The Norfolk News

An exchange thinks that Edward wouldn't mind the reign if it wasn't for De Wet.

Arbor day is approaching and those trees should be planted. Have you arranged to perform your share of the day's observance

Richard Croker says that New York is the best governed city in the world. He probably has forgotten that Chicago exists, but will probably be reminded of it in short order.

The gold reserve in the national treasury now amounts to \$482,913,023, breaking all previous records. Everybody is prosperous and Uncle Sam is getting his share.

Could it be possible that a fusion Mark Hanna is encouraging the senatorial deadlock at Lincoln so that the republican party will be discredited and possibly defeated?

A New York physician recently successfully removed four inches of backbone from a patient. He is invited to come west and operate on the Nebraska senatorial deadlock.

It is positively asserted that a spirit of reform has struck Deadwood, S. D. If there is a riper field for the reformer to work in this side of Nome City it has not yet been discovered.

It would be interesting to know how many women could pass a millinery store these days without breaking the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet His services in a speech making capscthy neighbor's property."

Alabama is another state that proposes to disfranchise the "niggers." This "government without the consent of the governed" continues to be s roaring farce in the south.

An exchange recites the fact that Phil D. Armour left \$50,000,000 when he died. Another paper sneeringly renear here the other day and left the world."

D. P. Nellum, a Frenchman, has purchased a farm near Turner, this state and will raise minks, skunks and muskrats. His visitors are apt to be few and neighbors will probably wish they could move their farms.

An English inventor has discovered process of burying a person in the air. It was always supposed that some people were mostly wind but it was never considered possible that anybody could be dissipated through the air and lost.

Count Boni de Castellane, the much talked about husband of Anna Gould, seems to be protected against harm from the bullets and sword thrusts of duelists find him far from being invulnerable.

Bixby thinks that the women of Lincoln do not desire woman's suffrage from the fact that there are about 6,000 women in the city entitled to vote on school elections but barely 50 of that number have in the past availed themselves of the opportunity.

If Jessie James and his gang could only be rehabilitated long enough to go down before the legislature and give the members five minutes in which to shell out a couple of United States senstors many of their crimes might be forgiven by the people of Nebraska.

Great Britain has a million more women than men. It wouldn't do for Carrie Nation to get among the gentler sex there and incite a rebellion against their leige lords. In view of this statement it is also astonishing that petty nobles should come to this country for a wife.

Bixby well suggests that a mother should consider it her duty to teach her sons the wickedness of killing song birds. The feathered songsters are being rapidly exterminated by boys who consider it necessary to shoot and use little judgment in the matter of choosing their marks.

The democrats now assert that it was the fear of Bryan and prevailing prosperity that were responsible for the reelection of McKinley. Perhaps it was. These seemed to have been paramount issues and either one would probably have been sufficient to warrant a republican victory.

One of the Easter novelties handled by the toy men is a miniature hen that lays an egg whenever a button is pressed. Now if the inventor could only attach some similar sort of arrangement to the genuine hen, not only Easter but every purchase hen fruit.

were not delivered. Norfolk does not strictly cash business and have a keen this ultimate object in sight.

probably not invulnerable.

It is said that General Harrison's estate is valued at but little more than \$250,000, a very insignificant sum when considered in this day and age of the world, when a million is considered but a small fortune. It is probable that the deceased gentleman was too much of a patriot and too little of a financier to acquire a fortune equal to that of many of his social and political associates.

The prospects for a large crop of peaches, apricots, raspberries, straw-California are said to be very promising with the probability that it will be of excellent quality. This is good news to those who have an appetite for good fruits, and who has not? It is now hoped that the price will be within reach of the pocketbooks of the meanest

Two animals with abnormally developed bumps of curiosity are said to have come together at Madison, Indiana. The first was of the human species and the second of the genus equus. The man was curious to know horse was anxious to learn how many fingers the man had and closed down. It is reliably reported that the curiosity

Minister Wu Ting Fang is a very popular Chinaman and very much in demand. It now appears that his pepularity will be greater in this country than that of old Prince Li Hung Chang. ity are solicited by many cities and his time is quite fully occupied in respondbrainy man and one capable of discuss- and although a Mormon himself, has ing world questions, but the recent ex- placed his veto upon the Evan; bill, than hen's teeth.

The selection of D. E. Thompson by the republican caucus last night at Linmarks "That's nothing. A man died coln is evidently the beginning of the end of the deadlock, and it is probable that both senators will be chosen inside of the next few days. There has been a bitter fight against Mr. Thompson, but it is probable that much of it was undeserved. Those republicans who have opposed his selection should now give age as approved of the Almighty, and him an opportunity to show of what satisfactory to his constituents as any representative the state has ever had, and his election should speedily follow.

