

Cloudburst Near Verdigr.

A terrific rainstorm, approaching the severity of a cloudburst, swept a line from north to south in northern Nebraska last night, doing enough damage to railroad lines to demoralize train service.

Between Plainview and Niobrara the storm was worst. Every railroad bridge in that vicinity was slightly damaged. At Verdigr a number of families were compelled to move out of their homes, in the lower part of town, to escape the overflowing water.

Between Tilden and Okdale the storm was severe, causing a considerable washout to the Northwestern tracks.

On the Albion line, between Albion and Loretto, a long stretch of track was washed out.

The storm struck between 3 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon with great severity. And again between 6 and 7 last night it was renewed.

No Dallas Trains Tuesday.

There was no train service between Norfolk and Dallas between Monday night and Tuesday night. It was estimated that by Wednesday morning train service would be restored.

Northbound passenger train No. 401, which left Norfolk Monday noon for Dallas, tied up for the night at Winnetoon and returned to Norfolk Tuesday morning. Train No. 406, due in Norfolk from Dallas Tuesday noon, came only part way and then went back.

There was no great damage at any point, but the innumerable slight damages played havoc.

Two pile drivers were in the Niobrara vicinity and went to work as soon as the water subsided enough to allow it.

The washout between Okdale and Tilden was repaired during the night and trains resumed service there. Westbound Black Hills passenger, No. 3, due out of Norfolk at 3 o'clock Monday night, left here at 3:15 a. m. Tuesday morning, having been delayed on account of the storm.

Washouts in Montana.

Butte, Mont., May 25.—Northern Pacific traffic in eastern Montana is demoralized as the result of the worst washouts since the disastrous floods of last June.

Long stretches of track are washed out between Bozeman and Livingston, as the result of a cloudburst and rapidly melting snows in the mountains.

Half a dozen overland passenger trains are tied up at Billings, Livingston and Bozeman. All the streams are swollen and further trouble is expected.

Shots Enemy Near Court Room.

Neligh, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: A shooting scrape occurred at Brunswick, Neb., yesterday afternoon over a borrowed wagon tongue. As a result Barney Hansen, who was shot, will likely lose a leg and Jefferson Eddy, who did the shooting, has fled the country and had not been found up until this morning.

The shooting occurred just outside the courtroom of Justice Van Kirk. A trial had just been in progress over the borrowed tongue. The story is that Hansen followed Eddy out of the court room, abusing him with his tongue, when Eddy turned and shot.

Eddy's son is reported to have borrowed a wagon tongue from Hansen some time ago. Hansen accused the boy of stealing it and had him arrested. That's what yesterday's trial was about.

Eddy's revolver pumped a lead ball into Hansen's leg just below the knee and the attending surgeon says the leg will likely have to be amputated.

VICTIM A WRESTLER.

Hanson Was Pursuing Old Man, Intending to Whip Him.

Brunswick, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: In Justice Van Kirk's court suit was brought against Helnie Hanson for assault and battery on the person of Fred Eddy. He was fined \$1 and costs. J. Eddy, the father of Fred, who brought the suit against Hanson, then started for home. Hanson, after finding what it would cost to whip Eddy, started after him and overtook him before he got home.

Eddy drew a 38-caliber revolver and fired at Hanson, the ball striking him below the knee, breaking both bones.

Hanson was taken back to the justice's office and a warrant sworn out for Eddy's arrest, and then was taken to the office of Dr. Watson to receive treatment, while Eddy was consigned to the village lockup to await his hearing at Neligh. Hanson is a young man of about 26 years and has held a reputation here as an amateur wrestler, while Eddy is an elderly man of about 57 years.

Seven Editors in One Year.

Butte, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: C. W. Demel, arrived from Niobrara with a new printer for the Register. This makes seven editors the Register can boast of inside of a year. Mr. Demel is the owner of the plant.

Spanish Uprising Threatened.

Madrid, May 26.—An uprising of the peasants similar to that which occurred a few days ago in Andalusia is now threatened in Galicia, where the country people are reported to be burning the crops and the forest.

