

The Norfolk News

Gen. Wheeler's book on the Santiago campaign, just published, is provoking much criticism among army officers.

The curfew bell may now be considered a pretty thoroughly Americanized institution. It is regularly rung in more than 300 different towns in this country.

In Iowa men owning large farms are quite concerned lest they fail to find men to do the work needed. Wages have been advanced from \$16 and \$18 a month to \$25 and upwards and still the supply continues scarce. What means all this? Will Mr. Bryan dare to tell the farmers and farm laborers of Iowa that times are not better?

Hon. T. F. Memminger has commanded himself to the people of this community by his efforts at Lincoln during this term of the legislature to promote the interests of his constituency. He has ably and effectively sustained and promoted measures which concerned the future prosperity of Norfolk. Norfolk citizens appreciate it. The News is glad to voice this sentiment in recognition of the fairness with which Norfolk has been treated by the Madison members.

The peace conference called by the czar meets at the Hague May 18. What it will accomplish remains to be seen. The difficulty is that men are willing to talk about peace when they are not willing to help change existing conditions. As long as commercial greed puts burdens on the necks of the many that governments may grow strong or a few grow wealthy, so long will there be war and bloodshed. When nations are willing to be just, cost what it may, and individuals will take the same position, there will be peace and not until then.

The time for calling off the American troops from Manila has not yet arrived. Notwithstanding the petition of the eminent Bostonians and others to that effect, the president will continue the straightforward course of quelling the disturbances at Manila. When that is done, it will be time to talk of discussing the right course for us to pursue in the settlement of this very serious problem that confronts us. Any thoughtful man can readily see that to do as these visionary and impractical men of the east want the government to do, would be to invite the contempt of the civilized world and still further add to the complications of the case. There are none so blind as those who won't see.

While the press of the country has universally commended Mr. Bryan for his sensible disposal of the very silly girl who desired to Hobsonize him down in Texas, the Chicago News takes this view of it:

Bryan wouldn't let her kiss him, though they say she's young and fair; She's a reigning belle in Texas And sets fellow crazy there; But the brave Nebraska statesman From her lips turned his away— He was "not another Hobson." That was all he had to say.

She's a reigning belle in Texas And she asked him for a snack, But he rose above temptation And he bravely turned his back; Oh, they say that she's graceful And they say that she's fair—but His wife is in Nebraska And she gets the papers there.

The democratic party may make up all the wry faces it is capable of, it may put its time in sneering at the principle of protection to home industries if it chooses. That is a matter of its own. But as long as a Wilson law shuts down American mills and factories and makes goods cheap by foreign labor, and American workers so cheap—because of lack of employment—that they cannot buy them, it can never gain the confidence of the American people. As long as business is increasingly good, wages of workmen voluntarily being raised, men and capital both as busy as they can be filling "rush" orders at home and abroad, under the stimulus given trade by the enacting of the Dingley law, the American people will sustain and give hearty allegiance to the republican party which is responsible for such legislation. The howls of the disengaged and demoralized democracy, however piteous and intense, cannot prevail against indisputable facts among intelligent voters.

More light is being turned on the Philippine problem day by day. The latest information in regard to the islands comes through Prof. Knapp of the agricultural department, who has just returned from Manila. He says that the population of the islands has been greatly overestimated. By careful inquiry and investigation he believes there are not over 4,000,000 people in the whole group. Only one-third of the land is tillable and two-thirds belongs to the government. Speaking of the opportunities to engage in agriculture, the professor says that the sugar lands are excellent. There is an evenness of temperature which is very desirable for sugar and a large rainfall. Some years they get ten feet of rain. This is also a great thing for the rice. He contends that there is a great field for American capitalists to go into the plantation business, but they must first learn the business. Prof. Knapp thinks the climate is all right. It is comfort-

able at night and in the morning, but hot in the middle of the day and early evening. By adapting himself to the conditions an American can get along very comfortably.

Envious Neighbors.

Norfolk has secured a cinch on money in the United States treasury not otherwise appropriated, and as a result will have \$10,000 to purchase a site for a public building, and the amount appropriated ought to purchase about half the property within the corporate limits of the city. Not satisfied with this, they are after another gob lot, in fact two gob lots, from the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated: one for the maintenance of the asylum and the other for the construction of and maintenance of a state normal. There are other cities in this section of the state, however, that are entitled to some of the good things provided for by the tax-payers of the state. —Wayne Herald.

The editor of our esteemed contemporary should have learned one or two things of importance long before this. Abuse of others never can take the place of argument. Envy is always an admission of strength and power on the part of the party envied.

The News can say in behalf of the people of Norfolk that there is no feeling here toward the bright, thrifty little city to the northeast, except one of kindness, and admiration for its pluck and enterprise, nor is there any reason for a different spirit to be manifested toward this place by that.

