

The Norfolk News

Stand up and be counted.
It's all over but the healing process.
 It was a glorious Fourth—all but the conditions of the roads and the weather.
 How would it be to use part of that irrigation appropriation in laying drainage tile?
 Some day the people of Nebraska may again know what it is like to wish for rain and not get it—but not this year.
 Unless you put in two days of it you should be in very fair condition to resume the regular routine of duties today.
 The small boy has but two more days in which to accumulate the necessary crackers for his approved method of observing the nation's birthday.
 Don't dodge the census enumerator. It won't cost you anything to be counted, but it will be of value to the city to have you in the list with other Norfolk people.
 That "corn" weather appears to have come to stay and those who have been urging that there will be no corn in Nebraska this fall will probably be shown.
 Perhaps if it had not been for Mr. Bryan and his celebration at Fairview, celebrations of the Fourth of July would have passed into innocuous desuetude this year.
 Governor Mickey states that Murderer Rhea must hang, but indicates a willingness to listen to pleas in his behalf up to the last hour. He evidently desires to put his determination and endurance to the test.
 The "Iowa idea" was evidently not nearly as important in Iowa as out of it. It was mainly famous as a hope for the democrats that the republicans would experience a serious reaction to the advantage of their opponents.
 There is consolation to Americans in the swiftness of Emperor William's yacht, the Meteor, from the fact that it is an American built vessel. It should be able to run around other European yachts without even a mascot.
 Norfolk has not yet had a circus this year and still the town exists and prospers. It is not unusual for it to entertain as much as three or half a dozen aggregations before the season has advanced this far, but not even a pony show has billed here this year.
 Nebraska did not get the worst of the Fourth of July weather, even though it was thoroughly soaked. There was snow in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, wind and rain in Minnesota, hail in Porto Rico, heat prostrations in Illinois and Indiana, tornadoes in Pennsylvania and floods in Texas. Nebraska's thorough drenching was preferable to any of them.
 The Omaha youth and his large brother were forbidden the use of any cannon crackers, of more than three inches in length, by the mayor, and yet numerous accidents were reported to the papers. One is almost tempted to believe that a certain percentage of celebrators are doomed to hurt themselves on the Fourth, and if they are forbidden the use of cannon crackers with which to do it, they will manage to accomplish the same result with cap pistols.
 There are a number of new laws that went into effect in Nebraska with the first of the month, that people should familiarize themselves with as ignorance excuses no one. One law that may trip up a good many if enforced provides a heavy fine for "any person, firm, association or corporation in this state that shall sell, give or furnish in any way any tobacco in any form whatsoever or any cigarettes or cigarette papers to any minor under eighteen years of age."
 The legislature of South Dakota last winter considered that the people of the state were not receiving the proper quality of oil and raised the test. Now the trust has evened up matters by raising the price two cents a gallon, and shows that it is as powerful as the state in some particulars. The people might play even by burning electricity and tallow dips, but are more likely to content themselves with meeting the increased demand of the trust. Nebraska has also raised the test from 100 to 112 degrees.
 What would be of material advantage in case of war would be for the German emperor to inspect the make-up, the mettle, and the general fighting abilities of the Americans and then, if he could, rebuild his men to conform to that ideal. It will avail him nothing to inspect the American vessels and rebuild his or create new ones on the same plans. What has been largely instrumental in winning America's battles is the man behind the gun, and all nationalities have combined to form this man.
 The bible trust, which has taken steps to advance the price of the scriptures ten to fifty per cent is to have competition and the competitor of the combine

