

The Norfolk News

Consistency has not yet found an abiding place within the democratic ranks.

The enumerator'll get ye of ye don't watch out, and he'll probably get you if you do watch out.

Hogs sold in this state in 1896 at \$2.85. This year they brought \$4.95. Moral: Vote for the democratic kind of prosperity and good old times.

President McKinley witnessed the total eclipse of the sun at Fort Monroe, Virginia, thus getting an idea of how Mr. Bryan would look after the returns are in next November.

The republican state ticket is gaining in popularity with each succeeding day and it now looks as though the majority which has been against the republican party in Nebraska will be reversed this fall.

It is to be hoped that the fusionists will be able to save enough out of the debris caused by the wreck of the various parties concerned in the deal to make at least a showing in the presidential campaign.

The fusionists have no patience with the proposed anti-trust legislation by the present congress. They would like the trust issue to remain alive until after the campaign. Their sympathies are not as much with the people as with democratic party interests.

Fusionists continue to give evidence that they hate a man with principles with a deep and abiding hatred. Their continued and severe denunciation of Barker and Donnelly and their followers bears conclusive evidence that they do not believe in political liberty but have a profound reverence for the political "trust."

When the fusionists arrive at the point where they can get rid of greed for office and can present better arguments than buncombe and platitudes for the approval of the people they may hope for an increase in their votes. A thinking, sensible people, demand facts—they demand sincerity—and they respect party bravery and honor.

Edgar Howard of the Papillion Times might have at least excepted the free silver and the fusion trusts when he stated that the republican party is responsible for all trusts, and, in view of the Nebraska anti-trust law and the populist rule of the state, he might with propriety have excepted the ice and other Nebraska trusts which were said to exist.

W. J. Bryan is now being interviewed in regard to farm life, farm methods and farm products. The grand old farmer has been one since returning from one of his extended tours a month or two ago, and is probably preparing to be called Farmer Bryan during the coming campaign as the "boy orator of the Platte" will not set well on a man of 40 odd summers.

The fusionists are already working their unscrupulous prognosticators over time in a fruitless endeavor to give some grounds for the assumption that Bryan may be elected this fall. They made glittering arrays of figures in 1896 but the election returns knocked them all silly and it will probably be as well not to call him President Bryan until after the votes are counted this fall.

In 1896 Oregon was carried for McKinley by a majority of 1,961, at the state election held there Monday the republican ticket was elected by 6,000 to 8,000. In one congressional district a republican was elected by a majority estimated at 5,000 to 7,000. If fusionists desire a straw to indicate how the wind is blowing let them take the returns from Oregon—it is reliable medicine.

The effort made in the M. E. general conference to condemn President McKinley's attorney general for not prohibiting the regimental caucuses cannot be taken to mean that those supporting the report would support the democratic nominee, as they undoubtedly fully realize that it would be somewhat like searching for a needle in a hay stack to find a democrat with prohibition tendencies.

President McKinley at Antietam said "There must be comfort in the fact that American soldiers never surrendered to any one but American soldiers." This is a fact to be proud of indeed. But the fusionists would like it changed, if their words mean anything. They would like to see the American soldiers in the Philippines surrender to the Tagals. Oh, yes, they are patriotic. Who said they weren't?

A New York contractor is reported as saying that he can get 100,000 men in that city to work for \$1.50 per day. Why didn't he make it 500,000—a few hundred thousand shouldn't make the democratic machine halt. Perhaps the most convincing method would have been to produce the men, or he might endeavor to organize a Coxy army of unemployed. There are a great many people like the man from Missouri who had to be shown.

The fusionists of Saline have in-

structed their delegates to the legislature to vote for Bryan and Allen for United States senators. This is a little premature in that it is a concession, even before nominations are made, that McKinley will be re-elected and the friends of Bryan want to make a soft place on which he may fall. What the fusionists need is a little of this republican confidence that they had so much fun with in 1896—until the votes were counted.

It must require an insurmountable heap of gall for the democratic party to pose as the friend of labor and they do so to the complete ignoring of their past record. It has not lately been announced that what labor demanded was the Coxy army and free soup house system that prevailed when democracy was last in power, and it should be remembered for at least a generation. During that campaign labor believed their false promises of prosperity, high wages and high prices for farm products but the realization stamped their professions as the veriest frauds.

Boys with hats on the backs of their heads and long hair hanging down over their foreheads, and cigarettes and snuff stories in their mouths, are cheaper than old worn out horses. Nobody wants them at any price. Men will not employ them and girls will not marry them. They are not worth their keeping to anybody, and they will never be able to keep themselves. If any boy happens to read this who answers to this description let him take a good thoughtful look at himself and then do what his conscience says is the best thing to do.—Beaver City Tribune.

