

The Norfolk News

The World-Herald says: "Miss Nebraska looks well in a net waist, a sugar green skirt and a corn belt."

Oklahoma has just harvested its wheat crop of 30,000,000 bushels. It's sweet to think of the number of people Oklahoma granaries will feed.

Let's quit grumbling about the hot weather and talk up that harvest festival for Norfolk, to be given early this fall, and what is more let's make it a winner with a big W.

A species of wood that expands like rubber is one of the newly discovered products of the Philippines. Politicians after the persimmons will in the future have their poles constructed of this material.

If there is one employment more distasteful than another during a spell of torrid zone weather it must be that of the man who hauls and shovels coal. Now the ice man—but there, there, all philosophical ideas are positively melted and in distasteful array.

The Winside board of village trustees has passed an ordinance fixing an occupation tax on bowling alleys, prohibiting minors from frequenting such alleys, forbidding the issuing of checks or chips and to prevent the playing of cards or dice in such alleys.

The civil government of the Philippines started in with a surplus of \$4,000,000 in gold in the treasury. Uncle Sam's military government was not so bad, viewed from a financial standpoint and the slight loss may be accepted as a neat Fourth of July compliment.

The United States led the world in producing gold and silver during 1900. The gold mined in this glorious republic was \$78,159,674, an increase of \$5,003,653 over 1899. The silver mined reached a value of \$36,576,900, a gain over the preceding year of 2,434,963 ounces.

Beatrice is afflicted with a fresh outbreak of smallpox. The disease is thoroughly under control in Norfolk and it is hoped that no fresh outbreak will occur, as it would be difficult to get rid of another epidemic before cold weather sets in, when the disease is said to be at its worst.

Senator Butler accuses the Kansas populists of selling out to the democrats. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thinks Mr. Butler was mistaken—it was a give away, the intimidation being that the party was either not worth purchasing or could not get what it thought it was worth.

A scientist is out with the statement that he can turn a colored person white by the injection of a substance that checks the deposit of the dark pigment. He is the man who should be given the job of setting the race problem and will undoubtedly be overwhelmed with patients for treatment.

Senator Maria Butler, chairman of the populist national committee, declares that there will be no fusion next time. The populists will probably attack corporate greed, plutocracy and the octopus single handed and will undoubtedly be as successful as though they had democratic aid.

President McKinley has proven to the satisfaction of most people, both native and foreign, that his backbone development is above the normal. But now comes Mr. Addicks of Delaware with the assertion that he "has no backbone." Mr. Addicks' ignorance as to what constitutes backbone is deplorable.

The Klondikers continue to add to the world's gold supply at a great rate and the loss of the usual product of the Transvaal country is hardly missed, not in America, anyway. A steamer recently returned from Alaska brought a treasure cargo of \$600,000 in gold consigned to the assay office at Seattle.

Another insurgent general and 1,000 men captured in the Philippines furnishes evidence that the insurrection is about over. The opposition to American control at home is likewise badly frayed about the edges, no speeches or articles lauding Aguinaldo as the George Washington of his race having appeared for many moons.

In the death of Prince von Hohenlohe, former imperial chancellor of Germany, the United States loses a firm friend, he having always been fair and conciliatory toward Americans and American interests. The people of the United States will therefore join with the German people in mourning the loss of one of their great men.

A boy of Superior, Wis., blew up his father with a cannon cracker while the latter was engaged in his devotions. Whether the old gentleman left off long enough to apply the rod where it was most needed is not stated. A boy of that kind would be rightly served to have a cannon cracker inserted in his left ear and a match applied to the fuse.

The reports of the South Omaha bull fights vary greatly. Some indicate that

the sport is ridiculous and others would show that it is both cruel and dangerous. From whatever viewpoint it is a foregone conclusion that this sort of entertainment, popular in Spain and Mexico, will never hold a place in American hearts with the prize fight and base ball.

