

THE RAINFALL WAS TIMELY

Crops About Norfolk Were Thirsty for Water.

SECOND SHOWER LAST NIGHT.

The Gauge Measured in all About .55 of an Inch—Beets Were Getting Dry—Weekly Crop Bulletin From Weather Bureau.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Another rain storm of furious tendencies fell upon Norfolk at 10:30 last night and thoroughly drenched the city. It lasted but a short while, but while it lasted it was dropping about the limit of water and many a man who was just getting home was soaked to the skin before he could reach his sheltering roof.

The rain gauge shows but .55 of an inch, but those fifty-five hundredths made record time as they journeyed in. Streets this morning were dotted with little pools and some of them will no doubt remain for days to come.

Crops around Norfolk were getting rather in need of moisture so that the water was not amiss. Sugar beets, according to Manager Bundick, were pretty thirsty and the rain that fell helped the ground in general, with the exception, of course, of small grain.

Crop Bulletin.

The following summary is given out by G. A. Loveland, director U. S. department of agriculture, Nebraska section, for the week ending July 27:

The past week has been warm and dry. The mean daily temperature has averaged 1 degree above the normal.

The rainfall was confined to scattered showers, generally amounting to less than a quarter of an inch.

The past week has been an excellent one for haying, harvesting and thrashing. Winter wheat is about all cut and the oat harvest is well advanced; thrashing of winter wheat has progressed rapidly in southeastern counties and is just beginning in western; the yields reported continue disappointing and are less than were generally expected. The condition of spring wheat in northern counties indicates that in many counties the crop will be below average in yield. The few oats thrashed in the southeastern counties indicate a fair to good crop, and prospects are generally excellent. Corn has grown rapidly and the early planted is now generally in tassel; in southeastern counties rain is needed for corn and pastures. Haying is general and the crop is abundant. The second crop of alfalfa is being cut, with a fair to good yield. Potatoes have been injured somewhat by the dry weather and the crop is not as good as seemed probable earlier in the season.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

E. O. Bartholomew, son of the Oxford proprietor, stopped over night in Norfolk.

J. H. Craigler, formerly of this city but now of Des Moines, is greeting friends in Norfolk today.

Mrs. C. E. Packard and son, William, of Cameron, Mo., are in the city for a visit at the home of her brother Robert Utter.

Tracy & Durland sold a half section of land five miles west of Pierce yesterday, to J. W. Allison, of Osmond, at \$22 per acre.

Miss Mary Horiskey of O'Neill is visiting her cousins of Alliance, Neb., at the home of their uncle, Joe Horiskey, of West Madison avenue.

The work of tearing down the burned portion of the Rees building has been resumed, and the charred boards and timbers will soon be removed.

There are a number of trees about the city that can well spare their lower branches in the interests of pedestrians who use the walks underneath.

The walls of the Macy photograph gallery are well up in the air with prospects of an early completion, and when finished Mr. Macy will have one of the finest modern studios in the west.

Farmers continue to haul large inventories of building material into the country and the Nebraska country home will soon be as modern, convenient and comfortable as any in the west.

Miss Annie McBride returned Sunday night from her visit in Denver and left yesterday for the Yellow Banks where she will be one of the campers of the Trinity church choir party.

Thrashing about Norfolk has begun on winter wheat and farmers report a yield of about ten and a half bushels to the acre. The wet weather is to blame for the small amount of grain. It ought to be thirty bushels.

Carl Asmus, according to a telephone message received by his son-in-law, Ludwig Koeningstein, was still alive at 10 o'clock this morning. At that time he was yet unconscious and in about the same condition as yesterday. It was impossible then to know the outcome.

J. D. Larrabee and wife left for Chicago at noon today, where they will remain a short time while Mr. Larrabee reports to his house, the Champion Machine company, and will then go to Coldwater, Mich., to visit their parents. They will be away about two weeks.