Mr. Richard Croker has given his permission that Bryan should cling to his free silver fallacy, admitting that it would be fatal for him to drop it in view of the noise he made about it in 1896. It seems to be the understanding however that Mr. Bryan is to cling to it for remembrance sake only and that he will not be permitted or cannot injure the interests of the "gold bugs" on Wall street of which Mr. Croker is one. He also claims that Mr. Bryan's rule will be marked by bravery and a living up to principles, but that he does not fear his free silver sentiment maker either Mr. Croker or Mr. Bryan or both as insincere. Mr. Croker's interview concerning Bryan is not likely to prove his best campaign document.

Bryan may succeed in winning the leaders of Tammany to his cause, but it is very evident that there are a larger number of democrats who will not follow their lead. The Indiana gold democrats, in no uncertain terms, announced their abhorrence of Bryanism and in commenting on their action J. Sterling Morton's Conservative of this state says: "A reunited democracy with Bryan is impossible. The statement issued by the conference of gold democrats of Indiana, indicates quite accurately the feeling among the Palmer-Buckner men. It reaffirms the platform adopted by the national democratic convention at Indianapolis in 1896, denounces Bryan as an unsteady, dangerous man, and declares an unwillingness to support him upon any platform."

The Grand Island Independent thinks that the patriotism of Admiral Schley is liable to be questioned. It is rumored that the heart of the admiral does not burn with an uncontrollable desire to be a vice presidential candidate on the "agin" ticket which is to be headed by Colonel Bryan and thus lead a forlorn hope. The Independent says: "Doesn't the admiral know that the democratic party is all there is left of freedom and the declaration of independence? Isn't it about time that he realizes that the one hope, the beacon light of freedom, the preservation of the rights of the people, equality before the law, all—all is in the democratic party? It appears he doesn't for he wants to know what he has done that it should be desired to connect him with the ticket in that manner."

Is it any wonder that many of the fusionists are considered demagogues of the worst sort? Is it any wonder that they are losing influence with the people? Is it any wonder that they are some times classed as dangerous citizens? The following is a sample of their logic and would seem to indicate that they do not deserve prosperity in any extent whatever. The following item appeared in one column of the Stanton Register, verbatim: "The Dun & Bradstreet prosperity reports are not so bright and highly colored as they used to be. They are talking of falling prices and a lighter volume of business. Can it be possible that goldite prosperity has slipped a cog and is now running backward?" In another column of the same issue was this: "This editor released nearly \$900 worth of mortgages this week."

The postal frauds in Cuba are to be deplored and it is to be hoped that those connected with or responsible for the steals will be brought speedily to punishment, in fact few doubt but that they will. It is interesting to note that these disclosures have not embittered the Cubans against this government. The Cubano, a leading journal of that island, says: "Cuba is not primarily interested, but she looks to see what the

United States will do. Fraud is not the monopoly of any nation and there is a great difference between the friends of the postoffice and those committed under the Spanish regime. Now thorough investigation is being made with a view of punishing the criminals. In former days the criminals went scot free. The Americans are proving themselves more honest than the government which ruled Cuba for 100 years."

Fusionists express surprise that some republican forecaster has placed Nebraska to Bryan's credit in the coming campaign. They never concede anything to the republicans, often even when the votes are counted, and they cannot appreciate this honest opinion. Based on the fact that this is Bryan's home state and that it gave him a majority of something like 20,000 votes in 1896, in the Bryan column would be the only way for an honest classification, but it is not certain that former returns will indicate how Nebraska is going. The sentiment of Nebraska voters has undergone a wonderful change during the past four years and to many it would not be surprising if Nebraska was placed in the McKinley column this fall. However, the logical thing to do would be to concede it to Bryan and agreeably surprise the republicans and disappoint the fusionists by the change.

The soldiers fighting in the Philippines do not take kindly to the attitude of fusionists on the question and repeatedly lay at the doors of the anti trust responsibility of death to many American soldier boys. Lewis S. Ryan of Company K, Forty-Fifth United States volunteers, writing to his father at Lincoln, says: "I note what is said in regard to the natives having backing from outside powers, but I am sorry to say their strongest backing comes from the United States. The insurgents continue fighting because certain traitors have by speeches and acts given the Filipinos to understand if they just hold out a little longer the next presidential election will bring a change of party and a withdrawal of troops. I know whereof I speak, for I have read many of the insurgents' newspapers wherein they quote the speeches of statesmen and lawmakers in glory in these speeches, and say in substance that if the rebels hold on a little longer the hated American soldier will be defeated and disgraced by his own country."

