

The Norfolk News

Plant a tree.

If you cannot plant a tree, try a rose bush.

It is not necessary for a crop report to indicate that Nebraska radishes are not yet ripe.

Nebraska weather is sometimes "perfectly horrid," but when it is nice it is "awfully nice."

Wednesday is Arbor day and it will be up to the people to observe the occasion by planting a tree or several trees.

The trees that have been well started are budding rapidly, which is a certain indication that it is the right time to place in the ground those you intend to plant.

If there is a question as to whether you will have time to plant a tree on Arbor day or not, make sure of the tree anyway by planting one early in the week and another later.

This is what gives that gardening fever, providing the regular old-fashioned spring, fever or the fishing fever does not operate to nullify the feeling that goes through the blood and bones.

It is really very popular in Norfolk this spring to make some sort of improvement to city property and there are indeed very few who are not on the popular side.

It is not necessary to confine your planting of trees to Arbor day. It is a good day to encourage the sentiment, but trees may be planted any and every day during the proper season.

Tomorrow is the day that the people of Nebraska plant trees and the more they plant the more successful will the celebration of Arbor day become, especially in the future years and for future generations.

A Boston court having decided that a spectator has the same right to hiss a play as he has to applaud, those who attend may in the future be free to express their approval or disapproval as the production seems to merit according to their opinion.

There is movement in Norfolk this spring, and where there is movement it indicates that something is doing. There is assuredly something doing in Norfolk and the city promises a great advancement during this year and the years that are to follow.

Spain is encouraging the cultivation of the sugar beet to make up for the loss of Cuba as a sugar producing dependency. The new world has acquired Cuba, but to make her position certain in the sugar market is likewise encouraging the cultivation of the sugar beet.

When time hangs heavily on your hands and you do not know what else to do, take the broom and the spade and the hoe and clean up about the place. It will give you an appetite for dinner, and the appearance of the place will be full compensation for the efforts you have put forth.

The Norfolk property owner who has not under way or planned some sort of improvement to his premises for the summer is a rare citizen and hard to find. All the improvements will not be on the same scale in order of importance, but they will be improvements and will add to the value of the property.

The disastrous fire that swept the business portion of Brownville last night, will be argument for adequate fire protection in other towns of its size and standing. No town that is worth building but is worth being protected from fire as completely as possible, and even with the best protection they sometimes are destroyed.

At the rate improvements have started in Norfolk during the past few pleasant days it is apparent that the amount of work to be done along that line during this year will meet and exceed all expectations. New buildings, improvements, and rumors of new buildings and improvements are strictly the order of the day.

The report comes from Ohio to the effect that said state is for Roosevelt. Such a condition has been surmised by the people in general and now that one of the political leaders has announced such to be the case the people will be quite safe in entertaining the belief that it is so. Some such assurance from Maine and Iowa is now awaited with some impatience.

The Harrington woman who made a bride "for President Roosevelt" must have been reading the trust opinion of the president, otherwise she would have made it for the president's horse. As far as the people are concerned, they do not want the president bridled, even by a woman, though she may be one of those fair representatives of her sex for which Nebraska is famous.

This is a good year for everyone in the city to do some standing up for Norfolk. You may travel many weary miles and not be able to locate a better

town in all respects than is our own Norfolk and you should not find fault with it on the mere presumption that there are better towns. Those who have had the widest experience with other towns are the last to grumble.

It might not be ideal nor enjoyable but it would be quite an experience to live under a national, state and city government with which the Omaha Bee and other constantly critical papers could find no fault. Some papers make it a hobby to criticize and seldom commend, and the Bee is one of them. It is doubtful, however, if their influence is equal to those that find almost as much to commend as they do to criticize.

The brewers of Ohio have taken the novel position of assisting the temperance people at enforcing the Sunday closing laws. It is a wise move. If the brewers will assist the temperance people in some of their endeavors there will certainly be no fight between them, and if all brewers and saloon men will conform to the law there will be no chance for complaint neither will one saloon man or the saloon men of one city have an advantage over others.

