

OLD COUNCIL CLEANS UP

FINAL MEETING OF THE DURLAND CITY ADMINISTRATION.

ADJOURN TO TUESDAY MORNING

At That Time the Affairs of the City Will be Formally Turned Over to the Sturgeon Administration—Pumping Proposition Ratified.

The business affairs of the Durland administration were cleaned up at a final meeting of the old council last evening. It was a three hour session and a lively meeting.

The adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, when the formal transfer of authority from the outgoing to the incoming administration takes place.

The meeting last night was a farewell meeting for three members of the council, Messrs. Haase, Buchholz and Spellman. Mayor Durland presided at his last regular meeting.

The most important action taken was the formal ratification of the contract entered into with the electric light company providing for the operation of the city pumping station by electricity by the company at a cost of \$175 a month.

Other routine business was handled with more dispatch. Some of the discussions were lively, the old council coming down the home stretch in a vigorous fashion.

Water Commissioner's Report. Norfolk, Neb., April 30, 1908.—To the honorable mayor and city council of the city of Norfolk, Neb.:

My last semi-annual report of Nov. 1, 1907:

From flat rates \$ 873.87
From meter rates 1728.57
Meters and Miscellaneous 436.50

Total \$2038.94
Paid to city treasurer 3938.94
(Audited Nov. 19, 1907.)

Receipts from Nov. 1, 1907 to May 1, 1908:

From flat rates \$ 554.49
From meter rates 1427.10
Meters and miscellaneous 256.75

Total \$2238.34
Contra:
Treasurer Receipt, No. 1811, \$ 500.00
Treasurer Receipt, No. 1822, 1738.34

Total \$2238.34
Recapitulation:
Total receipts during last fiscal year \$5211.28
Paid to treasurer during last fiscal year \$5277.28

It is impossible for me to furnish a detailed report of expenditures as the city council bought the supplies for the water works, but there is \$2,331.02 in the water fund at present.

November report shows 296 meter, and 194 flat rate consumers of the 174 flat rate consumers 12 have changed to the meter system in the last six months.

The city at present owns the following water mains:

31435 feet of 4-inch mains.
8292 feet of 6-inch mains.
2962 feet of 8-inch mains.
1746 feet of 10-inch mains.
837 feet of 12-inch mains.
120 feet of 14-inch mains.

A total of 45,492 feet, making a trifle over 8 1/2 miles of mains, with 93 fire hydrants and 23 gate valves.

Outside the pumping station everything is in perfect condition, excepting the tapping machine, which is badly worn and makes considerable trouble.

August Brummond, Water Commissioner.

FRIDAY FACTS.
D. Mathewson is in Gregory, S. D.
Harvey Lee went to Sioux City yesterday.

Dr. P. H. Salter was in Fairfax yesterday.
J. D. Sturgeon was in Randolph yesterday.

Miss Gretchen Schwartz was in Omaha yesterday.
J. S. Smith arrived home from Lincoln last evening.

Williams & Co., was in Norfolk on business, making a trip up to Plainview with Mr. Foster.

The card room at the Elk's club rooms has been repapered.

Miss Ella Raasch, teacher at St. Paul's school, has been ill with tonsillitis and unable to teach this week.

Miss Sarah A. Mulets has disposed of her property in Norfolk and moved back to Chantauqua, N. Y., where she will live.

An effort is being made to organize a new sewer district to run east on Park avenue to Fourth street and then north to the Madison avenue sewer main.

J. F. Cooper, driver of a wagon for the express company, tore an ugly gash in the little finger of his left hand as a result of a ring catching on the wagon. Five stitches were taken to close the wound.

The firm of Smith & Son of Indianola, Iowa, who are to build the three new sewer districts outlined for this summer, have filed the necessary bond to insure the completion of their contract according to its terms.

The three bonds filed amounted to \$3,002. Madison Chronicle: Geo. A. Davenport underwent an operation for the removal of some dead bone from one of his arms Sunday.

Dr. Long was assisted in the operation by Dr. P. H. Salter of Norfolk. The operation was made necessary by reason of an injury received by a fall on the sidewalk sometime ago.

