

The Norfolk News

Only another week, children. Then—gee?

Only a few days more until that visit from Santa Claus may be realized.

From present appearances the Christmas of the Venezuelans is not likely to be merry, unless war can be so called.

Miss Pansy Bloomer is a debutante in Washington society this winter. If anything is in a name she should be a beauty, if not a peach.

Russell Sage has taken a two-months' vacation from duties at his office—not because he could afford it, but because he was too sick to work.

Base ball gossip is already on in the Western league. It would seem as though the fans might have waited until after the joys of the holiday season to discuss plans for the coming season's sport.

A desperado was killed in Texas the other day while he was attempting to rob a bank, another was wounded and a third is in custody. A very proper caper all around. Stand up for Texas once.

Regret has been expressed by someone over the retirement of Senator Wellington of Maryland—regret that he does not retire at the beginning of the present session of congress instead of at its close.

Only a few days more and Old Sol will again begin his annual process of cutting off at both ends of the nocturnal hours, small outlets at first but increasing in size rapidly and appreciably as spring approaches.

It is now said that St. Louis woman who has been asleep for a week lost consciousness immediately after reading a St. Louis paper. St. Louis papers should be in immediate and constant demand by persons suffering from insomnia.

The river situation at Nebraska City has provoked arguments as to why the Missouri river commission should be revived. If the commission is something that will benefit the eastern edges of Nebraska this newspaper is for it. Stand up for Nebraska.

A Washington doctor has discovered that laziness is produced by a germ. Now if he will discover something that is fatal to the germ his fame and fortune will be made. Every community has a few men whom they would be pleased to capture and inoculate with some antilazy serum.

Spain and Belgium have now joined England, Germany and Italy in demanding payment from Venezuela. If the claims keep on coming in, it would seem that Venezuela would be justified in declaring itself bankrupt and turning the country over to its creditors to be put up at auction and bring what it would.

Spain has not joined with the other European nations in making war on Venezuela. It is possible that because Admiral Dewey is in command of the American fleet is sufficient to keep them out of the embroglio. They can hardly be blamed for not desiring to give that gentleman another chance at their vessels.

A car famine and a grain blockade is the latest experience of the Burlington railroad. Nebraska has the grain to blockade several railroads if the producers have a mind to throw it on the market. There are all kinds of grain and the only requirement toward having a rush on the market is the ability of the railroads to handle the shipments and the desire of the farmers to make them.

Mr. Bryan has gone to Mexico to plead for the maintenance of the present ratio and standing that free silver enjoys in that republic. He may succeed there, but it is doubtful if he can ever be successful in giving his home people the Mexican monetary standard. They have once or twice refused to pattern after their neighbors on the south.

The farmers in the vicinity of Benedict, Thayer, Shelby and Brainard are more than considering the advisability of organizing a trust to bring the grain and live stock dealers, and incidentally the railroads, to time. They have issued a call for a meeting to be held at Lincoln January 22 when and where the process of organization will be discussed and considered. Delegates to the meeting from all parts of the state are desired.

It is said that the only people killed by the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello by the English and German warships was a group composed of a German resident and his servants. Perhaps it was a German shell that did the work, in which event the question will arise as to wherein Germany has profited in endeavoring to collect claims for the death of other German residents, or will their death also be charged up against the Venezuelan government and collected?

John D. Rockefeller has just received a \$4,000,000 check as his share in the

profits of the Standard Oil company for the last quarter of the year. The company probably realized that the Standard oil magnate would like to make a few little holiday gifts and hurried up to get his small share of the returns to him before Christmas. Most people could give several hundred quite acceptable presents with that amount, but it is not at all unlikely that Mr. Rockefeller will draw the line at a dozen or two handsome gifts.

The newspapers of Nebraska are enjoying a better holiday advertising patronage than they have experienced for years. Many of them are running extra pages to accommodate the demands of their patrons, and most of them are constructed artistically and well printed, showing that the newspaper boys are prepared to give almost any style or class of work desired. Compared with the newspapers of other states at any time the Nebraska average is high, with the country weeklies, especially.

