

The Norfolk News

There are a few months in which to stand up for Norfolk, Madison county and Nebraska before the national campaign is on.

Kidnappings, like bank robberies, appear to go in bunches and by squads. The News has reported two sensational affairs of this nature within the past few days, and would not be astonished to hear of another soon.

Some scientist has given it out that the tails of comets are composed of radium, and the fellow who can lasso a few of them and bring them to earth will have his fortune made, as the substance is at present quoted at \$1,000,000 a pound.

"Buffalo Bill" has arrived home in time to go out into Wyoming and gather in a few of those Crow Indians for exhibition purposes. They never will be missed and if he desires a bunch of them he has general consent to make his levy on the tribe.

If Omaha becomes a grain market it will be of advantage to the farmers of Nebraska and the west in no great degree as to the people of the state's metropolis, and all the people of the state can afford to assist Mr. Stiekney of the Great Western in realizing his dreams.

It is now said, and the assertion will be pleasing to American people, that crime has not increased over what it was fifty years ago. Of course it has increased, but so has the population, so that there is now said to be less crime, according to population, than there was a half century ago.

Some ingenious Yankee has invented an automatic shot gun that pumps the shot into the game as fast as a man can pull the trigger. Sportsmen now fear that if a few of these guns are made and get into the hands of the pot hunters there never will be legitimate sport for the legitimate sportsman.

The farmers of Madison county have raised some of the finest corn on earth this season, and they should observe the requests of the Nebraska commissioners of the St. Louis exposition and save out some of their finest samples to be sent to the world's fair. It is not only possible but probable that the Nebraska exhibit of this cereal will be the most noteworthy of any placed on display.

The few little furies that have occurred in remote parts of the business world have not appeared to have more than a local effect, and general conditions are moving along serenely and prosperously regardless. Really the country seems to be enjoying the most firm and lasting prosperity ever before known, despite the prophecy of Mr. Bryan of some years ago that it was of a fleeting nature and that the country would soon again be in the grip of hard times. The indication is that the retrenchments that have been going on will merely operate to the benefit of the business conditions of the country and that hard times are yet far in the distant future, if they ever come again to any extent whatever.

Rocketfeller may get the credit of doing up Morgan—if he does—but he evidently means that the people shall pay for the fun. Witness the rise in the price of all grades of refined oil a cent and a half a gallon during the past week. A cent and a half on one gallon isn't much, but on a billion gallons it will add \$15,000,000 to the magnate's sinews of war. The fellow who can extract just a few cents from the pockets of each of the people when he wishes has what might be called a cinch. The highwayman makes one or several people dig up, but John D. shows no favors—he holds up everybody. The former demands "your money or your life." The latter insists on "your money or your light"—similar but different.

The eyes of the nation will be on Nebraska during the present election and, regardless of what the fusionists may say, the attitude of the state toward President Roosevelt and republicanism will be gauged by the returns of the election this fall. On the eve of a national campaign it is desirable that the republicans should stay in line for the ticket, and no excuse will be acceptable if Nebraska fails to record itself strongly and emphatically in support of policies that have proven so beneficial and satisfactory to the people of a great and growing country. The vote for the ticket will be the evidence of Nebraska's loyalty to the administration under which all have prospered and it will not do for the republicans to remain away from the polls.

The story published in another column, of how the merchants and citi-

zens of the little town of Valparaiso have provided an income for the people of that place at a time and through seasons when ordinarily many of them would be making nothing, offers a valuable suggestion to other towns throughout the state that are in the neighborhood of beet sugar factories. It is a subject worthy of consideration and if every town that could, would carry out the same kind of program it would add immensely to the value of the state and to the earning capacity of the people. It will be seen that the members of the cooperative company have not figured so largely on the immediate profits as those that have come indirectly from the industry, and it may well be believed that the direct profits from the business will soon be something worth while. The Valparaiso plan is all right and there are a dozen towns in the neighborhood of Norfolk that could afford to begin at once to put the plan in execution in time for the employment of their idle men, women and children next year. Norfolk, herself, might not find it profitable to give the plan serious consideration.

ENLARGED ITS SCOPE.

Six months ago The News was what is known in the parlance of the craft as a strictly local newspaper, with but a limited circulation outside the city of Norfolk. While it thoroughly covered the local field, it paid little attention to telegraphic news and consequently was not of general interest outside of this city. During the past half year The News has been promoted to an entirely different class, and the claim is made good that it is a newspaper in the strictest sense of the word. While the local field is still thoroughly covered, the special telegraphic service which was inaugurated early in the summer and has since been augmented by an up-to-date market report and a service by telephone covering the whole northern part of the state, makes it the paper to be relied upon for the very latest news throughout this part of Nebraska.

