

## The Norfolk News

Now is the time to invest in Nebraska realty. It will never be cheaper.

Colonel Roosevelt has finished his hunt and the overworked fake reporters and cartoonists of the yellow journals will be allowed a season of rest.

Seventeen citizens of Fairmont went to Washington in a bunch Wednesday. When they have had time to make comparisons between that state and Nebraska they will probably flock back.

Rabenau, the Berlin electrical expert, states that within eight or ten years people will be able to circumnavigate the globe in twenty-two days. The world is getting pretty swift without a doubt.

An Omaha girl was arrested the other day for attempting suicide and sentenced to jail for three days, with a promise of 30 days if she again made a like attempt. Had she succeeded she would have been sent up for life.

A Chicago judge says that women are too imaginative. Some men believe that judicial knowledge is not necessary to reach that determination—however you seldom hear of one seeing snakes unless there are snakes.

If one of the Cudahy kidnapers is at last captured he may prove of great service to the public by making it eternally impossible to spring fake stories concerning his pals by disclosing a few facts regarding the mysteries of the case.

A Kearney county man has been judged insane because he imagines himself to be the wealthiest and wisest man living. The latter is quite a common malady, especially when it comes to politics, but the writer almost envies him the combination and particularly the first named hallucination.

The Conservative is struck with the inconsistency of the populist leaders who, while claiming that "their peerless presidential candidate" was defeated in 1896 and 1900 with "C. O. D. ballots paid for by the republican party," insist that the election of United States senators should be taken out of the corruption of the legislatures and thrown into the corruption above referred to.

The troubles of the stamp clerk in France are soon to be over, according to a late dispatch, which states that a slot machine is being perfected that not only sells the stamp but licks it and places it on the envelope when a coin is dropped into it. One of the machines prints the stamp directly on the envelope. Such an invention is in keeping with the modern pace and will probably be in general use some day.

The third anniversary of the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor was appropriately observed at Havana yesterday. The portion of the wreck above the water was decorated with laurels and in the Protestant and Catholic churches memorial services were held. It is fitting that the anniversary should be observed and especially fitting that it should be observed at Havana. The calamity will be one long to be remembered and it will be hard to forget by some.

Nebraska representatives in congress propose that a branch government mint shall be established in Omaha. This is all right and Nebraska people in general will be pleased to see Omaha thus favored. But Omaha has been quite liberally and frequently recognized by the government and as there are other towns in the state some of which have an ambition to secure government buildings, why would it not be well to secure appropriations for these buildings and have Omaha wait, if any must, for a few years?

A man in Tennessee has invented a process for staining lumber while it is yet in the log. The sap is extracted from the log and the staining materials are forced in by hydraulic pressure. The result is lumber that is stained evenly all the way through. It may be worked up into furniture and give practically the same results as natural wood of the same color. It is expected that this will effect a considerable change in the manufacture of furniture from the cheaper grades of lumber.—State Journal.

Considerable fun is being poked at Editor Bryan because he credited a well known poem on the American flag to Francis Drake instead of Joseph Rodman Drake. It is likely that about three-fifths of those who laugh at the blunder didn't know before the point was raised whether Joseph Rodman Drake or Bill Nye was the author—nevertheless it is somewhat astonishing that the man who claims to be the center of all American patriotism and the intimate of all patriotic statesmen and authors should make the error, that in others would be excusable.

The vote of the electoral college resulted in President McKinley receiving 292 and Mr. Bryan 155, the president

having 157 votes more than Bryan, or nearly a two-thirds majority. This is a gain for McKinley of 21 votes over the vote of 1896 and of course a loss to Bryan of the same number. Mr. Bryan does not appear to be the least bit disheartened by the showing, however, and is pluming himself for the third battle, with the probable intention of reducing his support 30 or 40 more votes, and successfully retiring all hopes of his party. May he be successful in getting the next nomination is the wish of many republicans, who are excusable for believing that he is easy.

The San Francisco Call truthfully remarks that it is rarely in this country, and at this time, that the editor of a country paper receives justice either at home or abroad. The value of his work for the community is not appreciated, even when the work itself is recognized. He is of the class of prophets who are without public manifestations of honor either in their own county or elsewhere. He is expected to serve his party, his friends, and all the industrial, charitable and holiday enterprises of the county without recompense; and his neighbors generally deem it a favor to him when they pay him for his paper.

If Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is successful in demonstrating that tea can be grown on United States territory the people will have cause to regret that they have spent so much money abroad when it might have been expended for a home product. Then the secretary might have prevented all that trouble accruing from the "Boston tea party" had he been an official at that time but, in the light of recent events, it is probably just as well that he wasn't. Black tea grown in South Carolina last year under the secretary's supervision is said to have been superior to the imported article and some of it sold on the market for \$1 a pound. Experiments will be continued this season.

Mark Twain's latest joke is printed in a communication to the current number of the North American Review. Mark says that if Dewey after he had smashed the Spanish fleet at Manila, had just set up a notice on the beach at Cavite, warning the Filipinos to do no damage to other people in the Philippines and notifying all other nations to beware of disturbing the archipelago in any way on pain of a licking by Uncle Sam, and then sailed away without stopping to coal up or answer any questions, the United States would have been revered today as the level-headed nation that ever carried a flag. As it is however, the fat is all in the fire and we are disgraced beyond recovery.—State Journal.

The police of Philadelphia recently made a raid and gathered in 300 slot machines. The machines were submitted to an examination and it was discovered that all but one were "fixed" to win steadily and tirelessly for the proprietor. Strange as it may seem, the one "honest" machine was taken from the most reputable joint of the lot. One of the officers said that he could stand for an even break on a gamble, but when it comes to a "fixed machine" steadily committing petty larceny he drew the line. If it is discovered that slot machine proprietors generally follow the Philadelphia plan the small gambling devices are likely to prove exceedingly unpopular, even among the sports.

Almost any woman would like to be a United States senator's wife. It is an honor to be a factor in Washington society life, and other honors are plenty. Not every woman could have her name and picture published in connection with a popular brand of soap for advertising purposes as a number of senators' wives have recently done. They are too unimportant. Mrs. Allen's name and Mrs. Thurston's name and picture are among those honored by the soap manufacturer. Nebraskaans have reason to be proud of the fame bestowed on their fair representatives. May they live long to recommend many and varied brands of soap, toilet powders and lotions, but let them beware how they allow the use of their names and faces in patent medicine ads.

The state senate has passed Senator Arends' bill designed to encourage forestry in Nebraska by providing that the increased value of property by reason of growing such trees shall not be a subject for taxation, which virtually means that the trees so grown will not be taxed, although they will undoubtedly be of value. The bill provides that the portion of a farmer's land devoted to tree planting shall be limited in order to benefit by the new law, and there are other restrictions and provisions. This is a small step in the right direction. Nebraska is one of the states most needing legislation for the promotion of forestry and friends of the movement will be pleased to see its popularity grow until the state is converted into a picture land of groves and forests.

Dan's Review says: "According to the official statement exports of breadstuffs during January were valued at \$21,138,008, against \$17,543,036 last year." This is very good evidence that the American farmer is supplying the foreigners with considerable eating ma-

terial and that the demand for their produce is increasing rather than diminishing. It indicates prosperity for the producing masses and its increase year after year is conclusive proof that Mr. Bryan was again mistaken when he said that republican prosperity was temporary. The great amount of increase is certain to drop off some—if it doesn't all the breadstuffs will soon be exported—but it is not likely that there will be any considerable falling off for several years to come. Republican prosperity is in very good working condition and the high water mark may not yet be reached.

According to the Citizen the people of Tilden, with but a few exceptions, were not at all pleased that the town should be given the notoriety resulting from the late "boxing contest." The people of the village are quite generally moral and the number of persons attending the contest is evidence that it did not turn out a crowd. It is presumed that of the 300 attending not more than 50 were from Tilden and for a place that can turn out from 1,000 to 1,500 people to a Fourth of July celebration, base ball game, or political speech, it is a small showing. The sports were undoubtedly sadly disappointed also at the size of the Norfolk crowd. There were few people—not nearly as many as has been intimated—who attended the contest from here. If a crowd were really desired the contest should have been held in Deadwood, New York or some other frontier city where the morals of the people are not so closely guarded.

It is high time for the north Platte members of the legislature to get together and decide upon some man whom they will support for United States senator. The difficulty at Lincoln seems to be that there are altogether too many candidates, and particularly does this apply to the situation in the north half of the state. Only one of these men can be elected, and it is fully time that one was determined upon. While we believe the best interests of the state would be conserved by the election of Edward Rosewater to the United States senate, yet if he cannot make it, let the toga fall upon some other good man—but by all means let the toga fall. After the north Platte members have centralized upon some good man, then they will be in position to talk business to the south Platte people, and the farce which has been enacted at Lincoln day after day during the past six weeks will soon be ended. It is to the interest of republicanism that the deadlock be broken and that quickly, even if drastic measures have to be adopted to do so.