It is evident that association with Aguinaldo's "patriots" does not tend to belief that he is a George Washington and a hero, as the anti in this country would have the people believe. Even their tried and true who have gone to that country have returned with praise for the United States and its action in the islands on their lips. The Manila Times of April 3 has this to say of the men who are fighting for "liberty"—to increase their atrocities: "The insurgents, by their noble and human acts, are rapidly qualifying for heaven. At least, they are showing the need to remove them from the earth. Every additional murder of a defenseless prisoner is another black mark against them; though they have now some black on their record that a tar brush would make a white mark on it. This time they have slaughtered twelve Chinese, in the northern town of Piat. Also two Spaniards employed by the Compania Tabacalera, Senores Cue and Mosal. And yet a native paper in Manila talks of the humanity and enlightenment of Aguinaldo's cut-throats!"

The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, through its secretary, Robt. W. Furnas, has issued press tickets to the 32nd annual state fair and exposition to be held at Lincoln September 3rd to 7th. Complying with a desire of Nebraska publishers these tickets have been issued so that they are transferrable and absolutely unlimited as to conditions. The coupons are good on any day, attached or detached, or by whoever presented. Secretary Furnas requests the editors on reaching the grounds to call at headquarters, "where you will be provided with freedom of the grounds daily during your attendance." The board of agriculture is indeed liberal to the publishers this year and their kindness will undoubtedly be reciprocated. Owing to the fact that expositions have been held in Omaha during the past two years there has been no regular state fair exhibit and it may be expected that this fall's fair will be better and more attractive than ever. Announcements already issued tend to indicate that 32nd exhibit of the Nebraska state fair and exposition will be worth going miles to see.

The Fremont Tribune is culling considerable prosperity literature from the World-Herald, the leading calamity sheet of Nebraska and the west. It finds in Sunday's edition of that paper some want advertisements. Eight females wanted positions, while there were 80 persons wanting female help. Of males there were just two advertisements for positions, while there were 93 advertisements calling for male help—one of which wanted 1,000 men, another 500, another ten and another five. Altogether there were 10 advertisements for places and 173 for men and women to fill places. The Tribune says this beats the ratio of 16 to 1. It is 17.3 to 1. The World-Herald, however, with its notorious fashion of ignoring facts, will con-

tinued to abuse the administration, yell corruption and calamity and do everything possible to blind the people to their best interests. Not for many years has labor been so universally employed and not for years has democracy found it such hard work to make an issue that will stick. It has been compelled to search the uttermost corners of the earth for a pretext for McKinley's defeat and, even then, it is not likely to result successfully. It is an extremely difficult undertaking to convince a man that he should throw his pocketbook in the sewer and go over and help his neighbor weed his garden.

The democrats are making all the capital they can out of the army canteen law, which leads one to suppose that they are against anything in the shape of intoxicants and may—funny thought—become prohibitionists. The prohibitionists should not be deceived by this play, however, as they are not likely to receive more than a million recruits from the democratic camp, where good old bourbon is preferred to the beer of the army canteen. As a matter of fact it is said that the army canteen is much more conducive to temperance and sobriety than the grog shops outside the army. It is well known that there are thousands of soldiers, and probably the large majority, in the army who value something to drink almost above their rations and will have it in spite of all the precautions that may be taken. It is certain that the evil under army restrictions cannot prove as serious as where they cannot be controlled. The army surely cannot be better morally than the average run of citizens who insist upon their licensed saloons and those who desire the army rid of its canteen should at the same time rid the country of the saloons which has thus far proven an impossible task. This is a phase of the question, however, that the democrats will not endorse. They desire to have the soldier boys refused privileges—for political reasons only—which they will not themselves forego.

Charity to the starving people of India is all right, but the distressed, and suffering, and dying near home should be first taken care of. In Omaha children are suffering and dying: men are having the life crushed out of them and pestilence prevails—at least that idea is gleaned from the World-Herald's cartoons concerning the ice trust. One woman there, with a sick and dying babe in her arms, is appealing to the monster ice trust for enough of the congealed aqua to stand death off. Another dressed in rags in a grimy hut, with only a tallow candle for light; is plunged in bitter sorrow over the coffin of a child—perhaps her only child—while the ice trust looks on, smiles grimly and says, "Yes, I know I might have sold her ice a little cheaper and saved the fever-stricken young 'un, but I ain't built that way you know." The charitable institutions of Omaha that allow these conditions to exist should be run out of town for not appealing to the people of the state, if the people of Omaha are not able to provide means to meet such distress. The humane officers should be arrested for cruelty to children and the Douglas county poor house should be dispensed with. We have no sympathy with the ice trust—neither have we much respect for the boasted charity of Omaha if that city allows conditions, as pictured by the truthful World-Herald, to exist.

