

VISITORS AT THE HOSPITAL.

Data Showing Number Who Came to Norfolk.

AVERAGE, 500 VISITS A YEAR.

Vast Difference Between the Cost of Coming to Norfolk or Going to Lincoln and Hastings—North Nebraska Institution Should be Rebuilt.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Norfolk, Feb. 16.—While I was in the Norfolk asylum I tried to keep some data regarding the number of visits patients received from relatives or friends. Some patients were visited by friends monthly and in many instances several friends of a patient came at the same time, but reducing all these visits to an average for 150 patients, I found that 25 patients received no visitors, while each of the remaining 125 received what was equivalent to four visitors per year. This would make 500 visits by relatives or friends to patients each year. As nearly as I could estimate the average distance traveled by each visitor was 85 miles, or 170 miles for the round trip, some visitors from the extreme western portion of the state covering 700 miles in one trip. The 500 visitors therefore traveled 85,000 miles in one year and spent in railroad fare \$2,550.00.

Had these visitors been compelled to go to Lincoln or Hastings to visit patients, computing the average extra distance from their homes, from my data, as 70 miles or 140 for the round trip, they would have been obliged to travel 155,000 miles and to have paid for railroad fare alone \$4,650.00 for one year.

With a population of 300 in the asylum this item would be doubled and amount to nearly \$10,000 per year, or \$100,000 in ten years, enough to build and equip a hospital. Nearly one-half of this item the tax payers of the northern portion of the state would be compelled to spend extra, and this does not take into account the value of time spent or the extra expenditure for hotel bills, etc.

All sanitary experts condemn the concentration of people any where, particularly the insane, who are peculiarly difficult to keep in a sanitary condition. The modern tendency is toward dispersion, and many states have several dozens of small hospitals in lieu of large institutions. The north Platte district has now about 300 insane and a building that could accommodate 200 is urgently demanded. The extra buildings should be in the form of cottages for the sick, convalescent and mild cases, and these could be built from time to time as needed, always keeping the violent patients in the main building.

With an insane population of 300 in a district, about 50 will always be out on parole, the remaining 250 being the number to be provided for.

The argument in favor of concentration is an argumentum ad Mammam. It is true that the expenses of running an asylum would be thereby lessened. It is the same spirit that sets a stout for patients to do in the beet fields irrespective of the physical or mental requirements of the patient, but solely to grow beets to sell and thus lessen the expense to the state of the maintenance of patients. In the beet fields of the Norfolk asylum a banker with an estate valued at \$50,000 an ex-guard of a neighboring county, worked garbed in overalls, not for exercise, but to raise beets to sell, and yet we call our asylums hospitals.

Look at the reports of superintendents, which is not their fault but that of the state which compels such a system, reports not of hospital data but itemized accounts of the number of bushels of onions and beets and potatoes raised. So large a detail of patients being constantly in the fields, gives medical officers no opportunity for treatment or observation, and medical reports of Nebraska asylums are worthless.

No argument or consideration can offset the right of the taxpayer to demand that such an institution shall be a hospital and not a farm for convicts or a corral for the herding of prisoners at the smallest cost per capita, and that it shall be located centrally in the territory from which its inmates come, so as to be accessible without extra expense to those whose misfortune it is to be compelled to use it.

J. H. MACKAY,

Formerly superintendent Norfolk hospital for insane.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Miss Metta Koenigstein is on the sick list.

Mrs. P. A. Shurtz is suffering from an attack of sickness.

Miss Edna Mason of Pierce is visiting with friends here.

Cal Mathewson of Pilger was a business visitor yesterday.

A. J. West of Wisner was a visitor to Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Davis, who has been visiting in Norfolk for some time returned to her home in Neola, Iowa, yesterday.

The Elkhorn train from the east was a couple of hours late last night again.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mrs. J. F. Poucher.

A Norfolk physician is attending four cases of typhoid fever in one family west of Hadar.

The Ladies society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Coryell Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Senator Millard has nominated to be postmaster at Newman Grove, vice G. W. Randall, deceased, Carelins K. Olson.

J. S. McClary's birthday was yesterday and in celebration of the anniversary he invited a small company of gentlemen friends to spend the evening with him. The zero temperature outside was annulled by the genial atmosphere of the McClary home, and social enjoyments, re-enforced by interesting games at cards, caused the hours to pass pleasantly though swiftly. The guests were served with nice refreshments by Mrs. McClary.

