

## The Norfolk News

The Gordon Journal is of the opinion that the "Budweiser wobble" is a fad infinitely worse than the "kangaroo walk."

The March weather has aroused the indispenable hen to a realizing sense of her responsibilities and a popular breakfast fruit is being promptly and effectually removed from the list of luxuries.

The Fremont Herald has been informed that weath is a disease and arises to inquire where bacilli or microbes may be readily procured. There are others who would like to "catch it."

The people of Nebraska are still waiting, none too patiently, for the legislature to make choice for United States senators. This week should certainly show that the representatives of the people have some regard for their constituents.

Fusion organs continue to odiously compare the early settlers of this country and founders of this republic with Agulnaldo and his followers. They would probably feel very proud if they could trace their ancestry back to a race like the Tagalogs.

It is asserted that Mr. Bryan's eastern visit is to ascertain the feeling of democratic leaders regarding a candidate for the presidency in 1904. He is persistent but the people opposed to his holding the position of president appear to be equally set in their ways.

The famous Wind cave of Hot Springs S. D., is now government property and Uncle Sam will conduct the sight-seers through its mysteries in the future. He will undoubtedly be satisfied if excursionists pay the expenses of ownership without a profit accruing.

Father-in-Law Zimmerman has also acquired a well developed breach-of-promise suit. The next American millionaire who wishes to acquire a foreign title for his daughter will undoubtedly require an itemized statement of the troubles accompanying the contract.

Ex-State Treasurer J. B. Meserve has departed from the ranks of the common people, has secured a controlling interest in the Adams County bank at Hastings and will assume the position of president April 3. A term at the public crib is responsible for his departure from the well worn path of a good populist.

The fusionists do not take kindly to President McKinley's assertion that "The prophets of evil were not the builders of this republic." They know that he struck too near the truth for comfort. A chronic croaker never did much good for his country, his family or anyone else. Advancement and growth are the natural result of optimism.

Iles Magy of Cleveland, Ohio, chose two novel methods to sever the silver thread neither of which have yet proved successful. First he held a large cartridge in his teeth and endeavored to explode it by hammering the percussion cap. Failing in this he drove a chisel into one of his lungs with a hammer. A more original method of suicide is awaited.

The republicans have a majority of 20 in the new senate, the largest majority enjoyed by any party in many years. There are 14 vacancies and if these are filled according to the political complexion of the legislatures the majority will be still larger. With such a majority in sight the passing of beneficent republican measures should be an easy task.

The serious illness of Ex-President Benjamin Harrison has filled his friends with alarm. It is evident that on account of his age the vitality of the ex-president is very low and unless an improvement is soon noted the situation is grave. The people of the country, regardless of party, will hope that a change for the better will soon take place and that Mr. Harrison may be spared to his country for many years.

It is predicted that England will never have better terms offered her than those contained in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which expired at noon Wednesday. It is extremely likely that the United States may conclude to build the canal as best pleases it without waiting for the aid or consent of England or any other European nation. England has made errors and its failure to ratify this treaty is probably not the least.

The contract for the construction of the battleship Nebraska has been let to the firm of Moran Bros., of Seattle, Washington, and this grand commonwealth will, in the course of a few years, be honored by a representative in the United States navy bearing its name. The people of the state will hope that it may be one of the best fighting machines in the new navy and that its record will be not only an honor to the state but the entire country.

The czar is showing a hoggish disposition in Chinese matters and it is likely that he will be brought to a stand by the

United States, England, Japan and other countries which have assumed some of the responsibilities of settling the Chinese question. The czar's territory grabbing propensities have been excited by some of the richest tracts of the Celestial empire and he proposes to file first claim on that particular part of the country if he is permitted to do so.

E. H. Hinshaw is looming up pretty strong in the senatorial contest and if he succeeds in breaking into the Thompson ranks will probably be elected senator. He is a south Platte man and seems to have successfully consolidated all the anti-Thompson votes and then some. He has a good record and the legislature could make a much worse choice than he for the position. Should he be elected it still remains for the north Platte people to get together. Something should happen soon.

Darrell is the only one of the three men accused of murdering Herman Zahn, the Snyder saloon keeper, who succeeded in getting off clear. He was very fortunate in being able to establish a defense that resulted in his release from custody and in view of the sentences the other men received he has excellent cause to feel happy. It should be a lesson to him that it is dangerous to associate to any extent with men of questionable reputations. A man's associations are oftentimes more dangerous to his well being than any personal failings or peculiarities.

