

The Norfolk News

Cut out the 3 after tomorrow and write it 3.

You don't need to swear off—just simply quit.

It is to be hoped that eggs will come down within reach of the common people by Easter.

It can hardly be a happy new year to the man compelled to settle \$150 worth of debts with a ten dollar bill.

It is anticipated that the distinguishing mark of the beginning of the new year will, as usual, be the bill collector.

It will be a couple of days yet before the newspapers of this country can publish messages from Hawaii, hot off the wire.

The Fremont Tribune has adopted a rather yellow looking head style but the matter is exempt from the imputation given.

You might begin practicing now to a certain whether or not it is worth while to go to the trouble of swearing off on the first.

This is the time of the year when it is easy to resolve that next year you will not spend so much for Christmas, and it is just as easy to break the resolution when Christmas comes again.

This is the first winter in a number of years that the people of Nebraska can appreciate the full significance of a January thaw as it is understood in the east—if one should happen along.

It is presumed that perhaps Adlai Stevenson might be induced to come out of his retreat long enough to campaign on the democratic ticket for the vice presidency in 1904, and then retire again for another four years.

The Lincoln Star is of the opinion that if silver continues to drop in price men will soon be heard to complain that the loving cup they had purchased for solid pewter was only silver, plated with the more precious metal.

In view of Marconi's recent achievement with wireless telegraphy the Fremont Tribune is of the opinion that Edison's definition of electricity as "a subtle something of which we know nothing," has received emphatic endorsement.

The republican surplus is not satisfactory to a great many democrats. They long for the good old Cleveland times when there were some splendid deficits and stupendous bond issues to keep in the treasury even the required gold reserve.

An Ainsworth young man of 100 pounds weight has married a girl who tipped the beam at 300. She is better than his better half—she is three-fourths if she is anything, and in the future may convince him that she is the whole thing.

John L. Sullivan didn't wait for New Year's, but has signed a pledge, the intent of which is that he shall forever hereafter abstain from the use of intoxicants. The people can but hope that one who has been so familiar with old King Booze may succeed in, absenting himself from his court.

These vestibuled trains may be convenient and comfortable for passengers with tickets entitling them to seats inside, but to the fellows who sometimes go it "blind baggage" they are decidedly inconvenient. The railroads, however, are not given to providing such travelers with conveniences and luxuries.

The Iowa idea appears to be as unsatisfactory in Iowa as was the side slap at the beet sugar industry in the Nebraska platform of last year. Both sentiments in both states will undoubtedly be laid on the shelf when the republicans of the rank and file have an opportunity to express their sentiments.

It is reported from Lincoln that the anti-Bryan democrats have designs on one of the evening papers in the capital city and that the late leader of the democratic retreat may have opposition right at home, with the intention of swinging Nebraska into line for reorganized democracy when the proper time arrives.

Perhaps one reason that Mr. Bryan is scheming to help silver to a boost in price is that he fears that the silver plate which should be essential to the furnishing of his new Lincoln residence may soon experience such a drop in price that he may never hope for a visit from a burglar with designs on the worthless stuff.

A Minneapolis paper publishes the names of the poor people receiving Christmas assistance in that city, which is considered slightly in excess of newspaper prerogative. Many people accept assistance on such occasions who are sensitive but need the help and only accept it because they believe that the public will never learn of their extremity.

Senator Dietrich brings the glad holi-

day intelligence to the people of his home town that he has succeeded in inducing the committee on appropriations to give first consideration to the bill that will in time provide a public building for Hastings. It is a holiday gift that will be appreciated, even though it is not realized upon until some time next summer.

J. Pierpont Morgan has been sued by one of his tenants because he failed to provide coal to keep the house warm and the said tenant was afflicted by a severe and distressing cold because of such negligence. It is a small affair for such a great financial king to be mixed up in, but indicates that he has small troubles as well as those who are not so wealthy.

Statistics have it that a healthy man with a good appetite and moderate thirst will consume in 70 years 96 1/2 tons of solid and liquid food. In view of these figures is it any wonder that some men are unable to accumulate anything during a lifetime? A good economical New Year's resolution would be for people to quit the expensive habit of eating and drinking.