A plan is now on foot to build a national macadam pike from New York to San Francisco, so that some of the bicyclists and chauffeurs may be able to take a spin across the continent before breakfast if they are swift enough and desire the experience. With a national pike and the isthmian canal, the transcontinental railroads will have a sort of competition that may not be entirely disastrous, but still competition, especially if the faddists take a notion to driving or "mobiling" across the country.

An attorney for the Northern Security company, probably in the interest of the stock of the company, gave it out that Attorney General Knox had expressed himself as willing to have the decree of the court modified temporarily or suspended. To offset this it is given out from the attorney general's office that he will not give an inch. The decree will be sustained and the case prosecuted. It is now up to the company's attorneys to concoct some new stories in the interests of the company's stock. It is evident that Uncle Sam is not joking.

Some Nebraskans have brought with them from the east or have had handed down to them that foolish notion that it is necessary to travel many miles for a change of climate, when the climate here changes hardly less frequently than once a week. There is to much change to suit a great many; but those in the east who think that their health requires a frequent change of climate, can do no better than to try the changes furnished in Nebraska. Those who have lived here for any length of time find the Nebraska climatic program conducive to health and others are advised to try it. The cost of living here is much less than to travel all over the country in search of variety.

With the launching of the new armored cruiser, West Virginia, at Newport News Saturday, the United States navy has been effectively strengthened and is rapidly assuming proportions that will demand and receive the respect of the world. This launching of new cruisers, battleships, gun boats and other war engines has been quite a constant feature in naval circles for several years and is to continue some time longer. When Dewey and Sampson and Schley were having trouble with a foreign navy they demonstrated quite effectively that they were in command of a power, but with the improvements since then the efficiency of the navy has been greatly increased, and another such war would demonstrate, beyond a doubt, that the American navy could cope with any of them. It might not be safe for Dewey to say this, but a newspaper is not so circumscribed.

Norfolk is approaching a high ideal as a city of homes and this summer is to add very much to its standing in that particular. As a railroad center it will always be the home of men employed at railroad work and its schools and churches and other advantages it is able to draw by reason of its size and location all combine to make it a desirable place in which to live and the many who own or are building their own homes is evidence that they are satisfied and intend to remain. City property has advanced in value during the past few years but it is certain to advance much more during the years that are to follow so that the shrewd investor will not long delay in acquiring desirable property. When the boom was on much of the property was held at an unreasonable figure, but it is now worth all that is asked and will be worth much more within a few years.

In another week Arbor day will be here and it will be up to the people to plant a tree or two, or a hundred, even though they observe the holiday in no other manner. This was the primary object of J. Sterling Morton when the holiday was established, to promote tree culture in Nebraska, and the day has had an excellent effect in this direction. The holiday falls on the birthday of the late Mr. Morton, and as this is the first Arbor day following his death it is desirable that the day should be better

and more enthusiastically observed in memory of the founder than ever before. The planting of trees is wholly desirable for the people and the country and it was an entirely unselfish and patriotic sentiment that influenced Mr. Morton to favor such a holiday. It now rests with the people to determine the benefits of its observance. Every property owner, whether he owns a lot or a farm can afford to devote ground to tree culture and encourage the planting of trees by others.

J. Sterling Morton, the father of Arbor day, died on April 27, of last year—a few days following the holiday he founded, and tomorrow will therefore be the first Arbor day following his death. For this reason the day should be better and more generally observed than heretofore. Mr. Morton was enthusiastic for the planting of trees on Nebraska's prairies, knowing that trees would benefit the state and be a source of joy to the people of this and succeeding generations. His plan has been largely successful and through his efforts, and those of his friends and supporters, Nebraska now has thousands of trees where before there was nothing but blank stretches of prairie, and the work is only fairly begun. There is room for millions of trees and the sooner they are planted the sooner will the people realize the benefits to be derived from their growth. In future years they will produce shade and fuel, conserve the moisture and be of inestimable benefit in other ways. Plant trees.

