

The Oldest Nebraska Woman.

West Point, Neb., Aug. 16.—Special to The News: The announcement through the state papers that Mrs. Susanna Parish of Seward, is the oldest living woman in the state of Nebraska is slightly inaccurate. A remarkable centenarian is Mrs. Dora Harstick of Cuming county, who is without doubt the oldest woman in the state, she having celebrated her 101st birthday on March 25, last. At the age of 101 this remarkable pioneer walks two or three miles to the Catholic church, of which she has always been a devoted member, performing the task with cheerfulness and vigor. And Mrs. Harstick has not been a hot-house flower, protected from the blasts of the world outside, nor has her path been strewn with roses. She is a pioneer of the state, came here when this region was a wilderness and took her share of the burden of the days when the foundations were laid for the great commonwealth of Nebraska. Mrs. Harstick was born March 25, 1809, at Steinhilber, Hanover, Germany. For nearly fifty years she resided in the fatherland, married, and together with her husband and children pursued the even tenor of life. The spirit of unrest, however, and the lure of the west, so common to the German people of that generation impelled the little family to seek their fortunes in the land across the sea, and in the year 1854 they landed on the shores of America with their small possessions. The first settlement made by this family was at Dubuque, Ia., where they resided until the year 1860.

At this time, hearing wonderful stories of the fertility and golden promise of the new territory of Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Harstick journeyed to this state. They settled at what was at that time the outpost of civilization, locating on the virgin prairie in what is now St. Charles township, Cuming county, conceded at this time to be one of the wealthiest and most highly improved townships of farm land in the state of Nebraska. This family was almost the first settlers of this township and during the first twenty years following their settlement they took a leading part in the building of churches, schools and the general improvement of their new home. They were among the few faithful ones, who, feeling the need of spiritual instruction built the now historic church of St. Anthony in St. Charles township, the first church built north of the Platte river in Nebraska, which was replaced three years ago by a fine, new brick structure. For many years this struggling congregation was unable to secure a regular ministrator, but was compelled to depend upon the occasional visits of missionary clergymen. Among the men who braved the dangers of hunger, flood and Indian foes to serve a few families in this parish was the late Father Dexacher of Omaha, a noted missionary priest.

The father, Henry Harstick, died in the year 1880, leaving Mrs. Harstick with three surviving children, all of whom are now aged men and women. Besides her three surviving children Mrs. Harstick is the grandmother of twenty-five and the great-grandmother of over fifty children, her descendants numbering a little over 100 souls. Among the grandchildren is William H. Harstick the present county clerk of Cuming county. She is in full possession of her mental faculties as well as possessing unimpaired physical strength. To all appearances she bids fair to live for many years longer. She makes her home with one of her grandchildren near the old homestead, where she has spent over fifty years of a happy life. She occupies her time principally in knitting and spinning for her numerous descendants. She is in excellent health, in fact, better than when she celebrated her 100th birthday. The only thing indicating her extreme age is a slight dimness of vision.

Babe Drank Cup of Lye.

Ainsworth, Neb., Aug. 16.—Special to The News: There were two funerals here yesterday—one of Gail Richard Shaw, aged 1 year and 2 months, born at Plainville, Neb., on June 27, 1909, son of B. H. Shaw and wife, traveling evangelists of the Seventh Day Advent church. The little one accidentally got hold of a cup of lye, Saturday, and before anyone saw what it was doing, drank the contents. It died in a short time.

The other was Mrs. Jessie Barr Henderson, wife of Elmer Henderson, a young farmer of this vicinity. She was a daughter of John Barr and wife of this city, and was born in Wisconsin, July 4, 1886. She was married a year ago last February. She was a lovely woman and as she grew up here, had hosts of friends who mourn her loss and deeply sympathize with the bereaved husband and her parents. She had been ailing for some months, and in the hopes of bettering her condition she was taken to Long Pine, where she died Saturday evening, August 13, 1910.

