

The Norfolk News

The corn crop may not be assured, but there is a great plenty of moisture for the time being.

Nebraska real estate has indicated a decided inclination to move this spring and the records of transfers are swelling "wisibly."

Floods and rumors of floods are the order of the day. The town that has not had a flood or a scare is hardly up to the requirements of the moment.

The M. & O. is to be commended for putting in that extra side track, which was undoubtedly a big factor in preventing Norfolk from being flooded.

Mr. Bryan is wasting a good deal of valuable time and causing unnecessary wear on his voice if Mr. Cleveland is out of politics for good, as he is quoted to have said.

Mr. Bryan is easily asserting his title to be looked upon as one of the present leaders in democracy, and those who would crush him have some strenuous work ahead of them.

With the issuing of calls for conventions, it may be said that the Norfolk municipal political pot is fairly boiling, though there appears to be no great scramble for offices, particularly that of mayor.

A Wisconsin man will turn his farm of 1,000 acres into a frog farm, expecting to supply the cities with 100,000 dozen frog legs the first year. He expects it to pay better than the raising of wheat or corn or hogs.

Now is about the time some of those birds would be coming north that the women have been wearing on their hats for several seasons past. As it is, some of them will not appear until the Easter millinery is introduced.

Norfolk has water on the brain today. From the time the alarm sounded early this morning until late this afternoon there was nothing talked about and little else thought of except water, water, water.

In the new congress there is not a single, solitary populist. By their votes last fall the people of Nebraska made it impossible for the worst frayed portion of the fusion combination to be represented. Other states had retired the representatives of that party for some time.

The bill calculated to make a greater Omaha by merging Omaha and Douglas county was killed in the state senate by indefinite postponement, this week. It was no doubt considered that two separate political machines was bad enough there, without creating one of largely increased strength.

The Lincoln ministers have entered objections to the presentation of a play exploiting the doings of the late Outlaw Tracey. They no doubt consider that there are enough incidents of that character in real life in and about Lincoln to answer all requirements or desires, without resorting to mimic productions.

A New Jersey Baptist preacher will endeavor to demonstrate on Sunday that St. Patrick was a Baptist and not a Roman Catholic. If he should prove his case there will undoubtedly be a large increase in the number in that locality wearing the green next Tuesday, as the Catholics are not likely to relinquish all right and title to the saint on the say-so of one preacher.

During the year just closed the value of precious metals produced in the Black Hills country was \$8,363,892, an increase of almost \$1,000,000 over the product of the preceding year. When the mineral wealth was first disclosed years ago it was considered that in a few years the wealth of the district would be gathered in, but the evidence is that there is yet a lot of it in "The Hills."

For fear that there may be misapprehension regarding the strength of the American navy Uncle Sam proposes to exhibit his ships in European water in May. If, after this exhibit, some power across the pond may desire to test the stuff of which the navy is constructed and that of the man behind the gun, it may be accommodated. They should have a care that they do not underestimate the quality of both, if a fight is really contemplated.

Michigan democrats have placed in the field a candidate for judge of the supreme court and for regents of the state university. Mr. Bryan was there to urge them on in the work and to tell them what a traitor Grover Cleveland is, but this does not insure the success of the ticket named and when the republicans get through with it, it is likely to bear a resemblance to the last national democratic ticket headed by the name of Mr. Bryan, himself.

A Russian millionaire, worth \$100,000,000, has just died at the age of 85 years. His custom was to arise at 5 o'clock in the morning and begin work at 6, eating nothing until noon and then but an egg. His next meal was eaten at 10 o'clock at night. There are

millions of people, worth less money, and who die with less years to their credit, who undoubtedly get more out of life than did this man. There is such a thing as knowing how to make money and nothing whatever of life and enjoyment.