states that he is prepared to undersell the trust twenty per cent and that bibles will be sold as "cheaply as biscuits." It is to be hoped that the competition will win out. People are willing to be "soaked" for profits to some extent in other directions, but it does not look good for them to have any man or set of men scheme to make fortunes for merely printing and binding the word of God.
 "Celebrations of the Fourth of July have passed away" in Norfolk all right this year, but it has had a habit of lapsing over a few years every once in a while, long before Mr. Bryan discovered that "imperialism" was crowding celebrations to the rear. When Norfolk does celebrate, however, it celebrates right, and when it does not celebrate it either has something "just as good" happening along about that date or its neighbors stir up so much patriotism that it is difficult to squeeze a celebration in. The fishermen's tournament on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd, is the thing, this year.
 One hundred years ago a few white men settled on the shores of Lake Michigan and established a village, little more than a trading post. Today that village is known throughout the world. It stands for push and progress. It's "I will" has built it into a metropolis. That city is Chicago, and this fall during the latter part of September its inception will be celebrated with great ceremonies and pomp. The people of the east and west and of the world will join in observing an anniversary of such importance, an achievement that has astonished civilization.
 The statement of finances of the government for the fiscal year ending July 1, shows a healthful condition and a continuance of prosperity. Receipts for the year have been \$558,887,526, and expenditures \$506,176,590, leaving a surplus for the year of \$52,710,936. Compared with the preceding year a decrease of \$3,500,707 is shown in the receipts and of \$38,376,430 in expenditures. In view of this showing of sound finances and a strong, firm treasury, celebrations of the Fourth of July may be celebrated with no apologies, or fears that there will be any immediate going to pieces of the country or its institutions.

The people of Fremont, Omaha and other towns in the eastern part of the state are again agitating the Platte river power canal project, with evident assurance that such an enterprise will soon be a realization. A year or so ago they had the project nicely worked up, but encountered obstacles. Nothing daunted the enterprising fellows who see money and advancement in the scheme have again gone to work and are bound to win out if aggressiveness can win. Fremont has undertaken to raise \$7,500 for a new survey, and it will be raised, beyond a doubt. The people are interested, and when Fremont people get properly interested, something is bound to happen.
 Norfolk will have a record for improvement and progress by the end of the building season that will compare favorably with boom times of other towns, and yet Norfolk is not booming. It is taking a growth entirely supported and sustained by its location and advantages. It will have more to show in the way of growth this fall than any town of the same standing in the state, beyond a doubt. Prospects are very favorable that it will not only continue to grow until severe winter weather interferes with the work, but that it will pick up where it left off next spring and show increased development next year. City property is now as low in price as it will be in years to come, and it has shown a steady advancement during several years past.

Congressman Martin of South Dakota thinks that the prospect for the passage of the bill opening up the Rosebud reservation of 416,000 acres to settlement was never better and expects to see it pass congress this winter. He is quoted as believing that the bill would have become a law during the last session had it not been for the filibustering supporters of the bill got into during the last ten days of the session. The opening of this reservation will mean much to Norfolk and north Nebraska, as the Northwestern has built to Bonesteel on the edge of the reservation, and is undoubtedly planned to draw the business over its line through Norfolk, and thence to the east. Norfolk will undoubtedly receive a share of the business from this fertile section of country and is therefore interested in the opening of the reservation to homestead entry.
 The bureau of forestry of the national government has made a good start with its experiment of attempting to raise pine trees on the sand hills of western Nebraska and the results will be watched with intense interest on the part of the people of the state. One hundred acres in the Dismal River reserve have been planted with pine tree seeds and seedlings, and it is expected to have another hundred by fall. The reserve consists of 86,000 acres and if the tree planting proves a success, large areas will be redeemed and made to grow valuable wood products. It is the opinion of those most familiar with the sand hills that if a start can be made the entire

territory will be gradually reclaimed and put to use. The Nebraska reserve consists of 126,000 acres, and with these two territories growing pine woods the state of western Nebraska will undergo an important change.
 The World-Herald devoted some of its double width and singled editorial space on the Fourth to telling how ashamed American people should be to hear the constitution and declaration of independence read, especially where it refers to government with the consent of the governed, and the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Readers might suppose until they had read almost half-way through the article that the paper was reading the riot act to the democrats of the south who are disfranchising and abusing the negroes, but they suddenly find about that distance down the article that the editorial eye is gazing afar off and resting on the Philippines. Not a word is said about the way people's right here at home ignore that honored instrument, but all the sympathy of the writer is centered upon the poor negroes of the Philippines. The editor should exchange his binocular telescope for ordinary reading glasses.

