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The Easter hat will soon be in full bloom.

The time has come when universities and colleges actually think in millions.

Naturally President Taft would favor Yale locks for the Panama canal.

More money is spent in protecting game and fish than for the protection of the public health.

Cannon and Aldrich both favor a permanent tariff commission composed of experts, and they are the experts.

When the fact is taken into consideration that the president has eighty million employees one realizes what an extensively hired man he is.

There is some talk of reporting baseball in English this year, but some doubt the capacity of the English language to cover all emergencies.

Arkansas has opened up the cyclone season unusually early this year. The Brinkley storm was unusually destructive both to life and property.

A rare collection of coins belonging to a Brooklyn man recently sold for \$78,000. This man made almost as much of a success collecting rare coins as some people do the ordinary kind.

A man who has been hired to dramatize one of Henry James' novels has shown his originality by a unique plan to begin at the end and rewrite it forward cutting out every third word. One would suppose that would render the plot clear and comprehensive.

The blind people of the world, of whom, alas, there are so many, have recently celebrated the centenary of Louis Braille, the blind Frenchman who invented the system of embossed point writing which is used by the blind and which bears the inventor's name.

The candidate for mayor of Spokane has chosen a most concise platform upon which to enter the campaign, but it is to the point—"An economical business-like administration and enforcement of the law without fear or favor." Only thirteen words but they cover the ground.

New York trust companies were duly put into strait jackets not long since by the coming into force of the maximum provision of the reserve law which requires them to keep fifteen per cent of their deposits on hand in cash. It is hardly necessary to say that in a panic these laws are naturally disregarded.

The beginning of the new administration at Washington, like all preceding it, marks the death of many fond hopes. Office seekers galore throng the capitol and hang on persistently till the last hope perishes. There is nothing less certain in this world than political anticipations.

The time worn Indian head that has so long adorned the one cent piece, is soon to be replaced by a head of Abraham Lincoln modeled after that on a medal by Victor Brenner. It is very appropriate that the face of the great martyr president should be thus honored.

The latest speed record made by the Mauretania which has been made public, was made on a trip from Liverpool to New York, recently, when the ship covered nearly 792 statute miles in twenty-four hours. The average speed for the whole distance was more than twenty-nine statute miles an hour.

It has been estimated that a system of good roads for the state of Kansas would average one dollar an acre for good farm lands. This would be merely a land value increase, but by far the greater value would be in the easy interchange afforded, the cheapness with which products could be marketed and the ability to utilize the markets when they are most advantageous. What is true of Kansas is just as true of other states.

The government of Mexico has declared the duty off on wheat and for the present time, till the prospect of famine is over, at least, that necessary cereal will be admitted free. This is the kind of tariff to have, one that can be adjusted by executive proclamation without having to wait the doubtful pleasure of Aldrich, Frye, Cannon and Payne. If the United States could follow this example of sensible elasticity it would relieve the pressure in many places.

While the entire civilized world has

generously contributed to the needs of the Italian earthquake sufferers, it is reported on good authority that such incredible and absurd methods of distributing the funds have been employed by the commission that the whole undertaking has been crippled. Thousands of the sufferers are still unroofed, unsheltered and without shelter. Barely ten per cent of the funds received have been expended up to the present time and many have received their only aid from foreigners who administered their relief personally.

The ratification by the senate of the special agreement with Great Britain concerning the Newfoundland fisheries is looked upon as a step toward the end of a controversy which began at an earlier date than the Revolution. Many attempts have been made to settle this protracted wrangling without avail. Now, however, the matter is submitted to the Hague tribunal.

Secretary Knox who has charge of the state department has a most wonderful memory and never forgets anything. He can also go to sleep at will and waken at any time he desires. Few men possess this faculty. Napoleon and Gen. B. F. Butler were notable examples. The one recreation enjoyed by the secretary is a two hour drive between 6 and 8 o'clock in the morning, behind the most famous team in Washington.

Public sentiment will uphold the verdict in the Cooper trial. There was far less the Coopers might be acquitted or that, at least, there might be a disagreement. They were after Carmack and that the murder was deliberate, seems almost unquestionable. For the sake of the country it is well that a conviction was secured.