Attorneys for railway corporations are notorious for picking out the fine points in a suit and making the most of them, but it has fallen to the lot of a Lincoln attorney to maintain a distinction and a discrimination in the matter of whether "railway" or "railroad" should be the title employed. The Lincoln man holds that there is no such corporation as the Union Pacific Railway company in Nebraska. He may be able to defeat a case on this point. Stranger things have been noted in court annals.

The railroads of the country have provided for improvements this year that will require an expenditure of \$300,000,000, which is a very good indication that some of the financiers believe there will be a continuance of present prosperous conditions. It is taken from late reports that during the past three years the carrying capacity of the roads have been doubled and in some cases trebled and yet they are unable to meet promptly the demands of traffic, which are constantly increasing.

The democrats enter the new congress in a worse condition than they have been for years in regard to leaders. Senators Vest and Jones of Arkansas have retired and the only compensation for their loss is the returning of Senator Gorman from Maryland and Mr. Teller from Colorado. The former was in prominence during Cleveland's term and the latter's principal achievement was in breaking away from the republican party in time to ride into congress on the free silver wave. It is probably his last term, however, as the republicans of Colorado came very close to getting his scalp last winter.

The investigation of state treasurers' records by the house committee has at least developed one important fact in connection with the Bartlett defalcation, and that is that he is wholly responsible. It has been shown that the records of the treasurers preceding him were clear, although his friends have endeavored to have it understood that a large share of the shady transactions were done before he accepted the office, and that he was merely following precedent in covering up the deals of his predecessors. Hereafter Mr. Bartlett will be compelled to bear the full share of his ignominy without daring to assert that others were entitled to a portion of the blame.

It has been but a few years ago that the majority of Nebraska farmers were compelled to dispose of their grain as soon as it was harvested, and threshed in order to meet pressing monetary obligations. A late report from Washington indicates that quite a different condition now exists and that Nebraska is right up at the top in the amount of grain being held. This report shows of last year's crop still in the possession of Nebraska farmers there is 84 per cent of wheat, 51 per cent of corn and 40 per cent of oats. The farmers of few states, even in the east exceed or equal this showing. It is a prosperity item of much weight, and indicates that the farmers of this state are able to hold their crops for good prices.

The attempted suicide of Bartlett Sinclair, treasurer of Rizal province in the Philippines, when informed that the government intended to prosecute him for neglecting his office and permitting the peculation of funds of the government, indicates that there is no opening in the islands under the control of Uncle Sam for those who would attempt to fleece the government or the people. The laws of the country are in full force and effect in the distant archipelago and those who would feather their nests at the expense of the people will be held to a strict accounting by the government officials. It is not surprising that the people of the Philippines should recognize a radical change in the procedure of the United States as compared with that of their Spanish predecessors by whom crime and robbery was evidently favored.

The developments in the Norfolk suicide case are convincing argument that the law adopted by the legislature during the session of 1901, regarding the disposition of unclaimed bodies held by coroners and undertakers, is defective in several particulars, principal of which is in regard to the time permitted for holding such bodies for identification. The law says that they must not be held longer than 48 hours, and that the state superintendent of public instruction must be immediately notified when a stranger is killed or dies. It looks as though the law had been dictated by those interested in the medical schools and colleges of the state and in their feverish haste to secure subjects for demonstrations it was not intended that time should be permitted for the claiming of bodies by relatives and friends, which would mean the loss to the schools of subjects on which to work. This is one of perhaps few cases where a great injustice has been worked to relatives and friends. There are others beyond a doubt. The undertakers and

county officers are not subject to blame. They could only carry out the provisions of the law. It is the law that is defective, and it should be changed at the earliest possible moment. It may be a good law where the relatives and friends are known and can be notified but do not claim a body, but in cases such as this where a man has wandered among strangers to die, his whereabouts being unknown to family or friends, a grave injustice is worked by turning the body over to a medical college for dissection before the relatives have had full opportunity, through advertising, and other means, of locating the deceased member of their family, and the law should also provide that advertising should be resorted to by the officers and plenty of time allowed for answers to such advertisement before a body is given into possession of a medical college. The legislature should change the law at this session.