President Roosevelt had the honor of celebrating the Fourth by sending the first telegraphic message around the world by means of the new Pacific cable connecting the United States with the Philippines. The message was sent from Oyster Bay, N. Y., to Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Pacific cable company at Oyster Bay, and completely encircled the globe, covering a distance of some 25,000 miles in twelve minutes. President Mackay's reply was returned to Mr. Roosevelt in nine and one-half minutes. A strange feature of the transmission was that it passed in its transmission from one day to another and back again into the same day. A world encircling message mixes with today, yesterday and tomorrow, indiscriminately, and must of necessity pass through noon day, midnight, sunrise and sunset. Another feature of the message was its passage over historic wires, telling of the world's history of telegraphic and electrical achievement.
 The enumerators will soon be out among the people of Norfolk asking them questions that will go toward making up the census of the city. It is important to the welfare and advancement of the town that this census be accurate and that every person, big or little be counted. Every individual has as much interest as any other, because through it the mayor and city council hope to have the city advanced to a class wherein it rightfully belongs and warrant the completion of improvements to match. The work of the enumerators can be greatly lessened if the people interviewed will have the answers to the questions they will ask ready to give out with as little delay as possible, and ready to otherwise assist them on all points. Those who are in touch with the growth of Norfolk and its population are confident that there are more than enough people holding residence here to pass the five thousand mark, but it is necessary that the census shows it beyond a doubt, and it is to be desired that everyone should be counted, whether they are at home or not.
 Every town has merchants whom it could not get along without, and too often their efforts are not appreciated by their fellow merchants who profit through their enterprises. Norfolk has progressive merchants, and it is blessed with a larger number than many other towns. They are the ones who are constantly on the lookout for trade expansion and have numerous ways of attracting the attention of outside buyers to the town and giving them inducements to come again. They keep their merchandise and prices before the people and while building up their own trade help their less enterprising fellows to some business, as they do not handle all lines of goods and a few dollars of their customers will naturally drift to other dealers, who take them as a matter of course and give no credit to the influence that brought them in their direction. Of course if all were united to the same end, the results would be much larger, but many are content to take the leavings and absolutely refuse to do any pushing in their own behalf, ignorant, perhaps, of the fact that if it was not for their hustling neighbors or competitors they would lack many dollars. The progressive man finds that it pays to push out for trade and is satisfied with what he can add to his own business through his efforts, without particularly caring what results may accrue to the man who does nothing in his own behalf or that of the town, therefore the real situation is not emphasized, but there are onlookers who cannot fail to note and form their opinions of the man who reaps some profits without effort or expense on his own part, and who can well calculate how much better it would be for the town and all enterprises concerned if each would do a small share in the reaching out business. The expansion of trade may not be done altogether through newspaper advertising. While that is a strong point, many other effective means are employed to attract the attention of customers, and each merchant should be doing some of it.

