

# NEW R. R. YARDS.

Northwestern Company Will Remodel at South Norfolk.

THE YARDS WILL BE MILE LONG.

Extend West to Thirteenth Street From the Y.

MACHINE SHOPS COME TO CITY.

New Coal Sheds With Improved System—Water From Elkhorn—Five Miles of Side Tracks—Complete New Buildings.

Plans have been completed and land has been purchased by the Northwestern railroad company in this city, for an enormous increase in their facilities for handling rolling stock, which will practically make an entirely new yard in South Norfolk, much larger and very much improved in every way.

The improvements, as given out by Superintendent Reynolds to THE NEWS this morning, embrace a mammoth new brick round house; a new system of coal sheds, with the latest scientific improvements; a new machine shop, which has heretofore been unknown in Norfolk; a new watering station, drawing all water for locomotives directly from the Elkhorn river; a new 70-foot turn table, which will accommodate the largest engines; new office buildings in the yards for operators and yard masters; an entirely new system of switches and side tracks which will require five miles of double steel ribbons, and a complete new yard, south of the present Y and extending west to Thirteenth street.

The company has already bought all of the land necessary which takes in the territory west of the present yards for nearly a mile and south of the Y. With the miles of new tracks, the cinder pits and the like, the facilities of the present yards will be easily doubled.

The new round house will be a 16 stall modern brick structure with every scientific convenience. A drainage system will be run into the Elkhorn near by and the great engines now used on the division will find ample room within.

Among the most important features of the change is the addition to the present equipment of a machine shop for the repairing of broken down locomotives. All of this work has previously been done in Missouri Valley and quite a force of machinists will be added to Norfolk. Engines will not be rebuilt in this city, but will undergo general overhauling and repairs. The new shop will be 50x100 feet.

A new water station and tank will be erected and by means of a gasoline engine all water will be pumped from the Elkhorn into the reservoir.

A turn table 70 feet long, large enough to move the largest machines, will be put in and a four pocket coaling plant, an entirely new model, will be established. In this system the coal is dumped into the sheds from cars automatically and is transferred to the tenders by the mere touching of a lever. Power from a gasoline engine does the rest, no manual labor whatever being required. This is a very great improvement over the present method, and similar plants are being established at all coaling stations along the line.

Innumerable conveniences will be provided in the way of our repair tracks, cinder pits, offices for the yard operator and yard master, etc.

The grading contracts will be let within a very few days and new tracks will commence to run out toward Thirteenth street as soon as the grading is finished and necessary material on hand.

The erection of the round house, machine shop and coal shed will be done by contract; the laying of the tracks will be done by the railroad company.

The work will require two or three months and possibly longer, that depending, of course, upon weather conditions, and the like. When it is finished, Norfolk will have a thoroughly model switching yard in every respect, with every scientific improvement and capable of being enlarged without trouble.

All materials in the old yard, including the present round house, will be removed as soon as they can be dispensed with.

## COMPANY L NEWLY QUARTERED

Nicely Located in New Army—Inspections Were for Statistics.

The inspections recently completed by the adjutant general's office and the war department have been for the purpose of determining the character of the equipment and the fitness and personnel of the local company to enable them to secure the benefits of the new army bill, which practically makes the national guard the reserve of the regular army.

The plan is to make the national guard equal in equipment, arms, and clothing with the standing army, and they have been promised that in the service rifle will be issued to them in the near future as well as new Khaki uniforms. The rifle is the famous Kraag-Jorgensen, much lighter than the old Springfield, and of wonderful range and penetration.

It is probable that instead of the local

state camps of the old days, that the Nebraska guard will join the regulars in the field maneuvers at Fort Riley, where the government owns twenty thousand acres of land available for camping and field work. This will offer much of interest in a military way and on the whole, the present laws on the subject, together with the conceded benefits, derived from the drills, make the national guard service very attractive to anyone with the energy to enjoy athletic work, and with the patriotism to stand up for our national institutions.