The Union Pacific railroad company has recently invested in ten water softening plants the sum of \$200,000 for the benefit of their locomotive tubes. At Columbus analysis has shown that there are twenty grains of solids in every gallon of water, and the machines put in are expected to make the water 95 to 98 per cent chemically pure. This is designed to save the company large sums of money in extending the life and usefulness of the boiler tubes that are made of iron. There is an example in this for people who will insist on pouring this same water into their systems without purification. If it will get away with boiler tubes why should people continue to expect that the delicate tissues of their bodies can stand more than the metal of the locomotives, and yet many of them take no precaution, but run this lime and alkali through their system without a thought of the damage it may do to their internal machinery. If the railroad company finds it profitable to purify water for its boilers it should certainly be of benefit for the people to purify for their systems or eschew water altogether.

The School News, published by the county, and edited by Superintendent Crum, has been devoting considerable space during the past few months in encouragement of the observance of Arbor day, the planting of trees and beautifying the school grounds of the county. In the April issue, just printed, is given a school ground plot, with a suggestion for the grouping of trees, that would add much to the appearance of country schools, especially, those that are now barren of nature's ornamentation. The school yard should be as beautiful as that of the home, because it is there that the children spend a large share of their time. The superintendent argues, and rightly, that every tree planted adds value to every acre of land in the neighborhood. "Cut down the trees in Madison county that have been planted during the last thirty years," says the article, "and you will reduce the value of every acre of land \$10. This would be true of every farm whether it has trees or not. The beneficent influence of the tree is like the rain which falls upon 'the just and the unjust,' for it benefits the shiftless, the thoughtless and the sloven as well as him who plants."

An article that is being received with favor by a number of fusion papers and which is said to have originally appeared in the Loup City Times-Independent, is rather critical of Governor Mickey because he is a friend of the new revenue law and has expressed the opinion that "the law will be the means of bringing the total assessed valuation of the state up from one hundred and eighty millions to five hundred million dollars." "Who," asks the brilliant political light, "is to pay this additional three hundred and twenty million dollars? You who have been unable to pay your taxes before, will you do now? The editor was foolish in quitting so soon on the brilliant line of thought. He should have taken a pencil and a piece of paper and figured out for the already burdened people that, with a population of little more than a million, to pay three hundred and twenty millions would cost something like \$300 per capita, and as a voter, on the average, stands for about five of population, the cost would be five times \$300, or about \$1,500 "to pay this additional three hundred and twenty million dollars." This would take a lot more than many of the tax payers own and would virtually mean a confiscation of property by the state government. He would have made a good thing of it in this way and had all his subscribers shivering in their boots, and might have provoked an exodus to some other country where the government does not demand in taxes all a man owns.

If Nebraska should plant too many trees it will not be found difficult or unprofitable to remove some of them, so do not be afraid of overdoing the business.

President Roosevelt's trip through the west has evidently served to start Mr. Bryan on the war path and he has been given such an impetus that he has not found it necessary to stop even during the president's retirement in the national park.

The southern portion of the state is already sending in a kick for rain that will relieve the crusted condition of the top soil. In this section the farmers are pleased to think that the soil has at last become sufficiently dry to enable them to plow and plant their crops.

Now that the report has been sent out for some time that the fruit buds were killed by the recent cold snap the people are prepared to see the buds blossom forth and produce an excellent crop of fruit. This is the usual report after such reports have been given thorough circulation.

Nebraska crops are far enough advanced to warrant the Nebraska section of the department of agriculture to commence the issuing of its weekly statement of crop conditions, and it may be expected that this service will keep the people informed as to how Nebraska crops are booming from this time on until the end of the season. A propitious start for a big harvest has been made in most sections and the time is rapidly approaching when that well known growing noise will again be heard.

It is quite evident that Ex-Congressman Mercer is taking a hand in the contest for mayor of Omaha which is on this spring. It is apparent that Mayor Moores is to have considerable opposition for re-election and no one seems to have the same reason for desiring his defeat that Mr. Mercer has, because Mr. Moores is being supported by Mr. Rosewater. It is probable that the result of the three-cornered fight will be the election of a democratic mayor, but that is the same sort of medicine administered during the congressional campaign last fall, and if Mercer can return the compliment he will probably feel that his time and efforts have not been altogether wasted.

