

## The Norfolk News

The Russians are giving evidence of advanced civilization. They have recently purchased \$700,000 worth of rice for distribution among the destitute Chinese.

In 1886 the people of Nebraska owed \$7,000,000 back taxes. They now owe but \$3,000,000—another evidence of McKinley prosperity which should not be overlooked.

The champion corn husker is now occupying the arena and issuing his annual deli to all comers. As usual some splendidly overgrown "whackers" are being told about him.

The prohibitionists are well pleased that there vote in Iowa this year was 9,502. Quite a vote, to be sure, but as McKinley's majority was 100,000 they have a few to gain before they can hope to carry the state.

The Papillon Times is of the opinion that if Governor-Elect Dietrich made affidavit to contributing to a banquet and "setting 'em up to the boys" he but did "what every other candidate for public office has done, but which they will not tell."

Justice Andrews of the New York supreme court has decided that Willie Waldorf Astor is now a resident of England and the tax gatherers who listed his personal property at \$3,000,000 in this country had no right to do so. Willie probably needs the money to keep pace with the smart set of London.

Michigan now has eleven beet sugar factories, representing an investment of \$1,000,000. Michigan is a progressive state and her citizens were quick to recognize the benefits of the new industry and energetically set about to see that it was firmly established there. Their enterprise is to be commended.

The proposed abrogation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty by the senate does not appear to please England immensely. This country has a habit of doing things that are not pleasing to the British and will probably continue to do as it pleases regardless of their wishes. If the United States wants a canal and wants it fortified it will have it.

Safety devices galore are being perfected for firearms the object of which is to prevent accident. As long as the objective point of a firearm is to be so constructed that it will go off, it will go off and accidents will happen. It would seem that the safest way would be to remove the charge but it is a well known fact that the gun which "is not loaded" often explodes.

The Nebraska Independent is of the opinion that the Omaha Nonconformist is a hoodoo and that if Mark Hanna wishes to carry Texas he can do so very readily by inducing that publication to issue from that state. The Nonconformist is not the exclusive "hoodoo" of the fusion parties and to eradicate or transport them all there would remain but a shattered fragment of the organization.

The Catholics all over the world are to observe the birth of the new century by services at 12 o'clock midnight of December 31st. Pontifical high mass is especially to be celebrated by the bishops and archbishops. Churches of all denominations are making arrangements for services on that occasion and the prospects are that the birth of the new year will be generally observed, especially by church people.

Colonel Bryan announces that he will start a new weekly paper in Lincoln to be known as the "Commoner." It will probably be of a similar character as J. Sterling Morton's Conservative, but the ideas of the editors are not likely to dwell in harmony together. Imitation is the greatest flattery and Secretary Morton will have this thought for consolation, even though the colonel may cut into his subscription list.

The World-Herald is offering a reward for the best name to be suggested for its annual review, to be published on New Years. One subscriber suggests "Flowers of Peace and Prosperity." Now what is the use of "rubbing it in?" Election has been over for a month or more and it shows very poor grace to revive such suggestive phrases. There is a sting of ingratitude hidden in the World Herald's "Flowers of Peace and Prosperity."

The weather! Ah, what a fruitful theme to write a column about, did not most of our readers know all about it. To non-resident readers, we might say that we are enjoying a typical Nebraska winter. Just cold enough to be healthful; bright sunshine most of the time; roads hard and smooth as asphalt. As a winter resort Nebraska is maintaining her reputation in great shape. Come to Nebraska for health, wealth and association with the best people on earth.—Albi n News.

Dr. Joseph Parker of London, England, is experimenting on the editing of the Evening Sun of that city according to christian ideals and is issuing a daily similar to that recently published by

Rev. Sheldon in Kansas. The newspaper men of that city regard it as a flat failure from a newspaper standpoint and characterize the editorial opinions "intolerably dull and tract like." There may be a field for a christian daily but it has not yet been discovered in London or Kansas. What the people demand is news.

Mr. Bryan proposes to outline the future policy of the democratic party at the annual banquet of the Omaha Jacksonian club to be held January 7th and all democrats will probably be expected to bow in humble submission to his dictation. He has proven his power during the past two campaigns and is doubtless ready to reassert it in time for the campaign of 1904. Other democrats are supposed to have some ideas about the future of the party but they must stow them until Mr. Bryan and his followers are through with their experiments.