Readers of the Lincoln State Journal have undoubtedly formed the opinion that Gottlieb Niengenfind was really a much abused hero. The reporter doing the hanging assignment has certainly endeavored to place a sort of halo about his head and make it appear that his divorced wife and his father-in-law were the people who deserved punishment and received it. The idea that prompted the sentiment may be considered meritorious by some, but even at this late date those near the scene of the crime can but believe that the punishment was richly deserved. The reporter has listened to Niengenfind, constituted himself judge and jury and practically reversed the opinion of those who heard both sides of the case. In view of the fact that the murderer was to die it might have been justifiable to shade his crime slightly, but he should never have received the encomium bestowed upon him by the Journal artist, who, had he been at the scene of the crime, would undoubtedly, with thousands of others, have been for giving the man his punishment then and there had he been obtainable. If anyone ever deserved capital punishment Niengenfind was certainly in the front ranks of the class. In cold blood he shot down his wife, his father-in-law, attempted an outrage on his wife's sister and would probably have killed his innocent child had it been in his way. His crime was deliberately premeditated and cruelly executed. He took two innocent lives and his guilty life was the legitimate forfeit. The court and the jury were better qualified to judge the case than the sentimentalists of Lincoln and there have been none in this section of the state to criticize the court's decree. When it comes to making an unholy show of the murderer's body as was done by the Lincoln undertaker the people here are ready to join in the unanimous protest. With his hanging Niengenfind's crime was expiated, his victims avenged by the law and his body should not have been publicly displayed to the morbidly curious of the capital city. Gingery & Troyer, the undertakers, who believed they were working a shrewd advertising scheme should learn that the contrary was the effect and lose the business of decent Lincoln people. The should be driven from the city and from the state. Men who will resort to such a scheme for advertising are too hardened even for undertakers, and no person should hereafter entrust them with the body of a relative or friend, because they exhibited an utter lack of decency in this matter, and would certainly not be averse to abusing all the etiquette of a funeral for the purpose of gain, or the morbid enjoyments of their friends and acquaintances. They have exceeded the limit. They defied the police and only the interference of Governor Mickey availed to stop the ghastly show. The members of the firm exhibited a brutality more repulsive than that of the murderer, himself, a depravity that would put ghouls to the blush, and they deserve nothing but the severest punishment that an outraged public can bestow.

Patronize Home Industries. The Madison Star-Mail has become somewhat weary in speaking of what residents owe to the business men of the town, in a general manner, and hands this somewhat pointed comment to one who could afford to do the right thing by home industries, but was detected in the act of carting a box home from the express office that contained supplies that Madison merchants should have had a profit on:

The attitude of this paper toward the catalogue houses is too well known for the editor at this time to make any apology for what we are about to say. To be frank, we were pained on last Monday to see Frank Neidig, a gentleman who has worked his way up from a country postoffice to one of the most thriving little cities in northeast Nebraska, boldly walking down Pearl street with a box 12 inches wide and about 24 inches in length filled with hardware and in flashing letters printed in red ink the name of a Chicago catalogue house. Mr. Neidig owns a large farm which is just outside the corporation limits, and the fact that Madison is a good town and growing better each year has greatly enhanced the value of his property. Mr. Neidig is a good citizen and neighbor and we trust he will see the error of his way, as there is no question in our mind that a man is blind to his own interests who will deliberately dispose of the products of his farm here and send his money to a foreign market for what tools and other articles he is compelled to have in order to get his crop in shape to harvest.

The optimist can afford to view with satisfaction the fact that he still has some hard coal on hand and an overcoat that is not "in soak."

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's day, when the natives of the Emerald Isle and their friends will be "wearin' o' the green" in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

Now that the country has experienced a genuine spring thunder storm it is up to the frogs to tune up and spring to be ushered in with all assurance that it will remain.

