

IT WAS EASTER IN NORFOLK

And a Beautiful Easter Day it Happened to Be, Withal.

MANY WENT TO THE CHURCHES.

Floral Decorations Were Fine—Music Was Universally Pretty—City Had a Good Time Satisfying its Vanity. There Were Easter Eggs.

[From Monday's Daily.]
Easter morning, 1903, as anticipated by the weather department, dawned in Norfolk calm and clear and beautiful. With a cloudless sky overhead and a pure, dry air to breathe the day was pretty nearly an ideal one for the joy that it brought to the hearts of men.

Very early in the morning, while the day was yet fresh, scores of the faithful walked briskly along the streets and avenues for the early services that were held in a great many of the churches. Later in the morning, when aUSIC of the Easter chimes rang forth on the chilly atmosphere and stirred a thousand homes, people of the city very generally dressed in their prettiest and went to their respective temples of worship.

The floral decorations with which the altars of the churches were universally covered, were things of beauty and the music for an Easter morning was never more delightful.

The Knights Templar attended service in a body at the First Congregational church.

As is usually true, Easter eggs of various tints and colors played an effective part with the little men and little women. Those of the older world took as much pleasure in satisfying their vanity, and the extraordinary display of attractive gowns and pretty hats were a joy forever.

DIDN'T LIKE THE CHICKENS.

J. S. Stitt Tried to Reason With His Neighbor.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
Sometimes J. C. Stitt takes a notion to garden and keep a lawn, and when he does he heartily dislikes to have the evidence of his handicraft mutilated by the chickens of neighbors. He has been bothered by this common fowl for about a week past and, with a number of assistants, has been persistently herding them into the yard of his neighbor, W. R. Hoffman, thinking he would take the hint and shut them up. He didn't and Mr. Stitt finally concluded to file a personal request that the freedom of the hens be restrained. He approached the subject casually and cautiously, and one might say with diplomacy, because if there is anything Stitt hates worse than chickens, it is to have the ill-will of his neighbors. He got along swimmingly with the matter, after a conversation said to be an hour or two in length, and he considered that his representations would prevail without the necessity of a board of arbitration, because his neighbor acted agreeably until the last, when he rudely informed the pleader for neighborly fealty that there was but one thing to interfere with such a settlement and that was that he owned no chickens and had owned none for a year. Stitt is no longer surprised that the birds had some disinclination to being herded in Hoffman's yard, where the picking was no better than in that of Stitt's.

SOCIALLY.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party took possession of the Davenport home on North Ninth street and had a good time of it with music and other features last night. The surprise was on Miss Frances Davenport.

Entertain Sunday School Classes.
Miss Jennie McCormick and Miss Myrtle Templin entertained their two classes of Baptist Sunday school children at the home of Miss Templin on South Ninth street. The entertainment was in the way of Easter evening, and many pleasant features were introduced to the delight of the little ones.

Firemen's Ball.

About twenty-five couples danced in Marquardt hall last night at the firemen's ball. The music was good and the cool air of the evening just right for pleasure in the popular pastime of gliding over the glassy floor. It had been expected and hoped by the firemen that a large number of persons would take advantage of the fun.

Visiting Eagles Dined.

The visiting Eagles who arrived in Norfolk for the installation of the local aerie, were entertained at dinner in the Pacific hotel at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening. The dining room was especially decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting and an orchestra furnished strains of delightful music while the guests were eating.

HE DIED IN BAGGAGE CAR.

Young Man Expires on Train Just Before Reaching Norfolk.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
Riding to his home at Plainview from Colorado, where he had been for his health, a young man in the baggage car of a Northwestern train that came into Norfolk Saturday noon, grew gradually weaker with the lung fever which had

broken him down and finally, just before the train pulled into Norfolk, sank back, exhausted, and died.

The young fellow was accompanied on his last journey by a brother who remained constantly with him and who had to go through the terrible strain of seeing the weak, sick brother whom he was caring for, go to his death in the hard, rough baggage car, miles from home and with no help that could possibly be found.

The name of the unfortunate man whose tragic end came in this manner could not be learned. The body was shipped on to Plainview for burial at his home.

ELKS INSTALL OFFICERS.

Ceremony Took Place in Their Club Rooms Saturday Night.