Automatic service in Norfolk will begin about a week from next Monday. At that time fifty telephones will be cut into the switchboard.

After that from ten to twenty connections will be cut into the board each day. The cable stringing will be finished by Saturday. Next week will be spent largely in putting in instruments and connections.

C. C. Gow, who has just returned from a business visit to New York, says that the click of roller skates can be heard from Nebraska to the Atlantic coast.

The whole country by common consent has put on skates and taken to the cement sidewalks. In Chicago Mr. Gow says the roller skaters glide along the sidewalks without being interfered with by the police.

J. P. Flynn, who is chairman of the democratic county central committee, is very much interested in the Y. M. C. A. project and is rather favorable to the proposition to have Mr. Bryan's speech here on May 29 turned into a Y. M. C. A. benefit lecture.

C. M. Gruenther of Columbus, secretary of the Bryan Volunteers, will be in Norfolk Saturday morning to confer with Mr. Flynn and other democrats and in the interval the county chairman is sounding local sentiment on the subject.

Three members of the Norfolk band will be temporarily annexed to the Madison band when the latter organization goes to Lincoln May 5 and 6 for the purpose of entering into the band competition held in connection with the state gathering of the Modern Woodmen.

The three Norfolk men who will play with the Madison band are A. C. Vradenburg, W. C. Ahlman and J. Simonson. A special Union Pacific motor car will take the Madison delegation and the Madison band of thirty men to Lincoln.

Frederick Herald: Mark M. Bellinger is much improved. That was the good news which came from the Bellinger home last evening and the numerous friends of the popular traveling man and citizens are delighted to believe that the prospects for his recovery are very flattering indeed.

Mr. Bellinger had a comfortable day yesterday. He was stricken Sunday with acute nephritis, and for twenty-four hours serious results were feared. The indications now are that he will soon be greeting his friends again in active life.

The regular sermon at the special conference of the Central North Nebraska district of the Missouri synod of the German Ev. Lutheran church held in Madison last week, was delivered by Rev. J. P. Mueller of Norfolk.

The next district conference will be held in Concord in June. The following ministers were in attendance at Madison: Rev. Andres. Osmond; Rev. Bohlen, Wausa; Rev. Bornemann, Wakefield; Rev. Hoffman, Battle Creek; Rev. Mueller, Norfolk; Rev. St. Just, Green Garden; Rev. Rex, St. Bernard; Rev. Scheips, Pierce; Rev. Spiering, Pierce; Rev. Ollenburg, Bloomfield; Rev. Merz, Plainview; Rev. Koester, Tilden; Rev. Nabes, Clearwater; Rev. Schwartz, Ainsworth; Rev. Jutrecht, Wayne; Rev. Luethausen, Concord; Rev. Wings, Rev. Hofus, Pierce; Rev. Schormann, Bazile Mills and Rev. Hensick of Madison.

John Spellman, the retiring president of the city council, attended his last council meeting last evening. Mr. Spellman has attended several hundred meetings of the Norfolk council and is said to hold the record for continuous service on that body.

Mr. Spellman was first elected to the council from the Fourth ward eight years ago. He has been on the council during Mayor Robertson's administration, during the two administrations of Dan Koenigstein, the two administrations of John Friday and the administration of Mayor Durland.

For the last two years he has been president of the council. Save for the first time he ran Mr. Spellman has had no opposition candidate placed against him. Considerable regret was expressed when he refused to serve longer on the city board of which he has been one of the most level-headed and capable members.

Despite the fact that his railroad duties take him away from Norfolk a considerable part of the time Mr. Spellman has missed few regular meetings of the council during the eight years of his public service.

STATE CONTEST COMING

NEBRASKA DECLAMATORY CONTEST WILL BE HELD HERE.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 8

Word Was Received Friday From President Doremus of Madison, Announcing That Norfolk Had Been Selected For the Event.

The Nebraska state declamatory contest will be held in Norfolk Friday, May 8.

This word was received definitely from President Doremus of Madison Friday. There will be contestants in all three classes—dramatic, oratorical and humorous—from all parts of the state. In all, about forty people are expected.

