

The Norfolk News

It is alleged that the Panama hat is not nearly so fatal as the Panama fever.

The campaign is expected soon to open in a manner that will inform everyone that an election is due.

If these floods continue it is likely that the boasted fast train service to the coast will be superseded by a slow water service.

King Edward is now to be officially crowned on August 9 if Mr. Perityphitis does not step in and interfere with the plans.

Soon the sports will be regaled with a long and detailed account of a great prize fight, if the sheriff does not step in and prevent the game.

When you see a man holding his head up as though the world is his, it is safe to presume that he is a Nebraska farmer with prospects in sight for the largest crop ever harvested in the history of the state.

The leading fusionists are not expected to endorse Mickey. He will be elected without such endorsement and an endorsement from them might prove a hoodoo. He is the people's candidate and will get their votes.

Stogie manufacturers have gone into a combine and those who have been using this form of the weed with the idea that they were not patrons of a trust will be compelled to either use trust goods or swear off.

Governor Taft believes that he will be able to remove much of the trouble from the Philippines by removing the friars and he has been assured by the pope that he will have his assistance in the solution of the question.

The drainage question appears to be a more serious one this summer than that of irrigation. The farmers may want some of this surplus water in years to come but they do not want it now.

An attorney has again been chosen by the "farmers party" to lead their campaign this fall. The politicians and attorneys posing as leaders of the fusionists appear to be afraid to trust the governor's office to a good honest farmer.

North Carolina democrats have nominated for congress a man who supported Mr. McKinley for president. It is possible that Pitchfork Tillman of South Carolina could detect the direction of the breeze by this incident if he would keep an observing eye in his head.

A New Jersey convict has been pardoned that he may go to Germany and obtain a fortune of \$50,000 that is awaiting an heir. A pardon under such conditions is a happy ending of a penitentiary sentence and many would be willing to serve a term for such a reward.

The Fullerton News-Journal of the 17th contains an excellent write-up of the town, county, business interests and officials, illustrated with excellent half-tone cuts of leading citizens, buildings and public institutions. It is a credit to the locality and the publishers.

The fusionists quite agree with the sugar trust and a number of republicans that something should have been done for Cuba by the last session of congress. It is the democratic way of throwing the markets of the United States open to the world, regardless of the interests of home industries.

That romantic sensation, the French duel, is certainly passing. A popular Paris lawyer was recently slapped in the face and presented with a card by the friend of a lady whom it is claimed he had insulted. Instead of a duel the attorney threatens to prosecute his enemy for assault.

Wm. K. Fowler has given excellent satisfaction as state superintendent of public instruction and deserves a hearty endorsement on the part of the voters. He has proven his ability for the position beyond question and it would be the part of unwisdom, that Nebraska voters are seldom guilty of, to ignore his claim for re-election.

The direct primary system may not receive the approval of the party bosses but the rank and file of all parties should support it to a man. Its introduction will mean that the voters will have more than ever to say concerning who will be nominated and elected to prominent official positions. It is a nearer approach to a government by and for the people.

The sugar trust has been able to exist without free raw sugar from Cuba and probably will continue to exist whether it secures what it desires or not. Nevertheless it is making efforts in that direction that indicate there is something in it. The republican party should hesitate a long time before it consents to be a cats-paw for the Havemeyer combination.

A couple of Illinois men learned, alas too late, that it was unsafe for them to go

home in an intoxicated condition. George Joubert and his brother Moses, went home while under the influence of liquor and proceeded to batter down the door when Mrs. George Joubert appeared on the scene and shot them both dead, believing that the house was besieged by burglars.

Bixby advises people to boil their drinking water during the flood season. It is a pretty safe proposition, when the cellar is full and a bucket of water can be procured from a hole in the lawn four inches deep, to take no chances of encountering malaria and typhoid fever germs. Boil, filter or distill the water if necessary and prevent sickness and save doctors' bills.

Mrs. Mary Baker, sister-in-law of Mary Baker Eddy, the noted Christian Scientist, died in Boston Thursday of cancer of the stomach. About a year ago she submitted to Christian Science treatment, paying large sums of money. Finding it was doing her no good she refused to take further treatment unless a cure was guaranteed, in which case she would pay liberally. The Scientists refused the guarantee and she died.