The one o'clock edition which was inaugurated a few weeks ago, contains the morning market reports from Chicago and South Omaha up till the hour of going to press. It also contains all the important news that is gathered from north Nebraska during the morning by wire, a full associated press report in abbreviated form covering the night service and the latest telegraphic matter from all over the world up till the minute the forms are locked.

This makes a service for the lines out of Norfolk with which no newspaper can compete. Norfolk is the hub of a geographical wheel. Five railroads radiate from this center and on every line is an afternoon train which carries the first edition of the paper to its readers. On the same trains north and west are carried the morning papers from other cities so that The News is given an advantage of about ten hours in telegraph matter. The man in Bonesteel or in Neligh gets his stock market and grain reports for today early in the afternoon and is able to ship accordingly. The morning paper brings him only yesterday's report. And the morning telegraphic matter is ahead of anything that the people east as far as Fremont, northeast to Sioux City and south to Columbus are able to get until the evening papers get to them afterward.

The five o'clock edition is for the city circulation and for the rural routes. It contains telegraphic matter received up till the hour of press from all over the world. It is practically four hours later than any other evening paper which can reach the city and it contains the same news, largely, which is published in the morning editions of outside papers next day.

Another feature of the progress made is in the circulation among the rural route people. Today the farmer has as many advantages as anyone in the city. He has his telephone, his daily mail service and all the rest. He can enjoy his daily paper just as much as his literary brother who has lived in town all his life and what's more he can afford it today where dozens in town might not.

The result of the development by The News is that it has come to be recognized everywhere in its territory as the latest newspaper and one exclusive in its matter. It is read by everyone of any prominence in all of the towns that it visits and when once they have read it they are friends always because it is clean, up-to-the-minute and reliable.

To the advertisers, on this account, the paper is much more valuable than it ever could have been before. It covers practically three fields, the city, the rural routes and the outside towns very thoroughly. Just such an advertising medium has long been needed by many business houses in Norfolk and the results show that it is perfectly practical.

Clements for sheriff defeated Losey by a majority of something more than 600.

Field, Clements and Lowe were close competitors for the largest majorities on the republican ticket.

Ohio didn't do a thing to Tom Johnson. The only question is whether his defeat will be by 100,000 or more votes.

Dr. Frank Salter was given a handsome complimentary vote in Norfolk and ran pretty close on the heels of his competitor for coroner.

The close race appears to have been between Crum and Dowling for superintendent and the winner will not have much of a margin to go on.

It looks as though but two of the fusion candidates of Madison county had pulled in out of the wreck—Winter for county clerk and Bates for county judge.

Boyd appears to have been elected by a record majority. The feature in his vote is the way he ran away from his competitor in his home county. Still, Pierce did the handsome by their home candidate, also.

A Louisiana mob, largely of negroes, lynched and burned a negro who had killed three other negroes with an ax. This is something different from the usual run of lynching and burning stories that come up from the south, but really it is of the sort that should be retired with the rest off the outlawries of the kind.

No doubt the usual number of people remained out of bed up to a late hour last night and had the customary feeling of disappointment in not being absolutely certain up to the time they went to bed of who was elected. Nevertheless they would not forego the interest and the excitement they are able to gather in from election night for a few extra hours of sleep.

Madison county did the handsome thing by Barnes, giving him a majority of between 500 and 600, while Governor Mickey carried the county last year by a plurality of but 231. It is an evidence of the neighborliness of the people of the county that will be appreciated, by Judge Barnes, his friends, and an item for admiration to the people of every party everywhere who admire a community that will stand by a home man.

If the ordinary American citizen does not realize that it costs considerably more than the two cents he places on the envelope to deliver his letter he should take a glance at the figures of the postoffice department. Postmaster General Payne has estimated the appropriation his department will need to carry on business during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, and places the figure at \$168,058,000, which will leave a deficit of something more than eight millions, representing the gap between the receipts of the department and its expenses.

In the Black Hills forest reserve there have been employed twelve forest rangers and five fire patrol men, whose work has been so effective that there have been no serious forest fires during this season. Several have started, but all have been extinguished before any large amount of damage was done. It has been a well defined policy of the American people for years to protect from fire the timber that has gone into construction of buildings and houses, but only recently has it been deemed advisable to protect the timber in its raw state. The rapid advance in the value of timber, however, affords ample and sufficient reason why the forests of the country should be protected from destruction if possible and the employment of men to keep a lookout for fires and extinguish them should be as necessary as it is to protect buildings from destruction.

