

The Norfolk News

The wind is tempered to suit the ice and coal men.

It can freeze ice in Nebraska in winter when it sets out to do so.

Nebraska is not boasting of its adaptability as a winter resort—not just now.

Anyway it won't be long until ground hog day when the people can definitely ascertain if this sort of thing is to continue.

An Ohio section boss recently died, leaving a fortune of \$30,000, mostly in money. He could probably show more cash than the head officers of his road.

Mountain climbing is perhaps a healthy recreation to those who survive, but that it is not healthy to all is apparent when it is known that 119 climbers lost their lives in Switzerland last year.

Little King Alfonso of Spain does not intend to allow King Edward to have all the glory. He is planning to have a coronation himself about next May and expects to have a little excitement there-with.

No, gentle reader, the Bulgarian brigand and the Belgian hare are not at all similar animals. The former appears to have come to stay as long as there are missionaries and ransoms to be obtained.

The reports of stock being frozen in the western part of the state during the recent storm are probably largely exaggerated especially by eastern papers which are inclined to make the showing for the west rather doleful.

It is said that 84 square inches of land in New York city recently sold for \$1000. The report does not say whether the purchaser will have it gold mounted and wear it for a shirt stud or keep it in a bank vault.

The Wayne Republican sizes up the situation about correctly in the following: "The Bartley matter is sizzling hot yet in some parts of the state, but in most places it is settling down to a quiet determination to wait and 'fix 'em when the time comes to make talk count."

The government engineers have decided that a deep channel can be made from Chicago to St. Louis for \$8,000,000, and the papers of the cities interested think it will be only a question of time when a waterway between the great lakes and the Mississippi will be constructed.

Wisconsin railroads are tied up with blockades, and the engines are engaged in "bucking" snow. Nebraska is not at present indulging in luxuries of that kind but is not given to overconfidence, because it may have to accept the responsibilities of such a condition almost instantaneously.

The duty on raw sugar is \$19 a ton, which the sugar trust is exerting itself to have removed. The duty on refined sugar is \$39 a ton. The trust is not urging the removal of the larger tariff. "The people" are interested only in the removal or reduction of the tariff on the raw material. Mr. Havemeyer is truly philanthropic.

Santos-Dumont, the famous aeronaut evidently thinks that the purse of \$300,000 offered by the St. Louis fair management for a balloon race isn't much and wants the entire amount for a display of his dirigible balloon. Perhaps he fears Yankee competition and by demanding the entire purse hopes to leave no inducement for American ingenuity.

The Boston speech of President Schurman of the Philippine commission has been a sweet morsel to the anti, who have construed it into an attack on the administration's policy, but it seems that Mr. Schurman did not intend it in this vein and has explained that he heartily agrees with the president's policy as evidenced in his message to congress.

Admiral Schley is evidently content to allow his honors as a hero to be his full measure of public approval and unlike Dewey will not allow his name to be juggled with in connection with a presidential nomination. Evidently he desires that the democrats shall look elsewhere for presidential possibilities and does not desire to be counted in that class.

C. J. Bowlby, president, has called the first annual meeting of the Nebraska Democratic Editorial association to be held at Lincoln on Tuesday, February 4. It is hoped that there will be a larger attendance than on the occasion of the organization of the association and that more of the brethren will declare their return to the good old fold from the fusion swamp.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat advises the Missouri republicans to pull off their coats early in the coming campaign with the full expectation of redeeming the state. It considers that the drift was strongly in favor of that party in 1900 and that the advantage should be followed up. The republican states of the north would take a keen interest in seeing Missouri swing away

from democracy long enough to give the republicans an opportunity to show of what they are capable.

Of course the fusionists are having a good time with the republican press comments on the Bartley pardon and are finding some of the republican editorials worthy of quotation, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that it was the republican press that first cooked Governor Savage's goose and they are at liberty to gain what satisfaction they can from picking the bones.

Iowa is almost as successful at reducing sentences as is Governor Savage of this state. Loren Bone of Mason City recently sentenced to 60 years imprisonment for manslaughter has had the sentence reduced to eight years, and a fine of \$1,000. He has served two years of the time. The change was not effected through executive interference, however, but by a process of the courts through change of venue.