Editor Pont of the Stanton Register makes a beautiful defense of his position in regard to the proposed joint county teachers institute. It will undoubtedly surprise some of his readers to learn that "investigation will prove that our authority for items published is always the best obtainable." The publisher of his rival paper, Editor Enos, has frequently differed with him in this regard and any one with a scintilla of political wisdom who has read his paper will be inclined to doubt his statement. However, much of Mr. Pont's shortcomings can be overlooked because of the statement at the beginning of his comment that "the editor of THE NEWS defends Norfolk in all cases, whether right or wrong." THE NEWS is proud to know that it has attained this distinction, but is inclined to speculate as to what paper would stand up for Norfolk if it didn't. THE NEWS has endeavored to stand by its home town sometimes when the work was up hill and when the town didn't seem to stand by it a little bit—but that is not essential to the subject in hand. If Stanton's superintendent did not wish first class accommodations for his teachers there are numerous small hotels, boarding houses and private families that could take care of them comfortably and just as reasonably as could be done in Stanton. If Mr. Pont doubts that things can be done cheaply enough here let him fill his basket with lunch and apply to either Widaman or Kane and he can probably secure accommodations that won't cost him a cent.

Filipinos Will Co-operate. The leaders of the federal party in the Philippines have served notice on the insurgent leaders that if they do not come in and surrender they will raise a native force of volunteers to go out and fetch them in. They assure the guerrilla chiefs that they are determined to put a stop to brigandage and restore law and order to the islands. There is little doubt if the well disposed people of the archipelago undertake to act in harmony with the United States authorities they will have a decisive moral effect.

The antipathy that the federals exhibit against the return of the friars will doubtless attract the support of a great many of the common people who sympathize with the rebellion chiefly because of their fear of the ultimate vengeance of their friar landlords. The proposal of General MacArthur to the president in his report to buy up the lands held by the trustees of the friars which would be willingly sold at a fair appraisement, the land to be resold to the tenants on easy terms, will doubtless have a good effect in the same direction. The friars hold upwards of two hundred thousand acres of arable land in Cavite province alone.—State Journal.

California is having plenty of rain but Kansas is getting darNation dry.

It is said that the first message to be signalled to Mars by Nicola Tesla will be the information that the planet has been annexed by J. Bull, Esq.

The word "Teller" seen in so many banks is not placed there in honor of Senator Henry M., whose efforts have recently been directed toward causing the bankers to pass out under his name 45-cent dollars.

The British government has paid well for the acquisition of the Transvaal and they do not seem to have it very firmly "fixed." It is estimated that the South African war has cost Britain up to this time about \$500,000,000, not counting the loss of life, limbs and health.

The Nation crusade in Kansas is getting serious. At Leavenworth forty armed people attacked a joint and a pitched battle ensued in which a woman, sister of one of the jointists, was killed and seven persons wounded. Perhaps the movement will finally result in more deaths and injuries than can be laid at the door of King Alcohol.

The name of little 6-years-old Bobbie Ray of Ravenwood, West Virginia, deserves a place in history. Caught in a burning home with his three sisters, aged 4 years, 2 years, and six months, he saved the two older ones and returned for the baby, when he became confused and was burned to death. The little chap's heroic act might well have daunted a brave man.

When the automobile business gets down to a fine point the railways and electric lines will be compelled to make a new move, according to recent developments. It is said that in a race between an automobile and express train going out from Rome, Italy, recently the automobile was the winner although it was considerably impeded by traffic. The race was for a distance of 44 miles.

The district court at Fremont has given a severe lesson to would-be murderers by promptly convicting one of the murderers of Herman Zahn of Snyder and making the penalty death. If the numerous important trials throughout the state have as prompt and conclusive a finish outlaws will be very much discouraged, in fact even now the number of burglaries and robberies seems to have greatly diminished.

John Bull is too slow when brought into competition with American workmen. A company of British bridge builders wanted 60 weeks to put material on shipboard for the construction of 30 bridges on the Uganda railway in South Africa, while an American company offered to construct the bridges in 46 weeks. The St. Louis Globe Democrat well says: "The American workman gets the best wages in the world and richly earns them."

In free trade England, according to late returns, there are 806,471 paupers; in Scotland 97,947, and in Ireland 97,587, supported at an annual cost to the public of \$67,000,000. The paupers of a country are something to its discredit, although they cannot be entirely eliminated. It should be the aim of every country, however, to have as few as possible. Every able bodied man and woman should have an opportunity to make their own living and if they will then not improve it they should be given a harder name than "pauper."

