

A WORD FROM WASHINGTON

TRIPP OPENING "PROBABLY THIS FALL" IS WRITTEN.

LAND OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

While Denying That Any Inside "Tip" Is Loose, Government Commissioner at Washington Makes Encouraging Reference in Letter.

O'Neill, Neb., July 21.—Special to The News: "The Rosebud reservation will probably be opened this fall"—this statement indirectly made is all the information which the general land office at Washington was willing to offer in recent correspondence on the Tripp county opening.

The correspondence has passed between Sanford Parker, receiver of the O'Neill office, and S. V. Proudfit, acting commissioner of the general office at Washington. The letters follow:

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office.

O'Neill, Nebraska, July 9, 1908.

Hon. Commissioner, General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:—Enclosed herewith I hand you a clipping relative to the opening of Tripp county in South Dakota, taken from the Norfolk Daily News, wherein it appears that the railroad company mentioned therein has some reliable 'tips' as to when the lands in that county will be open to entry.

"We are constantly asked and receive many communications relative to the opening of these lands, and have advised patrons that we have no knowledge as to when the same would be open to entry and settlement.

"Kindly advise this office for the benefit of patrons and inquiring parties as to whether or not the representations made by the railroad company are 'reliable.' We find that this matter is being advertised generally throughout other localities.

"Yours very respectfully,
Sanford Parker,
Receiver.

Department of the Interior, General Land Office.

Washington, D. C., July 18, 1908.

Register and Receiver, O'Neill, Nebraska.

"Dear Sir:—Your letter of July 9, 1908, was duly received. I inclose you a circular in regard to Indian reservations to be opened, from which it will be observed that the Rosebud reservation will probably be opened this fall.

"The railroad company referred to in the clipping inclosed by you has no inside information in regard to said opening. The date of opening will largely depend upon the date when the allotments to the Indians are completed.

"Very respectfully,
S. V. Proudfit,
Acting Commissioner."

The action of the Northwestern in issuing advertisements covering the Tripp county opening is still accepted here as indicating that the railroad company is in close enough touch with the situation to count with considerable amount of certainty on a Tripp opening this fall.

The railroad company made no definite representation that an opening would take place this fall but called attention to the probable opening and the part that the Northwestern lines would play in the opening.

It was the fact that the Northwestern was ready to spend a considerable amount in widely advertising the opening at this time that lends strength to the belief that the advertising offices of the road probably did not act without being "next" to the situation.

MONDAY MENTION.

W. J. Gow went to Butte at noon.

Elmer Hight was in Pierce Sunday. J. K. Boas was in the city over Sunday.

J. B. Maynard left Monday for Atkinson. Miss Anna Miller went to Pierce at noon.

R. E. Williams went to Wisner Monday noon.

Charles Rice went to Plainview Monday noon.

Mrs. R. L. Beveridge is visiting in Gothenburg.

Will and Carl Lehman were in Stanton Sunday.

S. W. Garvin went to Butte at noon on business.

H. F. Barnhart went to Bonesteel this morning.

Miss Eva Beveridge returned from Hadar at noon.

Emil Fechner of Stanton was in the city yesterday.

C. B. Durland went to Plainview Monday morning.

Mrs. Will Maas of Hoskins was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. C. Alber of Hoskins was in the city Saturday.

Glen and Claude Ogden have returned from Omaha.

Miss Emma Heckman went to Omaha this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hofius of Hadar was in the city this morning.

F. G. Aurlinger of Neligh was in Norfolk Monday on business.

L. W. Chandler, postmaster of Fonda, Ia., stopped over with L. A. Roth Sunday returning from the Black Hills.

Mrs. Gilmore of Missouri Valley is the guest of Mrs. Patrick Curran.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson of Chadron, who have returned from Canada, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.

H. McNamee. Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Light are home from a vacation visit spent in Minnesota.

Mrs. H. C. Matrau is in Lincoln, where she will spend the next few weeks with her daughters, Mrs. McKim and Mrs. Eller.

George H. Spear and wife left yesterday for an extended trip in the west. Their first stop will be Wallace, Idaho, where they will remain two weeks. Then they will go to Bellingham, Washington, and visit Mr. Spear's father for a short time. Later they will go to Los Angeles, returning by way of Salt Lake City. Mr. Spear expects to return in about five weeks, while Mrs. Spear will remain in Los Angeles for perhaps two months.

Mrs. O. E. Livingston is on the sick list. Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Brandenburg, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scott of Omaha have moved to Norfolk. Mr. Scott working in the Hartford barber shop. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. have selected a large tent and will maintain a rest room at the Norfolk chautauqua.

