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Secretary Taft seems to be very generally received as the Roosevelt presidential candidate. The recent announcement of the secretary of war that he would accept the nomination is said to have come with the president's approval, and therefore Taft is the white house candidate. Foraker comes from Ohio as does Taft and Foraker's attack upon the president's action regarding the Brownsville matter is attributed by many to Foraker's desire to keep down the Roosevelt presidential aspirant.

People of northern Nebraska, it is for your afflicted neighbors that an insane hospital is maintained by Nebraska at Norfolk. Those wards of yours are now crowded into the institution for lack of room; Governor Mickey on a recent visit found sanitary conditions bad and reported deaths due to the lack of needed improvements. Superintendent Young recently estimated that about \$90,000 is needed from the legislature this year to keep the institution where it should be. It is for northern Nebraska's unfortunates that this appropriation should be made. It is the duty of northern Nebraska people to impress upon their legislators the necessity of providing for the comfort and health of the north Nebraska insane.

Half of the bills introduced in the Nebraska legislature during the first six days of its session are against the railroads; a fourth of the laws proposed in the South Dakota legislature are against the railroads; pretty much the same proportion exists in many states. Much of the so-called reform which is being proposed is grandstand quality. Sincere reform of existing evils is to be commended and will be commended by all good citizens. But there is another brand that always gets mixed up with the genuine article. There are fake reformers in every state. There are newspapers in every state playing to the galleries for the purpose of detracting attention, and then delving into the graft game just as industriously as any of the much touted corruptionists. Some of these so-called reformers, who are always ready to take a ride upon the crest of any popular wave that comes along, will be watching. Their love of the dear pec-pul is not always the motive for brass band demonstrations.

**CONGRESSIONAL TERMS.**  
Perhaps no stronger argument could be found for a change in the law which allows thirteen months to elapse between the election of a congressman and taking his seat, than the present condition of the Nebraska judicial division bill. North Nebraska will suffer gross injustice if the amended law is introduced, as is now reported to be planned, leaving out all north Nebraska cities from the list of federal court towns. While Congressman Kinkaid has done everything within his power to get two or at least one court town in the Sixth district, the interests of the whole northern half of the state have been sacrificed because the Third district is not represented as it should be by the newly elected congressman. A defeated congressman does not get out of office until thirteen months after his defeat. Having been defeated, he has lost all interest in helping his district and instead he has a chance to betray his constituency. The law which keeps the newly elected congressman from office over a year may, in this case, cost northern Nebraska dearly.

**OUTRAGE TO NORTH NEBRASKA**  
No greater injustice to half a state's population was ever perpetrated than exists in the move by the Nebraska congressional delegation to deprive the northern half of this state of a federal court point. It is reported from Washington that the Nebraska congressional delegation has practically determined to designate Omaha, Grand Island and Alliance as federal court towns to handle cases originating in the northern half of the state. For the greater portion of north Nebraska this would merely mean a continuation of the old journeys to Omaha and back, consuming 240 more miles of travel and many more days in time than would be necessary if the people of this section were given their due in the designation of Norfolk as a point for holding court terms.

There is one United States court house in northern Nebraska—"north-ern Nebraska" advisedly because Omaha and Grand Island are not in northern Nebraska for practical purposes. The people of the Third congressional district years ago succeeded in establishing a federal court point in their midst. Later they succeeded, through the Nebraska congressional delegation,

in getting a \$100,000 building constructed wherein to hold these federal court sessions. That point, because it was most convenient to the whole northern part of the state, was Norfolk.

The people of the northern part of Nebraska demanded then that federal court be held in Norfolk, where they could go and come to their homes easily. Their demand was blocked by Omaha, advantage being taken of a loophole in the law which did not compel the court to hear cases originating in a given district at the court town in that district. The injustice of such a method has long been worked upon this section of the state. Northern Nebraska people have suffered as a result of this loophole in the law. Relief was demanded and promised when Senator Burkett started a bill last year. It was talked over a few days ago in Washington and amended by putting on a number of additional towns, including O'Neill and Atkinson. But now comes word that with so many towns on the list, the bill could not pass because the committee would consider it unreasonable. It is therefore to be withdrawn and amended, cutting out all towns in northern Nebraska excepting Omaha, Grand Island and Alliance, which merely makes a farce of the proposed law because it in no way gives the needed relief.

North Nebraska would be glad to have three court points if that were possible. This whole section would be glad to have Almsworth and O'Neill included in the list. But if these two cities are to be stricken out by the congressional delegation, then, until a better day, the people of this territory do demand and rightfully that at least one north Nebraska court point be left.

