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Whether you work with your hands or your brain, do good work. Be constructive. Let no day set without recording something accomplished by your hand or your head.

The Fremont Commercial club has adopted a plan which might well be followed by Norfolk. That organization issues a "Blue Book," containing write-ups of the city and its industries.

NORFOLK'S NEW YEAR. Norfolk starts the new year in better shape for growth and prosperity than ever before. Never before did this city face the new year with not a vacant building on Norfolk avenue.

THE ROSEBUD AND TRIPP COUNTY. No wonder the government is anxious to open Tripp county, S. D., to settlement. The Rosebud reservation opened in Gregory county has proven such a garden spot that all eyes are turned Rosebudward today.

THE BLOCK SYSTEM. Another deadly railroad accident, starting out the new year with some thirty killed and as many more moaning with wounds, will tend to intensify the eagerness of congress to provide for some system of safety appliances in guarding trains from such accidents.

It is a cause for congratulation here in Nebraska, and particularly on this division of the Northwestern, that such horrors as occur in the railway world are foreign to this atmosphere.

WAGES HAVE A LIMIT. Wages are increasing. Labor is demanding higher pay and shorter hours. The country is called prosperous. Times ought to be happy, theoretically.

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at the old hours and the old pay. Instead, the mines will shut down. A few of the largest mines of the country, with the heavily paying properties and the money behind them, can stand the increase.

THE COMING YEAR. Norfolk faces even a more prosperous and constructive year in the season to come than was that which has just been closed. There is every reason to hope and believe that twelve months from now there will be more of achievement to chronicle for the city than there is now for the season just passed.

Norfolk has a sugar factory building that has been empty and idle for some time. There is going to be new life in that shell and new energy in those boilers during the coming year.

Tripp county, northwest of the Rosebud reservation, will probably be thrown open to settlement, which will mean extended opportunity for Norfolk as a distributing center.

THE WEST TODAY. With all of the Wall street talk about elastic currency and with all of Shaw's aid to the financial men when they need the cash, the west is little concerned.

There was a time when the west was worried over things in Wall street. There was a time when damage resulted from Wall street's various moods. But the day is gone.

Wall street may get worried over its own risks and its own speculations, but it can no longer alarm the great west. Every year sees greater products from Nebraska lands than the year before, and better stock.

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along public lines than has been known before in the community during the same length of time. Credit belongs in various places, but the result all comes to the benefit of Norfolk.

A new sewer system, for which bonds of \$40,000 were voted last spring, is now being built for Norfolk. This step has demonstrated to outsiders that Norfolk has confidence in its own future, and it will be great benefit to the city in many ways.

Norfolk during the past year has begun an experiment in gravel roadways and there is promise that a perfectly good and permanent thoroughfare from here to the Junction, where it is badly needed, will result.

New industries have been established in Norfolk during the past year, which will add much to the city's commercial interests.

More people live in Norfolk today than ever did before. More business houses are occupied than ever were before. In fact there is not an available vacant building on Norfolk avenue in the business section.

Norfolk's volume of business has been increased, and there is still opportunity for much more to be done during the coming years.

The gulch situation in the west end of the city has been taken care of. Streets have been built up, cement gutters constructed, and miles of new permanent walks put down.

It has been a year of substantial building in Norfolk. Foundation stones have been laid. It has been a year to bring out confidence of Norfolk people in the city's future growth.

ENGLAND TO PREVENT WAR. It is reported from London, England, that Great Britain will never allow a war between the United States and Japan and that all pressure will be brought to bear upon the brown men to prevent such a clash.

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port, the duty of the government to protect the people against financial panics and apparently also to save foreign money markets from these evils by depositing treasury balances in United States national banks on condition that the banks in turn promptly deposit an equal amount abroad.

"This conception of the United States government as a benevolent despot at home and through its treasury as the suppressor of financial disturbance in Europe, is both novel and humorous. It is a paradox which might have occurred to another Shaw whose name is much before the public just now and who takes himself quite as seriously as Mr. Shaw, secretary of the treasury.

"The report, after describing the method by which the secretary assisted and, indeed, obliged the leading national banks to import a large amount of gold, says this operation has at least demonstrated that the United States is in a position more effectually to influence international financial conditions than is any other country.