All visitors to the new army note at a glance the advantage of the larger floor space, for indoor drills in stormy and cold weather.

Company drill is held Monday evenings, supplemented by school of instruction on Thursday evenings. The new armory has an equipment of chairs and additional light.

The present strength of company "L" is forty-one enlisted men and two officers. A number of recruits are promised for Monday evening.

## TODAY ENDS SCHOOL WORK.

Eighth Grade and Senior Class, Alone, Have Something Left.

This is the closing day of activity of any sort in the schools of the city, with the exception of the commencement exercises for the eighth grades and the Senior class. This afternoon what is known as Junior day is on at the high school, and a special program is being given. Junior day is the greatest day in the year inside the high school room. The building is especially decorated by the class and the exercises are extraordinary. Today the Junior class bids farewell to the departing graduates and assumes the position at the head of the schools.

This is an eventful afternoon, too, in the lives of the little folk of the under grades. Today they speak their parting "pieces," say goodbye to their teachers and depart for the summer of vacation and play.

Tomorrow evening the eighth grade commencement exercises will be held in the high school room and on Saturday evening at the M. E. church the class of 1903 will graduate. They have been busy all this week and enjoyed their closing class party, a delightful affair, at the home of Miss Cordelia Laikart in west Norfolk avenue last night. High school teachers were guests of honor. Monday night will bring an end to their high school festivities in the alumni reception to be held in Mast hall, and for which great preparations are being made.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Examinations galore. The principal question: "Did I pass?" The two eighth grades with their teachers, are picnicing today at Taff's grove. A merry company.

Thirteen points difference between the highest average (83) and the lowest (70) in the county eighth grade examinations. This indicates an evenness of work not always attained.

John Johnson has already received employment in a drug store at Rockford, Ill. Paul Sisson is serving as stenographer for Mr. Ransom, Nellie Handley goes to a college of oratory in Chicago, and Nan Stafford will pursue a business course.

There are fourteen members of the senior class, ten of whom intend to teach school. This is a larger percentage of prospective teachers than the state normal school sends out. It affords another proof that the high schools are the principal training schools for a very large number of our common school teachers.

In the examinations for county teachers certificates held in the high school building last Friday and Saturday the lowest average made by the seniors was 77.3-11; the highest 87.8-11. The latter grade is just 1-11 higher than the next lowest, 87.7-11. In this test Miss Loretta Masters ranks first, Paul Sisson second, and Frank Perry a close third.

It seemed impossible for the schools to make satisfactory terms for the Auditorium, hence a change has been ordered. The commencement exercises will be held at the M. E. church next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Admission 15 cents. No reserved seats, except for the families of graduates. This is the fourth school event turned away from the Auditorium the past month because of "stiff prices."

The teachers of the Grant school have planned a "farewell surprise" to Miss Bessie L. Kidder this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Kidder is one of the most to be remembered teachers of the Norfolk schools. Her hold on the affections of the children who have been instructed by her is secure. She has been one of the most successful primary teachers and it is with regret patrons and teachers see her leave the profession. She intends to join her sister in conducting an art and photographic studio at Stanton.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT MET AGAIN.

They Transacted Much in One Way and Another.

The fire department held an adjourned regular meeting last night to arrange for Memorial day and will meet again Wednesday night to take action regarding uniforms. It was decided to decorate the grades of the four deceased firemen on Saturday and badges will be prepared for each fireman to wear on the occasion. It was likewise decided to send out two men to post the bills for the tournament. Many propositions from bands for furnishing music for the tournament were considered but no contracts have yet been closed.

# MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Official Program of G. A. R. for Next Saturday.

FORENOON AND AFTERNOON.