The injustice of the proposed amendment is apparent when it is known that Norfolk is easily accessible to this section, while Omaha, Grand Island and Alliance are in distant portions of the state. And, further, when it is known that the government has already gone to more than \$100,000 expense to fit up a building here for this very purpose.

**CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION.**

There may be compensation even though Norfolk should lose the federal court and a portion of the appropriation needed for the hospital. If nothing more, the loss will impress vividly upon us the fact that there come occasions now and then when, for the city's public welfare, there should be some organized method of meeting emergencies and looking out for Norfolk. Many have expressed the idea that there was little or nothing that a business men's organization could do. The present crisis brings home the fact that there are occasions which demand public action.

The incident will place more faith in the Commercial club and its possibilities. Perhaps we have all, in not realizing just what a Commercial club can mean to a city, helped to bring about inaction. It now becomes the duty of us all—of all Norfolk—to breathe back into the Commercial club renewed confidence and energy and encouragement.

Men who work for the public work at a personal sacrifice. The burdens of all invariably fall upon a few. And the work of those few is seldom fully appreciated by the public at large. But that's the human way.

Business men of Norfolk realize that past indifference may have contributed to inaction on the part of our business men's organization. Lack of encouragement from the members may have been like throwing cold water upon efforts of officers. There has been nothing deliberate among members to discourage the men chosen to do things that need looking after; there has been probably nothing deliberate in the lack of achievement. A sort of public indifference has perhaps had much to do with results.

The federal court situation and the hospital incident bring home the result of indifference regarding public good. Once realizing that co-operation and encouragement are needed from every individual in the town where a few are to carry the burden of public betterment, Norfolk business men will stand together loyally. It is perhaps safe to say that no city of 5,000 people could be found anywhere in this country where live as progressive and up-to-date and loyal a set of business men as reside right here in Norfolk.

The trouble has been that the value of co-operative organization among business interests has been treated with something of a lack of interest. The loss of two important possessions would bring out this value in black type.

There is this hope left with regard to both these matters. The legislature has not yet passed the hospital appropriation and if immediate action were taken the hospital here might fare as it should, or nearly so. The amended judicial division bill has not yet been introduced and if proper action were

taken immediately, perhaps sending the right man to Washington, there is still a chance for saving Norfolk as a federal court point.

But whether these are lost or gained, the value of co-operation in public matters has come home to us all.

**NEBRASKA'S NEW SENATOR.**

Nebraska has a new United States senator. The toga has fallen over the shoulders of the man who last year occupied the chair in the attorney general's office at Lincoln. Nominated for the position by the republican state convention last summer, Norris Brown has been elected in compliance with the convention endorsement. Senator Millard will retire at the end of his term and Senator Brown will seat himself in the empty senate chair down at Washington.

In his speech of acceptance Senator Brown has said little that is new or different from what had been said before by him and by his friends during the pre-convention campaign that was made in his behalf. He has thanked the state legislature and through that body the state at large for the honor that has been conferred upon him.

From the new senator's lips have come expressions of eloquence in regard to this great and much loved state of ours. Ears of the legislators were also filled with ringing words which praised the bravery of the nation's chief, and voiced the sentiment for reform which has been taken up by pre-convention backers.

Senator Brown pledges himself to stand by the protective tariff, which has led this country from the soup house to the garden of plenty and prosperity. Not antagonizing the so-called "progressives" who declare that the tariff should be revised, the new senator's words indicate that he intends to stand by the president in upholding this doctrine which has done so much to bring about constant employment at living wages for the working man of the United States.

The acceptance speech of Senator Brown is brief and does not permit of a discussion of what the new official expects to accomplish or to try to accomplish for his constituents while in Washington. He does give notice that he expects to try to introduce an amendment to the federal statute which will prohibit a railroad company from issuing an injunction to prevent the collection of taxes. But the republican party of Nebraska, who have been responsible for the election of Senator Brown, feel that they can securely hope for and promise more in the way of constructive work from this young man than his acceptance speech might indicate.

The election of the new senator was the second of its kind in the state, Senator Burkett having been elected two years ago after he had been endorsed by the republican convention. The late Edward Rosewater was the closest rival for the nomination. Mr. Brown was the state's attorney general at the time his name was brought forth as an aspirant for the high honor.

The state convention's nomination last summer of Mr. Brown left little for the state legislature this week to do excepting to record the vote. The legislative power was practically taken from it by the convention, so far as the United States senator's election was concerned. The legislators this winter, in that regard, amounted to little more than the presidential electors who technically elect the president but who merely, in fact, record the popular choice.