It is estimated that not less than 500,000 and very possibly a million tramps roam homeless and without employment in the United States. It has been for years a serious problem to know what to do with this great vagrant class, but the charitable societies and railroads believe they have now come upon a plan which will work in America as well as it did in Switzerland, Holland and Belgium. This is the establishment of tramp colonies under rigid discipline where they shall be compelled to be self supporting and law abiding. The plan worked well in the countries named.

Public school instruction in France ranks well with that of other nations, but the report that of the young men who were examined for the army during the past three years, one-fourth were ignorant of the existence of Joan of Arc and over half had never heard of Napoleon Bonaparte, casts rather a serious slur either on the schools or the scholars.

The Japanese express the belief that they are going to like Taft. This is reassuring to the United States and shows great wisdom on the part of the Japs. They must realize that there will be at least four years of him and there is so much of him that if they didn't like him it would be extensively disagreeable.

The American Red Cross society gave \$250,000 for the purpose of establishing an orphanage where 100 of the children who lost their parents in the Sicilian earthquake will be cared for. The international committee has decided to establish nine other orphanages.

The Dingley tariff law which was passed by an extra session of congress, called by President McKinley within two days of his inauguration in 1897, to provide revenues to meet the expenses of the government, has remained in force practically unchanged longer than any other tariff act in American history.

Prof. Percival Lowell states in a lecture to a Boston audience that, if it were possible to ascend into space 100 miles we should be assailed by flying bodies like huge bricks flying at an estimable rapidity through space. This is a black eye on the charms of airship navigation. Automobiles will furnish excitement enough for most of us awhile.

There is one profession which is not overcrowded. Within a year five or more great institutions of learning have been seeking new presidents—Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth and the Universities of Michigan and Minnesota. Several of these great colleges are still seeking suitable heads. The American college president is an important citizen, whose election is a national event, and the man chosen is expected to perform valuable service which shall reflect honor upon the institution. Such men are not easy to find.

There are many criticisms of America's educational system but when compared to that of England it seems a model of perfection. The children of the working classes in England are turned off at the age of fourteen for nothing and without individuality, initiative or the

smallest aptitude for anything in particular. When you consider that the child of the poorest American laborer can get a free education right through to the age of eighteen along the most practical lines which will give them the foundation of any trade or profession which their talents may fit them for.

Until a comparatively short time ago the production of creosote from both coal tar and wood tar far exceeded any demand for wood treating purposes. However, the number of wood preserving plants has grown so rapidly within the last four years that this country is not now able to supply its own demand for coal tar creosote. And encouraging progress has been made by some of the more important wood distillers who have been turning to profit oils and tars which have heretofore been wasted and converting them into creosote, which is constantly increasing in favor for the preservation of structural timber.

Lord Rothschild, the head of the great English banking house, which has for generations past been such a power and exerted such vast influence upon the internal relations of Great Britain and the world, has written a letter to Lord Salisbury urging the need of a commercial alliance between Great Britain and the United States, for mutual protection against the effect of the awakened orient. The cheap labor accessible to manufacturers in China and Japan makes competition with them difficult. This sweet to be remembered by the mother country as a well grown daughter who is now in a position to be helpful taking care of the family.

One of President Roosevelt's many admirers presented him with a very unique gift upon his departure from the White House. It was a handsome album containing over 2,100 newspaper clippings gathered by a clipping bureau of Chicago concerning the tour around the world of the American battleship fleet. Editorial comments from newspapers in every state in the union, cablegrams from different parts reporting the fleet's progress, interspersed with illustrations of the various ships, together with the articles of the fleet's regular correspondent telling of the domestic life and doings of the battleships, form a most interesting volume and one which the president will greatly value.

President Roosevelt's trip to Africa is far more than a mere pleasure trip or hunting expedition. Mr. Roosevelt has for many years been an enthusiastic student of nature and has written several valuable books on natural history. His aim is not to kill for the joy of the chase but to hunt out wild things in their native haunts, that he may preserve specimens and record information which shall be the basis of valuable field notes on the fauna of the dark continent. Besides this, Mr. Roosevelt undoubtedly feels that it would be better both for himself and for President Taft to remove himself completely from the sphere of American politics and place himself in so remote a position that it will be impossible to charge him with dictating to the Taft administration.