Chadron Mill to Be Rebuilt.

Chadron, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: The Chadron steam roller mills, which were completely destroyed early last fall by fire, are soon to be rebuilt with many new improvements and several additions. The plant is owned and operated by Robert Hood, who also is the owner of a large lumber yard and is interested in other business enterprises in this city. The contract for the new building has been let to J. W. Irwin of this city.

The main portion to be 30x50 feet and the capacity to be 200 barrels per day. There will also be a new elevator in addition, and the entire plant will be in running order for grinding the fall crop this year. This section of the state has been sorely in need of a flouring mill since the destruction of the mills here, and the new mills will prove a great benefit to the retail dealers in this and the surrounding counties.

GOTCH CANCELS MATCH.

Australian Bout With Hackenschmidt Is Declared Off.

Omaha, May 26.—Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, has canceled his match with Hackenschmidt in Melbourne, Australia, for next January and will quit the wrestling game after June 11, at least temporarily.

Gotch gave out an interview in which he stated that he would undergo an operation on the nose about the middle of June to remove a growth which resulted from an injury received many years ago while playing ball. The injury has been aggravated the past two years by a catarrhal affection which became almost acute during his trip to England. He has consulted physicians who have advised him to have an operation performed on the nose before the trouble becomes more serious.

Gotch has matches in Sioux City, Des Moines and Minneapolis, and after filling those dates he will go directly to Minneapolis for treatment. Two operations will be necessary, one on each side of the nose. The champion does not expect to make any new matches for a year or more.

Dakota Would-be Suicide Recovers.

Mitchell, S. D., May 26.—Henry Beechke is going to make a live of it after his attempt to commit suicide. Beechke has been despondent, it is said, over domestic troubles, his wife having two sons, it is reported, who fail to make their share of the money to keep up the household expenses.

Beechke drank a quantity of carbolic acid while he was at home and then, mounting his bicycle, rode ten miles into the country with the expectation of dying out there. The carbolic acid did not have the desired effect, and he came back home about 10 o'clock in the evening and told his wife what he had done. She called a physician and since then he has shown signs of recovery, with the chances in his favor.

Roosevelt Council Abolished.

Washington, May 26.—The council of fine arts, created by President Roosevelt and which was to have charge of the beautification of Washington to pass upon the design of government buildings, was abolished by President Taft yesterday in an executive order. This action was required by the last sundry civil bill, which failed to appropriate money for expenses or salaries of any of the commissioners created by President Roosevelt, without the consent of congress.

Dakota Boy at Top.

Annapolis, Md., May 25.—At the navy academy today the class standing of the third section of the class of 1907, which was graduated in three sections because of the need of academy officers in the navy, was given out. The members will be commissioned at once. Among the ten leaders of the class are: Ralph R. Stewart, Huron, S. D., and Robert L. Montgomery, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Valentine Beats Long Pine.

Valentine, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: The first game of the season was pulled off here between the fast railroaders from Long Pine and the locals, resulting in a victory for the home team. The game was intensely interesting and hotly contested. Grimes, the slab artist for Valentine, allowed the visitors only three outs, while nine were taken from Drew of the railroaders. The crowd was rather small on account of threatening rain. Score: Long Pine0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—3 Valentine0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0—1 Batteries—Long Pine, Drew and Kirby; Valentine, Grimes and Cox. Strike-outs—Grimes, 16; Drew, 4. Umpire—Jackson. Time of game, 2 hours.

TRAIN HOLDUP AVERTED?

Telegraph Operator Overheard Strangers Talking of Gold.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 26.—An attempted holdup of Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 4, from Oden to Denver was probably prevented by the action of the telegraph operator at Thompson, Utah.

Overhearing a conversation by two men regarding gold specimens from Nevada usually sent to the Denver mint on No. 4, the operator telegraphed to Helper, Utah, where a sheriff's posse boarded the train.