Graves Will be Decorated in the Morning and in the Afternoon There Will be Exercises at the Auditorium. Address by Rev. J. F. Poucher.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Mathewson post, No. 109, G. A. R., has arranged the official program for the observance of Memorial day, next Saturday, May 30, which will take in the day with exercises, the forenoon being devoted to the decoration of the graves of the deceased soldiers in the cemeteries, with the ceremonies appropriate to the occasion, and the afternoon will be observed at the Auditorium with an address by Rev. J. F. Poucher of the M. E. church, and a program of music and other exercises. Following is the official program:

MORNING EXERCISES. Mathewson post, all old soldiers, and Woman's Relief corps will meet at G. A. R. hall at 9 a. m. Parade will form at 10 a. m., under the direction of Comrade W. R. Boswick, marshal of the day, in the following order:

Company L, N. N. G., as escort. Woman's Relief corps, in carriages. Mathewson post and old soldiers, in carriages. Mayor and council, in carriages. Norfolk Fire department. Civic societies. Citizens.

Procession will move west on Norfolk avenue to Thirteenth street, thence north to Prospect Hill cemetery.

Arriving at the cemetery, the procession will march to the soldiers' lot, where a temporary monument will be erected, and will form in a square around the monument. Rev. J. C. S. Wells, chaplain of Mathewson post, will read appropriate prayers. The adjutant will read the names of the soldier dead resting in our cemeteries. Post Commander E. P. Weatherly will place flowers on the soldiers' monument in memory of the dead defenders of our country who sleep in unknown graves, but not forgotten by their surviving comrades, and a grateful country. Then the G. A. R. and W. R. C., armed with baskets of flowers, divided in two squads, will proceed to decorate the graves which will be marked with flags with the names of the dead on the flags. After the graves have been visited, the old soldiers and W. R. C. will again form a square around the soldiers' monument where taps will be sounded and the benediction will be pronounced by the chaplain.

AFTERNOON EXERCISES. Exercises will be held at the Auditorium, commencing at 2:30 p. m. Mathewson post and Woman's Relief corps, and all old soldiers will meet at G. A. R. hall at 2 p. m. and will march to the Auditorium. The stage will be occupied by the old soldiers, W. R. C., mayor, city council, ministers of our city, speaker, and singers.

ORDER OF EXERCISES. The eighth grade school chorus choir, directed by Miss Kathryn Sisson, will sing an introductory selection.

Prayer, by Rev. W. J. Turner. Post Commander E. P. Weatherly will read national and department general orders, and Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address.

Selection, by quartet. Memorial Day address, by Rev. J. F. Poucher. Singing, America, led by the quartet, joined by entire audience, standing. Benediction, by Rev. F. P. Wigton. E. P. WEATHERLY, Post Commander. W. H. WIDAMAN, Adjutant.

## CARRIERS APPOINTED.

Men Who Passed Best Examinations Will Deliver Letters in Norfolk.

William M. Darlington, Chris L. Anderson and Fred Sprecher were yesterday appointed carriers for the free delivery of mail in this city which is to be inaugurated with the first of the month.

Preliminaries to the installation of the service are well in hand and the patrons of the Norfolk postoffice will have mail delivered to their doors at a very early date.

## WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

C. S. Rainbolt of Lincoln is in Norfolk on business.

Miss Bell Temple and niece, Mildred Gow are visiting in Wayne.

Mrs. Otto Tappert is on the sick list at her home in Madison avenue.

D. Kyner of Omaha is in the city on business connected with his mining interests.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Baum have purchased the residence property in which they have been living at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Eleventh street.

There was an error of one figure in the result of the Hospe piano voting contest as published yesterday. May Johnson's vote should have been 13,915, but was given as 10,915.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Baum entertained at a delightful 8 o'clock dinner party last evening in their home at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Eleventh street. Cards were a pleasant feature after dinner.

Miss Mary Mullen, who has been at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Brown, for the past five months helping nurse Harry Brown, left at noon for her home in Ironwood, Mich. Harry is so far on the way to health that he is able to detect a rapid development of weight,

and accompanied Miss Mullen on her return trip, expecting to spend the summer about the lakes of north in Wisconsin and visiting at various points in that part of the country. By September he hopes to return with strength enough to go to work.

