

TELEPHONE LINES GREW

VISITOR IN NORFOLK WAS OPERATOR IN EARLY DAYS.

COULD TALK ONLY TO MADISON

Mrs. Budenz Had Charge of Operating Department of Telephone Office Eighteen Years Ago—Was First to Talk Over Wire to Omaha.

A mammoth change in the telephone system of the city, of which she formerly had charge in the operating department, was found in Norfolk this week by Mrs. Dora E. Budenz, who arrived from Martinsville, Ind., to visit old time friends, and who was the chief and only telephone operator in Norfolk eighteen years ago, when there were, instead of the 700 subscribers now served with wires to talk over, something less than an even 100. Mrs. Budenz had charge of the operating department for the company when its office was a tiny room, and the switchboard tinier yet, in the second floor of the old Journal building which burned on South Fourth street some years ago. Underneath the telephone office was The News—in the first stages, nearly a score of years ago, of its its daily venture. The fact that the telephone office was over The News office led to the adoption of journalism as her profession by Mrs. Budenz a little later, and in that profession she has held a unique position, having been for years, while on this paper, the only lady city editor in Nebraska and being at the present time the only lady city editor of the state of Indiana has ever known.

In close connection with The News office, Mrs. Budenz naturally was surrounded with the newspaper atmosphere, and, as her literary ability made itself manifest day in and day out, she was finally induced to take up the work as city editor on this paper, for a little while at least. She stayed in the work at this desk for nine solid years and then, having moved to Martinsville, Ind., with her mother, Mrs. Julia Egbert, she assumed charge of the same department on the Martinsville Reporter.

No Toll Lines in Those Days.

In those early days of telephone service in Nebraska, there were no toll lines leading out into a hundred different corners of the commonwealth as there are today. In fact, when Mrs. Budenz had charge of the operating department of the Nebraska Telephone company here, eighteen years ago, there was just one long distance line leading out of Norfolk, and that went only as far as Madison, or fifteen miles. There were no wires over which people could talk, as they can now, to Omaha or Sioux City or New York or, for the matter of that, even to Hadar or the farms between here and there.

Finally they did get a line into Omaha from Norfolk—a round about line which entered Nebraska's metropolis by way of Grand Island and then Lincoln. It was many hundreds of miles longer than it needed to be. And the first person to talk over that line, between Omaha and Norfolk, was Mrs. Dora E. Budenz.

Mrs. Budenz is the guest of Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt at the present time. She will be here for some little time and her friends here have already begun to entertain her.

She says that she still looks at Norfolk as her home and hopes to permanently return, one day, to this city.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Rev. J. J. Parker is in the city from Plainview.

Burt Mapes returned from Omaha last night.

Mrs. Reno of Oakdale was in the city yesterday.

D. C. Maine of Wayne was in the city yesterday.

R. Solomon went to Wayne at noon today on business.

M. C. Hazen made a business trip to Battle Creek today.

Mrs. E. Tanner of Battle Creek is in town this morning.

J. F. Boyd returned to his home in Neligh at noon today.

F. A. Matson of Madison is a business visitor yesterday.

D. B. Duffey made a business trip to Battle Creek today.

W. H. Butterfield returned from Omaha at noon today.

Mrs. W. H. Schreiber of Hoskins is shopping in town today.

Miss Nellie Lauman of Wayne is visiting in the city today.

E. A. Bullock made a business trip to Butte, Neb., today at noon.

Walter Dunn went to Pilger this morning to resume his work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thornton of Tilden were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson of Pierce were shopping in the city yesterday.

Miss Nettie Dortch went to Omaha to attend the Ak-Sar-Ben today.

Mrs. Paul Karo and children of Lyone are in the city visiting today.

Mrs. S. F. Kirstead of Tilden is visiting at the home of S. G. Dean.

Miss Kathryn Shaw went to Battle Creek yesterday, returning this morning.

Chas. Hulac went to Stanton to attend the fair at that place yesterday.

Mrs. Harnish returned from O'Neill last night where she has been visiting.

J. K. Brown and wife came down from Creighton for a visit in the city today.

Miss Jennie Schwenk returned from Stanton where she has been attending the fair.

