

The Norfolk News

Next spring the ground hog should be bribed.

Corbett and Jefferies are at it again with their mouths.

Perhaps March will have something better than this to offer.

February has unanimous consent to take its weather with it.

If March will do the right thing now, the vernal equinox may be one of great comfort and joy to the people.

Some fellows consider the book bear sign the best sign that spring is here and are anxiously awaiting the display of such indication.

When it gets cold enough in Texas to freeze people to death, prophets are justified in predicting that we have had a pretty severe winter in this country.

An Indiana club of women proposes to place gossip under the ban. Perhaps the intention of the leaders of the movement is to reduce the membership.

With the street crossings buried under an inch to three inches of soft, mucky mud, this would be a good day for the street commissioner to be in evidence.

If the statehood bill has been finally sidetracked as the reports indicate, Senator Quay will have lost considerable prestige as a block under the legislative wheels.

When Tillman's mouth fails to bring him into prominence with the negro question as a theme, it may be believed that the senatorial day will be long, cold and dreary.

Western Kansas is held down by twenty inches of snow and the people of Nebraska will have no cause to fear hot winds from that direction as long as the blanket lasts.

The new cruiser Baltimore will have steel furniture. It is not an entirely new scheme. The Venezuelans charge the Germans with stealing some of the furniture of their navy.

From the displays made over news items and articles in numerous exchanges it is apparent that there is a great deal of head work in a number of the newspaper offices of the country.

If Germany had not confiscated the Venezuelan navy the little country might send it across the pond to demand a counter claim for lives, ships, forts and other property destroyed.

As far as the Nebraska papers are concerned Mrs. Lillie of David City is undoubtedly the most prominent woman in the state, and yet there are no women to envy the notoriety she has attained.

The railroads of New Foundland are snow bound, and a blizzard has been raging for several days. The people of Nebraska may congratulate themselves that they are not compelled to emigrate to that country.

The Beatrice Sun holds that if farmers will refrain from borrowing money to take their families to the St. Louis exposition, the state will be showing wise judgment by refusing to make a display for other people on borrowed capital.

Uncle Sam may well be considered a good patron of the paint factories when it is understood that it requires 150 tons of paint to paint one of his battle ships, and they need painting quite frequently.

Two thirds of the export trade of this country is in products of agriculture. Last year these exports amounted to \$860,000,000. Is it any wonder that the farmers are considered "the people" in America?

Any other South American countries threatened by Germany with a peaceable blockade will probably take the precaution to place their navies in a safety deposit vault, and put up warning signs that the coast is dangerous as a place for a promenade.

Whether George Washington always told the truth or not, that hatchet story will not down. It is as inseparably connected with the great man's birthday, apparently, as is the fact that he was general of the continental army or first president of the United States.

St. Louis desires that the republican national convention be held there next year as a sort of main show to the side exhibition. They want something of real interest and importance, else they would be after the democratic convention instead. The exposition hustlers are always after the best.

The Rosebud reservation may not be opened for settlement at this session of congress, but investors may find equal if not superior advantages by putting their money in the fertile farms of the northeast section of Nebraska. Now is the time to pick out a good farm.

When this snow evaporates prospective purchasers of Nebraska farms will

find the soil all there and as represented. The land may not be literally flowing with milk and honey, but it has the conditions that may develop a life of ease and luxury for the owner of a generous slice of the real estate.

It will probably develop that the person who is investing in Norfolk property at present prices is the one who is preparing to make a ten-strike. The price is now very reasonable for all classes of city property, but it is certain to advance.

February is certainly drawing to a close with very leonine like characteristics in regard to the weather, but March may come in like a lamb, nevertheless. Certainly Nebraska does not require more than a few hours to effect such a change.

The World-Herald and other democratic papers are accusing the legislature of being in the power of the railroads and other large corporations, but the people will wait for further proof than the assertion of these objectors before they will be prepared to turn the administration down.

