

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

J. G. Miller was over from Wayne yesterday. G. A. Mullen of Omaha was in the city over night. Frank Thum of Coleridge was a Norfolk visitor yesterday. Mrs. C. H. Vall went to Stanton yesterday to visit friends. Mrs. J. L. Knesel was down from Battle Creek yesterday. W. C. Campbell was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Creighton. Justin McCarthy was a business visitor yesterday from O'Neill. Miss Madge Keller was a guest in Norfolk yesterday from Wausau. Judge J. B. Barnes and his son, Kim, came home from Lincoln last night. Miss Mamie Lund was in from Battle Creek yesterday doing some trading. A. J. Dunlevy of Tilden is in Norfolk today on business, and is calling on friends. John Drager of Ponca was visiting in the city today on his way home from Columbus. Miss Pearl Riley of Omaha is visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Teal at the hospital. Miss Riley is Dr. Teal's aunt. Joe Horriksky, jr., went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, yesterday noon, to accept a position that is awaiting him. E. W. Hayes, who has been visiting his parents here, departed last night for Denver, where he goes on business. Editor F. E. Martin of the Battle Creek Enterprise was in the city on business yesterday and paid this office a visit. James Gildea is enjoying a visit from his two sisters, one from Alexandria, Indiana, and the other from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Miss Margaret Horriksky who has been visiting her parents here, returned yesterday to Dubuque, Iowa, where she has entered a convent. The fellows who stole the hogs from the pen of Dennis McNeil have not yet been located. The officers have a number of clues that they are working on. Murray Tyler, an employe of the F. E. & M. V., and Miss Mamie Lund of Battle Creek were united in marriage this morning at the home of the bride's uncle, Will Beck, in South Norfolk. The ball game at Stanton yesterday between the Norfolk and Stanton Junior league teams resulted in a victory for the Stanton team, the score being 6 to 4. The Norfolk battery is reported to have done creditable work, but lacked support. The Humphrey ball team is to be here next Sunday to engage in a game with the Norfolk team. Manager Winder asserts that the Norfolk team is to be strengthened by the addition of some new players and that it will put up a stiff game. The Norfolk team goes to Oakdale Thursday for a game. The Stanton and Wayne first teams crossed bats at Stanton yesterday. At the end of the fifth inning the score was 7 to 0 in favor of Wayne. At the end of the seventh the score was 7 to 7 and Wayne quit, claiming that the umpire's decisions were rank and against them, this is also the opinion of some who witnessed the game. Charlie Swanson was before police court yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct and was taxed with a fine and costs to the amount of \$7.10. It seems that Charlie had been celebrating his good feeling the night before by discharging a gun in the city limits. The offense against him was made light on his promise of future good behavior. George Wotling of Winside, engineer of the mill at that place, was the victim of a serious accident last week. He was trying to prevent a belt from slipping when his hand was caught and carried under the belt and over the pulley, lacerating his hand and arm. He was thrown forward at the same time and his chin split open to the bone. His neck was also hurt. The bicycle of C. E. Hartford was taken from in front of his barber shop yesterday afternoon at some hour between 2 and 6 o'clock. The bicycle was black enameled, an Acme, and postal cards offering \$5 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief has been offered. A suspicious acting man was noticed in front of the barber shop and the Queen City hotel yesterday and he disappeared about the same time that the wheel was taken. The premium list of the 20th annual fair of the Madison County Agricultural society has just been issued from the press of the Chronicle at Madison and is a very worthy publication both typographically and regarding the attractive matter it contains, of interest to exhibitors and those who will attend the fair. The dates of the fair are September 10 to 13. Many fine premiums are offered and the speed program offers some extra good purses. The fact that the Madison county fair has been held for 20 years is abundant evidence of its successful management and that each succeeding fair is proving better than the one preceding is proof of a progressive spirit that is in large degree responsible for its success. It is told of a certain Norfolk man that he became impressed with the idea that his room was more to be desired than his company and that he decided