The contest will be held in the Auditorium. Although this will be a circus night, it was decided that that fact would help the contest so far as the size of audience is concerned, rather than diminish.

This will be the first time the state contest has ever been held in Norfolk.

SECTION MEN LAY DOWN TOOLS

M. & O. Employees Reduced From \$1.40 to \$1.25 Per Day.

There was a walk-out among section men working for the M. & O. railroad company in Norfolk Friday noon. August Schultz and Julius Kehl laid down their tools and quit. Also Dan and Jack McCarrigan, on the Hoskins section. Word came that their wages were cut from \$1.40 to \$1.25 per day. So they quit.

Assistant Roadmaster Louis J. Guerre of Emerson came over and announced the reduction. He said foremen would be cut. They now get \$52.50 per month. Foreman August Fisher said he'd quit if they cut his wages.

Veterans of the German Army.

The organization of a Norfolk Landwehr Verein, an organization of former soldiers of the German army, will be completed at a meeting Saturday evening. The ex-soldiers will meet at Marquardt's place of business.

A. P. Mertens of Omaha, president of the "Westliche Kriegerbund," will be in Norfolk for the gathering and will assist in the organization.

There are a number of organizations of former German soldiers in this section. West Point has a very successful organization of this kind. Any man who has served in the German army is eligible.

Hoskins Briefs.

R. G. Sines, father of Mrs. John Foster, died on Sunday, the 26th, at the home of his daughter and was buried on Tuesday the 28th at Winside. The deceased had been a resident of this locality since 1881 and reached the ripe old age of eighty-six years.

A large gathering of relatives and friends followed to his last resting place. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Louis Zeimer, John Weatherholt, John Kaulen, Peter Kautz, Otto Swansen and Scott Deal.

Mrs. R. D. Duncan returned Tuesday from an extended visit with her daughter in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kautz were Sioux City visitors Saturday.

Wm. Brueckner is in Sioux City visiting his wife, who is slowly convalescing.

Mrs. Fred Miller is visiting with her mother for a few days.

Sam Nelson of the telephone exchange goes to Norfolk Thursday to fill a position with the long distance telephone company.

Miss Elsie Dobbins has recovered from an attack of the measles and returned to Wayne.

Miss Dora Green and Sam Nelson were visitors at the Dobbins home over Sunday.

Aug. Dick has enclosed his property with a fine new iron fence.

J. Foster and W. S. Deal went to Wakefield Sunday to be present at the burial of Mrs. Terwilliger.

H. Krall of West Point visited with his friend Otto Gruber over Sunday.

S. W. Anderson shipped this week two carloads of cattle to Chicago, and G. Schroeder one of hogs to Sioux City.

The Hoskins baseball team will play the Winside nine on Sunday.

The village board met on Monday evening and the members-elect all qualified but one.

On Thursday, April 30, at 10 o'clock Mr. Ed Barnhardt and Miss Emma Koeppe were married at the German Lutheran church by Rev. R. Gruber, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a feasting and merriment were indulged in until a late hour.

The young people are well known in this vicinity, their parents being among the pioneers of Wayne county.

INDIAN POLICE ARRESTED.

Constable Takes Indian Police into Custody in Gregory.

Bonesteel Herald: The Indian police of the Bull Creek region have had a little clash with the Gregory county authorities and have been given to understand that the authorities of this county can look after the affairs here without their assistance.

HOSPITAL WINS VICTORY

GUTZMER'S CUBS SWATTED OUT EIGHT FULL RUNS.

WHILE MAPES' OWN GOT SEVEN.

Until the Last Inning the Town Combination Had the Game Won, But in That Awful Last Inning Events Happened Very Rapidly.

Norfolk state hospital, 8; Mapes' own, 7. The first base ball game of the season in Norfolk is over. Sometime the latter part of next week it will be made into history.

Then Gutzmer up and brings Hoenstein in to tie the score. It was just another run to win the game.

It was a great game, from an amateur standpoint, which was played Friday afternoon. It was a close game although victory seemed to be with the town nine until the last inning.