The latest fashion fad is the "kangaroo" walk and style of dress. The dear ladies are endeavoring to imitate that ungainly animal in about everything but its awkward leaps, which may be the "smart" thing to do but the male man finds it hard to understand where the beauty of the thing comes in. The question that agitates him is how the slaves of fashion will succeed in imitating a real lady after they have acquired the kangaroo shape and characteristics. An exchange is of the opinion that the style is very easily acquired by chopping the kindling, carrying the coal and taking in washings.

The silliest of all wash concerning the defeat of the fusionists the 6th of last month is that it was because the trusts were being fought by that organization and supported by the republicans, when it was conclusively shown that trust magnates supported Bryan enthusiastically. It is certain that thousands of voters voted for the republican candidates who had no interest in the trusts whatever and were not influenced by them. As a matter of fact the republicans had a good record during the preceding four years, democratic assertions to the contrary notwithstanding, and the people chose to support their principles and policies.

Webb Hayes, son of Ex-President Hayes, has returned from a year's service in the Philippines and China. He, in common with almost everyone who has been on the ground, is a staunch supporter of this government's policy in the far east. In an interview Mr. Hayes said: "I bring back with me from the orient a firm belief in two things. One is that the course of the United States government in dealing with China has been a vast benefit to our interests there and has given us a prestige that years of diplomacy in times of peace could not have effected. The other is that the Philippine islands are ours forever, and with the time and patience necessary to subdue the murderers and bandits who pass as patriots we will come into a heritage that any other nation would give much to possess."

Those interested in oleomargarine are endeavoring to line up the stockmen against the Groat bill and are also endeavoring to create the impression that it is a scheme of the dairymen and creamerymen against the poor man, who has found the colored article a very good substitute for butter. If this bill is defeated, in the opinion of THE NEWS it will be an official sanction from a high source of adulteration, substitution and imposture. Oleomargarine should be given its proper place and no law should permit it being offered in its colored form as a substitute for butter. The poor man, if he wants it, should be allowed to purchase the uncolored article at a minimum cost and be permitted to color it to suit himself, if he so desires, for his own use, but he should not be compelled to buy the colored article at butter prices and made to believe he is getting the finest dairy product. As a matter of fact the city hotels and restaurants are probably the most largely interested in the defeat of the bill, as the colored oleomargarine fits their requirements to a nicety, and the guests are the ones imposed upon. The Groat bill is all right. If there is a market for oleomargarine let it be as that article in an uncolored form and not as an imitation of butter.

A season of progress and improvement is at hand and is evidenced along all lines, but more especially in railroad enterprises. For some time past these companies have been making good profits, a portion of which is set aside for improvement to their lines. There is one improvement that could be made in Norfolk that would be very satisfactory to the patrons of the roads entering here and it would seem that it would be of great convenience and advantage to the companies, and that is the building of a union depot. The business of the different companies here requires that they act together in a greater or less degree and it would appear that this would be greatly facilitated by a union depot. It has been suggested that such a building might be constructed on the vacant ground between Sixth and Seventh streets and Norfolk and Madison avenues. Most of the trains, as it is, pass by that plot and but slight altera-

tion of the tracks would be necessary. Beyond the cost of erecting the buildings, therefore, the expense would be slight. It would perhaps be more satisfactory if the union depot could be so arranged that the main line trains of the P. E. & M. V. could also use it, but this would probably be too expensive to be considered by the companies. Any uniting of facilities, however, would be appreciated.

There is hardly a day passes but that the press dispatches record a robbery or a burglary, or several of them, most of which are characterized by their boldness and which usually take place in the larger cities. How to prevent it is puzzling the brains of leading police officers and it is becoming a serious problem. As a general thing these robbers are fellows who choose to live in luxury and dissipation without work. They are adepts at the art, too, and are seldom caught. When one city will not endure them longer they are passed along to the next. This class furnishes more criminals than all others combined and is a menace to the country. It is a notorious fact that they are recruited from the ranks of young men who are brought up to believe that they are too good for ordinary work and, not getting positions which they consider compatible with their mistaken ideas, they persist on what their family or friends can afford until this source of support is removed or they consider it not good enough, when they commence to drift, as tramps usually, and are quickly landed in a life of crime and dissipation, at which they become expert and chronic. It is, or should be, a duty every parent owes his child that will not lead to this sort of life. This would remedy the evil in the future. For the present the idea of an eastern peace officer might not be entirely bad. His opinion is that a man without a competence who doesn't like work and refuses to work, should be made to join the army and do service in the Philippines, or some other distant part, after a season of training on some God-forsaken island. It is certain that the class concerned is of no benefit to their family or their country and if they could be converted into practical use it would be just to everyone and the country at large. Certainly no ordinary person not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, can hope to attain an independence or wealth without beginning at a low plane and by hard and persistent effort work himself up. Norfolk, and every other town has young men who are swiftly and surely tending toward this class, and will reach it as sure as fate if their ways are not changed. The wrong to industry and society should be corrected without the excuse of a robbery or murder to start such correction. Citizens should do their part toward preventing it in the future and the government should see that some effort is made at correcting it as it now exists.

