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KANSAS FOR TAFT?
The Kansas republican central committee has promised to deliver the state republican party to Taft.

As one means of removing a difficult barrier from the Taft boom, an effort is going to be made to oust Dick and the balance of the republican central committee of Ohio.

ATTACKS HITCHCOCK.
Another statement from Washington, telling us that Arch M. Hughes, ousted postmaster at Columbia, Tenn., is a malleable liar, is not beyond the limits of possibilities.

Col. Arch M. Hughes says that Hitchcock ousted him because he is not in favor of a third term for President Roosevelt. He declares that no word of misconduct or wrong doing or inefficiency has ever reached him.

ARTESIAN WELLS.
The great practical value of the underground water investigation of the United States geological survey has recently received another demonstration.

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A few years ago a country newspaper was a sheet whose chief object in life was to get in print names of local residents. Today the newspapers of this great territory stand out as institutions which do a mighty portion of the work of this country's progress.

BROWNSVILLE UP TO DATE.
Testimony in the now noted Brownsville affair, in which negro soldiers formerly stationed at Fort Niobrara were charged with "shooting up" the town, is not all one sided.

While negro soldiers had testified all along, and with remarkable unanimity, that they were innocent and knew nothing of the shooting, Brownsville people are tending to prove that the colored soldiers were guilty and did, after all, do the shooting with which they were charged.

Four Brownsville people testified that they saw the negro soldiers shooting, and that there could be no mistake in identity.

The Brownsville investigation has dragged on to such a length that there is little interest left in it excepting when a bit of genuinely new testimony is brought out.

PREACHER REPENTS.
Rev. John L. Clark, pastor of the Brunswick Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn, who married Corey and Miss Gilman, has repented.

Whether the Rev. Mr. Clark did right or wrong in performing the ceremony that united the divorced steel king and the former footlight beauty in wedlock, the country has formed a pretty nearly unanimous verdict as to the action of the groom.

It was a wedding that the world looked upon because of the lavishness of its costly trimmings; but one with which the world at large—the world that loves a lover—was entirely out of sympathy, and ought to be.

NEWSPAPERS OF NORTHWEST.
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NORFOLK FOR "CUT FLOWERS."
A Bonesteel paper of last week, in speaking of a social function held at that place which was particularly excellent, said that potted plants and "cut flowers from Norfolk florists" were used in decorating.

There is not enough demand for cut flowers in any small town to support a greenhouse. Yet there is enough demand in the aggregate from all of the small towns of this vast territory to make a greenhouse in Norfolk practicable and worth while.

filled with real arguments for various articles offered for sale and it is safe to say that they are producing results. With the increased development of the west and the inauguration of more scientific methods of doing business, made necessary by increased competition from the larger cities, country towns are no longer looking upon their newspapers as "charitable" institutions, but are coming to recognize the real value of publicity and the potency of printer's ink.

No other section of the west shows newspapers which, as a whole, can compete in general excellence with the newspapers of northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota of today.

MEMORIAL DAY DUTY.
It is fit and proper that the Norfolk city council should appropriate a sum with which to help defray expenses of the forthcoming Memorial day services in this city.

In years gone by Norfolk, like other cities of America, has allowed the old soldiers to take full charge, with all of the trouble and burden and worry that accompanies such supervision, of the annual Memorial day services.

Memorial day ought to be perpetuated. The war in which these heroes risked their lives and in which they suffered all manner of privation, preserved this union and the stars and stripes. It was a bloody conflict but a necessary one.

But an opportunity undeveloped brings no benefit. After a little while new lines of railroad will be built through and across the vast tract northwest of here, bringing that territory into closer relation with Sioux City and Omaha.

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FOR A GOOD ROAD TO JUNCTION
A summons has gone out from the First street improvement committee asking for aid in the work of building a permanent highway along that thoroughfare from the business section of the city to the Junction.

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In order to supply this demand for a market place within a day's reach from all this country, Norfolk is stocking up, more and more, with industries and institutions to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

With this opportunity knocking harder and harder on Norfolk's door, with the call from out of Norfolk's vast tributary territory growing louder and louder in insisting that this is the place that ought to supply the "cut flowers" of life to all of these neighboring towns, because of the mutual benefit in building up the new northwest and a creditable city at its gateway, it might be no bad plan for the Commercial club to adopt some active campaign for developing the possibilities offered.

A look at the map shows that Norfolk has a remarkably advantageous location as the distributing gateway to a magnificent and fertile territory running more than a half thousand miles west and more than a hundred northwest.

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The opportunity is now ripe for Norfolk to go a-courting and to wed the new northwest as the husband who shall send "cut flowers" in all lines of industry and trade out through all this territory for all time to come; and the opportunity for this romance, unless organized activity and an aggressive campaign is adopted by the business interests as a unit, will one day fade away.

AROUND TOWN.
Killing frosts don't seem to hurt the green bugs.

It's useless to ask the weather to change. It changes too often now.

The new northwest is dressing up and has added a new train to her gown.

When Price's Jewels win a ball game, Price considers them priceless jewels.

The tennis season will end before it begins.

to grow rapidly. As a result he was willing to take the bonds at \$500 less than he at first thought possible. This incident has been commented upon before. But it emphasizes the need of creditable railway stations and good roads.

Not every visitor in the city has time to stay and investigate. Many, being driven from station to hotel over rough and muddy roads, gain such unfavorable impressions of the city that they want to take the first train out and never return.

We who live in Norfolk know that good roads are, in a measure, only skin deep and that it is other features, underneath, which really give a town its foundation for growth.