An exchange springs the following, which is endorsed in all its phases: One bright friend came in the other day with what he thought was a conundrum: "Why is a newspaper like a woman?" "Because it has to have some one to run it." "Because both have to be known to be appreciated." "Because both are good advertising mediums." "Because it sometimes changes its dress and tells tales." The correct answer is, "Because every man should have one of his own, and not be running after his neighbors."

Vice President-elect Theodore Roosevelt passed through Omaha yesterday afternoon on his way east from his hunting trip in Colorado. He is feeling well after his outing, and is now ready to put all his magnificent energy into the duties which lay before him. He is still denouncing the stories sent out by the "string writers" concerning his terrible struggles with wild beasts while on the trip. He says that with one or two exceptions he was in no danger, and he dislikes the publicity that has been given the stories concerning him.

It will not be long now before the flowers will bloom in the spring, and when it is to be hoped that many miles of rotten sidewalks in all parts of town will be promptly condemned by the city council and new ones ordered to take their places. And after the order has been issued, let us also indulge in the hope that all summer will not be required to have it carried out. There are sidewalks doing service in Norfolk today that should have been consigned to the kindling pile five years ago. It is high time an effective campaign for better walks along both sides of every street be organized.

Governor Dietrich has extended an

invitation to all of his predecessors in office to dine with him in the executive mansion on Washington's birthday. This is a happy thought and the occasion will doubtless be one of rare social enjoyment. It serves also to bring to mind the important and interesting fact that every governor of Nebraska since the state was admitted is still alive, with the single exception of David Butler; wherefore it may be concluded it is not the paltry \$2,500 a year the office pays, but the guarantee of longevity and health that inspires so many aspirants for the governorship.—Fremont Tribune.

Value of Beet Sugar Factories. The great value of the beet factories to Colorado cannot be estimated by the paltry dollars which the invested capital in the building and machinery add to the taxable assets of the state, which as compared to other interests directly arising from the location of a sugar plant in any community is insignificant to mention. As a safe criterion we can refer to Otero county, which has welcomed two factories in the past year at a probable cost of two million dollars, which has been listed upon the county tax lists. But let us look farther. These two refineries have brought to the county at least four thousand new people who have been enrolled as bona fide residents. The farming and agricultural lands have been enhanced in value at least three million dollars. The business and commercial interests of the county have been quickened by the increased capital, which has been placed in circulation. The slipshod custom of careless agricultural methods has been abandoned and the theory of intense farming has been almost universally resorted to.

The value of an acre of land depends on the amount of cash it will pay its owner each year, and its value can not legitimately rise above this basis. Here is where the great profit in general comes in from the establishment of the factory and the growing of sugar beets. Land which has heretofore produced when cultivated in ordinary farm crops of alfalfa and grain from \$7 to \$10 per acre net to the owner, is capable of producing, when properly grown to sugar beets, from \$50 to \$70 per acre, besides giving permanent employment to at least four times the number of laborers. Hence we can see in the starting of every factory the solution of two great problems—the increase of land values and the maintenance of a fourfold greater population.—Sugar City Herald.

Uncle Sam Wants Poles. Omaha, Feb. 19.—The Department of the Missouri is advertising for "20 short, stocky cow poles" which, it is understood, are to be sent to the Philippines for mountain climbing. According to the stipulations, the animals are to be "not more than 14½ hands high, well broken to saddle and having good action and conformation."

Two Transports En Route. Washington, Feb. 19.—General MacArthur has informed the war department that the transports Hancock and Kilpatrick left Manila yesterday for the United States. The Hancock has the Thirtieth volunteer infantry on board and the Kilpatrick carries 400 sick soldiers.

Kills His Stepdaughter. Nebraska City, Neb., Feb. 18.—Hall Frampton, a colored man, quarreled with his wife last night and attempted to kill her. His stepdaughter, a girl of 15, took the part of her mother, when Frampton turned on her seized a shotgun, chased her a block, shot her in the head and then beat her brains out with the stock of the weapon. Frampton is in jail, with a strong guard, as there is some talk of lynching.

VICTIM OF BENGAL TIGER. Bloodthirsty Beast Attacks Its Keeper and Fatally Wounds Him. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.—Albert Neilson, aged 15 years, employed as an animal keeper at the zoological garden in this city, was killed by a Bengal tiger yesterday. He entered the cage in which the tiger was confined and was attacked by the beast. A terrible struggle followed, in which Neilson was torn in a hundred places. Redhot irons were thrust into the bloodthirsty animal, but not until seven bullets had been fired into its body did it release its hold on the victim. Neilson was dragged from the cage more dead than alive and was hurried to the city hospital, where he died as he was being carried in. The tiger was not fatally wounded. Neilson lived at Piqua, O., and had been employed by the zoo company three years. He was in charge of the lion cubs and it is supposed opened the tiger's cage by mistake.