In view of the ignominious end of Gottlieb Niengenfind it is considered that it will be a long time before this section of the country develops another murderer as brutal as he.

A Texas man who has just welcomed to his home his 21st child is rather of the opinion that President Roosevelt was in error when he expressed the fear that the race might some day run out.

The people are now at the dividing point of the season. The coal man is preparing to turn them over to the tender mercies of the ice man. It is cause for congratulation that their seasons are not identical and cannot be.

Certain articles of every day use with higher sounding names are frequently manufactured from quite simple products. One of these is olive oil soap in the manufacture of which 107,000 tons of American peanuts were used at Marsailles last year.

An anagram fiend recently pried the name of William J. Bryan and found when he picked it up it read "Brainy Jaw Mill." It is not entirely uncomplimentary, with the word "brainy" as a leader. The trouble with most jaw mills is that they are not brainy.

Dr. Parkhurst, the great reformer, has no children. Most reformers, whether they have children or not, are mostly interested in what might happen to the children of other people, and some of the most effective among them have children that need reforming the worst kind.

The Stanton Picket puts to a new use a familiar command when it says: "Stand up for Nebraska and rebuild the Norfolk asylum." The northern part of the state is no small portion of Nebraska and all the people in it sincerely desire that the Norfolk state institution be rehabilitated.

The trust magnates who are dissatisfied with the attitude of the late congress on the trust question find ready sympathy from the democratic side of the fence, the objection being largely because the republicans were responsible for the law and thus knocked another prop from under the democratic platform.

Last month 250,000,000 bushels of wheat were harvested in India and the harvester and threshing machines are at present gathering in the golden grain in upper Egypt. This, while the American farmer is getting ready to sow his crop, indicates that it is pretty much an all year job to keep the people of the world supplied, with the bread that they consume.

President Roosevelt expects to make a trip through the west and will start about the first of April. His itinerary as planned contemplates a stop at Yankton, S. D., which is the nearest point to Norfolk mentioned. Mr. Roosevelt is particularly liked by the people of the west and they will undertake to see that his trip through this section of the country is a continued ovation.

Some exchanges are impressed with the belief that the prices of farm products will never again fall as low as they were a few years ago. However, those interested in good returns for farm work will probably not care to risk the return of Grover and the democrats to power as they were very successful in proving that phenomenal results in regard to prices could be attained under a democratic administration.

It is now intimated that if the senate ratifies the Cuban treaty in such a manner as to require the concurrence of the house, that body will likewise be summoned in extraordinary session. This may be a hint to congressmen to use their influence toward having the senate do the right thing by the treaty, at any rate it indicates the intention of the president to have something done with the treaty without awaiting for the session of congress to convene next winter.

Those Nebraskans who have been prominent in opposing legislation that would favor the infant beet sugar industry are now attempting to believe that the sugar refining trust has acquired an interest in the beet industry. If the trust should make this sort of a move it would be the most popular move it had ever attempted as thereby it would become identified with an industry that is strictly American and would be in duty bound to develop it and make the sugar of the country one of its leading products.

The Norfolk dike is a small affair

compared with the levees along the Mississippi, and yet the people here realized in a slight degree the agitation caused there when the embankments are threatened by flood, only there it means the loss of lives, drowning of stock and the destruction of millions of property, while here the worst that could happen would be the flooding of cellars and basements and the washing out of a few grades. It is as near the condition, however, as the people of Norfolk care to come.

This is the season when a town is not in for much notice unless it has a municipal campaign open, with more or less excitement attached. As usual the saloon and anti-saloon question forms the basis for the majority of the contests, with a liberal sprinkling of municipal ownership thrown in. From the number of years these questions have held the center of the stage and their continued evidence of vitality it is very evident that they will never be settled and it will be a see-saw game until time shall be no more.

