

Madison Challenges Pierce. Madison, Neb., June 30.—Special to The News: I beg to differ with the correspondent who sent you the article in regard to the Madison-Pierce game Sunday, June 25, notwithstanding the fact the Madison team quit the diamond they were justified in doing so. Our catcher denies making the statement that the ball knocked was a fair ball as it was foul by at least thirty feet. In regard to playing dirty ball the Pierce first baseman deliberately blocked the runner from going to first, this being the reason why he was run into.

I also wish to state that we would like to meet the Pierce team at any time either on the Norfolk diamond or else at Humphrey diamond with the same lineup for a game. Yours respectfully, F. W. Balsch, Mgr.

TO FIRE THE TWO CLERKS.

Report of Sub-Committee on Day Portrait, is Received.

Washington, June 30.—The recommendation for the dismissal at once from the government service of American Consul General W. H. Michael at Calcutta, former chief clerk of the state department, and Thomas Morrison, present disbursing clerk, for their connection with the day portrait case, was reported to the house committee on expenditures in the state department by the investigating sub-committee. The full committee, in adopting the report, added two amendments. One condemned the practice of signing vouchers in blank "as not only unbusinesslike and inexcusable but as a virtual invitation to wrong-doing." The other set forth that in view of the statute of limitations and the difficulty of obtaining proof the committee deemed it "unnecessary to make any suggestions or recommendation relative to criminal prosecution of either Michael or Morrison."

Battle Creek News.

Battle Creek, Neb., June 30.—Special to The News: A five-week-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Schlueter of Meadow Grove died early Friday morning. The funeral was held Saturday noon at the Lutheran church at Battle Creek and interment made at the Lutheran cemetery south of town. Rev. Mr. Bornholt of Tilden officiated. F. D. Schulz and Mr. and Mrs. William Ludwig of Beemer, relatives, were here at the funeral.

Three Men Dead in a Freight Car.

Seward, Neb., June 30.—The crushed bodies of three men were found near the bottom of a freight car loaded with lumber here. The men are not known. They were stealing a ride and it is believed that while trying to escape the view of trainmen they were caught by the heavy bridge timber with which the car was loaded. The lumber was shipped from a southern state.

Like Heat from a Fire.

Fairfax, S. D., June 30.—Special to The News: Hot south winds Thursday, presumably from the fierce prairie fire that swept over a part of Holt county, Neb., near Lynch, caused the temperature here to reach 106 during the afternoon. Some thermometers reached as high as 110. Cooler winds toward evening, with a threatened shower, relieved the uneasiness caused by the excessive heat.

Ewing, Neb., June 30.—Special to The News: The heat here yesterday reached 104. The hot wind was the worst since 1894, but corn is not in a condition to be damaged by it.

Gregory, S. D., June 30.—Special to The News: Another fine rain fell here Wednesday night, which was apparently general over this and Tripp county. Fully an inch and a half fell in this vicinity.

Corn is in the finest condition in the history of the county. While we have not suffered from drought at any time this season, small grain has been fired some by heat and winds, but prospects are that it will yield a fair average crop.

Norfolk Not a Register Point.

Norfolk will not be a registration point in the forthcoming opening of Rosebud and Pine Ridge lands. The registration points are: Chamberlain, Dallas, Gregory and Rapid City. The registration begins October 2 and continues three weeks, until October 21. Monday is the first day of the registration.

Two years ago Judge Witten, superintendent of the Tripp county drawing, told a News man that if Norfolk had applied, it would have been designated a registration point. This year when application was made, answer came that it had not lately been the policy of the government to designate registration points in states other than those in which the lands were to be opened.

The Norfolk Commercial club left no stone unturned in its effort to secure a registration point for Norfolk this time, but the effort was fruitless.

It is estimated that about 100,000 people will pass through Norfolk for the opening.

The land to be opened is Mellette county, in the Rosebud, and Bennett county, in Pine Ridge. Mellette county is the northern half of what formerly was Meyer county. It is directly west of the northern half of Tripp county, Bennett county, in the Pine Ridge, borders on Nebraska, being directly west of what was formerly the south half of Meyer county.

These lands are to be opened under the registration plan heretofore followed.

The registration for the North Dakota lands will begin August 14 at the towns of Bismarck, Minot, Plaza, Garrison and Rider, North Dakota. The registration for the South Dakota lands will begin October 2 at the

present the trains reach only Rosebud. This is the third great land rush that has gone through Norfolk within the past six years.

The coming rush, however, will extend both west and northwest of Norfolk, as the Pine Ridge lands are on the Norfolk-Deadwood line of the Northwestern.

Great activity may be expected in the whole territory west of Norfolk, as a result of this announcement.

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Twenty-four hours ahead of morning papers from Sioux City, Omaha or Lincoln, The Norfolk News carries in this issue, to the people of north Nebraska and southern South Dakota, the news that another great land rush will come to this territory this summer, owing to opening of Pine Ridge and Rosebud lands.

This is the third time The News has carried president's proclamations ordering land openings in this field, to the interested territories, a day ahead of any other newspapers.

Canadian Burned at Stake.

Shawnee, Okla., June 30.—Robert Swazey, a Canadian, was burned at the stake by Mexican bandits near Fort Sumner, New Mexico, on June 15, according to a letter received here from Mrs. Emma Bingham, formerly of this city and a mother-in-law of the dead man. He was killed because he refused to reveal the hiding place of a large amount of money that had been left in his care by a Mexican railroad which has employed him, the letter said. Mrs. Bingham has notified the British government of the case.

Train Runs to Winner.

A new time card on the Northwestern will go into effect Sunday, when trains will be run to Winner, S. D., in Tripp county, for the first time.

The trains have been running only as far as Colome. The track has been finished to Winner for three weeks.

Train No. 401, which leaves Norfolk at 1:30 p. m., will go on through to Winner, reaching there at 9:15 p. m. Returning, the train leaves Winner at 5 a. m.

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