It seems that the manufacturers of oleomargarine are not altogether satisfied with substituting it for butter but occasionally endeavor to beat Uncle Sam out of the tax on the product. At Union City, Indiana, recently a revenue collector seized a plant of the Hudson Produce company and took possession of 19,250 pounds of butter, 81 tubs of which proved to be oleo that had been manufactured without a license, and yet the manufacturers of this product are continually working for laws that will make substitution easier and less expensive. They should know how to use the favors they have before seeking greater.

The World-Herald professes wonderful familiarity with the Scriptures and recites a number of quotations which it would have been pleased to furnish for the inauguration ceremonies of President McKinley. It was not invited to do so, however, and furthermore there was some hundreds of thousands of common people who expressed themselves as opposed to the World-Herald's candidate being allowed to kiss the scriptures at all on an occasion like the inauguration. The World-Herald professes to be much wiser than this large majority and is renewing the slanderous methods against the administration which will probably operate against it and its candidates in the future as it has done in the past.

The advertisement, "Wanted—A bright, energetic man or woman," is a regular chestnut. Now why don't some original advertiser want "a dull, lazy man or woman" for a change? It is probable that his originality would bring no applications, as no one is ready to admit that they are dull and lazy, but the monotony would be broken successfully. The bright, energetic man or woman is seldom out of a job and it is safe to presume that many answers to such wants are from people quite the contrary, who flatter themselves by writing the advertiser hoping to secure a snap fitted to their dispositions. The bright, energetic man or woman is always wanted and it should be the aim of all to fill such requirements.

There are many who deplore the increasing expenditures of the government without giving full consideration to the subject. A very large share of the government's expenses are for salaries and the larger such expenditures the more people there are who receive good wages which the United States is notorious for paying. If the government could so manage, it would unquestionably benefit the people if one-half of them were government employes whose wages were paid by those who could afford to pay taxes levied for the purpose, and the ranks of the unemployed would be materially thinned if not totally dissipated. There is not a better paying employer than the United States government and there are few that have not an ambition to some day be in its employ.

F. M. Currie, candidate for senator before the legislature, has suggested a plan for breaking the deadlock that would undoubtedly prove successful, and the only thing likely to hinder its consummation would be the refusal of other candidates to join in. His plan is that the legislators from this time on should be allowed free action by every candidate appearing before the body and releasing his followers from all promises and obligations. The record of the session would seem to indicate that it would have been better for the people of the state, and no doubt as well for the candidates, if no promises had been exacted. The voters have selected to represent them a body of men possessing an unquestioned ability to make a satisfactory choice of senators and but for the ambitions of candidates who thought it necessary to strengthen their cause before election, favorable action

would undoubtedly have been taken weeks ago. It may be rather late to rectify this condition but a strong effort should be made at this time to bring results.

The Times Tribune thinks there is scant encouragement for a Norfolk newspaper to uphold home merchants as against the department stores of the cities, inasmuch as they are not first-class patrons of the newspapers' advertising columns. While this is true to a certain extent, the fact still remains that the home merchant is the best patron of the home newspaper and the only one to be depended upon. The advertisements sent out by the department stores are not desirable, are refused space by the majority of newspapers and if accepted must be taken at a discount price, therefore THE NEWS feels that its efforts in behalf of the home merchant is not entirely "love's labor lost" and in the interest of the home community it feels that it can well afford to make the fight even though its benefits are not full and direct. Everything that tends toward the upbuilding of the city and that serves to keep the money of the community at home is of benefit to every institution of the community. While a liberal patronage of home merchants is appreciated and lends a valuable incentive to such a fight, justice to the home merchant in competition with foreign firms cannot be ignored by any institution of a local nature. Such a movement is also of value to the customer. Many have not realized that every dollar they send away is a dollar gone beyond their reach, while should it be kept at home there is always the chance that it will eventually be returned to him. THE NEWS sincerely hopes that the earnest and persistent discussion of the subject will not only benefit the home merchant but every member of the community, which it certainly will if the people are brought to a realizing sense of its importance.

**Irrigated Homes.**  
In the irrigation debate in the house of representatives Representative Bell, of Colorado, stated that he had served on a special committee which went to the arid west to investigate conditions of labor and capital, and that they found in Utah the best labor conditions of anywhere in the United States.