The West Side whist club will hold their closing meeting of the year at the Pacific hotel tomorrow night. The final game will be played in the parlors until 10 o'clock when the members will sit down to an elaborate banquet in the dining room of the Pacific.

## WHAT FOR A GRADUATION GIFT?

That is the Problem That is Perplexing Many Just Now.

"What shall I get for a graduating present to a young friend?" asks a Norfolk man who has been worrying over the perplexing problem for several days, and who grows more and more nervous as the time for commencement draws near. Nor indeed, is he the only individual who is fighting with just that question this week, and struggling in vain for a satisfactory answer. People everywhere who have been receiving graduation cards and who want to remember the young men and women just finishing their school days, with an appropriate something, are looking along shelves of the book stores and reading special pages in their monthly magazines, trying to figure out just exactly what to get and what not.

"It is so hard to get anything for a boy," remarked one young lady, as she glanced over a row of books with a much worried look upon her brow. "No one can ever tell what they like." And just as badly bothered, or perhaps a little more so, was a young fellow across the street, looking in at the window of a jewelry store. "I'm wondering," he said, "what on earth to get a girl friend of mine who graduates. I can find a thousand things I'd pick out for myself, but for a girl—ye gods!"

As a matter of fact probably both the boy and girl will like pretty much anything they get. Of course it wants to look as if the giver hadn't deliberately closed his eyes and drawn out the first indiscriminate object his fingers found, but it is the idea of being remembered, after all, that really counts. Books are always nice. They are equally suitable for both the sweet girl graduate and the growing man. In literature, alone, the two sexes have practically a common point of view. And just exactly what book? Well, not necessarily the one with the most pages in; nor a text book in mathematics. Have it in a binding that will be pretty to look at and satisfying to keep as years go by. It doesn't necessarily have to be done in calf, with the tale inside worth while. Have it something that will be good reading the first time and better the second, and something that the happy young graduate, boy or girl, may sit down and look over in the dusk of the evening; look over and enjoy for what it says; something one may read and feel better toward the world for having done.

And then, besides books, there are scores of things that will always delight. For the pretty maid a dainty kerchief or a little pin or a bunch of flowers are forever nice and a young man is always in need of striking cut links and ties and card cases and a good many other things of the sort—except paper knives, and he really doesn't need these if he has already accumulated a dozen at Christmas times.

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## COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE.

Arrived This Afternoon From Wyoming to Look at Gas Plant.

A committee composed of members of the city council of Laramie, Wyo., arrived in Norfolk this afternoon to investigate the gas plant that is in operation here. They are seeing Norfolk in general this afternoon.

P. T. Correll Badly Hurt.

P. T. Correll of Plainview, well known in this city, was very badly hurt yesterday by falling backward off a pile of lumber, for a distance of seven feet.

Runaway in Philip Avenue Today.

A furious runaway took place down Philip avenue this morning. A large bay horse with phaeton attached, did some fast stepping down the thoroughfare and was finally stopped near the Northwestern city station.

Greatly Reduced Rates via Wabash Railroad.

Below is a partial list of the many half rates offered by the Wabash railroad:

Cornith, Miss., and return, sold May 24th and 27th, \$21.20.

Delmar, Tenn., and return, sold May 26th and 27th, \$21.20.

Paducah, Ky., and return, sold May 26th and 27th, \$16.65.

Bellefontaine, O., and return, sold May 28 to June 1st, \$20.10.

Indianapolis, Ind., and return, sold June 7th, 8th, and 9th, \$19.40.

St. Louis, Mo., and return, sold June 15th, and 17th, \$13.30.

Boston, Mass., and return, sold June 30th, to July 4, \$33.75.

Saratoga, N. Y., and return, sold July 4th, and 5th, \$32.20.

Detroit, Mich., and return, sold July 14th, and 15th, \$21.50.

Baltimore, Md., and return, sold July 17th and 18th, \$32.00.