to make the room. He therefore secured a rope and going to a nearby grove fastened one end to the limb of a tree. The exertion was rather wearisome and before committing the final act he would-be suicide lay down under the tree and was soon fast asleep. He either had pleasant dreams or some change in his mind took place—anyway when he awoke he thought better of himself and after coiling the rope proceeded to his home. Would-be self destructionists are advised to follow the plan of the Norfolk man and sleep on the question—do doubt it is a certain cure. A burglar or set of burglars went through several houses on South Eighth street last night and were successful in accumulating quite a little wad of spending money. The home of P. J. Fuesler was entered but the girl employed by Mrs. Fuesler to do the housework, heard him prowling around and raised such a disturbance that he was glad to make his call very informal and retired without carrying away a souvenir of his visit. He next called at the home of Dr. F. W. Kiesau and here evidently proceeded with a much greater degree of caution, for although the inmates were aroused to some extent, they didn't realize what had been done until this morning. The screen was removed from the window and the doctor's trousers, containing about \$13 in cash were carefully lifted to the outside of the house where the cash was extracted and the wearing apparel left behind and were found on the outside of the building this morning.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Percy Adams of Wahoo was in the city last night. Frank Jarvis was a city visitor yesterday from Wahoo. Some of the horses in this vicinity are afflicted with the pink eye. Ringling Bros.' circus is billed to appear in Columbus August 10. W. R. Claybaugh of Wayne transacted business in Norfolk yesterday. A Wayne man would ask his wife to pray for rain if he was able to swim. The first grapes of the season have made their appearance on the local market. C. B. Campbell and nephew, Henry Campbell, of Orange, Cal., are visiting at the home of W. H. Johnson. The Fremont Driving Park association has a fine program of races to be given July 31 and August 1 and 2. Miss Lucy Williams of this city is instructing the teachers of Cuming county in primary methods and reading. Why not get out an injunction against Old Sol and cite Jupiter Pluvius to appear or answer to a charge of contempt? W. H. Bucholz and Fritz returned last evening from Spirit Lake, Iowa, where they have been enjoying a week's outing. The Norfolk base ball team went to Oakdale this morning to engage in a game with the team of that city this afternoon. Miss Alma Kook of West Point is expected here tomorrow to visit at the homes of her aunts, Mrs. Asmus and Mrs. Rudat. James H. Gallen, former sheriff of Cuming county, who died Tuesday morning near Wisner, ran for sheriff ten times before he was elected. I. W. Alter of Wayne was in the city over night on his way home from Grand Island where he attended the monthly meeting of the A. O. U. W. grand lodge finance committee. It actually rained a few spatters in Norfolk yesterday afternoon. The shower appeared to be very local and was not heavy enough to injure the beautiful layer of dust. A number of farmers are cutting their late oats for hay and it is considered that it will make feed of very excellent quality—the nutritious straw and what grain has formed combining to make it so. Quite a number of bicyclists are enjoying the privileges of a spin afforded by the Edwards race track these evenings. Some of them are making good time and promise to become racers of no mean ability. It is said that Nebraska hay is selling for \$20 a ton in Kansas City. Nebraska has a good crop of hay and the farmer who is putting up a large tonnage will not be compelled to go to the poor house, even though the corn crop fails. Mrs. Brownell of Fremont received a cablegram Tuesday from her husband, who is captain of the ship Albina, announcing that his vessel had just arrived in Manila harbor, 125 days overdue. The family's anxiety was much relieved by the news. The deputy game warden at Fremont has already arrested four persons for violating the new fish laws. Two were taken up for fishing with more than four hooks on their lines and two Saunders county people were up for fishing in Dodge without a license. When the plate is furnished The News will supply engraved cards at 75 cents for 50, or \$1.00 for 100. Order your engraved visiting cards at The News office—100 cards and plate \$1.50; 50 cards and plate \$1.

Municipal Ownership.