A Minnesota man, after he had been fatally shot by a robber, retained his energy long enough to knock the robber down with an ax and bid him fast until the officers could be notified of his capture. It is incidents like these that cause people to believe that the strong arm of right and justice is not always paralyzed.

The Norfolk asylum is being carefully watched by its many friends though it will not be brought up until after the disposition of the financial bill. However it is expected that the honesty and good business sense of the rebuilding of the Norfolk asylum will be recognized and provided for. Our state can ill afford to lose the \$100,000 now at Norfolk. Lynch Journal.

It is now the Chicago & Northwestern, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley having passed into history. The people living along the route are sorry to lose the name with which they have been familiar for more than a quarter of a century, but are pleased to believe that otherwise the change will be a benefit rather than a detriment.

The late J. Sterling Morton was fittingly remembered by the legislature at Lincoln Friday. He was the father of Arbor day and the people of the state and the country may worthily honor his memory by planting trees this spring. He was an earnest advocate of arboriculture and his chief desire was that the country might establish and maintain forests, groves and orchards.

The democrats in congress have decided to return to their old tactics, that of obstructing the efforts of the majority and objecting to all the proceedings of the republicans. This has been their field of effort for a number of years and they have proven to be adept at the work. It avails them nothing, but they draw their salaries whether they push forward or crowd back, and that is the main item.

Italy makes \$8,000,000 a year out of foreign visitors, which may be considered a very large source of revenue for the country. Italy depends on her beauty of land and climate and her many historic features to obtain that which other nations receive by raising hogs, corn and other products. The world might exist without Italy, but when you cut out the nations producing the necessities of life, the world will cease to exist.

If those who are inclined to believe that the cost of living has recently been unreasonably high will turn their memories back a few years, they will find they have not been outrageous that in comparison. An exchange says that a farmer who kept an account during 1865 finds, by referring to his record that he then paid \$5.50 for ten pounds of coffee, \$3.33 for ten pounds of sugar, \$1.77 for 12 spools of thread and \$1.70 for a gallon of kerosene.

An exchange has figured it out that if the Mississippi valley was as densely populated as is Massachusetts it would have 350,000,000 inhabitants. The Mississippi valley is fully as capable of supporting as many people as Massachusetts and it will be conceded that the country therefore still has plenty of room for growth. By many it is believed that the true greatness of the country will not be attained until the farming country of the west is made to support about twice as many agriculturalists as it now does.

The Illustrated Bee of yesterday says that Mrs. Roosevelt emphatically dislikes to be photographed. Common people will very much sympathize with her dislike if the illustrations in that paper are what usually result. Up to within the past few weeks the illustrated feature of the Sunday Bee was something worth being filed away and kept, but the recent editions are unworthy the reputation of the office from which they emanate, which usually does nice, clean work.

March probably came in like a lamb, but there is some question as to where the dividing line is between leonine

qualities and that distinguishing sheep and lambs, and again there is a question as to how much of either it takes to govern according to the old saying. Whether a few minutes about midnight or a day preceding and day following the birth of the month are necessary is not explained. People will rest content in the hope that the weather clerk does not know, either, and that March may retire like a lamb, regardless of how it came in.

Hicks will probably say, "I told you so," but there will be many to question whether he did or not. He lays especial emphasis on destructive storms of sleet and cold rains, during February, but this vicinity has certainly experienced none. There may have been some in other sections, but not here. He also emphasizes the fact that there will be thunder storms, but it is doubtful if anyone in Nebraska heard thunder during the month. His reference to the blizzard which the people of this section have experienced may be told in his own language: "During the last three days of the month it will turn very warm for the season." Many people will much prefer to look to the goose bone for forecasts.

