

The Norfolk News

In spite of the hot weather prevailing generally there was a frost in Ohio recently and Mr. Bryan and his paramount issues suffered therefrom.

If Norfolk people only had a public park now in which people could spend a portion of these hot days a portion of their troubles would be removed, or at least forgotten.

Rainmaker Wright or his votaries could now win the deep gratitude of Nebraska people by exercising their ideas to the extent that the state will be blessed by a healthy rain storm.

When Norfolk citizens get fully enthused nothing daunts them. They are becoming enthused about the September carnival and the best time ever known in north Nebraska will be the result.

Omaha shows an increase of 600 per cent in building, comparing June of this year with the same month last year. Omaha builders are enjoying a prosperity that must be heartily appreciated.

A philosophical article on the cause, force and effect of blizzards and their phenomenon might prove entertaining reading, but the writer who can direct his mind into that channel is scarcer than snowflakes.

The Ohio Bryan democrats have about decided to bolt the action of the democratic state convention. Before they do so they should review what Mr. Bryan at one time said regarding bolters, defining them as traitors or some equally endearing term.

The reports of showers in portions of Nebraska is not as pleasing intelligence to this section of the state as it would be if it had participated in the good fortune. It continues dry in the vicinity of Norfolk but corn seems to be growing and developing nicely.

Cole and Jim Younger, of the notorious Jesse James gang of desperadoes, were released from the Stillwater, Minnesota, penitentiary Sunday and spent their first day of freedom on a steamboat excursion. If they make no more destructive excursions than that their parole may be indefinitely extended.

The Turkish government has risen considerably in the estimation of the American people by finally paying those long standing indemnity claims occasioned during the Armenian atrocities of several years ago. The sultan's name has been removed from the "re-quire cash" column but will for some years be kept in the "slow pay" department.

Treasurer Norlin set a stylo for defaulters which others will do well to follow. It was at his urgent request that he was so quickly sentenced. There have been too many of his kind who have fought against being sentenced with all their power and escaped by hook or by crook. He made a wholesome effort to stone for his wrong that will probably result to his benefit.

The Bee says that Nebraska banks have actually loaned \$1,000,000 to New Yorkers, which is another of those stem-winder blows delivered to insurgent Calamity by General Prosperity. Furthermore this surplus money is said to come from the rural districts. When the octopus of the east is compelled to borrow from the poor and oppressed Nebraska farmer it is time to change some of the popular calamity airs.

A large number of the Iowa democratic editors approve the Ohio democratic platform and believe that the Iowa state convention, which meets August 21, should follow the Ohio lead. A contest is promised at that time, as there are several leading editors of that party who will oppose the adoption of such a platform and say they will bolt. Charles A. Walsh, Iowa member of the democratic national committee, favors the Ohio plan.

Norfolk may have a bull fight at her carnival this fall if Burt Mages and G. A. Luikart will loan their cows and Governor Savage will consent to enter the arena and keep flies away with a long and fierce looking box elder branch. Or perhaps a blood curdling Spanish cock fight might prove more of a drawing card, if the peace officers will consent to the thrilling exhibition, in which case Messrs. Hoffman, Gibson and Gow may probably be prevailed upon to furnish the roosters.

The people of Evanston took a novel method of getting rid of the unpopular Dowietes Wednesday night. Finding that they could resist the police and the crowd of people the happy idea struck Mayor Bates of giving them a shower bath and he ordered out a fire engine and turned the hose on them with the result that they were quickly dispersed. The people of Evanston were highly delighted at the success of the method and will undoubtedly give the mayor a gold medal if he so desires for his idea.

Wm. M. Wheeler, for almost a dozen years editor and publisher of the Wakefield Republican, has sold that paper to Frank L. Shoop, an experienced news-

paper man of Parker, S. D. Editor Wheeler is a bright newspaper man, has faithfully served the people of Wakefield during his residence there and has given them a live local paper. His retirement from the work there will be received with regret by many of his patrons. He expects to engage in the newspaper work again either in this state or farther west.

Editor Pont of the Stanton Register who is undoubtedly more at home on a ball field than at an editor's desk objects to his competitor's account of a recent game, a portion of which is in the following language that savors of the lack woods: "In spite of the fact that we made the first run, stole three bases and was forced out twice he couldn't find a thing to say, and even lied about the muff." It is very evident that "we" should put in our time stealing bases and never attempt to wield a pencil on an article for publication.

Carlisle Graham made his fifth successful trip through Niagara rapids Sunday in a barrel. It took three and one-half minutes for him to pass through the whirlpool and rapids, a distance of about a mile. Mr. Graham may be daring, but his daring is of a foolhardy sort that benefits no one and will undoubtedly at some time result in his death. It would seem that he could employ his talents to a much better advantage than by risking his life unnecessarily for the entertainment of a sensational-seeking and gaping crowd of people.

Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune evidently believed that Sioux county flood fake in which "Miss Cottman" saved the lives of a score of school children by lariatting her school house to a horse that had been grazing nearby, was one of the best fakes that has happened lately. In spite of his recent manly exposition of the fake he republished it in his Monday's issue with a nicely executed illustration of the scene in which "Miss Cottman" is pictured wading through the flood up to her waist and the school house is about to float away with the frantic children.

The South Omaha bull fight promoters had arranged for a genuine "fight to the finish" to wind up the season—or at least they allowed that sort of a rumor to gain currency—and a good crowd gathered to see it, when the sheriff and a force of deputies stepped forward and forbid the fight, undoubtedly to the great relief of the promoters and the fighters. Thus was the opportunity for something real blood-curdling and cruel passed and the spectators disappointed. It was a notorious farce, and the peace and humane officers were winners at every point of the game.

Whatever Bartley's parole may develop, it is clear that the case has been removed from the field of politics. Republican papers quite generally offer a mild criticism of the governor's action, or at least show an inclination to criticize, while a number of democratic papers, among them the World-Herald, commend the executive's action. The World-Herald supports the governor and pleads for Bartley in a column article which concludes with this paragraph: "In extending mercy to 'Joe' Bartley Governor Savage acted wisely. Time will justify his brave and generous deed."

The official report of the Austrian minister of the interior regarding the batton-making trade in Moravia states that the average hours of work for men are 19; for women 17, and for children over ten years of age, 12. The average earnings of a man are 30 cents weekly, women 20 cents and children 5 cents. The most a man can earn is 50 cents a week. Some of the dissatisfied American workmen striking for higher wages and shorter hours should absorb these figures and thank their lucky stars they are in America. It is little wonder that Austrians come to America. The wonder is that they can save enough in a lifetime to pay their way here.

The Colorado Springs pickpockets have scant respect for the pockets of religious workers and robbed 20 Epworth Leaguers of about all their belongings to the extent that the company is stranded and may require county assistance. In some instances the robbers demanded and secured the trunks of the travelers on the checks they had stolen. If Colorado resorts are to continue popular with the traveling public the peace officers will be compelled to take immediate steps to discourage this class of criminals. The treatment accorded Colorado horse thieves in an early day might be excused if the proper officers are unable to cope with the rascals.

Andrew Carnegie can afford to establish a few libraries and endow a few colleges—in fact an ordinary person would think he would be compelled to throw money away in order to get it down to an amount that there would be any possibility of keeping track of. Last week he received a batch of 5 per cent bonds worth \$260,000,000 and it is considered that this does not represent half of the Carnegie wealth. He is now reputed to be the largest single holder of bonds in the world. The contemplation of such amounts is quite likely to

make the average person's head swim, and yet Carnegie says that he is not to be envied—he lacks the health with which a lot of less wealthy mortals are blessed.

The Sioux City Tribune yesterday secured reports of crop conditions from fifty of its correspondents in a territory including a portion of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota which show that "so far the sturdy northwest has defied the furnace blasts of Old Sol and the annoying delay of Jupiter Pluvius." It considers that no large damage has been done but that there are evidences of impending injury unless there is quick relief. It is to be hoped that the required relief will soon come. With Kansas and Missouri drouth stricken there should be an average crop in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota to even matters up. With a good general rain within a day or two this section of country will have produce with which to relieve any lack in less fortunate localities. If the drouth does bear down it will be some satisfaction to know that it is not alone "drouth stricken Nebraska" but this state will have Missouri, Kansas and Iowa as companions in grief.

The News will issue Saturday one of the handsomest editions that has ever been published from this office and therefore the equal of anything heretofore published in the county. It will consist of 24 pages and will contain matter of particular interest to residents of the entire county as well as their friends. Handsome half-tone illustrations will be used in abundance placing familiar buildings and faces before patrons of the edition. It is not confined to the people of Norfolk and vicinity but residents of other cities and towns in Madison county will be given attention. Messrs. Livingston and Geo. H. Spear have assisted the publisher in the work and have accomplished wonders. The edition has been in course of compilation for some weeks and it is believed that patrons will be agreeably interested in its many excellent points. The edition is limited, and those wishing extra copies should make their application at once as the time is short between now and the day of issue.