The people of Norfolk will in a few days vote on proposition to bond the city for \$16,500 to install a municipal electric lighting plant. Norfolk already has a private lighting company and a laudable desire to have its streets more thoroughly illuminated. How to do justice to the private company and at the same time get more street lights is the gist of the question now before the people. Fremont has had some experience in this direction which may be of service in pointing the way. Fremont be it known, is one of the best lighted cities in the state. Seventy arc lights irradiate their effulgence and make a thoroughly lighted city. While this is true it is likewise a fact that the lighting is costing the city a fair sum of money. The municipal plant does not sell enough light to private consumers to make the plant self-sustaining. That would be the ideal condition, but it does not exist. Fremont, with a schedule of 45 cents per hundred hours, is being assessed 4 1/2 mills for lighting purposes. Last year it was 5 mills. This means a cost of \$4,000, to which should be added interest on \$28,000, the cost of the plant. This at 4 per cent would be \$1,120 more, making a total of \$5,120. This is an average of about \$73 per arc light per annum. This is cheaper than Fremont was buying its street lights before it put in its own system. Norfolk's present private plant offers the city a rate of \$6 a month a lamp for thirty lamps. This is about the cost of Fremont's lighting. Norfolk is not likely to do better than that with municipal ownership; probably not so well, for if the patronage of the town is divided there as here, between the two companies the commercial lighting will be less than here. Had Fremont been able to purchase the private company's plant at a reasonable price and thus have secured all the commercial lighting of the city, it might, at present rates, be securing its street lighting as a net profit on the entire business. If Norfolk insists on municipal lighting it will be wise to buy the private plant, if it can be done reasonably, and thus have all the lighting. It is not economical to maintain two plants to do what one can do more cheaply.—Fremont Tribune.
The foregoing from the Fremont Tribune of Tuesday is of especial value just at this time, particularly in view of the fact that Fremont's experience with municipal ownership has been frequently quoted in favor of voting bonds to install a city lighting plant here, as it throws considerable light upon a subject that many of us do not understand. The showing does not seem to be nearly so favorable for municipal ownership as most of us had supposed would be made. The fact that a 4 1/2 mill levy is required to keep up the plant in Fremont, demonstrates beyond peradventure that the commercial lighting does not pay the expense of operation, notwithstanding the fact that it has twice the population to draw from that there is in Norfolk. Other conditions are the same there as they would be here, should a city plant be installed in opposition to the private plant now in existence. It is certainly wisdom for us to take the result attained in other towns on a matter of this kind, and there is every reason why Fremont's experience should be a better criterion than an abstract theory based largely upon guess work. In the above figures the Tribune has said nothing about wear and tear of plant. Every user of machinery will quickly say that the wear and tear on machinery amounts to fully ten per cent a year, and in some instances it runs higher than that. If Fremont had figured six per cent interest on the money invested, the cost per light on the basis of the number now being used in that city would be increased to about \$80 per year. If Norfolk votes bonds and puts in a lighting plant at a cost of \$16,500 the interest on investment at six per cent will be \$990 a year, the amount raised in taxes on a levy of 4 1/2 mills will be about \$1,700, while the wear and tear, including repairs, will amount on a conservative estimate to \$1,600 more, making a total of \$4,340 a year, to say nothing of the extra help and coal which would be required to operate it even in connection with our present water works system, which would run from \$2,500 to \$3,000 more per year. Against this stands the proposition of the local company to furnish the city with 30 street lights at a cost of \$6 per month each, making a total cost for the year of \$1,920. It is understood, however, that the city council does not believe 30 street lights are required but that 20 will be enough. The same rate per light from the local company would bring the cost down to \$1,440 a year, as against \$6,810 if the city owns the plant. Some credit should be given of course for the commercial lighting that the city will be able to do, but with a competitor prepared to meet any price that may be made by the municipal plant, this source of revenue cannot be figured very high. While this condition of affairs would be very desirable for the users of light, from the standpoint of a tax payer we do not see how it can be considered a good business proposition. There is another feature of this proposition that is decidedly wrong in principle. The Norfolk Electric Light and Power company put in a plant some twelve or more years ago that was adequate at the time for the requirements of the city, but notwithstanding the fact that high prices were charged for lights the business was not a great success. Last fall, however, to meet the growing demand for more light throughout the city, the company commenced extensive improvements on its system and is now prepared to furnish all the light that will be needed. It was announced at the time the extensions were commenced that the system would be operated on the meter basis, and the

rates fixed are practically the same as in towns that have municipal plants, and are lower than either Sioux City, Omaha or Lincoln. There is an injustice in the idea of putting in a competitor to a private enterprise, especially if the private concern is disposed to do what is right, that is particularly objectionable. The local company is backed wholly by home money, and if it is treating people fairly then there should be no more reason for putting in a public plant to injure its business than there would be for establishing a city printing office or city department store. We believe that public enterprise should be encouraged to improve and beautify the town and that the city has no moral right to step in and deprive it of the means of earning a fair interest on its investment after its money has been put in it. The principle of the thing is wrong and no city can be built up in any such a manner.
