

The Norfolk News

It will take a big calamity of some sort to prevent Norfolk from growing and prospering this year.

The little word "missent" undoubtedly covers a multitude of delinquencies in the postoffice department.

In view of what has been done during the early part of the season the ground hog might reasonably afford to cut off a week or two of his penalty.

Why couldn't some ingenious Yankee get even with the coal trust by tapping the heat at the center of the earth and piping it to the surface for heating purposes?

The allies have decided that they will have nothing further to do with Minister Bowen and insist that President Roosevelt arbitrate their differences or they will take the matter before the Hague court.

Editor J. W. Huntsberger of the Pender Republic, who has been serving his town as postmaster since April, died very suddenly at his home in Pender on Sunday from erysipelas of the face.

The Lillie murder trial will soon again be filling space in the state papers. Mrs. Lillie has been arraigned before the district court at David City, pleaded not guilty and her trial has been set for next Tuesday.

A Baltimore woman requested the police to force her husband to take a bath, but they were not successful. The thing to do with such a man is to organize a mob and dip him in a kettle of warm tar, then he would not need a bath for a short while.

Illinois is making it so interesting for monopolies that the Diamond Match company threatens to leave the state. The thing to do is for other states to afford it no better inducements. When no state has advantages for the trusts they will cease to exist.

Microbes in paper currency have destroyed an eye for a New York cashier, and people who are afraid of microbes are advised to leave the filthy stuff alone. Any who are anxious to escape a like fate may leave their money at this office, and it will be disposed of.

If you don't clean off your walks the mayor proposes to see that it is done for you, and you may not feel inclined to endorse the bill that will be charged up against your property so you might as well do the shoveling act yourself or engage your own assistance.

A German paper considers that this is the last chance that may be offered to show America that Europe is on the earth. If they undertake the task there might be such a thing as disappointment in results and America may continue to entertain the notion that Europe is not worth considering.

The number of republican judges in Nebraska has been increased by one. Homer M. Sullivan, fusionist, judge of the 12th district, has resigned to accept a good legal connection, and Governor Mickey has appointed Charles Gutterston, a Broken Bow republican, to the position made vacant.

There is no report to indicate that the people of Missouri are preparing a rousing reception to Cole Younger who has been in exile in Minnesota for so many years. They undoubtedly appreciate the fact that Younger did things when he was younger that do not entitle him to a monster demonstration on the part of the people.

The independent telephone company at Fremont should have no criticism to make of the support they are receiving from the city government which has kindly undertaken to compel their competitor, the Nebraska company, from either extending or repairing its lines. From a distance it looks like a beautiful cinch for the independents.

As has been its recent good fortune, Nebraska escaped the worst of the blizzard. With Chicago isolated, no schools held in Sioux City, snow slides in Colorado, a terrific gale in Iowa, trains seriously blocked on eastern and western roads, and other serious situations in many parts of the country, Nebraska people are able to congratulate themselves that they experienced a minimum of the trouble.

If Uncle Sam should undertake to rovent all troubles and disagreements existing between and over the small oating American republics he would be busy that he would be able to devote little attention to his own affairs. It is somewhat gratifying to the people realize that the Monroe doctrine does contemplate mixing in with every the spat in South America.

An exchange suggests that four cords of wood and a sawbuck old perhaps be as effective a cure could be found for what ails the stocatic Mr. Rockefeller's stomach, it would not cost him a million. Certainly there are few who e pat this combination to conscientious and energetic use who are afflicted the coal oil magnate claims to be. It

wouldn't cost him much to give him a trial.

While the revenue committee is wrestling with that bill, the balance of the legislators are keeping their ears to the ground and ascertaining the desires of their constituents regarding pending legislation of various kinds and qualities. If they are successful in finding what the people desire and then giving it to them the week's vacation will be productive of good results.

Bixby of the State Journal does not think that the board of pardons of Minnesota inflicted a very onerous condition when it stipulated that Cole Younger was not to return to that state. Bixby formerly lived in Minnesota and has a deep-seated conviction or prejudice that a worse condition would have been to compel the pardoned bandit to remain in the state bounded by the aurora borealis on the north.

Mr. Bryan is to build a park for the use of the common people, of which he is one. Most of the common people, however, have not acquired enough republican prosperity up to the present time to afford to build a park in proximity to their homes. A private park is an aristocratic luxury, especially if stocked with game and the free silver champion may have game and game keepers before he has ascertained that he is divorced from the common crowd.

The out and out populist newspaper is about as rare in Nebraska as were the voters of that party during the recent election. There was a time when almost every town and city supported one or more papers of populist tendency, but they have disappeared and those that are left are almost ashamed of their politics. Some of them have turned democratic, others have espoused the socialist cause and not a few have fallen in with public sentiment and are now republican.