"It is indeed surprising that a man of Secretary Shaw's shrewdness and experience should have been misled into thinking that the world, or even the United States, can be protected against financial panics by official guidance. Such views of the duties and possibilities of the post of secretary of the treasury confirm us more than ever in the belief that the sooner the United States treasury goes out of the banking business, the better."

THE TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT. The Twenty-fifth regiment of infantry, recently removed from Valentine to Brownsville, Tex., and many of whose members were recently discharged without honor by President Roosevelt, are not adding to their own glory or that of their fellows by their recent acts, and the noise that has been stirred up in their behalf by hysterical people who would make martyrs of the murderous regiment, has caused a digging up of past records that do not reflect credit to this band of troopers.

The latest offense by a member of the Twenty-fifth was one of the most serious and race feeling is at a white heat at El Reno, Okla., as a result. One of the negroes of the Twenty-fifth infantry passed along the street, seized a white woman who was passing him on the sidewalk, threw her into the street and declared that the walk belonged to him. He escaped but a mob formed to lynch him.

It is apparent that soldiers who, while supposed to be on their good behavior in order to live down the cloud of murder that now rests on their regiment, nevertheless will thus lay themselves open to public contempt, must be vicious by instinct and the result of much of this action will be to the detriment of the whole race.

Whatever may have been sympathy toward the discharged troops has been turned into approval in this country of late, and every day adds to this feeling.

The great regret of the country now is that the murderers have not been caught. The inexcusable assault upon a white woman, the shooting of Captain Macklin and the other past deeds of the Twenty-fifth are enough to condemn it for all time. The following dispatch indicates some of that past record:

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managers belonged to Company H. June 29, 1899, the Twenty-fifth regiment was on train enroute to Frisco, where it was to sail for the Philippines. The train stopped for supper at Winnemucca, Nev., and the officers proceeded to a hotel, two blocks from the depot. The troops got out of the car toward the rear of the train and flocked to a saloon near at hand, of which they took possession, terrorizing the vicinity. Many shots were fired, and the saloon-keeper was severely wounded. His establishment was damaged to the extent of \$200 in goods destroyed and stolen.

October 15, 1899, a dozen members of Company C, Twenty-fifth regiment, wantonly assaulted four peaceful Indians at San Carlos agency, California, beating them into insensibility. A number of arrests were made, and four men turned state's evidence, securing the conviction of the others. This is the only one of the outrages which was followed by any punishment until the outrage at Brownville occurred.

February 16, 1900, at night, twenty members of Company A of the Twenty-fifth regiment got possession of their guns and went to El Paso, Texas, nearby, where they stormed the jail and rescued two of their comrades imprisoned for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. During the melee many shots were fired and the jailer was killed. Two of the soldiers were also killed.

The soldier in charge of the rifles at the fort said the keys to the gunstocks were stolen from under his pillow while he slept. A rollcall, ordered at once, showed the guns in the racks, which were locked and every member of the company in his proper place, excepting the two men who had been killed. The Twenty-fifth regiment further distinguished itself at Valentine, Neb., on the night of October 30, 1904, when certain members of it "shot up" that town, killing an inmate of a disreputable house and severely wounding an unoffending cowboy. This case was very similar to that at Brownsville. In a letter to Secretary Loeb, December 6, 1906, Seth Bullock, the famous plainsman and personal friend of the president, said among other things, about the Valentine affair: "Several shots were fired into a house in which were a number of people, killing a woman and wounding a cowboy who was unhitching his horse near the house."

"No shots were fired from the house, nor was there any reason for the shooting by the negro soldiers. There were twelve soldiers in the attacking party. The local authorities did everything in their power to find the guilty parties, but, as at Brownville, their comrades declined to aid in the detection of the murderers. The house fired into was a dance house, and the woman killed was an inmate of the house, but this is not considered good defense in the wild and woolly west, and should not be in Washington, for murder."

This record of the Twenty-fifth regiment, and the unprovoked and cowardly shooting of Captain Macklin just lately, made a case against the regiment which has caused Senator Foraker a good deal of uneasiness. He has been especially disturbed over the attempt to murder Captain Macklin.