It is probable that the man who than anyone, the value of his property considered. When city, county, state beer and whiskey, with the result that the foam on the former extends further but is an easy mark for the gossips who down into the glass and the latter promptly attains additional summer qualities, with a corresponding decline of strength. Missiouri has recently found it necessary to raise more money and has put a tax of 10 cents a gallon on distilled spirits. It is figured that this will increase the state's income about \$50,000 a year.

> Farmers invaded the Michigan legislative halls last Tuesday and caused their representatives to pass the Goodell bill prohibiting the coloring of oleomargarine so as to resemble butter. Farmers in other states should take the same kind of action. Such measurs are important in that they aid pure food legislation and prevent the substitution of adulterated or inferior articles for the genuine. When a person pays for butter he likes to feel certain that he receives butter and the same certainty should be felt when maple syrup, buckwheat flour and other articles of food, which have been basely imitated or substituted, are purchased.

> The Lincoln Journal of recent date not only firmly established the cause of the anti-imperialists, but put a lasting quietus on assertions of republicans who have claimed that this republic never has and never will be governed by an emperor. It asserts that the ancient meaning of the word "emperor" or 'imperitor' was commander of an army, and as all United States presidents, from Washington down, have been commanders-in-chief of the army of the country they have all been emperors and an emperor now reigns. Its up to the democrats now, however, to show a consistent reason for supporting Emperor Cleveland and other successful candidates of their party.

The merchants of Norfolk handle a class of goods that are of a quality and style which should meet the requirements of the most fastidious. If they other day in the year would be happier do not happen to have the particular to those who are compelled to go into kind required they are generally accomtheir pockets for the wherewithal to modating enough to send in a special Residents of Omaha are not yet be- When goods are purchased out of the in the choice and uphold his actions, at tried it long enough to realize that a yond being worked by confidence men. city the profits go to people who have least until a campaign opens when if he quarrel is ordinarily considered a very A stranger recently succeeded in taking no interest whatever in the welfare of has not satisfactorily performed his unimportant diversion to wedded life. a number of orders from residents of the town and contribute nothing to its duties a change may be made. that city for mail boxes, requiring a support, their sole care being that there payment of 50 cents. The purchasers is money enough accompanying the turn over a new leaf and the present the crockery and furniture at her. sever saw the man again and the boxes order to pay for the goods. They do a campaign should be conducted with

solicit a call from him as her people are eye to the opportunities presented by people who are not fully alive to the importance of the home patronage move-

The printers unions of Omaba are preparing to boycott the business men who send out of town for their printing. This is as it should be. A merchant who does not patronize a home institution should not expect patronage in return. Omaha printeries should be Norfolk this spring, is taking considerand undoubtedly are fully equipped to able excitement out of the city camdo anything in the line of printing re- paign quired by her business men and they should receive the work. The print berries, blackberries and other fruits in shops in other towns are usualy competent to handle the work of their respective localities and the business men certainly have no excuse to send to parent dies. Omaha for their work if the Omaha people find it necessary to send else-

from the North New York district, and dead for a spring day. one of the candidates of Dick Croker, is very ill in a Washington hospital. It is said that he was run by Croker, not people of the state, their constituents because he had legislative or other and the future success of republican ability required by the position to which legislative tickets at the polls, they will he aspired, but because he was a "good break that senatorial deadlock and how many teeth his horse had and put fellow." He was elected and his en- elect. his hand in the brute's mouth. The deavor to establish a reputation for "good fellowship" in Washington led to his undoing. It is said that he spent more time in the house restaurant than of both was fully satisfied, although it in attending the sessions of that body is stated that the man came off second and he finally developed into a confirmed "wine drinker." He was turned down by Tammany, but that aggravated rather than cured his failing and he has drifted from bad to worse. He is but one of the many "good fellows" who become the victims of their efforts to make friends every year.