The advocacy of government ownership of railroads has sprung up in a new and unexpected quarter. Some of the railway officials declare that unless the persecution of railroads by hostile legislation soon ceases the owners of various lines will voluntarily place their properties in the hands of the government in order to insure reasonable dividends and the measure of protection under the law which all other forms of private property enjoy. That this is not merely talk is evidenced by the decreased earnings of important transportation systems and the actual stagnation that exists in all lines of railroad development.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.  
Another municipal campaign is on in Norfolk. Both the Republicans and the Democrats have placed their candidates in the field.

There are many reasons why the Republican ticket, nominated Friday night, should be endorsed by the average citizen in Norfolk. Mayor Sturgeon has served but one term, and has served well. He is entitled to a reelection for work well and conscientiously performed.

The Sturgeon administration has been neither drastic nor loose. The city never has been more orderly than during the past year. It has been an administration of conservatism rather than one going to extremes in any direction.

The councilmanic candidates named by the Republicans are representative men in each instance and will, if elected, make efficient councilmen. The entire Republican ticket is one of clean men, deserving support at the polls.

FEARS FOR ROOSEVELT.  
Right up to the moment the boat sailed away with ex-President Roosevelt for the wilds of Africa, Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago insisted that the former chief executive would never return alive.

Two or three times before Professor Starr had given utterance to similar fears. This was his final word:

No man can expect to go into the dangerous climates of the African wilds at fifty or more and come out alive. The strange unidentified fevers which abound there are withstood with difficulty even by the youngest and sturdiest blood. For a man of the president's age the attempt is almost suicidal.

In the tropics there is nothing more dangerous than a quick temper, such as Mr. Roosevelt has. Sudden outbreaks of temper, it is well known, frequently result fatally in these regions. The natives say that a man dies from going into a rage.

It would be better if Mr. Roosevelt would take a trip up the great lakes. But Mr. Roosevelt was apparently undaunted, as he went right on with his scheduled plans and left New York at 11:09 o'clock for the region of the wild animals.

One paper calls attention, in connection with the prospective hunt, to the fact that the ex-president is not going to kill the animals, but to collect specimens. The killing, while quite necessary, will be merely incidental.

There are various kinds of great men as we have often been told. Some are great military leaders or naval commanders, some are great orators or statesmen, great preachers or inventors. These usually receive the appreciative plaudits of their fellow men. There is another class who do their work single handed and without flourish of trumpets who nevertheless do a work so far reaching in its results that it can hardly be over estimated. Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, was one of this latter class. He made possible the great cotton industry of the world which clothes millions, has built up and supports great cities and in results has proven greater than any law or battle or book. Now the United States has another man of the Whitney class who is doing in the agricultural world what others have done in science and literature—revolutionizing the world's agriculture. He is doing more to increase the possible productiveness of the soil by adapting plants to them and by changing and improving plant life so that the earth, may bring forth food for the increasing millions than any other man in the country. His name is Luther Burbank. De we estimate him at his true worth to the country and give him the honor which he deserves?

The extremely disagreeable weather in Washington on the day of Taft's inaugural again starts the discussion about changing the date of that ceremony. Many suggestions have been made postponing the inauguration till April or even later, but there are some strong arguments presented against prolonging the time between the election and the beginning of the new administration. The people speak their minds as to the policies they desire to have carried out early in November and they are entitled to have them carried out as early as possible. The time between the election of a new president and the beginning of his administration is a trying one to the occupant of the White House. His usefulness is practically over. His policies are either discredited or passed to his successor to enforce. He merely marks time while the nation waits for the hour when a new order of affairs will begin. In the case of the election of Grover Cleveland in 1892, the suspense of the business world during the four months which preceded the change of policies greatly aggravated financial conditions. The Democratic tariff was bad enough but administered under an irritated public stomach it proved well high fatal. Instead of lengthening the time before a new president commences his administration it should be shortened. January first is the date when the state officials elected in November go into office, why not the president?