[From Monday's Daily.]
At a meeting of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held in their club rooms Saturday night, officers were installed for the ensuing year. W. H. Bucholz acted as installing officer and the following officers took their places:

W. M. Robertson, exalted ruler.
J. B. Barnes, esteemed leading knight.
N. A. Rainbolt, esteemed loyal knight.
C. E. Greene, esteemed lecturing knight.
Burt Mapes, treasurer.
W. M. Rainbolt, secretary.
O. F. Tappert, tyler.
C. P. Parish, trustee.
The following were appointed:
R. L. Brasch, esquire.
C. B. Salter, inner guard.
Rev. J. C. S. Wells, chaplain.
C. A. Madsen, organist.

SURVEY GOVERNMENT SITE.

Work of Excavating Will Begin When Lines are Done.

[From Monday's Daily.]
The work of surveying the site of the government building began at 7 o'clock this morning and as soon as the lines are laid out for the excavating, the digging will commence.

This measuring will probably be done today and the first scraperful of earth turned tomorrow.

Superintendent Fain will move into his quarters on South Fourth street this week and the material for the construction company will likely arrive within a few days.

GAS PLANT AT NORTH BEND.

H. L. Snyder and Assistants Left This Morning to Install One.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
H. L. Snyder, F. C. White and H. L. Hansen left this morning for North Bend, where they will at once begin the construction of a gas plant, with reference to the machinery. The material is now all on the ground and a force of men will be assembled at once and the work pushed forward. About three miles of pipe will be laid and twenty street lights will be installed. This is the first plant to be installed by Mr. Snyder as state agent of the Chicago Practical Gas company. Mr. White accompanies him in the capacity of the pipe work and Mr. Hansen will superintend the work on the machinery of the plant.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

Was Partially Visible Saturday Evening in Norfolk.

[From Monday's Daily.]
The lunar eclipse Saturday night was partially visible in Norfolk. At a little after 7 o'clock the shadow of the earth, as it passed between the moon and the satellite, was thrown clearly against the man in the moon. The darkness, as seen from this locality, covered only a part of the old boy's face, however, and he constantly kept an eye out for anything that might be going on. Finally he threw off his cloak of shade and sprang out completely, to lighten up Lent's last night.

DANA-HALSTEAD WEDDING.

Prominent Young People Were Married This Afternoon.

Oincinnati, O, April 15.—Special to The News: A wedding of note today was that of Miss Clarissa Halstead, daughter of Murat Halstead, the noted journalist, and Mr. George Dana, a prominent young merchant of this city. The ceremony was performed this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

MELVIN NEWS.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
During the absence of Miss Oglo Johnson, who attended the teachers' association at Columbus Thursday and Friday, her sister, Lulu, came up from Winside to teach her school.

Fred Kanzler was in Melvin Tuesday on business and John Williams did blacksmith work here the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Benedict and their little daughter were in Melvin Tuesday on business.

M. Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Benedict and daughter Mabel were in Hoskins Friday on business.

Louis Williams was in Hoskins Friday on business.

Miss Lottie Case of Belden is quite sick.

Mrs. George Benedict and A. Johnson went to Hoskins Wednesday.

MURDERER TAKES HIS LIFE

W. J. Alexander Shoots Himself at Little Rock.

KILLED HALL AT MADISON.

Shot Sweetheart and Then Sent Bullet Through His Own Brain—Detectives Were on Watch and Would Have Had Him in Half an Hour.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Will J. Alexander, who, on the night of last Fourth of July, shot and killed Charles Hall, a gambler, at Madison, is himself dead at Little Rock, Ark., a bullet from a revolver fired by himself being the cause of his demise, after an unsuccessful attempt to take the life of his sweetheart, Irla Young.

Sheriff J. J. Clements, who came over from Madison yesterday was seen and he is prepared to substantiate the story appearing in one of the morning papers, connecting the Little Rock suicide with the murder at Madison. The sheriff has been on a still hunt for his man ever since the crime was committed. He had ascertained that Alexander had a girl at Little Rock and had placed detectives on watch at her house. The detective was on duty when the shooting took place.

"If he had delayed taking his own life for half an hour," said the sheriff, "my men would have had him. I am sorry that he took matters in his own hands so precipitately as I should like to have seen him. However, the matter is now before a higher court than we could summon here, the county has been saved a considerable expense, and it is possible that the court might not have inflicted as severe punishment as he has himself administered."