RE-CONSTRUCT THE YARDS.

It is a pertinent time to suggest that the Union Pacific, Northwestern and M. & O. officials might get together, and plan the rebuilding of the Union Pacific engine house with a view to uniting on the construction of a union depot. Perhaps the reconstruction of the Union Pacific round house would not bear directly upon construction of a union depot, and then again it might, anyway the suggestion of getting together at this time with that end in view might not be deemed inadvisable and inappropriate. Norfolk would like the union station, and it may be depended upon that the business men and citizens will do what might be required of them to attain that object.

Another, and more important thought in connection with the subject, is the removal of the switching yards from across Main street, as suggested by one of Norfolk's business men. The arrangements of these yards have always been a menace to

the public who use the streets and an annoyance to the trainmen and officials of the road under whose observation they have come. It should be required that a flagman be kept at the crossing by the railway company. This is an expense that the company might overcome by a re-arrangement of the yards. As now conducted the flagman's duties are sometimes looked after and sometimes not, and if there should be an accident on the crossing during the non-attendance of a flagman, the expense to the company might be much greater than it would be to move the tracks and the yards.

It is therefore conclusive to many that it would be a wise policy for the company to re-arrange its yards when the new round house is erected, and such an arrangement will be decidedly appreciated by the people of Norfolk who have occasion to cross the tracks.

THE RURAL CARRIER.

Fiction is replete and history has given an honored place to the post rider, who, before the advent of the steam and electric railways, made perilous trips through the wild trails in the uninhabited portions of the country on duty bent. His was a perilous position at best and his courage in facing all varieties of weather and all manner of wild beasts and human enemies won for him a place in the hearts of the people of America and of the world. The modern America has his prototype in the man who delivers mail over the rural routes. True he does not so frequently encounter the perils that confronted the post rider, but his duty is pressing, and sufferings are frequently as intense as were those of the man who went through the wilds on horseback.

The Omaha News of recent date pays tribute to the rural man in the following language: "There are heroes in plenty in the postal service, and the greatest of them is the rural carrier."

"The railway mail clerk risks his life every day in the discharge of his duty and too much cannot be said in honor of his devotion."

"But for every day, week in and week out, unromantic and homely work for the benefit of the public, the man who carries the mail over the rural route comes first."

"For the meagre allowance of \$300 a year the country mail carrier gives his own service, provides a horse, or horses, and a mail cart, and then, for good measure, gives to the public and to the service his comfort, often his health, and sometimes his life."

"Every day, in good weather or in bad, over smooth roads or over rough, braving now heat and now cold, through rain or through blizzard, this messenger of civilization makes his rounds."

"He puts the rural dwellers upon an equality with the city resident."

"Today the farmer is in touch with his markets and with the news of the greater outside world. Daily his paper comes to his door. His comfort as a man and his usefulness as a citizen are broadened."

"And it is the rural carrier who has done it."

"More than anyone else, this agent of advance, with uncomplaining, prosaic round of duty, has united the man of the farm and the man of the shop or desk."

"Such a laborer is surely worthy of his hire."

"Money alone cannot buy the energy and the faithfulness which are the everyday attributes of the rural carrier, but money can more nearly repay him for work honestly done than does the beggarly sum he now receives."

"While congress is voting millions for departments and projects for political reasons, it would do no harm to give a moment of the time and a fraction of that money to men who are worthy of attention and recognition."

"Comfort and progress even over a small area would be cheap at much more than \$600 a year."

"Give the rural mail carrier more money. He earns it."

CREIGHTON.

J. H. Berryman left on Friday for a business trip to Kansas City and Joplin, Mo. He returned home on Wednesday.

J. L. Seely of Sioux City arrived in town Monday for a short visit with his son Fred and family.

Eugene Romig went down to Stanton Sunday morning for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Ray Evans. He came home Tuesday.

Rob't. M. Peyton was a passenger to Omaha Sunday, going from there to Lincoln on business. He returned Wednesday, accompanied home by Mrs. Peyton, who has been visiting in Little Sioux, Iowa.

John E. Carlson returned home Monday from a six months visit in Europe. Mr. Carlson visited his birth place in Sweden and was in Norway, Zealand and Lapland. He reports a splendid and healthful trip.

Mrs. John Howes and daughter, Mrs. Walter Russell went down to Norfolk Junction Friday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Frank Idle. Mrs. Russell returned to her home in Verdigre Saturday and Mrs. Howes went on down to Stanton to visit her son Luther and family.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

You can't satisfy Mr. Fool.

Some families have everything, and still have nothing.

