

BIG WRESTLING MATCH

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A big wrestling match is in prospect for Norfolk. The prospective match is between Oscar Waseem and Jack Downs and is to be held at the Auditorium probably at some date in the near future.

Oscar Waseem is a Lincoln wrestler, a clean performer and a man with a strong reputation in Nebraska. Norfolk people have seen Waseem on the mat and he has many friends in this section.

The man picked to throw the sturdy German is Jack Downs, who is just now in Minneapolis. Jack O'Leary of Norfolk had a try out with Downs and he picked Downs as a man who could throw Waseem. Dick Walton has seen Downs wrestle in South Dakota and he puts his faith on the man.

Both men wrestle at 185 pounds. Norfolk people are corresponding with the two men to complete the details of the match. Waseem has written that he is favorable to the match provided that it is arranged that the winner takes all the proceeds.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Miss Wilhelmina Tawney of Pierce was in Norfolk returning from a visit at Fremont.

P. L. Nichols, who has been feeding cattle near Kent Siding, has resigned his position and has accepted a place in lumber mills near Black Hawk, S. D.

J. F. Centlivre and wife came in from Sioux City today and are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lynde. They have been attending a photographers' convention in Sioux City and are on their way home to Pierce.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Mrs. Mary Engelbert, Fairfax, S. D.; P. Riley, Hay Springs; J. Stueker, Hooper; L. H. Hinds, Butte; Mr. and Mrs. F. Meurit, Orchard; E. Moon, Will Hadley, Fullerton; H. Hanson, Gregory, S. D.; Miss Maude Young, Monowi; George Wilson, Endicott; George W. Kirk, P. D. Corell, Frank C. Holbert, Plainview; B. Storms and family, Creighton; John Schwahland, Hartington; H. R. Steinhaus, Spalding; Milton Reeder, Columbus.

Attorney J. C. Engelman was called to Neligh Friday morning.

The Redpath Lyceum bureau will hold a chautauqua in Columbus next summer.

Mrs. W. C. Ahlmann and Margaret Smith went to Wakefield to attend the funeral of Mrs. Chas. Schulz.

The body of Mrs. W. S. Forhan, who died at St. Paul yesterday afternoon, will be brought to Norfolk this evening, and taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boeck. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced and will not be until a sister, who lives in Montana, can be heard from. Mrs. F. Miller, a sister living in Utica, will be here tonight.

John Leffer and his mother of this city have returned from Johnstown, Nebraska, near which place they purchased a half section of land. They intend to make their home there in the near future.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Heckman, a son.

Ernest Raasch shipped a carload of cattle to the South Omaha market.

The last of the Elks' dancing parties will be given this evening at the club rooms.

Mrs. H. A. Moler of Wayne has organized a class in vocal music in Norfolk. She arrived in Norfolk Friday.

Word from Davenport, Iowa, says that A. P. Doe, father of Mrs. George D. Butterfield, is recovering from his recent illness.

Judge Eiseley collected \$45 in fines last month. That amount represents the proceeds turned over from his office during February.

The appraisers appointed to appraise the value of the property needed to open up Pasewack avenue over the Union Pacific tracks has reported the value of the Upton property affected at \$200. The city council has ordered a city warrant drawn for that amount.

An ordinance condemning a piece of property owned by J. C. Stitt and needed by the city to straighten out South Sixth street was introduced at the city council meeting last evening. It was also voted to authorize Mayor Durland to appoint a committee to confer with Mr. Stitt.

The city council proposes to put another ban on signs. If an ordinance that has been introduced in the council passes it will be a violation of the law to tack signs or bills on any pole, building, sidewalk, tree or fence without the written consent of the owner. A fine of from \$10 to \$100 is tacked onto the ordinance.

The Madison county teachers' institute will be held at Madison in the high school building for one week beginning August 17. Supt. H. H. Hahn, Blair; Supt. A. V. Teed, Dixon county; Elizabeth Sheehan, Columbus; Prof. Reese Solomon, Norfolk; and Paul S. Dittrick have been employed as instructors and lecturers.

There has been grief at the village jail at Meadow Grove. The jail has been treated with impunity. A young man in the jail for being drunk was given a wrench by a friend and broke out of the village bastle. That was

escaped, getting away Wednesday evening.

The Meadow Grove News has been sold to the Nye Publishing company from Stanton and will be edited by Harry A. Nye. The Meadow Grove News has always been a very creditable paper and the retiring editor and publisher, J. O. Carter, states that the new management will make improvements. Mr. Carter retires from the newspaper business.

Sewer contractors will be asked to bid on three new sewer districts in Norfolk this spring. Last night the council sent through for final passage ordinances creating sewer district No. 3 on Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth streets south of Madison avenue, and sewer district No. 4 in the Heights. At the time these districts are advertised contractors will also be asked to bid on district No. 2, on South Fifth street.

