

OFFICERS FIND FISH NET.

State Commissioners Working in Norfolk.

TWO HOOP NETS THIS MORNING

Were Found With Forty-Six Fish at Five Dollars Per—Henry Raasch Had Set Them—Officers are Down Northfork Today.

[From Saturday's Daily.] In the two hoop nets that he had strung in the Northfork river, Henry Raasch, who lives north of the city, caught more than the more bunch of forty-six fish that had gotten entangled in the meshes last night.

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feature of the afternoon, at which time a program of music, recitations and short addresses was given that proved entertaining and instructive to those attending.

In the evening there was a union service at the M. E. church, the address being by Rev. Quincy Lee Morrow who spoke from a general temperance standpoint, laying particular stress on the duties of christian citizenship when it comes to voting.

TEAMS NORFOLK PLAY.

Base Ball Clubs That Will Be Available.

[From Saturday's Daily.] If Norfolk has a baseball team this season, it is probable that a different string of clubs will be played than have heretofore been met.

Spencer will have a team, Butte another, and Bonesteel a third. These will be available and want to play. Then there is a chance that a league will be formed of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs teams, in which case Norfolk may go in with them.

Leatherby, who made such a tear on the university team last year, wants to come; "Reddie" Johnson would like to come back and others have written. Agan is already here and there may be more.

BETTER STYLE IN DRIVERS.

Norfolk's Horses are Harnessed to Good Looking Rigs.

[From Monday's Daily.] Never before have the driving horses and carriages been so attractive and pretty in Norfolk as they are this season.

"SI PLUNKARD."

Auditorium Season Closed With Last Night's Performance.

[From Saturday's Daily.] It was a good house that greeted the "Si Plunkard" company on the closing night of the season at the Auditorium and the audience indicated quite a keen appreciation of the performance.

FIRST CARLOAD OF MATERIAL.

Arrived in Shape of Cement—Fear Gravel Pit Caved in.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The first shipment of material for the new government building has now arrived, in the shape of a carload of cement, which stands at present on the Norfolk tracks.

PIANO CONTEST.

Interest Growing in Votes on the Hospe Instrument.

The Hospe piano contest is growing some in interest and a large number of votes are being cast. The count up to yesterday was as follows:

DOING OF ELKS.

Will Establish Reading Room—To Give May Party.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] At their last meeting, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held their first initiation under the new administration, taking in five new members.

PROSPECT A LITTLE DARK.

Base Ball Park is the Trouble Just at Present.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The outlook for base ball is a little dark just at present. There has been no difficulty in securing support from the business men of the city but some trouble has come up in regard to the grounds that may put the team out of the playing.

BLIZZARD LAST OF APRIL

Unprecedented Storm for This Season Raging.

WIRES INTO CITY ARE ALL CUT.

Vegetation Will Suffer Very Much. Fruit Trees Damaged to Some Extent—Just How Badly is Not Known. Latest Snow in Many Years.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] In literal accordance with the flags that were run up on THE NEWS office yesterday morning, when the predictions said rain or snow, and colder, the weather man slapped Norfolk in the face with a bunch of sleet and ice and snow which has rivalled the famous ice of several Thanksgivings ago.

As a result of the storm telephone and telegraph wires are down indiscriminately, vegetation is enveloped in a layer of ice a quarter of an inch thick and the few buds that have ventured out too soon were punished for their boldness.

The temperature began to fall rapidly yesterday and along toward evening it savored of winter frigidly. At 6 o'clock water was freezing and later in the evening sidewalks became dangerously slippery.

Norfolk was cut off almost entirely from communication with the world by way of the wires. Of the dozen lines that run into the Norfolk telephone exchange from other points, only a single solitary piece of copper stood out too soon were punished for their boldness.

Not a wire running out of the Western Union Telegraph office was up this morning, and there was no possible communication. Every piece of metal that came into the Union Pacific station, all that got out along the C. St. P. M. & O. and the circuits on the Northwestern railroad were out completely.

Out in the open country the storm seems to have done more damage to the wires than the city, for a few lines on the local exchange were left in talking order.

Linemen were put out very early on all the railroads and on the telephone service so that the broken wires have been getting mended through the day and the city connected up once more.

Trees in some instances along the avenues have been sadly bent to the ground but will in all probability resume their normal positions when their burdens leave. Lawns are covered with a glassy, grassy crust and the tender blades are easily broken off by the batting of the icicles that hold them.