A Mail Train Wrecked.

St. Louis, Aug. 16.—The Iron Mountain fast mail train, which left here at 2:40 this morning, was wrecked near Piedmont, Mo. The train consisted of mail cars. Poplar Bluff dispatches say that three men were killed. At the headquarters of the road this report is denied.

ROLL OF \$500 CHICKEN FEED.

Logansport, Ind., Aug. 16.—Ray Morts tore his hair needlessly when he reached here and found that \$500 received for his wheat crop was missing. Morts came to town to bank the money. Back home his wife noticed the chickens pecking away at a wad too tough to yield to their pecking and found it was a roll of bills.

Inside the house the phone went 2-2 ting-a-ling and Mrs. Morts answered.

ed. It was her husband at the other end of the line. In a worried tone, "I'm afraid I've lost that wheat money," he said.

"No, you haven't," assured his wife, and told him all about it. Then Morts laughed.

Great Wealth for a Hospital.

New York, Aug. 16.—St. Luke's hospital in this city bids fair to rank soon as the wealthiest institution of its kind in the world. Gifts aggregating about three million dollars were received by the hospital last year, and this year's total has just been swelled to an almost equal figure by the announcement of a bequest of 6,000 acres of valuable coal lands left to the trustees of St. Luke's by Norman L. Roos, a leather millionaire, who died a few days ago. The land is valued at about one-half million dollars.

Anyway, It's Good Advertising.

New York, Aug. 16.—"The maid of mystery" made her first appearance in New York yesterday at the Victoria theater, and last night at Hammerstein's roof garden in a pantomime Greek dance and when it all was over the secret of her identity remained unsolved. The hint was given that perhaps the mysterious dancer might be a "prominent society woman," and in order that she might remain incognito she wore a mask covering the lower part of her face. Otherwise her costume was not designed as a disguise.

Grace Cameron.

One of the most pleasing effects in "Nancy" the new comedy in which Miss Grace Cameron will be seen at the Auditorium on Saturday night, is the curtain of the first act. All through the last scene, Miss Cameron works with the theater and stage in absolute darkness with the exception of the red glow of an old cook stove. In this particular scene, the dramatic situation is so intense that even though there is not a word spoken for nearly two minutes, you can hear a pin drop or a breath taken unusually strong by any members of the audience. During the action of the play Miss Cameron will sing several selections of the swiny order, and also of the big calatura variety. In a recent criticism a Montreal paper says, "Marcela Sembrich alone has the coloratura power of singing that Grace Cameron has. The greatest of coloratura singers was Adeline Patti, who is now gone from us but Grace Cameron can run her a close second."

Miss Cameron is not only a star in this country, but in the old world as well, having toured South Africa, England, Germany and France. Miss Cameron was educated for grand opera and speaks foreign tongues as fluently as she does English. Her versatility is widespread as shown by her many parts. Within two weeks she played Marguerite in the opera "Faust" with Savage Grand Opera company and Daphne, a boy's seubrette part in "Foxy Quiller" at the Broadway theater.

A HORSE WAS DISSECTED.

Interesting Practical Demonstrations at Carlson Horse Show. An Animal Dissected. Dissecting and general analysis of the horse was the feature in the first day's work of the graduates and students of Scientific Horse Breeding school of Kansas City, held at the G. L. Carlson breeding barns on East Norfolk avenue. A horse was killed by Mr. Carlson for the purpose.

Among the most enthusiastic of the graduates and breeders was J. A. Dalley, a prominent horse man of Old Mexico. Mr. Dalley has on his ranch in Mexico 1,100 breeding horses and many sheep. He is greatly impressed with Mr. Carlson's work and declares there is not another institution in the country compared with the one here in Norfolk.

The afternoon was given to the judging of foals in which William J. Knabell won first prize, Samuel Kent second, and D. C. Harrington third. The demonstration was anticipated with great interest by a large crowd composed not only of the large number of out-of-town visitors, but many business men and farmers of this vicinity.