"Why," he said, "did we find there the best condition of labor? The reason given was that the men employed in the coal mines and in the metalliferous mines and everywhere else had small homes on this irrigated land, and whenever there was a shortage of work the miners of Utah went to their little homes and cultivated their land. A family can raise more on one acre of good fertile irrigated land, in my judgment, than can be raised on an average of three or four acres in the eastern states. This condition quadruples the inducement for laboring men to make homes on this land, and causes them to take a lively interest in their reclamation."

**More Home Patronage.**  
The Minden Gazette is given to some reflections on the home patronage question in a recent issue. The train of thought was inspired by the fact that a man from Kansas City had been working Kearney county for subscribers to a publication issued from the Missouri metropolis. The Gazette is astonished that people should want a Kansas City paper that never contains a line or word about Kearney county people, when the county papers publish columns about them each week and what is more furnish general news in condensed and readable form. It offers as a reason the fact that they contain advertisements for the department stores and the more people they can secure to read these advertisements and patronize these stores the more money the merchants are willing to pay and the cheaper the subscriptions become. They at the same time injure the community, especially the business portion, by taking the money that belongs at home. Among other things the Gazette says:

"If the people of Kearney county would encourage the publishers in Kearney county to the extent that they are willing to patronize the Kansas City papers, and give them the patronage and encouragement in a business way, the home papers could and would be better ones."  
"Not long ago we saw a business man go into another business man's store and buy a bill of goods, and the man who sold the goods sends out of town for the same things his purchaser handles. It was nobody's business, of course, outside the two people who made the deal, but the curiosity was aroused in this mind, what kind of a community would it be, if every business transaction were conducted upon the same plan, and how long would Minden be a good town?"

"There are men in this town who grumble at paying their water rent, yet they can go away from home and blow in three or four times the amount of their water rent, not a cent of which benefits any man, woman or child in the community where it was earned, and never a word of complaint is heard, yet when the water rent is due they roar about the great expense of helping something that helps and does good at home."

A divorce suit at La Porte, Ind., brings out the fact that 16 years ago Jacob Ritz sold his wife for a \$2 bill. If she is like some women we have seen she was high priced at that figure.

A Pennsylvania man is suing a woman for damages for alienating the affections of his Thomas cat. Divorce proceedings will accept a place at the rear until a decision is reached on this important matter.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil thinks that if Marconi and Nicola Tesla would devote their inventive efforts toward the perfecting of wireless legislation they would accomplish something of genuine benefit to the world.

Sarah Bernhardt went out hunting alligators in a Louisiana swamp recently and begged a six-foot reptile. Is the "divine one" especially interested in the sport or is she merely trying to exceed the notoriety of Mrs. Nation of hatchet fame?

A bill has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature legalizing prize fights. It is not probable that it will pass but if it does almost every state in the union will contribute a number of undesirable citizens to help swell that state's population.

Winnebago and Omaha Indians are soon to assert their title to some of the rich farming lands of Dakota and Dixon counties. Their movement need cause present owners no uneasiness as Uncle Sam will probably see to it that they have a clear title even though the claims of the Indians may prove valid.

One of the features of the St. Louis exposition is to be the platform from which President McKinley delivered his inaugural address. The people of the enterprising Missouri city are in the field early for attractions and everything of or connected with national fame may be expected to be gathered in with scant warning from now until the exposition closes.

Mrs. Harriet E. Gladden, aged 80 years, of Waterbury, Conn., is suing for a divorce from her husband, aged 40, for desertion. The woman is worth \$50,000 and was evidently married for her money. The husband seems to have regretted the bargain and concluded that even \$50,000 was small compensation for living with a woman old enough to be his grandmother.

His lordship, the cyclone, has entered upon his duties rather early in the season but is none the less thorough in his procedure, as can be positively attested at a number of southern points. It is to be hoped that his journey north will be indefinitely postponed. These snow flurries, shadows of blizzards, multitudinous and erratic changes of weather are bad enough.

The Fremont Tribune profoundly observes that "the skill of modern doctors is responsible for many abuses of nature. People indulge themselves beyond all reason and then depend on the good old family doctor to pull them out of their misery. If they would take more prevention and less cure they would be vastly better off and the doctors would not be living in such fine houses and buying so many farms."