Consent of the Governed. A reader of the World-Herald writes: "The World-Herald says it is in favor of government with the consent of the governed. I am a republican, and yet the democrats govern in Nebraska without my consent. Yet the World-Herald approves of this assault upon its favorite doctrine."

The writer of the above is mistaken. He is not governed without his consent. No better explanation of the error of his claim could be made than that given by Benjamin Franklin. Replying to one who raised a similar point Dr. Franklin said: "Every one who votes for a representative knows and intends that the majority is to govern, and that the consent of the majority is to be understood as the consent of the whole."—World-Herald.

And yet the World-Herald rails at the present administration, elected by a handsome majority of the people of this country and denounces it as overriding the will of the people. Asserts that it is trust and corporation rule and that McKinley seeks to assert the authority of an emperor.

The same paper that so glibly quotes Benjamin Franklin wants and is working to the end that a handful of Tagalogs might control the millions of people in the Philippines. The News is glad that the World-Herald has placed itself on record in this matter and it now can safely presume that this argument as applied to the state can be as worthily applied to the nation, for if the majority of the people wanted populist rule in Nebraska it is safe to presume that the majority of the people of the nation wanted republican rule. The World-Herald will now probably wait for the people of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines to express their preference before it makes any more flourishes about "the consent of the governed." The majority might desire these United States to govern them and then that paper's previous spells about the "consent of the governed" might appear ridiculous.

MATRIMONY GALORE.

Three Weddings of Recent Occurrence.

UPID'S MAD CAPERS IN NORFOLK

School Ma'ams are in Much Favor With Hymen—Mr. Bennett and Miss Toler, Mr. Cullen and Miss Bruner—Mr. Shurtz and Miss Johnson.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A very pretty wedding ceremony was witnessed by about 30 invited guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Aid at 8 o'clock this morning when Grant W. Bennett of Salida, Col., and Miss Eva Toler of this city were joined in the bonds of matrimony, Rev. W. H. Eaton of the Baptist church officiating.

The ring ceremony was used and at the appointed hour the bridal party marched in to the strains of music rendered by Miss Marie Bryan, little Mary Aid acting as ring bearer. After the ceremony and congratulations the guests sat down to a splendid wedding breakfast.

The house was decorated with carnations and smilax. The groom was attired in conventional black and the bride in a becoming gown of white silk mull. They were the recipients of a number of valuable wedding gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett left on the Union Pacific train at 11 o'clock for Omaha and will be at home about the first of July at Salida, Col., where the groom has a position as railway engineer. They were accompanied to the train by quite a number of friends who were lavish in their use of rice and the music of tin horns and bells.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. Aid and has taught with excellent satisfaction in the Norfolk public schools for the past two years.

Cullen-Bruner.

At the church of the Sacred Heart this noon, with Rev. Thos. Walsh officiating, Joseph D. Cullen of Wayne and Miss Lucy Bruner of this city joined hearts and hands in holy wedlock, a few intimate friends being in attendance.

The bride is well and favorably known in this city, having taught in the public schools here for several terms and gave good satisfaction to the board, the children and the patrons. The groom is a prosperous young farmer residing near Wayne, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen departed on the 1 o'clock train amid showers of rice scattered by well-wishing friends.

Shurtz-Johnson.

P. A. Shurtz of the Fair store and Miss Gertrude Johnson were married yesterday morning at 10:30 at the home of L. M. Gaylord, Rev. S. P. Sharpless officiating. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. Fishback, in South Norfolk, after which the couple went to Omaha on a wedding tour.

CENSUS WORK.

Questions Propounded to Town Folks by the Enumerators.

The enumerators are now busy with the gigantic task of gathering facts and figures in regard to the population, wealth, growth and other items concerning the United States, a census that is taken every 10 years. Taken as a whole the task is gigantic but when it is considered that there are thousands of persons now at work under the direction of the census department the task for each one is not so arduous. Still those engaged find much difficulty in collecting all the facts when the people are not conversant with them. It would greatly assist them if the citizens should get their answers in readiness beforehand and with this object in view THE NEWS herewith presents the questions to be propounded to city people:

Name in full.
Residence.
Relationship of each member to the head of the family.
Color and race.
Sex.
Age, at last birthday.
Day, month and year when born.
Are you single, married, widow, widower or divorced.
Number of years married.
How many children?
Number of children living.
Place of birth.
Birthplace of father.
Birthplace of mother.
If foreign born, date of arrival in the United States.
State if naturalized.
Occupation, trade or profession of person 10 years old and over.
Number of months during the year not employed.
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