

The Norfolk News

For the first time in its history, last year this country mined more coal than Great Britain. It is not the last time, however. It will get to be "the regular thing" now.

If the press of this country is contemptible in its attitude toward any class of public servants, it is in that which it takes toward the American generals in the field. General Otis, conspicuously placed where he had to contend with great difficulties, has had to endure most every kind of criticism found in the category of abuse. Now that it looks as if Otis might be successful the obsequiousness of certain big dailies will be equally disgusting.

Railroad building rumors are bobbing up in Nebraska thicker than fleas on a dog's back and while many of them will never get off of the paper onto the ground—perhaps the Yankton, Norfolk and Southwestern among them—there will undoubtedly be more miles of road built the coming summer than for many years past. Norfolk lives in hopes that at least one of the talked of lines will add to its prestige as a railway center. A line through Boyd county now seems the most possible of fruition.

Fred Hedde has been succeeded as proprietor of the Grand Island Independent by a stock company composed of young men experienced in the newspaper business. Mr. Hedde retires from the editorial tripod at the ripe old age of 81 years with his mental faculties practically unimpaired. He has made a success of the Independent and been an honor to the profession. Members of the press will regret his retirement and will hope that the balance of his life will consist of contentment and peace—two qualities not possible in active newspaper work.

A young man of Hastings was so anxious to have his neck encircled by the matrimonial noose that he swore falsely to the age of the girl he desired as his wife and now he is under \$750 bonds to appear in district court and answer to the charge of perjury. He attended the young lady's party on her 13th birthday last year and swore this year that she was 18 years of age. Many men will swear, without fear of perjury, that they made almost a criminal mistake in getting married without being obliged to falsify in the bargain.

John J. Ingalls, as "a statesman out of a job" and a life observer of current events, writes interestingly of Tom Reed. He contends that Tom Reed went out of public life reluctantly and set himself against the policies of his party not realizing that in so doing his political career was ended. He says of him: "No man ever loved power and prominence more than Reed. If any student of human passions believes that Reed really prefers the dull, obscure routine of a lawyer's office to the splendid fame, opportunity and power of the speakership, he is too green to burn."

The morning contemporary says the United States forces could be "with-drawn immediately after the ratification of the treaty of peace." Agreed—and they will be. If its enemy had been little less barbarian that treaty would long ago have been signed. A civilized people would have known when they were whipped and accepted the terms repeatedly offered, and ere this, would have been enjoying a condition of peace and advancement in civilization.

The surrender of General Cronje seems to be the beginning of the end. Even the staunchest friends of the Boers have been convinced that, in time, the superior strength of the English would overcome the Boer army and all friends of their cause hope that they might come to a satisfactory settlement of the difference without sacrificing other lives. If there was any hope whatever, for the Boers, their friends would be the last to discourage them in their brave and fearless struggle against a foreign foe, but when they see no hope they feel that their friendliness is evidenced in advice to compromise. All will commend their fierce and strategical resistance but they do not want to see the flower of the country sacrificed in an apparently useless struggle. Many persons, whose delight is in war and whose commercial benefits are enhanced by the struggle will endeavor to encourage them to renewed efforts, but it is conscientiously believed that no true friend of the people can offer such advice.

"But, Oh, what a difference in the morning!" When the state board of transportation met in Norfolk and endeavored to make a "show for their white ally" the World-Herald was represented by a special reporter and devoted many columns to the proceedings of the board. Now that the interstate commission is here, a commission of much importance, and holding a sitting meaning much more to Norfolk than that of the state board, what is this "great and only newspaper friend of

the people" doing? Not only is it not represented by a special reporter, but the meeting was announced by a half-hidden notice, while the Bee gave a half-column on its front page. This but illustrates the demagogism of the World-Herald. Most of its grand flourishes are not in the interest of the "common people" but merely and solely for political effect. When the state board was here they thought there was some political capital to make and were prompt to improve it. Norfolk citizens, and especially Mr. Johnson, go right along with their case, however, regardless of the indifference of the World-Herald.