The grain rate granted from Omaha to the gulf by the railroads should be advantageous to all the farmers tributary to that city by permitting the dealers to offer higher prices for their grain and permit the shippers of the Nebraska metropolis to meet the competition of the Kansas City and other southern shippers. It also permits the gulf shipping ports to compete for the grain of Nebraska with the Chicago buyers and those of other eastern markets. The people of Nebraska are interested largely in the concession by reason of the fact that it opens up new markets with a consequent competition that may have a bearing on the price. The new rate will be in effect until about the middle of May.

A large number of Nebraska towns are feeling pretty good this spring and are putting forth new evidences of life and activity, but Norfolk will not take the back seat for any of them in the matter of improvement and growth. Norfolk is rapidly emerging from anything that might be termed a village condition and is blossoming rapidly and emphatically into a city, with all that the name implies. Norfolk is ambitious to be the third city in the state, and there is no positive assurance that her dreams will not be realized, and that before many years have passed. A doubling of population will bring that result, as there is now no city ambitious to be the third in rank having more than 8,000 and many of them have attained all the development that their location and environment would seem to warrant, while Norfolk has scarcely begun to develop into the position and standing that her advantages would seem to favor.

NO LIQUOR ON CEDED LAND.

Judge Holds Treaty Binding in Spite of Failure to Fix Penalties. Sioux Falls, S. D., April 22.—The question as to the legality of selling liquor at Wagner and at other towns situated on the ceded portion of the Yankton Indian reservation in Charles Mix county was effectually settled in the United States court here. The treaty with the Indians provided that no liquor was to be sold on any portion of the ceded land. This treaty was ratified in congress and because the ratification did not fix penalties for those guilty of selling liquor on the ceded lands, attorneys have maintained that liquor could be sold without fear of punishment. In a test case Fred Stanley of Wagner, indicted for this offense, pleaded guilty and Judge Carland sentenced him to a term of six months' imprisonment and fined him \$100, thus deciding in effect that the provisions of the treaty with the Indians prohibiting the sale of liquor on ceded lands were legal and binding.

Keefe Gives Himself Up. Rawlins, Wyo., April 22.—Frank Keefe, the business man who shot Policeman Baxter and Lieutenant King and escaped to the hills, returned to town and surrendered to the officers.

COSTLY FIRE AT LA CROSSE

Loss Will Reach Three Quarters of a Million.

BUSINESS BLOCKS IN RUINS.

Park Department Store, Trade Palace, Gile Block and Two Other Brick Structures Destroyed—Many Have Narrow Escape From Falling Walls.

LaCrosse, Wis., April 22.—Fire which broke out in the Park store, the largest department store in LaCrosse, destroyed that building and damaged several other large stores. The loss is estimated at \$750,000, 65 per cent covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. A special train from Winona, Minn., brought two fire companies to the assistance of the local firemen. The walls of the Park store fell outward and a crowd of on-lookers narrowly escaped death or injury.

At 2 o'clock this morning the fire was under control. It resulted in the destruction of the Gile block, the Trade Palace, Farland's millinery store and two other brick structures.

Burlington Bridge Burns.

Winona, Minn., April 22.—The large bridge of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road over the Black river at Trempealeau, Wis., a few miles below Winona, burned last night, causing a loss of about \$100,000, and suspending all traffic on the Burlington south of here. The bridge was about 250 feet long. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks dropped by a passing engine.

Cleveland Has \$150,000 Blaze.

Cleveland, April 22.—The storehouse of the Grief Brothers' Barrel Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is placed at \$150,000, with insurance sufficient to cover that sum.

Jimenez Sails for Turk's Island.

New York, April 22.—General Juan Isidro Jimenez, ex-president of Santo Domingo, who has been living here, left New York secretly last Wednesday. Accompanied by his wife, the general took passage on the Clyde line steamer New York for Turk's Island. General Jimenez was deposed from the presidency of Santo Domingo by General Horacio Vasquez, the present incumbent, against whom there is a rebellion in progress. Since his overthrow General Jimenez has been ambitious to regain his lost office and his trip to Turk's island is to be near the scene of trouble should the unexpected happen.

Excitement at Peking.