From Plain Bill to Colonel. When an humble individual sat down this morning to a breakfast of gruel and black coffee, to all intents and purposes he was only an ordinary citizen, and rather a dyspeptic ordinary citizen at that. But, unbeknown to him, the hand of fate had already marked him for distinction, as was proven when he opened his morning mail, finding a letter which reads as follows:

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—Hon. W. N. Huse, Norfolk, Neb.: Dear Sir—In view of the fact that complications are arising in this country and we are liable to be precipitated into general warfare, and needing someone on my staff having a reputation of being a warrior brave and bold, I therefore extend to you the appointment of colonel on my staff, and hope you will accept the same.

Sincerely yours,  
O. H. DIETRICH.

Accept? Dear governor, the train does not travel fast enough to carry the message of acceptance, for fear you may change your mind. Of course he will accept. Did anyone ever know of a political job being tendered him that he did not take, with the one exception of candidate for state auditor? True, that was the only other time anything political was ever offered, but now he proposes to cling to this colonely like a drowning man to a board. Of course the governor is laboring under a wrong impression as to the bravery of the warrior aforesaid, but let it go at that. Many things are not all they seem in politics, as elsewhere.

It would appear that a real live colonel ought to have at least a slight idea of things military, but what the new colonel does not know about these affairs would fill a large leather bound volume fastened with an iron clasp. However, as an emergency exists, he proposes to at once commence a course of instructions under the direction of Colonel Tracy, which it is hoped, by the time of the inaugural ball, will enable him to give the military salute and grand hailing sign of distress. Then, by keeping an eye on the dress suit of Ross Hammond, who has also been made a colonel by the governor, he will undertake to perform the weighty duties devolving upon him in a manner which will not bring disgrace to the governor.

Friends might drop around when they have leisure and offer congratulations and a cigar, but don't forget to approach with a certain deferential air and remember that hereafter nothing goes but "Colonel."

There are but two weeks more of this century left and you should be preparing an extra long list of good resolutions with which to open the century.

The lion and the lamb are about to lie down together. Ex-President Grover Cleveland has expressed his hearty approval of utterances recently made by Ex-President Benjamin Harrison regarding the expansion question.

Grover Cleveland is not nearly as bashful and modest as he was before election. He has recently expressed an opinion on the situation of the democratic party and is of the candid opinion that it has "not been fatally disorganized, but it sadly needs rehabilitation on purely democratic lines." He repeats his warning that the party must cease wandering off after strange gods and return to first principles, when it may hope for success. The party has ignored the old gentlemen's advice several times now, but the time may come when it will heartily agree with him.

The result of the census regarding Nebraska cities of more than 2,000 inhabitants and less than 25,000 is not as satisfactory to Norfolk as might be desired but is very good when compared with other cities of the same class. The disappointing feature is that claims which have been made for Norfolk's population were quite largely exaggerated, but the city shows a very satisfactory gain over the census of 1890. In that year its population was given as 3,038. This year the figure is 3,883, or a gain of 845 people. There are but six cities in the class that made greater gains and one of these is larger than Norfolk. Most of the larger cities show a disastrous reduction over the census of 1890 and happily Norfolk is not of this class. In the statement published it is shown that seven cities in the class have a reduced population and 17 show gains. The seven cities show a decrease in population over the census of 1890 of 32,453, while the 17 smaller cities show a gain of 11,916. It is worthy of congratulation that Norfolk shows 845 of this gain. Omaha and Lincoln assist in increasing the size of the minus figures, while the smaller towns and country help to overcome the showing and make an increase for the state. It will take some time to overcome the disastrous effects of census stuffing but it may be expected that with the setback given the state by the present census that of 1910 will give a gratifying increase. It is a severe lesson to those who favor the counting of population to make a big showing, not stopping at fraud, and one which is not likely to be soon forgotten.

### JESSIE MORRISON GETS OUT

Her Friends Succeeded in Persuading Court to Admit Her to \$5,000 Bail. Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 19.—Judge Shinn yesterday agreed to admit Jessie Morrison to bail in the sum of \$5,000 pending her second trial for the murder of Mrs. Helen Castle. Bondsman have not yet been secured, but the prisoner's aged father, ex-Judge Morrison, expressed the hope that he will be able to secure them within a few days. The case cannot come up until next spring and it is believed another jury cannot be secured in the county. Her release will probably end the case.