Sheriff Clements has received the following letter giving a few of the details:

Lincoln, April 12.—J. J. Clements, Madison, Neb. Dear Sir: Will Alexander is dead. He shot his sweetheart, Irla Young, yesterday, and then killed himself. I heard he was there and had one of our men go from St. Louis. He wired me that he was watching Miss Young's house for him when the shooting took place at Fifth and Scott streets. Am sorry we were not a little sooner, as I would like to have brought him back here. We will probably get the news in the papers. If not, will write to you when my man reports to me by letter.
Yours Respectfully,
CHAS. F. EVANS,
Chief State Detective.

One of yesterday's papers contain the following account of the double killing:

Little Rock, Ark., April 11.—This afternoon at Fifth and Scott streets in this city, Will Alexander, thirty-two years of age, shot and seriously wounded Miss Irla Young. He then sent a bullet through his own brain. It is thought Miss Young will recover. Alexander, who is the son of Dr. W. G. B. Alexander, a prominent druggist of Carlisle, Ark., recently returned from the Philippine Islands, where he was a private in the Forty-fourth United States Volunteers. Alexander and Miss Young, it is claimed, were sweethearts when children, but the Youngs moved away. Miss Young was married to another man. Both marriages, it is said, were unhappy and divorces resulted in both cases.

Many people will readily recall the incidents of the crime. Charles Hall, the man murdered by Alexander, was an Omaha barber about 30 years of age. He came up to Madison for the Fourth and was conducting a gambling game in one of the saloons of the county seat. Alexander was a capper for Hall and claimed that Hall was owing him some money or had beat him out of his wad. About 9 o'clock in the evening he had determined to secure the money by fair means or foul and walked into the saloon, where he and Hall had a few words, which resulted in Alexander whipping out a revolver he had taken from the coat pocket of Charles Belgrade, Hall's partner, and firing a shot through Hall's body. Hall sank to the floor and in an hour and ten minutes was dead. After shooting, with his smoking revolver still in hand and threatening the other occupants of the room, Alexander proceeded to the gambling table where he pocketed all the money in sight, securing some sixty or seventy dollars. He then disappeared into the night and made for the Christian farm near Madison where he had been working for three weeks, by Sheriff Clements and Marshal O'Brien, but the fellow secured the drop on the officers and succeeded in making his escape through the darkness.

MY LITTLE BAREFOOT MAN.

He Was Trembling in His Chilled Limbs, but Happy.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
Over and over again that funny, unexplainable and quite remarkable trait of human nature asserts itself, the one by virtue of which people in general want to do just what they ought not and by means of which the world, to a large extent, is kept moving.
No clearer case of that very principle is to be found than that of a little street

urchin who was running about in the down town district in the bitterly cold, frosty air of this morning, trembling in every fibre of his body but glorying in his haughty barefootedness, crowing in his independence over his fellows and tramping over the icy sidewalks with the tender little feet that should have been warmly covered up, with the weather forty degrees to the good of today's maximum. He wasn't particularly comfortable when he walked into a saloon to sell his bunch of old bottles but he was doing something that he had been forbidden to do; something that the others dared not—something indeed, that gave him prestige galore and for that reason he was living a strenuous life of eminent happiness, with contentment that might be envied by greater men than he.

HERMAN IN OTHELLO.

Omaha Bee Compliments His Production at the Boyd.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Charles D. Herman and the Warde company, who are to present Shakespeare's "Othello" at the Auditorium next Friday night, played at the Boyd in Omaha Monday night and received a quite flattering write-up from the Bee's dramatic critic, who is usually very choice regarding the attractions given space and very few of them are given the half-column accorded to Mr. Herman and the Warde company.

It says that Mr. Herman well deserves the distinction of "sterling actor" with which he modestly contents himself, that the acting of the company is marked by an intelligence and taste that overcomes what slight defects they may have that would take from the strength of the play, that Mr. Herman in the minor passages "reads the lines with a fullness of voice that is delightful; in the more impassioned portions his voice loses much of its rotundity and to this extent falls short of producing the effects that have won for more gifted actors their triumphs as the Moor. His scene with Desdemona just before the murder was most effective, and in the scenes following he rose to real strength. Miss Roberts has a double advantage in her role of Desdemona; she is fair and comely, as must have been the daughter of Brabantio, and she is possessed of a voice that is both powerful and musical, and which is equally flexible and under control. She, too, acquitted herself with much credit."

It will thus be seen that there is a treat in store for the people of Norfolk for Friday night.

