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Norfolk and north Nebraska have been doing some leaping without waiting for a leap year, but they will keep it up.

Now is the time when the people of Norfolk are drawing their breath between rushes and planning to boost the city still further toward its certain destiny, as the metropolis of north Nebraska.

It is a good plan to never make a New Year resolution—unless you are firmly determined to keep it. Every time a person makes a resolution and breaks it his character is weakened just that much.

North Nebraska is in it as a crop producing state with a harvest that is not exceeded by states of older settlement and larger development. Stand up for Nebraska and watch her smoke when she is fully developed.

It may be difficult for everyone to remember that this is 1904, but the woman who has been repeatedly passed by Cupid, may be depended upon to remember it without any great tax on her remembering powers.

Reports from Florida and California indicate an unusually large crop of oranges and lemons, which will be pleasing intelligence to people of all parts of the country, all of whom use more or less of the acid fruit crop in season.

If Senator Dietrich as easily escapes conviction on a bribery charge as he did that of conspiracy he may yet confound his enemies by emerging from the court with a better and cleaner character than he was ever conceded to possess.

Lincoln's improvements for the year 1903, according to the State Journal, amounted to \$575,000. Norfolk's improvements amounted to \$750,000. A difference of \$175,000 in favor of Norfolk; a difference in population of over 50,000 in favor of Lincoln.

Now that Panama is ready and willing, the influences that want no canal across the isthmus will lobby an arm or two off of the American congress, but it is believed that the sentiment of the people is with President Roosevelt and congress will not dare refuse to act.

Norfolk has grown three-quarters of a million dollars' worth in the past year. It is just a starter for a greater Norfolk and the people of the country are advised to keep their eyes open for something doing here from this time on—if only the people of the city will unite on some plan and push.

Norfolk's prosperity showing of nearly three-quarters of a million during 1903 is good enough for a town of its size, and it will only take a few more years like it to place it in first rank behind Omaha and Lincoln. The people here have faith that it will take such rank in a few years and if there are any to doubt it they may sit back and watch the smoke of the optimistic hustlers.

Senator Platt has given it out that he as well as other party leaders of New York, is for Roosevelt. This will prove a dampener for those who have been attempting to make the people of the west believe that New York and the east is dead set against the president. With New York and all the other northern states—except Wall street—for the president he will be nominated and elected—that's a certainty.

New England has experienced the worst blizzard it has known since 1898, while Nebraska has had sunshine, balmy weather and very little snow. The same country had a disastrous drouth the past summer. If people will continue to live in such a godforsaken country when there is so much room in Nebraska they should not expect our sympathy. Nebraska is feeling too good all over to weep with those who weep and would much prefer to laugh and enjoy its glorious privileges, but if they really need the aid of the people out here they have but to make their wants known. Meanwhile stand up for Nebraska.

The World-Herald makes a prosperity showing for Omaha that is as gratifying to the people of the state as it is to the residents of the state's metropolis. The Omaha manufacturing record shows a total of \$215,583,050, compared with \$176,275,000 for 1902.

and an increase of 45% per cent over 1901. These are figures that show a substantial growth of Omaha as a manufacturing center and are of importance to every individual of the state as representing the state's metropolis in the light of a worthy market for the raw products of this and other states. It is to be hoped that business will continue to show an increase in manufacturing lines. In the jobbing lines all other records have been emphatically broken, last year's business being placed at \$101,387,500, while that of 1902 was \$90,300,000, and 1901 \$73,300,000. The per cent of increase for 1903 over 1902 is 11.4, and the increase of 1903 over 1901 is 38%. It indicates a marvelous growth and is but an indication of the increase of business to the merchants in Omaha's territory.

Colombia wants Uncle Sam to declare that he is a thief and put Panama back, which your uncle is not just inclined to do—he would sooner fight, if he had Panama, and had taken her, there would be some pith to the Colombian argument, but Panama is no more in his possession than it is in the hands of any other government that acknowledged its sovereignty. All that this government has done is to take a stand that should have been taken long ago and prevent the disturbances that have interrupted the isthmian traffic of this and other countries during the years that have passed and if Colombia does not like this attitude she can acquire additional trouble by shooting a few times at representatives of this government. The refusal of the Colombian representative to participate in the white house reception was meant as a protest against the action of the administration, but it will require some more pronounced move than that to make this country war with the South American republic. A war is not sought, but neither will Colombia's demands be complied with to prevent hostilities. They will need to be satisfied with something less radical.

The milk men at Sloux City are having their wares submitted to the test provided by the law and seven of them have been found to be violating the law by selling a product that did not come up to the test. If this thing goes on the city milkmen will be compelled to sell milk, rather than chalked water.