Farmers and fruit growers in the vicinity of Norfolk report that all of the fruit that was out in any way will be ruined, but that there may be some slight hope for that which was retarded. This will give a possible chance for cherries and apples, but conditions must be favorable for this. The melting must be slow and a sharp sun will not be good.

A snow so late has not been known in this section for over a score of years. Twenty-one years ago, with corn starting out of the ground, snow came on May 15.

The temperature fell to 26 and the rainfall until 6 o'clock last night amounted to nearly an inch and one-half. After that it froze and could not be measured.

At 10 o'clock this morning the snow began falling again and is now practically a raging blizzard. Business is suspended so far as trade is concerned and the streets are nearly deserted.

It is not considered that the storm did so serious a damage as would a sharp, cold frost and if the sky should clear by tonight a more severe attack upon budding vegetation may be expected.

The snow was the result of a great area of cold dropped from Canada, over the two Dakotas. It was snowing at Helena yesterday morning and the wave was accurately forecasted by the weather bureau.

SOCIALLY.

Cards Tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Weatherby will entertain at cards this evening, in their home on the corner of Koenigstein avenue and Thirteenth street.

Theatre Party. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein entertained at a theatre party last evening for their guests, the Misses Young of Stanton and Mr. Dorr of Boston.

Reception Postponed. The reception that was to have been given at the home of Col. and Mrs. Hayes this evening for Rev. and Mrs. Wells, has been postponed until tomorrow evening on account of the unfavorable weather.

Whist Club Last Night. The West Side Whist club was very pleasantly entertained last night by Mr. Louis C. Mittelstadt at his home on the corner of Koenigstein avenue and Twelfth street.

WILL WORK IN THE BEE FIELDS.

Russians and Hungarians Have Gone to Norfolk.

[From Monday's Daily.] Lincoln, April 27.—Special to The News: The Norfolk and Grand Island beet sugar factories are making preparations for an extra heavy "run" this season, and as a result there is a strong demand for labor for the beet fields.

The sugar companies will plant a third more beets than ever before, and are searching the country for men and women who desire work in the fields. Russian and Hungarian peasants make the best laborers for the beet fields and are eagerly sought after.

The beet workers live in cottages erected in the fields and seldom leave them from the opening of the season until the harvest is over. Whole families are engaged in the work and receive \$30 per acre for the season.

Representative Ferrar of the Grand Island factory was in Lincoln Monday to contract for the labor of three hundred Russians consisting of men, women and children, who will be taken to the fields next week.

A force of three hundred has been contracted for at Omaha and are already at work. The companies are still in search of laborers and will spend more than \$40,000 this summer for beet field workers alone.

RESULT OF A FALL.

Earl Bland Died Last Night at Home of His Parents.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bland, died last night at 10:15 at the family home corner of Sixth street and Park avenue, aged 7 years and 3 months. The funeral will be held from the house at 2 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. J. F. Poucher of the M. E. church.

The death of the little boy was quite sudden and proved a severe shock to his parents. He had been playing upstairs Sunday, and in coming down he slipped and fell on the fourth or fifth step from the bottom, rolling to the floor. He apparently felt no ill effects from the experience until Monday noon, when he complained of a pain in the side.

He grew worse rapidly and suffered excruciatingly until death came to his relief last night. The physician in attendance decided that a blood vessel in the stomach had been ruptured by the fall and although everything possible was done for the little fellow he passed away at the hour stated.

TELEPHONE STRIKE OFF.

Harry Wright Receives a Message Making Such a Statement.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Harry Wright, one of the linemen employed by the Nebraska telephone company, received a dispatch this morning from Lincoln stating that the strike had been declared off. It was signed by a member of the committee appointed by the union to present the matter to the officials of the company.

The linemen will probably return to work at once. Mr. Wright, who has been visiting his parents in this city since the beginning of the strike, owing to the fact that his gang walked out and left him, will probably return to his duties after a few days.

EVADING QUARANTINE LAWS.

People Will Hereafter be Prosecuted to the Limit.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] There is a great deal of complaint in the city regarding persons who are evading the quarantine laws. A great many cases have not obeyed the rules and it is said that hereafter any case of such disregard will be prosecuted to the limit.

LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice April 28, 1903.