The idea of President McKinley, which can be recommended to the present administration as a guide in dealing with Cuban reciprocity, was: "New markets for the products of our country by granting concessions to the products of other lands that we need and cannot produce ourselves, and which do not involve any loss of labor to our own people, but tend to increase their employment."

It is possible that there were not a few who celebrated Christmas that did not give a single thought to the real significance of the day. They saw in it an opportunity to get drunk or have a good time in other ways, according to their idea of what a good time is, without a thought as to whether they were celebrating the birthday of the Christ or the wedding anniversary of his majesty of the lower regions.

We can see no good reason why northeast Nebraska should not have a state institution, and as there must be an insane asylum built, there is no excuse for putting it anywhere but at Norfolk. It would be a great saving on account of the large amount of material on the grounds there and the whole north part of the state should unite and stand together in the demand that the asylum be rebuilt at Norfolk.—Winside Tribune.

As in the case of Spain and Cuba, many of the democrats would take delight in crowding the administration on to a war with England and Germany over the Venezuelan difficulty, and then for years afterward sit around and find fault with the conduct of the war and the results accruing. It appears as though President Roosevelt would succeed in settling the dispute between the nations concerned without a war and thus silence the criticisms of the opposition party.

Friends of the sugar trust are alternately oppressed and joyous regarding the prospect for the passage of the reciprocity treaty during the present session of congress. One day the news is gladly spread from Washington that the treaty is certain to be ratified and the next day it is as emphatically denied. Friends of American industries will continue to believe it difficult for congress to injure the beet industry until final action has been taken on the question.

The new battleship Maine, raised by a patriotic nation to take the place of the one blown up in Havana harbor nearly five years ago is now in commission and the people will be unanimous in desiring that no such fate awaits it as overtook its predecessor. It is believed that the destruction of the old Maine was so thoroughly avenged that no enemy of the country will dare treat the new floating fortress with like contempt. If they should the country is just as ready to mete out the lesson that was given the Spaniards.

Since Christmas is over the politicians of Nebraska can devote more attention to the speakership contest and other matters of importance with which the coming legislative session will have to deal. Reports from Lincoln indicate that John H. Mockett of Lancaster county and W. T. Thompson of Merrick county are rather in the lead for the speakership and that other candidates are Sears of Burt county, Delesdernier of Cass, Perry of Furnas and Swezey of Webster. Other candidates are quite likely to appear in the field before the legislature gets action.

The advertisement of the Rev. Irl Hicks of St. Louis, calling attention to his almanac and weather forecasts for the coming year has developed the usual adverse criticism to the Rev. Irl's method of making the people believe that he has power to foretell the weather conditions a year or so in advance. As long as people will believe what other almanacs say about the weather it is perhaps to be expected that the St. Louis gentleman's prognostications should be received with some credence. The surest way to tell what the weather will be is to wait until it comes. The

government forecasts of 24 hours in advance are produced by a system that should, in all fairness, bring accuracy, but even this method has its defects and the true conditions are frequently missed in a manner that is far from satisfactory to those desiring knowledge of the weather conditions for the ensuing day.

It is probable that the advance in the price of oil and gasoline is significant of the overcoming of opposition to the Standard company from the Louisiana and Texas fields. The Rockefeller company has now gained a foothold there and it is probable that the people will be compelled to make up for the capital required in making the move, in very short order. The people had hopes that the southern fields might develop opposition to the monopoly that would prove beneficial, but it now appears that this prospect of cheap fuel and cheap lights has gone glimmering.

In wooded countries the winter work of the farmers is to prepare and place convenient a supply of wood to be used during the summer and the winter following. In prairie countries there is little of such work to be done and it has been wisely suggested that the time might be profitably put in by some of the farmers whose land is favorably situated, in constructing dams and building ponds to conserve the water supply and provide for irrigation and the watering of stock, the dams to act in the capacity of cisterns to store the water that flows from the hills. It would likewise serve in many instances to prevent the soil from being washed from the farms. If every farmer having a gulch or draw on his farm would convert a few acres into a pond or reservoir it would not take many years to arrange for holding a supply of moisture that would be valuable in more ways than one.