When a man is bow-legged, you always catch him at it.

Absence makes the man grow fond of, of the other girl.

Everyone classes his friends as so many sheep and goats.

Everybody's hand is against a cat, a spider, a rat and a crow.

Advice to bad dogs: When a bull dog has a bone, let him keep it.

When apologies begin to creep into a friendship, it is growing shaky.

If you want fame, don't write a book; invent a washing machine.

According to your notion, what proportion of the people are "hard up."

A college student eats more in the football season than two section hands.

The real evidence of hospitality is to cook enough for three when one is expected.

Even the clever Edward Bok does not pretend that there is any cure for old age.

If you intend to pay your bills, pay them as soon as possible, and get the bother over with.

When a man emphasizes that he is going to tell the truth, it is well to verify his statements.

There is one thing no man will stand: To let another man monopolize the conversation.

A woman likes to taste of everything on the table when she is a guest, chiefly to "see how it is made."

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to whittle and litter the sidewalk with shavings?

To the old girls: Get out of a buggy forward as long as you can; to get out backward is a sign of age.

A bridegroom, compared with the chest of silver and the cut glass, makes a mighty poor showing at a wedding.

Some one should write a true love story. Millions of people are fooling with love who do not know anything about it.

Somehow, we admire a boy of twelve all the more if he has no more use for a parlor than he would have for a powder puff.

What contempt an idle man's women folks have for him! We should think this would shame him into doing something.

This is the season when that apprehensive feeling that the skirt and waist have parted in the back, is about to be covered by a cloak.

The man who tells everything he knows to his wife, usually knows nothing beyond when preaching begins and church lets out.

Our idea of a good joke is this: When any person from Kansas City goes to New York, he is regarded as green and from the country.

Fashion note: 'Momen' sleeves this winter will again be of the style which will cause them to drag in the butter and soup when passing things at the table.

Farmers have been fleeced so much that they are very wary; it is difficult to rob them. The Wise Boys are easier than farmers. One of the smartest men in Atchison, a prominent physician, is anxious to invest in Thunder mountain.

An Atchison man says he wants to move on a farm and get rid of the excitement, bother and bore of business. We are in the hurly-burly a little, but we don't know where the excitement comes in. The rest of it is true, but there is no excitement.

In the play at the theatre last night, a woman was killed, but no one in the audience ever did find out who killed her. When there is a murder on the stage the murderer should be found in the last act by a detective, and punished. People have a right to expect this for their ten, twenty or thirty cents.

An Atchison woman, whose fear of the men is exaggerated every time she reads about them in the newspapers, recently rode seventy-five miles on a train, and didn't pull her handkerchief out once, though her nose clamored for it. Her reason was that some horrid man might see her get it out, and think she was trying to flirt with him.

Dasey Mayme Appleton was invited to visit her uncle's family, living in a Central Branch town. She went last Sunday, expecting to remain three months, but came back last night. She found that owing to the shortage of freight cars, not only were the barns, granaries, cribs and other out-houses filled with wheat, but the parlor was filled with it, and she had to



Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

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sleep on a wheat-filled straw tick. The lounges were stuffed with it, the jardinières were filled, and there hadn't been a washing for a month because the tubs and boiler were holding wheat. When she started home, she found she had to walk to the station, as the wagon was also holding wheat. Dasey Mayme has written a piece about the situation in which she roasts the railroads real hard.

An Atchison woman went to Kansas City yesterday and happened to become acquainted with a real swell; a woman who wears a "gown" when she steps over to see a neighbor. The Kansas City woman seemed interested in Atchison and accepted an invitation to visit here. The Atchison woman lives in a four-room house, and may have to make all the neighbors leave home to provide a place to bunk the Kansas City woman's retinue.

It cost \$32 to kiss a Topeka woman against her will. A judge yesterday fined a man that amount for indulgence in such practices. We don't see why anyone wants to steal kisses. A stolen kiss tastes of teeth and hair. Nothing that is stolen tastes good. A stolen apple has a flavor indicating that it was plucked from the wrong tree, and a stolen melon is warm and green. By using a little diplomacy, a man can get comfortable through life without either stealing green apples, warm melons or toothy kisses.

There are hundreds of parents in Atchison who make daily sacrifices for their children. How many children in Atchison make sacrifices for their parents? Do the children love parents as much as parents love children? Probably not. Old people, when feeble and cross because of illness, are seldom treated with the consideration that sick children receive. Every sick child receives attention and affection. Not one old and sick person in a thousand receives attention, kindness and affection.

Dark Hair

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a great many years, and although I am past eighty years of age, yet I have not a gray hair in my head."

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