

The Norfolk News

Weeds, like sheep and chickens, are best when killed young.

An exchange thinks there is no danger from fence corners so long as the barb wire trust continues to exist.

A shipload of American school teachers are wanted in the Philippines to teach the young idea how to shoot in a civilized manner.

The paramount issue for democracy at present seems to be to keep the rank and file and many of the leaders from becoming republicans.

Mr. Bryan is now convinced that McKinley is emperor although the supreme court clearly states that congress is the law making power.

Doctors have decided that appendicitis comes from too much exercise. Now watch the lazy men scramble for symptoms of the disease.

The nation is again seriously disturbed over Mrs. McKinley's condition and it is earnestly hoped by all that she will soon recover her usual health.

Democratic disappointment that the recent Wall street flurry didn't bring panic and disaster is eclipsed by the happy smile of a people who are gratified to think that it didn't.

No, President McKinley did not forbid Norfolk to celebrate the Fourth of July—the smallpox scare was the imperialistic power that ruled it out.

If the democrats insist on warring against commercialism they can undoubtedly secure active and intelligent allies in almost any of the European countries. They would greatly prefer that America's trade should not expand.

Congress may be given "imperial" rights by the recent decision of the supreme court, but the anti-imperialists will probably not fail to remember that congress is chosen by the people and the action of members is subject to their approval.

Mr. Bryan was an one time convinced that the Americans would not dare to educate the Filipinos. His reputation as a prophet was never first class and the fact that the people of those islands are being educated by Uncle Sam in no wise adds to his renown along those lines.

Governor Savage is another supporter of economy and the fellows who would enjoy soft snaps at state expense will have no more favorable opportunities than they enjoyed under Governor Dietrich. This sort of policy will receive the hearty commendation of the tax payers.

It is not surprising that Edward Atkinson has come out for free trade. His mind has shown an indication of decline for a number of years past. He cannot consistently help out those rebelling against the American government and refuse to assist the competitors of American merchants.

French agriculturists are going to fight frost, grasshoppers and hailstorms with cannon and thus the warlike ordinance will be turned into a peaceful use against common enemies. It is likely to be several years, however, until that sort of warfare will be the sole use to which artillery is put.

Harry S. New, national committee-man from Indiana, has announced that Senator Fairbanks of that state will be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the republican national convention of 1904. The senator's friends have evidently read that sublimely poetical story about the early bird and the worm.

A Kansas woman who had received \$3,710 in pension money unlawfully, recently deeded her farm to the United States to reimburse the government for its loss. An exchange fears that if the practice became general among defrauders of the government Uncle Sam would have more money than he would know what to do with.

The officers at Owensboro, Kentucky, are in an unusual predicament, two persons having acknowledged themselves guilty of stealing \$30 from a resident of that town, both with apparently clear cases against them. A detective is usually required to locate a thief but in this case it would seem that one is necessary to locate the innocent person.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is of the opinion that Chicago is more solicitous for the welfare of its wild animals than for the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of rival city. It says: "Chicago is indignant because the animals in the Lincoln Park Zoo have been supplied with sewage-tainted drinking water. No concern is felt over St. Louis."

The United States has a duty to perform in regard to its recently acquired island possessions, which cannot be discharged by casting them aside under the guise of independent governments to be subjected to internal strife and conflicts with other nationalities. It would be an easy way to settle a vexatious

problem but would be neither charitable or wise.

The United Presbyterians in session at Des Moines adopted measures prohibiting members of secret societies from joining that organization. Secret societies are so firmly established that they are not likely to feel the jar, while the church rolls are not certain to be greatly increased by the action. Many persons who believe themselves to be good christians are members of secret societies and find no wrong in them. They are not likely to accept the judgment of the United Presbyterians as final.

The Daily Tribune is a new candidate for public favor at Nebraska City. It is a 7-column folio, published every evening by Horace G. Whitmore, who is also editor. Milton I. Stewart is managing editor. It is a neatly printed, well edited publication and a credit to the city from which it is issued. The mechanical work on the paper is done by the Morton Printing company, which is sufficient guarantee of its excellence. The paper has a generous advertising patronage which, if maintained, will undoubtedly pay the publisher for his efforts.

Editor C. F. Montross of the Battle Creek Republican furnishes a striking example of how an editor can relinquish a public office with honor and courtesy. He recently resigned the postoffice in favor of F. H. L. Willis and the latter was duly appointed to the position last week. In this week's issue of the Republican there is nothing but commendatory words for the new postmaster and words of thanks for the generous treatment of the public from Mr. Montross, who announces that he will now be able to give to the newspaper business the attention it deserves.