The Albion News issued a holiday edition last week that was by far the most creditable that has yet come this way. In it the News gives substantial cause for the handsome appearance of the paper by publishing a picture of the building it now occupies, erected this summer, and giving a summary of the facilities for fine printing the new building contains. The new structure is of brick, 44 feet square, two stories high with a basement and contains all the conveniences for the work of printing suggested by 25 years experience of the publisher, A. W. Ladd. Editor Ladd boasts of a Babcock cylinder press of high grade, two jobbers, a paper cutter, wire stitcher, perforator, stabber, lead and rule cutter, book binding outfit, and a complete equipment of other modern necessities for doing artistic work. The News is enterprising and is deserving of the prosperity that seems to be coming its way.

The Evangelical Alliance of New York city has sent out invitations to the pastors and churches of the country to join in a week of united, world-wide prayer between the dates of January 4 and January 11. This arrangement has been made in accord with the British Evangelical Alliance and the Alliances of other lands. The Alliance outlines a program of appropriate suggestions for services and sermons for the week and it is desired that every church in the land shall observe the week in accord with the program laid out or any other appropriate program that may be chosen. If prayer is efficacious it should be much more so if given unitedly. With all christian people praying for the betterment of the world and backing their petitions with faith and action there should unquestionably be results for good apparent following the week ending January 11. Even the scoffer and the infidel will respect a movement of this kind and many of them will wish the churches unqualified success, down deep in their hearts.

The policy of Nebraska towards state institutions should be one of stability—stability in matters of location as well as in business management. It is difficult to see what benefit could result from removal after the ground has been secured and enormous sums expended in erecting buildings. Doubtless it is possible by adding wings and incurring similar expenses to close an asylum or hospital for a time and care for its usual inmates at some other similar institution. The advocates of this plan have much to say concerning its economy, but that it really is economical does not so clearly appear. It is only a question of time when Nebraska will be in absolute need of all its buildings. If abandoned now there will be the usual deterioration of deserted property with the consequent bill for costly repairs when reoccupied. That the consolidation plan would produce any actual saving in operating expenses is seriously questioned, and even if it would, that saving for many years could not equal the loss on buildings allowed to run down. Patients certainly cannot be cared for any better at the mammoth institution, and in truth they probably would not receive as good care. Under the present arrangement, or rather, the arrangement before the fire at Norfolk, it was comparatively easy to visit a friend or relative at a home or hospital. Under the proposed scheme such visits would in many cases be impossible—a result working a great hardship for

many people and removing one of the best means of securing proper management. In our humble opinion the people of Nebraska will make a great mistake if they do not retain the insane asylum at Norfolk and the soldiers' home at Grand Island.—Madison Chronicle.

KERR GIVES HIS SIDE.

Testifies to Messages Sent Prior to Canadian Wreck Disaster. Wyoming, Ont., Dec. 30.—When the principal witnesses in the inquest to place the responsibility of the awful wreck on the Grand Trunk at Waukegan had given their testimony, a chain of mishaps was unfolded, the absence of any one of which would have tended to have prevented the awful scene of death. The principal witness was J. G. Kerr, the London dispatcher, who up to this time has been silent. He said: "No. 5 arrived at London one hour late. I ordered them to Watford for further orders. I knew the freight was coming. To Carson, at Watford, I wired to have No. 5 wait at Waukegan, and added, 'Wait a minute, may bust.' I then started to send a regular order to Carson at Watford to have No. 5 watch for the freight at Waukegan siding. He told me No. 5 had gone. I then wired Wyoming to get the freight, but he also replied that it had gone. I then tried King's Court, and Carson said No. 5 had just gone by. I then told the chief dispatcher that I was afraid No. 5 would meet with trouble. Then came the news of the wreck at Waukegan and a request from Assistant Superintendent Costello to send an auxiliary. I said, 'I may bust,' but did not and continued with a regular order to have No. 5 watch for the freight train at Waukegan." William Carson, the Watford operator, said: "I received a message to have No. 5 watch for the freight at Waukegan, but Kerr said, 'Wait a minute,' and then 'bust,' which meant to destroy the order. In the meantime No. 5 came in and the conductor asked for orders. I replied, 'I had orders, but they have been busted.' He then asked for a clearance, which I gave him. Then Kerr called for a signal to his order, but I said it had been busted. He said, 'No.' I told him No. 5 had gone. I heard him calling King's Court to stop No. 5. I opened a commercial wire and tried to get King's Court, but could not. I heard King's Court say later that No. 5 had passed."

