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**DR. MARQUARDT,**  
OPHTHALMOLOGIST.



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The kind that is genteel, dressy, neat and snug to the foot, without being too full. The perfect fitting shoe, and one that wears well and keeps its good looks. We recommend our Walk-Over shoe as filling these requirements, and we guarantee them to be as represented. We also carry the finest makes of ladies' shoes.

We Keep Open Evenings until 9:00 o'clock.

**The Palace Shoe Store.**

**The Weather.**  
Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. to day:  
Maximum temperature..... 31  
Minimum temperature..... 17  
Average..... 24  
Precipitation..... .71  
Snow..... .00  
Total snow, inches..... 2.00  
Total precipitation for month..... 1.65  
Rain..... .00  
Total..... .00  
Barometer..... 30.10  
Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer Saturday.

**FRIDAY FACTS.**

The team whist club will meet tonight with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hazen. It is reported that Miss Eleanor Coffeene is quite seriously ill at her home in Omaha with typhoid-pneumonia.

Miss Coffeene made Norfolk her home for a time and has a great many friends in the city.

Mrs. Mary Mathewson and Mrs. J. S. Mathewson are entertaining a number of ladies this afternoon.

Rev. J. J. Parker was in the city last night from Plainview to listen to the lecture of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot. Mr. Parker will move his family to Plainview shortly, having established a Congregational church at that place.

This is the last day of school for a week and a number of the teachers will improve the opportunity for attending the session of the North Nebraska Teachers' association at Columbus next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Walter J. Sullivan and Miss Clara Fritz were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Gordon yesterday. The bride formerly lived in Norfolk with her parents. She has many friends among the young folks of the city.

In spite of the fact that Boreas retained something of a grip on the weather, the sun came out bright and warm this morning and did considerable toward restoring the country to a semblance of spring by removing a considerable portion of yesterday's snow-fall.

It is a little early for fish stories, but one comes from Ericson, in Wheeler county, to the effect that, after the flood had removed an irrigation dam, people picked up bushels of bass, weighing from one to five pounds each. Skeptics will be wondering what kind of dam irrigation they use at Ericson, anyway.

Rev. J. F. Poucher goes to Council Bluffs, Iowa, tomorrow to conduct the funeral service of Henry W. Findley of that city. Mr. Findley was a traveling representative of the M. E. Smith & Co. dry goods house of Omaha and Norfolk was in his territory. He will be remembered by many of the merchants of this city.

Word from Lincoln says that Roy Pierce, son of Deputy State Auditor John L. Pierce, is very low with pneumonia. He has been confined to his room for the past month and has been growing constantly worse. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce at one time made their home in Norfolk and have many friends here.

The lecture of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot at the Congregational church last night pleased a good sized audience, taking the weather into consideration. The speaker is the field secretary of the home missions and talked about his work. He is a delightful platform entertainer and gives his subject enough of spice and wit to make it interesting to all.

As compared with the average of the state at large this has been an unusually wet March and with four days left the month may yet prove a record breaker. The total precipitation has been, thus far, 1.65 inches. There have been but seven Marches in the past 27 years to exceed this record, and two in 15 years, on the general average of the state. The precipitation at Norfolk last March was 1.40 inches, and an exceedingly wet spring followed.

Brookfield farm sausage at Karo's. Souvenir sale Saturday, March 28. You are invited. BEELER BROS. Karo has catfish.

**T. J. HARTER VERY LOW.**

Old Settler Cannot Survive the Day. Lived Here Twenty Years.

T. J. Harter, one of Norfolk's old settlers, who has been very low for the past few days with liver trouble, can not, it is feared, survive the day.

Mr. Harter has lived for years one mile northwest of the city. He is about 60 years of age and an old soldier. Twenty years ago he came to Norfolk to make his home and has watched the city grow from a mere village. For the past three days Mr. Harter has been unconscious and all hope of his recovery has been given up before today. It was thought hardly possible this morning for the sick man to live many hours into the day.