It is asserted that Bryan is now worth \$150,000, \$60,000 of which was made last year, and yet he will stand up and tell his less fortunate partisans that republican prosperity is a sort of will o' the wisp. If a common mortal was successful in making \$60,000 a year he would find it impossible to shout calamity, regardless of the political or other conditions of the country.

The population of France has increased but by 3,000,000 since 1850. During the same period the population of the United States has increased by about 53,000,000; Germany has increased 21,000,000 and England 14,000,000. The French people may be qualified to set the styles for fine raiment and may know how to have a good time, but it is evident that if the world's population depends on them it is in a sorry way.

One man's carelessness in Kansas was the cause of a fire that burned over 15,000 acres of wheat fields and destroyed 300,000 bushels of the grain recently. The action of the man was simple—he merely tossed a lighted cigar stub in a field of dry stubble—but the loss occasioned to the farmers and the wheat consumers was immense. He would have shown much greater wisdom by throwing his stub in a bog-head of giant powder.

The news that a competitor of the Standard Oil company has incorporated in Nebraska will be pleasing intelligence to the people of the state. No one is particularly anxious to be boiled in oil at just this season of the year, but there is a time coming when oil stoves and lights will be desirable; then it will not be an unpleasant sensation to realize that the required fuel may be obtained without paying the price dictated altogether by one octopus.

It is said that the women of the east are acquiring the cigarette habit quite generally. The cigarette habit has been so successfully debased by the public that men, except some wise youngsters, are passing it up in a large degree. It has been said that when women start to go down they go lower than the men but it was not expected by those who fight the cigarette that it would find champions among the women of the country. It is to be hoped that the practice will be confined to the women of the east.

J. Sterling Morton advises just what the Madison county commissioners have been doing to a large extent when he says: "In every county in Nebraska the commissioners should build the best bridges. They are the cheapest. The culvert made of vitrified brick or of iron sewer pipes should be placed instead of bridges where a gulch is crossed in which no water course flows. In Nebraska City there is a steel bridge which has been in constant use night and day for thirty years. It is the best and cheapest bridge Otoe county ever owned."

Uncle Sam is going to be assured that American manufactures intended for export shall be of the best and has decided to brand dairy products. No doubt, with this sort of procedure American products in Europe would soon win the place that foreign imports to this country are accorded. If an American wants to buy something especially fine in certain products he invariably asks for the imported article. As foreigners excel in some particulars Americans excel in others and it should be the desire of all Americans that certain exports are kept at a high standard.

Some of the newspapers are energetically building railways and extensions since the management of some of the roads have been changed. Particular interest is shown in prospective lines in the southern part of South Dakota, the Black Hills, north Nebraska and Pacific connections. Time has demonstrated that while the newspaper railroads may prove interesting reading to some people the real building is only done when the railroad management takes a hand. The Yankton, Norfolk and Southwestern has been built many times by the newspapers but not a rail has been laid.

The south wind which prevailed today was quite an earnest reminder of the disastrous hot winds of several years ago when all vegetation was shrivelled to a crisp, but the conditions are altogether different. That year there was a frost late in May to injure vegetation and no rain followed it and none to speak of fell during the entire summer. Up to the present time this year there has been an abundance and sometimes a superfluity of rain so that it would require a week or more of hot, dry winds to destroy prospects of a corn crop. The small grain crop is out of the way of dry weather.

The Holdrege Progress believes that town would soon have a population of 10,000 if the people living in and about

the place would destroy all of their catalogues, kill off the peddlers and support the home merchants. The Progress certainly has the right idea of the matter. There are two many persons in the west, who, while they are ever ready to be jealous of the wealth and advancement of the east improve every opportunity to send a share of their income to swell the coffers of eastern merchants and think because they save a few cents they are doing their whole duty to their family, their neighborhood and their state. The west will not realize its full development until every opportunity for keeping its money in the west is employed. The development and patronage of western manufactures as well as of merchants will aid in this work.