Governor Wells of Utah does not propose to have his state take a backward ing. China does occasionally produce a step on the question of plural marriages hibition by people of that country indi- He takes the view that while there may cate that the brainy Chinaman is scarcer be a few persecutions under the present law the proposed law would place the entire state under a ban. This comment of the governor's on the bill will no doubt become historical: "I yield to no denced in the Pat Crowe kidnapping one in affection for those, my people, case. Mr. Crowe has thousands of imiwho from the highest motives and because they believed it a divine command city or village that has not experienced riage. Born and reared in Utah, myself a decided rarity. a product of that marriage system, taught from infancy to regard my lineproud today, as I have ever been, of my material he is made. He may prove as heritage, it will be granted, I trust, that every instinct of my nature reaches out to shield my friends from harm and to protect them from unjust attack. Their cause is my cause, and when they drinks intoxicants has more taxes to pay are hurt I am hurt for I am part of them. But in that same heart which is filled with sympathy for them I find also the solemn feeling that this bill be raised otherwise they slap a tax on bolds out only a false hope of protection, and that in offering a phantom of relief to a few, it in reality invites a deluge of discord and disaster upon all."

> Stand by the Officers. This spring Norfolk is experiencing its usual difficulty in finding good,

capable men willing to make the sacrifice of accepting a city office, and that there are such men yet to be found should of the people. Each year it is becompositions in which to place a man and sidered as a matter of history only. one term is sufficient to satisfy, or rather one term is all that can be urged on

This is an undesirable condition of affairs and one for which the people are largely responsible. It is the result of expecting too much work from an officer whose monetary remuneration is practically nothing and the honors of the office scarcely more, all this backed by acrimonious, constant and often unjust criticisms. The officers most attacked are, strangely enough, the ones receiving the least pay. The mayor, the police judge, members of the council and members of the board of education are the targets for these critics.

In most instances where the actions of an officer are criticised, it is done because all the circumstances are not fully understood, and comes from a misunderstanding which becomes more perverted the more times it is repeated. Broadly stated, it is the duty of every business man to serve at least one term either as mayor, councilman or member of the school board, and yet few do it. When they will not serve themselves, then they should stand by those who do serve, giving them credit for being honest in their actions and disposing of events to the best of their judgment as the conditions are presented to them.

If this wholesale criticism is not stopped Norfolk will-see the time when competent officials cannot be secured, and her officers will in fact be the theme for just criticism and objects of

reproach to the city. It is time the practice should be dis-

Chicago market Tuesday, and farmers in the local papers and is finding it a who have fat pork to sell are happy.

The prohibitionists of Denver have nominated a city ticket composed entirely of women. The ticket will probably not have a clean sweep.

The habit of withdrawing from the race, which seems to be epidemic in The Indiana man who was beating

girl should be cleared, even though her

March the 21st may be spring, but, by the great John Rogers, March the 20th couldn't be passed off on a man who

If the legislators have regard for the

The World-Herald suggests that Colonel Roosevelt might have some genuine sport by tackling the March lion. Perhaps Colonel Bryan might get him after he has been put through a taming process.

Norfolk seems to be about the only locality in the state that has escaped a small pox scare, for which her citizens are duly thankful. However, those places that have had the scare don't appear to have had much else.

England is seriously considering the adoption of a protective tariff system. The London Daily Mail on Monday said 'The real causes of America's wonderful commercial success may be summed up in the words 'tariff and great alertness.

The danger of giving too much notoriety to the doings of criminals is evitators in all parts of the country and the

If that Massachusetts man who has discovered how to make cheap artificial fuel is not a Nicola Tesla and his discovery proves practical everybody will take off their hats to him. It is likely, however, that the fellows with coal to sell could make it an object for the inventer to retain his secret.

A show company that uses advertising matter bearing the phrase, "Everybody goes to a Hole in the Ground" recently hung one of them in an undertaker's place of business and the members were surprised at a lack of patronage. The peop'e were fearful that the ual it might be saved. company was in the employ of the undertaker.

General Mariano Trias, commander of the rebel forces in the southern province of Luzon, has surrendered and taken the oath of allegiance to the be cause for congratulation on the part United States and the Hong Kong junta is said to be breaking up. Now if Pettiing more apparent that a number of grew would surrender and take the oath city offices are far from being desirable of allegiance the rebellion might be con-

> The people of San Francisco are to witness the flight of an air ship on May 1, according to report. The machine is 228 feet long, weighs 13,000 pounds and has an estimated lifting capacity of 21 .-000 pounds. The cost of the ship is computed at \$60,000. The engineer will please notify the people of Nebraska if its trial trip will bring it across this state so that we may be on the lookout

> The State Liquor Dealers association has authorized the payment of \$500 as a reward to those who assisted in catching and apprehending the murderers of Herman Zahn of Snyder. The lion's share of the reward will go to Sheriff Phillips. Whatever may be said of the liquor dealers of Nebraska it cannot be denied that they are prompt and effectual in avenging, through due process of law, one of their number.