Class room work was held in the evening and lectures on scientific breeding were heard.

Out-of-town horsemen here are:

- R. N. Montgomery, Rich Hill, Mo.; L. W. Everson, Chillicothe, Mo.; Charles Hayer, Holden, Mo.; G. W. Brosman, Martinsville, Ill.; L. R. Lee, Roodhouse, Ill.; J. S. Leamer, Polo, Mo.; August Bakelmann, Palmer, Kansas; J. E. Moffett, Chisminville, Ark.; J. W. Fender, Lone Wolf, O. T.; Box 92; J. R. Maynes, Macedonia, Ia.; Dan Riordan, Piece, Neb.; F. W. Douglas, Springfield, Mo.; W. E. Reynolds, Williamsburg, Ia.; H. Mayone, Nutfield Green, Kan.; Elbert H. Hawkins, Salem, Mo.; J. E. Kennedy, Bethany, Mo.; A. J. Wing, Sunnyside, Kan.; N. A. Davis, Pittsburg, Tex.; H. S. Record, Monument, N. M.; A. B. Comers, Toledo, Ia.; Frank P. McFadden, Salinas, Monterey county, Calif.; John Garside, Salinas, Calif.; C. C. Painter, Stronghurst, Ill.; W. E. Holmes, Trenton, Tenn.; J. Riby, Green Wolfe City, Tex.; J. H. White, Wolfe City, Tex.; Jacob Maurer, Olathe, Colo.; R. E. Hawkins, Harrisburg, Ill.; F. H. Cooper, Gonzales, Calif.; J. C. Walwood, Holland, Neb.; George G. Wright, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; N. J. Robnett, Kimbundy, Ill.; A. P. Cox, Dunken, N. M.; A. M. Goodheart, Dorrance, Kan.; M. J. McClelland, Astoria, Ill.; L. D. Smith, Hanford, Wash.; A. C. Woolsey, Gilson, Ill.; A. W. Warren, Waupaca, Wis.; U. A. Ludington, Shenandoah, Ia.; W. D. Berkeley, Iowa City, Ia.; Charles Iroine, Ankeny, Ia.; Joseph Dalley, Hacienda "Santa Anita," Apartado No. 44, Cuidad Porferio Diaz, Coahuila, Old Mexico; Frank Berkeley, Ankeny,

la.; O. H. Morford, Chelsea, Ia.; Emil Benethack, Platte Center, Neb.; Walter Benethack, Platte Center, Neb.; W. G. Sweet, Hoskins, Neb.; H. B. Sweet, Hoskins, Neb.; Dr. F. F. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; F. B. Graham, Kansas City, Mo.; J. C. Dunn, Dalton, Neb.; E. P. Farris, Hoskins, O.; Joseph Stepanok, Troy, Mo.; F. Bunge, Belleville, Tex.; J. M. McWhorter, Platterville, Miss.; H. A. Harmon, Prairie Hill, Mo.; R. A. Fitzgerald, Bucyrus, Kan.; J. L. Sappington, Centralia, Mo.; W. E. Miller, Eagle Pass, Tex.; Hays Bealmer, Dodge City, Kan.; L. W. Hoyt, Barry, Ill.; E. L. Fitch, Barry, Ill.; George Hirschman, Pierson, Iowa; F. B. Hindman, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Thomas E. Leland, Reading, Pa.; Ed C. Parr, Durand, W. Va.; Lou D. Fowler, Ithaca, N. Y.; John L. Bender, Owasso, Mich.; Charles E. Hassac, Urbana, O.; Floyd Banner, Delphie, Ind.

AN ENVIABLE DOG'S LIFE.

Sometimes Being a Canine is Not so Bad. New York, Aug. 15.—Leading a dog's life isn't such a terrible thing when the dog is a Parisian prize winner with a screw tail, bat ears and other necessary characteristics of a private car is hired for his comfort high bred French bull. And when a dog is convenient in traveling from New York to San Francisco, as happened today, existence is not to be barked at.