German cavalry officers are to visit the United States to learn the secrets of American horse breeding with the idea of improving mounts of the German cavalry. They are envious of the fine animals bred by Americans. European countries are arriving at a point where they are willing to take almost any kind of lessons from the American republic. America is beginning to excel in almost everything.

The children will soon begin to inquire what the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 means. They will also wish to know who "Coin" Harvey was. In order to be able to inform their fathers will be compelled to refer to ancient history or refresh their memory in some other manner. It will require a study of political history for the youths of coming generations to know the meaning of these terms.

The semi-annual statement of County Treasurer R. C. Miles shows the county finances to be in a very satisfactory condition, with generous balances in most of the funds. There is one small overdraft of \$60 against the township fund, but the credit balance formed of the total balances from other funds presents the magnificent figure of \$48,044.83, so that the small overdraft charged against one of the funds leaves no occasion for worry.

A Washington correspondent suggests that he has at last found a real live issue for the democrats. He learns that thick, black smoke is fatal to mosquitoes and suggests that in the interests of these insects the democrats might begin a campaign against the volume of smoke issuing from prosperity factories. Certainly nothing has proven more fatal to the said smoke than a democratic administration and that party might be induced to wage a battle for the insects.

It is rumored that General Wood is to be a member of the isthmian canal commission, possibly its chairman. The general's administration of affairs in Cuba certainly qualifies him for the position. To him is due a large portion of the credit for the condition of Havana, both in regard to the modern improvements and its healthfulness, and it will be very satisfactory to those who have admired his work in Cuba to have him placed in control of the work on the isthmus.

The report leaks out that King Edward is not enjoying the excellent health that the press dispatches credit him with and it is said the Edward's desire for an early coronation is that in the event of death the jointure rights of the queen might not be affected. If he should die before the coronation Queen Alexandra's claim to jointure from the state would be injured. If this is what prompts the early preparation for the coronation, conditions must be of a more serious nature than the public is aware.

The campaign has not yet opened in the Third district sufficiently to determine just how the opposing forces are lining up, but from all appearances the republicans are well united under McCarthy's leadership and are assembling themselves in a solid phalanx that will sweep across the district in a fashion to carry all opposition before it to a magnificent victory. The fusion forces that have been dwindling through several campaigns will dwindle some more this fall and the district will again be in the republican column when the votes are counted.

The talk among the railroad people of the east of preventing the custom of kissing about the trains and depots is being given a practical test in Germany, where a man was arrested for kissing his wife and given a five days' sentence. He has appealed the case and desires to know if there is really a law that will prevent him from kissing his wife when and where he pleases. Perhaps it is a just punishment for a man who would kiss his wife. If it had been some one else's wife or the hired girl the authorities might have overlooked the breach of modern railway etiquette. And then

he stayed with the kiss so long that traffic was impeded and delayed.

Eugene Austin, formerly of THE NEWS office, has leased the Pierce Leader and beginning with next week's issue will be in full control. Mr. Austin is a thorough, all-around printer and his Norfolk friends will wish him unequalled success in his new undertaking. W. E. Powers, who has so successfully conducted the paper for the past 10 or 15 years, will engage in the real estate business with several well known Pierce real estate men and it is a foregone conclusion that he will meet with success.

Some of the leading populists fear that it will be impossible to get voters of that party in line for the fusion ticket headed by a democratic candidate for governor. They not only fear there will be a slump of populists but they know it. Past campaigns of a similar character teach them what to expect from fusion this year and the majority of them will not be disappointed when the returns show that Mickey has been elected governor by a fine large plurality. Many of the populists have found that they can support the republican ticket without injury to themselves or the state and they will do it this fall.

By the retirement of the marquis of Salisbury from the British premiership America loses a warm friend from a position in which he was able to do much toward strengthening friendly relations with this country. In spite of all that may have been said against the British, under Salisbury's administration that country has contributed much toward the development of this country. Americans may be inclined to think that this country can grow and prosper "without the aid or consent of any nation on earth" but those in a position to know realize that England's friendship has counted for a great deal and all should wish for its continuance.

The expected has happened. Hon John S. Robinson of Madison has been renominated by the fusion conventions and the campaign in the Third district is now thoroughly open. Mr. Robinson has many friends among all parties of the district and if a fusionist is to represent it they would prefer him above everyone else, but his warmest admirers cannot fail to fear that his time has come. They have seen the fusion majority dwindling with each campaign and do not fail to recognize that Mr. Robinson is leading a forlorn hope in an effort to prevent the district from harmonizing with the administration. If the truth were known it is probable that the fusion candidate himself recognizes the situation and understands that he cannot be re-elected. It is cause for regret to fusionists that one of their best men should be turned down but they are not slow to recognize that fusionism is on the decline and republicanism is on the ascendancy in the district.