HUMBERTS SAFE IN PRISON.

Noted Persons Arrive in Paris at an Early Hour. Paris, Dec. 30.—The members of the Humbert family, recently arrested in Madrid in connection with the great safe frauds in this city, arrived at Orleans railroad station here at 7:40 a. m. There was no demonstration. The prisoners were conducted to the prison.

The public had doubted the sincerity of the government in ever attempting to bring back the fugitives, owing to the political and social shock which was sure to follow, but the arrival of the prisoners is now generally accepted as showing the purpose of the authorities to spare no means for the prosecution and punishment of the accused. The plans for the prosecution of the Humberts have not yet been announced.

Louis Burton of Louisville, Ky., the returned Philippine soldier who killed a negro, Frank Walker, in Kansas City Saturday night, was released Monday, the coroner's jury finding that Burton acted in self defense.

Discuss Moroccan Crisis. Madrid, Dec. 30.—King Alfonso last night discussed the Moroccan crisis with General Weyler, minister of war, and the Duke of Veragua, minister of marine. In addition to the cruiser Infanta Isabel, which has already gone to Tangier, other vessels are to be held in readiness at Malaga and Algeciras to take reinforcements to Ceuta and Melilla. The government has asked its ambassadors at Paris and London to ascertain the views of the British and French governments concerning the Moroccan situation. It seems to be feared in political circles here that some foreign power will intervene in Morocco. The latest news to reach Madrid confirms the previous reports that Fez has been invested by the rebels.

Foreigners Safe at Fez. London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Times from Tangier says a courier from Fez reports that the Christians there appear to be safe. The missionary women are in the British consulate. The attack on the camp occurred at night time. It is reported that 2,000 of the sultan's troops were killed. An absurd rumor is current, continues the correspondent, that the French are supporting the rebels. As a matter of fact the anti-Christian movement is more dangerous to the French than to anybody else, as it threatens them in Algeria. Tangier is quiet.

Expect Trouble in China. Peking, Dec. 30.—According to messages received here from the British consul at Hankow, whose judgment is exceptionally trustworthy, the movements of Tung Fuh Siang gave reason to expect trouble. Tung Fuh Siang is supposed to have 10,000 warriors under his command in Kan Su province. He can easily dominate the provinces of Kan Su and Shen Si, as the local imperial forces are very inferior.

TRIAL OF MRS. LILLIE IS ON

Preliminary Hearing Begins at David City, Neb.

FIRST WITNESS ON THE STAND.

Court Room is Crowded With Spectators When Hearing Commences. Brother and Mother of Murdered Man Attend Accused Wife.

David City, Neb., Dec. 30.—The district court room was packed to its utmost capacity yesterday, when the preliminary hearing of Mrs. Lena M. Lillie, charged with murdering her husband on Oct. 24, commenced. It will probably occupy all week.

Mrs. Lillie was accompanied by her parents, also Sam Lillie, brother of the murdered man, and his mother. All of these believe Mrs. Lillie wholly innocent of the crime charged.

Harvey Lillie was the agent of a local elevator company. He was shot in bed as he lay beside his wife, and killed instantly. The defense will try to prove that Lillie was killed by a burglar, but the prosecution, which has been working on the case for some time, will endeavor to show that the bullet that killed Lillie was fired from the wife's side of the bed. Evidence will be adduced to show that Lillie carried \$8,000 life insurance, \$7,200 of which was in his wife's name. A bucket shop operator at David City is expected to testify that Mrs. Lillie had been trading with him for several years and that between Aug. 7 and Oct. 4 of this year her losses amounted to about \$1,400.

The first witness, Dr. Stewart, was examined by the state with the intention of showing that the murdered man could not have moved into the position in which he was found after being shot, because paralysis had set in instantly. This is a part of the prosecution's effort to destroy Mrs. Lillie's robbery story.

So many people have come to town to witness the trial that David City presents the appearance of a fair day. The crowded court room presented the feature of not only containing the curious people of the county, but many relatives of the dead man and the woman on trial found representation. There have been marriages among the different branches of the two families until it seems to be a fact that nearly every household in the town contains a relative of either the Lillies or the Hills.

CATTLE LEFT TO DIE ON RANGES

Animals Caught Without Food by Severe Blizzards.