The marriage of Miss Lena Krahn

to August Steffen will be celebrated tomorrow afternoon in Christ Lutheran church at 4 o'clock. Miss Krahn is the daughter of C. H. Krahn, Madison ave. avenue, and Mr. Steffen is a teacher well known in the city. They will make their home here.

The storm of last night served to purify the air and remove that sultriness until today it has been a pleasure to breathe deeply and extensively of the vitalizing ozone that has been brought down from the north by the cooling breeze. It is a rare July day and one worth waiting to see.

The civil service examination for positions as clerks in the Norfolk postoffice were held this morning at the high school building. Miss Elva Masters and Miss Alice Cole were the candidates. The civil service board consists of B. C. Gentle, Miss Valley Garlinger and C. L. Anderson. This examination was given because Superintendent Llewellyn, of Omaha, denied examinations to anyone but men for the carrier service some months ago. Another examination will be held within the not distant future and applications may be filed with the board at any time.

GRUBS DESTROY LAWNS.

Thousands of the Insects are Working in Spots About Town and Soon Make a Lawn Look Sick.

[From Thursday's Daily.] Frank Davis is one Norfolk citizen who now understands exactly why a portion of his lawn has been looking so run down and bad this season. He had an idea that something ailed the grass, but was not aware that so much ailed it as he found out on investigation yesterday. He concluded that it was about to die anyway in a spot about 12 feet square so that he might as well begin his post mortem at once.

He found in the first place that the surface of the ground was loose and shifting like a carpet, and he found further along that the soil would roll up in about the same manner as a carpet, while underneath was disclosed a mass of grub worms that was a caution, and would have been a welcome sight to a boy on fishing bent. Almost every square inch of ground supported its grub, and they were gathered up by the quart. They had eaten all the grass roots off close to the surface.

This is undoubtedly what ails numerous other lawns about town, and Mr. Davis and others would be pleased to have some one tell them how to rid their lawns of the critters without digging it all up and replanting it, only to have another generation of grubs work the same havoc to the new lawns.

PENNSYLVANIA BANK FAILS.

With a Million on Deposit the Leading Bank at Doylestown Goes Under.

Doylestown, Pa., July 30.—Special to The News: The leading financial institution of this place has failed. With a million dollars in deposits on the books the bank could not make it and its doors have been closed.

LAST REQUIEM MASS FOR POPE.

All Cardinals Present at Last Mass for the Deceased Pope, Celebrated this Morning.

Rome, July 30.—Special to The News: The last requiem mass for the deceased pope was celebrated this morning in the Sistine chapel. All the cardinals were present.

CHIEF YOUNGSON IS DEAD.

Head of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers died at Meadville, Pa., this Morning.

Meadville, Pa., July 30.—Special to The News: Grand Assistant Chief Engineer A. B. Youngson, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers died at his home in this city this morning.

A Delightful Breakfast.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] A very delightful breakfast was given this morning to their many lady friends by Mrs. H. C. Matrau, Mrs. W. H. H. Hagey and Mrs. C. E. Doughty. Guests were invited for 10:30 o'clock and were received at the home of Mrs. Matrau, South Fourth street. Here they were pleasantly entertained for an hour, a descriptive card contest featuring. In this each lady present was "written up" by others in the company and some very clever cards resulted. Mrs. Jacob Baum's work was voted the most unique and she was given a dainty prize. At noon the ladies were ushered into the home of Mrs. Doughty, where a toothsome breakfast was served in three courses. A half dozen pretty young women assisted in the service.

This afternoon the same hostesses are at home to another company of friends, invited for 4 o'clock.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., July 28, 1903:

Mrs. Laura Brown, Lee Gordon, Mrs. Mary Harken, Mr. Chas. Hinds, Dr. J. Jacobs, Miss Agnes Leonard, Mrs. T. R. Long, Mrs. Emma Pratt, Mr. Otta Reckow, Mr. Tom Thompson, Mrs. Lillian Voute, A. O. Yeager.

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, Postmaster.