The Columbus Telegram thinks that town is not justified in calling itself musical when the musical event of the season, a concert by Ellery's Royal Italian band, was attended by less than 200 people. Those who were present are said to have enjoyed the program immensely, but there was disappointment that there were not a greater number of people in the place who desired that sort of entertainment.

State Journal: An unpleasant duty, that of carrying out the death penalty in the case of Gottlieb Neigenfind of Pierce county, will devolve upon Warden Beemer March 13. This unlucky day falls on Friday. Mr. Beemer says that he will see that the law is enforced. He hopes to have some one superintend the hanging but is somewhat puzzled about the expense attached to the event. An enclosure and a scaffold may be necessary under the law and unless the legislature makes a special appropriation there will be no fund available.

Claus Rose, a farmer residing six miles southwest of Lawrence, with his two sons, is putting in his spare time in running a hydraulic boring machine. They have a hole in the earth 600 feet deep and propose to keep it going until they find gas, oil or coal. At present they are working through a substance almost as hard as steel in which they are making progress of about an inch a day. Farmers who have an abundance of spare time during the winter months and believe that their land overlies valuable natural deposits might do worse than to follow the example of Mr. Rose and sons.

The funeral of David Whitla will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from his home east of Battle Creek, the services to be conducted by Rev. J. B. Leedom, the Methodist minister of that town. After the services the remains will be brought to Norfolk for interment in Prospect Hill cemetery, the services at the grave to be in charge of the Masonic lodge of Norfolk, in which the deceased held membership. A special convocation of Norfolk Lodge No. 55, A. F. and M. will be held this evening to make arrangements for the services and it is requested that there be a full attendance of members.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds entertained a company of friends last evening, and though bitterly cold outside, the guests found a warm welcome awaiting them and the rigors of the weather were forgotten in the enjoyment of six-hand euchre by six tables of players. The Stitt family seemed to consider it a duty to appropriate all the prizes and their trust scheme won out to the mutual regret of the other guests, Mrs. Stitt being presented with the first favor for the ladies while Mr. Stitt captured that for the gentlemen. For the "shouting" prize a number of ladies had to cut and Mrs. McBride was thus determined the lucky winner. At the conclusion of the games the guests were served with a nice two-course supper. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will be at home to another company of their friends tonight.

C. D. Jenkins—or perhaps it was accident—evidently considered the temperature last night favorable for the formation of a toboggan slide down Ninth street, and when he went to draw a pail of water about 10:30 he turned the rod controlling the water with such energy that it broke square off down below and the water has been flowing freely from his house since that time. It flooded the yard and the street and the temperature quickly converted it into ice, forming a glazed path down Ninth to Main. He believes in turning his and the city's misfortune to some account, and if his friends care to slide he promises to be there with a lantern to light them down the pathway of congealed aqua. Mr. Jenkins informed the water-works man of his trouble and it is said that something like the following conversation ensued: "Have you a meter?" "No." "Well then let'er run."

Mr. Tucker, a farmer living six miles west and two miles north of Norfolk had an experience with a prairie wolf at his home Monday night that indicates an excessive boldness on the part of the animals. He was awakened during the night with the loud and prolonged barking of the dogs and going down to investigate he found them fighting with a large wolf in the very door yard. He at once secured his gun, which was loaded with but one shell, and proceeded to enter the fight. He called the dogs off and the half famished wolf followed them within 15 feet of the door. Mr. Tucker shot at the animal but failed to kill it. While he was hunting the house over for another shell the fight between the dogs and wolf was renewed with vigor and the wounded animal was driven to a near by straw stack. Failing to find another charge for the gun Mr. Tucker clubbed the weapon and went after his wolfship with the result that he was quickly dispatched. The pelt and the scalp will reward Mr. Tucker for his experience.

Paul Gilmore, who has hitherto appeared in romantic dramas in which the cut, thrust and parry of swords was a distinctive and dominant feature, will appear here soon in Haddon Chambers' brightly amusing comedy, "The Tyranny of Tears," which depends upon brisk incisive dialogue and some amusingly complicated situations, interpreted by clever players, for its success.

MILWAUKEE TO COMPETE.

Will Try to Head Off Business from the Northwestern,

LINE OF STEAMBOATS TO BE RUN

Freight and Passengers Will be Boated Between Niobrara and Sioux City—Railroad Men Will Take Grievances to Chicago.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

Sioux City is pleased to note that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company is not to sit patiently by and see the Northwestern, through its Bonesteel extension, gather in the whole business of the territory entered. The method to be used in competition is outlined by the Sioux City Journal, which states that Capt. Joseph Leach and two sons of Niobrara have purchased the freight and passenger packet steamer, F. J. Bachelor, and have refitted the steamer Little Maund with new engines, boilers and cabins.

During the coming season the two boats will run between Niobrara and Sioux City, thus inaugurating a Charles Mix county-Sioux City service, which is designed to offset for the benefit of the Milwaukee the service to Omaha via the Elkhorn. The Bachelor is 189 feet in length, 35 feet wide and carries 300 tons. The Little Maund will carry 150 tons.

In addition to this service Capt. Leach and sons are constructing a gasoline ferryboat which will be used by the Milwaukee as a transfer at Niobrara.

The Milwaukee officials are evidently keeping close tabs on the business secured by the Northwestern through its extension and hope to swing considerable of it their way. The Journal says: "The Milwaukee laid the plans for this service last year, when it did consider- able beat business below Niobrara with points not connected with railroad facilities. Several stations were established and all winter buyers have been purchasing grain and stock, and other buyers will be stationed at points not conflicting with Milwaukee territory. The belief is the Milwaukee will make a strong bid for this business, inasmuch as the traffic from Niobrara over the Northwestern gives employment to two daily freight trains."

Grievances Go to Chicago. One of the first results of the closer relations existing between the Elkhorn and the Northwestern system proper is the directing of the grievance committees of conductors and trainmen to the general headquarters in Chicago. They expected to settle the matters up for discussion with General Manager Bidwell at Omaha, but it is now learned that the committees of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will be combined with the Chicago & Northwestern general committee of the two orders and will with that body meet the general management of the Northwestern system in Chicago soon.

Fine light work a specialty at Paul Nordwig's harness shop.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Fred Wiggins of Wisner was a city visitor yesterday.

H. P. Shumway was over from Wakefield yesterday on business.

G. A. Luikart is looking after business interests in Tilden today.

Miss Emma Sonnenschein of Stanton is visiting with Norfolk relatives.

Mrs. E. O. Mount is visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Scobee of Dennison, Iowa.

A. C. McFarland was in the city this morning on his way home to Lynch from Stanton.

Guy Cooley was in the city yesterday from Hayward, Wis. He was on his way to Lynch where he will visit his mother.

There will be a social session of the Ladies guild of Trinity church with Mrs. G. A. Luikart tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. The ladies of the parish are invited.

Reports concerning the condition of L. Sessions are that while he is still very weak, the nurses who are attending him express the conviction that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dommer are happy over the arrival of a new daughter at their home this morning. Mr. and Mrs. B. Myers also have a new girl at their house.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Otto Wichtman and Miss Matie Lichtenberg, which is to take place in the German Lutheran church at Hadar Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Have you noticed that the young professional man who preached that it was not necessary to wear an overcoat to keep warm, has so far modified his theory as to believe that a pair of ear muffs would not prove uncomfortable? He will probably wear them as soon as the soreness and swelling goes out of his ears sufficiently to make it possible.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds entertained another company of friends last evening, six-hand euchre being again employed as the principal amusement feature. Mrs. C. C. Gow made the high score of the ladies and Dr. A. Bear proved the most successful gentleman. In cutting for the "shouting" prize Mrs. H. E. Warrick drew the winning card.

Saturday night the cigar factory of A. Wilde was burned, and last evening the Milwaukee Mechanics Insurance company, in which the stock and fixtures of the factory were insured, made settlement in full, paying every cent of the policy. W. W. Roberts, agent of the company, states that this is the first instance that he knows of where an insurance company has made full settlement within three days after a fire.

CHEF ACCUSED OF STEALING

Left the Oxnard Tuesday With a Valuable Blanket.

HORR IN TOILS AT SIOUX CITY.

Took a Watch in The Iowa Town Last December—Sioux City Journal Discloses Some Doings of the Cook.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Edward Horr, a cook formerly of Odo-bolt, was arrested yesterday at 510 west Eighth street with stolen property in his possession. At police headquarters, when placed in the sweat box, Horr admitted he stole the articles, and acknowledged the theft of a fine gold watch for which the police department has been searching since December 31.

Recently Horr and his bride of five months have been residing at Norfolk, Neb., where he had a position as chef at the Hotel Oxnard. When Horr left Norfolk last Tuesday a fine blanket was missed and Charles Dugan, of Sioux City, reported to the office that a pair of military brushes had been stolen from his room. The blanket and the brushes were found yesterday at Horr's home. Last December Horr was employed as a cook at the Gem restaurant, 310 Pierce street. On the last day of the year a fine watch and long gold chain, the property of Mrs. A. Grant, wife of the proprietor of the place, was stolen. The watch had eight diamonds in the back case and cost Mr. Grant \$150 at wholesale. The chain was worth almost \$50.

Suspicion strongly pointed to Horr as the thief. The business of the restaurant that afternoon had been very quiet and only a few persons had been in the place. Horr went out and remained an hour, something he never before had done.

Mr. Grant accused him of the theft, but he denied the accusation with vigor. Then Mr. Grant discharged him.

The larceny immediately was reported to the police, but all efforts to find the watch were unsuccessful until yesterday, when Horr was caught with the Norfolk goods in his possession. Chief of Police Davenport and Detective Westfield bore down upon the fellow so heavily that he weakened and confessed the theft. He said he had taken the watch at Hawarden and representing himself as E. A. Johnson, a real estate agent, had pawned it to Dr. Doolittle for \$20.

Chief Davenport telephoned to the marshal of Hawarden, who was only a few minutes in locating the watch and chain. Dr. Doolittle soon telephoned the chief that he had the watch and chain and would send them to Sioux City this morning.—Sioux City Journal.

The Children's Friend. There is no use trying to persuade American mothers that a substitute exists for Perry Davis' Painkiller. They know how to relieve the troubles of childhood, from sprained arms and legs to stomachache. Other preparations may do good, painkiller is certain to. A big difference, and one that has been recognized for sixty years. There is but one painkiller, Perry Davis'.
HALF BREED, ANYWAY.

Saloon Man at Bonesteel Refused to Serve a Norfolk Man. A story comes down from Bonesteel, that is told at the expense of a well-known resident of Norfolk who travels a great deal. Entering one of the refreshment resorts at the town on the edge of the Rosebud agency, so the story goes, this gentleman called for his straight.

"I am sorry," said the bar tender, "but the law will not permit me to serve you."

"The law be damned, what is the matter with it?" said the would-be purchaser.

"It prohibits the sale of liquor to Indians."

"But I am not an Indian."

"You have Indian blood?"

"Not a drop."

"Now his intimates have named him 'Long-Man-Afraid-of-the-Cars.'"

AN EXTRACT FROM HER LETTER.

A Country of Sunshine and Roses the Whole Year Through.

"If you could only be here this winter morning and see for yourself, you would no longer doubt me. Roses are blooming in our front yard, and all nature is as far advanced in this lovely American summerland as it will be in your cold eastern home by June."

"We made the trip from Omaha to California via the Union Pacific to avoid the detour routes."

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CLOSING CONCERT.

Bridges Company and Their Class Entertainment at Baptist Church.

[From Thursday's Daily.]

The Bridges Concert company which has been holding a musical convention in this city during the past two weeks, closed its engagement here last night with an enjoyable musical program before a large audience at the Baptist church. They leave many friends in Norfolk and should they again visit the city in the future their present success would be of material assistance toward establishing them for another two-weeks' engagement. From here they go to Stanton, where they had a class several years ago and were warmly solicited to return this winter.

The first part of the program given last night was by members of their class, who have acquired a surprising knowledge of music and received excellent voice training during the two weeks the Bridges have been here. Without any previous announcement of the intention of the instructors the class was put to the test last night on musical subjects and the showing was a gratifying surprise to those attending. The class of 60 voices formed a chorus and rendered music that was splendid.

The members of the company gave the second part of the program and the string quartet; solo, duo, trio and quartet singing was very beautiful and entertaining. Several readings by Mrs. Bridges rounded out an evening's entertainment that has been seldom equalled in Norfolk.

The class established here will maintain its organization and will meet each Thursday evening for practice, thus perfecting what they have learned during the past two weeks.

Miss Grace Spear who has been canvassing the city for a guarantee to the Paul Gilmore company in "The Tyranny of Tears" has met with sufficient success to warrant the closing of the contract with the company, which was done yesterday with the agent, Mr. Meekin. For the benefit of those, however, who desire the advantage of the Saturday afternoon seat sale, names will still be added to the list by seeing Miss Spear or phoning 179. The Saturday afternoon sale will be held at Leonard's drug store from 1 to 6 o'clock and will be attended to by Mr. Spear. The regular sale will open at the box office at 9 o'clock Monday morning as usual.

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