

## The Norfolk News

It is the same 200-cent dollar and the people are getting it.

When Mackay and Childs are told that "men are known by the company they keep," they look at each other and wonder which it is. And for the life of us we can't tell. The general public declares it's both.

By shielding himself behind the editorial columns of the Tribune yesterday morning, Doc Mackay but brings into prominence the fact that Mr. Childs was also turned down with as much emphasis as his friend Mackay by the democratic convention last Friday. Childs was on the Mackay slate and was particularly anxious to help represent Madison county in the democratic state convention, but anyone wearing the Mackay label was doomed to defeat and it was done with a neatness and dispatch that was truly refreshing. As one delegate in the convention expresses it, "The democrats of Madison county have been carrying that kind of a load too long."

How hath the mighty fallen! What a pitiable scene was that yesterday in the democratic county convention when that former great chieftain, the man who not so many years ago dictated almost every act of the party and "carried its vote in his vest pocket," the leader whose word was law to the faithful—what a scene was there, my countrymen, when he who had been so great was kicked from the eminence to which he had risen, fluttered for a few moments in thin air and then fell with a dull, sickening thud on the hard rocks below. There was more to the turning down of Dr. Mackay by the democrats yesterday than appeared on the surface. It seems the party had been getting tired of him for some time, and when a caucus was held in his ward to nominate delegates to the county convention his name was not mentioned, although he worked hard to go on the ticket as a delegate. Notwithstanding the setback received in the caucus, he had tickets printed for use at the primary election containing his name, but when the ballots were counted, it was found that he had received only eight out of the 48 votes cast in the ward. Nothing daunted, he appeared before the county convention, and picking out an innocent countryman, who only knew him as the former chief, to make his motion for him, he again sprang his own name as a delegate to the state convention.

By this time the members of the party from Norfolk thought it opportune to teach him a lesson that would last him for awhile, so they asked permission of the convention to settle their own difficulties and in caucus they decided by unanimous vote that Dr. Mackay should not be one of the delegates to the state convention. Then the doctor left in disgust, much to the delight of the delegates.

One statement made by Coin Harvey in his address last evening is worthy of attention. He said that while times may seem to be improving there is no real prosperity and that the farmers are suffering from the money power and the trusts. Let us see whether the farmer is no better off than he was three years ago, when Bryan and Harvey were racing about the country predicting dire calamity in the event that free silver and free trade did not prevail. At that time the country was being conducted by a democratic administration, working under a democratic tariff law that Bryan himself, while a member of congress, helped to frame. The calamities of that day said that if McKinley were elected we would have a 200-cent dollar and what the farmer had to sell would be worth almost nothing, in fact in the distorted minds of those champions of the people, farm products would hardly be worth hauling to market. That the predictions so glibly made three years ago have utterly failed of fruition is proven beyond controversy by the market reports then and now. Take the Chicago market of August 18, 1896, and compare it with the same market on August 18, 1899, and the story is soon told. On August 18, 1896, the price of September wheat in Chicago was 54 cents; yesterday it was 70 cents. Three years ago corn sold at 22 cents; yesterday the price was 30 cents. Oats were then 16 cents; now 19. Pork on that day was \$6.30; yesterday, \$8.27. Lard then was \$5.50; now \$5.20. Cattle in South Omaha on that day sold for \$3.15; yesterday \$5.60. Hogs in the same market three years ago were \$3.15; yesterday \$4.85. These figures are taken from the published market reports of three years ago yesterday and yesterday and there is no doubt as to their authenticity. Taking all of the chief products of the farm into consideration the result shows that the farmer is now receiving an average of 47 per cent more for his labor than he was three years ago under democratic rule, and this in face of the fact that Coin Harvey predicted at that time that farm products would be worth almost nothing. It is no wonder that Harvey fails to draw the farmers to his meetings in Nebraska—the farmers are too busy taking care of a bumper crop, which is worth something when harvested, to spend time to listen to vague theories as to what will happen if some particular person is not elected to some particular office.

### TUESDAY TOPICS.

E. B. Ovalman started on a trip south today.

A. F. Snygg of Wausa is in the city today.

C. E. Rouse went to Humphrey this morning.

W. C. Caley of Creighton was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Edith Parker was a Pierce visitor yesterday.

Sheriff E. C. Haas of Pierce was in the city yesterday.

J. B. Maylord was a passenger to Omaha yesterday.

F. L. Estabrook made a business trip to Madison today.

Dr. Dolen of Missouri Valley, Iowa, is in the city today.

Leo Dugher of Wisner is visiting his uncle, J. H. Conley.

Geo. I. Parker was in the city yesterday from Coleridge.

Mrs. Frank Raabe of Stanton was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Carl Zastrow, who lives on South Fourth street, is very sick.