The attempt of the forestry department of the United States to demonstrate that the sand hill regions of Nebraska can be made to grow forests will be watched with intense interest, for if successful the future of the western portion of the state will be assured. It is certain that a large section of the state that was at one time a treeless prairie has been made to produce beautiful groves, orchards and shade trees that are improving in vigor with each season. Many of the early settlers were skeptical that trees could be grown on these prairie lands but results have demonstrated that they were mistaken and it is hoped that the government may be able to demonstrate that those who doubt the usefulness of the sand hills are likewise mistaken.

The time for tree planting is approaching, and those having a place where they can plant a few shade or fruit trees, an orchard, a grove or a forest should be planning for such work. In the opinion of a large number of people there is nothing that means more to the development of this country than the planting of trees. They are valuable in many ways, while the original cost is insignificant. A tree costing 25 or 50 cents will in a few years produce dollars' worth of fruit each year or develop into dollars' worth of lumber or fuel. After the ordinary tree is planted it is practically self-sustaining, requires but little cultivation and is a matter of pride to the owner and beauty to his premises to say nothing of its intrinsic value, which is not inconsiderable. This portion of Nebraska should produce at least twice the number of trees now growing here and the sooner people are aroused to the significance of the movement the better off they will be. Plant trees this spring as you never planted before.

Since the coal situation has been so serious, resultant from the strike and other conditions, there has been a considerable development of the lignite fields in North Dakota and miners are receiving 35 cents a ton, which brings them from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day for their labor. There is quite an outcropping of this fuel in the neighborhood of Ponca that has been depended on to some extent for fuel by the people of that locality, and it is believed that there is a deposit of coal underlying it which may be developed should the state make an appropriation for such investigations. If the result of such an appropriation would be to produce coal fields that would furnish fuel at a reasonable cost to the people of the state the amount of the appropriation would be a cheap investment, having good results. Nebraska undoubtedly has coal and oil underlying the surface and the state can well afford to aid in developing the deposits for the benefit of the people.

The legislature is, in a broad sense, experiencing what the assessors and boards of equalization are compelled to undergo each year. In the forming of the new revenue law they find that each large interest of the state is endeavoring to force the greater portion of the burden on some other interest, while the other as persistently tries to push it back. The assessors and boards of equalization experience this same thing regularly once each year. Tax payers rush before them with schemes to reduce their taxes as low or lower than their neighbors or competitors and some of them hang on like leeches until they secure what they desire, which is usually much less than they should pay. The thing for the legislature to do, as well as for assessors and boards of equalization in the future, is to have a fair schedule and stay by it. These interests contending for a rate of taxation lower than they should receive, really have but little genuine respect for those who will bend to their will, and certainly other interests and people have less for those who will be thus influenced. If the legislature, like Davy Crockett, should be very sure that it is right and then go ahead, they will gain the respect of all and there will be no chance for objectors.

Of the estimated 100,000 Chinamen in the country, San Francisco is compelled to care for about one-fifth of the number.

It is reported from New York that Corbett and Jefferies are actually to fight with their fists. They are certainly becoming very original.

March is starting in very creditably, but it will be just as well for people to defer planting their garden for a few weeks. March is a treacherous month and when it seems most fair it may have some of the most disagreeable weather brewing.

Gottlieb Niegenfind of Pierce, who imbued his hands in the blood of his wife and her father and mother, is condemned to hang on March 13, which comes on Friday. A lone preacher is interceding for him, but that combination of Friday the 13th, backed by a decree of the court, is a piece of bad luck it will be hard to beat.—Fremont Tribune.

Representative Bartholdt of Missouri is of the opinion that Americans should be exempt from complying with the maxim, "When in Rome do as the Romans do," and has presented a resolution in congress declaring that the style of dress good enough for high occasions in this country should be considered sufficient at the high functions in England or any other country. Perhaps the powers will not agree to conform to the spirit of the resolution and the only result will be to rule out the attendance of American representatives at court functions in Europe.

The New York Tribune is informed that if the gold and plutocratic democrats succeed in controlling the coming democratic national convention, Mr. Bryan will do that which he has so deeply deplored on the part of others, and lead a bolt from the convention and nominate an independent democratic ticket that will take with his followers. Some critics might think that such a plan would be highly inconsistent on the part of Mr. Bryan in view of his previous remarks on the subject, but it is not more so than many other things that have been done by him during recent campaigns.