Frank Scott on North Tenth street, attempting to catch a weasel in his chicken yard Saturday morning, suddenly stepped in an unseen hole and sprained his ankle severely.

Charley Richey will take his two weeks' vacation from the Norfolk post-office Monday, going to Lincoln for a short visit. While he is away James Thomas will carry his mail route.

Ewing Advocate: The Norfolk district of the Free Methodist church are holding their annual camping at the park, commencing yesterday and to continue until July 26th.

Mrs. Popstein lost her suit against Millard Green and Sheriff Clements in Justice Lambert's court, a jury declining to give her damages which she claimed from an attachment levied by the sheriff.

Hoskins Headlight: R. Y. Appleby of Stanton, republican candidate for senator, was in town looking up the prospects for his nomination in this town. While we did not have the pleasure of meeting him he has many friends here.

The big show tent of the Savidge Brothers' show burned at David City, the fire catching from the lighting apparatus. The loss was over \$1,000. It is stated however that the company, which is known in this section, will continue on the road.

Pierce Leader: Miss Plaaid Witten came up from the Norfolk hospital, where she is working, last Saturday and is visiting at the parental home. She is now enjoying a month's vacation from her duties at the asylum.

Justice C. F. Eiseley was called on Saturday afternoon to officiate at the marriage of Miss Lena Bordt to William Bree, the latter being employed as a tailor in the C. H. Krahn establishment. The last wedding performed by Justice Eiseley was at Waverlyville about a year ago.

D. C. Cordry of Fremont, who has purchased an interest in Lulka's department store, will act as manager of the store. E. H. Lulkart will continue to make his home in Tilden. Mr. Cordry was formerly the head of one of the departments in Gumpert's store of Fremont. His family will move here as soon as a suitable location can be found.

Authority has been granted to the Chadron Telephone company by the state railway commission to put in a toll rate of \$5 a month or 25 cents for each message between Crawford and Gordon. The Antelope County Mutual Telephone company of Elgin is permitted to increase its rates on residence phones and on county lines from \$1 to \$1.25 a month.

Valentine Republican: St. John's day, the first day in the Masonic calendar, was observed recently in Norfolk by the members of the order there attending services at the M. E. church in a body. A special sermon was delivered by the pastor, Dr. C. W. Ray, at one time pastor of the M. E. church here. As usual he is meeting with marked success in building up his charge. Since last October he has added to the membership of the Norfolk church 125 names. For itself and in behalf of his friends The Republican congratulates Dr. Ray for faithfulness and success in his chosen work.

S. T. Christie, the head miller of the Genoa mill who was supposed to have burned to death and who later showed up in Grand Island, told the following story of the fire to the Columbus Telegram on his way back to Genoa: "I was in the basement of the mill melting babbit metal with a gasoline torch. The torch exploded and set fire to everything. I saw there was no hope for me to get out of the fire, and that I would have to get out of there pretty soon to get out alive, so I climbed through a window. I then walked to Silver Creek and went to Grand Island. Next day I noticed in the papers that I had been burned alive, so I sent a telegram to my Genoa friends informing them of my safety. There was one other man in the mill at the time of the fire. He was on the top story, and I shouted to him that the mill was afire, and he would have to hurry to get out. I presume he thought I was calling for help and after his unsuccessful attempts to reach the basement it was naturally believed that I had been suffocated and burned up."

When asked why he had left the country so suddenly Christie replied: "That is something which I cannot tell you now, but it will all come out in time." He would say nothing more concerning his mysterious trip to the island, although admitting that it looked very strange.

The market at this week's horse sale of the Smith Brothers' Land and Live Stock company was topped at \$162.50. The sale was a success. Three loads of horses went to Kentucky, while other animals disposed of went to Missouri and Iowa. The local sale was also good.

Charles Stewart, the young attorney of Osmond, returned Monday from Grand Island where he has been attending the preliminary examination in case of the state vs. Len Davis, also of Osmond, who is charged with the crime of buying stolen horses and

Davis was bound over to the district court of Hall county. His bond was fixed at \$1,000, and was promptly furnished. Mr. Davis and his attorney returned home on the noon train. H. F. Barnhart of this city has been retained to assist Mr. Stewart in defense of this case in district court which begins in Hall county in November next.

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NEW LAND'S FIRST MURDER

BURKE KILLING FIRST IN ALL THE FOUR YEARS.

HAS "DESIRABLE CITIZENSHIP."