Insane Pug Wrought Up.

"Kid" Parker, a one time pugilist, who is now confined in the state hospital for insane near this city, has not yet got over the defeat Jan. 23 J. Jeffries met at the hands of Jack Johnson; heo July 4 last. Parker has been giving much trouble to his guards and a lively tilt was experienced between them and the once victorious prize fighter a few days ago, when he was about to "do up" all the guards in sight. On his own request he has been taking about two hours' training every day, believing he was preparing for a big fight. This, however, was shut down on him. He would stop his heavy work and stand in a draught to cool off. He was a Jeffries man.

DECLARES WAR ON THE WIND.

"I'll Bride and Bit It," Walter Brookins, Who is Hurt, Says. Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 16.—Walter A. Brookins, chief of the Wright staff of aerial broncho busters, will fly again despite the accident in which eight persons, including Brookins, were injured.

"I guess my beauty is spoiled, all right," he laughed, "for besides my broken nose, I lost a few tombstones. Scared? Not a bit! I'll go up again Monday. I made team wire Dayton last night for another machine. It will be shipped from stock at once. I am going to try to smash my own altitude record or bust myself, and this time, believe me, the record will go."

"How did I feel in my fall? Why, how can anyone describe his sensations in the face of death? My main thought, as my unmanageable machine dove at the white banks of the Grandstand was 'don't bit them.' I warped my wing tips desperately and then felt the machine plunge sidewise. I was thrown from my seat and it seems to me I hit the ground before the machine did. All I recollect, then, was a crashing and smashing and a sharp pain, when the top of my gasoline tank struck my nose and ripped the cartilage.

Coney Captured the Maharajah.

New York, Aug. 16.—"Two days! Why, two months is too short a time to spend in this ripping city. Cancel that passage on the Lusitania tomorrow and let's go to Coney Island tonight."

These words were spoken last night by the maharajah of Mourbhauji, grand exalted ruler of the territory of Baripoda in India. The maharajah reached the three-quarter mark in his jaunt around the world Monday. He intended to remain in New York only two days, having heard in Vancouver that the city was "heastly hot and nastily noisy, don't ye know." But a day and half's sight-seeing in the metropolis convinced the maharajah that Vancouverians had grossly libeled little old Manhattan, and he determined to make amends for the implied slight by remaining here another week.

Last night the maharajah hired a fresh guide the having won out the first, and journeyed down to Coney Island. He took in all the sights, and was begging for more when the guide dragged him away at 1 o'clock this morning.

AND HIS "PANTS" WERE THERE.

And Peter Duffy's Steamer Ticket Was in His Trousers. New York, Aug. 16.—As the Mauritania edged away from its pier yesterday officials of the Cunard line discovered a little man standing near the gangplank holding a carpet bag in one hand and waving the other at the departing liner. He was weeping and shouting incoherently.

"May we be of aid to you?" politely asked a tall reporter who drew near the 5 foot 2-inch atom of misery.

"Shure and phwat can ye do for me?" queried the stranger, raising his hat and revealing a red thatched dome, a freckled countenance and—the reporter's eyes opened wide—he wore a green necktie. "It's Kelly," exclaimed a man to the group that had crowded about the green tie, the green checked suit and the green elastic gaiters. "No, it's not Kelly, it's Do-offy, and I'm left, so I am."

Dropping his grip Mr. "Do-offy" explained: "Maybe I'm a wee bit slow; I come from west Philadelphia. When I was going up the plank there I remembered I didn't have me ticket. Me ticket is in me pants, and me pants is in me trunk, an' me trunk is on the boat and I'm here, and there you are," concluded Mr. "Do-offy."

The Cunard officials arranged for Mr. Peter Duffy's sailing on the next liner.

Creighton Defeats Santee Indians.