Carl Jenkins has returned from Fulerton where he visited Nelson Barber.

F. W. Beck and F. J. Keller went to Sioux City yesterday on a business trip.

A. F. Molby of Colorado Springs, Colo., is in the city looking after property interests.

U. E. Foster and R. J. Tate of Plainview were in the city over night enroute to Omaha.

A few young people were very pleasantly entertained by the Misses Morrow last evening.

Editor and Mrs. W. E. Powers of Pierce were in the city this morning greeting friends.

Mrs. W. L. Van Horn, who has been visiting friends in Norfolk, returned to Osmund at noon.

Mrs. P. F. Sprecher and Mrs. H. E. Hardy returned last night from their outing in Colorado.

Mrs. N. J. Stevenson and Mrs. C. O. Dodge of Madison are in the city today doing some trading.

Mrs. M. Yount and children will return tomorrow from an extended visit in northern Montana.

C. S. Evans and C. D. Jenkins went to Omaha this morning to attend the populist state convention.

Miss Gertrude Austin has accepted a position in Baum Bros.' store and will commence work tomorrow.

M. Classen of Humphrey was in the city today, a guest of C. D. Jenkins, while enroute to South Dakota.

H. E. Owen came in yesterday from Wyoming where he is engaged in railroad grade work, and will make a short stay.

Mrs. C. B. Durland is entertaining a number of neighboring ladies at her home on North Ninth street this afternoon.

Attorney W. M. Robertson of this city is trying an important lawsuit before the Stevenson county, Illinois, bar at Freeport.

Mrs. Martin Machmueller, living just west of the city, has been quite sick with pneumonia, but is now considerably improved.

H. H. Chappell was in the city today from Pierce. He will start on a trip, probably west, for the Sugar City Cereal mills tomorrow.

The members of the G. A. R. post and ladies of the W. R. C. are enjoying a picnic today at the Burrell Reed farm, south of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hays are expected home this evening from a visit to Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Chicago, Ill.; and Washington, D. C.

Hon. Wm. V. Allen, J. B. Donovan and Jos. Martin were in the city from Madison over night on their way to the convention at Omaha.

Mrs. F. A. Blakeman returned to her home at Independence, Iowa, today, after a three-weeks' visit with W. H. Blakeman and family.

At the meeting of company L, Second regiment, held last evening, John Barnes, Jr., was elected first and S. H. McClary second lieutenants.

A mission festival of the German Lutheran church will be given at Hadar next Sunday and no doubt a large number of Norfolk people will attend.

G. A. Luikart, D. Rees, Anton Buchholz, A. Degner and C. F. W. Marquardt departed for Omaha this morning to attend the democratic state convention.

THE NEWS is in receipt of a complimentary ticket to the 18th annual fair of the Madison County Agricultural society, which will be held at Madison September 12th to 15th.

It is said that the Presbyterians are about to purchase the old Catholic church building and will remove it to a location on Fourth street, where it will be fitted up to meet their present requirements.

Police Judge Hayes has received a new docket, the old one being full. The new book contains partially printed proceedings with blank forms to be filled out, making it a very convenient docket.

Jas. W. Kidder, Jr., sold his farm yesterday to Lewis W. Broecker of Franklin county, through the agency of Gow Bros. Possession is to be given March 1st, next. Mr. Kidder and family in-

tend moving to Oregon to make their future home.

Rev. F. P. Wigton, and daughter Cora, drove over from Osmond yesterday. Miss Cora will visit Norfolk friends for a week and Mr. Wigton returned home today.

P. T. Birchard and C. L. Ransom of Omaha have started on their annual trip of inspecting bridges for the F. E. & M. V. company. The trip will take about two weeks.

John Beck, conductor on the Elkhorn, has purchased the house of J. C. Aid at the Junction. Mr. Aid's family will remove to his house just south of the one they now occupy about the 1st of September.

Lester Parker has purchased the Richard Foale property on Park avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets and will take possession September 1. Mr. Foale will move his family to Oklahoma territory.

The Yellow Banks continue in favor as a camping place. John Barnes, Jr., and Dr. C. S. Parker going out this afternoon prepared to spend the balance of the week and acquire a tan skin and a few mosquito bite marks.

The little sewing society at South Norfolk, known as the "Merry Workers," will give an ice cream sociable at the residence of W. C. Roland this evening for the benefit of the Second Congregational church. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wagner returned last evening from a three-months' trip through California, Oregon and Washington. They visited Mrs. Wagner's brother at Portland, Mr. Wagner's health was much improved by the trip.

The following is a local brevity in today's Omaha Bee: Robert Munney, a 19-year-old lad from Norfolk, charged with the theft of \$70 from George Hillman, was discharged by Judge Gordon after a hearing in police court Monday afternoon.