The Delaware senatorial situation has at last cleared; two senators have been elected and "Gas" Addicks is not one of them. It is hinted, however, that it is an Addicks victory, but in view of the long fight he and his supporters have been waging, it is clear that it was not just the sort of victory desired. Congressman Ball was elected for the short term and State Senator Allee for the long term. Whatever the result may have been congratulations are due the legislature of that state for having turned down Addicks who was reputed to be willing and able to buy the coveted seat. The legislature indicated very plainly that the position was not for sale.

A large part of the movement among the farmers of this section of the state is due to the fact that renters have ceased to farm for other people, having saved sufficient money to acquire farms of their own and with this month they are taking possession and will in the future be their own bosses and work for themselves. It is one of the attributes of Nebraska soil that it is capable of making for its owner a handsome income, besides supporting the family of the renter, and giving him a margin to go toward the purchase of a farm of his own. By judicious management and saving many renters have found it possible to accomplish this result inside a few years, and what has been done before may be done again by those who will set out to do it.

While congress is wrestling with several important treaties and the state legislature with a revenue bill the lighting question is up to the Norfolk city council, and it is probable that the people here are more concerned in the latter than all the rest. It is a question that calls for action and the constituents of the council sincerely hope that it may be met and settled at the next meeting. People are sincerely tired of groping in the dark when there are two good propositions before the council and they are willing to pay what extra it may cost above the present expense of conducting the city if only they may have more light on the subject, but when the city can be lighted more effectively without adding to the expense, there should be no delay in making a new contract.

A tremor has been sent through the breasts of Bartley beneficiaries by the introduction in the legislature of a resolution calling for an investigation of what that no-ed cigar box contains. It is evident that the lid of that cigar box protects the reputations of quite a number of prominent citizens of Nebraska or it would have been raised some time ago and its contents disclosed. If it had happened that those I. O. U.'s were given by poor, insignificant chaps the lid would have been pried up a long time ago and it is very probable that the ex-treasurer would have remained in prison. That cigar box is said to contain the signatures of prominent democrats as well as prominent republicans, so the effort to hold the lid down is not chargeable wholly to one party. If the lifting of

the lid will restore a portion of the stolen funds to the state it should, in all justice, be raised.

It is up to the senate now to do something. If it doesn't complete its work by tomorrow there will be an extraordinary session, and the chances are that it will not. President Roosevelt is proving himself the right man to bring about certain results, and the senate may as well abide by his wishes. The house of representatives has been more successful in cleaning up the business coming before it, and the members will be permitted to pack their grips and go home, but the senate is to be held until some important matters are cleared away. The important condition in the situation is that the people support the president and, while the president is only one, as against a body of able men representing all sections of the country, he is unquestionably backed by his party and the majority of the people of the country, who desire action on the measures presented to the attention of the senate. The people have admired the president's course since he has been in the executive chair and hope to see him successful in bringing the senate to his way of thinking.

There has been no trial in recent years in which the people of Nebraska have been more generally interested than that of Mrs. Lillie charged with the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, the crime having been committed at David City on October 24. The state presented a remarkable array of circumstantial evidence and the defense was badly confused on many important details, so that many people who have followed the trial were strongly convinced of the guilt of Mrs. Lillie, with a desire for money as the motive. It was not thought, however, that the jury would agree, much less convict of murder in the first degree, and the result of their deliberations was a surprise. It is probable that the only thing that will prevent the carrying out of the sentence is the gallantry of the men of Nebraska, who will be opposed to having such punishment meted out to a woman, and they would prefer that she be given every chance of any doubt before such punishment be inflicted. It is probable that Mrs. Lillie's story may be the true one. It is hard to believe that a woman should murder her husband, one with whom she had lived happily according to all the testimony, for money, and it is strange that she should have been able to present a case to the murdered man's family that would enlist their sympathy if she had been guilty, and yet fail to convince the jury of her innocence. It is plain therefore, to many, that Mrs. Lillie is either innocent of the crime—or she is a fiend, something almost impossible to conceive of in a woman. If there is no chance for doubt she deserves all she received, but there may be a chance for doubt, in spite of the verdict of the jury.