Mr. Bryan is again delving in the future, and for the sake of overwhelming republican success it is to be hoped that he is not far amiss. He believes that the democratic financial plank of 1896 and 1900 will be re-affirmed in 1904. If the democrats do this they should take the other necessary step and renominate Mr. Bryan. No other candidate could hope to as successfully stand on such a plank as Mr. Bryan.

If Marconi keeps on perfecting his system of wireless telegraphy he will create havoc in populist ranks by knocking out the plank speaking for the public ownership of telegraph lines. The telephone business has already reduced the value of the telegraph system and with a few more improvements and greater competition government ownership of telegraphs would be easily accomplished and of little value after accomplishment.

Mrs. McKinley, widow of the late president, objects to a hotel in her home city being named "Hotel McKinley" and has instructed her counsel to endeavor to dissuade the projectors from using the name and if they will not, to prevent its use by legal proceedings if possible. Mrs. McKinley is right. When it comes to naming a hotel after the deceased president the step is not far to using it for cigars and then for patent medicine nostrums and those are uses to which the people of the country will hope that the name may never descend.

The Omaha News announces as though it were news of importance "Gambling Does Exist in Omaha." A real startling piece of news would be to the effect that "Gambling Does Not Exist in Omaha." Everyone knows to their satisfaction that gambling exists in Omaha as well as in other large cities and towns of the country and most of the smaller ones. When two men with an inclination to gamble get together they generally manage to gamble in spite of any laws made to prevent and it will continue as long as humanity has an instinct for taking risks. The most officers can hope to prevent is the conducting of public gambling rooms and houses by professionals and the removal of temptation as completely as possible from the youthful and innocent victims whom these professionals delight to inveigle.

Many a man has sacrificed the best part of himself in the struggle for success, says O. S. Marsden in Success. He has given up his friendships, torn up all the tender ties of his early years, sacrificed everything which he then held dear, to the goal of his ambition. In his mad rush for the "almighty dollar," all that is beautiful in his social life has been lost sight of. He has developed his money-getting powers, the facilities which grasp and hold, at the expense of all his nobler qualities. In middle life he suddenly awakens to the fact that he no longer loves music, that his admiration for poetry and painting has evaporated. He finds that he does not linger by the wayside to drink in the glory of a sunset as he used to do. He no longer cares to lie on his back in the grass and study the stars. He finds it difficult to carry on a conversation in society as he once did. In fact, there is only one thing in life that yields him pleasure his business. In the narrow rut, between his office or store and his home, he finds his only joys.

The American Protective Tariff league earnestly protests against the insidious attacks upon the principle and policy of protection to American labor and industry that have made themselves manifest in a marked and unusual degree within the past year. If there is a time when the principle and policy of protection had justly earned public confidence and approval, and had demonstrated its value as an agency for the highest material welfare of the country, that time is now. As the recognized representatives of that principle and policy, we protest against the covert assaults upon protection that are being made in the name of tariff revision and reciprocity, and urge that the friends of protection throughout the country should more than ever show the faith that is in them by vigorous and unceasing resistance to all efforts to unsettle or in any way discredit the policy

for which we have stood and shall continue to stand.—From a resolution adopted by the Protective league on Thursday, January 16.

The Nebraska delegation in congress has called on President Roosevelt to urge the plan of setting apart a considerable portion of the semi-arid portion of western Nebraska for forest reserves. They represent that forests can be successfully grown in the district under discussion and that it will be of inestimable value to the state. It is hoped that the president will favorably consider the application and that the land heretofore of little value to an agricultural people will be put to this use. In the meantime farmers and other property owners can prepare to make the plan more practicable by planting trees and thus creating groves and windbreaks that will give the forestry plan protection. The eastern portion of the state, once treeless, has now numerous groves and shade trees but there is still room for more and the march of the timber line toward the west should be continued.

The American Protective Tariff league is firm in its adherence to the protective tariff principle and views the scheme of reciprocity and tariff revision as an attack of the free traders on the policy of this government which has met with such extraordinary success during the past few years. The league is more than half right. If the whole country was not prosperous or if the credit or finances of the government were in danger there might be an excuse for tariff tinkering, but under present conditions no reasonably strong argument in favor of such revision can be brought to bear and if after the tariff is reduced or radically revised and the country suffers from the consequence the entire blame will be placed on the republican party responsible for such action. The stealing of democratic thunder is excusable when said thunder has meritorious parts but to take it in this instance when democracy has quite recently made such a terrible blunder in the same direction appears little short of party suicide. It is to be hoped that republican senators and representatives will not be misled by the pleas of the sugar trust and other corporations interested in tariff revision.