For maps giving full description, lake trips, side trips, and all information call at Wabash city office 1601 Farnam st., or address, HARRY E. MOORES, G. A. P. D., Omaha, Neb.

Does your back ache? Don't delay. Get a box of Kidney-ettes—the most wonderful remedy for all kidney troubles—and they will make you right. Price 25 cents. For Sale by Kiesau Drug Co.

# THE CORN SITUATION HERE

About 75 Per Cent of Planting is Finished.

SUPERIOR START ON HIGH LAND

Low Country is Still Practically Under Water and Planting is Retarded. Work is Progressing Busily This Week in All Parts.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

The recent excess of rainfall through this part of the country has made the planting of corn rather later than usual and an effort has been made by THE NEWS to ascertain just what condition the crop is in, generally. The crop bulletin sent out by the weather bureau states that the lowlands are yet too wet in many places for planting and that the work has progressed slowly, but is now nearing completion. Dr. P. H. Salter, who reports the crop situation from this section, and who is therefore in touch with the facts, states that not more than 75 per cent of the corn planting has been done around here. North of the city, on the hills, corn is in excellent shape, while south, in the low country, some of the ground is practically under water and can not be planted.

This extremely low land will be put into millet, to a large extent, it is said. A Norfolk man who has recently been over the ground between here and Wakefield says the corn in that direction was never better and that just enough moisture has fallen to make one of the finest crops in the world.

The general opinion seems to place the limit for planting in this section at the first of June, although with a late frost in the fall some farmers say they have raised a crop on planting along toward the middle of the month.

## PIANO CONTEST.

Results of the Count on the Hospe Instrument.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Today's count in the Hospe piano voting contest shows some changes in the positions of the various contestants and indicates a deep interest in the outcome. The Queen City hotel has risen to a position among the leaders and proposes to make itself manifest in the end. The result is:

Gertrude Austin	21,356
F. O. Eagles	18,455
Queen City Hotel	18,388
May Johnson	13,915
Constance Reinhardt	3,502
Bessie Widaman	1,642
Railway Hall	333
A. O. U. W.	113
Minnie Parr	91
Second Congregational church	33
Norfolk German Choir	29
Knights of Pythias lodge	26
Eastern Star	23
M. W. A.	16
St. Paul Lutheran church	15
Charles Brandes	8
Paul Radat	4
Jessie Eble	4
Ramond Hoagland	2
Emma Wetzel	2
George Rhode, jr.	1
Walter Dunn	1
Lawrence Brueggeman	1
Elmer Hardy	1
W. Hayward	1
Florence Gaylord	1
Willie Rice	1
Earl Day Weeks	1
Oscar Krahn	1
Edith Barrett	1
Lydia Wheeler	1
Dollie Pfunder	1
Walter McFarland	1
May Edwards	1

## THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Chas. Gates of Pierce is here today. George L. Perry is here from West Point.

Mrs. H. L. Kindred is here from Meadow Grove.

Mrs. Mittlestadt has returned from a visit to Lincoln. Mrs. George A. Brooks of Bazile Mills is in Norfolk today.

"Billy" Ferguson has returned from his trip with Campbell Bros. circus. Rime Miller is in the city today from Omaha, attending to business matters and greeting friends.

Douglas Cones is in Norfolk today from Pierce. He attended the Robinson funeral.

Mrs. R. A. Mittlestadt of Laurel, was in the city today on her way home from a visit at Leavitt.

Judge J. F. Boyd is in Norfolk from Neligh. He went to Madison for the Robinson funeral.

The Oxnard hotel is busy just now putting new carpets into twenty-five rooms of the building.

Beulah chapter, No. 40, O. E. S., will meet tonight in regular session. A full attendance is desired.

W. H. Bucholz entertained at a stag supper last evening, at his home in West Norfolk avenue.

Mrs. Jeffries of Creston, Iowa, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jack Beekle, went home today.

Miss Elizabeth Sharpless has returned from a several weeks' stay in Omaha, where she has been studying art.

Geo. H. Whaley of Columbus, formerly principal in the Norfolk high school is in the city visiting friends.