Many of those who enjoy fishing and hunting are taking out licenses in accordance with the new state law. The license fee for residents of the state is \$1 and for non-residents \$10 per year. Blank licenses are furnished the county clerks. One provision of the law is that all guns, ammunition, dogs, blinds and decoys and any and all fishing tackle in actual use by persons hunting or fishing without a license shall be forfeited to the state. This provision is a strong argument for a license and few care to incur the risk. Those who use other than a hook and line in catching fish also incur a great risk, the law providing that "every net, seine, trap, explosive, poisonous or stupefying substance or device used or intended for use in taking or killing game or fish in violation of this act," is declared a public nuisance and may be abated and summarily destroyed by any person.

August 6 will be a lively day in Oklahoma, the president having set that date for the opening of the Wichita, Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Indian reservations. A drawing will be held at El Reno on the 29th instant to decide in what order registered applicants will be allowed to enter lands. The government is certainly entitled to credit for an effort to prevent the unseemly rush that has characterized the opening of other reservations when the weak and feeble, often more deserving of a claim, had no show with the swift and strong. Fault will probably be found with the method to be pursued, but any method would be criticised where something is given away for nothing and the government is the giver. A person contemplating making an entry must be prepared for disappointments as all cannot secure land. A sure way to guard against disappointment would be to invest in some of Nebraska's fertile lands. These you can be certain to get if you pay the very moderate price asked and you may rest assured of its capacity to produce.

An interesting program is being prepared for the summer meeting of the State Horticultural society with addresses by Gifford Pinchot of the United States forestry department; William Hall, superintendent of the Nebraska forestry survey; F. H. Newell, hydrographer of the United States service; Governor Savage and Ex-Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton. This meeting should not only be largely attended by those interested in horticulture and forestry, but by those determined to profit by the suggestions and who will make great strides toward the development of tree growth in Nebraska. The state, once a practically treeless prairie, has blossomed out wonderfully in lovely groves, beautiful fields and splendid lawns and gardens, but very much remains to be done in this direction and the ambition of Nebraska people should be to develop the state until it becomes one of the most beautiful regions from the viewpoint of an artist or lover of trees and scenery that the country can produce. It can be done and every resident should be willing and ready to do his share.

The Fourth of July of the Stanton Picket editor recalled the prophecy made a short time ago by the democratic leader and he calls Mr. Bryan's attention to it in the following: "Ah there, Colonel Bryan! did you hear the anvils booming this morning? Did you see the flags and bunting waving, hear the patriotic speeches, see the men of our nation as they tipped their hats to old glory and the small boy as he vied with all other small boys in making a noise and doing all in his power to make Independence day, 1901, a success? Did you see women—wives, mothers and maidens—note their contented and happy expressions? If you did not, then where were your eyes and ears? If you did, and you did, did you stop and consider that expression you made less than a year ago about Fourth of July celebrations being abandoned provided McKinley was re-elected? When thinking of it didn't it make you feel like thirty cents? Stand up Colonel Bryan, wipe your shoes on the door mat and step out on the carpet. Let the people look at you that they may know what sort of specimen a false political prophet really is. Then you had better creep into your shell, put a padlock on your talking machine and subside."

An Original Defaulter. The confession and story of the defaulting treasurer of Kearney county, Alfred Norlin, is about the most sensational thing that has happened in the

state for some years, and is easily the peer of anything in the defaulting line the commonwealth has ever known. His crime and ingenious method of covering might, with very little alteration, be converted into a dime novel story that would eclipse anything of the "Diamond Dick" or "Swamprat Bill" sort.

The story is full of beautiful morals that should deter any official or employ from endeavoring to follow Norlin's scheme. He was an honored and respected young man with so many friends that it was considered he had a sincere and could be elected to the position he occupied as often as he wished. Like many other men handling large sums of other people's money, he was tempted to speculate and when his speculations had led him so far wrong that he considered reparation impossible he concluded to make a thorough job, stole a large sum, and conceived the idea of protecting himself with a burglary and fire story. It was early discovered, however, that his story didn't connect well. The main particulars appeared to be all right but there were details that looked wonderfully suspicious and suggestive of crime. The investigation started, finally resulted in the guilty man confessing his crime and the recovery of a portion of the money which had been taken.