"JOKER" IN LUMBER TARIFF?  
According to the National Forest Conservation league there's a "joker" in the lumber tariff, as proposed. A circular letter—one of the hundreds of circular letters that newspapers will receive hereafter from all sorts of quarters regarding this and that proposed schedule—has been issued to paper, offering complaint. This is the text of the message:

The lumber schedule of the bill the ways and means committee has just reported is a profound disappointment to the lumber consumer.

While the duty on rough lumber is reduced from \$2 to \$1 the duty on finished lumber in all forms is left so high as to remain prohibitive.

Rough lumber, owing to transportation charges, cannot be imported into the United States except where water transportation is available.

Consequently the reduction on rough lumber is of no benefit whatever to the farmers and other consumers in the great interior country.

Finished lumber can be imported because of the saving in railway rates as compared with rough lumber if the tariff permit it, but as proposed it does not permit it.

About ninety per cent of the lumber shipped from a mill by rail goes through the planing mill before it is put on the cars.

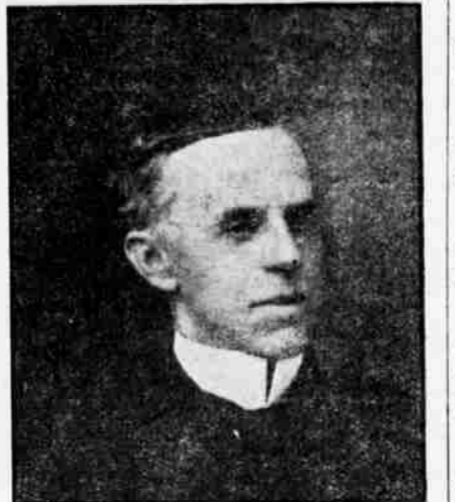
This lumber from abroad. Therefore, he will be entirely dependent on domestic supplies as before.

This is the kind of revision that may fool, but will not benefit.

Every congressman who wants to help his constituents to get cheaper lumber should insist on free lumber, both rough and finished.

Insisting that he should insist that finished lumber which is what his average constituent buys shall not be taxed more than rough lumber, which is what the average constituent does not buy.

Dakota Warden.  
Sioux Falls, S. D., March 20.—Special to The News: For some time there has been considerable speculation as to who would be appointed to the position of warden of the Sioux Falls penitentiary to succeed Warden Harry Parmlay, whose term will expire on May 15 next. Warden Parmlay always has been affiliated with the stalwart wing of the Republican party in South Dakota, and as the progressive Republicans are in charge of state affairs it has been regarded as unlikely that he would be reappointed. It now is reported on apparently good authority that O. S. Swenson of this city, who served as warden of the penitentiary immediately prior to the appointment of Mr. Parmlay, will again be appointed to his old place. The appointment is expected to be made by Governor Vessey prior to May 15, so the new warden can assume the duties of the position at the expiration of the term of Warden Parmlay.



REV. MR. REINHART.  
Rev. Mr. Reinhart of Columbus is conducting revival meetings at the Baptist church this week.

AROUND TOWN.

Election day in two weeks.

Did the robin crow too soon?

Duck; the equinoxial storm is due.

Has your house been burglarized?

The robins arrived on schedule time.

Spring's here. If you don't believe it, look in the book.

Only one more week to wait for the teachers, tra la.

Now you smokers are in for a lot of bad cigars.

An extra policeman wouldn't be a bad investment during this land rush.

One Norfolk girl is said to wear so much powder that you can tell her five blocks away.

Take a bunch of ten people and nine of them will have something the matter with them.

Even a battleship ought to be able to sail through the kind of air that hung over Norfolk Tuesday morning.

There will be plenty of rain within a week. It's only a week from now that the teachers are scheduled to arrive.

Speaking of burglars, there's nothing like having millionaire neighbors as a means of escaping the burglar's touch.

That Ewing farmer whose safe money and papers were stolen in the night, is probably convinced by this time that it pays to keep your money in a bank.

It would be interesting to get "Kid" Jensen's opinion as to the probable outcome of a wrestling match between Jim Thompson and that Hartington man.