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OVERTURES FOR PEACE

British Receive Communication from Dutch Government.

NOTHING DIRECT FROM BOERS.

Balfour Announces He Hopes Soon to Lay Communication and Reply Before the House of Commons—Little Hope for Peace.

London, Jan. 29.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, announced in the house of commons yesterday that no overtures for peace had been received from any one authorized to speak in behalf of the Boers. A communication was, however, received late Saturday last from the Dutch government which was now under consideration. Mr. Balfour hoped shortly to lay the communication and the reply to it before the house.

The government of Holland has offered in the most friendly terms to help in bringing about peace in South Africa. In a communication to the British government the Dutch government suggests that it might be permitted to act as a sort of diplomatic agent for the Boer delegates.

Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, replied in friendly terms to the Netherlands' proposal, but instituted inquiries in order to ascertain the extent of the powers delegated to Mr. Kruger and the other Boer representatives in Europe to act in behalf of the burghers in the field.

Great doubt is expressed at the foreign office here as to whether any negotiations carried on by the Boer delegates through the Dutch government or other channels will prove effectual. If satisfactory guarantees in this respect can be secured negotiations will be begun immediately.

The announcement of Mr. Balfour caused a sensation in the lobbies of parliament. Lord Rosebery is generally credited with having brought about this movement on the part of the Dutch government. It is recalled that Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, in an interview published about Christmas time, was represented to have urged the impossibility of Holland's intervening in South Africa unless she had reason to think that both parties wished it. Consequently it is regarded as certain that the present move was inspired by the Boer delegates.

Those acquainted with Boer sentiments say that Messrs. Fischer and Wolmarans, and Generals Schalkberger and Botha are willing to recognize British annexation, while Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds, General Dewet and President Steyn still insist on independence. Therefore it is considered impossible to arrive at any agreement.

Dowager Empress Receives Ministers.

Peking, Jan. 29.—The dowager empress made her formal debut before the foreign ministers here yesterday at the diplomatic reception. She occupied the throne in the main audience chamber, while the emperor sat behind a table on a low dais before the throne. The fiction of recognizing the emperor as the power was maintained, but the empress dowager was the personage of chief interest and importance. The foreign ministers, the charge d'affaires and the secretaries of legation, numbering nearly 100 persons, were present at the reception.

Release of Miss Stone Delayed.

Vienna, Jan. 29.—A telegram has been received here from Sofia saying that the brigands wish the liberation of Miss Stone, the captive American missionary, to take place upon Turkish territory and that the Turkish government will not consent to this arrangement unless it be advised of the time and place of the passage of the brigands across the frontier. The Turkish government also requires that a neutral escort accompany the brigands.

Kaiser and Prince Kiss Each Other.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Prince of Wales left Berlin yesterday on his way to Strelitz. Emperor William and Prince Henry of Prussia bade him farewell at the railroad station. There was much kissing between the royal cousins, but the public maintained an attitude of cool indifference.

Bank Closed, Cashier in Custody.

Bellwood, Neb., Jan. 29.—The Platte Valley State bank closed its doors shortly after noon yesterday and is in the hands of a national bank examiner. The suspension was unexpected and has caused much excitement. H. L. Gould, the cashier, is under arrest, charged with forgery.

To Accept Colorado Diocese.

Denver, Jan. 29.—It is announced that Rev. Charles S. Olmsted of Philadelphia has decided to accept the position of coadjutor bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Colorado, to which he was recently elected, and he will be installed shortly after Easter.

Retail Grocers in Session.

Milwaukee, Jan. 29.—The National Retail Grocers' association, in annual convention here, yesterday discussed many questions of interest to the trade. J. B. Conyngham of Nebraska spoke of the doings of the retail grocers and general merchants in that state.

Hortman Sentenced to Hang.

Cherokee, Ia., Jan. 29.—Harry Hortman, the slayer of Miss Florence Porter, was sentenced to hang on March 12, 1903. The prisoner showed no emotion.