The commander of the department of Nebraska, G. A. R. has ordered the posts of the state to observe June 14 as flag day, that being the 124th anniversary of the birthday of the American flag. A member of the organization is requested to display the flag from his own house and place of business and also to use his utmost endeavor to have all his neighbors and fellow townsmen do likewise. This is an anniversary that should be generally observed and it is to be hoped that "old glory" will wave over home and business house in the state on that day.

A corpse at Hundred, W. Va., that had been picked up from the street, sat on by the coroner, and consigned to the morgue for identification, had the temerity to come to life and sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." For this brazen offense the mayor, who is also the coroner, hauled the fellow into court and fined him \$5 and costs for disturbing the peace, declaring that the coroner's costs should, by rights, be added to the fine. This should be enough to convince corpses in West Virginia that they should be well behaved and decorous, and stay dead when they are so legally declared.

"Divine Healer" John Alexander Dowie, in a speech before 5,000 people in Chicago Sunday night, declared himself to be the incarnation of Elijah, the prophet, and called upon those who believed him to arise. Three thousand people responded to the appeal and rose to their feet. It is evident that the man, while many deem him a fanatic and crank, has a very great power with those coming under his influence. Whether he is a modern representative of Biblical characters each person must determine for himself, but those who believe in him are not certainly entitled to unequivocal condemnation.

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. They are now finding that the republicans of the north are not as bad as they have been painted and their welcome to President McKinley is evidence that they are casting aside the prejudices retained since the war and may not be averse to voting the republican ticket sometime in the future.

In spite of the fact that Norfolk is this year enjoying the nearest approach to a building boom it has experienced in many years, a business man, well informed on the situation, states that many more buildings will be erected next year than are being built now. He knows of several contemplated brick blocks that will be built next season. Many of those who have persistently held that Norfolk property is certain to advance in value are beginning to realize on their faith. Norfolk's location is a guaranty of a city of no mean proportions within the next decade and if there are those inclined to doubt, they will in time be fully convinced of the truth of the prophecy.

Fusion editors talk frantically about the subjugation of a race of people made possible to congress by the recent decision of the supreme court. To be subjugated a people must necessarily be free and independent, and none of the people inhabiting the acquired islands

have ever attained that condition. They have been a subjugated race from time immemorial and the fusionists are challenged to make a showing that United States control at its worst will not be a much nearer approach to freedom and independence than anything they ever before experienced, with the advantage of having a strong and progressive nation as a sponsor.

A young man can do no more manly or beautiful thing than to pay courtly attention to his mother. There is something peculiar in the conduct of such a son. How one's heart involuntarily thrills with delight when a young man, proud of his mother enters a public place with the queen of his life leaning on his strong arm. It is a scene to make angels glad. Young man, listen! Be more courteous, more gallant to your mother than your sweetheart, even. No girl was ever as proud to be seen in company of a beau as is a mother in the company of a worthy son. Gladden her heart that way often, young man, not forgetting of course, the thousand and one little attentions she justly covets and so greatly appreciates in the quiet home. Be a real ardent lover to mother, young man.—Marion Record.

The Albion News in commenting on the matter of a store providing a rest room for country patrons, with a toilet room attached, suggests that the merchants of a town might unite and provide and maintain such a room. It would be a great convenience and comfort for out-of-town shoppers to have such a room at their disposal and the extent of the conveniences might only be limited by the funds at the disposal of the promoters. An attendant to care for children might be in line with other suggestions. The men can ordinarily take care of themselves, but women and children are sometimes at very much of a disadvantage when they have no intimate acquaintances in town or no place to stay except at the stores. One trouble with the Albion News' plan would be the matter of locating such a room. Each merchant would undoubtedly insist that it be as close to his place of business as possible.

Senator Charles H. Dietrich has a plan for reclaiming the arid lands of the west to be presented at the next session of congress that has many redeeming features. He proposes federal control of all state penitentiaries, the convicts to be employed in constructing irrigation reservoirs and ditches. His idea is to divide the United States into districts in each of which a federal prison will be maintained and the short term convicts and non-professional criminals tolled off for work in the arid regions. He also proposes that the stripes he abolished and the convicts be otherwise treated as ordinary workmen. The prisoners would be released from confinement, and good work and good conduct would greatly shorten their sentences. To guard the prisoners the idle troops and cavalry squads could be pressed into service. Thus the soldiers now kept on garrison duty would receive valuable outdoor service. Labor organizations and manufacturers having so persistently objected to convict labor being used in competition with their products that the senator may have struck a happy thought in overcoming this objection. His idea certainly has its merits and should receive respectful consideration. Now if the worthless, shirking tramp could be included in the working force there would be another inducement for every citizen to pull off his coat and work in the interest of the senator's scheme.