The hospital nine was re-enforced by a Norfolk battery, Haak and Glissman. With a good battery in hand Gutzmer's cubs did things to the Mapes-Mathewson champions that had not been placed on the official program.

So the Y. M. C. A. fund wasn't boosted in the game. The proceeds went into the hospital's entertainment fund.

Mapes' battery, Nicola and Koenigstein, showed up well and the whole of the aggregation swatted dutifully at the ball and waved their arms energetically when ever the ball was popped out in their particular sphere of influence.

The ball played was remarkably good in view of the chilly day and the high wind that was sweeping over the diamond.

The two teams lined up: Hospital 1 1 0 0 2 1 0 1 2—8; Mapes' own 2 0 1 0 4 0 0 0—7.

Two Knights of the Road. Two traveling men save South Dakota Farm House From Fire.

The traveling man is noted for his kindness of heart and readiness to help his fellow men who deserve it whenever opportunity offers.

Reception committee—Millard Green, C. S. Smith, C. F. Putzier, Emil Laeek, Pete Davidson, William Carroll, C. H. Grosbeck, Robert Klentz, R. L. Beveridge, Paul Nordwig, Clas, Miller, Lee Hershelsler, Harry Loder, George Benedict, Matt Shaffer.

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The success outcome of the operation will be a matter of considerable relief to Mr. Matrau's many friends in this section of the state. The operation was not a painful one although anaesthetics were not administered.

BASE BALL AT PLAINVIEW. Athletic Association is Preparing to Have a Crackerjack Team.

Plainview, Neb., May 4.—Special To The News: The Plainview Athletic association is preparing to put a ball team in the field this season that will be a crackerjack. Shares in the athletic association are being sold and it is believed a fund of \$1,000 will be on hand to back the team when it is organized and ready to start out to swat neighboring ball teams.

EAGLES ARE MAKING PLANS. BASEBALL WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE CONVENTION.

TO GIVE BALL AND BANQUET. Every Effort is Being Made by the Local Aerie to Arrange Entertainment Which Will Present a Good Front to the Visitors.

AN OLD RESIDENT GONE

DEATH OF JOHN HENRY PILLER EARLY FRIDAY MORNING.

THIRTY-NINE YEARS IN NORFOLK

Seventy-seven Years Old, He Had Seen Norfolk Grow From a Farming Community to a City—Came Here Before Mill Was Built.

Thirty-nine years a resident of Norfolk, John Henry Piller died early Friday morning at his home on Braasch avenue and Third street. Death resulted from heart disease. Mr. Piller was seventy-seven years old. He was born in Germany in Alt-Lietzgeroricke.

It was in 1869 that Mr. Piller came to Norfolk. Norfolk even as a village did not exist at that time and the farming community was only three years old. The mill was built shortly afterwards.

In 1852 Mr. Piller married Miss Wagener, who died in 1870. In 1871 he married Miss Louise Boche, who still survives him. He leaves eight children.

Mr. Piller was a cabinet maker by trade and was a fine workman. He ran one of the first furniture stores ever opened in Norfolk.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home and at 1:40 from Christ Lutheran church.

May First Ball and Social. Spencer, Neb., May 4.—The most elaborate and successful social function of the year was given at the Sedlacek opera house Friday night, May 1, by the ladies of the Spencer dancing club.

In recognition of the ladies' rights it was a leap year function, invitations being extended to the ladies only. The large opera house was very beautifully decorated, the color tones being pink and green, together with a lovely display of potted plants and cut flowers.

The entertainment provided for the guests consisted in dancing and cards, and at midnight a course luncheon was given. The music for the occasion was given by Fred Sedlacek, Mrs. Fred Sedlacek, Wm. Korab and J. Becker, the Spencer orchestra.

A large number of out-of-town guests were present, including people from Fairfax, Butte, Bristow, Lynch, Monowi, Niobrara, Verdigris.

The ladies are certainly to be congratulated upon the success that attended their efforts, and the perfection with which their plans worked out. It is hoped that their success may encourage to further efforts, as the universal expression was that it was a most happy and enjoyable evening.