W. P. Anderson, P. P. Browne, Mr. Lute Early, Mrs. Mattie Elledge (2), Mrs. Estella Evans, Mr. F. S. Griffith, Ernst Harlow, Mrs. Cassie Helcher, Mr. Wm S. Malone, Mr. McGrow, Mrs. Manerva Read, Mr. Geo. E. Smooper, Mr. John Taggart, Frank Angley.

If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

JOHN R. HAYS, P. M.

EIGHT NETS IN NORTHFORK.

Fish Commissioners Have Destroyed That Many.

TWO HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED.

Found Three Saturday, One Yesterday and Four More Today—All but One Had Expensive Meat in Them. Hearing Set May 5.

[From Monday's Daily.] A buggyful of gasping black suckers gathered a big crowd of men in Norfolk this morning, and opened their ugly mouths to satisfy the curiosity of the onlookers. It was not the fact that there were fish in a buggy which brought the people, but the idea that there were samples from the nets which Special Deputy J. W. Rainey had found in the Northfork river and the fact that each beastly sucker would cost someone five dollars because it happened to get into a sein instead of on a hook.

Early this morning Rainey went out to search the waters for nets, and he had no trouble in finding them. Four nets made his haul. Three of them were north of the city, in Pierce county. These belonged to Fred Oestrich, John Krueger and August Oestrich.

One about a half mile south of Norfolk belonged to a farmer named Mans. In this net there were no fish, so the net was merely destroyed. Another belonging to William Degner, north in Pierce county, was taken yesterday.

The four in the neighboring county have their trial set for May 5. All five of these nets were destroyed this morning which makes eight in three days that have gone to the good. For years there have been nets in the Northfork and nothing has been done. The commissioners have now pretty thoroughly cleaned them out, and fishing will be more open.

Before Justice Eiseley Saturday afternoon two men were tried and found guilty of seining for fish, and were fined accordingly. Henry Raasch was charged for just a score of the sooty creatures, at five dollars per scaly, and costs. Frank Lehman had drawn a pair in the meshes of his net and was taxed ten and costs by the court.

The complaint was filed by the state game and fish commissioner, George Carter and County Attorney Mapes prosecuted. W. M. Robertson was attorney for the defense. The men paid their fines and were released.

In finding the nets the commissioners, G. B. Simpkins of Lincoln, George Carter of North Platte and Special Deputy J. A. Rainey of this city spent the entire day. The nets that they found were brought to the city and cut up. The fish were distributed.

NO TROUBLE ABOUT GROUNDS.

They are in Good Hands and all Will be Fairly Treated.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] W. H. Johnson says it looks as though some one is trying to give an erroneous impression in regard to the use of the grounds for base ball this year. He and a number of others who are interested in driving horses, some time ago made arrangements to lease the grounds during the season, and although the lease has not yet actually been executed they are in virtual control of the grounds at this time, but in the absence of organization no one is in authority to make a price on the use of the grounds, nor has a price been made to anyone.

When the horsemen effect an organization they will be in position to meet the base ballists on a footing that will be satisfactory all around. Base ballists, firemen and any others who may want to use the grounds for public good will be fairly treated and there need be no fear that any legitimate amusement will be forced out on account of rent. It is the plan of those persons who have taken the grounds to foster such enterprises as will bring people to Norfolk during the season rather than to drive them away.

BAD WIND BLOWING.

That, and Chapping People's Faces, is All it Does.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] A terrific wind has been rolling into Norfolk all day long from the direction of the Gulf of Mexico, and has whistled around the corners in a way that is bad to hear. The tremendous breeze has blown very little dust, comparatively. The reason for this is that it blew all of the dust there was, yesterday.

People who are forced to be out in the open air show the effects of the weather in their fiery red faces and nearly blistered lips. One chap was unable to go to school today because he rode a pony all of yesterday, and he thinks it is rough.

IT WAS SINGULAR.

[From Monday's Daily.] A Norfolk lad insisted in school this morning that the word five was plural because it meant more than one. His teacher tried every way to persuade him that there might be one five and there might be more. Finally she held up one hand.

"See my fingers," she said. "They make one five. How do you spell it?"

"F-i-v-e," he said.

"Well," she went on, confident of winning her point. "Here are two hands. That makes two fives. How do you spell that?"

"T-e-n," he answered, and that was singular, too.