Victoria, April 22.—The steamer Shinano Maru, from the Orient, brought news of excitement at Peking about the revival of the Boxer trouble in the adjoining districts. The legation premises are now being policed by armed patrols in the night time. News was brought some time ago of Russian expeditions visiting Tibet and of opposition on the part of the natives. News was received by the Shinano that a party of Russians was told to turn back at Chamdo, and on refusing the party was attacked and several killed and twenty-one wounded.

House of Commons Reassembles.

London, April 22.—The house of commons reassembled with a small attendance. Premier Balfour said no arrangement had yet been completed for the co-operation of British financiers in the construction of the Bagdad railroad. Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne informed a questioner that as negotiations were still proceeding at Washington regarding the precise form of the reference of the matters in dispute between Venezuela and the powers to The Hague tribunal the government could not make any statement on the subject.

Charcot Changes Polar Plans.

Paris, April 22.—Dr. Jean Charcot, on the advice and suggestion of the committee of patronage on his polar expedition, has decided to change the objective of his efforts. Instead of exploring the Arctic region, he intends to go to the Antarctic. This change in the plans will delay the departure of the expedition by a few weeks only. Dr. Charcot will go first to Terra del Fuego and thence to Alexander land, from whence he will endeavor to penetrate as far as possible into the south polar region.

Municipal League to Meet.

Detroit, April 22.—From seventy-five to a hundred prominent workers for municipal reform are expected to arrive here today from all over the United States to attend the ninth annual meeting of the National Municipal league, which will convene this afternoon for a three days' session. The election of officers is scheduled for the first session, but it is taken as a matter of course that James C. Carter of New York, who has been president of the league from its birth, will be re-elected.

Elections in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 22.—Elections were held in many cities and towns of South Dakota. Where party lines were drawn the Republicans generally were successful. Bonds aggregating \$150,000 were voted for the construction of new school houses, waterwork systems and other purposes.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.—Emerson.

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OBJECT TO LIBEL BILL.

Former Postmaster General Smith Denounces the Measure.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 22.—Every important newspaper in Pennsylvania was represented at the hearing on the Grady-Salus libel bill by Governor Pennypacker in the hall of the house of representatives. Attorney General Carson sat with the governor throughout the hearing, but neither indicated what would be the governor's action on the measure.

The opening speech was made by Charles Emory Smith of the Philadelphia Press. At the beginning of Mr. Smith's address Governor Pennypacker took exception to his use of the word "insolently" and suggested that it would be well to omit strong adjectives.

Mr. Smith accepted the suggestion, saying at the same time that he spoke strongly because he felt strongly. He denounced the measure as unjust and urged Governor Pennypacker to veto the bill.

Find Bodies of Murdered Couple.

Gillette, Wyo., April 21.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Church, the ranchman and wife whose murder W. C. Clifton, now in jail at Newcastle, has confessed, were found two and one-half miles from their ranch, buried three feet deep. The searching party had been directed to the spot by Clifton in his confession. Threats of lynching Clifton are made.

Miners Ordered Back to Work.

Wilkesbarre, April 22.—The executive boards of the three anthracite districts of the United Mine Workers of America, in convention here, issued instructions that all mine workers now on strike or locked out return to work immediately, pending an adjustment of all differences by the board of conciliation provided for by the anthracite coal strike commission.

Salem Has a Prejudice.

Salem, Neb., April 22.—George Brown, a negro now living at Falls City, Neb., came to Salem, rented a house and signified his intention of moving his family here immediately. After a meeting of citizens was held he was compelled to leave. There has never been in the history of Salem a negro inhabitant in the town.

Olin Castle Weds Again.

Eldorado, Kan., April 22.—Word has just reached here announcing the marriage of G. Olin Castle to Miss Lillian Detalente at Long Beach, Cal. Olin Castle was the husband of Clara Wiley Castle, who was killed at her home here by Jessie Morrison, her rival for the hand of young Castle, nearly three years ago.

Senator Mallory Given Another Term.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 22.—Stephen H. Mallory was elected for another term in the United States senate by the two houses of the legislature in separate session, receiving all the votes in the senate and sixty-four in the house, to one cast for J. M. Toombs.

Poorly?

"For two years I suffered terribly from dyspepsia, with great depression, and was always feeling poorly. I then tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and in one week I was a new man."—John McDowd, Philadelphia, Pa.

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