WRESTLING MATCH IS A GO

Will be Pulled off at Armory Hall Tuesday Night.

SONNENSCHN MEETS DWYER.

Norfolk Wrestler of More Than Local Note, Backed by Friends, Will Meet Frank Dwyer, Champion of the Dakotas, For a Match.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Frank Dwyer, champion of North Dakota and South Dakota, has responded to the conditions laid down by H. T. Sonnenschein of this city for a match, and the two athletes will meet in this city probably next Tuesday night.

"You may say today," said Mr. Dwyer to The News, "that I agree to meet Sonnenschein within ten days and to finish the match within an hour and thirty minutes, actual wrestling time. I will meet him at the News office tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to complete definite agreements and to put up the money. The challenge was for \$100 on a side."

The match will be best two out of three falls, catch-as-catch-can wrestling. Dwyer and Sonnenschein both know the game and each went Gotch Saturday night.

The sport will be pulled off at Armory hall, which will be especially prepared by the boys of Company L. Two rings will be fixed, in one of which, as a preliminary, will be a battle royal. In the other will be the wrestling proper.

A battle royal is as those who have seen them know, about as much fun as anything around the ring. Four darkies will be put at the corners, each wearing heavy gloves. At the going they will all start to bump each other, indiscriminately, and the last man on his feet gets the prize.

Members of the militia company are thinking of starting an athletic club in Armory hall and are interested in this go because of the impetus it will give the move.

FIREMEN MADE MONEY.

Tournament Finances Will Yield a Nice Profit to the Norfolk Fire Department.

[From Thursday's Daily.] The executive committee that had in charge the arrangements and the finances of the state tournament recently closed here, held a meeting last night to wind up the business and pay the bills contracted. A number of obligations were met, but there are yet outstanding several small accounts so that it is impossible at this time to give a statement of the finances, but the members of the committee enthusiastically declare that the amount left on hand after all the bills have been paid will be something to make the department treasury swell visibly.

All the large accounts have been paid, and there cannot be a large number of small ones yet to meet so that the committee knows pretty nearly "where it is at" regarding receipts and expenditures and it is unofficially estimated that the amount left on hand to be turned over to the department will not wobble away very far from the half thousand dollar mark.

The unusually good gate receipts, the large number of concessions and the conservative management of the committee has made this showing possible. With bad weather, or other unfavorable circumstances it might have been the other way, but it wasn't and the committee is pleased.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

E. H. Luikart is here from Tilden to visit his parents.

Mrs. C. P. Rodman and children arrived from Omaha at noon for a visit at the home of J. J. Allberry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mount and daughters went to Bonestell yesterday, returning this morning.

Mrs. Mae S. Wheaton left this morning over the Union Pacific for her home in South Omaha, after a visit of ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson.

A number of Norfolk young people went to Tilden last night to attend a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren of that place. Messrs. J. R. Fain and L. P. Pasewalk and Misses Lillian and Stella Luikart constituted the Norfolk party.

Miss Mabel Kinney of Chicago, niece of Messrs. C. S. and W. H. Bridge, is visiting at their homes for a few days. She is on her way home from Colorado where she has been spending her summer vacation. Miss Kinney spent a winter in Norfolk several winters ago.

The Little Folks Sewing circle gave Miss Gretchen Hulf a surprise yesterday afternoon in honor of her fourteenth birthday. The society for the time being formed itself into a company for the greatest amount of amusement obtainable and they had it without stint or limit.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hogrefe of Stella, this state, to the marriage of their daughter Ruby, to Mr. Edwin H. Luikart of Tilden, which is to take place on Wednesday evening, August 12, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Luikart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Luikart of this city and well known in Norfolk.

A letter received from Max Asmus from Omaha last night informed his

brother-in-law, Ludwig Koeningstein, of this city, that Carl Asmus was still alive in an Omaha hospital. The doctor had some hope at that time. Mr. Asmus has not come out from under the influence of the anesthetic yet. "If anything sets in," writes the son, "I shall let you know."