Why have they shipped a carload of cable to Yankton for use in building the Norfolk & Yankton? Why don't they get up to date and use the wireless.

J. P. Whitla, father of the kidnaped boy, called his wife "Mama" over the telephone. What do you think of men who call their wives "Mama," as a general proposition?

Those promised "sensations" from the Antelope county grand jury haven't yet come to light. County Attorney Rice, who was instrumental in calling the grand jury, had a hand in springing a meteor "sensation" from Neligh some weeks ago.

Those Hadar bank robber suspects will die of old age and out of prison if the Iowa courts keep up their present dilatory tactics. But then they're getting some of their punishment even now—they'll have to stay in Sioux City until June, at least.

From one direction come reports that banks of Missouri are being dynamited and wrecked; and from the north come reports that banks of the Missouri have been cut away and

flooded. Apparently Missouri needs a bank guaranty.

A tramp in Norfolk last night encountered a man who had nothing less than a dollar in his pocket. The tramp hadn't the nerve to demand the dollar, but, very much desiring a portion of it, he finally fished around in his purse and produced enough small change to trade for the dollar, and he thirty cents to the good.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

No man's sore is as big as his groin.

The birds are beginning to hunt up their steadies.

No girl's switch ever matches the color of her hair.

Praise a man and somebody will tell you something "on" him.

Every man is punished for growing old. As though it were his fault.

How long may a man properly "go" with a girl without marrying her?

A man doesn't look as pretty at a piano as a girl, but as a rule, he can play better.

We want time to fly until spring comes and then we hope time will break a leg.

After a man marries, he begins to take the man's side when he hears of domestic troubles.

It is said that when a woman has money the man is never the one who applies for a divorce.

When an elderly man enjoys perfect health he is as proud of it as a handsome young woman of her beauty.

Every man thinks that things at his home get out of order quicker than anywhere else on earth.

Some men never get gay except when they eat at a hotel; then they want to flirt with the dining room girls.

Atlas thought he had a burden, but every one occasionally thinks to himself, "he ought to see what I have to carry."

It sometimes happens that the people never find out a man is an eloquent talker, because he didn't get started on his wrongs.

When a clerk visits Atchison from fifty miles away, he is usually general manager; if he comes from a thousand miles away, he is president of the concern.

An old hunter says there never was a hunting dog that amounted to much; that the stories of wonderful hunting dogs are all due to the disposition of hunters to lie.

Nearly every really bright student at school is ambitious to become a teacher. Nearly every particularly good Republican is anxious to become a leader, and run for office.

Who was the great woman who first thought of cooking sauer kraut and spare ribs together? We would like to hear more of her, and less of King Edward's latest favorite.

Half the advice given to a married woman consists in "Cut out your kin." The average woman, when she marries, makes a load of her kin and demands that her husband walk under it with her.

All a man gets, when he complains to his children of the sacrifices he has made for them, is a comparison in their minds with their mother, who has made greater sacrifices, and never called attention to them.

A procession was recently observed in Atchison, the mother and father leading, and a weeping girl bringing up the rear. And, when they reached a certain spot in the yard, a grave was dug and a romance was carefully buried in the hole in the ground. The neighbors say it is the first case in ten years where parents have had their way. As a rule, such a procession is led by a girl taking a worthless man to the altar, and her parents follow and do the weeping.

An Atchison girl had a proposal of marriage Sunday night, and asked a week to think it over. She went to all of her married sisters. One, who used to be a belle, had three children, did all her own work, and hadn't been to the theater, or out riding since she was married. Another, whose husband was a promising young man at the time she was married, was supporting him. A third didn't dare say her life was her own when her husband was around, and a fourth was divorced. After visiting them, and hearing their woes, the heroine of this little tale went home, got pen, ink and paper, and wrote an answer to the young man. You may think it was refusing him, but it wasn't. She said she could be ready in a month.