The sugar trust is watching every chance to make a point against the beet sugar interests and those who support the home industry. They just now imagine that the republican party of this state has "turned down" the Nebraska senators and will not allow them to appear on the stump during the present campaign because of their attitude on the Cuban reciprocity measure. They can "see things" where there is nothing to see. They can imagine that there was a turning down when nothing of the sort was attempted. It is possible that the party wishes this issue kept out of the present campaign, in which event they are not unwise, as its introduction under present circumstances could not operate to settle the matter and would undoubtedly do much harm as there are numerous good republicans on both sides of the question. It is probable that any pronounced advocate of the sugar trust and Cuban reciprocity would be just as promptly "turned down". The committee should turn down the question until it is presented right.

The Mississippi river is raging and the prospects are that previous flood stories of the spring and summer will be mere items before the father of waters has completed its work of devastation. Already it is reported that thousands of acres are flooded, levees are breaking and farmers are compelled to fly to the high lands to save life and stock. Most of the damage thus far reported is on the upper Mississippi, the floods being in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Magnificent crops that gave promise of record breaking yields are being swept away, while railroad and other property is in extreme peril. The Skunk river in Iowa has reached a record breaking point and is doing great damage in that state. The previous high records of the river were in 1851 and in 1892, both of which have now been exceeded. It is already estimated that the flood damage in and about Iowa is about \$1,000,000. The farmers suffering the greatest loss were losers by the drouth last year and this year they are almost destitute and many of them are looking for work as day laborers. Nebraska flood stories are mere tales compared with the disasters that are happening and developing along the Mississippi valley. If the rain will just cease for a time in Nebraska this state will produce sufficient to care for all who are losers by this worst phase of the flood.

Don't kick, if it is hot. It takes this sort of weather to make that bumper crop of corn that is promised by present conditions.

That joke about harvesting corn with a step ladder will be no joke this fall if warm weather will be a feature from now until the grain has attained its growth.

If the city administration really expects to do something along street work and drainage lines it should first see to it that someone is put in charge who can handle men and teams to good advantage and who can see a point or result and work to and for it. Everyone has not this ability but many have and it should be in charge of such an overseer.

Plattsmouth experienced one of those disastrous cloudbursts and floods Thursday evening. Electric and gas lights were down and the city was 1 ft in total darkness while the flood raged. The damage has not been estimated, but it is said to have been the most serious flood ever known there. People living in high and dry cities like Norfolk, can afford to sympathize with those who make their home in Plattsmouth.

The country is so prosperous and there are so many demands for help at good wages that the army and navy officers are experiencing much difficulty in securing recruits and enlistments. The young men who are usually anxious for such positions are well employed and the recruiting officers find it impossible to induce them to leave good positions for a life on the waves or in the army camps. A little democratic "prosperity" might help the recruiting stations.

The sentiment appears to be practically unanimous that the city council should do something in way of street work, drainage, etc. Inasmuch as leading taxpayers are represented the city administration should take the hunch and do something. The taxpayers would not be likely to ask that the work be done if it was an expensive luxury, but they evidently consider movement along that line an imperative necessity. As long as the people want the work done it is up to the proper officials to do it.

Richmond Pierson Hobson is again in public print, he having recently saved a St. Louis young woman from a watery grave—at least he is given credit for that. Some of the girl's green eyed enemies assert, however, that she fell into the water on purpose to be rescued by the naval hero, and location and circumstances appear to bear them out. Any way she was an original young woman and chose to do something more worthy of notice than giving Hobson oscillatory greeting as so many of her sex have done.

Minister Wu Ting Fang, who has so ably represented the Chinese government in this country, has been called home to reform the laws of his government. With his experience in this country it may be expected that the new code of laws to be adopted will be on broad and intelligent lines that will have great effect in bringing his country in touch with modern civilization. It is very probable that the Chinese people of the future will find their ancient laws as humorous as are the blue laws of Connecticut to the Americans of today.