Now that the street fair proposition has assumed form and a beginning is in sight every person interested in the welfare of Norfolk should show such interest by attending the meeting called by Mayor Koenigstein for next Monday night. It has been so long since Norfolk has done anything in the line of public entertainment that this should be made a magnificent success, which it will be if everyone takes hold with a will and does their share. Drop business and pleasure for an hour or two and attend. Give substantial evidence that Norfolk can be aroused to enthusiasm for the benefit of the town and the enjoyment of her people and neighbors occasionally. Come armed with a word of encouragement and an inclination to work. Leave all business or social differences at home. Do your share even though every particular of the arrangement may not be to your liking. Norfolk has a fine class of business men as a rule and they have shown an energy in the matter of public enterprise that has attracted state-wide interest heretofore. But lately they have been too modest or too deeply absorbed in business to win the attention they deserve. Now is a good time to revive. Attend the meeting and help make it a winner.

Ex-State Treasurer J. S. Bartley, who was sentenced to a term of 20 years in the penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$201,000 of state funds was released on 60-days' parole by Governor Savage Saturday night, after having served four years of his term. Governor Savage claims to have an object in paroling Bartley which he has not made public and has imposed conditions which may lengthen his parole indefinitely. What the governor's object was and what the conditions imposed, may be ample sufficient for his action and until these are known it may be unfair to offer criticism. For some time it has been quite generally believed that Bartley was made to suffer for the wrong-doing of others and that not he but they were the ones who profited by his action. If this were true those who participated in his crime and derived the profit therefrom should certainly share his punishment and his ignominy. This, however, would be scant excuse for his pardon; rather the other guilty persons should be discovered and punished. Whatever the governor's objects in paroling Bartley they must be exceptionally strong, for the crime was no light one and the sentence, considered from facts on the surface, was not extreme. The public is so far interested in the case that they would desire Bartley's punishment to be of such a nature as to put a stop to further defalcations of public officers. If there is no punishment for the crime there are many officers who would take advantage of their position to profit at the people's expense and the people do not so much desire Bartley's punishment as that others should be deterred from following his example. It is to be hoped that the governor may be able to satisfy the people that Bartley's parole is deserved.

It has been hot in Norfolk, but no one has died from the heat. Stand up for Norfolk.

The Gretna Breeze says that was a hot town on the Fourth. How could it be with a paper of that name in general circulation?

Now is a good time for the promoters of irrigation to disseminate their literature among the people. Even Missouri would like to irrigate.

The latest is a thresher trust organized to keep up the prices for that work. The farmer who pays has the satisfaction of knowing that the trust is composed largely of farmers.

Norfolk's September entertainment will be a marker in the city's history if everything moves along as smoothly as the start. Everybody should attend the Friday night meeting and take a part.

Mr. Bryan may not be a candidate for office but he and his friends do not propose to be squelched by one democratic convention in a decidedly ignorant state without making a struggle for recognition.

Iowa don't often acquire a reputation for the development of freaks and prodigies, but the arrest of a 7-year-old girl for horsestealing at Marshalltown indicates that she can do something out of the ordinary when she tries.

Sioux City is threatened with an ice famine according to the Tribune. Either Sioux City is enduring more than her share of hot weather discomforts or the Tribune is taking a mighty mean advantage in booming the price of ice.

Nebraska fusionists evidently propose to stick by fusion as long as there is a remnant of the fusing parties. The chairmen of the democratic and populist committees have already indicated that their state conventions will be called on the same date.

The presidential possibility stock of Mayor Harrison of Chicago has taken a new boom. He received a warning letter recently advising him to leave town as there was a plot developing to assassinate him. The American people have a way of arguing that anyone worthy of an assassin's attention is worthy of the presidency and it may be expected that Mr. Harrison will have a strong following for the democratic nomination in 1904.

The Swede who had worked on a cattle ranch, horse ranch, sheep ranch, turkey ranch and skunk ranch, but objected to working on a monkey wrench, drew the line just in time. The latest is a dog ranch and it is located in Holt county, near O'Neill. Fifty bird dogs are at present being trained there for the sports of Omaha and other cities. It might be well for some game warden to see to it that the dogs are not allowed to "work" too early in the season, as it is said to be unhealthy both for dogs and their owners.

The action of people of the drouth stricken districts in uniting their prayers for rain has inspired a very able editorial on the subject in yesterday's World-Herald. The writer very sensibly concludes that if a unity of prayers can avail in time of calamity, distress or sorrow, they are equally essential and powerful in times of prosperity and happiness. People who can sincerely pray for relief from drouth or other distress should just as sincerely return thanks when conditions are perfect and they are enjoying life to its fullest extent.