Creighton, Neb., Aug. 16.—Special to The News: In a fast and exciting game here Creighton defeated the Santee Indians by a score of 9 to 0. Frank Theisen for Creighton pitched a great game, striking out ten men and allowing only two hits. His support was good. Moore and Hendricks were the star players of the game, each making spectacular catches in the field. A good crowd witnessed the game.

The score by innings: Creighton . . . . . 0 1 1 5 1 1 0 0—9 Indians . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Batteries: Theisen and Kane, Eastman and Mackey.

Hotel for Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., Aug. 16.—Special to The News: There is some talk that the new Schnelder building will be rented to Frank Mensinger and made over into a hotel. It is a fine three-story structure and would make a good hotel building with a few changes. Mr. Mensinger is a practical hotel man and the hope is expressed that the rumor may prove to be correct. Surely Ainsworth needs a new hotel about as badly as any place ever did. We have several good boarding places and one good second class hotel, but just now we are shy

on anything in the line of a first class country town hotel.

Rev. Mr. Schwarz of the German Lutheran church here has resigned his charge to accept one at Kramer, Lancaster county. He leaves here about September 1. He has many friends who regret to see him go. Work will be commenced on the Free Methodist church in a short time.

Creamery for O'Neill.

O'Neill, Neb., Aug. 16.—Special to The News: R. W. McGinnis of Lincoln purchased from Campbell the lots and buildings on the corner of Douglas and Third streets. Mr. McGinnis will have the buildings torn down and removed to allow him to erect the large creamery building he promised O'Neill last spring in the event of the sewer bonds carrying at a special election. The bonds carried and Mr. McGinnis is making his promise good. The new building will be 40x100 feet and one and one-half stories high, with a large engine room in the rear. It will be brick and stone.

A lively contest was on for some time between some owners of vacant lots to secure the building, but the location picked on by the company brings the building in the business district and more convenient to the patrons.

Mr. McGinnis has an expert electrician with him looking over the ground with the intention of running an electric light plant in connection with the creamery. The lots on the west side of the block are included in the sale. These lots will be used by the employees to erect dwellings to allow them to be near the plant. They will also be used to enlarge the plant at any time it so requires. Expert men will be employed in operating the plant and with the increasing output of cream in this locality, there is no doubt as to the success of the venture.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

W. H. Kramer of Humphrey was a visitor in the city. Judge J. F. Boyd of Neligh was in the city on business.

W. R. Eckert of Hoskins was in the city transacting business. County Clerk S. R. McFarland of Madison was in the city to vote.

Dr. H. O. Scroggin of Bridgeport, Neb., was in the city transacting business.

Miss Georgia Austin has gone to Madison to attend the county institute.

Contractor Clyde Smith of Fort Dodge, Ia., is in the city transacting business.

Miss Hattie Lockmiller of Ainsworth, who has been visiting with Mrs. Lena E. Trumm, has returned to her home.

Henry Kaus and his granddaughter Miss Clara Kaus of Lattimer, Ia., are here visiting with the Charles Fuerst family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor have gone to Long Pine where they will spend a few weeks camping on their ranch near there.

W. B. Fuerst, Fred Fuerst, Ralph Fuerst of Battle Creek and Otto Fuerst of Madison are in the city visiting with relatives.

Mrs. C. E. Hartford and daughter, Miss Gladys Hartford have gone to Glenwood, Ia., where they will spend a few weeks' visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. R. Campbell has returned to York, after a week's visit with Mrs. J. M. Campbell, taking Georgia Campbell with her for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wetzel accompanied R. M. Waddell to Phillip, S. D., where they will visit with relatives. The trip was made in an automobile.

Mrs. Millard Green has gone to Lincoln where she will be joined by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bickel, who will accompany her on a trip to Livingston, Mont.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beels, a son.

Anton Shonka has accepted the position as night clerk at the Pacific hotel.

A meeting of the Commercial club will be held Wednesday afternoon.