In view of the fact that the same charges which were made against Mr. Brown by the Van Housan resolution were made pretty generally last summer before the republican convention was held, it was perhaps considered beyond the moral right of the present legislature to take seriously the resolution asking for an investigation into certain alleged circumstances which, if true, should have caused some embarrassment. At all events, whether the legislators considered that they lacked the moral authority or whether they believed the charges inconsequential, the matter was tabled and did not interfere with a roll call on the senatorial election.

The resolutions which were introduced by Mr. Van Housan last week asked that Norris Brown, R. B. Schneider, Ross Hammond, the State Journal and J. B. Strode be investigated. It was alleged that as attorney general of the state Mr. Brown's duty led toward the prosecution of an alleged grain "trust" in which it was charged R. B. Schneider and Ross Hammond of Fremont were interested. Ross Hammond early last summer announced his candidacy for the senatorship nomination. Mr. Brown went to Fremont one day. It was alleged that he went to confer with R. B. Schneider and Ross Hammond. After his visit to Fremont Ross Hammond very suddenly withdrew as a candidate for the senatorship and began shouting for Norris Brown. The case of the state against the alleged grain "trust" was lost by Attorney General Brown. A suit was begun by the state against the State Journal company for the collection of \$85,000 alleged to be due the state over the printing and

selling by the State Journal company of court records copyrighted by the state. It was alleged that Norris Brown, being the prosecuting attorney in the case, should have been in no position to receive aid from the State Journal company in his political ambitions; nevertheless the State Journal and its allied evening paper, the Lincoln News, early last summer began devoting column upon column of editorial and news space toward the candidacy of Norris Brown for the senatorial nomination. It was alleged that in return for this support the attorney general bungled the suit against that newspaper company and got it in such shape that it could not be won. It was also alleged that Mr. Strode, an attorney for lumber dealers in a case of the state against them, was appointed deputy attorney general.

The charges were ugly ones. Chairman Rose of the republican state central committee denied them as false in every particular. Mr. Brown denied them. And Governor Sheldon is quoted as saying that they amounted to nothing. The resolution for an investigation was tabled. And on the day afterward the republicans in the legislature showed their faith in their candidate and their respect for the convention which had endorsed him, by giving their undivided support to the man against whom these charges had been assailed.

Senator Brown gives no line or word to the incident in his acceptance speech, which is an act of discretion. For the allegations were not considered serious enough by the legislators who elected him to warrant official action, and therefore the senator-elect was fully justified in disregarding the story and declining to put more wings upon it than had already been sprouted.

Norris Brown is no longer the attorney general. That office with its associations has become a thing of the past. Its former occupant has stepped from its door and, holding the republican state convention's order for one brand new toga, he has stepped up to the department where such robes are kept and, brushing his way through the crowd who tugged at his elbow, has claimed his property.

The republican party of Nebraska presents Senator Norris Brown with a feeling of responsibility for his creation and with the sincere hope that he will reflect credit upon his constituents and upon our party.

**AROUND TOWN.**

Well, it was nineteen years ago today that the big blizzard happened.

There's many a slip 'twixt your home and the office on sidewalks like these.

A Norfolk man has just sold his horse. He sold it in the winter time while it was frisky.

A man visiting in Norfolk refused to win the prize at a card party because he thought it wouldn't be fair to take the trophy out of town.

Editor Barnhart says he knows of democratic lawyers who will be willing to take the judgeship appointment in the Ninth judicial district.

It's always comforting on a cold day to think that it's good weather for the iceman.

Norfolk people rode to town on bicycles instead of bicycles Monday morning.

That hunch about an approaching change in Northwestern railroad officials was on the right track.

August Mueller, Stanton jail prisoner, has demonstrated when a model prisoner is not a model prisoner.

What has become of the old fashioned golf skirt with pockets in it?

No sooner does the weather editor anticipate the "coldest night of the winter" than the wind shifts and the mercury takes a leap.

A wise woman courts friendship of neighbors whose names begin with her own initial and whose napkins, therefore, are lettered the same.

Frank Walters and S. M. Braden have gone up like sky rockets in Northwestern railroad service.

Grand Island ought to have a fire this week just to allow the Norfolk fire boys to show them how it is done.

**ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.**

Some people put pants on Teddy bears and spoil them.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who was ever ready to "faint away"?

Almost every man imagines he would do a lot of philanthropic stunts if he had the money.

There is this difference: After a woman has been married a few years, she does most of her dreaming at night.

It will make the women who are the cause of a great many attempted flirtations is that men find the girls they don't know more attractive than those they know.