Norfolk does congratulate itself that the federal government has recognized the crying need that exists here for suitable quarters for the postoffice and the court officials. Why shouldn't it?

Its citizens believe that its position, railroad facilities, and general prospects for growth entitle it to fair and candid consideration among the other towns of this section of the state as the proper location for a normal school.

A Self-Supporting Nation.

A contemporary says that the American people have been struck by the bacillus of boastfulness since the beginning of the Spanish war, and that it is working much injury.

Wouldn't it be much nearer the truth of the matter to acknowledge that the guns fired at Santiago and Manila brought us to our senses and revealed to us, for the first time in our national history, not only our position in regard to the rest of the world, but disclosed to us with great power, the wonderful resources of our own land?

America has a right to think well of herself in many ways. Not to do that is to fail to come up to the full measure of her opportunities. Nations, as well as individuals, must cultivate self-respect if they would have the respect of others. This is a great nation. We cannot emphasize that statement too strongly.

Did you ever stop to think that we could be shut off from all the rest of the world and still live, provided with all the comforts and luxuries of civilization?

No man would suffer for lack of tobacco if he wanted it, for the Connecticut valley, Virginia, Louisiana and other states raise the weed in ample quantity, and of the most excellent quality.

Beer, wine, whiskies and brandies are produced in almost unlimited quantities. There is no danger whatever of a drought in this direction, but even if there was the result might not be unfortunate.

In breadstuffs we raise enough, not only for ourselves, but have millions of bushels to sell to our neighbors.

Oats and barley, poultry and eggs can be raised in plenty for our own needs.

The choicest and most healthy fruits are here in abundance.

Politicians are all agog over the conference which is now taking place at Jekyll island, off the coast of Georgia, between Speaker Thomas B. Reed and President McKinley. It has been altogether unannounced and comes as a surprise to those newspapers of the democratic persuasion which have been talking about the irreconcilable differences between these two eminent republican leaders. If the result of their meeting together shall be harmony of action, the opponents of the president who have been saying such pleasant things about Mr. Reed, of late, will have to return to their old files and recusitate such phrases as "czar," "tyrant" and "usurper" when they speak of him. The exigencies of the situation will compel it.

The death of Hon. John Sherman of Ohio which the dispatches announce as near at hand, will remove one of the last of the more eminent men who have had much to do with the conduct of public affairs during the last half century. He was senator from Ohio for many years and served as a member of the cabinet under both Presidents Hayes and President McKinley. His health has been failing for the past few years and he was compelled to withdraw from public affairs because of waning powers. He was at one time considered a strong presidential possibility. He was always an earnest republican, an uncompromising partisan, but recognized by all as a rugged character. Few men have left the stamp of their personality on so much national legislation. He was conspicuous as a financier. He will pass into history as one of our ablest and most useful statesmen.

The statement is made that a petition is being circulated by republicans in the Third ward asking that the name of E. O. Mount be placed upon the ticket as candidate for councilman. It is to be hoped this statement is not true, but if it is those Third ward republicans are making a serious mistake. From no party point of view is this action justified. The republican convention was held at Eisley's hall last Saturday evening, after ample notice had been given of the time and place of meeting. Not only this, but an item was published in THE News on Saturday urging every republican to present and take part in the proceedings. At that convention Mr. Bullock was regularly placed in nomination for councilman. If there was any objection to him as a candidate it should have been manifested there. The place for republicans to settle party questions is in the primaries, not at the polls. It is very poor politics to stay away from primaries and then, because the action of the primary may not be pleasing to try to upset what has been done. No party victory was ever accomplished in

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, who is an acknowledged authority on statistics, says that every dollar received in revenue from the liquor traffic costs the government of the United States twenty-one dollars.

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That Kipling is the modern personation of power, as claimed by his friends, is attested by the fact that although over 300 poems have been written about him since his illness, he steadily continues to improve.

All the great industries of this country are expanding at a phenomenal rate. Take the coal output as an example. Since 1870 it has increased nine times, while the exports of coal have increased sixteen times.

The queen regent has signed the ratification of the Paris treaty and the United States is at peace again. If Aguinaldo and his gold whistle can be quieted, Uncle Sam can then devote all his time to taking care of the wonderful expansion of business which is going on in his domains.

That it pays to advertise is proven by the experience of an Iowa girl. She advertised for a husband and found one. The total expense incurred in the use of printers' ink and wedding outfit was \$9. Shortly after the marriage he enlisted in the Spanish-American war. He was killed in one of the battles and left an insurance of \$3,000 to his wife. She will also draw a widow's pension in a short time.

The democrats are taking comfort from the admission of President McKinley that we have quit discussing the tariff and turned our attention to getting trade wherever it can be found. The president is right but it is simply because the protective tariff has so fully proven all that was claimed for it that no room is left for discussion. Successful achievement puts any question out of the realm of controversy.

Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio states the present condition of affairs in this country thus pertinently: "The country is today more prosperous than it ever was before. Wages are better; there is a more general employment of labor; enterprise is pushing in every direction; money is enormously plenty and cheap and the outlook for the future, based on the confidence of the people in our financial success, is everywhere manifested, and the most profound astonishment is reported everywhere when the actual statistics of trade and the growth of our prosperity are brought to the attention of the republic."

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this manner, and none ever will be. As stated at the outset, we hope this rumor is incorrect and that no such petition will be filed with the city clerk. If it is filed, the way is opened for party disruption not only in the Third ward but throughout the city, not only at this election but for others in years to come, the influence of which will be felt not alone in the city but in future county campaigns. THE News would urge that the wisest plan for republicans to pursue in the present case is to stand by the party nominee, who is a representative republican, and next time attend the primaries and help make the ticket.

Slow Growth the Best.

In this new land of marvellous resources and exceptional opportunities, where men have made fortunes of immense value in a few years, it is perhaps not to be wondered at that we have become possessed with a feverish thirst for dollars and the luxury they are able to buy.

Nevertheless it still holds true that suddenly accumulated wealth rarely brings lasting satisfaction. Money is like everything else. We must not only have it to use but we must know how to use it or else it will do us more injury than good.

J. Sterling Morton has been looking over the immense, but tenantless palaces in and about San Francisco and sanely and beautifully concludes, "There is much more comfort, much more that is ennobling in cottages all the world over than there is in palaces. Poets, orators, historians, the men who record the visions, the exaltations and advancements of humanity are not the children of the palace. Modest competence gives to the world more good impulses and high thoughts than luxurious wealth."

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An Issue That Must Be Faced.

The most conspicuous and significant news of the day, effecting the business world, is the daily formation of immense combinations of capital for the purpose of controlling the output of different articles manufactured and raised. Their number is constantly increasing.

THE News believes this question of trusts and the right attitude toward them is of great importance and must be dealt with.

It has no appreciation of a war against wealth. The investment of capital is to be welcomed, when its prospective profits depend upon the ordinary and legitimate operations of business. The moment, however, that concentrated wealth, by methods which, if used by the individual, would place him deservedly in the penitentiary, succeeds in absolutely manipulating the market for any given material or product, advancing prices or diminishing output at will, then it becomes a serious menace to the prosperity of the people and the perpetuity of the republic.

Undoubtedly much that is said in regard to these combinations is unreliable and irrelevant. Granting all this, however, enough remains that is true to demand the attention of every thoughtful citizen.

Everywhere the complaint is being made that there is no longer room for the man with small means in business. More and more, vast wealth in the hands of the few, is taking possession of every avenue where profits are to be made while the men of intelligence and character, without the wealth, are compelled to serve as clerks and in subordinate positions for a life time. In a government where the rights and interests of the many are supposed to be paramount such a tendency is not only to be deplored but if allowed to go unchecked, is bound to prove disastrous.

But the injury does not stop here. Legislation is controlled too often by special interests and the political pull of great corporations is more potential than that of voters in general.

These may be unpleasant truths but they need to be plainly stated, and what is more, boldly met.

There is a current notion, encouraged by the democratic party and its allies, that the republican party is "in cahoots" with these forces which are throttling the life and energy out of individual enterprise.

It is time for the great party of Lincoln, Blaine and McKinley to announce itself.

Fathers and mothers of families are to be congratulated. They have done their duty in bringing up their children in the right way.

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trust evil. They are getting ready to dispose of it. They will be rational in their efforts, but they will not be cajoled.

A bold, unequivocal declaration should be promptly made by the republican party opposing trusts, and with that wise statesmanship should provide means of successfully dealing with them.

There is every reason why 1900 should witness a further vote of confidence in the splendid administration of William McKinley. And there is no doubt whatever that it will, if the party keeps in touch with the highest interests of the common people.

We believe it will, but among the vexed problems which it must face in dead earnest if success is to be gained, is that of trusts.

The trust must go.

CANNOT SERVE.

Hutcheson Declines the Nomination for Member of the School Board.

NORFOLK, March 1.—W. N. Huse secretary republican central committee—Dear Sir: I cannot allow my name to go before the electors of the city of Norfolk as a candidate for an office, the duties of which I cannot see my way clear to be able to attend to. Therefore I must most respectfully decline the nomination as a member of the school board. Please notify committee so they can fill vacancy on one.

Yours Truly,

J. K. HUTCHESON.

Because of Mr. Hutcheson's declination, a meeting of the city republican central committee has been called for Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the office of Mapes & Hazen, to fill vacancy.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in both words and deeds during our recent terrible affliction.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. AID.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves.