

DOES NOT NEED FREE SUGAR

Cuban Planters Can Stand Heavy Duty.

ROBERT OXNARD INTERVIEWED.

Vice President of the American Beet Sugar Company Says the Island Prospered Under Former Conditions.

The San Francisco Bulletin of January 4 contains an interview with Robert Oxnard which is of especial interest in Nebraska at this time:

"Robert Oxnard, vice president of the American Beet Sugar company, returned to the city today after a considerable absence in Southern California. His brother, Henry T. Oxnard, is still in Washington, where he will probably remain until congress takes final action upon the sugar tariff. The struggle between the sugar trust and the beet sugar manufacturers is of especial interest in California, where the beet sugar industry is of great and growing importance. A strong effort is being made by these interested in the industry to induce congress to maintain a sufficient tariff on the Cuban product to give protection to beet sugar manufactured in this country.

"Robert Oxnard, who has given much time and thought to the subject, discussed it at his office today, and presented some new and forcible arguments in favor of protecting the home industry. He said:

"There is one point regarding this Cuban matter which has an important bearing on the position taken by those who favor reciprocity from the sentimental side. I have not seen any mention made of it in any of the articles that have come under my notice. It is this: Prior to the last revolution in Cuba, which led up to our war with Spain, and which paralyzed all the industries of the island, the sugar industry of Cuba was in a highly prosperous state, as evidenced by a steady increase in the amount of its production, which arose from an average of about half a million tons twenty-five years ago to over one million one hundred thousand in 1894. This result was obtained in spite of a crushing load of debt and taxation fastened upon the island by the Spanish government. It was also obtained while paying the full amount of import duties on Cuban sugar into the United States, where 95 per cent of the Cuban crop was marketed. I mention this latter figure as it disposes of the argument falsely advanced that we owe a reduction in duties to Cuba because she has been deprived of the Spanish market. Spain always levied duties against Cuban sugars in order to foster her own home industry. Both beet and cane are cultivated in Spain and the home industry practically supplies the entire home market.

"We have now relieved Cuba of the entire load of the Spanish debt and the crushing burden of Spanish taxation imposed to pay the cost of the soldiers that Spain maintained there to garrison the island. And yet this industry, which, as I have shown, was highly prosperous under the previous adverse circumstances, is not satisfied with the improved conditions that we have created for it, but asks to be allowed advantages that, if granted, will surely check, if not destroy, our promising beet sugar industry. This result would not be attained immediately, but through the expansion of the Cuban crop to the point where it would supply all the needs of the United States in the way of sugar, at a price with which our labor and other conditions would not allow us to compete. During the period, when the Cuban sugar industry was entering our markets free, and yet not fully supplying them, the cost to the United States of the concessions asked for would be something enormous.

"Using figures published in the Statistical Journal of Willet & Gray, we find that the probable consumption of sugar in the United States this year should be 2,300,585 tons. Of this quantity 1,000,000 tons in round numbers will come from American sources free of duty, leaving 1,300,585 to come from other sources and on which duty is paid. The average duty assessed is \$36 per ton.

"The crop of the island of Cuba for the coming year is expected to be something like 900,000 tons. If this were admitted free of duty there would still be 400,585 tons to come from other sources and on which duty would not have to be paid.

"It is a well known law of economics that the price of all sugar in this country would be fixed by the cost of these 400,585 tons, plus the duty that they would have to pay to get into this country in order to compete with the duty-free sugar.

"The effect of letting Cuban sugar come in free would therefore be to present to the Cuban planters \$36 per ton, or, in one year, \$32,400,000, which at present goes into the treasury of the United States. This bonus would increase year by year as the Cuban production expanded and our home production declined, and would be a heavy price to pay to foreigners in order to accomplish our own undoing.

"This sugar beet growing is today

the most promising crop that is offered to our farmers. This fact is recognized by the continental nations of Europe, who foster and protect it by all sorts of bounties, direct and indirect, realizing that it is the corner stone of their agricultural prosperity. A great deal has been said about our protective system benefiting everyone except the farmer, and it seems a pity that the one industry which our protective system gives him to compensate for his sacrifices in its behalf in other directions should now be threatened with extinction.

"I am very much surprised that we have heard nothing whatever from the laboring men's organizations on this subject. When I lived in Cuba, in the seventies, Chinese laborers came into the harbor of Havana in steamer loads. I mean that actually steamers were chartered and loaded entirely with Chinese contract laborers, hired to work for eight years for \$1 per month. These Chinese, on landing, would be put up at auction just the same as negroes and bought by the planters for the term of their contract. In those days negroes were worth in Cuba about \$1,000 apiece for able bodied men, while the Chinese would sell for about \$300 to \$400 apiece, as their term of contract was only eight years.

"I do not know to what extent Chinese may be going to Cuba now, but it stands to reason that if the American market is thrown open to them at a reduction of duties, the expansion of their sugar industry will again necessitate the importation of coolie labor. Sugar making in tropical countries has never succeeded except through servile labor in some form or another. We see an example of this today in the Hawaiian islands, whose planters are clamoring for special labor laws to enable them to import Chinese and Japanese for their plantations, claiming that otherwise their industry cannot be made prosperous. This is a feature of the problem that should receive serious attention while yet the matter is only under discussion and before we commit ourselves to the policy of shutting out Asiatic labor but letting in its products."

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Chas. Craig of Madison was here over night.

John Miller was in town from Pilger last night.

C. R. Miller was down from Battle Creek over night.

O. T. Reynolds of Madison was a city visitor yesterday.

Chas. Walters of Ewing was in Norfolk on business yesterday.

Contractor Phelan of Omaha is visiting at the home of John Goodall.

Willis McBride and Thomas O'Shea of Madison were in the city yesterday.

The pupils of Mrs. Cora A. Beels at Winside will give a public recital this evening.

Elmer Fox of the Chicago Lumber company's office has been sick for several days past.

The ladies of the Kuffee Klatsch spent a pleasant afternoon as guests of Mrs. E. P. Weatherby.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davenport has been quite seriously ill for several days.

The executive committee of the Norfolk Farmers' institute is called to meet in the office of L. M. Gaylord Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Jas. G. Gildea is confined to his home on South Tenth street with a serious attack of pneumonia. He was reported as a little better this morning.

The I. O. O. F. "camp" at Tilden has an extra program for this evening, to which the Norfolk patriarchs have been invited and several will attend.

Mrs. Asmus and Mrs. Rudat have returned from West Point, bringing with them their sister, Mrs. Chas. Peterson of Rock Island, Texas.

Mrs. W. H. Loomis goes to Madison tomorrow and will leave there the fore part of next week to join her husband and son at Squirrel, Idaho, in the new settlers' colony.

W. R. Braasch of Omaha has been visiting his family and friends for several days past and will return to his duties in that city tomorrow. He has a good position in the metropolis and an opportunity for advancement.

Wm. Martin and family, who have been residents of Denver during the past four years, returned to Norfolk yesterday and will move onto Mr. Martin's farm five miles east of the city. Mrs. Martin is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Westervelt.

The stockholders of Norfolk's two national banks held their annual elections yesterday, which resulted in the selection of the old boards of directors for the ensuing year. Taking their cue from this action it is probable that the annual meetings of the directors will make no change in officers.

The Kindergarten club spent a most enjoyable evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Mayer last night. The festivities continued until a late hour, so late in fact that the electric light system had to overtime to accommodate the guests. An elegant five-course lunch was served at an hour which made it convenient for the Elks present to toast their absent brothers.

The professional ability of Dr. P. H. Salter, who has been division surgeon of the F. E. & M. V. for several years

past, has been recognized and he will hereafter be district surgeon for the company with a territory extending from Fremont to Chadron and including the two branch lines known as the Creighton and Albion branches. It is a promotion gratifying to the doctor and scarcely less so to his Norfolk friends.

The Urdike Grain company that recently purchased the elevator and grain business of C. W. Braasch is making some substantial improvements to the property. A new frame office is being completed at a point near the Creighton depot. The old corn cribs have been removed and 128 feet of new cribs are being erected and a new set of scales is being placed. The improvements indicate that the company is here to stay and will be a factor in the grain business of this vicinity.

The Omaha News' piano contest closes two weeks from tomorrow. Edith Schomaker of Nehawka led last evening with 35,400 votes; Anna Hall of Tabor, Iowa, was second with 35,113 votes to her credit and Viola Kern of this city was third in the race with 34,725. The Norfolk candidate had been leading for several days and her friends expect to see her at the top again, but they recognize the fact that it will require some effort to place her in the lead at the important time, on the 30th.

The dates for the Norfolk Farmers' institute have been fixed by the state university for February 14 and 15, and a competent corps of assistants has been provided to address the meetings, prominent among whom is Mrs. Bertha D. Laws, who makes a specialty of plain cooking. It is hoped to especially interest the ladies in the institute work and Mrs. Laws' talk promises to be not only interesting but instructive, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of ladies and girls when she speaks.

J. W. Edwards this morning received a blooded stallion colt of many fine points from the Grattan stock farm of Prairie View, Ill. The handsome piece of horseflesh was bred at the Oakwood stock farm, its sire being Gameleon 7825 and the dam Vixie Derengold, time 2:22 1/2; also the dam of Madeno, time 2:13 1/2. The colt is a clean, straight limbed animal and although but eight months old, he weighed 600 pounds when taken from the car this morning. Mr. Edwards is very proud of his new possession and he, as well as other horsemen consider that it has some of the best possibilities of any colt in this section of the state.

At the meeting of the Norfolk lodge A. O. U. W. held last evening three new members were admitted to membership and the following officers were installed: F. F. Miller, master workman; F. W. Koerber, recorder; H. L. Spaulding, financier, and S. R. McFarland, guide. Deputy Grand Master Workman F. G. Simmons, who presided as installing officer, has been making his influence felt in Workman circles and as a consequence it was reported at last night's meeting that there would be a class of at least 14 candidates to initiate at the next meeting, and it is possible the class may be increased to 50 or more by that time and a rousing big meeting is anticipated with a number of visitors present. Three members of the new Hoskias lodge attended last night's meeting.

Mathewson post No. 109, G. A. R. and the ladies of the W. R. C. met in joint session yesterday afternoon in G. A. R. hall for the purpose of installing the officers of the two lodges. The following officers of the W. R. C. were installed: President, Mrs. Robert Mills; senior vice, Mrs. Howe; junior vice, Mrs. Broker; chaplain, Mrs. Livingston; conductor, Mrs. Quick; guard, Mrs. Warner; treasurer, Mrs. Pilger; secretary, Mrs. Matrau. The officers of the post installed were: Commander, Rev. J. W. Bovee; senior vice commander, Herman Gerecke; junior vice commander, Wm. Beswick; chaplain, Rev. J. C. S. Weills; surgeon, Dr. W. H. H. Hagey; quartermaster, J. S. Morrow. The adjutant will be installed later. After the installation ceremonies were over those attending participated in an enjoyable social time and were served with supper about 5 o'clock.

The News today inaugurates a contest which it hopes will prove of much interest as the prize for the successful candidate is something worthy of an effort. Six seats have been secured for Charles B. Hanford's production of "The Taming of the Shrew," which will be presented at the Auditorium on the evening of January 28. The entire six seats will be at the disposal of the most popular saleslady or office girl as determined by the votes of their friends, each coupon in each issue of The News, up to the time the contest closes, being good for a vote. In this contest The News office girls will be barred from participating, and it will be the endeavor of the publisher to have it conducted fairly to those who are voted for by their friends. If Norfolk is blessed in one particular more than another it is in having a class of handsome, courteous and accommodating salesladies and office girls of whom everyone may well feel proud, and there will be some difficulty in deciding who is the most popular, but the field is large and each one has friends whose support they may count on. Get your votes in early and see to it that the one you deem the most popular is given a proper start in the contest.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

John Meyer was up from Hooper yesterday.

J. T. Burch was over from Madison yesterday.

J. M. Miller of Albion was in Norfolk yesterday.

R. Brimstock was a city visitor yesterday from Ames.

N. A. Rainbolt made a business trip to Madison yesterday.

W. Clark of Stanton was transacting business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Paul Sisher was a city visitor yesterday from the county seat.

A. W. Chappell and J. N. McBrath of Winside were in the metropolis yesterday.

Miss Nelle Seymour has resigned her position as cashier with the Star clothing store.

Mrs. S. Oldenberg and her mother were over from Hoskins yesterday doing some shopping.