Train No. 4 was run through Thompson without stopping, but guards on train No. 8, which followed, exchanged shots with a supposed tramp at that place.

To Arbitrate Venezuelan Question.

Washington, May 26.—A protocol for submission to arbitration of the Emery claim was signed at 8:30 o'clock last night with representatives of the Nicaraguan government at the home of Secretary of State Knox. In the protocol is a provision that during four months from this date the representatives of Nicaragua will have the opportunity to endeavor to reach a definite settlement of the claim directly with the company, subject to the approval of the government of the United States. Failing in such settlement the course of arbitration will then begin. The claim which has been long pending arose out of the annulment by Nicaragua of a concession granted for cutting mahogany because

of an alleged violation of its provisions. About two weeks ago Pedro Gonzalez arrived in Washington as a special messenger from President Zelaya of Nicaragua to settle the claim, either by compromise or by arbitration. Soon after Secretary Knox came into office he sent to Senor Espinosa, Nicaraguan minister here, a communication generally regarded as an ultimatum, whereupon President Zelaya announced the appointment of Senor Gonzalez as a special ambassador to settle the claim.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

H. A. Vail has succeeded James A. Read as bookkeeper at the Sugar City Cereal mills.

Squads of militia boys are out at the new rifle range every Sunday for target practice.

It is stated that Obed Raasch will run for county commissioner at the republican primaries.

Louis Thompson, son of J. T. Thompson, is able to sit up after an illness of nearly ten weeks, during which time he has been very much reduced. It is believed he is on the road to recovery.

The appearance of the group of buildings at the Norfolk hospital with the completion, so far as the exterior is concerned, of the new buildings, is much more impressive to visitors. Men are engaged in plastering the new male cottage, while concrete floors are being laid in the big fire-proof cottage for women.

William A. Schrader, who has succeeded C. J. Lindstrom as joint cashier for the Union Pacific and M. & O. railroads in Norfolk, has been ticket man at the Union Pacific depot at Columbus. Mr. Lindstrom, who has been cashier in Norfolk for three years past, is at present on a vacation. He is an M. & O. man and will probably take another place with that road after a short rest.

A Norfolk friend of Senator Randall is authority for the statement that Mr. Randall, although he has closed out his interests in Newman Grove, has not determined where he will locate and that the definite statement that he will go to Wayne is in a way premature. Senator Randall is going to spend some time in Texas looking up land investments. Gossip has credited Senator Randall with looking to congress, to the governorship and perchance to the United States senatorship.

The country club grounds are now open to members and settled weather conditions will probably bring many visitors to the grounds. The immediate grounds upon which the club house, tennis courts and other club adjuncts will stand have been fenced off from the country club grounds proper, so as to open directly into the road. A well has been put down on the grounds and the plans are being hurried along to make the various club activities available at an early date.

Mrs. George Coleman of Sioux Falls, S. D., will address the colored people of Norfolk this evening on "The Improvement of the Race and Slum Work." She will also speak from the seventh chapter of Romans, twenty-fourth verse. Mrs. Coleman will talk in the building just west of Mayor Friday's hardware store, until recently occupied by the Grant saloon, but now empty. It is stated that everybody is cordially invited and that the admission is free. Mrs. Coleman was formerly Frances Gordon, and a member of a well known colored family of this city.

Matt Shaffer, sr., who gave a pair of black eyes to one of the tough gravel laborers who tried to get into his home a couple of weeks ago, has been notified indirectly that the victim's "pals," a gang of about twenty are planning to "get even." Matt has sent word back that he is ready for them at any time. This particular man tried twice one evening to work his way into the back door of the Shaffer home. Matt went out and found the fellow sitting near a tree. At first the stranger offered fight, but after he had been twice knocked down with Matt's powerful fist, he turned and ran. He was later arrested and brought to jail, but released because Matt declined to prefer a charge against him, declaring that he had had sufficient satisfaction.

