

SIGNIFICANCE OF NAMES

COUNTIES AND TOWNS ON THE NORTHWESTERN SYSTEM.

INTERESTING BIT OF HISTORY

Unique and Valuable Pamphlet Just Issued by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad—Origin of Names of North Nebraska Towns.

The origin of the names of all the counties and towns through which the Northwestern and Minneapolis & Omaha railroads pass are explained in a unique, valuable and interesting pamphlet history of 200 pages compiled by W. H. Stennett of Chicago.

How many people know how the names of the more important towns in north Nebraska originated? How many know just how the name of their town and county came about?

The origin of the following north Nebraska place names are explained by this interesting bit of history which has just been received in Norfolk by officials of the Northwestern:

County Names.

Antelope county: Named by Leander Gerard in commemoration of his killing an antelope while chasing Indians in this region.

Boone county: Named for Daniel Boone of Kentucky.

Boyd county: Named for James E. Boyd, once governor of Nebraska.

Brown county: Named for two members of the legislature who reported the bill for organization of the county.

Cherry county: Named for Lieutenant Cherry of the United States army.

Coffey county: Named for Vice President Schuyler Coffey, the county seat taking the vice president's given name.

Cuming county: Named for T. B. Cuming, governor of the territory of Nebraska, 1854-1855.

Dawes county: Named for James W. Dawes, former governor of the state.

Dodge county: Named for Augustus Caesar Dodge, United States senator from Iowa.

Gregory county (South Dakota): Named for J. S. Gregory, a legislator of the state.

Holt county: Named for Joseph Holt of Kentucky, a member of President Lincoln's cabinet.

Knox county: Named for the Revolutionary General Knox. It was originally called L'Eau que Court county but was changed by the legislature at the request of David Quimby, a legislative representative.

Madison county: Named for President James Madison.

Pierce county: Named for President Franklin Pierce.

Platte county: Named from the Platte river; that was named from the French "plate," meaning "dull," "shallow."

Rock county: Named on account of its rocky soil.

Stanton county: Named for Edwin M. Stanton, the great war secretary of the war of the rebellion.

Cedar county: Named in reference to the presence of cedar trees in the vicinity.

Dixon county: Named by the legislature of the state for a pioneer settler.

Thurston county: Named for United States Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska.

Wayne county: Named for General Anthony Wayne, one of the heroes of the American revolution.

North Nebraska Towns.

Ainsworth was named for J. E. Ainsworth, the chief engineer for twenty years of the Sioux City and Pacific and the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroads.

Albion was named from Albion, Mich. That place was named from a place in Maine, and that from an ancient name for England.

Anoka was named for a place in Minnesota and is an Indian word meaning "on both sides;" the town in Minnesota being on both sides of the Rum river.

Atkinson was named for Col. John Atkinson of Detroit, Mich., who had large landed interests thereabouts.

Bassett was named for J. W. Bassett, a ranchman, who in 1871 took into the country the first "bunch" of cattle to test the quality and fitness of the native grasses for cattle food, and who thus became the founder of one of the most important industries

of the state.

Recalls Indian Wars.

Battle Creek was named from a nearby stream on which a battle was fought by Nebraska volunteer militiamen under General John M. Thayer with the Pawnee Indians.

Beemer was named by and for Albert Beemer, at one time sheriff of Cuming county and afterwards a state official at Lincoln. He laid out and named the town site. In early days the place was called "Rock Creek" because it was located on a creek of that name. The creek was so named because its bottom was covered with rocks which was very unusual in streams in that part of the state.

Bonesteel (South Dakota) was named for H. E. Bonesteel of the forwarding firm of Bonesteel and Turner, who freighted merchandise through this part of the country before any railroad had reached it.

Bristow was named for Secretary of the Treasury Benjamin H. Bristow of President Grant's cabinet.

Burke (South Dakota) was named for Congressman C. H. Burke of Pierre, S. D.

An Indian Trader's Name.

Chadron was named from a nearby stream; the stream was named for Pierre Chadron, a French-Indian "squaw-man" who lived and trapped on the stream. He was at one time a trader for the American Fur company of St. Louis and had his headquarters at "Winter Quarters" at the mouth of the Cheyenne river above Fort Pierre.

Clayton was named from a nearby stream that was noted for the clearness of the water.