R. S. Payne of Neligh was in the city this morning on his way to Madison to attend the funeral of the late John S. Robinson.

The Royal Highlanders will meet in special session at their castle tomorrow evening. All members are requested to be present.

Some of the Junction boys had it that a cyclone was due for a visit here between stated hours yesterday and the report was retailed until there was con-

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siderable anxiety, especially among the kids.

Messrs. Jay Burns of Omaha and Gates, Gregouing and Peterson of Laramie, Wyo., were in the city yesterday to investigate the gas plant here.

Norfolk lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., will meet at Odd Fellows' hall tonight for work in the second degree. A full attendance of members is desired.

Edwin F. Williams of Waukena, Ill., has arrived in Norfolk to spend several months with his father, Superintendent Williams of the government building.

Mrs. Good of South Fourteenth street was given a surprise party Tuesday in celebration of her 66th birthday anniversary. The occasion proved very enjoyable to all attending.

Charles R. Hays, who has been visiting at home for two weeks past, returned this noon to Denver, where he has a responsible position with the American Beet Sugar company.

Rev. F. E. Hudson, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at this point, was in the city last night visiting old friends. Mr. Hudson is at present connected with the Baptist college at Grand Island.

Mrs. Cora A. Beels, accompanied by her little niece, Lucile Hazen, attended the musical contest at Morning Side college, Sioux City, last evening, returning this morning. Mrs. Beels was one of three judges selected to decide the contest.

The Woman's Relief corps requests the donation of flowers from the people for Memorial Day observance. Those who can secure flowers are requested to send as many as possible and have them at G. A. R. hall Saturday morning before 9 o'clock.

Mr. Lu'wig Koenigstein is in Stanton where his class of pupils at that place will give a public recital tonight. Mrs. Koenigstein and Miss Nello Handley went down on the noon train and the latter will assist at entertaining the audience with some of her choice readings.

A change of time affecting the running of Norfolk trains to some extent went into effect on the Union Pacific railroad today. The passenger, No. 64, leaves for the south ten minutes earlier than formerly, or at 10:50 in the morning. Returning, No. 63 will arrive in the city five minutes later than formerly, reaching here at 9:15 in the evening.

The last of the granite for the government building has now been received and cars of cement are coming in today. Materials are all moving in good form now and everything promises well for a rapid process of building. "Absolutely no admittance!" is a sign that adorns several sides to the site today, and only those who have business within are allowed to enter.

Dr. F. M. Sisson of this city delivers the address to the graduating class of the Tekamah high school, of which J. B. Barnes, jr., is superintendent, tonight. Dr. Sisson also addressed the graduating class at Leigh Tuesday night, making three educational addresses to graduating classes for the week, which speaks highly for his recognized ability on the platform and in the pulpit.

Mr. John Riese of Winside and Miss Cora Morr of this city were united in marriage yesterday forenoon by the county judge of Stanton county at Stanton, and will make their home on the groom's farm between Winside and Wayne, but removed with her parents to this city a year ago. For about a year, until about two weeks ago, she was an employe of this office. The young couple have many friends in Norfolk who will unite in extending congratulations.

## FIRST LETTER BOX IN NORFOLK.

Sixteen of Them are Being Placed in the City Today.

[From Thursday's Daily.] Norfolk saw its very first letter box today. Early this morning a man was sent out from the postoffice with iron poles and metal boxes, all shining with newness, to be set at various corners throughout the city. Postmaster Hays and Deputy Gentle drove around over the city yesterday to make exact locations for the boxes, and as a result of their work, permanent parts of the government mail service were placed today, to remain indefinitely.

The authority of the United States government is imposing. It effects those who wear it as well as those who are governed. Someone "joshed" the man setting the posts. "Don't you talk to me," he said, as he stood at full height, "I'm working for Uncle Sam."

The service is due to start next Monday. Before it can be inaugurated, however, bonds must be approved and a hundred other details attended to.