

BASE BALL TOURNAMENT

LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS URGE ONE FOR NORFOLK.

WOULD HOLD IT LAST OF MONTH

Plan of Fans is to Select Four Strong Teams of the Northern Part of the State and Have a Series of Games. Great Opportunity to See Good Ball.

Local enthusiasts are endeavoring to arrange a base ball tournament for this city, to take place the latter part of this month. It has been suggested that four teams from the northern part of the state be asked to participate and that there be two games each day. On the second day the two winning teams of the day before will play and the two losing teams also. Then on the third day the two winners to play for the championship and the two losers of the day before play.

Last year Carroll made a great success of a tournament conducted in this manner. Plainview and Pilger have signified their desire to hold such a tournament, and it is said that they agree that this would be the best manner of conducting the series.

Local fans argue that this would be a great opportunity for Norfolk to see some good ball, and if the tournament is undertaken people of the city will try to help make it a success. There would be a large attendance from surrounding towns to see the championship of northeast Nebraska decided.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Seth Jones of Winnetoon is in the city.

W. E. Fisher of Wayne is visiting friends here.

C. G. Whipple of Niobrara is in the city on business.

Miss Ida Seidel of Stanton is visiting friends here.

Albert Kaasch of Schuyler is in the city on business.

E. H. Trucks of Beemer is visiting friends in Norfolk.

Miss Mattie Priest of Randolph is visiting relatives here.

T. Norwood is a business visitor from Clearwater today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barley of Naper are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Ringstead of Hadar was shopping in the city yesterday.

Mrs. R. Press of Winside was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

John Matweg left this morning for a short visit in Snyder, Neb.

S. M. McCurdy of Emerson was in the city yesterday on business.

W. S. Nichols and G. O. Rose of Genoa are in Norfolk on business.

Miss Georgia Smith of Creighton was shopping in the city yesterday.

C. F. Way of Lincoln, state manager of the Ben Hur lodge, is in the city.

Mrs. George Hecht of Plainview is visiting with Mrs. L. B. Musselman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Storey of Neligh were shopping in the city yesterday.

John Davis and Owen Minds of Butte are spending the day in Norfolk.

H. Sebach and John Fincke of Creighton were city visitors yesterday.

William Malchop and Frank Gretchel of West Point are city visitors today.

Misses Rena Nenow and Helen Pasewalk went to Omaha this morning for a short visit.

N. S. Westrope and W. L. Mote came down from Plainview last evening on business.

Rev. J. M. Stevens of Peoria, Ill., is here visiting with his sister, Mrs. E. M. Huntington.

Mrs. Henry Toopin and Mrs. W. H. Torkin of Oakdale were visiting friends here yesterday.

Miss Florence Reiter and niece of Marlon, Iowa, are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Rasley.

Will Heitman came up from Madison last evening to spend a few days with friends and relatives here.

Miss Laura Palmer of Oakdale passed through the city last evening on her way home from Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rish of North Yakima, Wash., are expected in this city this week for an extended visit.

Mrs. P. A. Stern and daughter, Elsie, of Marshalltown, are visiting at the homes of her sisters, Mrs. J. and D. Baum.

J. C. Stitt is in Madison on business. Arthur Clements has gone to Fremont.

Miss Lulu Cronk is visiting friends in Wayne.

Mrs. Max Venger has returned from a trip to Hot Springs, S. D.

N. W. Clover has returned from a short business trip to Omaha.

Rex Beeler left today for Omaha after a short visit here with his father, F. A. Beeler.

Miss K. Luxinger of Columbus passed through the city today on her way to Wayne.

Walter Kuntz of Emerson, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to his home.

Miss Buella McDonald, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home in Pierce today.

Mrs. E. E. Kennard and little son of Omaha are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Musselman.

Miss Ruth Mount left today for an extended visit in Denver. Miss Gertrude Mount accompanied her as far as Fremont.

Mrs. L. C. Hurford and son Archie has returned to David City after a visit of several weeks at the home of Mrs. Hurford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Musselman.

Miss Robinette Bear, who leaves

soon for Richmond, Va., was pleasantly surprised last evening by a number of her friends. The guests were dressed in masquerade costume and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. M. B. Irvin will entertain a few friends at 1 o'clock luncheon on Saturday.

No meeting of the Commercial club directors was held yesterday because of a lack of a quorum.

There will be a meeting of the Degree of Honor in G. A. R. hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

Fred Parish is in Stanton on business.

Miss Cora Lulkart is visiting in Pierce.

Gene Crotty left today for a trip through Wisconsin.

J. M. Brion, Jr., of Ewing is visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Mrs. A. Teal has returned from a trip through Kansas.