Cody was named for "Tom" Cody, a foreman of construction, while the railroad was being built.

Crawford was named to honor Capt. "Jack" Crawford of the United States army, who was a noted Indian fighter in the early days of Nebraska and who was killed by the Apache Indians in Arizona.

Named for Count Creighton.

Creighton was named for John A. Creighton of Omaha by a Mr. Bruce who was interested in the place.

Dallas (South Dakota) was named from Dallas, Texas, by Jackson Brothers, Dallas, Texas, was named for G. M. Dallas, once vice president of the United States.

Elgin was named from a nearby postoffice which was named from Elgin, Ill.

Emmett was named for Robert Emmett, the Irish patriot.

Ewing was named for "Uncle" Jimmy Ewing, the first man who settled in the upper part of the Elkhorn valley and whose farm was near the site.

Fairfax (South Dakota) was named by Mrs. Isabella B. Turney, of the Turney family who owned much land in the vicinity, from Fairfax Court House, Virginia. That town was named for Lord Fairfax, the grandson of Lord Culpeper, a large land owner in the early days of Virginia.

In Memory of a Hero.

Fort Robinson was laid out by Col. W. H. Carter, U. S. A., and was named from the nearby military post, which was named by the war department for Lieut. Robinson of the Fourth Infantry, who had been killed by Indians just before the fort was established.

Foster was named for George Foster long a station agent on the railroad, and who owned land surrounding the town.

Fremont: The first settlement here was made in 1856 when John C. Fremont, the explorer, was running for president. It was first named "Jessie Benton Fremont" for the wife of the explorer, who was a daughter of Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri. In time the name was changed to its present form.

Name From a Joke.

Georgia was named for George A. Frost, a stuttering carpenter, who spoke his own name as Georgia, and as a joke, more than for any other reason, the name was given to and is still held by the town.

Gordon was named for John Gordon of Sioux City, who undertook to take a train of wagons into the Black Hills, when that country was still a part of the Indian reservation, and closed to white settlers. He was overtaken at a point four or five miles from where this station now is by a lieutenant in command of a detachment of U. S. cavalry. Gordon's oxen were turned loose and wagons and freight piled in a heap and burned—for which the lieutenant was afterwards dismissed from the service.

Gregory (South Dakota) was named

from the county which was named for J. S. Gregory, a well known legislator of South Dakota.

Recalls Local History.

Hadar: The word is a corruption of the German "Hadard," which means "misunderstanding or wordy argument" and was given the town owing to the settlement of a dispute between two early settlers. The name was intended to keep the memories of this dispute constantly in mind.

Hay Springs was named because in an early day much hay was cut near where the soil was moistened by many springs; around these springs was arid territory.

Herrick (South Dakota) was named for Samuel Herrick (a nephew of ex-governor M. T. Herrick of Cleveland, Ohio) who was instrumental in getting the Indian reservation opened for settlement. The place was named to honor him for that work.

Hooper was named for Hon. Samuel Hooper of Boston, a banker and prominent member of congress during the civil war.

Humphrey was named for Gen. A. A. Humphrey, chief engineer of the U. S. army.

Inman was named from Inman's Grove, which was nearby. The grove was named by and for William Inman, an early settler.

Irwin was named for Bennett Irwin, who was once foreman of Newman's cattle ranch and afterwards a prominent citizen and "cattleman" of Gordon.

Lindsay was named for the man on whose farm the town site was established.

Long Pine was named from the near river. The river was named from the pine trees that grew along it. The main river is known as Pine creek.

Loretto was named from the city in Italy. It was previously called Loran for Loran Clark of Abion.

Meadow Grove was named from a grove of Cottonwood that stood in a meadow near the site of the town.

Monowit: The name given it was made for the purpose and was intended to be accepted as an Indian word. Some people claim it is Indian and means "in flower" but no adequate authority seems to be found for that assertion.

Neligh was named in 1873 by William B. Lambert for John D. Neligh of West Point, who platted the town site.

Newman Grove.

Newman Grove was named from a nearby grove. This grove was named for one of the first settlers in that part of the state, who had planted the grove.

Newport. During the time the government was building the military post at Fort Niobrara a bridge was built across the Niobrara river some ten or twelve miles north of this place, and mule trains crossed there and followed the north side of the river for a good many miles west. This bridge was called the Newport bridge. When the railroad was built the chief engineer thought it proper to call the place Newport because it was the nearest point to the bridge.

Niobrara. This is an Indian word meaning "broad water," "running water" and was first applied to the river and from that applied to the town site.

Norfolk.

Norfolk was named by ex-Governor John M. Thayer from the county in England and from Norfolk, Mass. A local though untrue legend is to the effect that it was named for the north fork of the Elkhorn river.

Oakdale was named by I. N. Taylor of Omaha, who was part owner of the townsite. He named it Oakdale because of the oak trees that grew around the place.

O'Neill Named for Founder.

O'Neill was named for General John O'Neill, the Irish patriot, who took a large colony of his countrymen from Scranton, Penn., and settled them in the vicinity. He ordered that no spirituous liquors should be sold in his part of the domain and that prohibition still obtains.

Petersburg was named for John Peters of Abion, who was U. S. collector of internal revenue and who owned the land on which the town was located.

Pierce was named from the county, which was named for Franklin Pierce, once president.

Pilger for Adam Pilger.

Pilger was named for Adam Pilger, the owner of the land on which the town was platted.

Plainview was named from the fact that it was in plain view from all sides for many miles.

Rock was named on account of the rocky character of the soil in the neighborhood.

Rushville was named because of its location at the head of Rush Creek. The creek was named because of the great quantity of rushes that grew upon it when first seen by the early settlers.

Scrubner was named for Charles Scrubner, the book publisher of New York City, or the Scrubner family of which Charles was a leading member.

Spencer was named after George E. Spencer, U. S. senator from Alabama.

Road Master Stafford.

Stafford was named for Michael Stafford, road master of the Elkhorn road, who had charge of a part of the railroad that passes through the place.

At one time the place was called O'Donnell but the name was changed at the request of the citizens.

Stanton was named from the county and that was named for the great war secretary, E. M. Stanton of Ohio.

Stuart was named for Robert Stuart, the father-in-law of the owner of the land on which the site was established. He was a Scotch sea captain.

Tilden was first named Burnett to honor one of the owners of the railroad company. Some of the admirers of Samuel J. Tilden of New York induced the postoffice department to change the name of the postoffice and ultimately the name of the town was made to correspond.

Valentine was named for E. K. Valentine of West Point, who was successively register of the land office at West Point, district judge and member of congress.

Verdel. This name came from the Spanish word "verde," meaning green, and was descriptive of the locality.

Verdigris was named from the nearby river. The river was named from the Spanish word meaning green because of the greenish cast of the soil on its banks.

West Point.

West Point was so named because when established it was the most westerly point that was settled in the valley of the Elkhorn.

Whitewoods was named by W. P. Piche, then manager of the railroad that ran through the place. It is from the name of a farm in Dane county, Wisconsin, owned by Nathan Deane, a prominent citizen of that county.

Wisner was named by John I. Blair for Judge Samuel P. Wisner of Cedar Rapids, Ia., who was prominent in the affairs of the Elkhorn railroad when it was built to that place.

Wood Lake is named from a nearby lake, so named because around its shores was about the only wood in that part of the state.

Bancroft was named for George Bancroft, the American historian.

Blair was named for John L. Blair, who built the first railroad through the place.

Bloomfield was supposed to be descriptive of the vicinity. Was once known as Wausa and was so named from a Swedish church so named about three miles from the present site.

The Yankton & Norfolk.

Crofton was named in honor of J. T. M. Pierce from Crofton Court, a place he owned in England. He spent much time and money in trying to secure the construction of a railroad from Yankton to Norfolk. It was in honor of these efforts that the place was named as it is.

Emerson was named in honor of the "Sage of Concord" after first being called Kennesaw.

Hartington was named by and for a "Lord" Hartington of England who owns the unsold part of the town and much land in the vicinity.

Hope was named for H. C. Hope, superintendent of telegraph of the M. & O.

Hoskins was named by F. H. Peavey in 1882 for his father-in-law.

Jackson was named for Andrew Jackson.

Oakland named for John Oak, the first permanent settler.

Pender named for Lord Pender of England who owned much land in the vicinity.

Ponca named from the Ponca tribe of Indians.

Randolph named for Randolph Churchill of England by F. H. Peavey of Minneapolis who owned the town-site.