Uncle Sam is keeping an eye on the Venezuelan situation and if England and Germany exceed the limit they may be confronted by a larger foe to reckon with than the little South American republic affords. The senate met in executive session behind closed doors Tuesday and the situation was discussed in a manner that might mean trouble for the European countries should they not proceed with caution and a merited consideration of the Monroe doctrine.

The selection of A. D. Beemer by Governor-elect Mickey to be warden of the penitentiary, gives general satisfaction throughout the northern part of the state. "Al," as he is popularly known, has thousands of friends who will be glad to see him again placed at the head of the institution in which he made such a good record previous to the time the penitentiary followed the general landslide and went pop. No more capable officer could be named, and Governor Mickey will have no occasion to regret his choice.

A South Carolina gardener has a patch of strawberries that are ripening and if no frost interferes with his business he expects to reap a small fortune by furnishing the fruit for Christmas dinners. He is finding a ready market for the berries in New York at \$2.50 per quart, but it is safe to say that few of the common people are eating the luxury at that price. The berries were expected to ripen in May but the owner of the patch is not complaining because they have seen fit to anticipate their proper season.

The first Nebraska creamery was built in 1881, and previous to that time there had been no systematic attempt at dairying. Those who are familiar with the present status of dairying in Nebraska will find it difficult to realize that it is only 20 years ago that the dairying industry was started in this state, which has become one of the best known dairying states of the west and its products in that line have frequently taken valuable prizes in competition with the best known dairying states of the union. The creamery business in Nebraska is a valuable one and has done much to build up the state.

Governor-elect Mickey is paying some of the state institutions surprise visits previous to assuming his office as chief executive of the state. He is in the meantime acquiring information about the institutions that will be subject to his control that will be of value when he undertakes to direct their affairs. Mr. Mickey is proceeding in a manner that should justify his constituents in believing that he intends to conduct the affairs of his office in a manner that will bring credit on himself and the state. Previous to his inauguration he is acting in a manner that would seem to justify the people in making the choice they did for governor.

South and Central American countries are said to be much disappointed at the inertia of the United States in the Venezuelan crisis. It is probable that they have held the good offices of this government too lightly in the past and that in the future they will have greater regard for the services of this government in their disputes with European nations. They had come to believe that the interference of the United States was a mere matter of course and therefore of light value, in fact some of them have been inclined to sneer at the interference of this government. With a lesson such as Venezuela is receiving it is likely that for some time in the future when Uncle Sam takes a hand he will receive the credit that is due.

A young farmer living near Falls City recently fell heir to \$40,000 and had a number of relatives who wanted a share of his fortune so badly that he became disgusted with their antics and when he became of age he drew \$5,000 from the bank in gold and distributed it among the poor in \$5, \$10 and \$20 pieces. He continued this process until the \$40,000 was disposed of and now his relatives leave him alone. They more than do that. They do not speak to him as he passes by. The young man was in comfortable circumstances before his uncle left him the \$40,000 and he has been in no wise discommoded by his generosity,

though his relatives feel hurt. It is a novel way of settling a difficulty and no doubt satisfactory to the poor people who benefited.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie do not propose that their daughter shall be burdened with a large amount of wealth. She is to be taught that she has no great expectations. Her parents give it as their opinion that great wealth is not a desirable possession for the morning of life, "or for any part of life, except as it may be employed for the advancement of the human race." This might be taken as another hint to the poor or moderately rich people to be satisfied with their lot. What is the use of a mad scramble for wealth, if after it is achieved it is found that wealth is far from desirable. Mr. Carnegie should know, but it is probable that many people will insist on gaining the experience for themselves, and no surcease of the grasping for the "Almighty Dollar" is therefore likely.