J. L. Hershler has returned from a business trip to Neligh.

Miss Ruth Birchard of Omaha is visiting Miss Mellic Bridge.

It was reported Wednesday morning that C. W. Braasch is very low.

Fred Nordwig has returned from a short business trip to Plainview.

Leon Tompkins has returned from a short visit at his home in Inman.

Miss Marguerite Bithell has returned from a short visit to Wayne.

Miss Lizzie Manske and Miss McNeil are spending the day in Pierce.

Mrs. G. Stanton and granddaughter are visiting relatives in Creighton.

Mrs. S. W. Brion and daughter, Sadie, of Ewing are visiting friends in Norfolk.

Miss Hattie Draper of Niobrara is visiting at the home of Conductor Fairbanks.

Mrs. Finson of Creighton and Mrs. Hoffman of Plainview are shopping in the city today.

Miss Agnes Pierre of Wisner, who has been visiting Miss Maude Clark, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson of Chadron are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. McNamee.

H. Bueling of Hartington, who has been visiting L. Buckendorf, left last evening for Hot Springs, S. D.

R. Tift and C. Montgomery of Pilger passed through the city to Tilden where they will play ball with Tilden against Battle Creek today.

Dr. C. A. McKim, who is now in Salina, Kansas, called there by the serious illness of his mother, writes that she is now considerably improved but that she has been seriously ill.

Dr. J. C. Myers returned this morning from Denver, where he and Mrs. Myers went two weeks ago. Mrs. Myers will not return until next week. The doctor says not anywhere during his travels, and he visited a number of points of interest while he was away, did he see a country that looks as well and pleases him as well as right here in Nebraska.

H. W. Winter has been granted a permit to build a corrugated iron addition to his harness factory on Main street near Second.

Mrs. H. E. Warrick has purchased the residence property at the corner of Tenth street and Madison avenue, known as the Sutphen cottage.

A party composed of Misses Rena Nenow and Miss Minnie Maas, Carl Lehman and John Matweg spent the day yesterday fishing at Wagner's lake east of the city.

General Superintendent S. M. Braden of the Northwestern has gone to Omaha to take charge of the office of the general manager while Mr. Walters is away on a vacation for a few weeks.

A farewell party was held at the home of Ben Hull last evening for Ralph Yocum, who soon leaves for Iowa, where he will open a photo studio. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Weeds growing in the rear of some of the business houses of Norfolk are causing the night watchman a good deal of trouble. He is expected to watch all back doors and in many instances the growth of weeds makes it impossible for him to approach the buildings.

The petition for the organization of a militia company in Norfolk went to Governor Sheldon this morning. The petition contains the names of fifty-nine Norfolk young men who seek to be mustered into the National guard with the title and number of a company of one of the regiments in this state.

The council at the meeting last evening decided to change the outlet of the new sewerage system some 700 feet up stream and also to install a flushing apparatus for the sewer near the mill dam, from which water will be drawn when needed to flush the mains. Weeds on vacant lots are to be cut by the city and the expense charged up to the property.

There was a full attendance at the meeting of the directors of the Norfolk Pickle factory on Tuesday morning. The meeting was held in the new building and final arrangements were made to begin operating. Twenty loads of cucumbers have already been received. Among the out of town directors present were M. C. Bressler of Clearwater and W. Standiford of Herrick, S. D.

It was ninety-seven degrees hot in the shade in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon and the oppressive air thrown in made the day even more suffocating than is shown by the thermometer. During the evening the air cooled off and Wednesday morning brought relief from the heat. This was not the hottest day of the summer in Norfolk, one day before having shoved the mercury up to 100.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES

NEW SYSTEM IN NORFOLK OF THAT CHARACTER.

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Mr. Stadelman States in Sioux City That the New Norfolk Exchange Will be Installed With Automatic Instruments.

W. J. Stadelman, promoter of the independent telephone system which is to have a new exchange in operation in this city by January 1, was in Sioux City yesterday, where it was announced positively that the new Norfolk exchange is to be equipped with automatic instruments. Such a rumor had been given out in this city but it was not definitely stated to be a fact. When Mr. Stadelman introduces automatic instruments into the telephone field of this city he will have gone a long way to popularize the new exchange, and the prediction is that it will gain for him many subscribers who would not be induced to change to a new system otherwise. The automatic system does away entirely with the annoyance of awaiting the pleasure of the young lady at central as to whether one's call shall be answered today or tomorrow.