Ed Harter, a son in Chicago, has been telegraphed and will probably arrive today. LaFayette, another son who lives at Oakdale, is already here.

Mr. Harter has for years been superintendent of grounds at the Prospect Hill cemetery.

Pike at Karo's. Souvenir sale Saturday, March 28. You are invited. BEELER BROS.

Girl wanted for general housework. Enquire at Bee Hive.

If anything of importance happens in the world today you read it in tonight's News. Tomorrow morning the big dailies have it.

FOR SALE—Two horses, 1 buggy, 1 cart, 2 good sets of harness. Inquire at News office.

The dramatic event of the season at the Auditorium will be the special engagement of the Le Febvre-Carpenter company, March 27-28, in the beautiful dramas, "The Little Princess" and "A Western Girl." Each piece is given in its entirety of lovely stage settings and original costumes. A number of new and pleasing specialties are introduced between the acts, making a continuous performance, with no tiresome waits. The famous Ferguson brothers, who have been featured for three years with the "Ferris Comedians" have been especially engaged for this tour. This company of fifteen people will present the comedy success "The Little Princess," with lovely little Hazel in the title role, on Friday evening. On Saturday evening they will present "A Western Girl." Prices twenty-five, thirty-five and fifty cents.

Dr. F. G. Walters succeeds to the practice of Dr. Kessau. Phone, office and residence 18.

**BRIDGE STORY WAS A LIE**

Contemptible Scheme Used to Damage Norfolk.

THIRTEENTH PERFECTLY SAFE.

Rumor Was Floated to Drive Trade Away—Same Sort of Fake Was Circulated in Madison Before—A Poor Way to Deal.

The story brought to Norfolk yesterday noon by a farmer from south of the city, stating that the north approach of the Thirteenth street bridge had been washed out, was utterly false and probably concocted with a view of damage to Norfolk. Instead of having in any way been cut off, the Thirteenth street bridge is in absolutely sound condition and has been crossed today. The river has gone down and there is no possible chance for further injury to the structure. There was, indeed, no danger at any time to the bridge proper and nothing but a slight cut in the south approach, which was made doubly solid by a few sacks of sand.

The bridge gang, who were reported by the mad man who had method in his falsity, to have been out off from town and forced to go eight miles to get home, were in Norfolk all day yesterday, unable to work on account of the storm.

It is hardly possible to believe that a man could be vicious enough to circulate a story of that sort, with absolutely no foundation, in order to merely drive trade from territory adjacent to other towns than Norfolk. That, however, seems to have been the motive. It is more apparently so from the fact that when the little wash was made in the south approach, there was a story started in Madison to the effect that the entire bridge was lying in the river.

The rumor came to THE NEWS after noon yesterday. In order to confirm the fact, a reporter was sent to interview Commissioner Winter. The commissioner was out of the city. No one else knew anything about it, except the rumor itself, and the story was therefore published merely as a rumor. Inquiries came to THE NEWS office by telephone all the afternoon in regard to the facts, but nothing could be given as positive. This morning Commissioner Winter made a trip to the bridge and found it in prime condition.

It was rather a cowardly tale to tell for the man who did it, and a scheme unfair to Norfolk. This city is willing to meet any sort of competition in northern Nebraska when it comes to a business proposition, but it is not willing to cope with surrounding towns in a battle of falsehood.

Fresh lettuce at Buckendorf's green house.

Trout. Karo.

**WARNERVILLE.**

A. E. Creamer has rented and moved into Harry Tannehill's farm.

J. A. Cuplin is building a stable on the lots recently purchased from Neil McBeath.

Mrs. George Woodworth is reported seriously ill at her home two miles northwest of town.

Mrs. N. A. Cuplin returned from Ainsworth Saturday, where she spent the winter with her son Alton.

Ezra Rowlett has sold a quarter section of land, three miles southwest of town to J. S. Carter, consideration \$850.