Li Hung Chang is said to be a very sick Chinaman. The world would be very sorry at this time to lose one of the most progressive citizens of the empire when there is such a crisis in Chinese affairs and his influence and advice is of so much value. Earl Li has been a pioneer in advancing his country toward the civilization of the modern world and at this time his progressive spirit is of especial importance to his countrymen and the world.

It is generally conceded that the recent snows have been of inestimable value in starting Nebraska farms on the right track to realize another bumper crop this season. In which case those who have felt like complaining at the disagreeable features of the weather, will have reason to know that while their present personal comforts may not have been considered by the weather manipulator, he at least had some regard for their future welfare.

A Sterling man recently sold his farm for \$3,000, one-half cash and the balance in notes. When it came to closing the deal the purchaser insisted in paying all cash but the seller refused. The deal went through finally. No such proceedings were noted under the late democratic administration. Then it was popular for the buyer to offer all notes and the seller as persistently refused to accept them. Times have changed and well enough has been let alone.

The house has sustained Governor Dietrich in his veto of the Peru normal school measure and following close on this action is the announcement that the senate by a vote of 17 to 13 had defeated the bill providing for the establishment of two new state normals—one in the Fifth and the other in the Sixth district. It is evident that no extraordinary appropriations for educational purposes may be expected from this session of the legislature with Governor Dietrich and his veto as a last resort.

The London Star does not support the

action of England on the Nicaraguan canal matter. It says: "When it is a question of Anglo-American good feeling, as in the case of the Nicaraguan canal treaty, we might have strained a point and made clear what concession we were really prepared to make. The American contentions are not unreasonable, while there are sound commercial reasons for us wishing them godspeed in the matter. We have our treaty rights, but let us bargain to get what we can for those rights."

The city campaign is opening up with considerable interest manifested. The democrats have completed their ticket and the republicans will have done so tonight, having named candidates for councilmen last evening. If the republicans are as successful in choosing city candidates as the ward caucuses were in selecting councilmen, they will have a strong ticket in the field and be in position to make another winning fight. The councilmanic candidates are above reproach and are certainly entitled to the support of voters from their wards.

Decatur Barnes, a citizen of Norfolk, Virginia, has commenced suit against his grocer for \$1,000 damages. He alleges that he was made sick by eating some sausage which he had purchased of the grocer and investigation showed that the ground article was made of cat's meat and that there was cat's hair and claws in it. A purse of \$1,000 would be small compensation for a person who had been thus imposed upon. The plaintiff should also demand that the defendant be compelled to subsist on his merchandise during a life imprisonment at hard labor.

Quite a contest is developing for the governorship of Iowa and many candidates for the position are being brought out. The strange part of the contest is that the democrats are scarcely interested and the majority if not all the candidates are republicans. It is astonishing that the democrats should allow a few hundred thousand majority to so discourage them that they do not even mention a candidate. They should import the optimistic Jones who would at once claim the election of a democrat by 'teen thousand or so majority and revive their drooping spirits.

President C. D. Mitchell, addressing the Minnesota Editorial association at St. Paul recently, recommended that each state association of editors or printers elect a delegate and provide for his expenses, said delegate to go to Washington and enter a protest against the policy of the government in competing with job offices in the printing of return cards on envelopes or any other printing on a personal order. If the government is allowed to compete with printing offices why should it not also enter into competition with the grocer, the baker and the candlestick maker?

Representative Marshall is very much opposed to the cartoonist. He has introduced a bill making it an offense to make a cartoon or print or distribute any periodical, pamphlet, newspaper or magazine containing one without first having secured the written consent of the person caricatured. The offense is made punishable by a fine of from \$25 to \$100 or 30 days' imprisonment, or both. The representative evidently does not care so much what kind of a pen picture is made of a man so that the cartoonist is denied an opportunity to delineate his features in exaggerated and extravagant lines.

All records for prosperous conditions and financial stability have unquestionably been broken under the McKinley administration and those who were inclined to say and endeavor to prove that there was no prosperity have seemingly been effectually silenced by the facts. The gold reserve in the national treasury has established a record never before attained in the history of the country and there are now \$490,000,000 in that fund. It not only evidences a sound financial policy on the part of the government but gives reason why there is no fear of a panic and thus establishes the prosperity of individuals.