While the "gold bug" democrats are forging to the front in the preliminaries of the party to the coming campaign, the Bryan faction has not yet unfurled the white flag, and the clash of arms is probably scheduled for later in the season—probably about the time the state conventions begin to meet.

The enthusiasm with which the democratic editors and politicians are booming Mark A. Hanna for the republican nomination for president lends to the belief that they consider him closely related to the famous E. Z. Mark, and they realize too well that President Roosevelt is not of the same family.

Under the new administration in New York it is alleged that drinks are much easier obtained on Sunday than they were formerly, and a large reason for the big Tammany victory is thereby disclosed. By the time the national campaign is on the people of the metropolis will again have become weary of the wide-open policy, beyond a doubt, and will show their regret at the first opportunity by helping to increase President Roosevelt's plurality.

Nebraska will sympathize with her sister state, Iowa, in the loss she has sustained in the damage to her magnificent state capitol building, but the sympathy is not as keen as it would be if it were known that the Hawkeye people would become bankrupt thereby. It is the sort of calamity that is to be expected where a neighbor puts on more airs than others can afford. Had Iowa possessed a building like the one at Lincoln the loss would not have been nearly so large.

President Roosevelt has mapped out a very comprehensive program for the guidance of congress in the Panama canal matter and if there is not a speedy ratification of the treaty it will be neither the fault of the new republic on the isthmus nor of the chief executive of the oldest and most progressive republic in the world. A vote of the people of the country would undoubtedly show that they would be favorable to the president's policy by a majority approximating about two to one. In view of this sentiment congress can afford to turn down the proposition or dally with the treaty it is doing so at its own risk.

Here's to a new Norfolk—a town that is more than a local trading point; a town that will be the trading point for the people of the country and the towns surrounding who insist on a more metropolitan market than their town can furnish and who will continue to go to the cities on the Missouri and farther unless Norfolk rises to the emergency and fills the sphere that is its by location and by rights. Norfolk has the required basis for development; it depends largely on its citizens whether or not it will develop. The News is here to help along toward that development to all its ability. If there are any suggestions from the business men that will help along in the work it is here to receive them. It is only one of many business interests that can be aided by such development. It is the opinion of the writer that the town can be advanced more rapidly and securely by the reorganization of the Commercial club, with every business interest represented and its continuous maintenance to boost Norfolk along. Norfolk has a good class

of business men but they are not thoroughly united to advance the interests of the town. Right now is the time to unite—and do something. What say you?

NEW FIELD FOR NORFOLK.
 In another column is printed an article from the Naper News which, if it indicates one thing more than another, is that Naper, as a representative live town of north Nebraska, desires closer business relations with Norfolk, and the same is undoubtedly true of other towns tributary to this city, which is about 75 miles nearer to them than is Sloux City and 120 miles nearer than Omaha. It will, of course, take some time for Norfolk to develop from a local trade town, into a city caring for the metropolitan wants of the people of the section of the state north and west, but such a development is sure to come, and whether it comes sooner or later will depend largely upon the business men and property owners of this city. That it will one day be the gateway to the wealth of the country to the west and north is sincerely believed by those who have taken a perspective view of the new Norfolk—the Norfolk of the future.

The Naper editor regrets that the Norfolk merchants have not informed the people up that way that they carry in stock as do the Omaha and Sloux City merchants. They may be partly to blame for not being in closer touch with the people of the tributary country, but largely they are not. Up to within a short time ago they have not had the medium through which to reach the people that the larger cities possess, and this was one of the greatest considerations that influenced The News to enlarge its scope, offering such a medium toward the development of Norfolk. It is not possible that the business men will at once see the full importance of keeping their advertisements before the people nor will they realize at once the importance of this trade to themselves and the city, but since the new News was offered they have been branching out in a most commendable manner and the results to many of them have been so gratifying that they may be depended upon to keep it up continually and their development will be large, though it may not be as swift as they might wish. Already those who have taken note of conditions are remarking that many more people from the near-by country are stopping at the hotels and restaurants than formerly, and it is believed that they will continue to come in increasing numbers as the city develops and fills the field that it is so well fitted by environment and railroad facilities to occupy.