The Christian Herald, Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's paper for May 22, under the caption "Where Christ's Name is not Heard," slanders the northern portion of Nebraska in an article inspired by a "Mr. S.," a missionary worker of the American Sunday school union. "Mr. S." wrote in a letter as follows: "I have just returned from a missionary trip in Nebraska in company with a brother missionary. Each day we visited some town along the Fremont and Elkhorn railroad, and each night a stereopticon lecture was given in some church. In the northern part of the state are some exceedingly large counties—Holt, Rock, Brown and Cherry—and there are but three resident ministers in these counties. So you can readily understand we are doing some pioneer work." "Mr. S." is a minister of the gospel, but is either woefully ignorant of the truth or prevaricates with a deliberation that would astonish Eli Perkins. In the east this will undoubtedly be accepted as the truth and add to their opinion of Nebraska as a very wild and heathenish part of the country. Wm. B. Ely of Ainsworth answering this charge says that in Rock county, alone, with a population of 2,809, there are four resident ministers in constant active service besides five others "retired" who hold meetings in different parts of the county. He believes that there are at least 33 resident ministers in active service in the territory referred to and a somewhat larger number of retired ministers and lay workers who hold regular religious services. "Mr. S." has certainly missed his calling and should be a reporter for some eastern yellow journal that exists for that kind of nonsense. As a worker in a missionary field he is certainly out of place.

Mr. Bryan should consult with "Elijah" Dowie. Perhaps he could give him pointers that might be of value in his prophetic career.

Pearls have been found in the Platte river near Casper, Wyo., and it is anticipated that all residents near the river will become pearl fishers at once.

Norfolk does not exactly pattern after Carrie Nation but there is a similarity in that people are quite generally out with their hammers. They are building, though—not destroying.

At the rate oil wells are being discovered the "octopus" of which John D. Rockefeller is the head will experience some difficulty in extending its tentacles so as to gather them all in.

The Constitution was crippled in a trial spin yesterday afternoon and now it may be America's turn to beg Sir Thomas Lipton for time. The main-sail and rigging were carried overboard.

An intelligent American citizen who for years has been able to enjoy the blessings of life, liberty and happiness under the laws passed by congress makes himself ridiculous when he questions the ability of that body to legislate for the benefit of a Hawaiian, Porto Rican or a Filipino.

Ben H. Chambers of Beaver City, father of a 5-years-old girl who weighs 300 pounds, attempted suicide by shooting Sunday. He was evidently impressed with the fact that he had an elephant on his hands and concluded that the best way of caring for her was to remove the hands.

The fusionists are of the evident opinion that a few slices of new territory will overtax the legislative powers of congress. The members have got along very well thus far with all new territory problems even though the ants did cast a brick into the cogwheels of the machine at every opportunity.

Those who have been inclined to sympathize with China for the large amount of indemnity it is compelled to pay have not made comparisons. The amount, \$75,000,000, is but \$1 per capita, while France, after the Franco-Prussian war, paid \$30 per capita and the United States, after the civil war, had a debt of \$100 per capita.

Those who do not realize the full meaning of the recent decision of the supreme court on the insular cases should read the World-Herald. That paper knows, and it says that all the people of the acquired territory are to be slaves. This may, to many, appear a wrong conclusion, but the World-Herald asserts it positively and it must be so.

People to the number of 169,000 left the United Kingdom last year to make their homes elsewhere, while but 62,000 immigrated. Of the emigrants 61 per cent came to this country. It appears that England will soon have a serious condition to face in keeping her people at home. That country will in time be depopulated if that kind of a movement continues.

The Indians are not all good yet, report coming from Wyoming that a sheep herder had been murdered at a place 40 miles north of Fort Washakie. The wise correspondent takes this as a sign of a general uprising. If every murder committed by the red man's white brother could be taken as a sign of an uprising the government troops would know no rest.