> Mr. Bryan's visit east was evidently not to see how he could best give away advertising space in the Commoner to the common people, but to learn the highest rate it was possible to ask from the octopuses. Through the assistance of some of the leading magnates of the newspaper world who have a monopoly, or suppose they have, of all the best brains of the country, he will probably be successful in accomplishing his pur-

A 17-years-old bride of Cleveland, Ohio, sold her wedding ring and purchased a revolver with which she killed couraged, and when the majority of herself because she and her husband order and give no excuse whatever for voters select an official that majority had quarrelled. They had been married people to send their orders out of town. as well as the minority should acquiesce but a few weeks. She should have It would have been time enough to The time has come for the people to shoot when her husband began hurling

The Congregational minister at Mat-

May pork jumped to \$16.35 on the toon, 111, uses half page advertisements HOW YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE. conducted for three weeks and during that time a \$7.500 debt against the church has been paid off. Those people commonly designated as emmissaries of the devil by church people find it profitable to advertise and why the churches could not make the same method profitable in a spiritual and financial sense is not proven.

The Holt County Independent of last week was published by the ladies of the his wife was hit over the head with an M. E. church of that city. One item ax by his 16-years-old daughter. The says: "One hundred and twelve couples got permits to wed from the county judge during the year 1900. Don't are all gone. The judge reports that he has several left, and the price remains the same, notwithstanding the upward Thomas Bradley, ex-congressman was deaf, dumb, blind, paralyzed and tendency of prices of everything else." It is rumored that the "boys" are endeavoring to discover whether the item was written by some handsome young girl, or a garrulous old maid.

> Seventeen republicans were absent from the caucus that nominated D. E. Thompson and it is positively asserted that nine will refuse to vote for the choice of the caucus. It would seem that a large share of the trouble among the republicans in the legislature could be avoided if they would submit to the time honored rule of the majority. It is unreasonable to ask the large majority to submit to the dictation of a few and it is positively outrageous that a few should pull back and refuse to act unless their wishes are considered. The people of the state readily submit to the wishes of the majority and why it should not be so in the legislature chosen by those people is not satisfactorily explainable. The voters would unquestionably stand by the choice of the legislature if the majority should reach a decision. They are undoubtedly qualified to choose. It is this indecision that plays havoc.

A LONG SIEGE.

That of Gibraltar Breaks the Record of Modern Times.

Although by no means the most terrible, the last slege of Gibraltar, when the Rock was held by a British garrison under General Elliot against the comentered into the relation of plural mar- a hold-up of the Crowe type is becoming bined efforts of the Spaniards and French from July 5, 1779, to Nov. 26, 1781, holds the record as the longest important siege of modern times. The fact that every now and again the garrison were able to add to their provisions by successful sorties kept them from succumbing to hunger, but scurvy claimed nearly 1,000 victims. For weeks together over 6,000 shells were thrown into the town daily. A curious point about this siege is that the governor of Gibraltar, after having

strengthen the fortifications, issued a

proclamation calling on any of the gar-

rison who had any schemes to propose

to call on him with them, as he did not

wish the Rock to fall when by listening but a few minutes to a private individ-By holding the fortress of Plevna during the Russo-Turkish war from Sept. 7, 1877, to Dec. 10 against the pick of the Russian army the Turkish garrison, under Osman Pasha, accomplished the impossible, according to both military and medical experts; for not only did they defy the besleging force when it numbered nearly 50 to 1 against them, but they lived for 12 weeks practically without food. Yet on Dec. 10, after having eaten their last

the Russians.-London Mail. An "American" Duel. During my residence in Heidelberg a iamentable and terrible affair took place that threw a profound gloom over the university and the entire town. Two German students, having quarreled, decided the earth was not large enough for both of them to live in and resorted to the diabolical practice called the "American duel."

grain of rye, they sallied out and

pluckily tried to cut their way through

In a darkened room the two young men drew lots, having sworn that he who drew the black ball would commit suicide. The unhappy loser went to his room and discharged a bullet into his breast, but missed his heart and lingered for several days on his deathbed. His parents were summoned by telegraph and besought him on their knees to disclose the name of his antagonist, but he steadfastly refused and died with the secret in his breast.

The students not only excused his conduct, but praised his courage, and when his remains were taken to the railway station to be transported to a distant city they accompanied the funeral cortege with torches and music. The students claimed he was not a suicide, for he was killed in an honorable duel, and they maintained that his opponent was not accessory to his death because he shot himself. I had many arguments with them and never could convince them of their extraordinary tergiversation.-Science.