An American doctor has been honored by the French Academie de Medicine for discovering a new disease. Now if it had been a new and certain cure for an old disease, or if the new disease had been accompanied by a new and certain cure, humanity would have rejoiced with the doctor. But the race is too much afflicted with both old and new diseases to feel like taking off their hats and yelling the new discovery into their throats on account of his find. They only see in it an opportunity for new experiments and a possibility of an epidemic of the new ailment.

When contributing to the September entertainment business men should not figure to make the amount of their donations back that week. They may, and they may not, depending largely upon the amount of their donation, what they have to sell and how they will sell it. But a sum contributed for the entertainment will be a fine advertisement and will result in benefit for months. It will help attract attention to and build up the city and if the entertainment is rightly managed will promote a friendly feeling among visitors and induce them to come again. This is the prime object of all public entertainments and the city that is the most successful at entertaining is the most successful in other respects.

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lightly on the money question as was possible and that the colonel himself was very mute regarding silver—the "paramount" issue of the 1896 campaign. In his Indianapolis speech of acceptance he made a wonderful plea to have the man placed above the dollar, but whether a gold or silver dollar was not specified. Quoting the great leader's own recent words: "If the gold standard is good it ought to have been endorsed; if bad it ought to have been denounced. To ignore the subject entirely was inexcusable."

It is quite generally believed in political circles that the Ohio democratic platform is to furnish the keynote for the policy to be pursued by that party in the national campaign of 1904, in which event the reorganizers appear to have decidedly the best of it—or at least the party will show a radical change from conditions that have prevailed during the two preceding campaigns. Mr. Bryan has been decidedly snubbed, his name not being mentioned in the platform, while neither the Kansas City or Chicago platforms are mentioned. Free silver is ignored and "imperialism" receives but scant recognition. The paramount issue, according to the Ohio document, is tariff reform—a tariff for revenue only being demanded. It is certainly a subject for congratulation for the Ohio democrats to pull their feet out of the mire in which their party has been floundering during the past eight years, even though they do find it necessary to resurrect the old mummified tariff issue. It indicates that they are coming to their senses and are willing to make a fresh start on the track of political honor.

The forestry work of the department of agriculture will no longer be conducted under the name "division of forestry" having been advanced on July 1 to the rank of a "bureau" along with three other scientific divisions of the department. The forestry work of the department has made such wonderful strides and become of such importance to the country that it is with considerable satisfaction that friends of the work undertaken note its advancement. That it has commended itself to congress is evidenced by the appropriations of that body. In 1898-99, \$28,520 was set aside for forestry development and preservation. During the year just ended the division had \$88,520 at its disposal and the last session appropriated \$185,440 to the work. The change will admit of a larger office force and more extensive field work and the bureau will be organized in three divisions. The work of this bureau is of particular importance to Nebraska and other western states that have immense areas of land that could be beneficially converted into forests and it is to be hoped that the bureau will consider this work of prime importance. There are millions of acres of land that would be converted into valuable property by planting it to trees and the climate of the west would be immensely benefited thereby. If the state government, corporations and private individuals will co-operate with the bureau the work will advance much more rapidly and thoroughly.

FARMER CHARGED WITH MURDER
Frank Simonds Under Arrest at Osceola—Declares His Innocence.
Osceola, Neb., July 15.—Frank Simonds, a farmer living three miles north of Shelby, a town seven miles east of Osceola, was lodged in the county jail here under the charge of murder.

Sheriff Donnelly of Green county, Illinois, arrived here Friday in quest of his man, and in company with Sheriff Nuquist of Polk county, drove to Mr. Simonds' farm. When informed of his arrest he took the matter very coolly, saying: "I know what you want me for. The Green county people suppose I am guilty of killing that man, but I am not. I left there shortly after the murder. It is true, but I did so to break away from all my evil associates. I was trotting in a pretty fast class back to Illinois, but since here have been trying to do the right thing." Simonds was brought here and lodged in the county jail, pending the arrival of requisition papers, he refusing to return for trial.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.
B. E. Zartman was elected supreme chancellor of the United Commercial Travelers.

Lightning and fire destroyed the Bar Harbor summer home of F. W. Lawrence Saturday.
The British admiralty has made a successful test of a new device for destroying submarine boats.

The roof of the Union railroad tunnel in Baltimore fell on a passenger train, but no one was hurt.
Rev. Dr. Byron Sunderland of Washington died from a blood clot on the brain Sunday at Catskill, N. Y.

W. R. Covert of Anderson, Ind., is preparing to make formal claim of title to Alcatraz Island, near San Francisco.
War on mashers in Denver has started a feud among politicians. The mayor pardoned loafers arrested by the police.