Some of the hide-bound partisan papers would now desire that the friar situation in the Philippines be made into a political issue but the manner in which Governor Taft has been received by Pope Leo would indicate that there is no basis for such a desire. The pope recognizes that the American people generally are as much the friends of his church as they are of any other church organization and expresses his kindest regards for the American government and the American people, especially commending the work in the Philippines.

Those republicans who are favoring a policy of reciprocity injurious to the American beet sugar industry should be aware of the flattery accorded them by the democrats, free traders and the sugar trust officials. If they succeed in detroning the republican policy of protection these will not be the forces that will restore them to the heights from which they have fallen, but will stamp on their prostrate forms and howl in great glee over their ruin. The republican party will not gain in the least by discrediting the sincerity of those "insurgents" who choose to stand on that good old republican policy of protection to home interests. They are better republicans than many of their critics.

There are people in Norfolk who differ materially from the city administration's idea of economy. They imagine, for instance, that these frog ponds and stagnant pools are a far more expensive luxury (?) than would be a complete system of drainage. As incubators of expensive doctors' bills they should be a distinct success. Again they notice that the city constantly has men employed a hauling dirt and filling in holes, and approaches to crossings, each heavy rain removing the filling and making it necessary to do the work over. Some of the tax-payers believe that it would be much more economical to provide water

ways so that the floods would not be compelled to dig a channel through the center of the streets. There are many phases of the economy question, and in the opinion of a large number of citizens the city administration is following one of the least—that of saving money.

NORFOLK'S PUBLIC BUILDING.

Sketch Plan for \$100,000 Structure Will be Prepared at Once.

Senator Millard received a letter yesterday from J. Knox Taylor, supervising architect of the treasury, in reference to the time work is to begin on the contemplated public building at Norfolk, for which the late session of congress appropriated \$100,000, largely through the efforts of Senator Millard, the architect advised the senator that his office would at once make sketch plans for the approval of the cabinet board, and it is thought that the work can be placed on the market at such a time as will insure making of contract to begin operations as soon as the weather will permit in the spring of 1903.

Senator Millard was also advised that his request for a change of schedule for carrying the mails from Creighton to Center, Neb., had been granted. The object of change was to obviate delay caused by the carrier failing to wait for through trains.—Omaha Bee.

Few realize the excellence of the volunteer fire departments of the state who have not witnessed any of their tournaments, of which the tenth annual will be held at Grand Island Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday August 5, 6 and 7. The speed events are particularly thrilling. A fine race course has been built especially for the occasion. All railroads offer one fare for the round trip.

The Entrancing Circus.

What a strange glamour there is about circuses paraphernalia! A circus wagon, a circus band or a circus parade possesses a charm over young and old alike that is quite unexplainable. When a circus parade passes along everybody leaves off work to view it. A celebrated philosopher of the modern school once said that he would be afraid of the man or woman whose heart was not stirred by a circus parade. But of all circus parades today that of the Otto Floto shows is the incomparable. Such glittering wagons and harness and such pretty, prancing steeds were never before put into a street pageant. These are not the cheaply gaudy wagons the people are used to looking at. They are built to last a life-time if necessary and genuine gold and silver leaf instead of bronze and silver paint has been used to decorate them. Hundreds of dollars worth of gold and silver adorn each wagon, giving back the rays of the sun increased in brilliancy a hundred fold, while the great band wagon is more resplendent than an altar of the sun worshippers. Tableaux, too, like scenes from fairyland, lend an increased charm to the parade, while the dogs and ponies are said to be matchless the world over. More than that, there are the wonderful Lockhart baby elephants, that have made two continents talk about them, and no matter where they go the children never tire of looking at them.

Lost.—Gold watch with Hamden movement. Had lady's gold neck chain attached. Finder please return to L. G. Benedict, Melvin postoffice, or leave at THE NEWS office and receive reward.

Good Apple and Potato Crop.

G. A. Loveland, section director of climate and crop service of the agricultural department, gives the following general summary of crop conditions in Nebraska for the week ending July 22: The past week, as a whole, was cool and wet. The daily mean temperature has averaged 3 degrees below the normal in the eastern counties and 5 degrees below in western.

The rain occurred principally in heavy thunder showers Thursday night and Friday; the amount exceeded 1 inch in most of the eastern counties and ranged from 2 to 6 inches in a number of southeastern counties.