From conversations overheard on the street it is judged that nearly everybody contemplates attending the concert to be given this evening at the Congregational church by Miss Nellie Gerecke, vocalist, and Mr. Ludwig Koenigstein, pianist. Tickets are on sale at Leonard's drug store.

The driver of the rig that passed over little Marion Salter at Oakland several days ago passed through the city last evening on his way to Ainsworth. He reports that the child is improving and entirely out of danger. It is probable that Mrs. Salter and the little girl will be home by the end of this week.

The special car, which is to convey the A. O. U. W. delegation to the Wayne picnic tomorrow, came in with last evening's train. It is a handsome coach, just out of the shops with a fresh coat of paint adorning it inside and out. Members of the order will no doubt see that it is well filled tomorrow morning.

The ladies of the M. E. church are preparing for an entertainment to be given August 31st. Leading parts will be taken by children who are now being rehearsed. It will consist of fancy drills and Mother Goose melodies. The last part will be cradle songs from many nations, in which little girls in costumes with dolls will sing the lullabies sung by the mothers of the nations they represent.

This one comes from Iowa: An old member of Webster City died recently, of whose goodness there was some question, but who was regarded as a pillar by the pastor, who posted on the postoffice windows a notice in these words: "Brother Johnson departed for heaven at 4:00 a. m." and announced the funeral. Underneath this somebody tacked a telegraph blank with these words: "Heaven, 8:40 p. m.—Johnson not yet arrived, great anxiety."

A Lyons item in the Sioux City Journal this morning is as follows: The closing day services of the Norfolk district camp meeting, which had the largest attendance since these meetings began, was marred by the drowning of a lad, a son of A. T. Little, a farmer living upon the reservation. This little fellow, who was about 15 years of age, followed a number of young men to a pasture bridge near by, spanning the Logan creek, and went in swimming with them. He was not missed until after the boys had dressed, when they noticed one suit of clothes too many for their number. His body was recovered in about twelve feet of water.

An exchange that has had a little to do with human nature thus tells a story: "A child is born; the doctor in attendance gets \$10, the editor heralds the event to the world and gets 0. It is christened, and the minister gets \$5 and the editor gets 0. When it marries the minister gets \$10 and a piece of cake and the editor, after extolling him to the skies, gets 0. In course of time it dies; the doctor gets from \$5 to \$50 and the minister, perhaps, gets another \$5. The undertaker from \$25 to \$50. The editor prints a notice of death and obituary two columns long and gets 0000, besides lodge and society resolutions, a free card of thanks and a lot of poetry. No wonder the editor gets rich."

The voice of ex-Senator Dubois peals out shrilly from the tomb to the effect that the silver republicans must maintain their organization. But Fred Dubois has been politically dead, lo! these many years.

### WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Will Morris of Pilger was a city visitor yesterday.

Arthur Ahlman went to Wayne to enter a bicycle race.

C. E. Rouse went to Wayne today with his talking machine.

Rev. A. Hofius and daughter of Pierce were city visitors yesterday.

Mrs. G. W. Box will leave tomorrow for Wyoming to visit a sister.

Miss Josie Heilman of Madison is visiting friends in the city this week.

Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson of Winside was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Myron Twiss is said to be very sick at her home on South Eighth street.

Mrs. H. Warrick and Mrs. E. P. Weatherby have returned from a visit with relatives in Carroll, Iowa.

A. N. McGinnis, one of the prosperous Warneville agriculturalists, was transacting business in the city today.

Misses Florence and Emma Parker went to Stanton yesterday to visit at the home of W. W. Young for a few days.

B. S. Wyatt is in the city from Grand Island looking after the Singer sewing machine business and visiting with Norfolk friends.

Miss Ella Mason of Pierce, a cousin of H. J. Huston of this city, came down last evening to attend the Koenigstein-Gerecke concert.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet in the church parlors tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. A good attendance is desired.

John Heilman and the Misses Heilman and Sternier drove over from Madison last evening to attend the Koenigstein-Gerecke concert.

Not all people are aware that postmen will redeem stamped envelopes, inadvertently defaced, in either postage stamps or postal cards.

The last signs of Lemmen Bros.' circus, the bill boards, have been torn down and now rumors are afloat that Ringling's will visit Norfolk some time next month.

The atmosphere was most distressing-sultry this morning but since the wind has veered to the northwest it has become cool enough to be endurable outside of an ice box.

The average temperature for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was the highest this season. The government thermometer yesterday indicated 95, the hottest time in town this year.

The camping party consisting of Guy Barnes, Carroll Powers, Marshall Leavitt, Ernest and John Bridge, and Norris and Eugene Huse, which has been out to the Yellow Banks for the past ten days, returned today.

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