Norlin's crime is not less deplorable because he has been prominent in church and Sunday school work, active in the interests of temperance, a trusted member of the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Highlanders, and last but not least, a fusionist. Most defaulter have been content with the simple process of looting, without adding attempted arson and self inflicted wounds to sustain a story of burglary, but Norlin seems to have been intent on doing something original and complicated. He will undoubtedly suffer exceedingly for his crime—most defaulter do—especially when they have been so high in public esteem and in one night have fallen so low.

In view of this common lot of defaulters it is astonishing that men should continue to steal when they have been honored by their constituents with a high office and position of trust. Few escape in this day and age, for such crimes. If they do manage to evade the punishment of the law by a technicality they seldom, if ever, escape public condemnation and social ostracism. Friends and acquaintances shun them and they are considered criminals though they may not have submitted to penal servitude—in fact the sympathy of the people is stronger for those who manfully submit to a deserved and legal punishment than for those who escape. Nevertheless, whether a man is lawfully punished or not, there is always a stain on his character that he would undoubtedly give many times the value of his loot to have removed.

The story of the Kearney county defaulter is an argument for honesty that should have more effect than a whole library of sermons.

DEATH OF HOHENLOHE.

Emperor William and Other Rulers Send Messages of Sympathy. Berlin, July 8.—In a telegram to the members of the family, Emperor William has expressed his deepest sympathy in the death of Prince von Hohenlohe. Messages of sympathy have also been received from a number of other crowned heads, including one from Emperor Nicholas. Professor Ernst of Zurich has embalmed the body, which will be removed Tuesday to Schilling-fuerst, Bavaria. Two sons of the former imperial chancellor, his daughters, a son-in-law and several grandchildren have arrived in Ragatz, Switzerland, where he died.

London, July 8.—By far the most interesting comment upon the career of Prince von Hohenlohe, many columns of which appear in the London papers, are those of the Times, whose Paris correspondent, M. de Biowitz, makes important revelations regarding the dead statesman. Among many confidential letters and conversations attributed to him while imperial chancellor is the following summary of his estimate of Emperor William: "His greatest failing is that he does not think there are any limits to his will. It is almost impossible to tell beforehand where he will be and what he will do. It often happens that weeks pass without my seeing him. Then he suddenly appears and I am amazed at his knowledge of the details of what is going on."

Regarding Emperor William's famous telegram to Mr. Kruger at the time of the Jameson raid, Prince von Hohenlohe said: "If the emperor had known that Jameson had so many sons of respectable English families with him he would not have sent the telegram. He thought Jameson had only filibusters with him and that it was an act of brigandage."

Cummins Wins in Osceola. Sibley, Ia., July 8.—The Osceola county Republican convention adopted a resolution instructing the delegates to the state convention to support A. B. Cummins for governor and Edward C. Brown for railway commissioner.

Fitzgerald Dies of His Injuries. Milwaukee, July 8.—W. E. Fitzgerald, one of the officers of the American Shipbuilding company, was fatally injured by an explosion of acetylene gas at his summer home at Lake Nago-wicka late Saturday night and died today.

BRAND DAIRY PRODUCTS.

System of Inspection to Be Established.

TO AFFIX GOVERNMENT SEAL.

Uncle Sam Will Inspect Butter and Similar Products for Export and Certify to Their Excellence—Intention is to Protect All Parties.

Washington, July 8.—The agricultural appropriation act for the current fiscal year authorizes the secretary of agriculture, in his discretion, to apply the law for the inspection and branding of live cattle and products to dairy products intended for exportation, the purpose being to enable American exporters of dairy products to give foreign buyers the assurance of certification by the government of the United States of the purity, quality and grade of dairy products.