Bank Examiner John Rush, Omaha, is busy examining the Norfolk National bank.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhl is in receipt of a gift from Omaha friends of a handsome leopard skin rug.

C. E. Burnham, A. H. Viele and E. J. Bix returned from Elgin where they organized a Masonic lodge Monday evening.

The outside precinct polling booth is situated at 527 Norfolk avenue, the first door west of the L. Brueggeman's electric supply store.

A Northwestern brakeman was killed Tuesday at Linwood while making a connection of freight cars. The brakeman lived at Fremont.

Ernest Raasch, his sister, Miss Ella Raasch, Misses Verna and Hattie Moldenhauer spent the day at Winside where they were entertained by Lizzie Podoll.

Fault was found with the delay in getting out the contract for the paving of Norfolk avenue and a lively fight among the city council was experienced at their meeting last night. The contract was sent to Omaha for the contractor's signature.

A stranger in the city from Illinois wants to know what kind of a weather man we have in the vicinity of Norfolk. Talking to a Norfolk business man Monday he said: "Truly Nebraska is a great state. I don't know how you do it in this country. You can have rain any time you want it, and the crops are simply great."

Norfolk's three-day baseball tournament plan is looming up. Fans with a petition called on business men, thirty of whom signed their names to a guarantee for the expenses of the three days' tournament. Clarence Rasley, manager of the Clerks' ball team, declares that the meet will be held within the next three weeks. A number of the fastest ball teams in this territory will come here.

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Nebraska settlers and pioneers, died from cancer of the stomach at his home at Hoskins at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. Funeral services will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the German Lutheran church at Hoskins. Mr. Pfile was well known here and has a number of relatives living in this vicinity. He has resided in Hoskins since 1872. He leaves a wife and five grown children.

Autopsy Shows Suicide. Neligh, Neb., Aug. 16.—Special to The News: The autopsy held over the remains of Nels Pederson yesterday at the late home of the deceased by Dr. W. E. Conwell of this city, related the fact that he came to his death by strangulation, and by his own hand. After all this fact had been given, some of the people in that immediate vicinity still cling to the idea that the man was murdered.

The officers of this county are absolutely certain that there is no ground for the theory of murder. The first indication that was given out that the man was not murdered, is evidence enough in itself. The house was filled with people when the cord was cut away from the throat, and everyone present could hear the escaping air from the lungs, and it was so foul that it was near impossible to remain. Such circumstances could not happen after a person had been murdered.

Levi Greggerson, who accompanied Sheriff Miller and County Attorney Rice home Sunday evening was released by the officers upon their return to Neligh yesterday afternoon. He was suspected by the neighbors in that vicinity of having a hand in the foul play action, if such there was, and was brought here for safe keeping, and only for his own protection.

Stole Bunch of Neckties. Because he took from her fifteen men's neckties which she was endeavoring to make away with, a colored woman whose name is unknown stood in the doorway of the Star clothing store yesterday afternoon and for fully two minutes kept the air hot with her curses which she addressed to G. A. Kuhl, head salesman.

The woman stood at the counter inspecting collars which she wanted to purchase. A large number of men's neckties were neatly displayed in front of her. While Charles Fuerst, the salesman who was waiting on her, turned his back to exhibit more collars from the stock, the woman commenced pulling the after tie, which she concealed under a coat she carried over her arm. Jake Shively, another salesman whose eyes were glued on the woman, immediately made things warm by yelling:

"What are you going to do with those ties?" She immediately pulled a few from their place of concealment and throwing them on the counter marched manfully toward the door saying, "I can pay for whatever I buy, thank you."

Her retreat was not speedy enough and G. A. Kuhl was soon engaged in a tug of war, winning by a length. He recaptured fifteen of the ties and throwing the coat back to the woman, told her to make her retreat hasty. She then blockaded the doorway and cursed him.

The Early Vote Heavy. The primary election opened at 1 o'clock in Norfolk, the polls to close at 8 p. m. The early voting was unusually heavy.