PROPOSITION CHANGED.
Number of Lights up to 30 Left Optional With the Council.
Norfolk, July 24.—To the Editor of the DAILY NEWS.—Dear Sir: At the last meeting of the city council a proposition was made by the Norfolk Electric Light & Power company to furnish the city 30 arc lamps at a price of \$6 per month per lamp. The company was under the impression that 30 lights was about what the city would require to thoroughly light every street in the city. Since making this proposition some of the council have called our attention to the belief of a great many of our citizens that the city did not require this amount of light. This being the case the company will change its proposition in regard to the number of lights to read from one to 30 lamps at \$6 per month per lamp for this reason: that we are offering the city light for less than the actual cost of production and the less number of lamps they require at the price the better it will please the company.
NORFOLK ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER CO.
H. H. Patterson,
President and Manager.
MADISON.
J. S. Morrow of Norfolk was in town Wednesday.
Dr. Long returned from Chicago Tuesday evening.
Mrs. Henry Dugen is reported very sick with rheumatism.
Arnold Heilman and Earle Eaton were Sunday visitors to Norfolk.
Harvesting is finished, and the top of the steam thrasher is heard from each direction.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pilger were Norfolk visitors from Saturday until Monday evening.
The campers from the Yellow Banks returned Tuesday morning at 7 a. m. having come during the cool of the night.
The three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davis died Sunday afternoon and was buried Monday forenoon in the family lot in the old cemetery. Spinal disease was the trouble.
Madison has not had rain enough to settle the dust since some time in June, and all streets except the business part of Pearl and Third are so thick it is very unpleasant driving.
Clint Smith, Claus Young, Will Dowling, County Clerk Bauch and Treasurer Miles attended the meeting of the republican county central committee at Battle Creek Saturday.
James A. Hood and Miss Annie Forester, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala., were married Sunday by Judge Bates at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Sam Friedman are aunts of Mrs. Hood.
Geo. Schram started to the Yellow Banks Saturday evening to join the picnickers but when he got as far as the Fairview school house one of the horses he was driving dropped dead. He was fortunate enough to be taken in by Frank Peterson who was on the way to Battle Creek, and finally reached camp at the river during the early morning. The team Schram was driving belonged to W. C. Elley.
WARNERVILLE.
J. F. Webster was a visitor at Platte Centre Sunday.
Mrs. G. W. Hills went to Silver Creek Sunday to visit relatives.
Maurice Carberry returned Friday from his visit to Colorado.
Miss Francis Ebert of Roberts, Ill., is a guest at the home of Fred Pettit.
A large number of the friends and neighbors of W. P. Rowlett gathered at his home Monday evening to celebrate the anniversary of his birthday. Games and dancing were indulged in and all present enjoyed a pleasant evening.
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