W. R. Merriam, director of the census, estimates that the number of manufacturing and mechanical establishments in the United States is 650,000 against 300,000 such industries ten years ago. The trusts are evidently not doing their duty as laid down for them by Mr. Bryan. Their province is to crush out industries and here is more than a 100 per cent increase in a decade. The octopus and robber tariff seem to be expansionists whatever may have been said of them by the little fellows. Perhaps the only way left for the people to put a stay to these horrible results is to begin dabbling in free trade again.

Lovers of the drama feel genuinely sorry that death has removed James A. Herne from his field of work. Anyone who has seen "Shore Acres," or "Hearts of Oak" will realize the loss the stage has sustained by his decease. His plays were of the sort that appealed to the hearts of his audience, not by exciting situations but a recital of facts, purely natural and homelike. "Shore Acres" was the unvarnished story of a home that might be encountered frequently in natural life, but its recital was so ingenious that the audience was interested from start to finish and they were given a lesson to be remembered through life.

John D. Rockefeller is beginning to employ his wealth for the benefit of humanity and may become a worthy competitor of Andrew Carnegie for public approbation. His line of action, however, is altogether different from that of Carnegie, he having established an institute for medical research. There is certainly a wide field for his endeavors and they may result in untold benefit to all the people. Mr. Rockefeller gives

as a starter \$200,000 which will probably be followed by more as occasion demands. If all the multi-millionaires would undertake something for the general blessing and comfort of humanity, they would become a wonderful blessing to the world.

Democratic editors are not the only ones who find themselves at a loss when it comes to discussing democratic principles except in a general form. Some of the party leaders are equally embarrassed. John P. Altgeld recently said: "How a we to declare the democratic party's present condition, when we do not know what that condition is?" There seems to be but one person who is fully confident as to the condition and position of the party and that person is Mr. Bryan who is never at a loss because still confident that he is the party and therefore dictates its principles and issues. He may never be deceived but there are many to doubt that the entire party centers in one man.

The Dakota City Eagle thinks it unfair that the ordinary layman should be expected to know the law when well informed lawyers disagree over its interpretation and learned judges reverse the decisions of each other. It may not seem exactly fair, when locked at in this way, but it would be infinitely worse, if by pleading profound ignorance, every law breaker and criminal could escape the penalty imposed for his offense. When people become so truthful that they will unhesitatingly disclose what they know and lawyers become so honest that they will only take up a case for what they know to be the right, this provision may be dispensed with. Until that time it will probably have to stand.

Nebraska is certainly fast becoming the garden spot of the universe. The flowers, the trees and the birds are more beautiful than they ever were before, while the fields of waving grain speak loudly of prosperity, and the farmer, like the merchant, wears a smile of satisfaction, peace and contentment. And well might the Nebraskan feel glad amid such surroundings. Who would not, with the crop prospects as promising and bright as they are? Take the statistics of Nebraska for the last year and they show a surplus production of cattle, hogs and their products to the amount of \$117,621,751, while the surplus of poultry, eggs and butter amounted to \$7,468,578. This explains that smile of contentment and why Nebraska is the garden spot of the universe.—Hastings Tribune.

Fusionists claim that the supreme court decision was rendered to suit the administration. The administration, as shown by last fall's vote, represents, by a long way, the majority of the American people, and while the minority may be entitled to object to the court's ruling it would have been unfair to the American people, viewed from an administration and anti-administration standpoint, for it to have favored the minority. The antis seem to have hopelessly lost their cause at every point. The issue was presented last fall and they met with overwhelming defeat and now the supreme court also rules against them. The antis would like to show that the court was prejudiced in favor of the administration, but the majority may well conceive that the verdict was complimentary to its level-headedness, shown in attaining a decision at the polls last fall.

There is much difference of opinion, regarding smallpox and its various attributes, among the best physicians and authorities, but undoubtedly the utmost precaution against the disease is justifiable and while a person may sometimes be inconvenienced, it is unquestionably preferable that an individual should be discommoded than that the health of an entire community should be placed in jeopardy. A case is recorded where the poisonous effluvia crossed a river 1,500 feet wide and affected 10 out of 12 carpenters on the other side. Another authority claims that clothing will retain the contagion for months and, it is said, for years if confined. This should be sufficient reason for the greatest precaution on the part of smallpox patients and those coming in contact with the disease. A rigid compliance with quarantine regulations and thorough disinfection should be observed.