Stand up for Norfolk—and be counted. Weeds in some parts of the city have gained that point of development where they need trimming, at the very least. Give the city census taker a warm welcome. He means it for your good as well as that of all your neighbors and friends.
 This is the season of the year when everyone who can hies away to camping or outing places, and all others wish they could do likewise.
 The census enumerators do not need or care to have you open the cupboard and show all the family skeletons, but all the people making your house their home should be numbered.
 The Iowa idea seems to be paramount to the Kansas City and Chicago platforms with numerous democratic papers. Does this mean disloyalty, or merely another change of color?
 With a rainfall of something like twenty inches thus far this season, it would be very foolhardy to tell a resident of this section of Nebraska that he holds residence in a drouth stricken state.
 From the way editors and politicians are sparring for openings and advantages in national political affairs it would seem that the national campaign is fairly up to the people rather than a year away.
 Norfolk may naturally be a little quiet between the Fourth and the tournament dates, but they are rapidly approaching and then there will be fun and excitement enough to satisfy the most exacting.
 The World-Herald is not nearly as much interested in the results of the Iowa democratic convention that turned down Bryanism, as it is in the Iowa republican convention that revised the "Iowa idea." At least it is not saying so much about it.
 If the Iowa republican platform has weak points the democrats who point them out should receive the sincere thanks of the republicans who may be expected to avoid the same points when the time arrives for drawing up the national platform next year.
 Norfolk will belong to the firemen of the state on the 21st, 22nd and 23d and they will show their friends one of the best times on the calendar. Three full days of fun and entertainment are on the program and there will be few in the neighborhood who will care to miss taking in all or part of the events.
 Norfolk people are pleased with the assurance from Lincoln that something is to be done immediately toward restoring the hospital for the insane. They had expected that active work on the building would have started long before this, but may be satisfied now if it is well under way before winter, which has probably not been the intention of the state board.
 The Indiana race riot is a feature of the day, and may be one of the events that will attach the same sort of odium to that country that the Kischeneff massacre has placed on Russia. The race question is growing to serious proportions and it is imperative that the country adopt some measures that will mitigate if not prevent the crimes that are resulting therefrom.
 Preachers, politicians and others who object to immigration from Europe as detrimental to the welfare of the country, should at least be gratified to know that there was not the same objection when they or their ancestors lauded. Take out the immigrants and the sons and daughters of immigrants, and the country would revert back to the only original Americans—the Indians.
 You will not have much more than sufficient time to recover from the Fourth until it will be time for you to come with the firemen to Norfolk to participate in the entertainment to be furnished by the state tournament. There will be three days of it, any one of which is calculated to go the ordinary Fourth of July celebration several better. You will have to be here to appreciate it. The dates are the 21st, 22nd and 23rd.
 The rumor that Senator Hanna has an insistent presidential bid buzzing in his bonnet has no sooner been quieted than the report is started that he has retired from business and proposes to devote his future attention to public matters. This will undoubtedly lead back to the report that he is a candidate for president and the whole program of denial may have to be gone over again. It has been promptly met by a denial of the story that the senator has retired from business.
 The World-Herald appears to feel worse about it than anyone else because the Iowa idea was made to conform to the policy of the administration and the national republican idea. It really wanted very much to see trouble in the republican ranks, and the idea of harmony is altogether distasteful. It is to be regretted that the World-Herald and other democratic sheets are not satisfied

with the republican way, but they are so accustomed to disappointment that another need not count for much.
 The cake walk and rag time music has struck high London society all in a bunch and the leaders of fashion are fairly enthusiastic over the variety of entertainment originated by the American negro. It is said that if it is desired to please King Edward, cake walk and rag time must be a feature of social functions. America has been taking her styles and fashions from England for so long that it is rather pleasing to think that America has set a fashion for the English even though it is nothing more elevating than fads in music and dancing.
 It is evidently up to Murderer Rhea to say his prayers and prepare for the worst, as Governor Mickey has given it out emphatically that no executive clemency will be shown and that he must meet the penalty of the court by hanging on Friday. While it may be hard for the relatives of the condemned man to think that the governor is doing that which is right, every point sustains him. The court that tried him said Rhea must hang and the law sustains the court. Not only this, but the condemned man had positively no excuse for the crime, which was of a particularly atrocious nature, and he deserves the punishment as fully as has any of his predecessors in suffering the extreme penalty. Emphatic evidence is furnished that the most certain way to avoid the penalty is to quit the life that leads to crime before it is too late.
 According to the Grand Island papers the patriotic spirit of the Fourth of July celebrators went the limit last Saturday. Not content with explosives that made noise, guns and revolvers loaded with shot and ball were used indiscriminately and as a consequence there were accidents galore, the maimed and wounded being numbered by the score, while close shaves innumerable were reported. Sober minded people were very thoroughly disgusted with the whole business and want no more celebrations of the same character in their city. Instead of observing the day as intended, the young bloods of the city and the country round about took it as license without limit and fairly turned the town into a bombardment camp. The police records show that there were a score or more of cases acted on and fines assessed.
 Evidence is furnished by the legal notice in today's paper that the city council was not joking when it started out for sidewalk improvement in Norfolk. The properties with bad sidewalks are on the black list and a meeting has been called to make special assessments against the properties for the purpose of rebuilding. When this movement has had time to take effect Norfolk will undoubtedly have as good sidewalks as any city in the state. With the sidewalks improved and the streets paved, it will not only be safe to life and limb to get about in Norfolk, but comfortable and convenient. It is a movement that should have been made some time ago, but the citizens are grateful that at last there is an administration that signifies an intention of taking hold of this question and crowding it through. It is fair to those who keep their walks in repair that others should do likewise in order to bring results.
 The Nebraska Park and Forestry association has issued a park and forestry manual for Nebraska that should be in the hands of everyone interested in the forestry development of the state. It contains many suggestions and hints for the raising of forests and orchards that have been accumulated by wide experience on the part of those who furnish the matter. L. D. Stilson of York, secretary of the association, gives this modest introduction: "In presenting this work to the public it is not with the idea that we have learned it all, but rather to give in a condensed form, some of the things learned by practical work and observation, that others may not be obliged to stumble along the same route, but may begin where we leave off, to the end that our fair Nebraska land may be beautified by the planting of parks and forests; that the fierce blasts which sweep these prairies may be tempered and checked by the artificial timber plantations which are being planted, and if from whatever you may find in these pages you can do better work in the setting and culture of trees one aim in presenting this work will have been attained."
 The passing of Pope Leo. The passing of no public man of recent years has attracted the worldwide interest that has been occasioned by the fatal illness of Pope Leo. Independent countries have lost their presidents and their kings and queens and the outside world has taken a passing interest in their loss, but Pope Leo's followers are in every country in the world and each considers his going a personal loss. The aged pontiff who has for a quarter of a century directed the affairs of the original church organization, and the strongest, has pursued a policy that has endeared him to all, even to those who hold no allegiance to the church. His humanity and christianity have appealed to all classes and the Roman Catholic church has grown wonderfully

