

The Norfolk News

A New York young woman has sued a corset firm for \$50,000 damages because they used her picture as an advertisement.

Mr. Bryan has been invited to address Tammany on the Fourth of July, but the organization decided to invite him only after a heated discussion.

Farmers are happy under good prices which prevail under the Dingley law and did prevail under the McKinley law.

The Bemis Omaha Bag company is one of the most enterprising firms of the metropolis. Its latest scheme is to fit up an outdoor exercise ground for the employees of the institution.

The x-ray party is not likely to be popular with some of New York's society women. At one of these entertainments the machine disclosed a silver \$1,000 hidden in the dress of one of the guests.

The English do not think it right that their sovereign should have risked his life by going aboard the Shamrock during the recent race. He perhaps would not have done so had he known how the race was going to end.

Senators Tillman and McLaurin of South Carolina have resigned their togas, to take effect November 15, and will fight it out before the people.

Saturday's issue of the Fremont Tribune was of 12 pages and was known as "the preachers' edition," pastors of the various churches contributing articles on interesting and important subjects.

There are many people of the opinion that it would be a wise plan to dispense with all church and other public services until the prevailing disease is thoroughly located and under control.

It appears likely that Senators McLaurin and Tillman of South Carolina will shortly experience the feelings of the two ancient dogs who fought over a bone when a non-combatant approached and secured the prize.

The board of health of Omaha reports 102 deaths in that city during April. Pneumonia claimed most victims, causing 16 deaths, and tuberculosis comes next with eight.

An immense merchant vessel of 12,000 tons was launched at San Francisco last week to help take care of the trade growing out of Uncle Sam's expansion policy.

A Chicago husband seeks a divorce because his wife insisted that he should elope with a woman friend of her's. The abused man should have his prayer granted.

A Boston Baptist is in trouble, some of the deacons of the church being angered because the member aforesaid, who is a merchant, had a display of shirt waists in a show case which they termed as an "immodest exhibition."

If a person is really desirous of hearing something sensational about the smallpox situation in Norfolk he should go away from home. Out of town newspapers and friends(?) of Norfolk are disseminating information made practically of whole cloth in many instances.

A Russian newspaper, Novoe Vremya, has been prohibited for a week because it urged the government to help work

men and unemployed as the best means to combat revolutionary tendencies. The czar considers himself fully competent to conduct his government without suggestions from newspapers.

The people are not so noisily demonstrative toward the presidential party during their journey home to Washington, but their enthusiasm is just as sincere, and perhaps more intense.

The German American Democratic club of Omaha took another shot at fusion at an enthusiastic meeting held Sunday afternoon. Several weeks ago the club adopted resolutions denouncing fusion and at the recent meeting speeches were made by prominent members supporting the stand the club had taken.

The petition which 5,600 residents of Pekin sent to General Chaffee, asking to have the American troops remain in that city would indicate that Uncle Sam's soldier boys are sometimes more appreciated by the enemy than they are by patriots of the Edward Atkinson class.

The rich man's child must experience somewhat the same feelings as the sultan of Turkey. It is unsafe to go out without an escort or guard and some of the fathers find it necessary to guard the home. Even the nurse is oftentimes suspected of being in league with kidnapers.

The true sportsman is not usually a brute. A good fisherman has been noticed to remove the hook with great caution "so that the fish will not be punished more than is necessary."

Even editors are not immune from the attacks of the fake journalist. The Fremont Tribune, along with many other papers, THE NEWS included, was a victim of a recent sensational story and explains its share of the transaction as follows: "Now it comes to pass that the halo with which The Tribune has feebly assisted in surrounding Lizzie Cottman, the Sioux county teacher who was credited with heroically saving her pupils from a watery grave, has been dissolved by a cold douche of truth."

A copy of the Anamosa Prison Press, published in the Iowa state penitentiary, has been received here. The editor-in-chief is the chaplain of the institution, but many of the items and contributions are from the "cons." One item is not readily understood. It says: "Hereafter daily papers found in the possession of residents of the middle class will be confiscated as contraband, and the possessor subjected to the penalty made and provided, not to exceed three marks. It will be a temptation that will test your mettle, but yield not, your own daily record is more important."

Rev. Dr. Ament, one of the returned missionaries of China is of the opinion that the Americans were too merciful during the Boxer uprising and speaks in favor of the "mailed fist." He says in support of this position: "Within

a week after an American force had passed through a province there were new murders and burnings. When the Germans went through they cleared it up and things remained quiet. I do not approve of the atrocities committed by any of the foreign troops, but I believe in being severe and just."

President McKinley doesn't seem to be following the path laid out for him by democratic politicians with any considerable accuracy. In fact he seems to do things in his own way and directly opposite to what the searcher for democratic campaign material desires.