### CURE FOR STRIKES.

Conference at Chicago Names Peace Committee—Compulsory Arbitration in General Condemned.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The conference on arbitration and conciliation, which passed into industrial history with its adjournment last night, was enlivened during the day by a debate between Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Hugh Lusk, ex-member of parliament of New Zealand.

At the evening session the committee on resolutions submitted its report. The resolutions "recognize the fact that compulsory arbitration—aside from all other objections urged against it—is not at this time a question of practical industrial reform, and that such systems as are now in vogue do not seem to fully meet the requirements of the different interests." The resolutions further recommended that the presiding officer of the conference appoint a committee to serve for one year, to be composed of six representatives of the employer class and six of the employe class, for the purpose of formulating some plan of action looking to the establishment of a general system of conciliation that will promote industrial peace.

Sounds Way for Thurston. Lincoln, Dec. 19.—F. M. Dorrington of the United States land office at Alliance arrived here last night and it is quietly rumored that his visit is for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any sentiment among newly-elected members of the legislature favorable to the re-election of Senator John M. Thurston.

South Dakota Bank Robbed. Milbank, S. D., Dec. 19.—Word was telephoned yesterday from Albee that Gold & Co.'s bank at that place was robbed of \$1,500 while the cashier was at dinner. The cashier neglected to lock the door.

## IN CONCORD OVER CHINA.

Powers Practically Accept England's Alterations.

### RUSSIA AND JAPAN SIGN.

Peking Correspondent of Fall Mall Gazette Looks on the Dark Side—Does Not Think That the Situation in China Has Improved.

London, Dec. 19.—"Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Peking correspondent of the Daily Mail. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have signed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly defined, but the acquiescence of America is admitted, and it is apparent the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries in two or three days. The German minister has warmly supported the British proposal."

### CHINA STILL GETTING ARMS.

Declared That Allies Must Be Given Wider Scope in Military Operations.

London, Dec. 19.—A Peking dispatch to the Fall Mall Gazette, dated Dec. 17, says: "The situation has not improved by the representatives of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited and the effect is neutralized. The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Hankow and Shanghai and have failed to check the transmission of supplies of ammunition of the Chinese. Tung Fuh Siang thus has every opportunity of rallying and equipping his army. He has secured the position of dictator, terrorizes the empress and controls the whole movements of troops. It will be necessary to give the military operations of the allies a wider area."

### BISHOP M'CAVE'S ITINERARY

Methodist Prelate Outlines His Journeys in South America.

Omaha, Dec. 19.—Bishop McCabe of the Methodist church, at a reception by the local ministers yesterday afternoon at the Commercial club, gave out the itinerary of his coming trip to South America. The bishop will sail from New York, Jan. 8. He will first go to Iquique, in Chile, and meet there with the West Coast conference. From there he goes to Valparaiso, and by train to the summit of the Andes mountains and to Mendoza. He will then journey to Montevideo, where a meeting of the ministers and teachers of the East Coast mission will be held. Afterward he expects to visit Buenos Ayres, Rosario, and go up the river to Asuncion, Paraguay.

### AT WAR WITH OSTEOPATHS.

Iowa's Medical Examiners Refuse Certificate to Graduate of New School.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—The state board of medical examiners yesterday refused to grant a certificate to a graduate of the state college of osteopathy of Des Moines to practice medicine in Iowa and employed Attorney General Remley to defend the board in the courts. A law was passed requiring the board to establish a standard for colleges of osteopathy and this was done, but the board has never yet examined a college which comes up to the standard set for such colleges and all applications from graduates have uniformly been refused. The board will make a fight in court to prevent any osteopath from receiving a certificate to practice medicine in Iowa and will declare them all irregular and subject to prosecution.

### ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL.

Crack a Bank Safe, Secure \$15,000 and Make Their Escape.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 19.—Kennedy's bank, at Hope, south of here, was entered at 2 a. m., the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine and \$15,000 carried off by two men who were seen to leave the building by the night operator in the telephone exchange. The robbers had a confederate posted outside in a carriage, in which all escaped.

A posse has been organized by the citizens of Hope and has started out after the robbers. Hope is only five miles from Flat Rock, where the safe in the postoffice was blown open early Monday morning and \$200 taken. It is presumed that the operators in both cases are the same.