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during the time he has occupied the papal chair.
 The remarkable vitality and span of life that has been allotted to the pope is taken to indicate that his rule has met with the approval of the God he and his followers worship and he has been spared many years to the church of which he has been a leader in every sense of the word.
 It is to be hoped that his successor will be one to follow in his footsteps.

MAKING FORTUNES.
The Money of the Market Not For the Man With a Theory.
 Fortunes have been made in the Chicago board of trade not by men who entered the market with a preconceived theory as to its course, which they attempted to make good through thick and thin, but rather by those who took things as they came, watching the drift, shaping their way from day to day, like prudent merchants, according to the current.
 This is confusing to the novice, for the novice almost always comes in with a preconceived theory. Some time ago a young man with a large hope, a moderate fortune and considerable social prestige was shown the enormous possibilities in December pork. It looked absolutely convincing, but he called upon a great packer with whom he had a personal acquaintance. Yes, the packer thought very well of pork—was buying it, in fact. Thus doubly assured the young man bought. The market went his way, and he bought more. Then the market turned. The young man reviewed his convincing statistics, remembered the words of the packer and stood stubbornly upon his line. When he was getting near to the end of his margins, he was horrified to learn that his friend the packer had shifted to the other side of the market two weeks before. He visited him, recalled their conversation and explained the situation. The packer stated, "Do you mean you've been holding 2,500 barrels of pork all this time?" he demanded. "Yes," said the young man, "and I have it yet. Now, what can I do with it?" "I don't know," said the packer, "unless you can eat it."—Will Payne in Century.

Vampire Superstitions.
 The prevailing belief in European countries was that vampires were the ghosts of suicides or others who had died violent deaths and were forced by the devil to leave their graves at night and feed on the blood of men and women, and any who died at the hands of these dreadful creatures also became vampires. In this way beautiful women became vampires and enticed young men and fed on their blood and flesh. It was believed that they had power to assume any shape or form desired between sunset and sunrise and that they committed most of their awful deeds at midnight. They were powerless in the daytime and were generally in a torpid state. Garlic and wild roses were guards against them, and crucifixes were feared by them. To prevent suicides from becoming vampires they were buried with a stake driven through their hearts, and the straw they had slept on was burned. All the dogs and cats in the village were locked up, for if a dog or cat jumped over a corpse it was sure to become the home of a vampire.—Chicago Tribune.

Their Last.
 "Yes," remarked the sad looking stranger, "I have seen the last of many a good man."
 "Doctor or undertaker?" queried the man behind the white apron.
 "Neither," replied he of the sad looks. "I'm a shoemaker."
A Deep Thought.
 "In a brown study, eh?"
 "Yes, I was just thinking."
 "Thinking what?"
 "I was just wondering why a fellow never has as much trouble borrowing trouble as the trouble he has borrowing other things."

Your Hair
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