Nebraska irrigationists have won a distinct victory before the supreme court of the state. The decision contemplates that no one has an exclusive right to the water of any stream. A mill company that has built a dam and is using the water for power has no more right to control the exclusive flow than has the man who has built irrigation ditches and is using the water to moisten an arid soil. Each may share alike and if the water is drained off to the extent that the mill property is damaged the mill company may collect for such injury, but not before it is possible to tell just how much the damage is.

The government will co-operate with the state in maintaining an experimental farm in the western and arid portion of the state, if the legislature will make an appropriation for the purchase of a site. If the experiments to be conducted will result in adding value and population to the western part of the state the legislature can well afford to make the investment, and that is the intention of the promoters of the proposition. If Nebraska does not take this step some other state equally interested in the development of arid regions undoubtedly will and Nebraska will lose the prestige that would accrue from the establishment of such a farm. It is to be hoped that the state's finances will permit an appropriation for the experimental farm.

John Wanamaker, the millionaire Philadelphia merchant, is certainly qualified to speak regarding the advantages of advertising, as it was through advertising he attained his success. The use of printers' ink has been a profitable investment to him and to thousands of others who have adopted his methods. A recent quotation from him follows: "A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting attention to build up a town than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor go where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town so well as a paper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated. The man who overlooks his town paper injures himself by injuring his town and his townsmen."

An exchange has reduced to figures what it means for women to wear birds and feathers on their hats in conformation with the dictates of fashion. It will be well to remember that the birds killed in Florida during the winter are the ones that would have come north in the spring. The number has been diminishing year by year, and this traffic in bird carcasses has been responsible in a larger degree, even than the tendency of the small boy to slaughter them, just for fun. The exchange says: "It is estimated that 5,000,000 birds are annually required in America alone to fill fashion's demand. In one winter in Florida one party killed 130,000 birds. Forty thousand terns were destroyed at Cape Cod in one single season. Prof. E. E. Fish of Buffalo, referring to birds, says: 'It is estimated that they save to the farmers annually in the United States over \$100,000,000.'"

Perhaps the first conviction of men for forming a trust comes from Delaware, Ohio, where seven coal dealers of that city pleaded guilty to a violation of the state's anti-trust law and were fined

\$100 each and costs. The defendants composed the Delaware Coal Dealers' association, recently disbanded. If a town like Delaware can haul its coal dealers before the court and fine them for combining to raise or maintain prices there is every probability that other towns of Ohio and other states having anti-trust laws on their statute books could do likewise. It is probable that the suit started against the Delaware coal dealers will be duplicated a few times, not only in reference to coal dealers but to merchants in other lines of trade who seek through an agreement to monopolize the market.

Arbor day is not far distant that the people of Nebraska can afford to defer the making up of their minds to give it a hearty and general observance. It should not be left to the school children to do the celebrating, either. Every property owner with room for one tree or a forest should carry out the spirit of the holiday by planting. Nebraska needs trees and needs them for more purposes than one. Forest, nut and fruit trees should be planted liberally and in time the fuel question will not bother, fruit will be plentiful and there will be less liability to the drouths that have afflicted the state in the past. Plant trees on Arbor day and every other day in the season for tree planting, and if good nurseries are patronized and good trees are planted the people of the state will in the not distant future have reason to thank the present generation as people who have recognized and filled a need of the country to their benefit and that of their children.

While John D. Rockefeller has been busy notifying senators that an anti-trust bill must not be passed by that body, President Roosevelt has more than intimated that if such a bill is not passed congress must meet in extraordinary session and deal with the question. The people would much rather that the president's advice should be observed by the upper house than that the oil magnate should dictate the policy to be pursued. The people will undertake to see that if the present congress is not to be guided by the president's policy on this question others will be elected who will have more regard for the president and the people. Rockefeller, Morgan and others have had things their own way so long that they have acquired large power and control vast resources. They may bump the people pretty severely for interfering with their plans, but, with the president, there are a large number of people who desire that the question should be settled now, though the magnates may disrupt the business of the country for the time being.

The revenue committee of the legislature is devoting especial attention to producing a law that will result in the collection of taxes. It is proposed that the tax shirker and tax dodger shall contribute his share toward the support of the state and they do not propose that he shall be permitted to allow such taxes to drag along indefinitely. If the committee will pass a law that is reasonably effective there should be general satisfaction. Everyone should be willing to pay a just proportion of the government's expenses, and would do so cheerfully if assured that every other property owner was doing a fair share. What grinds is for one man to be compelled to pay a tax knowing that a neighbor or acquaintance is getting off without supporting his just share of the burden. One who has seen another shirking has sought protection by attempting the same method until the people of the state were rapidly becoming unanimous in a desire to evade a fair taxation. If it is possible to even matters up and keep them equal it will be a blessing, and the property owner who does not wish to pay taxes should have but the one recourse and that is to dispose of his property.