Of all dreary roads few have such desolate surroundings as that leading from Jerusalem. The road winds among rocky hills which for miles seem destitute of every living thing save occasional flocks of long black haired goats and sheep, apparently eating pebbles and attended by a youthful shepherd. The steep hillsides are dotted with numerous holes and caves cut in the rock.-Indianapolis News.

For a finger nail to reach its full length, an average of seven-twelfths of an inch, from 121 to 138 days of growth are necessary.

Women forgive injuries, but never forget slights.

great success. The experiment has been The Time Expended on an Average

In the Daily Routine. An ordinary man would laugh away as preposterous the suggestion that he was likely to spend 20 years of his life in sleep. But that is because he does not conduct his life according to a schedule and really has no idea of how he does spend it. As a matter of fact, most men over 60 years old have already spent more than 20 years in bed, which is only one of the surprises in store for the man who sets himself to work to discover how those 24 hours that dally slip by so mysteriously are disposed of

By a painstaking study of averages a skilled statistician has recently arrived at the conclusion expressed in the folthink from this, boys, that the licenses lowing figures. They apply to the average American man of 60 years of age. They do not accurately represent his life today, because his years of infancy and childhood are included in the computation. They will apply nelther to the man of leisure nor to the laboring man. But perhaps the average man who both works and plays will recognize himself in them: Twenty years in sleep.

Three years nine months in eating and waiting for the waiter. Seventeen years six months in work-

Seven years six months in pursuit of

pleasure. Six years three months in walking

and other exercise. Two years six months in making

one's tollet. Two years six months doing abso-

lutely nothing.

The item of toilet may be subdivided into seven months for shaving, 11 months for washing, one year for dressing. Most men walk about three years and six months and spend two years and nine months in other exer-

The little table becomes more intelligible if less comprehensive when it is reduced to a scale of days, in which case it stands as follows:

Eight hours sleeping. One hour 30 minutes eating. Seven hours working. Three hours amusement. Two hours 30 minutes exercise.

One hour tollet. One hour doing nothing. The average man, if confronted with this, will doubtless claim that he does not spend eight hours in sleep. You may retort by telling him that it is doubtful whether he spends seven at work, but in his youth he slept more and worked less, and all this is taken

into account in estimating averages. An elaboration in any direction of the statistics given above is interesting. For instance, it has been computed that in a single year a man may speak 11.800,000 words and give 1,200 handshakes. The total energy dispensed in this fashion alone during 50 years would be sufficient to raise 2,500

done everything he could think of to Then, again, one may open and shut the eyes 95,000,000 times during a single year. The force thus expended yearly through 60 years would be if accumulated, sufficient to lift a cable car filled with passengers a good many feet.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Mr. Robert Macdougall, one of the meteorologists at Ben Nevis observatory, had a most exciting experience when climbing that mountain one day. His only companion in the ascent was a collie dog, to whom he says he owes his life. When maneuvering on a snowslide about 1,000 feet above the half way station, Mr. Macdougall lost his footing, and, as the surface of the snow was glazed and hard, he was soon being whirled down a gully at an alarming pace, sometimes head foremost, at others the reverse.

It was at this functure that the dog's sagacity came in. As soon as Mr. Macdougall began to slide it caught his coat with its teeth and greatly impeded the downward progress. The dog ultimately guided him to a place of safety, after the twain had slid down on the snow for nearly 1,000 feet. Strange to say, neither observer nor dog was much hurt, and the former. breaking open the door of the half way hut, lit a fire. Here he was found by a search party half asleep with the dog watching over him.-Westminster Gazette.

Only One Side.

The family were at their devotions the other morning in the home of a west end clergyman. Master Six-year-old thought his papa's prayer was rather long when breakfast was waiting, and he undertook to beat a quiet retreat to the kitchen. Suddenly there was a crash, and a table, with its contents, fell to the floor, with the young deserter from the family altar beneath it. Prayers were interrupted temporarily, and when they were resumed the father prayed for the naughty boy. A short time later the lad's mamma found him in a closet up stairs. He was sobbing bitterly.

"Oh, mamma!" he exclaimed indignantly. "Papa tells God of all the bad things I do, but never tells him a word about the good that's in me." --Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Industrious Jackdaws.

Once jackdaws have taken a fancy to any particular situation they will perform the most astonishing tasks in the way of collecting sticks wherewith to make a foundation for their nest. A pair once tried to build in the bell tower of Eton college chapel, England, and in the space of 17 days formed a solid pillar of sticks no less than ten feet in height. Another couple completely blocked up a church tower in the space of three weeks by collecting a cartload of sticks, which they placed one upon another until the mass rose to 12 feet in height.