The State Journal says: "It is claimed that a wonderful invention in the cheap fuel line has been made in Governor, N. Y., by Frederic W. Fuller. It is composed of clay and sand, treated with some chemical. It is said to be superior to coal as a heat generator. It is asserted that it will hold fire in a grate for ten or fifteen hours and in a tight stove for thirty hours. The inventor, it is said, proposes to sell the formula to consumers. He cannot get his new fuel on the market any too soon." There would be a whole lot of demand for such a formula. Think of a man going out in his back yard with a can of the chemical and making enough mad balls to heat the house and cook the grub for a day or two. The story, however, smells so fishy that the man with such a formula to sell will find that a good many people are from Missouri and will have to be shown.

The New York World has compiled some statistics regarding centenarians. It finds that in the United States there are 3,536 persons who are 100 years old or over. This in a population of 76,000,000 is more than twice as many centenarians as are in Germany, France, England, Scotland and Servia, with a combined population of 133,250,000, which have but 1,755 persons who have reached the age of 100 years. Of the United States centenarians 1,289 are women, 3,117 are native born and 419 are foreigners. Of the native centenarians 2,553 are negroes. The testimony of these aged people is all in favor of a strenuous life, and statistics are multiplying that the length of life of Americans is increasing and that the centenarians are growing in numbers. Practically all interviewed agree to these as rules for long life: Regular habits, hard work, plenty of exercise, simple food, marriage and avoidance of worry. It is worthy of remark that only one centenarian in the country was unmarried—a woman 120 years of age.

A Woman and A Babe.
A beautiful story that spoils the grumble of the pessimists, comes from Omaha. A society woman arse in a street car, removed her silken petticoat and wrapped it around the shivering form of an infant 2 years old. The woman was Mrs. Harry Cartan, the daughter of a millionaire. Despite the zero weather the street car was without fire. In one corner sat a poorly clad man, with a beaten, hopeless, look on his face, holding the babe on his knees. The little one's feet and legs were entirely bare and blue from the cold. Mrs. Cartan came into the car and sat down opposite the father with his pitiful charge. She gave one look at the forlorn pair and one glance at the passengers. The latter sat and pined but none offered to help. In the next instant the angel of mercy in the seal skin sacque had her hands behind her, under her cloak. She let fall the heavy silken garment. Rising and holding to a strap she stepped out of it. While the women gasped and the men drew in their breath, she walked over to the man and child. Stooping, she snuggled the petticoat about the infant's legs, smiling into the child's face, remarking to the father: "I'm afraid baby has scarcely enough on her for this weather."

The father's eyes filled with tears, and he murmured under his breath, "God bless you." And the woman? When the reporters visited her at her home, Mrs. Cartan said: "I hope it will not be spread broadcast over the country, it is such a little thing." A little thing? Yes, but significant and heroic. The woman's pity overcame the woman's delicacy. In a moment she decided that the act in such a cause could not be immodest. And the tender bit of charity was done and the color gradually crept back into baby's face.

Dickens says there is a way into every heart. It may be up a winding stair. And if you can find the way and knock at the door in some sacred name the door will open. Baby—helpless, innocent, cold, went up no winding stair to this woman's heart. It went straight to the door and entered.—Des Moines, Iowa, Daily News.

When in doubt, buy your wife a box of fragrant cigars.

The cranberry merchant has got busy and raised the price of that Christmas necessity.

Now it is reported that General Castro is ill. He and his country have certainly experienced enough recently to make almost anyone sick.

The almanac says that winter began this afternoon at 40 minutes after 1 o'clock and the almanac probably does not know how to lie.

The price of eggs is illustrating what that which they contain may do under certain favorable conditions, by soaring upward and roosting high.

If the price continues to go up the average housewife would undoubtedly consider a dozen eggs a very acceptable and valuable Christmas gift.

Uncle Sam's mail department is working hard enough these days to entitle it to all the credit and rights accruing to the mythical Saint Nicholas.

Governor Bailey of Kansas need not refuse to marry because of a fear that he will draw a Carrie Nation. All women, even in Kansas, are not like Carrie.

Some persons, committing crimes and indiscretions find it mighty convenient to have a lapse of memory covering the period during which the wrong was committed.