Denver, Dec. 30.—Authorities on live stock say the loss of the last week in eastern Colorado and western Nebraska will not be less than 5,000 head. More than ever this year the humane society is agitated by reports from the cattle ranges and the suburbs of the cities and towns of Colorado, where animals are left to starve and freeze.

When the cold weather set in some time ago the range was poor, and thousands of head of stock were still there before the bad weather, their owners failing to take them in and supply winter feed. The first blizzard ran the death rate well up. Other storms have come since then, and what starvation has not accomplished exposure has.

Private Car Derailed.

Wynne, Ark., Dec. 30.—The private car of General Superintendent A. J. Davidson of the Frisco, occupied by Mr. Davidson and a party of St. Louis and New York capitalists, was overturned here last night. The car was attached to the rear end of the Memphis-St. Louis Iron Mountain passenger train. In passing over a switch it was thrown from the rails and began to roll down the embankment. A telegraph pole stopped it and the occupants of the car escaped with bruises and slight injuries.

Looses a Letter of Credit.

London, Dec. 30.—Two Russians, Pinkevitz and Green, claiming to be naturalized Americans, have been arrested in London, charged with being in illegal possession of a letter of credit for \$25,000, lost on the continent by N. Greenbaum. Some of M. Greenbaum's cards were also found on the men arrested. They bear the address, "Hurst club, San Francisco." About \$17,875 of the sum represented by the letter of credit remain undrawn. Greenbaum lost his pocketbook at Baden Baden Jan. 24. It contained \$375 besides the letter of credit.

Schurman Starts on Western Trip. Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 30.—President Jacob Gould Schurman left Ithaca last night for an extended western trip. He will visit several of the larger cities and will speak on political and educational topics. The cities where he is already scheduled to speak include Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and Lincoln, Neb. President Schurman will speak in Lincoln Thursday on "Our Philippine Problem."

Boers to Settle in Texas. Monterey, Mex., Dec. 30.—General Pearson, the Boer commander, is in Monterey as the agent of thousands of his countrymen, who propose to establish colonies in southwestern Texas or Mexico. A committee of Boers is expected to arrive at New Orleans Jan. 15.

Freight Wreck on the Alton. Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 30.—A freight wreck on the Chicago and Alton railroad at Macoupin last night tied up traffic on the division between Bloom-

Consumption

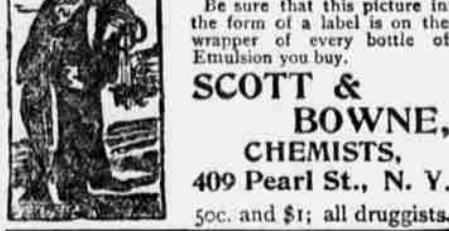
Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most.

Scott's Emulsion is the modern method of feeding fat to the consumptive. Pork is too rough for sensitive stomachs. Scott's Emulsion is the most refined of fats, especially prepared for easy digestion.

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ington and St. Louis. The property loss is large. All the members of the crew escaped with bruises by jumping

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

S. W. Tansill, the well known millionaire cigar manufacturer, died at Carlsbad, N. M., Monday of heart failure.

The Santa Fe has decided to construct a line southwest from Guthrie through El Reno and Cement, Okla., into Texas.

Eugene Jones, a member of the Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling company, died at the Presbyterian hospital, New York, Monday.

The Maine Cattle Commission company Monday issued a statement that that state is free from the foot and mouth disease.

A shooting affray between whites and negroes at the Newbury phosphate mines, near Williston, Ala., resulted in the death of two negroes and the wounding of two white men.

Fatma Sing Hpo, reputed to be the smallest adult in the world, died very suddenly at Beaumont, Tex., Monday. She was twenty-two years old, weighed fifteen pounds and stood twenty-eight inches high.

John Brush, sixty-two years of age, was arrested Monday for forging a check on a New York bank. Brush was convicted in 1887 of victimizing the Garfield National bank out of \$12,000 by means of forged paper.

Marconi Picks Station Site.

Rome, Dec. 30.—It is stated that Signor Marconi will shortly come to Rome and begin the construction of a great wireless telegraph station at Monte Mario. It will be the most powerful station of the kind in the world, and here Marconi will endeavor to solve the remaining problems in etherography. He has asked Professor

Hair Falls

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