The city papers poke fun in a good natured way at their country contemporaries for chronicling events in the lives of their patrons which seem to be of little importance. Well, the fact that John Jones has whitewashed his barnyard fence may not be very thrilling, but it is certainly as worthy of record and more wholesome than the announcement that Miss Vere de Vere appeared at the ball in a décolleté gown of pink satin, made etc., etc., and trimmed etc., etc.; or that Madame Magnifique served her guests at luncheon with consommé Florentine, sweetbreads, lepicure, etc., or that "Chawlie" has lost what little mind he had through drinking absinthe and smoking cigarettes, and threatens to send a bullet through the place where his brain ought to be.

The promptitude with which the government has convicted and punished the United States officers concerned in the commissary frauds at Manila commands unqualified approval. Such action is especially salutary in its effect on the natives, to whom it demonstrated the fact that Uncle Sam is no respecter of persons and that it is unsafe to trifle with his regulations.

The occupation of new territory presents luring opportunities to unscrupulous officials, some of whom are always to be found in every service. The summary punishment of Captain Burrows and his associates will probably put a stop to any further speculation in the Philippines and will be indorsed by every officer who values the good name of the army in which he serves.

While not withholding full commendation for the action of the authorities in this case, it might not be impertinent to suggest that if a little more of the same promptness had been displayed in connection with the Cuban postal frauds it would have been decidedly more satisfactory to the public.—Omaha News.

The south is beginning to find that what it has termed party fealty for so many years is merely prejudice against the most progressive and broad-minded party in the country. The republicans have respected the democrats of the south because of their sincerity but they have until recently persistently refused to be reciprocal.

The wives of three deceased ex-presidents are living. Mrs. Harrison at Indianapolis, Mrs. Grant at Washington and Mrs. Garfield at Mentor, Ohio.

IN THE BABY'S EYES

What is the dream in the baby's eyes? As he lies and blinks in a mute surprise, With little wee hands that aimlessly go Higher and thither and to and fro, With little, wee feet that shall lead him? God knows.

NEVER ATE FOREIGN MEAT.

It Doesn't Pay to Be Too Sure Until One Knows All the Facts. A certain Major Brown Jones, who made it his boast that he never allowed American or colonial meat to be served at his table, recently visited an old comrade in Liverpool. One night at dinner a most delicious saddle of (apparently) Welsh mutton appeared, to which the major did ample justice.

The Bottle at Ship Launches.

Down to Charles II's time it was customary to name and baptize a ship after she was launched, sometimes a week or two after. The old Tudor method used for men-of-war was still in use. Peppy's "Diary" shows that. The ship was safely got afloat, after which some high percentage went on board with a special silver "standing cup," or "draggon" of wine, out of which he drank, naming the ship and pouring a libation on the quarter-deck. The cup was then generally given to the dockyard shipwright as a memento.

To Fly in Your Dreams.

There is a peculiarity about the flying dream that seems to be constant. Of all those whom I asked about the matter and who are conscious of the flying dream at all not one has ever known himself to make any high flights in his dreams. One always flies low, with a skimming manner, slightly, but only slightly, above the heads of pedestrians.

Logical.

"What is a furrier, Tommy?" asked the teacher of a pupil in the juvenile class. "A man who deals in furs," answered Tommy. "That's right," said the teacher. "Now, Tommy, you may tell me what a currier is."

The Coldest Country.

The coldest inhabited country appears to be the province of Werchojansk, in oriental Siberia. A Russian savant passed one entire year in the inhospitable region and kept a daily record of the temperature, from which it appears that the daily mean of the entire year is 2.74 degrees below zero.

The first constitutional convention in Ohio contained as delegates five men who afterward were elected governor of the state and four who became United States senators.

In Madagascar silk is the only fabric used in the manufacture of clothing. It is cheaper than linen in Ireland.

No Two Thumbs Alike.

It is not alone on questions of handwriting that handwriting experts are called upon to testify. Thumb impressions, around which Mark Twain in "Pudd'nhead Wilson" built his ingenious story, have sometimes formed the basis of very convincing testimony.

In 1834 Asa Guy Gurney was tried on the charge of stealing a large sum of money from the express company. It was proved that Gurney had opened the safe where the package had been placed, taken it out and deposited it in another safe. It was found that a large sum was missing.

Severe Punishment.

Sterling is derived from the name by which the dwellers in eastern Germany were known in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. They were called Esterlings. The purity not only of their money was very famous, but that of their silver specially so, and coiners and silversmiths were fetched from those parts to improve the quality of their own manufactures.

So far back as 1597 two counterfeiters, who sold spurious silver articles bearing a simulated royal lion and the goldsmith's marks, were sentenced to stand in a pillory at Westminster, with their ears nailed thereto and with papers above their heads setting forth the nature of the offense for which they were so disgraced.

Only Two Loads.

"At the close of the war," said a southern representative today, "a great many negroes in the south refused to leave their old homes. My father gathered his former slaves about him and told them they were free and must leave him. Some went and others remained. Among the latter was an old darky named Eph, who swore he would not leave, but would stay and take his chances. 'All right, Eph,' said my father. 'Just take four or five acres and go on in the three and four plan.'"

Jerrold's Wit.