The Journal, speaking of Mr. Stadelman's enterprise here, further says: "Associated with Mr. Stadelman in his new enterprise is Cloyd H. Smith, secretary and manager of the New State Telephone company, and other Sioux City men who are identified with the local enterprise. The syndicate plans to have an automatic exchange at Norfolk in working order by the first of the year. The New State company will in the meantime have completed its long distance line to that point, thus giving Sioux City patrons connections with all the cities and towns throughout that section of Nebraska.

"The local company has been at work on this line for the past month and rapid headway is being made. The new business made possible by the installation of the new plants and the extension of the long distance service will be welcomed by patrons of the company, both here and in Nebraska."

A POET'S DREAM REALIZED.

Bixby of the State Journal Will Go to Europe.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 6.—Dr. A. L. Bixby, poet, humorist and lecturer, will take a jaunt through Europe. Banker W. T. Auld will foot the bills and thereby hangs a tale.

"If I were as rich as Tom Auld," clicked "Bix" on his typewriter in the Journal office for his "daily drift" grin, "I would go to Europe and take all my efforts."

In his efforts to kill space and make the "string" that yields the princely income of the hard working newspaper man, "Bix" may sometimes have said lots of things he did not really mean, but the idea expressed in the above paragraph was no idle dream. The "doctor" sat at his desk and enjoyed the possibilities of "covering" Europe, with a few choice friends, until he actually convinced himself that he was on his way. The specter of a tour abroad haunted him day and night and he forgot that the first requisite for consideration was the million or two dollars which would be needed to pay all expenses of his Nebraska friends and himself.

In a letter written from out in the state to his paper, "Doc" philosophized thusly:

"However repugnant the contemplation may be to some the time is coming when the man who has secured all he will ever need, and lots more for emergencies, will hear the bell ring, a notice for him to slow down and get ready to enjoy his accumulations instead of adding to them. When that time comes I am going to Europe with Tom Auld, and it will be worth the trip to note with what rare enjoyment he dissipates a portion of his income bearing the necessary expenses for both and graciously tipping the waiters that the service may be full up to our requirements."

Then soared into the joys of his dream in this fine bit of mechanical verse:

We'll stay in Europe quite a while, And Auld will foot the bills. We'll travel all the time in style And Auld will foot the bills.

First class hotels in every case, And, as we skip from place to place For bric-a-brac I'll run my face And Auld will foot the bills.

We'll give big dinners everywhere And Auld will foot the bills; We'll make our English cousins stare And Auld will foot the bills.

We'll keep the wheels of commerce greased, We'll stay there seven months at least;

Each day we'll have a royal feast, And Auld will foot the bills. A day or so after "Tom" Auld dropped into the office. "When shall we start?" he asked.

"Where? Is there a game of chess on this eve?" inquired "Bix," who plays chess when he is not eating, sleeping or working.

"No, I mean on our trip abroad. I'll say."

"Doc" turned pale, but recovered in a moment. "Let's see," he said slowly. "I never have had my bluff called quite so suddenly. I'll need some clothes and will have to buy a new

telescope. It will be necessary to consult my wife about a few shirts and collars. H-m-m. I guess we can go. I'll ask Mrs. Bixby."

"Well, be getting your trousseau ready," remarked Auld as he rose to leave. "We will start whenever you say."

"Go, Doctor Bixby," exclaimed the office boy as he entered a few minutes later. "You ain't akeh are you, sir?"

The doctor was doing a highland fling in a rather embarrasing manner, only pausing a moment now and then to take a pinch at his legs and arms.

"No, Willie, not akeh, only I just had a dream, and am trying to wade up."

But it was no dream, for Banker Auld will pay the bills and great preparations are in progress for "Doc" to enjoy a winter sojourn in England, France, Switzerland and other distant lands. It is likely that they will make the trip together.

W. T. Auld has been in business in Nebraska since 1885. He came to the state from Knoxville, Iowa. He started a bank at Guide Rock and in 1891 he opened a bank at Red Cloud. In 1893 he, with his brother, established the City National bank of Lincoln. He is connected with several other enterprises and still owns all the banks he started.

He has been engaged in banking, stock raising and the grain business during his residence in the state. He is well known throughout Nebraska.

Mr. Auld dislikes publicity and is especially sensitive to newspaper comment. He is quiet and reserved, disliking the talkative and inquisitive. The banker and the newspaper man have long been friends.

LITTLE WRECK AT WAHOO.

Crossing Accident in Which Little Damage Was Done.