BEGGARS HAVE COME TO TOWN.

Posted at Different Intervals, They Cried For Breakfast.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The beggars have come to town. Lined at intervals along the business portion of Norfolk avenue very early this morning, a crowd of them stopped people on their way to work and put up a pitiful appeal for breakfast. "O! say, me friend," said the first one, with a black, grizzled beard, "couldn't ye please help out a poor mon wid a bit o' breakfast? O! we've got two sore eyes and a pair o' bad feet and me stomach needs somethin' to fill it."

In the next block the early morning business man was stopped by a tramp with a red beard who had time enough to say, at double speed, "O! say, me friend couldn't ye—" when the business man got "next" and passed him up, and the cripple in the third block down was cut coldly short just as he started to maneuver.
The police are after the "profesh" and are clearing them out quite smartly.

COLONEL TRACY ON STAFF.

Has Been Appointed Aide-de-Camp By Governor Mickey.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Governor Mickey has appointed his staff and as an aide-de-camp Colonel Ernest H. Tracy of this city has been named.

Colonel Ernest H. Tracy has been prominent in the Nebraska National Guard for years. He was a major of the Second Nebraska regiment during the Spanish-American war, afterward commissioned as captain in one of the provisional regiments of volunteers and on the reorganization of the Nebraska National Guard was elected lieutenant colonel of the Second regiment.

LEE BAILEY WILL RECOVER.

Man Who Was Shot Friday Night is Getting Along Well.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Lee Bailey, the man who was shot in the back Friday night, will recover. He has been resting easily today and was not especially uncomfortable over Sunday. Yesterday morning the wound was closed by a surgeon, so that it has already begun to heal.

It is now considered by his surgeons that Bailey will be up and about before very long. The bullet will remain in his body for life but will, it is said, give him no trouble whatever.

NEW ATLANTIC RECORD.

New North German Lloyd Liner Sails Today.

London, April 15.—Special to The News: The new North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II sails today for New York in an attempt to make a new record.

EAGLES HELD THE BOARDS

Organized in Norfolk Saturday Night With Big List.

WORK LASTED UNTIL MORNING.

Omaha Team Did it—Membership 138—Elected Officers for the Year. Visitors Dine at the Pacific Saturday Night.

[From Monday's Daily.]

An aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was instituted in Norfolk Saturday night with a membership of 138. Owing to the limited accommodations in the hall, only half the members were initiated. The lights in the Odd Fellows' hall not being on the all night circuit, the K. P. hall was used and it was 3 o'clock in the morning before the work was finished and the chaplain closed the aerie. A lunch was then served and the newly elected members and visiting brethren heralded the Easter morn with the parting grip of old fellowship and expressions of good will for all mankind.

The following officers were elected:

Past W. P., H. Loder.
W. P., D. J. Koenigstein.
W. V. P., C. R. Foley.
Treasurer, M. Shaffer.
Secretary, George Eble.
Con., J. H. Conley.
Physician, J. H. Mackay.
I. Gr., Thos. Hight.
O. Gr., O. B. Harshman.
Trustees, Jas. Collins, Paul Nordwig, and Frank Jarmar.

The visiting team was composed of J. B. Schupp, captain; Thomas E. David, F. G. Hulme, Jos. Star, T. W. Leeny, E. R. Peterson and S. L. Calwell.

Besides the team there were present L. W. McLain, state deputy; Arthur Metz, J. A. Tutill, P. T. Powers and B. Maloney of Omaha and a number of members from Fremont.

EXTRAORDINARILY DRUNK.

Had Been Bothering the People Over on Madison Avenue.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

He was just a tramp ordinarily drunk—indeed, extraordinarily drunk—who had been bothering people who lived and people who passed by on Madison avenue this morning. When he fell into the blue sleeved arms of an officer he showed fight for a minute but finally agreed to come along, merely asking what the cost might be.
On an iron bunk he is this afternoon sleeping off the jag.

MONTEJO'S FLAGSHIP FLOATED.

Skeletons of Eighty Members of the Vessel's Crew Found in the Hulk.

Manila, April 14.—The warship Reina Christina, flagship of Admiral Montejó, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey, has been floated and beached. The skeletons of about eighty of the crew were found in the hulk.

One skeleton evidently was that of an officer, for it had a sword by his side. There are fifteen shell holes in the hull of the Reina Christina, one made by an eight-inch and the others small. The main injection valve is missing, showing the ship was scuttled when abandoned. The hull is in fair condition.