Take good care of your mother, children. When she dies it leaves the state open for father to get out, and when he is out, he behaves in a manner that brings a great deal of wretchedness to his family. If he is still a young man when the bars are let down, he sometimes marries a young woman, and all is well, but if he is old, and has long been a prisoner, he throws discretion to the winds, acts like a colt, breaks into pastures where he has no right to be, and is finally caught and bridled by the very last woman in the world the family would select. A wife, particularly the wife who has grown old with a man,

and protected him from other women for many years, is the greatest insurance her husband and her family can have against trouble.

OVER NORTHWESTERN PRAIRIES.  
Nebraska City News: The Norfolk News is authority for the statement that there is a conspiracy formed by professional crafters, confidence men and all-round thugs to hold up all winners around for the Tripp county land. From what we can learn these intriguers want to be careful or they will be tripped when they least expect it.

The Omaha Trade Exhibit in publishing the text of the resolutions passed by the associated commercial clubs in Norfolk omits the last clause, which urges that the exposition be held in January instead of during the holiday season. The selfish interests of the Omaha retailers is said to be responsible for the holiday date and it has been suggested that pressure be brought on the Omaha jobbers to secure a change in the dates.

Nebraska School Review: The Lynch public schools are fortunate in having a distinguished educator at their head this year in the person of Dr. J. W. Sifton who was the founder and first president of the North Dakota state normal school at Valley City. Later he practiced medicine for a number of years, and wanting to retire from it, accepted the principalship at Lynch from love of the work. He has three fine farms in that vicinity.

About Norfolk.  
Madison Chronicle: Norfolk Republicans have renominated Mayor Sturgeon and the entire list of outgoing Republican officials, and it took only fifteen minutes to do it. That is harmony for you, and should pose a sweeping Republican victory at the coming city election in the gate city of the new northwest.

Madison Post: A bunch of Norfolk box car sports ranging in age, we should say, from twelve to seventeen, came down Thursday afternoon on the freight to take in the town. They would like to have gone further but were short of mileage. The day being warm and springlike they had perhaps become inoculated with the "weary Willie" germ.

About Norfolk.  
Madison Chronicle: If the Yankton & Norfolk road is not built it will not be the fault of The Norfolk News, and here is wishing it success. When the road is completed to Norfolk the rules should be suspended and The News editors be granted a life pass over the road.

Whisper Tribune: A daughter was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb of Norfolk and the women can call her "a little lamb" without being nature fakirs.

Madison Chronicle: The Norfolk News says if you want to read the news while it is news you must read The News. How is that for a news item? Guess they are more than half right about it, too, as Abraham Lincoln said to the old gentleman when the latter remarked that out his way people believed in God and Abraham Lincoln.

Eight Fremont college students are under quarantine for snailpox.

C. A. Manville, principal of the Herrick schools, has been re-elected at a salary advance of \$20 a month. Mr. Manville is well known among north Nebraska teachers.

Pilger Herald: O. Vierson gladdened the hearts of his eight children last Friday by making each one of them a present of \$200. Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Pilger; Lovel Vierson, McCook; Mill Vierson, Pilger; Ed Vierson, Ponca City, Okla.; Mrs. T. J. Wells, Pilger; Mrs. Walter Siedel, St. Charles, S. D.; Mrs. Ira Baker, Dixon, S. D.; Mrs. Howard Smith, Dallas, Tex.

NEBRASKA POLITICS.

Nebraska City Press: A telegram received yesterday from Washington states that William Hayward has refused the appointment as first assistant postmaster general. Before Mr. Hayward left it was understood among his intimate friends that he would not seriously consider the offer because of the fact that it would necessitate his removing from this city and interfere with his extensive law practice here. This means that he will be an active factor in Nebraska politics during the coming campaign.

Norfolk and the Convention.  
Columbus Tribune: The Columbus delegates to Norfolk to attend the state convention of commercial clubs returned home today delighted with their trip. They were royally entertained and all report a good time generally.

A Democratic Opinion.  
Stanton Register: The present legislature is disappointing to all people in the work done so far. Few platform pledges have been carried out and none of them in the letter and spirit of party promises. In expenditures everything possible is being done to spend the state funds wisely. Along the line of liquor legislation nothing was expected but in view of the general demand for a chance to vote on county option, it would be wise if some method was devised so that a vote could be had at the next general election. Perhaps something good will come out of the remaining days of the session.