**DOCTORS ENJOY BANQUET**

**ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING COMES TO AN END.**

**NELIGH MAN MADE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Beattie Will be at Head of Elkhorn Valley Medical Society for Year. This Society Declared More Valuable Than State Association.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]  
The Elkhorn Valley Medical society closed its eleventh annual meeting in Norfolk with a banquet, after an enthusiastic and well attended business session. The following officers were elected for the year:  
President, Dr. D. W. Beattie, Neligh.  
First vice president, Dr. R. H. Rhoden, Fremont.  
Second vice president, Dr. H. L. Kindred, Meadow Grove.  
Secretary, Dr. W. R. Peters, Stanton.  
Treasurer, Dr. W. H. H. Hagey, Norfolk.  
The visiting physicians sat down at a sumptuous spread at the Pacific hotel. Secretary Peters of Stanton acted as toast master in a felicitous manner and called upon the following, who responded to the subjects given them:  
**To Outrank State Society.**  
Dr. Ford of Omaha spoke in strong praise of the eleventh annual meet of the Elkhorn Valley Medical society. It was destined in practical value to outrank the state society.  
Dr. Fancher of Sioux City gave an entertaining and instructive talk on the specialist in medicine and received generous applause.  
Dr. Beattie of Neligh responded to the "general practitioner" in a terse and entertaining vein.  
Dr. Pheasant, who is bubbling over with the happiness of recent wedlock, spoke with great enthusiasm on the physician as a family man.  
Dr. Wigglesworth of Hooper, with much self deprecation, spoke of competition and the scorn of trust methods among the profession.  
Dr. Henry of Omaha had for his subject the medical colleges and gave an interesting discourse on a subject with which he is very familiar.  
Dr. Rhoden of Fremont gave an earnest and serious talk on the duties of the physician as a citizen.  
George B. Christoph of Norfolk, a member of the state board of pharmacy, contributed to the topic, "the doctor an easy mark," the information that substitution and adulteration in prescription filling were never indulged in by reputable druggists and that the latter held to as high a standard of professional honor as the doctors and substitution was impossible because doctors are not easy marks.  
J. Earle Harper spoke briefly on the relation the druggist bears to the doctor.

**Happiness Depends on Self.**

Dr. Mackay responded to "A talk for others today." He prefaced his remarks regarding the work of physicians for others by calling attention to the small need the doctor had personally for study or medicine, in the following well chosen words:  
"The committee on ecerology has reported that out of a membership of 150 in this society there has been no death during the past year. As one looks over this assemblage it becomes evident from the glow of health that mantles the cheeks, and the cheerfulness of spirit that prevails, that we have little use for our medicine. Rather would one think that we were millionaires with leisure and an assured income instead of hard working men exposed to danger and the vicissitude of accident and disease with sorrow, sickness and death for an environment. The physician illustrates the supreme triumph of man over environment and proves that the kingdom of heaven is within us, that out of the alchemy of our own hearts we make the elixir of human happiness. From the self same flower from which the bee obtains honey, the wasp extracts only poison for its sting, so it is all in the method of mechanism whether we derive from life a rich reward."

**Physicians Who Were Here.**

Among the visitors who were here were the following physicians:  
F. A. Long, Madison; R. H. Rhoden, Fremont; W. H. H. Hagey, Norfolk; H. S. Summers, West Point; H. P. McKnight, Long Pine; E. C. Henry, Omaha; F. A. Bryant, Norfolk; A. Schladeck, Omaha; E. L. Bridges, Wausa; J. R. Beatty, Butte; F. E. Franchere, Sioux City; E. W. Beattie, Neligh; E. W. Minton, Oakdale; Edwin Dodd, Winnetoon; H. D. Morris, Creston; Palmer Findlay, Omaha; M. J. Ford, Omaha; W. C. Campbell, Creighton; F. H. Kugle, Madison; E. Tanner, Battle Creek; T. Wigglesworth, Hooper; A. Bear, Norfolk; W. Pilger, Norfolk; J. H. Mackay, Norfolk; Halle L. Ewing, Lincoln; A. G. Luschen, Columbus; T. G. Bracking, Norfolk; H. O. Munson, Battle Creek; E. L. Brush, Norfolk; G. A. Meredith, Crawford; S. A. Campbell, Tilden; R. Crook, Oakdale; H. L. Kindred, Meadow Grove; James Hardy, Stanton; L. R. Pheasant, Pierce.

**NO DEATHS IN SOCIETY.**

**Physicians, Though Exposed to All Sorts of Disease, Survive.**

Out of the entire membership of 125 physicians who belong to the Elkhorn Valley Medical society, and who meet in Norfolk each year, there was not one single death during the year just closed, which is considered quite a cause for congratulation by the members when the risks taken by physicians are considered.