Among the out-of-town visitors were: Elmer Hellund and Martha Anderson, Bristow; Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gray, Plainview; George E. Deerson, John Knecht, H. S. Slaughter and Alexander Maxwell, Gregory, S. D.; E. B. Girton, Wayne; James Coe and F. R. Baker, Creighton.

Will Hall is in Omaha. Chas. Maas was down from Hoskins.

Miss Irene Feyerherm came up from Stanton Monday.

Mrs. Maas of Battle Creek was a Norfolk visitor.

Trainmaster E. O. Mount of Fremont was in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Noah Weinbrenner of Walthill is a guest of Mrs. S. H. Anderson.

H. F. Slaughter and J. M. Hackler were Rosebud visitors in Norfolk Tuesday morning.

Mrs. E. P. Root of Lebanon, Kan., is in Norfolk on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Reed.

Mrs. Lem Chesney of New York city is in Norfolk on a visit with Mr. Chesney's mother, Mrs. Bracking.

S. W. Warner will go to Omaha Wednesday, accompanying his mother, Mrs. C. A. Warner of Chadron, who is going to visit in Missouri. Returning, Mr. Warner will go direct to Chadron for a week's visit.

Mrs. J. McKimble, who has been visiting at the Hardy and Landers homes, returned to Albion yesterday.

Miss May Harrison has returned to her work as chief operator of the Nebraska Telephone company after a week's vacation spent in Meadow Grove.

August Olmsted has arrived in Norfolk from Yutan, Neb., to accept a position in the A. L. Killian store.

N. A. Rainbolt was down on the Northfork river yesterday and coaxed eight bullheads from the stream.

The Highland Nobles will meet Wednesday night in G. A. R. hall at 8 o'clock. The members are urged to be present.

George Strelow, who was in Norfolk between trains on an Omaha trip, is to enter the drug business at Long Pine, having arranged to buy a store there. He intended to enter business at West Point, but the deal fell through.

Reserved seats for the high school graduating exercises Friday evening at the Auditorium will go on sale at the business office of The News Thursday morning. The attendance at the high school commencements is always large and the fact that Governor Shallenberger is the orator Friday evening will undoubtedly result in a packed house.

Sioux City Journal: John C. Moore, who is one of the owners of the Campbell Bros. circus, which is to give exhibitions in Sioux City Friday and Saturday for the benefit of the playground association, returned last night from Nebraska, where he has been traveling with the show for several days. Despite the frequent rains which the show encountered, Mr. Moore said it had been doing a good business and was giving fine satisfaction.

A social meeting of the Union Aid society last week at the home of L. M. best, west of the city near the Best school house, was attended by a large party of Norfolk ladies. The proceeds of the afternoon went to a fund for the improvement of the Best cemetery. The day was very enjoyably spent, the Norfolk party going out in the morning and spending the entire day. An appetizing dinner was served. The members of the Norfolk party were: Mrs. C. H. Hiben, Mrs. S. S. Lough, Mrs. C. S. Hayes, Mrs. H. Bargelt, Miss Eva Bargelt, Mrs. L. M. Beeler, Mrs. DeHart, Mrs. Engle, Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. J. Krantz, Mrs. D. K. Tindall, Mrs. C. W. Ray, Mrs. M. C. Hazen, Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Kuhl, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Luow, Mrs. Twiss and Mrs. Groesbeck.

Lightning Struck Neligh School.

Neligh, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: The heaviest rain storm of the season, which was on the verge of a cloudburst, visited Neligh and vicinity yesterday afternoon. The lightning was something terrific. One of the heavy crashes struck the belfry of the high school building and started a fire. An alarm was immediately turned in and the fire department was promptly on the scene, but their services were not required, as a few buckets of water quenched the flames. The fire did not spread and the entire school had been dismissed previous to the discovery of the blaze.

Talks of Bible in Butte Saloon.

Butte, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: Something out of the ordinary in religious services was given in Butte when Rev. A. T. Edwards, an evangelist who has been holding successful meetings in the Free Methodist church here for the past two weeks, preached to a crowd of some 250 men and women in Hubert Hafner's saloon.