Every person interested in the welfare of Norfolk must hope that the verdict of the hearing which is being conducted before one of the inter-state commerce commissioners today, will result in giving this city such a rate that we may become a jobbing center. With an opportunity to compete against other towns of the state in the matter of freight rates, Norfolk is so situated that we could advantageously supply all the section of country west and northwest with groceries, hardware, harness, agricultural implements and many other things which now pass through the city on the cars. Parties stand ready to put in a wholesale grocery at once upon the establishment of a freight rate that will allow such a house to live here, and other like institutions will soon follow. The result of the hearing means much to Norfolk—it denominates largely whether we are to become a city of 15,000 to 20,000 people or whether we are to remain just about such a town as we now have. It is certainly to be hoped that the decision will be favorable to Norfolk.

With the publication of the calls for the republican city convention and the republican caucuses and primary elections, the city campaign may be fairly considered open. The manner of procedure this spring should eliminate the difficulty experienced in the Third ward a year ago over the matter of councilman, and for the good of the party and the ticket it is certainly to be hoped there will be no repetition of that kind. The calls this year provide for a caucus of the electors of each ward on the evening of March 12, when candidates for councilmen and delegates to the city convention will be placed in nomination, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the 17th of the month. Under this method of procedure there can be no charge of a packed caucus, for the reason that if the nominee of the caucus is not satisfactory to the people they have the opportunity of rallying to the primary election and voting for some one else, and the one receiving the highest number of votes at the primary will be considered the regular nominee of the party. Those who are interested in municipal affairs should first attend the caucuses, then the primaries, and there ought to be no reason why in this way the desire of the people will not be shown in the choice of candidates. At the outset it must be admitted that the republicans have a very small margin to work on, and unless perfect harmony characterizes our actions we will only succeed in turning the municipal affairs over to the democrats. Hence republicans are urged to keep in mind the date of the caucuses and primaries.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers of real estate are reported by Chester A. Fuller, manager of the Madison county abstract office at Norfolk:
Bernard M. Carson and wife to Frank H. White wd nw 1/4 21-21-2 ..... \$1500 00
W. M. Condon and wife to John Frederick Sekure wd w 1/2 of sw 1/4 21-21-1 ..... 4800 00
Henry Clausen and wife to Mary L. Moran, Kate Moran and Ada Moran wd s 1/2 of lot 16 block 1 Clausen cemetery ..... 15 00
Mary Ward and others to George Kreitman wd part of s 1/4 4 21-1 ..... 5000 00
Bernard M. Carson and wife to William Maurer wd s 1/2 of sw 1/4 12 and n 1/2 of nw 1/4 13-21-3 ..... 5650 00
Alice R. Mills to Rome Miller wd lot 7 block 3 Norfolk Junction ..... 150 00
Katherine Giebelhaue and husband to Adam Heinrich wd part of 27-24 ..... 240 00
Madison County Building and Savings association to Martha J. Broom wd part of block 34 Fritz addition to Madison ..... 200 00
Cora E. Harvey and husband to Archie Robinson wd lot 4 block 12 R. R. addition to Newman Grove ..... 50 00
John R. Edwards to Walter M. Palmer and Mary S. Palmer wd lot 5 block 3 and lots 1 and 2 block 2 Meadow Grove John E. Farley to Caroline E. Farley wd part of 13-24-2 ..... 1700 00
Orrien McColerey and wife to Harry R. Rogers wd part of lot 3 block 9 Madison ..... 225 00
Harry R. Rogers and wife to San Friedman and Herman Berger wd part of lot 3 block 9 Madison ..... 275 00
Tobias Hannen and wife to C. E. Plass wd s 1/4 2-22-3 ..... 350 00

THE 'HUSKING BEE.'

A Good Presentation Made to a Large Audience.

CHARACTERS WERE WELL ASSUMED

The First Home Talent Entertainment in the New Auditorium a Magnificent Success in Every Particular—Fun From Beginning to End—The Coming Show.