Wayne named for the county, that was named for the revolutionary war general, Anthony Wayne.

Winside.

Winside. Three miles away was the village postoffice of North Side, so named because it was on the north side of the divide. R. C. Crawford started Winside to compete with North Side and was so named because he said it was "bound to win."

Wynot. The name is merely fanciful and is an elision of "Why Not" which was the answer given by the party who suggested the name when he said "Why not name it Wynot?" The name was suggested by T. N. Jones of St. James.

Koenigstein is Manager

COUNTY ATTORNEY AT HEAD OF BASE BALL TEAM.

WILL NOW BEGIN TO UNWIND

There will be "Doings" in the Base Ball Line From This Time On—Business Men Stand Behind the Local Team and it Will Succeed.

Jack Koenigstein will manage the Norfolk base ball team during the coming season. The county attorney yielded to pressure yesterday afternoon and agreed to act as manager of the fast amateur nine that Norfolk hopes to get into fighting trim in a few weeks.

A meeting of the Norfolk base ball directors was held yesterday afternoon at the Nebraska National bank. An organization for the coming season was effected by the election of the following officers: A. L. Killian, president; Asa K. Leonard, vice president; W. P. Logan, secretary; Dr. Brush, treasurer; Jack Koenigstein, manager.

Jack Koenigstein, as manager, becomes a member of the board of directors. The need of a good manager has been one of the chief demands made by the local situation. Now that Jack Koenigstein has "come through" Norfolk base ball "doings" will begin to unwind.

With five of the best men on Norfolk avenue behind the local team base ball is on a firm basis. The make-up of the board of directors means that funds will be forth coming from local base ball enthusiasts.

There will be no plunging. Norfolk is not going in too heavy on a team this year. She is also going to have a team in the field next year and the year after.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Mrs. H. F. Barnhart is in Norfolk with her husband.

Dr. D. K. Tindall left at noon for Wayne and Winside.

Miss Burdette Summers of Omaha is the guest of Miss Renee Sheridanman.

J. S. Smith is home from Lincoln, where he filed the articles of incorporation for the Realty-Advertising-Cigar company. Salesmen will be put on the road May 1.

Mrs. J. Saltz of Belle Fourche, S. D., is visiting her brother, O. L. Hickerston.

Mrs. B. W. Fields of Denver was a guest at the Schram home, leaving for a visit at Stuart.

Clarence McFarland was up from Madison Saturday.

Mrs. Cookingham of Humphrey is the guest of Mrs. E. S. South.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Mackay are back from a two days' camping trip on the Elkhorn.

C. E. Burnham was in Long Pine Friday evening to assist in the dedication of a new Masonic hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koenigstein arrived in Norfolk yesterday from Arkansas to spend the summer here.

Prof. Otto Voget of Wayne and his sister, Miss Voget, are in Norfolk.

Mr. Voget is a violinist of ability and will play Sunday morning at the First Congregational church and Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

George W. Losey of Battle Creek was a visitor in Norfolk Saturday.

Mr. Losey, who is chief captain of the anti-horse thief league, says that the diligence of the association has apparently put a stop to the north Nebraska horse stealing.

Lawrence Hoffman is in Omaha, where his throat was operated on Friday by an Omaha specialist.

A second operation was performed Saturday. He will be home in about a week.

William Hahn, who was called to Stuart by the serious illness of his mother, had sent a message to Norfolk stating that his mother died at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

The funeral will be held Tuesday. Mr. Hahn's father died two years ago.

Mrs. Frank McDuffie, who has been living in Fremont, stopped in Norfolk for a short visit at the Bell home on her way to her new home in Sheboygan, Wis.

Mr. McDuffie, who has been a traveling auditor with the American express company, has left the express service to take a former position as Northwestern agent at Sheboygan.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brunell, a daughter.

John P. Berger of O'Neill and Miss Gracie Brady of Omaha were married in the latter city.

A. H. Reinecius has moved from Madison to Norfolk and has rented a house on South Eighth street.

Wayne Herald: I. W. Alter, who was quite badly burned in a prairie fire some two weeks ago, is recovering slowly from the injuries sustained.

Winside Tribune: From twenty to thirty Winside K. of P.'s will go to Norfolk Tuesday night to assist their Norfolk brothers in inlatory work.