The invitation was given by the proprietor, Mr. Hafner, rather in a jest, but the preacher accepted the offer and the announcement was made through the local paper of the services to be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The building was furnished with chairs and everything possible done to make the congregation comfortable. Business was suspended and the minister mounted a table and for about thirty minutes expounded the gospel in a very forceful and logical manner.

Bullet in Brain, Boy Lives.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 25.—To apparently be in a normal condition, notwithstanding that a bullet is embedded in his brain is the strange case of Henry Miller, aged 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, who reside on a farm near Bristol, Day county. He is the lad who several days ago was accidentally shot in the head with a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of his brother while they were hunting gophers. One of the little rodents ran into a culvert and the older boy fired into the culvert just as his brother peered into the other end, receiving the bullet in his forehead. When the accident was first reported there appeared little hope of the wounded lad recovering. However, information from the hospital at Webster, to which he was taken, is to the effect that he is yet alive. Dr. Schenecker, one of the physicians in charge, states it is one of the strangest cases to come under his observation for some little time. The boy is conscious, is enjoying his meals, his temperature is not alarming and his condition is surprisingly good considering the fact that the wound in his head was so severe that a small portion of the brain substance exuded from it. The bullet is away back in his head. The probe has been used without avail, and still the boy is in a normal condition and is not suffering much pain.

"A Kinkalder" Ends His Life.

Bassett, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: Word was received by telephone yesterday that George H. Gore, a newcomer, had killed himself by shooting with a revolver. He, with his wife and family, including J. R. Gore, a married son, formerly a druggist at Elk Creek, came here from Talmage, Neb., purchasing a Kinkalder homestead about thirty miles south of here, and had commenced some very nice improvements upon it.

At this time there seems to be no reason for his rash act. It is said that he was apparently planning out his future home, and was very energetic, but for no good or known reason, he seemed to be worrying. Without warning he went into a room apart from his family, and there did the awful deed.

Dr. C. H. Root, the county coroner, not being at home, County Attorney J. J. Carlin took Sheriff Marsh and went to the scene of trouble to make a full investigation.

Joshua Gore, aged 89, father of the kinkalder homesteader who ended his life near Bassett, and William E. Gore, the only living brother of the dead man, first learned of the tragedy that had befallen their family when they reached Norfolk from their home at Greeley, Colo., Wednesday morning.

It was from The News that the brother got his first information of the brother's manner of death and, with tears boiling down his cheeks, he led his aged father away from the newspaper office to the Pacific hotel, there to impart to the parent the most tragic story of his life.

"It will kill my father," said Mr. Gore, "to hear of this. I tell you, man, you don't know what a sensation that is, to learn that your only brother has taken his life. I hope it may never happen to you."

A telegram reached the father and brother at Greeley, Colo., Tuesday noon from Bassett saying simply, "Father is dead; come. Answer." It was signed by one of the dead man's children.

That was a terrible shock. In itself, to learn after coming all the way to Norfolk from Colorado that it was by his own hand that the victim died, caused a nerve shock that severely tested the big strong brother's physical energy and which would, he feared, prove a very serious blow to his aged father.

When the telegram came, the father and brother presumed the Bassett homesteader had fallen off a windmill, as they had had a letter a few days before announcing that he was planning to build a windmill soon.

"He was the last man in the world whom I would have thought would do a thing of that sort," said the brother, "and I can't understand what caused the act. He lived on father's farm at Fairgate fifteen years and suddenly surprised us by taking up this homestead."

There were ten children in the Gore family.

On the way from The News office to the hotel the father guessed the story that the son was about to tell him, "Will, he didn't kill himself, did he?" asked the father. When told that that was the truth, the father said that fear had been running through his mind all morning.

Ben-American Circus Bumps.

Omaha, May 25.—"Bill Hall, sedately known as W. P. Hall, with residence at Lancaster, Mo., known in the Midwest for many years, and connected with a number of "wild west" shows of minor character, became the owner of the Pan-American shows in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon. Hall was the owner of the Boer war concession at the St. Louis exposition.