A lone Union Pacific engine bumped into the Northwestern passenger train at Wahoo Sunday night, says the Lincoln Journal, derailing two cars, spilling about a dozen cans of cream, and blocking the lines of the Northwestern, Burlington and Union Pacific roads for several hours. The accident happened during a heavy rain and high wind, which made it impossible for engineers to see any distance ahead. No one was injured, but the delay to service made some of the patrons of the roads lose their tempers. The story as related by a man who was on the Northwestern train is that the Northwestern train pulled down to the crossing and stopped to permit a freight train on the Union Pacific to pull across. The freight train cleared the crossing, the Northwestern engineer whistled for the crossing and pulled ahead. Just as the baggage and cream car couplings were directly over the crossing a light engine, following the Union Pacific freight train, bumped into the passenger train. The cars were pushed far off the track and the lines of three roads blocked. Fortunately no one was injured.

The blame for the accident is placed on weather conditions which made it impossible for the Union Pacific engineer to either see or hear the Northwestern train.

FOR ATTEMPT TO MURDER

WARRANT OUT FOR JOHN I. SCOFFIELD, A McLEAN MERCHANT.

USED KNIFE ON A YOUNG MAN

Trouble is Said to Have Come From the Attempt on the Part of the Young Man to Collect a Bill From the Merchant.

Pierce, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: A warrant was issued yesterday in the county court for John I. Scofield on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Mr. Scofield is a hardware merchant of McLean in this county, and is considered a man of considerable means as well as a leading citizen of the town.

The warrant is in the hands of E. A. Dwyer, sheriff, but reports from McLean are that the defendant has disappeared.

The victim of Mr. Scofield's wrath is a young man by the name of Scribner, who, it is alleged, was terribly cut and gashed with a knife in the hands of Scofield. It is claimed that the trouble arose over the collection of \$8.00 for work done for Scofield by Scribner's younger brother.

NEW ELEVATOR AT PETERSBURG

Farmers Elevator Company Will Erect \$6,000 Building.

Petersburg, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: Within the course of ten days the Farmers' Elevator company will commence the erection of a \$6,000 elevator. The site has been selected and they expect to have the elevator ready to receive the new crop.

OLD SETTLERS AT VERDEL.

Big Picnic and Reunion at that Place On Saturday.

An old settlers' outing is to be held at Verdel on Saturday of this week. A big crowd of people from all parts of Knox county is expected to be present and make a day of festivities. H. F. Barnhart of this city has been invited to make the oration of the day, and has accepted.

RAILWAYS ARE BOOSTED

VALUATIONS ARE NEARLY DOUBLED IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

AN INCREASE OF 45 PER CENT

Valuation of Railway Property of the State is Fixed at \$21,659,000, Against \$14,922,000 Last Year—Big Increase in Terminal Property at Sioux Falls.

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 7.—The entire valuation of railway property in this state this year is \$21,659,000.

This is an increase of 45 per cent over last year, when the valuation was fixed at \$14,922,000.

The state board of assessment, which completed its work on the railroad assessments today, made advances all along the line, thus fulfilling promises made during the campaign by insurgents that they would make an adequate assessment of all railroad property. It was the insurgent claim that railroad values were entirely too low and their investigation, resulting in the big increase, indicates that they were right.

Where last year the average assessment per mile was \$4,170 this year it is increased to \$6,506, an advance of \$1,596 per mile, a raise of not quite 34 per cent.

One of the biggest increases made by the board was in the terminal railway property at Sioux Falls. Last year the very low assessment of \$89,498 was placed on this property, but this year the board boosted it about \$200,000, making the total assessment \$288,498.

LATEST FASHIONABLE AILMENT.

Auto-Fracture May be Expected Soon in Norfolk.

Now that Norfolk is rapidly acquiring the automobile fever, it is well to keep on the lookout for the latest malady that is sweeping over the country. It is the auto-fracture.

Auto-fracture is caused by the back fling of a high power car. The prospective victim must first seize the crank of a big motor car and proceed to crank. If the ignition is imperfect and the engine flies back on the reverse, the crank will fly back with great force and hit the victim somewhere on the forearm. Auto-fracture results.

The styloid radius is a small spur of bone that rises from the outside of the radius, the large bone of the forearm, and which has been conveniently located for the fracture.

When the engine fires back, the crank hits the rigid arm on the styloid, to which is attached the muscles of the thumb, and forces the thumb violently back. Then you have the fracture.

Dr. V. L. Sheets, of the Willard hospital, Chicago, is the discoverer of the new injury. He happened to have two cases resulting from the same cause, at first supposing that all that was the matter was a sprained wrist. However, he made X-rays photographs of the two forearms and found that the injury to both men was identical. Since that time the doctor has had three similar cases and in every one the picture revealed the same things. At present he is compiling a pamphlet concerning the fracture.

HORSE IN AN ELEVATOR.

Animal Drops With the Apparatus and is Badly Injured.