E. Rorth returned from Stanton last night where he had been taking in the fair yesterday.

Mrs. E. A. Moore has been out on

a week's trip with Mr. Moore. They returned today.

The Misses Braasch stopped over in the city last night on their way home from Pierce.

G. C. Price and wife of Tilden spent a few days at the home of W. W. Weaver this week.

Gussie Roth went to his home at Clearwater, Neb., last night to spend Sunday with his parents.

W. E. Steadman left for Omaha at noon today to spend Sunday. She will return the first of the week.

Miss Clara Berner returned today from Davenport, Iowa, where she has been on a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. J. Hartman returned from a trip in Wyoming and Wisconsin last night. She has been gone a month.

M. C. Hazen and family will break camp next week and return home. They have camped for the past six months.

George D. Butterfield has been in Chicago this week. He will return tonight, but will go on through to the western part of the state.

Miss Minnie Neuman, who has recently had an operation in Omaha, has improved so as to be able to return to her home in Stanton.

C. A. Randall, republican candidate for senator from the Eleventh district, is in town. He spent the week at the Stanton county fair. He says that Judge Boyd was there part of the time and Judge Graves, who held court there, was also on hand.

Mrs. H. Denton and daughter Madolin went to Omaha on a week's visit with friends and relatives.

Six extra coaches were added to No. 402 this morning to help in the transportation of the immense crowds that are flocking to Omaha to attend the Ak-Sar-Ben.

Mrs. W. C. Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Fraser and Mrs. J. F. McGrane drove to Stanton yesterday to take in the fair.

Mrs. P. P. Killoran and son Farnk went to Omaha to attend the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities now going on at that place.

Anthes & Smith yesterday purchased a fine team for use on a delivery wagon.

Dr. Alden was able to be out of bed yesterday and was up and around the hospital after his week's illness.

William Wagner shipped two carloads of gravel to Winside and Wayne this week, which shows that the quality of gravel taken from here is of the best.

The Norfolk woman's club will celebrate its tenth anniversary on next Monday afternoon in the parlors of the Congregational church. Special preparations have been made to celebrate the occasion in an appropriate manner, and a large attendance of both present and former members is anticipated.

Fremont Tribune: Rufus McMartin was this afternoon found to be a fit subject for the asylum and was ordered sent to Norfolk. While McMartin gave rational answers to most of the questions that were asked him, there was evidence that the board believed justified it in concluding that the patient was unfit to be at large.

Mrs. Frank Cummins, who was operated upon at Rochester, Minn., a few weeks ago for gallstones, returned to Norfolk yesterday morning. She was accompanied by Mr. Cummins, who has been at Rochester all of the time since her operation. Mrs. Cummins is recovering rapidly. She withstood the trip pretty well and, though still weak, is gaining in strength every day.

What might have been a most serious accident was narrowly averted at the Willey pantorium yesterday afternoon on North Fourth street. McClelland Hight was cleaning clothing with gasoline when the pan containing the gasoline was accidentally upset, spilling the liquid on the hands of Hight. Thinking that the gasoline should be burned off the floor, some one applied a match and the gasoline did the rest, by severely burning Hight's hands before it could be extinguished.

The state board of charities and corrections will meet in Norfolk for two days, week after next, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9 and 10. This board is a charitable institution, organized for the purpose of studying out new methods of caring for the criminal and unfortunates of this world. The meeting was secured for Norfolk through an invitation presented by A. K. Barnes. There will be discussion and lectures by prominent men on the two days when the board meets here.

The report that B. T. Reid had been killed in a railroad accident near Deadwood is untrue and without foundation, as Mr. Reid has been heard from since the report was received, at Sioux City. The only foundation for the story is that a traveling salesman for Foot, Schultz & Co. was killed in an accident in Minnesota. Much anxiety was felt for Mr. Reid after the people had heard of it as Mr. Reid is one of the proprietors of a Norfolk shoe store, and has many friends here who had become alarmed.