Captain Albert R. Couden, commanding the naval station at Cavite, took charge of the remains of the sailors, expressing a desire to give them an American naval funeral. The Spanish residents, however, are anxious to ship the skeletons to Spain and it is suggested that the United States transport Sumner convey them to Spain. A wrecking company is endeavoring to raise all the sunken Spanish warships.

BRIDGE WORKERS STRIKE OFF.

Five Thousand Men Involved—Will Settle by Arbitration.

New York, April 15.—Special to The News: The strike of bridge workers has been declared off. Five thousand men were involved in the movement. It has been agreed to settle the differences by arbitration.

RACE FOR PENNANT BEGUN.

Chicago at St. Louis and Boston at Philadelphia.

New York, April 15.—Special to The News: Weather permitting, the race for the National League pennant for 1903 will be begun today with Chicago playing at St. Louis and Boston at Philadelphia.

THEY WILL NOT REMARRY.

Denied in Regard to Crown Prince and Princess of Saxony.

London, April 15.—Special to The News: It is denied here that the crown princess Louise of Saxony and the crown prince will remarry.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE JOIN.

Will be Received Into the Western Mining Union.

Denver, April 15.—Special to The News: The Western Federation of Miners plans to receive into their union the Chinese and Japanese in the Northwest and in British Columbia.

Innocent Man Lynched.

Shreveport, La., April 15.—It has been established beyond any cause for doubt that the negro who was killed and whose body was burned as the murderer of Mrs. Alice Matthews, was innocent of the crime.

Anti-Alcohol Congress.

Bremen, April 15.—About 14,000 delegates have arrived here for the ninth international anti-alcohol congress, which opened today. Delegates are present from all the leading nations.

playing a great many men continually, it would seem almost sure that base ball would be patronized as it has never been before. The park is already, the grand stand is up and the uniforms for a team on hand. Some of the old time players are still in the city and there are undoubtedly others close by.

The sport has always been made to pay out in Norfolk with a decently dry season. Last year was extremely wet throughout the summer and the games had to be out to such a small number that the receipts fell at the gate. All that is needed now for the organization is some individual or set of men who will take the responsibility of putting on a speedy aggregation which may be a credit to the city, have something doing this summer and bring in visitors for the play.

AMERICAN SAVES CHINESE.

Commander Drake Discovers Rebel Plot and Discovers Conspirators.

Washington, April 14.—Quick action and common sense treatment of a critical situation by an American naval officer in China recently saved the foreign residents in the province of Kwong Tung from falling victims to a plot, which, while directed primarily against the Manchurian dynasty, inevitably would have culminated in an attack on the foreign population. While this attack was averted by the precautionary measures taken by Commander F. J. Drake, commanding the United States monitor Monterey, with the assistance of the English gunboats Sanipper and Britomart, the French gunboat Avalanche and the German tug Shamene, the coalition known to have fomented the trouble extends to several provinces, and official advices received, both at the state and navy departments, show that reactionary measures on a scale far larger than is admitted either by foreign representatives or the Chinese government have been planned by the rebels.

Hearing that a force of rebels had planned an attack on the Chinese officials of Canton Commander Drake prepared to defend the foreign residents. An armed force of 3,000 men had entered Canton several days before he learned that news and were hiding with sympathizers. The rebels abandoned their plot only because of Commander Drake's discovery and his prompt action and that of the other foreign commanders in taking ample precautionary measures. Landing of an armed force from each of the foreign men-of-war had been agreed on by the American, English, German and French commanders at the first evidence of attack on the foreign section.

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BRILLIANT NEWPORT EVENT.

Newport, R. I., April 15.—The wedding of Reginald C. Vanderbilt of New York, the youngest son of the late Cornelius C. Vanderbilt, and Miss Kathleen G. Neilson, also of New York, which occurred at "Arleigh" at noon, was a brilliant as well as an early beginning of the social season of 1903 at Newport. As the marriage took place in a private villa, it lacked much of the splendor which usually attends a church function. About 150 guests were present.

Dock Workers May Strike.

Chicago, April 15.—On the result of a meeting held today depends the question of a strike which may involve 100,000 workmen on the great lakes. An ultimatum on wages is to be presented by the package freight handlers at Chicago to the managers of the lake lines and labor contractors who supply men for dock work along Chicago river. The demand is backed by the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers' association.

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