Petersburg, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: While driving over a wagon dump in an elevator on his farm, J. A. Weigand came near losing the life of one of his fine black horses yesterday. The dump was not locked and as soon as the horse stepped upon it it went down and the animal's leg was caught. The horse suffered severe bruises and bled considerably about the leg. It required an hour's work to get the animal out. The horse was valued at \$200.

Mr. Collins Advanced.

D. M. Collins, at one time agent for the Union Pacific at this place, removed from here to Sioux City and later to Omaha to become traveling freight agent for the same road, has now been advanced to the position of district freight agent for the Union Pacific at a new office opened at 21 South Third street, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Collins is well remembered in Norfolk, where he made many friends for the Union Pacific through his personal popularity while he was agent here.

LOERKE SUCCEEDS ANTLES.

Elected First Lieutenant of Company B, First Regiment.

Stanton, Neb., Aug. 6.—Special to The News: An election was held last night by company B, First regiment Nebraska National Guard to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of First Lieutenant Howard H. Antles. It resulted in the selection of First Sergeant A. W. W. Loerke to fill the position. Sergeant Loerke has been a member of the company since its muster into the state service January 2, 1902. He is a graduate of the Stanton high schools and also attended the state university.

BROKEN COLLAR BONE.

Misfortune That Came to Deputy Sheriff of Cherry County.

Valentine, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: Wm. Shepard, deputy sheriff of Cherry county, sustained a

Don't Push

The horse can draw the load without help, if you reduce friction to almost nothing by applying



broken collar bone and a fractured shoulder blade as the result of a runaway last night. He was making a night drive about forty miles east of here, when his team got off the road and ran into a barb wire fence, flinging them into a run and upsetting the buggy and throwing Mr. Shepard out. In a painful condition he had to walk about three miles to a small station and wait a couple of hours for the passenger train to take him where medical services could be procured.

TILDEN RACES ARE ON

THREE BIG DAYS OF SPORT AT TILDEN THIS WEEK.

SCHEDULES FOR THE EVENTS

Next Week the Meet of the North Nebraska Short Shipment Race Circuit Will be at O'Neill, Then Neligh and Other Towns in the Circuit.

Wednesday was the opening day of the Tilden race meeting, and all preparations had been made for three big days of sport. Practically the same horses were entered in the races there last week, besides some others, and with good weather the Tilden meeting is expected to be a great success. The events scheduled for the first day were: 2:35 class trotters, \$200; 2:20 class trotters or pacers, \$200.

Thursday there will be a 2:27 class trot, 2:25 class trot or pace, each for \$200 purses, and a running race for \$50.

Friday a 2:50 class trot or pace and free for all are scheduled for \$200 purses and a running race for \$50.

Next week the third of the series of the Short Shipment Race circuit will take place at O'Neill. The Neligh races are August 21 to 23; Pierce, August 28 to 30; Butte, September 4 to 6; Spencer, September 11 to 13; Creighton, September 19 to 21; Madison, September 25 to 27; Stanton, October 2 to 4.

The purses at all these meets for the trotting and pacing events are \$200 each, with the exception of O'Neill, Neligh and Spencer, where one purse of \$250 is hung up in addition to the \$200 purses. O'Neill, Neligh, Pierce, Butte, Spencer, Creighton and Madison offer purses in running races ranging from \$75 to \$100.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The Week Was Cool With Scattered Showers.

Lincoln, Aug. 6.—The weather bulletin for the week ending August 5 says:

The week was cool, with scattered showers, an excess of sunshine, and light wind.

The daily mean temperature averaged about 4° below the normal in the southern counties and 5° to 8° below in the northern. The weekly mean temperature was 72° in the southern counties and 65° to 68° in the northern. Tuesday was the warmest day of the week. The maximum temperature at a few places was 90° or slightly above. Friday was the coolest day, with maximum temperatures generally below 80°, and in the northern counties but little above 70°.

Scattered showers occurred Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. In the greater part of the state the showers were light and the rainfall for the week was below normal, but heavy showers occurred in some southwestern counties Tuesday and in the southeastern counties Sunday with rainfall exceeding an inch. The rainfall from April 1 to date is slightly below the normal in most of the state. However, at a few stations it is slightly above the average, while in a small area it is only about two-thirds the normal amount.

CHERRY COUNTY CANDIDATES.

Names that Will Appear on the Primary Election Ballot.

Valentine, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: The following named persons have announced themselves as candidates for the primary election here:

County treasurer—W. D. Armstrong; county clerk—J. T. Keeley; county superintendent—Lulu Kortz; county sheriff—A. R. Spain, C. E. Sherman, H. F. Kime, T. F. Kelley, J. Melshaw