Hall, it is understood, has canceled all the dates for the circus, and the outfit will be moved at once to his home in Missouri.

The circus, upon its arrival in Council Bluffs, carried some 300 people and over 100 horses, in addition to the animals in the menagerie. Twenty-four cars were used to transport it. The price paid for the outfit was \$17,500.

The show belonged to J. E. Blenkiron and T. P. Guernsey of Sioux City when it arrived in the Bluffs. It was not until after noon Tuesday that it was finally determined to give an exhibition, either afternoon or evening, in the city.

Blenkiron and Guernsey purchased the shows themselves only about six weeks ago from Lemon Brothers at Argentine, Mo. They accumulated about \$2,000 debts during the ten days, most of which were paid off yesterday afternoon. A number of the common laborers, however, were not paid, and attachments suits were brought in Justice Gardiner's court for the accounts they claimed to be due.

The Pan-American circus was the circus to which A. O. Perry of Atkinson and Smith Brothers of this city for a time held title. For a time the advisability of moving the winter quarters here were discussed.

For some reason the show was not put on the road as planned, title being transferred to Sioux City parties, Smith Brothers, it is stated, have no interest in the show at this time. Mr. Perry was understood to still have something tied up in the transaction after the Sioux City purchase, and was reported to be managing the circus.

During the coming two weeks the circus was to show at Hooper, West Point, Stanton, Gregory, S. D., Fairfax, S. D., Lynch, Plainview, Neligh, O'Neill, Atkinson, Ainsworth, Valentine, Chadron, Gordon and Crawford, the circus striking Hooper May 26 and leaving this territory at Crawford June 11.

Will Question Contributors.

The question of definitely giving up the Y. M. C. A. building campaign or of entering the fight with new vigor will be put up to the contributors to the \$16,000 now pledged, at a meeting to be held on or about June 15, probably in Marquardt hall. This was the decision reached by the executive committee at its meeting in Mapes & Hazen's office late yesterday afternoon.

The meeting will be an informal dinner and will be an evening affair. It is desired that there should be present just as many of the contributors as it is possible to get together.

The executive committee has not

felt that it was empowered to make a decision one way or the other on a question vital to the whole movement locally.

The strength of the Y. M. C. A. sentiment here is not known. Some believe that without a large outside contribution nothing can be done. A Norfolk business man was in Columbus last week and was taken to the Columbus Y. M. C. A. He came back to Norfolk enthusiastic over the Y. M. C. A. for the first time. He has offered to double his subscription and to secure five pledges from men who have not yet subscribed.

Everybody in Norfolk, however, has not visited the Columbus Y. M. C. A.

Rosebud Land Soaked by Rain.

The first soaking rain of the year fell all over the Rosebud reservation country Tuesday and Tuesday night, a very heavy rain covering all of southern South Dakota and northern Nebraska as far west as the Black Hills where, in the northern section, there was heavy snowfall.

Trains Through by Night.

Train service between Norfolk and the Rosebud country was still tied up Wednesday morning because of the water damage to bridges and track. Northwestern officials in Norfolk, however, hoped to have the damage repaired by Wednesday night and it was said that, barring unforeseen circumstances, a train from Dallas would reach Norfolk during the evening and that train No. 401, leaving Norfolk in the early afternoon, would get through to Dallas during the evening or night.

The storm, which hung on throughout Tuesday, cleared away Wednesday morning, there being little rainfall despite the heavy clouds that overhung the heavens.

Verdigr Creek on Rampage.

The two bridges giving greatest trouble Wednesday morning were those over Verdigr creek, one east of Verdigr and one between Verdigr and Niobrara. That stream was still overflowing.

Dozens of strangers were blockaded in Norfolk all day Tuesday and part of Wednesday by the washout trouble. Hotel lobbies here were filled with the travelers. Deputy Oil Inspector Pratt of Humphrey got as far north as Winnetoon and came back to Norfolk. Elmer Herron, a real estate man of Dallas, with a party of land-seekers, reached Norfolk and was stalled on his way to the Rosebud.