What will be left of the Bible for people to have absolute faith in after the learned doctors get through with their explanations of the things recorded? Is a question that might well be asked by those who follow the doctors and students of theology closer than they do the Bible. Dr. Lyman J. Abbott in an address before the students and faculty of Cornell university said he did not regard the book of Genesis as historically correct and it is claimed that he characterized the story of Jonah and the whale as an ancient joke, written to provoke humor and thus, by means of satire, puncture the narrowness of the Hebrews. If they continue to thus explain the various statements of the Bible there will in time be considerable question as to what are unvarnished facts and what are jokes and parables. There certainly has been much dispute among Bible students as to what the story of Jonah

and the whale means, science having proven that it would be impossible for a whale as now constructed to swallow a man. Some have explained that whales were different then than now and others have held to it that the whale was a large fish. Dr. Abbott is perhaps original in characterizing the story as a joke.

Be Calm.

After all, the best thing our populist and mugwump friends can do is to stick by the United States and trust to the people of the United States for the outcome in all their relations with outlying islands and populations. With the exception of the complications arising from the heritage of slavery that cursed us for a century, and still causes more embarrassment than any other of the elements in our make up, the verdict of the world acquits this republic of suspicions of cruelty, oppression or unkindness to the peoples with which we come in contact.

The American branch of the Anglo-Saxon race is, after all, the fairest and the most humane of the human brotherhood and its faults are usually only the excess of its virtues. The Hawaiian, the Porto Rican and the Filipino will certainly fare better at our hands than they ever fared before, and if the most cantankerous "antny" on earth were given his choice to take his chances with "Emperor" McKinley for a ruler or that of any other potentate he is acquainted with, he would not hesitate to accept American citizenship rather than live under Aguinaldo or Alphonso or Billy the Kaiser or Edward the VII or the Czar Nicholas or the mikado or the empress dowager of China, no matter whether the constitution follows the flag or congressional action.

The less we work ourselves up into a conniption fit over the allegations of the supreme court that Jefferson started all right with Louisiana, when if we had done it another way, the less ashamed of ourselves shall we feel when we find that we were fretting our gizzards about phrases instead of facts.

We shall manage to wiggle along very well in the future just as we have done in the past with the constitution unchanged by a new and crazy interpretation, that we wanted, not because it was necessary or convenient, but as an excuse for our cussedness, in our zeal in the late election, in talking wildly about "Emperor McKinley."

If the president is emperor now he has always been an emperor, even if we didn't know it, and things worked out about right most of the time. It is too late to kick after this hundred and twelve years of comparative satisfaction and pride in our constitution. It is the same old instrument it always was.—Lincoln Journal.

"WANTED -- A GIRL TO DO HOUSEWORK."

The above is a wall which is going up from all sections of the country—from palatial city residences, from farm homes, from all places where a modern civilization imposes upon woman a burden of domestic and social cares which is beyond her strength. While there are too many schoolteachers, too many typewriters, too many clerks, too many teachers of music and art, there is all the time an awful shortage of competent women who are willing to work as homemakers and housekeepers. Some say that this scarcity of domestic help is caused by the women themselves, who, to not a little extent, place a social ban upon the woman who cooks their food and makes their beds and does the family washing; others say that it is because a woman cannot keep nice white hands and do the dirty work of the home; others that the weekly wage of the hired girl is not high enough, and one young lady tells us that the real reason is that a girl fools away her chance of making a desirable matrimonial alliance when she hires out to do domestic work. Some truth in all of these, perhaps, with the last reason, assigned being nearer the truth than any of the others. But, no matter about the cause, the fact remains that the help to do housework is now and will in the future be hard to get, and it forcibly suggests the plan of people recasting their methods of living on a simpler plane, which, from our standpoint, is really the most sensible thing to do. Over one-half of woman's burdens today are those which society and custom have imposed upon her. The cultivation of a little womanly independence, of a don't care a cent habit as to what the woman next door thinks of your way of doing things, would relieve many a woman of a great burden, for it is true as gospel that there is nothing on earth a woman is so mortally afraid of as some other woman. Educate the girls that there is no loftier or more womanly sphere than that of being an accomplished and business-like homemaker and housekeeper, remove, as far as possible, the social ban placed upon the hired girl, raise her wages so as to dignify her work, don't expect her to work 16 hours a day, and the problem of domestic help will settle itself.

His Inspiration.

"What furnishes your inspiration," they asked of the author. "My wife," was the reply. "How lovely!" they cried. "How perfectly idealistic!" "Yes," he went on, "if the muse ever halts and I feel like loafing on my job, her demand for a new gown or some additional money for household expenses stirs me to renewed effort and puts Pegasus in a gallop."—Chicago Post.