If all children are good for another week perhaps mamma will give them an apple and some pop corn and papa will give them a tooth brush and some good advice.

The Grand Island Press lands Verdigris in Holt county, and the people of that town are likely to insist that the editor of that sheet take up the geography of Nebraska as a study.

If your Christmas appetite demands frog legs, rather than turkey, they may be obtained for the small sum of \$2.25 per dozen. Turkey, however, is none too plumbian this Christmas.

If all America should combine against the old world there would, be a scrimmage that would cause all other ancient or modern clashes to assume the condition of insignificance.

An Iowa boy who thought he had failed to pass examinations committed suicide by cutting his throat. All students do not attach the same importance to examinations as this young man.

President Jacob G. Schurman of Cornell university, in an address at New York the other day said: "Theodore Roosevelt is at this very moment asserting the (Monroe) doctrine and asserting it hard."

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association will be held in Hastings February 10 and 11. It is expected that there will be about 200 of Nebraska's editors in attendance on the meeting.

Perhaps Marconi hurried the matter up some to show the United States the uselessness of laying a cable to Hawaii and the Philippines. Nevertheless the cable will probably be employed for some years to come.

They want President Roosevelt to arbitrate the differences between Venezuela and the European governments. The president may accept the task but would much rather have the Hague tribunal give the opinion required.

Because Governor Mickey refused to countenance an inauguration ball by reason of his being a Methodist, the Sioux City Journal suggests: "It might be all right to celebrate Governor Mickey's inauguration by giving an oyster supper."

A car containing 800 sacks of Christmas mail from New York was burned the other day on the New York Central and if Uncle Sam fails to play Santa Claus for your relatives in the east it will be more satisfactory to them if you will charge it up against that blaze.

To a great many this attack on Venezuela has the same appearance of a performance that all boys have witnessed of two or three fellows who are afraid of another fellow, taking out their spite on the little brother or the pet dog or cat of the fellow they would really like to lick.

In a communication printed today, Commissioner Winter gives a clean cut statement of his connection with the Mendenhall case. There is no doubt but that Mendenhall was in hard luck, but we fail to see how his troubles or any portion of them can rightly be charged to Mr. Winter.

From the tone of Congress-elect Hitchcock's paper, he would demand war immediate and war to the knife against Germany and Great Britain were he in his seat now. But whether we should annex them or leave 'em to govern themselves after we have licked them, he fails to say.—Lincoln Journal.

It cost a student of Cornell college of Iowa his books, room, furniture, cloth-

ing, etc., to settle his foot ball bets and the faculty has to decided rule the game off the athletic list unless the gambling feature is omitted hereafter. This is undoubtedly a worse feature than the "brutality" of the game.

A committee of the California legislature has reported in favor of barring the immigration of consumptives to that state. If the mountain states go and do likewise it may yet be necessary for the government to establish a reservation for consumptives who are instructed to have a change of climate.

It is probable that if the women want suffrage they will get it some day. They generally do get what they want. It is furthermore certain that if they are given suffrage and like it the men cannot muster votes enough to take it away from them again should they desire to do so. The sterner sex will therefore feel justified in being right certain that they want the women to vote before they grant them that privilege.

In his message to the legislature Governor Savage will recommend that \$75,000 be appropriated to make an exhibit at the Louisiana purchase exposition. It would be a very fine thing for Nebraska to be represented at the big show with such an exhibit as the \$75,000 would make, but it is possible that the legislators will give thorough consideration to the finances and more pressing needs of the state before they will vote that amount for advertising purposes at the exposition. Not a man in the state is likely to object to such an appropriation, providing the state can afford the expenditure.

The attitude of the farmers of north Nebraska on the cream and butter question has occasioned a scarcity of the spreadable in Sioux City and the price has gone to 35 cents, with the prospect that it will soon be 40. One of the creamery men who has traveled for years in this section of the state, accounts for the new condition by reason of the fact that the farmers have quit milking cows and are devoting their attention to fattening steers, in which there is more and easier money. With more prosperous conditions, also, the farmers' wives have given up the burdensome task of working cream into butter.