The national and inter-national good roads convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo., April 26 to May 1. This is a subject that interests Nebraska much less than a good many other subjects, as this state is naturally blessed with fairly good roads the year round, but there is no question that there might be improvement even here, and the state should unquestionably be represented at this convention. If there is nothing more to be learned than the best and most modern way of using the amounts annually appropriated for the care of roads in the various districts of county and state such information would be well worth acquiring. Every year there are large sums expended and much work done on the public roads of Nebraska and yet many of them are no whit improved over what nature first did for them. The natural dirt is annually piled up in the center of the road in some localities and allowed to wear back to its natural level to be again heaped up during some ensuing year. This answers for the time being but is in no wise permanent. Modern ideas with a view of permanency should be employed, and this convention should be able to disseminate valuable information along these lines. Nebraska roads are naturally good, and passable at any time of year, but it should be less expensive to give them permanence than in a country where they are muddy and miry half the year and too rough for travel the balance of the time.

It is evident that any telegrams directed to President Roosevelt by trust magnates would be a waste of yellow paper and telegraph toll.

Chicago courts have likewise demonstrated that coal dealers who enter a combine are liable to a fine and have assessed a fine of \$100 each against a bunch of nine living in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Grover Cleveland has gone fishing again and there is no one to protest. Relieved of his official duties, he is an independent American citizen and may do as he pleases—if his wife don't object.

It is said that if the air surrounding the globe should be sufficiently condensed it would make a sea of liquid air 35 feet deep covering the entire world. When this accomplished we will all move out.

Bixby says, "It is spelled 'Jean Valjean' and we'll bet a small cake of ice you don't know how to pronounce it." And we'll bet a bucket of snow that as many will trip up when it comes to the correct pronunciation of "M. de Pourceaugnac."

A number of Nebraska papers continue to label their editorial "thinks". In some of them it is decidedly convenient to readers who desire to distinguish the real from the spurious; on the part of others it is a wholly unnecessary precaution.

Iowa democratic editors are quite unanimously for Parker as the democratic candidate for president next year. The Iowa opinion will probably not cut much ice and many of them concede that they are not in a position to dictate.

When Mr. Rockefeller wired the senators that no trust bill must be passed he parenthetically remarked that his counsel would see them. It is now rumored that he told an untruth; that the said counsel saw nobody. The senators had no time for him.

The work of strengthening the army and navy is considered significant of war in some quarters. If not it is certainly an argument for peace. Europe is not nearly as likely to attack a fully prepared nation as it would be one that has made no preparations to enter a conflict.

Lynch has an active commercial club that has undertaken to see to it that all roads leading to that town are in good and passable condition. It is a commendable undertaking for a commercial club. If a town desires the business of the farmers it must make it possible for them to drive in without inconvenience or danger.

John D. Rockefeller has just liberally endowed a chair in Mr. Harper's university for the purpose of discovering some specific for tuberculosis. The public also needs a remedy for high-priced, explosive coal oil and Mr. Carnegie might do a good turn by hanging up a prize for that.—Fremont Tribune.

Will Maupin thinks that if the trusts maintain their present rate of development it will not be long until John D. Rockefeller's offer of a million dollars for a new stomach will look extravagant and silly, as the common people will have a job lot of stomachs for which they will have no use that they would gladly give away. Perhaps the oil magnate might find a bargain, even now, if he should go to Finland.

The president, himself, is said to have given out the information about those Standard oil telegrams. He evidently intends that the public shall be kept informed regarding the efforts of the trust magnates to influence the action of the servants of the public. The senators may finally be made to realize that their action should be governed by the conscience and the desires of the people rather than by the multi-millionaires.

A Russian youth has engraved on a grain of wheat the words and music of the Russian national hymn. The czar was pleased with his work and presented him with a fine gold watch. It was a wonderful grain of wheat but not more wonderful than the great-great-grandfather, and then some, of last year's wheat crop, which has kept many millions of people supplied with bread and cakes. That was a wonderful grain, and no mistake, and its work was noble.

There can be something accomplished in the way of settling vexing problems, even by a municipality, when the proper steps are taken. Chicago went in to adjust the coal situation to the needs of the poor people. When the work was undertaken 50 cents a bushel was paid for the fuel. Now the poor people of that city get two and one-half bushels of coal for 50 cents. It makes people almost wish they lived in Chicago and were "poor."

Congress should either act on that question of the admission of the new states to the union or pass it up. There are questions of far greater moment to the general public before the body awaiting solution and the representatives of the people have no large amount of time to fritter away in debate on a

local matter. The people expect this congress to accomplish something of importance and there will be disappointment if it fails to produce results.