Wayne Democrat: "Everybody Works But Father," failed to "work" a Wayne audience. The Democrat understands the company all quit work before getting as far as Wayne.

Father Donnelly has been sent to Norfolk from South Omaha to assist Father Walsh. Father Tevis will leave Norfolk shortly for a visit to Europe.

The district Sunday school convention at Madison this week was attended by Rev. C. W. Ray, Dr. O. R. Meredith and Cloe Leberer. The convention attendance was fifty.

Pierce Leader: Wm. Zulauf, the race horse man, was at Norfolk Monday, returning in the evening. While there he made arrangements to train a young pacer for Jas. Poole of that place, bringing the animal home with him. Mr. Zulauf informs us that he has a number of horses to train this

spring besides his own horses, Capt. Mack and King Woodford.

The jury which was called to pass on the question as to whether or not W. A. Emery had trespassed on the Brummond property on South First street could not agree whether he had or not and recommended that the trouble be settled out of court. The trouble arose over the Brummond cottage which Mr. Emery claimed he had a contract to build.

Pierce Leader: W. H. Bartlett arrived in the city Sunday afternoon and visited until noon of the next day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartlett. At that time he went to Norfolk to work for the Northwestern as operator. Before coming to Pierce he had been acting as station agent for a short time. He says he has proved up on his claim near Pierre, S. D., and that in a few days may go to Herriek of the same state and hold down a position as operator.

"My complaint isn't against Norfolk automobiles but against loose paper which litters, even Norfolk avenue days like this," declared a prominent Madison county farmer in the city yesterday. "There are more horses frightened by loose paper than by automobiles. You can keep your eye on an auto but no man can tell when an old newspaper is going to come flopping under his horses' feet. Most horses which break loose after they are tied are frightened by blowing paper. Paper should not be thrown out of doors in the first place and it should not be allowed to accumulate in the street in the second place."

The April number of the monthly magazine published by the Nebraska Y. M. C. A. gives a full report of the recent state convention in Norfolk. Speaking of the meals served by Norfolk business men at Marquette hall, it says: "In connection with this banquet, we wish to speak of the way the Norfolk business men served the more than two hundred delegates at dinners and suppers in this same hall. It was the most successfully carried out plan of entertainment of any state convention in recent years. No women were in attendance except the wives of a few of the delegates who fell in line with the men and took their places at the tables. Much enthusiasm and good feeling was generated; the men who served the meals, being the business men of Norfolk, assisted by the young men of the high school as waiters, demonstrating what may be done and how to do it in this direction. At the close of each of the meals, songs, stories, college yells and music added to the entertainment and social spirit of this great convention."

The new church to be dedicated next month is a credit to Norfolk. Its cost on account of the high price of material and labor, has exceeded what was originally estimated. The cost of the new building will be over \$22,000.

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Egg Trouble at Madison.

Madison Star-Mail: There is trouble in a Madison neighborhood because one woman borrowed two dozen eggs when they were worth thirty cents a dozen and recently returned in place of them two dozen eggs worth fifteen cents a dozen. Ought the borrower to have returned four dozen eggs or should she have paid the difference in cash?

Pierce Doctor Has "Auto Room."

An "automobile room" is the latest wrinkle in office building. A new office building is being built at Pierce for Dr. E. H. Oelke. It will have a reception room, a consultation room, a private office and an "automobile room" to be occupied by a runabout.

The automobile may mark the passage of the "barn" as well as the passage of the horse. Will every house and office in time have an "automobile room"?

Madison Amateurs Give Play.

Madison amateurs scored a success this week in "The Girl and the Stampede" given for the purpose of raising a fund to send the Madison band to the state Woodmen convention at Lincoln. The play was produced under the personal direction of Francis S. Dowling, a Madison boy who is coming to the front as a professional actor. Mr. Dowling played the leading part. Miss Bessie Perdue, a daughter of County Superintendent Perdue, played the part of the heroine. Miss Pearl Farlin the part of the Swede girl, Oscar Prather the wicked villain, Ross Underberg the cowboy, Morton Seymour the crabbit old man, Roy Faes the typical Mexican, Clare Yeazel the Irish prospector, Dr. Thomas Long the county sheriff and Phil Niehart the part of the county squire. The play was along the line of the Virginian.

NORFOLK GOOD ENOUGH