Secretary Wilson has decided to exercise the authority conferred on him by establishing in the customs districts of Boston, New York, Chicago and San Francisco a system of inspection of dairy products and have experts in those departments gather information, by the means of which regulations may be drafted.

A beginning will be made in a small way, with view of bringing about a practical and honest system by which all parties may be properly protected. It is stated at the department that it is probable that at an early date the owners or shippers of products for export may, upon application, have the goods marked and certified as to purity and quality, provided they are above the minimum grade.

ENDEAVORERS HAVE BUSY DAY.

Held Many Largely Attended Meetings at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 8.—The Endeavorers made Sunday a busy day. From morning till evening and during almost every hour of the day there were services going on in some part of the city.

The day opened with two quiet hour meetings, of one hour each, held in three of the largest of the city's churches and conducted by the Revs. Floyd W. Tompkins, Philadelphia, and Cornelius Wolfkin, Brooklyn.

The various pulpits about the city were occupied during the rest of the morning by visiting ministers, whose subjects were "Twenty Years of Christian Endeavors." The attendance at these meetings was large and especially so at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, where the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka spoke. The afternoon was devoted to three simultaneous evangelistic meetings in the Music Hall auditorium. These meetings were classified for men, women and children. The attendance at all were large and considerable evangelistic work was accomplished, especially at the men's meeting in the auditorium. This meeting was to have been conducted by Rev. Chapman of New York, and in his absence a representative of the laity, William Phillips Hall of New York City, conducted it.

BANDITS DEFEY ALL PURSUIT.

Hopeless Chase for Montana Train Robbers.

Anaconda, Mon., July 8.—Special dispatches from a staff correspondent of the Anaconda Standard on the ground are to the effect that there is now little hope of the sheriff's posse overtaking the men who held up the Great Northern express train at Wagner, Mon., last Wednesday. The correspondent has just returned from the section of the country where the posse were expected to overtake the robbers. His account is that the pursuers have been outwitted and that the robbers have eluded them.

Educators Assembling at Detroit.

Detroit, July 8.—The lobby of the Hotel Cadillac, which is headquarters for the 40th annual convention of the National Educational association, is crowded with prominent educators, who have come from all parts of the country to attend the meetings. The first general session of the association in the Light Guard armory will not be held until tomorrow afternoon, but the convention opened today with sessions of the national council of education and the Indian education department.

Cubans Making Slow Progress.

Havana, July 8.—The Cuban constitutional convention has not yet arrived at an understanding regarding the electoral law. The conservatives are quite hopeless with respect to the rescinding of the universal suffrage clause, and they are now endeavoring to secure a plural vote for property holders and for professional and business men. In this they are strongly opposed by the radicals.

Forest Fire in Colorado.

Buena Vista, Colo., July 8.—A forest fire southwest of here has destroyed many thousands of dollars worth of valuable timber. The mining camp of Pine is in the path of the fire and is in danger of being wiped out. It is impossible to get any definite news from there, except that the fire is still burning and spreading rapidly.

Prisoners Steal Sheriff's Horse.

Dickinson, N. D., July 8.—Six prisoners broke out of the county jail early yesterday, stole horses and rode off. Among the horses taken was one belonging to the sheriff, McDonald and Hummel, two notorious cattle thieves, were among the fugitives. Every possible effort is being made to effect their capture.

HANS CAPTURES TRAIN ROBBERS

Chief of Elkhorn Road's Special Service Surprises Gang.

California Junction, Ia., July 8.—Train robbers were surprised at their work near California Junction at midnight. Fred M. Hans, the special Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley representative, surprised the gang and captured two of them and recovered a large quantity of merchandise that the gang had thrown from the train. One of the men later escaped from Hans after several shots were exchanged. The remaining robber is an Omaha man, Dick Latty.