The Naper man has already noted that Norfolk prices are as good as they are in either Omaha or Sloux City, but he is the only one, and when the majority of the people find this out they will continue to come here as long as they can do better. Norfolk certainly has the advantage of being able to save the people on freight and passenger fare, being so much closer than either Omaha or Sloux City, and with these advantages there are certain to be some large business interests built up here with the proper amount of push and enterprise. Norfolk merchants would undoubtedly find it profitable to use some of the advertising space that the weekly papers throughout north Nebraska have for sale. This is done by Omaha, Sloux City and Lincoln merchants to re-inforce the medium that they have in their daily papers, and undoubtedly with good results.

By the installation of its noon edition, giving the people later news than they can get from either Sloux City or Omaha, this paper has taken the initiative toward building up a greater Norfolk. There was a somewhat selfish interest in the movement in that The News felt it could occupy a larger field than the city could furnish, and in the meantime enable it to give its readers better service, but through it the business interests have the opportunity to expand that they have needed, and if the time does not come when a large share of the trade that passes through Norfolk to the cities on the Missouri, will be headed off and stopped here it will be a matter of surprise. It will be to the interest of north Nebraska to make Norfolk a city, rather than to contribute to the development of Omaha and Sloux City, and they will assist as soon as Norfolk makes it apparent that money can be saved by buying here, a work that has already been entered upon by several of the merchants.

With distance against them, Omaha and Sloux City can no more compete for trade in the territory tributary to Norfolk than Chicago can kill off Omaha and Sloux City, by unbridling them, neither can the newspapers by any possibility get their news to the people of this section sooner than The News does.

It will be a long winter—at least February is one day longer.

It can snow in Nebraska, but it hasn't blizzarded—at least not yet.

Perhaps a law should be adopted compelling the Irish comedians to wear asbestos whiskers.

The thing is getting pretty exciting about the edges of Russia and Japan, whether a real, genuine war results or not.

The Sioux City Journal intimates that the political pot may have boiled over and caused the blaze at the Iowa capitol building.

Norfolk cannot help but grow. This is assured by reason of its location and environment, but it can be helped to grow if the citizens make it a point to see that it does.

What's in a name anyway? Look at what they did to a man doing business in Friend. Friend appears to be destitute of friends as far as this one merchant is concerned.

Perhaps the attention of those anxious to protect the public from disaster will be next attracted to the railroads that have been having such numerous and terrible wrecks.

Norfolk takes off its hat to Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes. He is the one Norfolk citizen who has aspired to state honors and received them. It is confidently predicted that his service to the state will be a matter of pride to everyone who honored him with their support.

The hen appears to be in no danger of overdoing the thing when eggs are selling for six cents each in the east, almost as much as the hen herself was worth a few years ago. The poultry and egg business has developed wonderfully in recent years, but the demand appears to be keeping up a long lead ahead of the supply.

If all of the other lines of American manufacture are represented by a growth in Great Britain similar to that of the boot and shoe trade it is little wonder that a system of protection is desired there similar to that employed here. Ten years ago the boot and shoe business with England was represented at \$2,169 worth. Last year the same interests got \$2,013,890 worth of business from the mother country.

It is remarkable that so many ex-senators make their stake after having served their term in congress. Wm. E. Mason is the latest to acquire a valuable piece of property in a California gold mine. The person who is looking with a longer eye to wealth than to honor would much prefer to be an ex-senator than one in active service of his country, gauging his desire by the ex-senatorial record. Most of them succeed in getting some good and easy thing after leaving the senate, and the record of one coming to grief in a poor house is yet to be made.

It is said that in Manchuria there are vast coal fields and naphtha lakes the extent and value of which have never yet been estimated. This is almost sufficient inducement for Nebraska to enter into competition with Russia for a share of the territory. If there is one thing that Nebraska needs more than another it is an exclusive supply of coal and oil, and it might be advisable for Governor Mickey to send an expedition to the far east to see if it would not be possible to annex a portion of Manchuria and deposit it in the western part of the state.

Norfolk is the only town east of the state line and west of the Missouri that appears to have an opportunity of building up a midway market for the people to the north and west in the northern section of the state, and that is the destiny that is being picked out for it by its friends in the tributary country who are as anxious for its development as the people of the city itself. It is only a question of time when much of the business that now passes through to Omaha, Lincoln or Sloux City, will be held here, and that time will soon come if the people of Norfolk will adopt some workable plan for the development of the market.

It is evident that some enforcement of the anti-cigarette laws will be necessary if the boys are to be kept from acquiring the habit. During the fiscal year of 1903 there was an increased use of the little "coffin nails" to the number of 357,213,463, the total number used during the year being 3,254,883,300. A large part of this increase can be accredited to the boys who are under age and for whose protection from the habit many states have adopted rigid laws. Nebraska has such a law but the case is yet to be heard of where an enforcement has been attempted, and the law though

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