If there is one thing more than another that the people living along the Elkhorn will regret, it is the reported retirement of J. R. Buchanan, general passenger agent, as the result of the changed status of the system. It has not yet been officially announced that he is retired, but this is the opinion generally expressed and there is little doubt but that will be the result. No official of the Elkhorn has ever been closer to the hearts of the people living in the territory of the Elkhorn than has General Buchanan, and though he has attained the age at which the Northwestern retires its officials, his friends are of the opinion that he is capable of giving the road better service than many younger men who might be put in his place. His "homes for the million" campaign, which resulted in the bringing of many immigrants to Nebraska, brought him name and fame among the railroad men of the country, particularly those of the west. It has ever been his theory that the best way to bring business to a road is to look well to the development of the territory it traverses by getting outsiders interested in the country, and it has been a winning method. He has never been appealed to in vain for his influence and support toward the development of the country through which the road passes, and for the advancement of the state at large. He was enthusiastic in his efforts and his work was conducted in a manner to win him the fast friendship of all with whom he came in contact. It will therefore be cause for regret to thousands that Mr. Buchanan is to be known no more in his official capacity.

Landlord Shoots Tenant. Des Moines, March 2.—Frank Cunningham, white, shot and fatally wounded Andrew Johnson, colored, yesterday. They had quarreled over repairs to a house owned by Cunningham and occupied by Johnson.

Lavelleur Jury Disagrees. Newton, Ia., March 2.—The jury in the Lavelleur murder trial was discharged after being out twenty-six hours and failing to agree on a verdict. Four of the jurors only favored conviction of the woman.

First Train Leaves Port Arthur. St. Petersburg, March 2.—The first express train by the Eastern China and Trans-Siberian railroad left Port Arthur on Friday for Lake Baikal.

PROVERBS

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Fatal Freight Wreck. Buffalo, March 2.—A serious freight wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania road near Elma yesterday. Three men were injured and one of them will probably die. Two freights, both running north, were in the collision. The first train stopped in the yard to do some switching. The second, which was not scheduled to stop at Elma, crashed into the rear of the standing train. An unknown man, who apparently was stealing a ride, was fatally injured. James Seagraves, conductor, and Robert Chadwick, engineer, were badly hurt.

Hotel Guests Given a Scare. Chicago, March 2.—Occupants of the Great Eastern and Queen hotels, at Wabash avenue and Harrison street, and a hundred or more persons in the palm garden at the Auditorium Annex, were given a scare last night by a fire which destroyed the six-story building at 350-352 Wabash avenue, which extended back nearly to the Auditorium Annex. The property loss is estimated at \$150,000. For a time the fire threatened to spread to several hotels and lodging houses, many occupants of which carried their belongings into the street.

Collision on Union Pacific. Omaha, March 2.—Two passenger trains on the Union Pacific railway, No. 1, westbound, the "flyer," and No. 4, eastbound, met head-on at Megatch, fifty miles east of Sidney, Neb., at an early hour yesterday. No. 4 had orders to meet No. 1 there and to take the siding, but the airbrakes failed to work and the eastbound train crashed into the flyer. Three engines were badly damaged, but as far as can be learned no one was injured. Traffic was not delayed to any great extent.

Wreck Victims Recover. Knoxville, March 2.—Only eight victims of the Southern railroad's wreck of Saturday at Lenoir City now remain at the city hospital, six having been discharged. Of the eight all will recover except Mrs. Sarah E. Morrison, an aged woman of Rogersville, Tenn.

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