Mrs. W. S. Forhan, daughter of J. F. Boeck of this city, died in St. Paul at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, a telegram to that effect having been received by the family here last evening. Mrs. Forhan's home was in Montana, where she was taken with appendicitis in the fall, submitting to an operation about Thanksgiving, and to another after Christmas. Not recovering then, she was taken by her husband to Rochester, Minn., for operation by the Mayos. When she reached there they decided that she was not able to withstand another operation and advised that she go home and rest until she had more strength. On the way back to Montana they stopped at St. Paul, where Mrs. Forhan was placed in a hospital under the care of a specialist, but her strength was so badly spent that she only lived a few days.

Meadow Grove News: W. P. Evans and J. O. Carter have just perfected a new and useful invention and have made application for a patent. The machine is a device to automatically trim, paste and put wall paper on the wall and cut it off with one operation. The machine is so simple and light anyone can handle it. The machine complete with a roll of paper and filled with paste only weighs ten pounds. It does away with one man to put on the paste and enables the operator to accomplish about five times as much work in the same length of time. It will also be a great saving of time to bill posters, as the machine is designed to be made up in any size to fit a three sheet poster to a common hand bill. Messrs. Evans and Carter are planning to arrange to manufacture the machine and put it on the market.

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[From Saturday's Daily.] At the close of a fairly lively social season, Shrove Tuesday presented a Mardi gras of festivities in Norfolk homes, five or six very pleasant social functions taking place during the day and evening. Like the merry makers of the Catholic south, who make the most of the day before Ash Wednesday by continuing the festivities of the occasion until sun up the next morning, the most was made of the fleeting hours of the last day in Norfolk. The Lenten season now being on, social functions may be expected to take on a more quiet turn, though many people do not give the same observance of the forty days of fasting as is given in the old country and in some localities of the United States.

Norfolk has witnessed a rather lively season. The dancing parties of the Elks, the Owl club and the Norfolk band, together with those the latter part of the season given by Trinity Social guild, have furnished amusement galore along this line, while dinners, luncheons and card parties have been attractions for those who enjoy a more quiet mode of entertainment.

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AUDITORIUM, FRIDAY EVENING

Three of the Classes Will be Represented in the Contests by Seven Students, One of Whom Will Go to the North Nebraska Contest.

[From Saturday's Daily.] The Norfolk high school declamatory contest will be held at the Auditorium Friday evening, February 13. The contest is in part a preliminary for the north Nebraska high school contest which will be held in Norfolk during the association in April, the winner on Friday night being Norfolk's representative at the association contest. Besides this a cash prize will be given to the class whose two best speakers win the most points. Three of the high school classes will take part. The class of 1909 will be represented by Dorothy Rudat and Bessie Widaman; the class of 1910 by Helen Friday and Dollie Pfunder; the class of 1911 by Louise Cook, Josephine Mullen and Theo. Sprecher.

It promises to be a very interesting contest, as the speakers are well matched, while the class spirit adds excitement. The program has been arranged as follows:

Chorus—High school girls. Piano solo—Lowell Erskin. "Her Cuban Tea"—Dorothy Rudat. "Spartacus to the Gladiators"—Josephine Mullen. Chorus—High school girls. "William Henry"—Dollie Pfunder. "Mary's Night Ride"—Helen Friday. "As the Moon Rose"—Louise Cook. Violin solo—Ray Estabrook. "How the Church Was Built at Kehos's Bar"—Theo. Sprecher. "The White Cow"—Bessie Widaman. Music—High school quartette. Decision of judges.

The program will begin at 8:30. Admission fifteen cents. Tickets sold at the door.

Son is Sick.

Charles H. Groesbeck, Jr., Charlie Groesbeck's little boy, has been quite sick.

Funeral of Mrs. Forhan.

Mrs. W. F. Forhan will be buried Tuesday afternoon. The time and the place of the funeral will be announced later.

THE DANE AND JACK.

Fighting Dane Anxious to Put on the Gloves With O'Leary.

There is a good deal of interest in Norfolk over the proposed go between the "Fighting Dane" and Jack O'Leary. The Dane after he got a decision in his last sparring contest with Curly Cox issued a "defy" to O'Leary for a glove contest. O'Leary is figuring on a regular battle with Pat Stephens in Gregory and will make no local dates until the time for the Rosebud fight is set.

All For Taft.