Dahlman's boosters used automobiles to carry voters to the polls. The returns will be slow, because of the size of the ballot.

Omaha, Aug. 16.—A statewide primary election is being held throughout Nebraska today to nominate officials from United States senators down to the smallest county office. While Omaha and Lincoln are the two principal centers of interest, the voting in less thickly populated sections of the state will be a distinct factor in the general result. Definite figures are hardly expected before Wednesday night, although in the cities the count will be completed much earlier.

In twenty-three counties the polls do not close until 12 p. m., and in many predicts in the counties the

returns must be sent forty miles to the nearest telegraph office. Mayor Dahlman wound up an aggressive gubernatorial campaign in this city with a dozen speeches, the last of which was not finished until late in the night. Other candidates put the finishing touches on their canvass in less spectacular fashion, but with equal enthusiasm.

The congressional race in the First and Second districts has been the most interesting and the politicians are not willing to hazard a guess on the outcome. Secretary Hayward of the republican national committee is a candidate in the First district and some profess to believe that the republican following of democratic candidates for state offices will impair his chances, since many consider the state offices of greater importance. In the Second district, Judge Abraham Lincoln Sutton, "progressive" republican, threatens the chances of Charles L. Saunders for similar reasons.

With both parties divided on the question of county option and the insurgent strength showing itself in the republican party new conditions have arisen which prevent either side from making serious predictions as to the final results.

Telephone 22 Years Old. Twenty-two years ago this morning G. T. Sprecher, present local manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, started to work with a force of linemen setting poles for the first telephone line in the city. A few days later the first telephone was installed in The News office, and in another day the line was extended to the fair grounds, to the grounds where the G. A. R. were holding a reunion and one in the Hopkins shop. These four telephones consisted of Norfolk's telephone capacity twenty-two years ago.

Mr. Sprecher, before coming here, for three years had been manager of the Schuyler office, where he was ordered to Omaha. Organizing his force of workers he reached Norfolk on the night of August 15 and on the morning of August 16, the first telephone pole was put in place.

The times have greatly changed since then. The Nebraska Telephone office switchboard with hundreds of telephones has been filled to its capacity and additional switchboards are being installed. There is also another telephone system here with many telephone subscribers, the Independent Telephone company, a competitor of the Bell. The city is a network of telephone and telegraph wires and there is hardly a home, even among the most humble in which there is not a telephone installed. The wires have extended all over the rural routes and farmers look on them as a common and necessary thing.

Ready for Fort Riley. Wednesday morning at a very early hour Musicians Lynde, Howe and Dreeseon will sound "assembly" at the armory of Company D, local militia company. A few moments later Captain C. L. Anderson will give the order, "Fall in," and the soldiers at 6:20 will board their special car on Northwestern train No. 2, and soon be on their way to Fort Riley, Kan., where, with thousands of other regular and militia troops, they will take part in the maneuvers. At Stanton, Captain Johnson, the commander there, will embark on another special car of the same train, and the baggage car of the Norfolk company will be shared by the soldiers of their neighboring town. When arriving at Lincoln, the regiment will take a special train over the Union Pacific for the camping grounds in Kansas. The Norfolk soldiers will return home on August 28.

The soldiers who will leave Wednesday are: Captain C. L. Anderson, Lieutenant H. M. Anderson, Lieutenant Fred G. Custer, Sergeant L. F. Brueggeman, Quartermaster Sergeant W. R. McFarland, Sergeants Evanson, Wille, Weaver, Asmus, Corporals, Lynde, Killen, Leu, Wilde, Musicians, Hauptl, Beyer, Hardy, Inglis, Lynde, Larkin, Fox, Davidson, Hills, Rowlett, Kelsau, Odome, Seifert, Taft, Bridge, Musselman, Jackson, Strong, Carbine, Macey, Rigert, Grauel, Shippee, Potras.