THIRTEEN HURT IN WRECK.

Passenger Train Derailed at a Crossing Near Toledo.

Toledo, O., April 29.—A southbound passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road was derailed at Bates Sliding, four miles south of this city. Thirteen people were injured, seven seriously, but none fatally. The most seriously injured were brought back to this city and taken to the Toledo hospital.

The injured: B. A. Wolfe, Findlay, head badly cut; M. Brown, freeman, Lima, scalp and face wounds; F. W. Fung, Indianapolis, traveling salesman, face badly cut and hip bruised; William Channella, Avon, O., scalp wounds; Sherwin Johnson, Tontogany, O., back injured; Bert Deween, Weston, O., bruised about face and neck; Miss Ida Wadd, Pomerville, O., cut about head; Mrs. J. W. Luffkin, Bays, O., hip bruised; Miss Lucy Cass, Ottawa, O., head cut; Charles Scott, Bowling Green, O., face cut; H. Kerake, Toledo, hip bruised.

When the accident occurred the train was running about twenty-five miles an hour and the accident was due to the turning of a switch at a crossing. The engine and all of the cars left the track and were thrown upon their sides.

VICTIM GETS NO WARNING.

Wealthy Dry Goods Merchant of New York Shot Down.

New York, April 29.—Leopold Worthelmer, a wealthy dry goods merchant, was shot three times in his home in West One Hundred and Fifteenth street. He was wounded in the chest, arm and right side, and is in a serious condition. Charged with the shooting, the police have arrested Joseph Simpson.

The injured man is a member of the firm of Maron & Worthelmer, dry goods merchants, who recently were burned out at their place of business in Third avenue. Simpson, the police say, was employed there as a watchman prior to the fire. At the time of the fire two persons were burned to death.

The motive of the shooting is a mystery both to the police and to the Worthelmer family, and Simpson, who was very cool when arrested, refused to make any statement. All Simpson would say was that Worthelmer owed him money for something he had done and had refused to pay him.

COLLISION AT NEW HAMPTON.

Southbound Freight and Accommodation Trains Meet on Same Track.

Albany, Mo., April 29.—In a collision between a southbound freight and an accommodation train on the Burlington at New Hampton five men were seriously injured. They are: W. C. Elder, station agent at Albany, cut about the head and badly bruised; M. B. Shamblin, station agent at Bethany, severely bruised and cut; Dr. Cavanaugh of New Hampton, leg broken and bruised; Albert Rodecker of Darlington, Mo., leg broken and bruised.

The four rear cars of the accommodation train left the track, the coach and one other car rolling down a twenty-foot embankment and turning over twice.

Investigating Boodle Schemes.

St. Louis, April 29.—The report of the commission on criminal jurisprudence of the Missouri senate two years ago was prepared by attorneys for the baking powder trust in New York. It was delivered to Daniel J. Kelley, who sent it to Lieutenant Governor Lee, and it was then given to the chairman of the commission, Senator James T. Orchard. This fact was developed by Attorney Folk in his investigation of state legislative boodling schemes. It is believed the information came from John A. Lee, who was again a witness before the grand jury.

Steagald Says He is Not Guilty.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 29.—Henry A. Steagald appeared before Judge Jones and pleaded not guilty to the charge of shooting and killing Frank Bowen, a grain buyer at Benclare, a little town east of Sioux Falls. The crime was committed on Feb. 27 last while Steagald was agent of the Illinois Central Railroad company at Benclare. The defendant appears on the verge of mental and physical collapse. He will be tried during the present term of court.

Three Suicides at Washington.

Washington, April 29.—Three persons committed suicide in this city this morning. All used carbolic acid as a means of ending life. The three suicides were Leonard H. Mangum, a former clerk in the census bureau; Guy E. Padgett, a real estate and insurance agent, and Mrs. Sadie Plummer, a young woman, whose husband keeps a lunch room on Pennsylvania avenue.

Convention for Des Moines.

Des Moines, April 29.—The Republican state central committee at its meeting here decided to hold the next state convention on July 1 in Des Moines. Hon. George D. Perkins was chosen as temporary chairman.

Philippine Judge Resigns.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 29.—W. H. Pope, judge of the court of the first instance of the Philippine islands, has resigned and, owing to shattered health, will return to Santa Fe to take up his residence here again.