Valentine, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: The republican county convention was held yesterday at the court house. The attendance was good but on account of the recent storm many delegates from the precincts were unable to attend. Max E. Virtel of Crookston was elected chairman of the convention and F. A. Cumlow secretary. Resolutions were unanimously adopted favoring the candidacy of Wm. H. Taft for president and endorsing the policies of President Roosevelt. The delegates to the state convention were instructed to endorse Taft at that convention. Congressman M. P. Kinkaid and his policies were approved, and he was endorsed as a candidate for re-election. The administration of Gov. G. L. Sheldon and the acts of the county officials were heartily approved. The following delegates were chosen to attend the state convention:

F. M. Walcott, chairman; C. H. Cornell, E. C. Cole, W. D. Armstrong, D. Hanna, A. L. Lewis, Max E. Virtel.

These same delegates will also attend the congressional convention.

Snow at Valentine.

Valentine, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: About two inches of snow fell Thursday night here. The snow was preceded by a rain and sleet which froze on the ground, making sleighing very good. This is the first time this winter that enough snow has fallen at one time to make that pastime possible. It was also welcomed by the farmers, as the ground was exceedingly dry.

Two Committees Announced.

Mayor Durland has announced the personnel of the two committees authorized by the city council Thursday night, one committee to take up the pumping station proposition of the Norfolk Electric Light and Power company and the other to confer with J. C. Stitt in regard to opening up South Sixth street to its proper width.

The committee on the pumping station proposal will consist of Councilmen Craven, Garvin and Buchholz.

The committee to meet Mr. Stitt will consist of Councilmen Haase, Kauffman and Dolan.

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Next year, in 1882, Judge powers was nominated by the republican state convention and later elected as attorney general of Nebraska. He served as attorney general of the state during 1883-4, and then retired from the office, not desiring or asking for another term. Upon retiring from office he changed his residence to Norfolk.

Almost immediately Mr. Powers was appointed to the district bench by Governor Thayer, a vacancy having been made by the creation of an additional judge. In 1887 he was elected district judge for the regular four-year term. The district consisted of Antelope, Madison, Stanton, Wayne, Cuming, Pierce, Knox, Cedar, Dixon and Dakota counties, with the Omaha and Winnetoon Indian reservations added.

Judge Powers left the bench in 1892 to take up the private practice of law again. He soon formed a partnership with John R. Hays, a partnership which lasted about ten years and which was not dissolved until Mr. Hays became postmaster.

Judge Powers has drawn off from the active practice of law but he still has time for the science of law and is frequently consulted on law points by attorneys.

In Kansas Judge Powers married Miss Sarah G. Mallier, who had come to Kansas from Alabama. A daughter and three sons are living: Mrs. V. E. Whitney, who is home from Chicago just now; Frank Powers, assistant superintendent of the Armour packing plant in South Omaha; W. H. Powers, court reporter for the Ninth judicial district; Isaac Powers, jr., manager and part owner of a packing plant at Jacksonville, Ill.

on our road where we could work the operators nine hours a day only, by using the agent for an hour or two with train orders, but if the agent takes a train order he is barred from working more than nine hours a day at anything. His work may be largely collecting bills, seeing merchants about freight and looking after outside business, but if he takes train orders he must stop work at the end of nine hours. That works a hardship on the railroad, because perhaps in the hours where he would watch at the key he might not get a train order nor anything at telegraphing. But he would be on duty as a telegrapher just the same."

West Point Wants Auditorium.

West Point, Neb., March 9.—Special to The News: The agitation which has been prominently before the public mind for some time past in relation to the building of an auditorium in West Point crystallized in the holding of a mass meeting of the citizens who assembled to consider the project and to devise ways and means for the accomplishment of this much needed public improvement. The meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic. Addresses were made by a number of local capitalists and after a full discussion of the matter a committee of nine was appointed to canvass the city for subscriptions to a stock company, with a capitalization of \$15,000, in shares of \$10 to erect an auditorium in West Point, the committee to report progress in fourteen days. No doubt exists in the mind of any one of the full amount of the required capital being subscribed at once.

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precinct, is announced. The deceased suffered a lingering illness, having recently undergone two operations without any beneficial effect. She was the widow of the late August Pieper, who died two years ago. She leaves two daughters.

A mass convention of the people's party of the city of West Point has been called to meet on March 15 to nominate candidates for the various municipal offices and for two members of the board of education.

Railroad Notes.

Reports from the south show that many telegraph offices were closed on March 4, when the new law went into effect. This was especially true in Oklahoma.

Spring floods along the Platte river have been avoided, say railroad men, by the failure of the ice crop and the gradual breaking up of the river. Little trouble along the Platte river is looked for this spring.

Railroad passenger men say that the railroad homeseekers' rates business is as great now as it was last year when the rates were five dollars lower than now. Then the maximum rate was \$22.50 and now it is \$27.50.

Vice President Willard of the Burlington will pass through Lincoln this morning at about 9:30 on his way to the northwest. He will be accompanied by the officials of the lines west on his trip. It is understood that he will return east sometime next week.

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