Israel Miller and Miss Hattie Copeland were married at Madison Wednesday. In the evening their neighbors turned out and charivariated them. Milt Webb, one of the party, was accidentally shot through one of his legs. Just how serious the wound may be is not known at present.

Two hundred head range horses, \$35.00 per head, on board cars at Tilford, S. D. All colts from 1903 thrown in. For sale by G. R. Seiler, Norfolk.

**NEW MACHINE GUN TESTED.**

Miles and Wheeler Greatly Pleased With Test at Cleveland.

Cleveland, March 27.—A test of the machine firing guns, the invention of Dr. S. N. McLain of this city, was made in the presence of General Nelson A. Miles and General Joseph Wheeler in this city. General Miles was present as the president of the board of fortifications. The firing was done from the top of a tall building in Lake Erie. The McLain gun shoots 200 times with one pull of the trigger. A circular plate, fitted to the side of the weapon, feeds the cartridges. Gas, generated by the first explosion, sets the plate automatically in motion. The gun can also be used as a machine gun. General Wheeler thinks well of the new firearm and General Miles was quoted as saying that it was an interesting experiment and the gun an important invention.

**Bad Debt Concern Enjoined.**

Chicago, March 27.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company secured an injunction here restraining the Creditors' Realization company from prosecuting actions at law to procure judgment against it as garnishee. The order also restrains the defendants from interfering with the company in paying wages due its employees as set forth in answers filed in various suits now pending before two Chicago judges. It is charged that the defendant company has made a practice of buying up doubtful claims against employees of the company and then starting suits.

**We Meet the President Easily.**

One striking characteristic of Washington life is the ease with which an interview can be held with the president, the members of the cabinet and

the holders of office. How they get through their current work with all these interruptions is a mystery, but they do. It is undoubtedly better that a subject should be discussed de vive voix with the chief than that it should filter through many channels, to arrive as a more or less garbled version at headquarters. The result bears good fruit, for things are often settled off-hand which take weeks and months in another country. Also, it is human nature to take more interest in a personality than in a mere name.—Hon. Maud Pauncefoot in Nineteenth Century.

**Superfluities.**

The Man—Let me sell you this new and very interesting work.  
The Other Man—I don't need to. My barber bought one last week.—Kansas City Independent.

**And Rich as Well.**

"What is it that makes men great, papa?"  
"Persistent advertising, my son."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Three times as much history has been written as was ever manufactured.

History is only a confused heap of facts.—Chesterfield.

**FINE TAILORING.....**

The New Colorings in Imported Woolens

should be seen to be admired. These cannot be had in domestic.

We are showing a full line of

Imported Suitings, Trouserings and Fancy Vestings.

**J. W. HUMPHREY.**

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PRICE LOW

QUALITY HIGH

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**SHOES!**

We have placed in our store a line of

Men's and Boys' Shoes.

This is a New Department for us. It costs us no extra rent, labor, heat or light to sell shoes, so a small margin of profit is sufficient for us. Then, handling the line as we do in connection with our Lincoln Shoe Department—which, by the way, does the largest retail shoe business in the state—we are able to buy right. Taking all these things into consideration we can safely promise you

More for Your Money

than other dealers. In three minutes we can show you more than we can tell you of in a page ad.

**THE STAR**  
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**HOFFMAN & VIELE.**

Have you seen the Elegant Parlor Chair

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**50c lower each day!**

You are liable to miss a good thing.

Heywood Carriages

are going fast. All kinds of Floor Coverings and Window Shades.

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First Complete Showing of French and American Millinery.

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An Offering of Pattern and Trimmed Hats that Places this Store on an Equal with the Fashionable Millinery Establishments of Large Cities.

Graceful Flat Shapes in Many Modes.

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New Ideas in Street or Ready-to-Wear Hats.

The ladies of Norfolk and vicinity are cordially invited to this Magnificent Exhibit. The Style will Delight You. The Low Prices will Appeal to Your Pocket Book.

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