The following is a list of out-of-town guests: Miss Harriet Draper, Niobrara; Edwin Dixon, Norfolk; Fred Flint, Fairfax; D. E. Coffey, Fairfax; Miss Fint, Norfolk, Gregory; the Misses Julia and Mary Sedlacek, Mrs. R. H. Harris, Nora Marks, John Kreycek of Lynch; Jacob Becker, Fairfax; Mr. Stone, Verdigris; Miss Pearl McCoy, postmistress, Monowi; Mr. and Mrs. R. Kloeke, Miss Mary James, Harry Moellek, Gross; John O'Keefe, Des Moines; Thos. M. Woolman, Omaha; Dan Foley, Miss Viola Cox, Elmer Bostrom, Bristow; Miss Kate Foley, Verdigris; Chris Moore, Niobrara; Prof. W. R. Schmidt of the Monowi schools, Monowi.

Loss of Stock in Storm. Deadwood, S. D., May 2.—The storm which prevailed yesterday in the Black Hills country was severe, blighting nearly all vegetation.

A heavy fall of snow was accompanied by a cold wind and freeze, and trees and shrubbery suffered everywhere. Out on the range and in the cattle sections the storm killed hundreds of calves that were too young to stand the winter weather, and Spearfish reports much loss to its fruit and crops and truck gardens.

From one to two feet of snow fell, accompanied by a high wind that piled up in drifts, and with a temperature below freezing many young calves have perished. While the loss among the farmers is not so great as was expected, vegetation throughout the storm visited section is given a severe setback, as an early spring had set in with the continuance of mild weather.

Match, Child, Barn Gone. Valentine, Neb., May 4.—Special To The News: A barn belonging to James Steadman was burned to the ground Saturday afternoon, slightly scorching a pig and a calf, which were in the barn. The fire was evidently started by some children.

DOWN TO 21 ABOVE ZERO

ELEVEN DEGREES BELOW FREEZING IN NORFOLK.

FEARS FOR THE FRUIT NOW

It is Feared That What Fruit Survived the Frosts of Earlier in the Week, Have Been Damaged Seriously by This Last Nip.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Twenty-one degrees above zero! That was the record in Norfolk early Saturday morning. It brought frost.

The center of the area of high pressure, which had been delayed a week by very extraordinary weather conditions, arrived during the night and brought with it the coldest point of the week—eleven below freezing.

The climax of the high pressure area having passed, the wind shifted from north to south, after having blown from the north more than a solid week.

It is feared that this frigid wave has seriously affected what fruit survived the frosts of a few nights ago.

Death of Mrs. Spear's Sister. Mrs. George H. Spear was summoned to Clark, Neb., Saturday by news of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Fred Hofford of Albion.

Mrs. Hofford expired Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Lung trouble caused the death. Mrs. Hofford was known in Norfolk, having visited Mrs. Spear for an extended period last fall. She was a musical instructor at Albion, having taught a large class for about five years. Funeral arrangements had not been announced.

Baseball, rattling good baseball with a Norfolk team participating, will be a feature of the state convention of Eagles in Norfolk June 3 and 4. Arrangements have been made to have the game of the afternoon of June 3 played between the Benson Eagles of Benson, an Omaha suburb, and Norfolk. The Norfolk team will be in fighting trim by that time.

For the second day an effort is being made to have the fast Walthill Indians play the winners of the first day match.

Every effort is being made and will be made during the coming month to prepare for the Eagle convention in a way that will put Norfolk good with the visiting Eagles.

The Eagles will be in Norfolk June 2 and 4. The morning will be taken up with the business sessions. The early part of the afternoon will be given over to baseball and athletics. The last two hours of the afternoon will be spent in taking the visitors about the city in carriages and automobiles.

On the evening of July 3 a ball will be given at Marquardt hall in honor of the visiting Eagles. On the next evening a banquet will be served in the same hall.

It is not known yet whether ex-Congressman Bell of California, the national head of the Eagles, will be able to be in Norfolk or not. Next Wednesday Mr. Bell is in Kansas City to attend a national board meeting.

In connection with the preparations for the state aerie meeting the following local committees have been named:

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