John Forrest, cashier of the Pander National bank, was here yesterday, en route to Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williams and Mrs. George Deuel of Meadow Grove, were city visitors yesterday.

W. A. Connolly, superintendent of the Norfolk factory returned at noon today from a trip to Rocky Ford, Col.

Sam Ikenberg, formerly with the Wide Awake, has gone to California to go into the wholesale clothing business with his brother.

The stock of the Star clothing store is now crowded into the west side of the large store-room while the east is being newly ceiled with steel.

The supreme court has announced the appointment of Miss Nettie Dorch of Stanton as official stenographer for Commissioner J. B. Barnes of this city.

George W. Saunders, a Bazile Mills merchant, has been endorsed by Senators Dietrich and Millard for agent of the Santee Indian agency, vice Henry C. Baird.

The three-year-old daughter of Gilbert Johnson died at his home in South Norfolk yesterday after an illness of about two months. The funeral services were held today.

M. Rosenthal of Omaha arrived in the city yesterday and immediately secured a lease of the store room in the Beels block, recently vacated by Braasch & Zuelow, and in a few days will put in a stock of general merchandise.

Gardner & Seiler yesterday sold the Gay Halverstein farm of 180 acres seven miles southwest of the city to J. M. Milligan of Stanton county for a consideration of \$3,000. Mr. Milligan expects to take possession of the property on March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nenow celebrated their 20th, or ohins, wedding anniversary last night at their home just east of St. Paul Lutheran church. There was a house full of guests who had a general good time. Choice refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Nenow were the recipients of several nice presents.

The E. J. Carpenter company has arrived in the city with a large amount of special scenery and tonight will present at the Auditorium the dramatization of Sienkiewicz's masterpiece, "Quo Vadis." If the production is equal to "For Her Sake" presented here October 10 under the auspices of the same company those who attend will have no regrets.

The News' voting contest for the most popular saleslady or office girl is opening with a great deal of interest and every evidence that the finish will be exciting. A number of ballots have already been deposited, bringing into the contest several of the best known ladies to be met with in the business houses of Norfolk. The first result of the ballot will be made known tomorrow. It costs nothing for a vote. All that is necessary is to clip the coupon from the paper and send or bring it to this office where it will be deposited to the credit of your candidate. The successful candidate will have six of the choice seats for "The Taming of the Shrew" on the 28th. While these six seats are among the most desirable in the parquet of the Auditorium, The News has today arranged with Manager Spear to exchange them for the lower south box if the contestant considers the box more desirable.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the transfers of real estate in Madison county for the week ending January 12, 1902, as reported by D. J. Koenigstein, official abstractor:

Charles Knapp to Theresa Jorgers wd part 2 1/2 of ne 1/4 21-24-1, \$1,500.

Charles Knapp to Theresa Jorgers wd part ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 33-24-1, \$500.

Michael Souler to Ferdinand Kamrath wd e 1/2 of ne 1/4 and w 1/2 of ne 1/4 19-21-3, \$5500.

Eva A. Loomis to Frederick E. Pettitt wd part of e 1/2 of se 1/4 8- and e 1/2 of ne 1/4 17-23-1, \$2200.

Joseph C. Hanson to T. E. Odiorne wd w 50 feet of n 1/4 of lot 2, block 11, Haase sub lots to Norfolk, \$600.

Henry Peterson to Christian Schwank wd ne 1/4 34-22-2, \$2400.

State of Nebraska to August Lenz deed sw 1/4 of ne 1/4 36 24 1, \$500.

Mary E. Eble to Ida E. Truman wd part of sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 23-24-1.

J. J. Clements sheriff to Mary E. Eble sd part of sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 23-24-1, \$150.

Charles Goldberg to Levi M. Eddy wd lots 8 and 9, block 11, Pasewalks 4th add to Norfolk, \$300.

Nancy Kyner to James E. Simpson wd lots 11 and 12, block 2, Mathewson's add to Norfolk, \$1.

T. C. Cannon and wife to D. R. Daniel, qcd lots 11 and 12, block 2, Mathewson add to Norfolk, \$94.78.

James Collins and wife to Charles Knapp wd ne 1/4 and e 1/2 of nw 1/4 12-24-2, \$4500.

Clemens Jostes to Franz Pose wd w 1/2 of nw 1/4 33-21-3, \$2200.