A wife who contemplates getting rid of her husband might learn details by familiarizing herself with the modus operandi employed by the Montecello, N. Y., woman who shot her husband, chopped him in pieces, burned the pieces in the cook stove and ground the charred bones up for the chickens. If they can acquire her method and put it in practice there is no reasonable room for doubt but that they will be able to rid themselves of their husband's company. If they have a 14-old daughter who can be interested in the work they may be able to secure her assistance. The New York woman did.

It was supposed that when the county seat of Knox county was removed from Niobrara to Center the troubles of the county along that line were about over, but now Bloomfield bobs up with a county seat bee buzzing in her bonnet and in order to attain her desires she proposes that the county shall be chopped in two, Bloomfield to be the county seat of the new county. It is likely that if all the towns in the county wanting county seats are accommodated it will be divided up into rather small pieces, with just enough for a door yard to each county seat town.

John D. Rockefeller, jr., is evidently fully competent to step into his father's shoes. He is perhaps the wealthiest young man in America at the present time and the tax commissioners of New York thought he should be able to stand an assessment on \$500,000, but he appeared before them with a statement that his debts amounted to about \$500,000 and his personal property was worth above the debts about \$30,000, but he would not object to paying on \$40,000. The young man being a Sunday school teacher, and supposed to be trained in the way of truth and honesty, the commissioners accepted his figures.

The date for the spring municipal election is rapidly approaching and the prospects are that it may be one of the most lively city campaigns known in a number of years. The candidates who may be put up have not yet been discussed to any great extent, but with the various questions that are up for a solution and the various interests that are concerned, it is not difficult to believe that when the campaign opens it will be of a lively character and that partisan politics may cut but little figure. The time is not far distant when it will be necessary to hold caucuses and conventions and name the candidates who will head the several tickets.

The scientists who have been assailing dried fruits as microbe breeding grounds are now after the carpets with which many of the houses of the country are supplied. It is stated that during a test in a carpeted room in a tenement house 75 germs settled in a 3-inch saucer in five minutes and that after sweeping there were 2,500 of these germs in the saucer. The important question is, where will these investigations leave off? If there are germs in carpets there are germs in clothes, and if in dried fruit they are likewise in other estates, and if the people wish to get rid of them all they cannot eat or wear clothes, and it may even be dangerous to breathe.

If the senate acts on the Littlefield anti-trust bill with the same energy and oneness of purpose as did the house the people will not fail to understand that Mr. Rockefeller's message to members of that body were of no weight or effect. Democrats are already beginning to assert that the bill is one that has been approved by the trust magnates, but that remains to be proven, and it would hardly have received the unanimous support of the house if the members of that body had considered that its conditions were to be nullified after being tested by the courts. In any event the people will take it as an evidence of good faith if the senators will give the bill a cordial support.

It is reported from Lincoln that the revenue revision committee will require another week in which to prepare such a bill as they desire to present to the consideration of the legislature. Some people are impatient and desire that the legislature shall soon be showing results, but if the committee requires another week in which to prepare a desirable revenue law it should be granted. It is a work of no small moment and if the committee is not given plenty of time the questions coming before them will be discussed before the entire legislature, beyond a doubt, and much more time will be consumed. If the committee can prepare a bill that will be acceptable to their colleagues they should be granted sufficient time in which to do the work.

Since the Northwestern stockholders have decided to lease the franchises and property of the Elkhorn, and later purchase the road outright it is still an interesting question as to what the outcome and the results will be. Patrons of the line need have no cause for worry because of the closer relations of the two roads for the Northwestern is one

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one of the most enterprising, progressive systems centering in Chicago, is after the business of a fertile section of the west and will meet competition and all demands in a manner that is characteristic of the road, but there may in time be a considerable change in the management and methods now employed by the Elkhorn. It is hoped that it may mean expansion rather than retrenchment, an extension of the Casper line to the coast and of the Black Hills and Bonesteel branches into desirable territory that will add to the importance of the system and to the benefit of the patrons of the line. That there is an object in a closer affiliation of the two systems is beyond question, as the Northwestern never makes false moves.

Iowa Coal Conference.  
Des Moines, Feb. 9.—The probabilities are the joint conference of coal operators and miners to fix the scale for mining in the state for the year commencing April 1, will be called next week to meet in Des Moines March 6. The expectation is that an increase of 10 cents will be made.

Rockefeller Refuses to Talk.  
New York, Feb. 9.—An effort was made to see John D. Rockefeller regarding the telegrams sent by him to various senators, opposing any anti-trust legislation, but at his home he sent out word by a servant that he "begged to be excused."

Stanley Succeeds Dawes.  
Medicine Lodge, Kan., Feb. 9.—Ex-Governor W. E. Stanley yesterday accepted the position as a member of the Dawes commission, offered him by President Roosevelt. He fills the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Dawes, after whom the commission was named.

The Real Truth.  
"Didn't she marry a 'has been'?"  
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