From Saturday's Daily: The Auditorium has not seen such a crowded house since the opening night as last evening greeted the presentation of the "Husking Bee," given under the direction of Miss Clara Louise Thompson, for the benefit of the Ladies' Guild of Trinity church. The characters were all taken by local people, most of whom carried their parts in a manner reflecting great credit upon themselves. The curtain rose upon a very pretty rustic scene—a corn husking party in the large barn of the host, Mr. Upland Hay, represented by J. B. Maylard, a gentleman who worked not only his farm but his friends as well. His feminine alternate, Mrs. Upland Hay, was represented by Miss Harriet C. Wood, while a promising crop was his sons, Red Top Hay and Timothy Hay, taken by W. C. Eddy and Norris Huse, and his daughters, Sunflower Hay and Flaxy Hay, by Misses Alice Cole and Edith McClary.

Farmer Cornhopper was another very well presented character by W. H. Baird. Farmer Cornhopper is a granger of terpsichorean proclivities and he succeeds in making the Husking Bee a merry time. Mrs. Cornhopper, inclined acidity, acerbity and asperity, was well represented by Mrs. C. I. Benford. The sons of the pair, Lope Cornhopper and Trot Cornhopper, were represented by Harold Cole and Eugene Huse, and the daughters, Shucks and Tassel, by Misses Nellie Morrow and Georgia Harvey.

O'Flannagan, a dude farmer from Millville, was taken by J. N. Bundick, and his costume as well as his dudsism was one of the features of the evening. Buck Strawpile, who has an appetite that gets him into trouble, was well characterized by Ray M. Seymour. The other characters of the cast were John Gee Haw by Fritz Asmus, Pompey, a coon, by Loomis McKim, Silas Stauwhittle by G. T. Huber, Clarinda, a dusky maiden, by May Durland, Tillie Baternut by Nellie Seymour, and Dorothy Doughnut, a rejected, neglected but not dejected maiden, by Miss Clara Cutler.

The Husking Bee features were very pleasingly given and included aside from the amusing dialogue and exchange of repartee, a large number of specialties which were well received by the audience. Among these were songs by J. N. Bundick, J. B. Maylard and W. H. Baird. Mr. Baird's Arkansas Traveler dance was a novelty well executed. The Hey Rube dance by H. A. Wilmerding, Norris Huse, W. C. Eddy and Fritz Asmus was given encore. Miss May Durland's song, "Mamma's Little Dinah," and Miss Georgia Harvey's song, "Rag Time in the Moon" were both well received and encored. The sand jig by Mr. Henry Hollyfield pleased the audience. The song and dance, "Honolulu Queen," by Baby Phyllis and J. N. Bundick, was one of the prettiest things given and received a deserved encore.

The cake walk proved one of the most popular features of the evening. Henry Hollyfield was the leader, and did his part with an air of a professional. The participants were H. A. Wilmerding and Miss Ethel Lindell; Corl Jenkins and Miss Mattie Davenport; Robt. Howe and Miss Winnie Owen; Max Asmus and Miss Lota Blakely; Chas. Madsen and Miss Fannie Davenport; Roy Seymour and Miss May Durland; L. A. Sims and Miss Mattie McNish. Before the dance commenced a beautiful cake was placed on the stage, which was to be awarded as a prize to the best couple. Messrs. E. N. Jewell, W. C. Off and W. P. Williams acted as judges, and at the close of the dance they gave the prize to Mr. Max Asmus and Miss Lota Blakely.

The twentieth century belles, Misses Lottie Kuhl, Metta Koenigstein, Effie Key and Edith Bachelor, costumed in up-to-date attire, together with the chappies, Misses Lucy Bruner, Mabel Ellis, Gay Stanton and Hattie McKim, dressed in black with spike-tail coats and silk ties, in their drill and dance gave a very pretty number which met the entire approval of the audience.

The entertainment closed with a country dance by the Husking Bee party, which was an overdrawn representation of this popular rural entertainment. Mrs. Ralph A. Day, as pianiste, carried the long musical part of the program with ease and grace. The entertainment throughout was a most pleasing affair, and when it is considered that Miss Thompson has been dressing her characters but two weeks, the production must be considered remarkable for its perfection.

After the close of the entertainment a number of flash light pictures of the actors were made by Hoyer, the photographer. Upon leaving the Auditorium the actors went upon invitation of the Ladies' Guild to the Oxnard hotel, where a de-

lightful lunch was served, which proved a very enjoyable closing feature to those who took part in the play.