AROUND TOWN. Happy New Year! This is the day to break 'em. Well, the day to resolve has arrived. Plunge baths have been turned back into skating rinks once more. Snow for the shoemen has come at last. Here's hoping that the new packing plant will grind up swine. Norfolk commercial travelers would be live wires in the Norfolk Commercial club. If you're still aching, resolve to cut out the Christmas overfed next winter. If you would increase your business for 1907, resolve right now to use more advertising space. Here's a chance to resolve that there'll be no more holidays for a little while at least. Well, Dents, we hate to visit you but we're always glad to have you visit Norfolk. But what if somebody in these northeast Nebraska towns should have the toothache during the day? Most people swore they wouldn't wear rubbers, and then meekly put them on Wednesday morning. Now that Gans has knocked out Herman, what are we sports going to talk about and bet our shillings on? These dentists are the best fellows on earth, but for some reason or other few people enjoy them during business hours. When you wish people "A Happy New Year," do you realize that, if you're in earnest about it, you will have to follow up that wish with action all through the twelvemonth? It

is environment that makes people happy or unhappy. You can make somebody's new year a happy one, if you're in earnest, but it will take more than the expressed wish on the first day of January.

The whole town of Norfolk ought to get in on these dental meetings and have all bad teeth repaired in one afternoon.

A Norfolk commercial traveler who generally wears a wig, went to a concert the other night without it and took cold.

Conductors on Nebraska trains have got their eyes full of passes during the past few days. Everybody's making the best of the last chance.

It may have been a happy new year for some—but the newspaper editors bade goodbye to their mileage books Monday night at 12 with tears in their eyes.

There are two annual events in Norfolk that the whole town bears in mind. They are the annual ball of the railway trainmen and the annual ball of the Eagles. One comes Christmas night and the other on New Year's eve.

Norfolk telephone wires burned on Tuesday with this query: "Hello, is this 1-9-0-7?" "No, this is No. —" "The calendar says it's 1907." "1-9-0-7?!!—!!—!!—!!—!!—!!" A mob has been formed and any drastic action may be expected.

Norfolk drummers and railroad boys who come in from late trains at night and leave in the early mornings, would sleep better when they go to bed and would feel better leaving town, if they were saved the annoyance of stumbling over dark streets. All night lights, they say, would relieve the situation.

The spirit of New Year and Christmas greetings is all for the other fellow—self is forgotten. "I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year," the greeting goes—and so it should. A little correspondence school course in the "follow-up system," keeping the same spirit going all through the year, would reduce the wishes to a more exact science and, like scientific advertising—get results.

These story writers are not always accurate in regard to detail. A Saturday Evening Post writer tells of a "Cyclone" coming down a railroad track—a tall, funnel-shaped twister. He meant, of course, a tornado. Cyclones are generally several hundred miles in diameter, and are never felt at a given point except as a straight wind. Tornadoes are the small, local twisters that spring up, do violence and spend themselves.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS. We always dislike a cigar with a band around it. The impudence of some people is the only great thing about them.

When a woman burns anything in the oven, she says, "I got it too brown."

Farmers have an idea that town men seldom get up in time to do a good day's work.

The poorest dressed people you meet are usually the ones who have money in the bank.

Some women are so afraid they are going to be flirted with, that it is almost dangerous for a man to treat them politely.

Careful investigation fails to reveal that any of the great fortunes were started by a tip received from a mail order broker.

Another part of a town dog's business, especially a young one, is to try to beat you to the evening paper and scatter it all over the block.

Some men not only feel that the world owes them a living, but are sore because there are no collection agencies to collect for them.

Almost any boy is glad to skate with a girl who knows how, but it is true devotion when he volunteers to teach her to skate: that's work.

Don't let a smooth stranger coax you into catching driftwood on the river on shares. You are entitled to all the driftwood you catch in the river.

A lot of women who are finicky about their hats and the brand of perfume they use, seem to go it blind when it comes to the selection of a man.

One picnic a year, and one rabbit a year, is about all we can stand. We intend to eat our rabbit for 1906 this evening.

When a man can't find a certain thing around the house, he begins to suspect that his women folks have hidden it.

When a boy is very young, he will gladly own a dog of any kind, but after he reaches eight years old, he insists on owning a mister dog.

While considerable criticism is given women's clubs, and the amount of time wasted upon them, yet there is one advantage they offer which cannot be denied; when it comes the turn of a member to entertain the club, dirt and cobwebs are cleaned out that had not been disturbed for months.