Out in the cold nights during wintry

weather, taking long drives through storms and then exposed to all sorts of diseases to which humans are heir, the members of the society here for the convention declared that their own treatment must be pretty good to keep them all alive.

**WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.**

J. E. Lutz of Blair was in the city yesterday.  
Otto Kauratt was over from Madison yesterday.  
Asa Mauck of Plainview spent yesterday in the city.  
Chas. Tepner of Plainview was in the city yesterday.  
A. D. Moser of Osmond was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.  
Miss Hattie Olmstead of Neligh was in the city yesterday.  
A. B. Campbell left yesterday for a business trip to Arizona.  
Anna Lundberg of Bristow came down on the early train.  
James Wax and Joe Barr of Pilger were in the city last night.  
Geo. E. Schiller of Central City was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.  
Chas. Klive and Sam Hodson of Albion were in the city yesterday.  
Geo. Siers came down from Plainview last night to attend a dance.  
Mrs. H. L. Kindred of Meadow Grove accompanied her husband to Norfolk.  
W. H. Field of Madison, clerk of the courts, was in the city yesterday.  
Edward, Carl and Selma Johnson of Newman Grove were Norfolk visitors yesterday.  
Mrs. H. E. Balwin and Mrs. E. L. Kato came up from Enola last night to attend a masquerade party.  
Albert Elliott returned last evening from Sodin, Mich., and started attending the Norfolk Business college this morning.  
August Brummond returned yesterday from Columbus, where he had been to attend a meeting of the grand trustees of the Sons of Hermann, of which he is a member.  
After having spent five months in Norfolk visiting with relatives and friends, Edson Mapes left at noon for his home in New York City. Mr. Mapes has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Durland.  
A boy was born yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Scott.  
A meeting of the Norfolk Driving club will be held Friday evening to elect officers for the year 1907. Every body should interest themselves enough to attend so as to elect a good set of officers.  
The masquerade ball given by the Norfolk band at Marquardt hall last evening was the most successful event of its kind ever attempted in Norfolk. There was a great crowd of masked dancers and more than a hundred spectators watched the fun. The costumes worn by the merry-makers were of all kinds, sorts and description, handsome, comic, grotesque and absurd. The unmasking was at 11 o'clock, and then those who had been guessing on identity found how much they had missed their guesses. Prizes were awarded both ladies and gentlemen for the handsome and comic costumes. The music furnished by the band orchestra was just right to inspire a good time.  
D. Mathewson is in Lincoln on business.  
J. E. Haase went to Hoskins on business at noon.  
C. S. Hayes was in Fremont yesterday on business.  
C. E. Barnham went to Lincoln yesterday on business.  
Mrs. Chas. Hibben, who has been quite sick, is much better.  
Z. Salzwedel, who has been quite sick, is now much better.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cummings are in Fremont visiting with relatives.  
A. N. McGinnis and Ralph Willey left last night for Lost Springs, Wyo.  
Albert Viergutz, the night machinist, is quite sick, and John Heinze of the day force is taking his place.  
General Superintendent S. M. Braden and Division Superintendent C. H. Reynolds of the Northwestern went east at noon.  
C. W. Lander has arrived from Genoa to succeed J. B. Ellefer as agent for the Union Pacific and Omaha railroads in their union depot here.  
George Schwartz is on the sick list.  
Joseph Sheinger, who is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Branigan, left yesterday for a short visit with relatives before leaving for his home in Sioux City.  
George Stalcup has finished filling Rome Miller's ice house and commenced on the railroad company's ice house this morning.  
Mrs. U. R. Watson left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Omaha.  
Mrs. Charles Miller and children of Council Bluffs, formerly of Norfolk, are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Salzwedel.  
Jake Christianson, who is sick is much worse this morning. He is suffering with appendicitis.  
C. C. Hughes, who retired from the office of general superintendent on the Northwestern lines west of the Missouri river Tuesday, arrived in Norfolk at noon to look after personal business.  
Robert Bridge of Fremont stopped off in Norfolk yesterday afternoon for a short visit between trains with his brothers, W. H. Bridge and C. S. Bridge. He was enroute to his ranch in the western part of the state.  
While Otto Uhle, the night boiler washer, and son were driving to work Sunday evening the horse became frightened and started to run. Mr. Uhle was thrown out in front of one of Mr. Durland's houses on First street, and struck his head on a brick, causing him to be insensible. The boy stuck to the buggy until the horse was stopped by a delivery man, and was more frightened than hurt. Mr. Uhle has a gash about four inches long in his head, but is getting along fine.