The first four days of the week were hot and dry, exceedingly favorable for all agricultural interests. Some progress was made in stacking and threshing wheat; however, little could be done in the eastern counties the last days of the week, because of heavy rain. The winter wheat harvest is about completed; a small amount of wheat in the southeastern counties on low wet land has not and probably will not be cut. Oats have been further injured by the showers of the week; the harvest of oats is in progress in southern counties. Corn has grown well; the cultivation of corn is about finished, because corn is getting so large the cultivation was less than usual and many fields are rather weedy; however, corn is in a very promising condition except in the relatively small acreage where it has been damaged by the heavy rains; early corn is tasseling and silking. Potatoes are a large crop, but there are some complaints of rotting. Apples are abundant and promise a good crop.

Low Fare Excursions.

To Hot Springs, South Dakota and the Black Hills, via the F. E. & M. V. railroad. Excursion tickets will be sold every day until September 15, good to return until October 31, to Hot Springs, Deadwood and Lead, South Dakota. Full particulars will be cheerfully furnished as to rates, etc.

H. O. MATRAU, Agent.

MANY DROWN IN THE ELBE

Excursion Steamer is Cut in Two by a Tug.

PANIC RENDERS AID USELESS.

Between Fifty and Sixty Believed to Be Dead—Disaster Occurs While Crossing the Channel Near Blankenez—Primus Sent to the Bottom.

Hamburg, July 22.—The steamship Primus of Hamburg, with 185 passengers on board, was cut in two and sunk by the tug Hansa on the river Elbe yesterday.

So far as is ascertainable about fifty persons were drowned. The Primus was an excursion steamer from Buxtehude.

At the time of the accident Primus was crossing the river channel near Blankenez, from the southern into the northern fairway.

According to witnesses aboard Hansa, the movement was made too precipitously. Primus struck the tug's engine room and Hansa endeavored to push it ashore, but the tug grounded and they parted. Primus then sank.

Panic on the Primus. The terrible panic on board the vessel when the tug struck her rendered assistance almost useless. Fortunately the Dolphin came up and assisted in saving a number of persons, while other boats assisted in the work of rescue.

Some of the survivors furnish graphic descriptions of the awful suddenness of the disaster. According to the story, the band was playing and many couples were dancing on deck, when the crash of the collision came like a thunderbolt. The vessel gave a great list, her deck taking such a slope that it was impossible for the passengers to keep their feet. Those below scrambled up the companion ways, but most of the persons in the saloons were drowned. Men fought for their own safety regardless of others. In the midst of the confusion the boilers exploded, adding to the horrors of the scene and many persons are said to have been injured by flying splinters of metal.

Estimates of the dead vary from fifty to sixty.

FIFTEEN DROWNED IN CELLARS.

Lose Their Lives in Phenomenal Storm at Kieff, Russia.

Kieff, Russia, July 22.—Fifteen persons were drowned yesterday by a sudden in-rush of water into the basements of various houses in the lower portion of the town.

A torrential rain storm, accompanied by violent wind and hail, broke over Kieff during the afternoon and turned the streets into veritable torrents, flooding cellars and drowning their occupants before they were able to escape.

Large trees were uprooted and railroad embankments were washed away, necessitating the suspension of traffic. The losses sustained are heavy.

Fifty-eight Harvesters Drowned.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—A ferryboat, while crossing the river Volga at Beresniki, sank and fifty-eight harvesters were drowned.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR BERTI.

Government Fleet Sails From Panama for Agua Dulce.

Panama, Colombia, July 22.—The government fleet sailed with reinforcements and ammunition and provisions for General Bert's army at Agua Dulce. General Salazar, governor of Panama, instructed the commander of the fleet, should the revolutionary gunboat Padilla be met, to engage her in a decisive battle. Salazar believes that a big battle is being fought at Agua Dulce and if the government troops are victorious in the engagement, the revolution on the isthmus will be ended.

Situation in Hayti is Worse.

Port au Prince, Hayti, July 22.—The situation in Hayti has become worse. General Jean Jumeau, who supports the candidacy for the presidency of M. Firmin, is on his way to the capital, and General Salnave with a considerable force has started for Cape Haytien, in order to attack General Nord, the war minister. It is generally believed that Firmin will not meet with any serious resistance in his advance on the capital.

Hair Falls
"I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling. One-half a bottle cured me."
J. C. Baxter, Braidwood, Ill.
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If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.