An infernal machine was sent to Miss Laura Barney, daughter of a rich broker living at Ogontz, Pa.
The aldermen and councilmen and other officials of Covington, Ky., were indicted Saturday, charged with authorizing the payment of fraudulent claims.

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His Own Trap.
There is a young man in the pension office who is buying a house on the installment plan at a town somewhere between this city and Baltimore, and his dear little wife lives out there. It is his wont to come in early of a morning and to go out again on the 5:30 train when his day's work is done. A few days ago he met an old friend from Chicago, and, yielding to the entreaties of that old friend, he decided to spend the evening in town. He was so afraid wife would feel hurt if he knew that he had deliberately planned an evening's good time without counting her in that he manfully resolved to deceive her. Accordingly as he came away from the office he went to a telegraph office and sent this message to her: "Unavoidably detained. Missed 5:30 train. Will be out later."

It was a great deal later when he reached his happy home. Wife met him at the door, and there was a look in her eye that every married man learns to know and instinctively to dread. "Did you get my message precious?" he asked as he kissed her tenderly, holding his breath meanwhile as a precautionary measure. "Yes, dear," she made answer, and when a woman calls her husband "dear" that way you can get loose from the weather bureau and prognosticate a few things on your own hook. "Yes, dear, I received your message. Here it is."

There it was, sure enough. It was marked as plain as plain could be. "Received at 4:23." He hadn't thought of that.—Washington Post.

Nature as an Armorer.
There are few departments of human life where man has been so entirely anticipated and at the same time surpassed by the lower animals as in the invention of armor.
His cunningest devices of the muffled fist order were none of them original. If you examine a fine and fully developed suit of plate armor in the form which it assumed at its highest zenith in the fifteenth century, you will find that the trunk and limbs were completely inclosed in a splendid fitting, jointed case of iron plates, all exquisitely polished. The suit as a whole was a triumphant product of the armorer's art.

Yet if you look at a lobster's tail you will see at a glance that all these clever devices of man's imagining had been invented and patented long before by nature and that the elaborate workmanship of the Plantagenet craftsmen who eased knight and horse for the battlefield or the tournament in glistening metal was but a poor imitation of the ineffable skill with which the unheeded crustaceans of the time protected every vulnerable portion of their bodies from the assaults and attacks of their submarine enemies.—Strand Magazine.

An Old Salt's Stories.
The captain of the brig was much disliked by his officers, and, being ill with yellow fever and likely to die, the first lieutenant used to drill the marines in the burial service on the deck over the captain's cabin by way of cheering him up, the corporal giving his orders in a loud voice thus: "The corpse is now a-coming up the 'atch-way! Reverse helms!" The skipper ultimately recovered.

The commander of a certain gubboat used to say that, having no doctor on board, he mixed the medicines provided in a chest into two bottles, and whenever any of his crew happened to be sick he drew an imaginary line across the man's stomach, and according as the pain was above or below that line he gave him a dose out of No. 1 or No. 2. He claimed that no man ever came to him twice, which was very likely.—"Hurrah For the Life of a Sailor," by Vice Admiral Kennedy.

Trouble In the Church.
The Kennebec (Me.) Journal says: "They made a strenuous matter of religion in the good old days, as is shown by this extract from the diary of Charles Creamer of Waldoboro, under date of June, 1825: "Sunday there was a knockdown in the Congregational meeting house between the Congregationalists and Universalists. The Universalists came off victorious. I was there Saturday night the pulpit was guarded all night by men with clubs. Sunday was the great day. Both parties occupied the church, and there were great music and singing. Afterward the Congregationalists bought out the Universalists, and there was no more trouble."

Explained.
"Maw, what's de difference between er politician and er statesman?"
"Well, honey, a mushroom's good, ain't it?"
"Yes, 'um."
"And a toadstool is pizen, ain't it?"
"Yes, 'um."
"And dey bot look alike?"
"Yes, 'um."
"Des same difference from a statesman to a politician."—Brooklyn Life.

A Hustler.
This is the letterhead of an Iowa lawyer:
— — — — — LAWYER.
Practices in every court on the western hemisphere. Perfects titles and buys and sells mortgages. Makes loans and collections. Am the red-headed, war faced, freckle begrimmed legal Napoleon of the slope and always in the middle. Active as the wild, untamed felix. Fierce as a lion and gentle as a dove.
"AND WITH GOOD ADVICE MAKE WAR."

An Obliging Tradesman.
Mrs. Youngwife—I want five pounds of sugar, please.
Dealer—Yes, ma'am. Shall we send it for you?
Mrs. Youngwife—No, I'll take it with me if it isn't too heavy.
Dealer—I'll make it as light as possible for you, ma'am.—Philadelphia Press.