The News feels quite embarrassed at being continually called upon to define the position of the Times-Tribune on a subject which it has either studied insufficiently or so much that an already over-burdened brain has given way beneath the strain. This paper is, however, at the service of its friends and will briefly endeavor to enlighten its contemporary on one of its positions. It should have carefully studied the meaning of the phrase "greed and aggrandizement" before putting it to such constant and inapt use. Greed is that quality which prompts the bandit to become "criminally aggressive" in regard to the property of his victim. Aggrandizement is the predominating trait of the tyrant, and all who assist the bandit and tyrant in gaining their desires are classed in the same category. When therefore, the president and his advisers are accused of criminal wrong toward the Filipinos all who assisted them, and that voluntarily, are in the same class. The esteemed Times-Tribune cannot pick out one and say "You are guilty of greed, aggrandizement and tyranny," and point to another as a hero. When that paper attacks the administration and the government, it attacks every officer and every soldier in the army. It protests its sympathy for the volunteer but deprecates the cause for which he fought. It tries to heap heroic honors upon his head, but classes him as red-handed bandit robbing a man of his home and liberty and even life. The Times-Tribune should preserve a semblance of consistency in its arguments. Had the president and his advisers been alone in the movement not a gun would have been fired not a drop of blood would have been shed, they could have accomplished nothing without the aid of their officers and soldiers. Had the wrong of which they are accused been so great the country would have sustained its army in not moving at their command. We can see no other position than that our contemporary is a slanderer, not alone of its president and its administration, but of its army and its country and no amount of cute, "sassy" or irrelevant remarks can clear it of its humiliating position.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendants. John J. Farley and—Farley, wife of said John J. Farley, first name unknown, non-resident defendants, will take notice that on the 27th day of February, 1900, D. A. Ommerman, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, against the said defendants and Caroline E. Farley, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by John J. Farley, now deceased, to the plaintiff upon the south half of the southwest quarter of section thirteen (13) and the north half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-four (24), all in township twenty-four (24) north, range two (2) west in Madison county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, dated July 30, 1898, for the sum of \$1,300.00, and due and payable in five years from date thereof; that there is now due upon said note and mortgage by reason of default in the payment of interest, the sum of \$1,868.70, for which sum with interest from this date, plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 9th day of April, 1900. Dated this 28th day of February, 1900. D. A. OMMERMAN, Plaintiff. By Mapes & Hazen, His Attorneys.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendant. John J. Farley, defendant, will take notice that on the 23rd day of February, 1900, Caroline E. Farley, plaintiff herein, filed her petition in the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, against said defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from the defendant from the bonds of matrimony, on the ground that the defendant has willfully abandoned the plaintiff for more than two years. The plaintiff prays for a decree of divorce from the defendant from the bonds of matrimony, and for the custody of Myron M. Farley, a minor and child of plaintiff and defendant.

You are required to answer the said petition on or before the 9th day of April, 1900. Dated February 24th, 1900. COROLINE E. FARLEY, Plaintiff. By Mapes and Hazen, Her Attorneys.

In the District Court of Madison County, in the State of Nebraska. Lewis H. Painter vs. Marie E. Painter. The defendant, Marie E. Painter, will take notice that on the 22nd day of February, 1900 Lewis H. Painter, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, against you, the object and prayer of which are, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, from you, for the reason that prior to the first day of September, 1897, you willfully deserted the plaintiff and for more than two years last past you have been willfully absent from the plaintiff without a reasonable or just cause.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 2nd day of April, 1900. You will also take notice that on the 20th day of March, 1900, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the office of Fote & Solomon, Room 501, Rand McNally Building, in the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, the plaintiff above named will take the testimony of Ed Houkump, a witness in this action, to be used as evidence on the trial of the above entitled cause, with authority to adjourn from day to day until such deposition shall have been taken. W. M. ROBERTSON, Attorney for the Plaintiff.



SHE WAS BLIND. A blindness comes to me now and then. I have it now. It is queer—I can see your eyes but not your nose. I can't read because some of the letters are blurred; dark spots cover them; it is very uncomfortable. I know all about it; it's DYSPEPSIA. Take one of these; it will cure you in ten minutes. What is it? A Ripans Tabule.

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