The Northwestern is the latest railway system to grant an increase in wages to its employees. The new scale will go into effect January 1, and will amount to about \$600,000 a year. Engineers and firemen will be the employees who will profit by the company's division of its prosperity. Of the men benefited, 3,500 are employed on the Northwestern and 1,500 on the Omaha and Elkhorn. While the raise is not large to each employe it is large enough to give the pessimists another shiver, especially those who hold that the corporations are soulless and take all the profits for the stockholders, giving none to the men who assist them in earning dividends.

It is not unlikely that Nebraska producers will find a ready market for their surplus crop of potatoes, which were so cheap during the harvest that they were thought to be scarcely worth digging. A Nebraska commission man has found a ready market in the south for the surplus crop and is gathering in all of them that he is able, and shipping them to Alabama and other southern points. The Nebraska potato is said to be the finest flavored potato on the market and worth more money than the potatoes from any other state. There are many thousand bushels in the state, but many of them will not be available until farmers are able to open the pits in which they have been buried, in the spring.

Senator Allen is well acquainted with the people of Norfolk, having frequently visited here during his long residence in Madison county, and in last week's Mail he stands up for Norfolk in a manner that is appreciated, not that Norfolk is particularly in need of a champion against the vile flings of Hales of Tilden, but because it shows the right spirit on the part of the ex-senator. The Mail says: "The Tilden Citizen is rather severe in its comments on the people of Norfolk much severer than we believe the occasion demands. Every town has its good and its bad people and Norfolk is no exception. It is the entrepot of many persons in consequence of its numerous railroads, and no doubt, this fact gives it a larger citizenship of undesirable characters than it would otherwise have, but it is likewise the entrepot and home of many thousands of people of splendid character and ability and we do not believe the Citizen is well fortified in its exhortations on our neighboring city."

The "Lincoln" car that was exhibited at the trans-Mississippi exposition and is now in the possession of the Union Pacific, in the yards of that company at Omaha, is the object of some interest by reason of the fact that Washington authorities are concerned in having it taken to the capital city and preserved as one of the relics of the country's history. It was originally the property of the Baltimore & Ohio railway and was the first armored coach built by that road. Lincoln rode in it from Washington to Virginia when he



Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

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visited the union armies in the field during the war of the rebellion. It was a palace car and regally furnished. It was President Lincoln's private car and used only by him. Upon his death it was used to convey his remains to Springfield. It is therefore a car of national interest and the people of the country would be glad to see it become government property and cared for as one of the interesting relics of the civil war period of our history.

Justice to Norfolk.
Great injustice has been done to the city of Norfolk by the state administration. Studied effort has been made by Governor Savage and his associates to prevent the rebuilding of the Norfolk insane asylum, which was burned last year. Norfolk secured that institution in good faith, and in equal good faith the legislature should make an appropriation to replace the buildings destroyed by fire. The Telegram asks that the senator and representatives from Platte county will do simple justice to Norfolk in this matter, and that simple justice means an appropriation which will insure to Norfolk asylum buildings better than the ones which the fire consumed.—Columbus Telegram.

Effect of Gravitation.
If a man weighing twelve stone were to be transferred to the moon, the weight of his body, measured at least by the attraction which the moon would exercise upon it, would be reduced to about two stone. If his muscles and his frame remained the same, it would seem as if he would be able to jump over a wall twelve feet high on the small globe without any greater exertion than would be required to clear a wall two feet high on the earth.

No Longer Necessary.
"Do you still rely on your burglar alarm?"

"Oh, no! We have a baby now, you know, and if any burglar can find a time during the night when some one isn't up with the baby he's welcome to all he can get."—Chicago Post.

Bronchitis

"I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my house for a great many years. It is the best medicine in the world for coughs and colds."
J. C. Williams, Attica, N. Y.

All serious lung troubles begin with a tickling in the throat. You can stop this at first in a single night with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Use it also for bronchitis, consumption, hard colds, and for coughs of all kinds.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
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