### Switchmen and Brakemen May Go Out.

Topeka, Dec. 19.—Santa Fe switchmen and brakemen here say they will strike if the demands of the telegraphers are not granted by Third Vice President Barr. The conductors announce that they will stay by the road, but it is asserted that they will be induced to join in the strike if one is ordered. The engineers and firemen have not yet said whether or not they would strike. Considerable pressure has been brought to bear on them, and they show much sympathy with the strikers.

### Girl Forger Arrested.

New York, Dec. 18.—Nellie Moffat, 15 years old, was arrested yesterday in the Mechanics' and Traders' bank while presenting for payment a check for \$100 bearing the forged signature of Miss M. E. Leary, manufacturer of children's clothing. Prior to this the little girl had cashed similar checks for sums ranging from \$20 to \$50 on the same bank. She was arraigned in the Center street court and committed to the care of the Children's society for further examination.

### BRABANT AGAIN DEFEATED.

His Force and Cape Rifles Flew Before Boers Who Entered Cape Colony.

Cape Town, Dec. 19.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony, west of Aliwal North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape rifles and Brabant's horse, which retired with loss.

Details of the defeat of the British at Nootdegacht indicate that General Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boers' plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves unduly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery. After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retreating British.

All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

### MOORS SETTLE CLAIM.

Threat of Visit From Uncle Sam's Warship Hurries Up Payment of Indemnity for Eszaguil Murder.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A message from United States Consul Gummy, at Tangiers, informs the state department that the Moorish government had settled the claim of the United States for \$5,000 indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Eszaguil, a naturalized American citizen, in Morocco last year.

Eszaguil was of French birth, but the fact that he was naturalized as an American citizen relieved the French government from the necessity of joining in the demand for indemnity. The Moorish government pleaded as a basis for its first declination to pay the fact that the man was killed, not by Moorish officers, but in a fight with the rabble. The claim for indemnity, however, was based on the failure of the Moorish government to make any effort to arrest or punish the perpetrators of the murder. The navy department, at the instance of the state department, was making arrangements to send a naval vessel to Morocco to give moral support to the demand of the American consul for a settlement.

### POLYGAMY THEIR THEME.

Women Express Fear of Growing Political Power of the Mormon Church.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—A meeting of women to protest against Mormon polygamy was held here last night, the principal speakers being Dr. S. J. Elliott, an Episcopal deaconess, and Rev. W. E. Campbell, a missionary among the Mormons. Dr. Elliott, in the course of her remarks, said: "Polygamy is spreading with Mormonism. It is not confined to Utah, but exists in Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Nevada and Colorado. If four more states are added to the nine in which the Mormons already have political power it will be impossible to legislate against them."

Resolutions were adopted urging congress to take prompt action in favor of an amendment prohibiting polygamy and making its practice punishable by disfranchisement.

### WEDDING CAUSES RIOT.

Marriage of a White Man to Colored Woman Results in Clash at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—The marriage of a white man to a colored woman caused a good sized riot in lower Allegheny and may yet result in death or serious injuries to the principals. William Zeller, a traction employe, yesterday married Jennie Hoy, a colored woman, and went to his home on Laurel street. Richard Zeller, a cousin of the groom, together with the father, tried to break into the house where the couple were, while the large crowd, numbering nearly 1,000, encouraged the besiegers with shouts of "kill them," "lynch them" and kindred phrases. The bridal couple are barricaded in their home under police protection.

### Death of Colonel Lucas.

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 19.—Colonel E. W. Lucas died early yesterday morning after a long illness. He was the son of ex-Governor Lucas, the first territorial governor of Iowa.

### Transferred to Turkey.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The president yesterday nominated John C. A. Leishman of Pennsylvania, now minister to Switzerland, to be United States minister to Turkey.

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

William Hanna, aged 73, a prominent manufacturer of Monmouth, Ill., was killed in a runaway Tuesday.

Senator William V. Sullivan of Mississippi and Mrs. Maris Atkins of Washington were united in marriage Tuesday.

Herman G. Haugen, land commissioner of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, has been promoted to the position of comptroller of the road.

Two unknown men, each about 30 years of age, were found dead in the Hull house oil mill at Muskegon, I. T., Tuesday. Death had been caused by suffocation.

Coroner Voorhees rendered his verdict in the deaths of Andy Bonick and Mary Laczah at Cambridge, O., finding that they came to their death from drinking Jamaica ginger.

At the convocation exercises of the University of Chicago Tuesday President Harper announced that John D. Rockefeller had made another gift of \$1,500,000 to the institution.

The Western association, the new baseball league, a proposed ally of the American league, will include Grand Rapids, Detroit, Toledo, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Kansas City.