Governor Dietrich's veto of the bill providing for an expenditure of \$75,000 on improvements to the Peru normal school will be commended by a large majority of the people of Nebraska. It indicates that the present administration will be one of economy, so far as the governor is concerned, and that measures appropriating money will be subjected to a rigid examination on the executive's part. The necessity for economy is all the more apparent since the destruction of the penitentiary, as all will readily recognize that this must be rebuilt or other provisions made for taking care of the convicts. There are expenditures that must be made and to provide for these it will be necessary to cut down or eliminate all unnecessary appropriations for a year or two at least.

Friends of irrigation are inclined to harbor upon the defeat of the river and harbor appropriation bill as a lesson to people of the east that the west has rights which must be respected. It is claimed that if the clause providing an appropriation for irrigation had not been cut off, the bill would have passed. THE NEWS is loth to believe that this kind of warfare is necessary and is in-

clined to the opinion that the movement can successfully win without opposing measures of particular interest to the east. If not, however, it is perhaps just as well for eastern politicians to realize early in the game that the west has some influence in legislative matters and that its claims to recognition must receive respectful consideration. A bill making large appropriations for river and harbor construction is a regular feature at congressional sessions and vast sums of government money have been thus spent. It is therefore but just that the west with its irrigation plans should also benefit through government aid. Friends of the movement will undoubtedly continue their agitation until by the time congress is again in session there will be little difficulty in securing just consideration.

### CONDENSED MILK.

He who fights and runs away  
May live to run again some day.  
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No need of Carrie Nation in Norfolk.  
We can't even get the standpipe full.  
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Let Pat crow defiance at the Omaha police. His crime was robin's on; he may yet regret he Crows.  
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"Come in and look through our public library building."  
"Thanks, I can do so without going in."  
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The naming of a senator is beneath the dignity of the Nebraska legislature. It will be satisfied with nothing less than making a precedent.  
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Norfolk parents need have no fear of Pat Crowe. The only thing on record as having been kidnaped in Norfolk is Patterson's bicycle. We believe it was returned, as the assessor's report showed an extra ice wagon for Norfolk precinct.  
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The ark used by Noah is said to have been discovered intact. If this is true, we will surely see it in permanent use in our city, mounted on wheels, carrying passengers between Norfolk and Norfolk Junction, keeping company with the rest of its kind.  
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A demonstration with liquid air is to be one of the features of the meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers' association. A schoolma'am has asked us if liquid air is expensive. It depends upon the season—in the summer it can be secured at any soda fountain for five cents a glass.  
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Marshal Kane was not seriously injured in putting out the fire in the Norfolk National bank, he only felt a sharp pane as he went through the glass door. Asked as to the cause of the flames he intimated they might have been caused by the presence of a heavy draft in the bank that day.  
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Yankton, S. D., March 9, 2001, A. D.—Special Marconi wireless telegraph dispatch to THE NEWS.—A party of surveyors left this city today to lay out the Norfolk & Yankton railroad. Norfolk will be the terminus, though a spur may be built to the flag station, called Madison. The head surveyor is a descendant of the famous Bill Braseach who lived in Norfolk early in the twentieth century, and who was noted as the man who never used a swear word.  
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Dear Sir: "I have purchased a farm four miles south of Norfolk, also secured at auction a Bugeye mower and a Piano spell binder. Please explain the uses of the machines. Am going to plant all the land in corn. Sam says the mower should be used when there is hair on the ears. Is this so, or is it a joke? Yours for a good crop,  
E. B. KENYON."  
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Answer: Sam is mistaken. It is the city folks who trim their hair when it hangs around their ears. Ask Burt Mapes or A. J. Durland for information on rural subjects.  
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Time 6:30 p. m. Dramatis personae: man and wife. Scene: the kitchen. Enter the man. "Blankety-blank, here it is 6:30 and not a sign of anything to eat. I suppose my wife's at that blankety-blank woman's club again, taking the negative side in the discussion, 'Is housekeeping a failure?' blankety-blank streak-blank. Well, here goes for cold potatoes, meat scraps and stale bread—blank-blank-blankety" (as a blunder the man was a peach). Enter wife. "Well, we had a lovely time at the woman's club. I've been home for twenty minutes, but let you set the table while I jotted down a few thoughts for my paper at the ext meeting—'How to prepare supper in five minutes.' I think the club work lessens my home work considerably." He thought so too.  
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Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.  
An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.  
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Sturgeon is the piano man.