The company's trains have been looted frequently of late of valuable merchandise between California Junction and the Missouri river bridge. The captured robber's skiff was found in the river near where the stolen goods were found and he admitted that he expected to remove it to the boat, float it down to Omaha and sell it.

Hans was on the train when a brakeman rushed in and told him robbers were throwing boxes of merchandise from the cars. Hans sprang from the train while it was going at full speed, hid in the grass until the robbers left the train and came back to remove the stuff. Then he sprang out and confronted the two men. They made little resistance when told to throw up their hands under the gun. They were marched up the track until the point was reached when the stuff was found scattered along the track. Then one of the robbers suddenly sprang into the underbrush. Hans fired several shots at the escaping man, but was forced to turn his attention to the other prisoner to prevent his escape. The remaining prisoner was Latty. He was taken to Logan, Ia., and jailed.

PICNIC PARTY IS WRECKED.

Chicago Car is Split by a Trolley Pole and Six Passengers Are Hurt.

Chicago, July 8.—The derailing of a Milwaukee avenue trolley car yesterday, which was loaded with a picnic party, caused a panic among the passengers, of whom six were seriously injured. The car when it jumped the track crashed into a trolley pole in the center of the street and was split in two. The passengers were thrown to the street in a heap and half of the car toppled over on top of them.

Kansas Liquor Law Unconstitutional.

Fort Scott, Kan., July 8.—A jury of the most prominent business men of Fort Scott was just four minutes in finding one of the state's new liquor laws, passed as a result of Mrs. Nation's crusade, unconstitutional. It was the injunction law, which authorizes county attorneys to summon and examine witnesses touching their knowledge of the violation of the law. Daniel F. Campbell, an attorney, who was summoned, refused to testify and was arrested. The jury acquitted him, though he admitted the charge.

Mexico's Sensational Case.

Mexico City, July 8.—The arrest and imprisonment incommunicado of Father Icaza, a parish priest of the church of Santa Calarina, has created a profound sensation. He is accused of grave crimes against women, and his accusers are the husband of one of the women and Senor Terazas, once editor of a fanatical ultra-religious clerical paper. The case will be tried before Judge Perez Leon Del Valle and will be a great judicial event of the year.

Three More Wreck Victims Die.

Berlin, July 8.—In addition to William Smith and C. H. Felton, news of whose death has already been cabled, John Waldson, William Waldson and John Smith have succumbed to injuries received in the accident to the train bearing Barnum & Bailey's circus at Beuthen, upper Silesia. David Adam, George Illart, Stephen Brott, Leo Bene and C. H. Thum, who are the injured, lie in a dangerous condition at the hospital at Beuthen.

Kills Wife, Shoots Himself.

New York, July 8.—Edward Luthy, 43 years of age, a bookmaker on the eastern race tracks, killed his wife by shooting her in the head last evening after she had taken refuge on a fire escape. Then he shot himself. Dozens of pedestrians on Park avenue, opposite the house where the Luthy's lived, saw the woman killed and saw her body fall from one landing of the fire escape to the one below.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

S. W. Allerton and associates are to build a packing plant at Pittsburg.

General Bellamino and his Filipino force surrendered to Colonel Wurt at Legaspi.

Advance Guard won the Great Western stakes at Washington park Saturday. Robert Waddell finishing sixth. John Garner, a farmer near Madeira, Ill., shot and killed his wife, shot his mother-in-law, breaking her leg, and killed himself.

The European squadron is to be re-established, with Rear Admiral Cromwell in command. The cruiser Chicago is to be the flagship.

The cup defender Constitution won the yacht race at Newport Saturday against the Independence and the Columbia, the latter finishing in second place.

Three thousand residents of Bloomington, Ill., indulged in the annual fishing festival Saturday at Lake Miller, a three-acre body of water, in which no fishing is permitted at other times.

With oratory, music and fireworks, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of New York broke ground Thursday for the new \$250,000 Hibernian hall, which is to be erected at One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Fifth avenue.