Lincoln News: A motion for the appointment of a referee to take evidence in the state's quo warranto suit brought to oust Dr. J. M. Alden as superintendent of the asylum for the insane at Norfolk was filed Wednesday in supreme court by the attorney general. The court is expected to rule upon it at the sitting next week. While the suit is pending, Dr. Alden's salary warrants are being held up in the auditor's office. He has not received any pay from the state since July, when the governor's order of removal was made. Meantime a report sent out from Norfolk last Saturday indicated that Dr. Alden had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

HEIR OF RICH NEBRASKAN

ILL-PAID LONDON CLERK INHERITS THREE MILLIONS.

FROM MAN LIVING AT LINCOLN

Kin of Noted People and Once Wealthy, Department Store Clerk in Dear Old London Town Tells of Ups and Downs Until Nebraska News Came.

C. E. P. Drouet, a clerk earning a small salary in a large London department store, is the heir to an American fortune of \$3,000,000 through the death of his cousin, C. C. Knapp, at Lincoln, Neb. To an interviewer, says a London dispatch, the fortunate man said:

"I am not so sure that I set as much store by the money as some men would. I lost a fortune of £20,000 once; so money and I are no strangers."

Quite a romantic little story was unfolded by Mr. Drouet. Reading a weekly paper one afternoon he saw that a Mr. C. C. Knapp of Beatrice, Neb., had died, leaving a fortune of \$3,000,000. Inquiries were made for the next of kin.

"I knew at once," said Mr. Drouet, "that the Mr. Knapp referred to was my cousin, and that beyond himself he had not another relative living with the possible exception of one lady, who had not been heard of for years. I had no idea of claiming a share in the fortune at the time. I only wanted to be sure about any living relations, so I wrote and made inquiries, and now I am going to Nebraska to see for myself."

The story of Mr. Drouet's relationship to Mr. Knapp is, however, far more interesting.

The grandfather of both men was an officer in the British army, and held the post of chief supply officer in the Bahamas, under the old system of ordnance supply. In later years he was stationed in Canada. During his stay in the Bahamas his daughter married Capt. Knapp, whose son, the late C. C. Knapp, settled in Nebraska.

Mr. Drouet's father was captain and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd Richer Creaker Drouet, who acted as A. D. C. to Gov. Eyre in Jamaica.

The family have always been connected with military affairs. A cousin of Mr. Drouet's grandfather was the famous Marshal Drouet, Count 'Eslon, one of Napoleon's favorite generals, who afterward became commander-in-chief of the French army. Mr. Drouet, who is related to many noble families of England, is also a nephew by marriage of the Rt. Hon. John Burns, M. P.

There is trouble today over the new cement gutter which is being built along the west side of South Fourth street, between Norfolk and Madison avenues. Mayor Friday declares that the gutter is being laid on an unsound foundation of sod along that street, and has ordered M. Endres, the contractor, to discontinue the work and lay in a solid foundation. Mr. Endres declares that he takes orders from the city engineer, only, and that he would be entitled to damages if the work was stopped. So he kept on building the gutter.

Mayor Friday says that the gutter will be torn to pieces and a better foundation put under it. He has been informed by the engineer superintending the work that, if the sod is allowed to remain, the gutter will sink and crack.

TILDEN CARNIVAL WEEK. That City Will Entertain Crowds of People Next Week.

The last fall fair and carnival for this part of the country this season will be held at Tilden next week, beginning Tuesday and continuing until Friday. Thursday is planned for Norfolk day, when it has been planned to run a train to Tilden and back again for the benefit of the people of this vicinity. Tilden is promising the time of anyone's life and looks for a mammoth crowd.

Following is a program of the race events:

Wednesday, Oct. 3.

3:00 class trotters\$200

2:20 class trotters or pacers..... 200

Thursday, Oct. 4.

2:25 class trotters\$200

2:30 class trotters or pacers..... 200

Pony running race 25

Friday, Oct. 5.

2:50 class trotters or pacers.....\$200

Free for all 250

Free for all running race 75

Entries close in harness races Sept. 13, 1906. E. B. Hansen, Secy.

HURT ON ROSEBUD.

Miss Weaver Fell From Horse and Was Badly Hurt.