The same argument will apply to the paving of Norfolk avenue. The same argument will apply to any number of other comparatively small details in the city's appearance which mean so much in turning favor for or against a city among strangers who chance to be spending a brief hour in town.

While clothes do not always make the man or the city, it will be found pretty generally that neat wearing apparel, either in humans or in communities, will give a pretty strong indication as to character and, just as the well dressed man will be given preference over a carelessly garbed person, other things being equal, so the city which has pride enough and confidence enough in itself to pay attention to the little things which count so vitally in appearance, will win out in the end against another of equal rank, but which is willing to drift along untidily.

Norfolk has an opportunity for a tremendous future. No better territory surrounds any city. It is growing in an industrial way. Its prestige is increasing. And if its opportunities are to be taken advantage of, energy and money must be expended in civic improvements, both for comfort and appearance.

A permanent road between the business portion of the city and the Junction would not alone add to comfort and appearance. It would mean dollars and cents. Dozens of shoppers who now go to Omaha from the Junction would be only too glad of an opportunity to come up town if a smooth road made the trip an easier one.

While it will perhaps be some time before a street car service will be available for this route, it was established by The News last summer that an automobile carrying a dozen persons could easily be secured to make regular trips between the Junction and the business portion of the city, thus bringing the residents of that portion of the town much closer to the grading district.

Norfolk owes to the people of the Junction as well as to itself, for the impression it would create with visitors and for the comfort added to Norfolk's rides, a substantial and well built permanent roadway. Much effort and money has already been expended on the First street road and the work ought to be completed. Norfolk ought to make its completion possible. That done, the great value of good roads over bad ones will be so firmly established that other streets between the Junction and up town will be converted into permanent ones, for use in rainy weather as well as dry. And once the value of a good road in town is fixed, rapid improvement of country roads will become a necessity.

Apparently the north pole has begun looking for Peary.

It is said that a good sized crowd of Norfolk people visit Hadar each Sunday nowadays. Norfolk is dry on Sundays but Hadar is an oasis.

One month from today the days will begin to get shorter and the curtain of darkness will begin to fall a little earlier each night on summer scenes.

O'Neill Frontier: The Atkinson Ledger is just as "sassy" as it used to be at Stuart.

Butte Gazette: Butte is, as usual,

in the lead. She is offering \$250 more in purses than any other town in the North Nebraska race circuit. Stand up for Butte.

Your corn planted?
Cherry sisters withstood several years of frost without effect.

Burke is smoking cigarettes in the Omaha jail; he'll probably hang.

We go northwest to find the Rosebud; and the Rosebud looks to Norfolk for its cut flowers.

If Boche can change "j" to "b" he'll get ball instead of jail; otherwise he'll remain a j. b. (which means jail bird.)

It's said there is no hot air about the new Northwestern depot that is going up in Norfolk. It will be steam heated.

In mentioning the opening which now exists in the Third congressional district for an appointment to Annapolis, it may not be policy to mention the hazing.

For the sake of basing an argument upon fact, The News would like to know how many women let their supper dishes go until the next morning and how many insist that their husbands shall turn in and help do the job at night.

Clearwater Record: Norfolk has been trying to get a union depot but the roads have decided not to grant it. The railroad facilities at that place are a disgrace and a great inconvenience to all travelers in northern Nebraska and it would seem that a simplification of transfers would be desired by all parties concerned.

Wow! What a howl would go up, remarked an experienced editor, if newspapers were to criticize the individuals as freely as many people criticize the newspaper. Every issue of a live, reputable newspaper is a mantle of charity, and the matter left out—truth, not gossip—would often more than equal in volume that published. If an editor would get out a cold fact edition of his paper some day, and then get up in a tree and watch the results—wow! What a picture it would be!—Wakefield Republican.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.
What a lot of tiresome talk there is in the world.

The first thing to do in cleaning house is to find out which of your neighbors borrowed your step-ladder last.

You can't tell much by a name; the average disease germ requires more space on its visiting card than a sleeping car, and sleeping cars are not noted for brevity.

If your disposition isn't right it will become noticeably fretful when you draw a poor whist partner.

The people of every locality possessed of a creek or a duck pond, believe they would have excellent fishing if the game law could be enforced.

Occasionally a story strikes you as funny, and you laugh at it for hours. This has been amusing to us today: A Kentucky colonel shot a neighbor, and was taken to the court house. The judge asked the colonel why he had shot the man, and the colonel replied: "Judge, it is a delicate personal matter I do not care to make public," whereupon the judge admitted the colonel to bail, and that settled it.

SENATOR BURKETT HERE

WENT TO EWING TO SPEAK TO GRADUATES.

ON VACATION FROM POLITICS

United States Senator E. J. Burkett Passed Through This City—Met General Manager Walters of Northwestern Here For the First Time.

United States Senator E. J. Burkett of Lincoln spent the noon hour in Norfolk. Senator Burkett was on his way to fill a high school commencement engagement at Ewing.

Senator Burkett's life during the next few weeks will be one round of commencement days and nights. "I expect to help graduate a half thousand young men and women of Nebraska this year," said the senator in Norfolk. There were no new developments in politics, Senator Burkett said. He was, he said, on a vacation from politics with his vacation days one round of smiling young graduates and commencement audiences.

In Norfolk Senator Burkett was introduced to General Manager Walters of the Northwestern, passing through the city on a tour of inspection, and the two had a talk on informal subjects during the noon hour.

Your "Help Wanted" ad, will find the right person—if the right person is looking for work just now.