The English have been accused for so long of dullness in their humor that several stories related of the eminent wit Douglas Jerrold may not be out of place as showing that the charge is sometimes untrue. It appears that at a dinner one gentleman who had been eating a dish of sheep's head with great gusto exclaimed as he laid down his knife and fork, "Sheep's head for ever, say I!" "There's egotism," said Jerrold.

Quick at a Hint.

Mr. Slyman, the bookkeeper, received a present of \$10 from his employer. He expected more and was greatly disappointed. He dropped the money on the floor in the presence of his employer, as if accidentally, and stooped to pick it up. "Did you find it all?" asked his employer after a few minutes. "No; I found only \$10!"—Fliegende Blätter.

Satisfied Her.

Prospective Bride—I know it's foolish, doctor, but to gratify a natural curiosity will you please let me see the form of service you intend to use in marrying us?

The Rev. Dr. Fourthly—it will not be necessary, my dear young woman, I never use the word "obey" in the marriage service.—Chicago Tribune.

A physician calculates that it takes eight times the strength to go up stairs that is required for the same distance on the level.

THE STONE OF GRATITUDE.

An Old Roman Legend That Treats of the Topaz.

The topaz is called the stone of gratitude, and the old Roman books record the following legend from which the stone derives this attribute: The blind Emperor Theodosius used to hang a brazen gong before his palace gates and sit beside it on certain days, hearing and putting to rights the grievances of any of his subjects.

One day a great snake crept up to the gate and struck the brazen gong with her coils, and Theodosius gave orders that no one should molest the creature and bade her tell him her wish. The snake bent her crest lowly in homage and straightaway told the following tale:

Her nest was at the base of the gateway tower, and while she had gone to find food for her young brood a strange beast covered with sharp needles had invaded her home, killed the nestlings and now held possession of the little dwelling. Would Caesar grant her justice?

The emperor gave orders for the porcupine to be slain and the mother to be restored to her desolate nest. Night fell, and the sleeping world had forgotten the emperor's kindly deed, but with the early dawn a great serpent glided into the palace, up the steps and into the royal chamber and laid upon each of the emperor's closed eyelids a gleaming topaz. When Emperor Theodosius awoke, he found he was no longer blind, for the mother snake had paid her debt of gratitude.—Exchange.

Will You Live to Be Old?

"That man will not live to be old," remarked a scientific man to the writer, indicating a man who was standing near.

"Why, pray?" the writer queried wonderingly. "Well, he has not a single physiological index of long life. His head is narrow; he has narrow eyes and nostrils and a long, delicate hand, all of which augur ill for length of days."

"If you observe carefully, you will find that, with rare exceptions, which only serve to emphasize the rule, men who live to be old have wide heads above the ears and wide foreheads. Large and wide nostrils are always evidence that those two important organs, the lungs and the heart, are good. The ears in old men are almost invariably placed low. Again, long lived people usually have broad and short hands—inelegant, it may be, but still an indication of long life."

"If, therefore, you see a man who answers these physical conditions, you may safely, barring accidents, of course, predict for him length of days."—New York Telegram.

One on Him.

"Well, bless my soul!" exclaimed one of the first citizens of Chicago, that breezy metropolis on the banks of Lake Michigan. "When did you hit the town?"

"I have not hit it at all!" corrected the man from Boston. "The largeness of the area and the absence of a definite personality preclude such action."

"That's so," assented the Chicagoan, his cordial hilarity a little less marked. "By the way, where are you stopping?"

"I'm not stopping at all, my dear friend."

"Not stopping at all? Why, what do you do?"

"No, but I'm staying at the Palmer House. Deuced expensive place, I'll say."

Human Nature.

"I can't understand Jenkins. When my salary was raised from \$15 to \$20, he was the first to pat me on the back and congratulate me."

"Well?"

"Now that I'm getting \$30 he hardly speaks to me."

"Well, you know Jenkins is still getting \$25."—Philadelphia Press.

Injury Plus Insult.

Mistah Johnsing—Dit niggah Pompey am in trubbel again. Mistah Jones—Sho, now! What am de 'Bichshun dis time? Mistah Johnsing—Dey am a man dun brot sewt again Pomp fer brakin his iron safe.

Mistah Jones—De low down niggah robah. Mistah Johnsing—Naw! Pomp he didn't dun rob de safe, man! It wah laik dis: Dey wah lifin de safe up in a big buldin wif a rope, an when dey dun got de safe up tuh de top story de rope braked. Dat niggah wah a-standin roun, an de safe dis lit on top his head—it did—

Mistah Jones—Fo' goodness' sake! Mistah Johnsing—Yes, an dat fool Pomp's bald dis nacherly smashed dat safe intuh small pieces. Now dey dun brot sewt again Pomp fer loiterin.—Ohio State Journal.

Rare Books in the Vatican.

The oldest library now in existence is that of the Vatican, and it probably contains more literary treasures than any other. It belongs always to the reigning pope, and only he can give permission to enter. Though there are only 225,000 volumes, they are the rarest in the world. The Vatican library has the only known copy of the New Testament written before the end of the fourth century; the original Dante, the oldest existing copy of Virgil and a Terence which goes back to the fourth century.