W. W. Weaver received word from his sister who lives on a claim on the Rosebud, of an accident which occurred to her. She and a brother have claims adjoining, the brother had

gone to Gregory and she was left alone. In the evening she saddled her horse and went to drive the cattle in, the horse became unmanageable and threw her, breaking her leg two inches above the ankle. She was a long way from the house, but not far from the road. She crept to the road and awaited there until her brother returned from Gregory. He took her back to Gregory immediately and she is under the doctor's care.

Mr. Weaver took his mother through here, from Wakefield, on her way to Gregory, where she will nurse her daughter.

The brother and sister had just proved up on their claims and were going to leave, Miss Weaver having been offered a position as stenographer in a bank. She will be helpless for at least six weeks.

NO DROWNING THIS YEAR

NORFOLK HAS ESCAPED FROM WATER FATALITIES.

BUT THERE WERE TRAGEDIES

There Has Been Little Boating on the Northfork During the Past Summer, and the City Has Been Spared From Loss—Other Sudden Deaths.

The summer season has about come to an end and Norfolk has cause for rejoicing in one respect at least. During the past season there has been no death by drowning in either the Northfork or the Elkhorn rivers. This is decidedly unusual for Norfolk and the people of this city feel highly thankful that such a record has been made.

For many years past it has been Norfolk's misfortune to lose at least one life and sometimes more during the summer months by drowning in either the Northfork or the Elkhorn—generally the Northfork. The waters of that stream are filled with cold springs that bubble up underneath and these cold springs have been the fatal feature of the river. Although the water on the surface generally seems fairly warm during the hot days of summer, it is but a few feet down that the swimmer finds a current that is very cold. This chilly underlayer of water sends chills through the average human being and cramps frequently result, taking down even the best of swimmers.

To add to the fatal nature of the stream is its depth. The river, though narrow, flows in a tremendously deep channel and for this reason it is the more dangerous for swimming or boating. It is deep enough to allow diving from the top of the railroad bridge without danger of striking the bottom.

Little Boating This Year.

There has been little boating on the river during the past summer—the least, perhaps, that has been known in Norfolk for a dozen years or more.

There are still a number of canoes on the river and some row boats, together with a new steam launch, but they have not been as much used as in the past, owing to last season's sad accident, and no trouble has been experienced.

Have Been Tragedies, Though.

But Norfolk has had other tragedies during the summer season, if not on the water.

Clyde Williams of this city was killed on a train near Cheyenne. Little George Dorsey met death in the street, from a passing horse, which was said to have kicked him. Mr. Stark, a railroad employe in the roundhouse, was killed by the handle of a jack-screw. A section man was killed between here and Hoskins on the M. & O. road, when the train struck a handcar and sent it lunging after him. And two other men met deaths in a tragic way on the same night.

Skating the Next Danger.

Aside from tragedies over which there is no control, skating will be the next serious condition to confront Norfolk and offer death unless caution is taken. The cold springs in the Northfork, which give men cramps, also fill the ice with airholes in the winter time and make skating upon its surface decidedly perilous. If precaution is taken against skating on that river, accidents will be spared.

You will get the knack of finding chances and opportunities through reading want ads., and then you will not worry about it even if your friends insist that you are simply "lucky."

Death of Ella Heckman.

Ella Heckman, the five-year-old daughter of Emil Heckman, died shortly before noon today after a two weeks' illness from typhoid-pneumonia. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the house on Madison avenue at 2 o'clock and services will be held in the St. Paul's Lutheran church at 3 o'clock. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Witte, the Hadar minister, will have charge.

MEETINGS TO CONTINUE.

Revival Being Held by the Christian Church to Continue Two Weeks.

The gospel meetings of the Christian church will continue another two weeks. State Evangelist Whiston will speak and sing every night of those two weeks at 8 o'clock. The tent is comfortably heated and lighted by electricity. The subjects for this week are as follows: Monday, "The Covenantants;" Tuesday, "A Fateful Decision;" Wednesday, "Facing One's Record;" Thursday, "A Short Bed;" Friday, "The Crimson Tide;" Saturday, "Some Unspeakables." All are cordially invited.



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