Philip Baugh to city of Madison wd part of sw 1/4 of nw 1/4 5-21-1, \$58.50.

A. G. Brostrom to Anders J. Anderson wd sw 1/4 6-21-4, \$1300.

Flora E. Cox to S. E. Hansen and Fidelia Reavis wd lot 11, block 28, Blairs & Kimball's add to Battle Creek, \$75.

Lorinda Lewis to John H. Crook wd lot 6, block 2, Meadow Grove, \$325.

William F. Hutchinson to P. F. Oberg wd part of lots 3 and 4, block 9, Madison, \$300.

Fred Schelley to N. A. Rainbolt wd lot 1, block 8, Riverside park add to Norfolk Junction, \$50.

Carl Wilde to Fred Weber wd lot 7, block 1, Durlands 1st add to Norfolk, \$50.

United States to David Worley pd lots 1 and 2 and e 1/2 of nw 1/4 30-24-4.

George E. Dredge et al to James H. Kierstead wd lots 1 and 3 and e 1/2 of nw 1/4 30-24-4.

J. F. Reeves to J. C. Reeves wd sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 15-23-3, \$1050.

Edwin M. Norton to Rome Miller wd lot 7, block 1, Dorsey place add to Norfolk, \$100.

John Dieter to John Dieter, jr., wd sw 1/4 17-21-3.

Ferdinand Pasewalk to Eliza Voecks wd lot 5, Herman Nenows add to Norfolk, \$100.

John Crook to A. H. Roberts wd w 1/2 of nw 1/4; se 1/4 of nw 1/4; ne 1/4 of sw 1/4 18-24-3, \$2000.

United States of America to Thomas J. Gross pd lots 1 and 2 and se 1/4 of nw 1/4 and ne 1/4 of sw 1/4 18-24-3.

F. W. Barnes to J. H. Fletcher wd part of ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 5-21-1 and part of se 1/4 32-22-1.

WARNERVILLE.

Miss Mary Underwood is reported seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Creamer are rejoicing over the arrival of a new daughter.

Len. Philben, who removed from here to Knox county some four years ago, is the guest of Wm. Lovell.

Jack Kennedy, living near Hamburg, Iowa, is here renewing acquaintance with friends in this vicinity.

Nate Rowlett sold his farm last week to his brother Walter and the same day bought the Kennedy farm, three miles southeast of town.

John Conley has resigned as director of the school board in district No. 25 and Fred Terry has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

John Oxnard sold his farm last week to J. F. Utchout of Norfolk. He will dispose of his personal property at public sale next week and then remove with his family to Sheridan county.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lodge entertained a party of forty young people Tuesday evening with music, dancing and various games. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

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Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln. An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

For the State Volunteer Firemen's convention at Nebraska City, January 21, 22 and 23, excursion rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan have been authorized.

On January 21 the Missouri Pacific have arranged to hold their passenger train at Omaha to connect with F. E. & M. V. railroad passenger train leaving Norfolk at 6:05 a. m. on that date, arriving at Nebraska City soon after noon on same day. Ample accommodations will be provided on these trains for the firemen.

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A Church Kicker.

"When I go to the theater," says a churchman quoted in the Philadelphia Record, "I sit in a finely upholstered seat. Underneath is a rack for my hat, and on the back of the seat ahead is a place to hang my overcoat. In the church which I attend every Sunday is an uncomfortable, straight backed pew, into which the ushers always insist upon crowding visitors after my wife and I are seated until sometimes six persons are seated in a space scarcely large enough for four to sit comfortably. Hats and wraps must look out for themselves.

"Of course, when I go to the theater I pay for my seat; but, in spite of the fact that salvation is free, I also pay pew rent in church. I might also enter a protest against women wearing their hats in church, but I won't. Sometimes it's a relief to retire behind one."

How Lamp Chimneys Were Invented.

Lamp glasses were invented by Alme Argand, the inventor of the famous lamp and gas burner which bears his name. He had been experimenting for some time in trying to increase the light, but to no purpose. On the table before him lay the broken neck of an oil flask. This he took up carelessly and placed it, almost without thought, over the wick. A brilliant flame was the result, and the hint was not lost upon the experimentalist, who proceeded to put his discovery into practical operation at once.

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