South Dakota in "Rain Belt."

The rain of Tuesday and Tuesday night over the Rosebud will be greatly welcomed. Although there had been a few light showers, this was the first copious downfall in that section, just as it was the first of the year throughout northern Nebraska.

This heavy rain, extending from the Black Hills to the Missouri river and covering South Dakota as well as Nebraska, dispels the former erroneous theory that southern South Dakota was not in the "rain belt."

The rain was general over the entire middle west. Not a Western League baseball game was played Tuesday, owing to the general extent of the storm.

Rain All Over Dakota.

Huron, S. D., May 26.—Rain has been falling over the central and eastern portions of the state since early Sunday evening. The ground is thoroughly soaked and in some localities rain was greatly needed. It is the first general rain since early last fall, and while crops have not suffered because of lack of moisture, great benefit will result.

Rain in Black Hills.

Sturgis, S. D., May 26.—Heavy rain started over the Black Hills country Sunday morning, since which it has kept up steadily without abatement. Creeks and rivers are rapidly filling up, roads are almost beyond travel and trains late.

Rain All Over Nebraska.

Lincoln, May 26.—Nebraska from one end of the state to the other got its first real wetting down of the spring. In some places the wetting was overdue. At Cambridge seven inches of rain fell in an hour. Streets and basements were flooded and an aged couple, who had taken refuge in a cellar from the wind, narrowly escaped drowning. The southwestern and south central part of the state were well drenched. Between McCook and Holdrege the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy had three washouts resulting from high water. Rain continued to fall in southeastern Nebraska last night.

Dakota Telephone Extension.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 26.—The Dakota Central Telephone company of this city will expend \$30,000 in opening new lines through the country west of the Missouri river. The extensions will hit the new towns along the Milwaukee extension and lines will be built to the new reservation towns as soon as they are platted. The Dakota Central has an agreement between the Dakota-Montana Telephone company, operating in northwestern South Dakota and Montana, by the means of which connections between the two systems will be made, greatly extending the usefulness of both.

SELL BANK OF HERRICK.

Parties from Beresford, S. D., Purchase Institution.

Herrick, S. D., May 25.—Special to The News: C. P. Jones and W. S. Slaughter have sold the Bank of Herrick to parties from Beresford, S. D.

O. E. Garmong of Fairfax has established a harness shop in Herrick.

Fairfax Commencement.

Fairfax, S. D., May 25.—Special to The News: Friday evening witnessed the annual commencement exercises of the Fairfax high school. The exercises were held in Starcher's opera house. Three young ladies, Misses Emma Thompson, Leota Combes and

Advertisement for Calumet Baking Powder. Text: "We will not mince words here." Includes an image of a Calumet Baking Powder tin and a testimonial: "I must give you... equal in every way... Received Highest Award World's Pure Food Exposition Chicago, '07."

Hannah Morach, members of the graduating class, acquitted themselves with honors and were the recipients of many tokens of esteem from admiring friends. After a short program of music, followed by the orations of each of the graduating class, Prof. L. G. Cowles, who has been the efficient principal for the past three years, introduced N. Wesley Gaines of Lincoln, Neb., who delivered his glowing lecture, "New Wine in New Bottles," which was well received.

Professor and Mrs. Cowles, accompanied by the latter's sister, Miss McCrillis, who has also been employed in the primary department of the school this year, go to Fremont for a month's stay with relatives and then go to Salt Lake, Utah, near which city the professor has farming interests and also has teaching engagements.

Murder Trial at Sturgis.

Sturgis, S. D., May 25.—At the opening of the circuit court States Attorney Milek moved for trial in the case of Emerson Eichter, charged with the murder of Henry Bohnsack near Elm Springs, Meade county, November 22, 1908. The regular panel of the jury was exhausted at 3 o'clock. Judge Rice issued a special venire for thirty tallees to report this morning. A large number of witnesses from the eastern part of Meade county are in attendance.