A Vienna surgeon announces a consumption cure in the shape of a serum. He is the doctor who discovered the diphtheria serum and he has long been experimenting to obtain the results he claims to have produced with reference to consumption. Modern people have no greater need than a cure or preventive of this dread disease which is working greater devastation than any other. From Vienna come many good things in the way of medicine and surgery, but this will be the most welcome if it is demonstrated that it is effective.

The legitimate time of the legislature, when it is supposed to have accomplished the work that it had been chosen to do, is rapidly drawing to a close, and it is given out that but two weeks remain in which to execute the will of the people and adjourn. There is still a large amount of work to be done and the people would undoubtedly consent should the statesmen take a notion to spruce up a bit and do some overtime. The revenue bill has held their attention quite a spell and should be speedily disposed of and other pressing matters looked after.

One hundred and twenty-seven years ago today the British evacuated Boston and left the continentals in supreme control of that important point, holding a leading place in the war for American independence. While this was a move of the greatest importance to the budding nation it has been left for the people of Boston to keep this event before the people with their annual celebrations. The evacuation of Boston marked the beginning of the end of the war for American independence, and the people of the country owe their gratitude to Boston for keeping the event in the minds of the past and present generations of American citizens.

The people of the Isle of Pines are reported to be exceedingly anxious that their little territory should become a portion of this great country's dependencies. It is probable that if Uncle Sam should undertake a general expansion policy he would be compelled to stand guard with a club to prevent undesirable territories from sneaking in. It is a warm recommendation that after the people have once experienced the benefits accruing by allegiance to the United States they do not care to operate under any other government and do not desire independence. The southern states have been the lone exception to the rule and they are now evidently glad of the results of the civil war with the exception of the race question which they inherit by reason of it.

It appears that Mr. Bryan's visit to Mexico has been devoid of results as it is expected that within a few months that country will be working under the gold standard, giving a value of 40 to 45 cents to the silver peso and increasing it after a few years to 50 cents. The people of the southern republic are hopeful that the proposed change will materially benefit the business of the country and are glad that the gold standard seems likely of realization. Perhaps this has been the end sought by Mr. Bryan. With Mexico under the same monetary system as the United States and another free silver fight in this country the advocates of a gold standard would be compelled to look further than Mexico for 50-cent dollars to illustrate the points of their argument.

The fire alarm from South Norfolk this morning suggests that an important signal might be added to the code of fire alarms now in use in the city. The up-town firemen made the long run to the Junction this morning in the penetrating cold only to find when the scene of the fire was reached that it had been extinguished long before they could reach the objective point. They would have nothing to say had their service been needed or likely to be of use in suppressing the flames, but they did not take keen delight in the trip when they found that the fire was out soon after they left the city. If the waterworks pumping station could be notified when a fire is extinguished or under control and by a short blast, or series of short blasts convey the inform-

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attention to the firemen and other people aroused by the alarm it would save much worry and many useless runs, and the city might be spared needless expense.

The trend of events indicates that the closing days of the legislature will be strenuous, as there are many important matters to be disposed of after the revenue legislation is out of the way. When the session convened it was hoped that the representatives would expeditiously dispose of all the business calling for their attention. Now the people can but hope that the important business will be disposed of without the necessity of calling an extra session. The large part of the time of the legislature has gone into the formation of a revenue law and the time will not be regretted if a law is formed that will wear and produce desired results. It is the most important piece of work undertaken in years and if a good law is enacted the people will be more than satisfied.

Since the hanging of Gottlieb Niengenfind there are a large number of criticisms of the capital punishment law, and the most of them argue from a humanitarian standpoint, while insisting that life imprisonment is worse than hanging, anyway. It may be something of a question whether or not the law has a right to take the life of a criminal, but it may be as much of a question whether or not it has a right to take his liberty, which is interpreted as life and is certainly the best portion of a man's existence. Perhaps there is something in the argument that between life imprisonment and hanging the former is the more merciful of the two, but somehow, when it comes to the punishment of an extra brutal murderer, there is a sort of satisfaction to many that his life is taken as expeditiously as he took the lives of his victims.

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