The Newly Opened Portion of Gregory County Saw Its First Murder in Burke Tragedy—Brought Consternation to Settlers.

Dallas, S. D., July 22.—From a Staff Correspondent: News of the murder at Burke, which was brought to most people even in Gregory county by The Norfolk Daily News, caused consternation among the settlers, many expressing sympathy for the large family of children left fatherless out there on the prairie as the result of the quarrel over a bit of meat. And in passing it should be set down here that this tragedy was the very first murder whose blood marks have stained the soil of the newly opened portion of the Rosebud reservation. And it was four years ago that Gregory county was thrown open to the homesteader.

This fact is heavy with significance when it is borne in mind that this was a raw prairie four years ago, and that in the settling up of a new country there is always expected to be more or less of dramatic and even tragic conflict. That this killing four years after the opening should be the very first is, therefore, highly significant of the law and order that have prevailed, and also of the highly "desirable citizenship" brought to Gregory county by most of the new homesteaders.

Riley the man who did the killing, was formerly a hack driver at Fremont, Neb.

Riley was also formerly a North-western brakeman out of Norfolk. He worked under Conductor R. F. Canote, among others.

Sentiment throughout Gregory county is against Riley who is said to have been an ugly, surly fellow always.

One man in Bonesteel tells of a time when he asked Riley to pay a bill and Riley threatened to whip the man.

The preliminary hearing will be held Thursday.

At the coroner's inquest a nine-year-old boy, Slade Stark, the only eye witness, told how Riley struck and kicked Ritts and said Ritts did not strike at Riley. After killing the man, Riley walked out to Ritts' friends and said, "I fixed your friend and I can fix you if any of you want to take it up."

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Ray Chilleodeat of Stanton was in the city yesterday to see the ball game.

Miss Emma Schulz went to Pierce Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Rees went to Oakdale last evening.

J. A. Ehrhardt of Stanton was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Chase and daughter of Stanton were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clay left Wednesday for a visit at Long Pine.

Mrs. Tanner and daughter of Battle Creek were in the city Wednesday.

J. Hancock was in the city yesterday to see his home team, Stanton, play ball.

William Gold of Lincoln, who has been visiting Sol G. Mayer, left for New York at noon.

Charles M. Mathewson, cashier of the First National bank of Walthill, arrived at noon for the ball game.

Misses Mildred, Ethel and Carry McPaydon, who have been the guests of Mrs. W. W. DeHart, left this morning for their home at Emerson, Ia.

Mrs. J. H. Kierstead of Tilden, who has been visiting her son, Dr. H. J. Kierstead, has returned home. Mrs. H. J. Kierstead went with her for a few days' visit.

A large number of the members of the Stanton German singing school passed through the city Wednesday noon on their way to the national Saengerfest, held at LaCrosse, Wis.

Among the day out of town visitors in Norfolk were: D. L. Best, Battle Creek; W. A. Adamson, Winnetoon; Mrs. D. C. Ballard, Ellsworth; Miss Lena Hampton, Wakefield; A. McManus and J. Sherman, Fullerton; A. Russell, Newcastle; J. Daily, Tekamah; D. Beattie, Neligh; S. Montgomery, Butte; M. L. Kile, Creighton; F. E. West, Wayne; H. W. Jones, Grand Island; Mrs. J. I. Joyce, Central City.

R. H. Reynolds and his cement crew are in Battle Creek, where they are erecting a one-story brick building.

A movement has been started to park South Eighth street, several property owners along that street having either placed cement curbs around their lots or made arrangements to have their park line so marked. The work that is to be done on Eighth street in this direction is expected to lead during the summer and fall to the parking of other Norfolk streets.

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A QUICK ROUTE TO JAIL

SHOP LIFTERS BEGIN SENTENCE HALF HOUR AFTER CRIME.

COURTS WORK FAST IN PIERCE

Thirty Minutes After Offense Pierce Shop Lifters Had Been Arrested, Tried, Convicted and Jailed—Now Serving Thirty Day Sentence.

Pierce, Neb., July 22.—Special to The News: Thirty minutes after they had been caught in an attempt at shop lifting in John Turek's shoe store Harry Tomkins and Frank Murray were in the county jail serving a thirty day jail sentence.

The mills of justice some times grind exceedingly swift in Pierce county. To have a law breaker serving sentence thirty minutes after the offense is nearly a new record.

The two men, who are strangers here, worked the old game of shop lifting. They were caught in the act, however, and hurried before the county judge. They pleaded "not guilty" and insisted on the county attorney pressing the case against them.

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