South Dakota Legislature. Pierre, S. D., Feb. 21.—Proceedings of both houses yesterday lacked an entertaining feature, the house postponing until Feb. 23 action on reconsideration of the motion to expunge the wolf bounty record without any struggle. A bill was introduced in the house by Browne, repealing the seed grain law. Several minor bills were also presented.

Trial of Dr. Kennedy. New York, Feb. 20.—In the trial of Dr. Kennedy, charged with the murder of Dolly Reynolds, the attempt to prove an alibi for Kennedy went on yesterday and more witnesses swore that they had seen the accused man on Staten Island at the hour when, according to the prosecution, he was leaving the Grand hotel, where the murder was committed.

Pugilists Bound Over. Chicago, Feb. 20.—Pugilists Rubin and Martin were held to the grand jury yesterday in bonds of \$750 each for engaging in a friendly boxing exhibition at a local theater. Frank Hall, who made the complaint against them, was arrested, charged with witnessing a boxing contest. Hall was also held to the grand jury in the sum of \$750.

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## CHINESE WILL COMPLY.

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QUICKLY BROUGHT TO TIME.

Count von Waldersee's Menace of Hostile Move Has an Instantaneous Effect Upon the Emperor—Preparations for the Expedition Continue.

Peking, Feb. 20.—Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have received a telegram which virtually means that the Chinese will comply with all the demands of the powers, although they still desire information on a few minor details. The foreign envoys look forward confidently to absolute compliance by tomorrow at the latest. Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have been greatly worried by the preparations for the expedition into the interior and they have strongly urged the court to yield, pointing out that otherwise the dismemberment of the empire was probable.

The foreign envoys had given the Chinese authorities eight days in which to issue satisfactory edicts. The court promptly agreed to inflict the punishments demanded.

London, Feb. 20.—The Reuter Telegram company has received the following from its Peking correspondent dated Feb. 19: "The German, British and Japanese legations notified the Chinese that the allies were preparing an expedition toward Sian Fu in the event of the court persisting in its present unsatisfactory attitude regarding the punishments."

"Thereupon the Chinese plenipotentiaries wired urgently to Sian Fu counselling immediate compliance and pointing out that now there was only the question of the death of a few persons really deserving such a fate, while the advance of the allies would mean the death of thousands, besides causing the powers to treat China with greater harshness than if a settlement were arrived at without further military operations."

"Five thousand British troops have been warned to prepare for the resumption of operations."

Conger Protests to Ministers. Washington, Feb. 20.—During the cabinet meeting yesterday a cablegram from Minister Conger was submitted referring to the proposed military expedition in China, under command of Count von Waldersee. It disclosed the fact that our minister had protested to the ministers' council against hostile movements of this character, but that his protest had failed to receive consideration, the other foreign ministers taking the ground that they had no authority to influence military operations one way or the other.

Addressed the Commons in Irish. London, Feb. 20.—In the commons yesterday Thomas O'Connell, Nationalist member for West Kerry, began to address the house in the Irish language, and the speaker called him to order after he had spoken three or four sentences, reminding him that to speak Irish was an unknown practice in the house of commons. Mr. O'Connell continued to speak in the Irish tongue, greatly to the delight of the Nationalists around him. The speaker finally stopped him peremptorily.

Press Action on Canal Treaty. London, Feb. 20.—Ambassador Choate saw the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the marquis of Lansdowne, yesterday and discussed the Chinese question and the Nicaragua canal matter. Mr. Choate was informed that both these features would be fully discussed at a cabinet meeting to be held Feb. 22 and Lord Lansdowne hoped to be able to communicate to Mr. Choate something more definite immediately after the meeting.

Expedition to Be a Large One. Shanghai, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Peking says Feld Marshal Count von Waldersee's expedition to Sian Fu will comprise 15,000 men, British, Germans, French and Italians. It is understood that if the expedition starts it will act as a guard of honor to the emperor on his way back to Peking. It is rumored that the allies will simultaneously operate in the Yang-tse-Kiang valley.

Tariff Fight Not Considered Serious. London, Feb. 20.—"The tariff war with America is not considered serious in official circles," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, "as it is hoped that, before Russia begins reciprocity measures, the respective increases in duties will have counteracted one another. For this reason Russia has postponed making reprisals for 14 days. The raising of the duty on grain would be of advantage to Russia as against Germany."

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