompanied by Secretary