Henri Brewer Bledsoe, baritone, assisted by Charles Edgar Smith, violinist, will give a recital at the Baptist church tonight, admission free. Mr. Bledsoe comes well recommended as a vocalist and those who will attend will undoubtedly appreciate his singing. Tomorrow night he will give another recital in the Second Congregational church at South Norfolk.

WRESTLERS SIGN CONTRACT.

Des Moines Man Will be Referee of the Game in Auditorium or Armory Hall.

[From Thursday's Daily.] The following agreement was signed by the two contestants, Dwyer and Sonnenschein, for the catch-as-catch-can wrestling match which is to be held in Norfolk next Tuesday night:

This agreement made and entered into this twenty-ninth day of July, 1903, between Frank Dwyer of Fargo, S. D., and H. T. Sonnenschein of Norfolk, Neb., to meet on Tuesday evening, August 4, 1903, for a match of catch-as-catch-can wrestling, to be pulled off at Norfolk, either at the Company L hall, or at the Auditorium. Match to be according to Police Gazette rules, as follows:

To meet on a mat, regulation size. Three falls, two best out of three. Rolling or flying falls not to count. A straight pin fall will count from the top of the going. Strangling hold barred. Actual wrestling time to finish this match is one hour and thirty minutes. Dead time counted when off the mat.

The agreed upon is hereby accepted that Gus Sherman of Des Moines, Ia., will be referee, and on his decision Mr. Lynde will turn the stakes which amount to \$200.00 or any amount more which is held by any other stake holders of Dwyer's or Sonnenschein's money. It is also agreed that Mr. Dwyer will accept C. E. Hartford, for time-keeper on the mat, and E. B. Kauffmann for time-keeper off the mat. Signed by Frank Dwyer.

Contestant. H. T. Sonnenschein, Contestant. F. G. Lynde, M. B. Watts.

PROFITABLE BERRY PATCH.

Columbus Woman Harvested Nine Hundred Quarts From a Quarter Acre of Ground.

[From Thursday's Daily.] The News has repeatedly argued that there is good money in growing small fruit in Nebraska, if the person trying it knows a little of the science of fruit culture and is not afraid to work. Reports from various parts of the state sustain this belief. The following from the Columbus Journal shows what one woman accomplished the past season:

"The raising of vegetables and small fruit is becoming more popular every year in this community. Utilizing the ground to more profit, cutting up the large farms into 40 or 80 acre lots, all indicate an increase in our population. Many people have found the value in raising strawberries both for home use and for the market. Mrs. E. J. Young, north of town, who has been very successful with fruit growing, this year picked 900 quarts of strawberries from her patch of less than one-fourth of an acre. Of course there is a lot of work in attending berries but if you can produce such a crop as that, there is a good living for many people who are willing to work, and it is an excellent trade opening for women who wish to earn a living."

WAR-LIKE ACTIVITY IN RUSSIA.

Guns, Ammunition and Provisions Being Collected and Czar's Troops Rigidly Inspected.

Moscow, July 30.—Special to The News: Information has been received that there is unusual activity in military circles, though not coming direct from government officials, and the preparations being made have an undeniably war-like appearance. The government is just now storing immense quantities of guns, ammunition and provisions in southern Russia where they will be handy in the event of hostilities with Japan.

The Czar's troops everywhere are being rigidly inspected and their requirements to place them in the field minutely noted.

There is rushing activity in all military departments and there appears to be no doubt but that the government contemplates an early and vigorous campaign.

LIGHTNING STRIKES AT BURWELL

Strikes Telephone Line and Burns a Hardware Store This Morning.

Burwell, Neb., July 30.—Special to The News: Lightning struck a telephone wire at this place this morning at an early hour. The bolt entered a hardware store in which the central office was located, setting it on fire and the building was destroyed. The loss is estimated at five thousand dollars.

IS CREATING A SENSATION

Rev. Franklin Baker, Formerly of Norfolk, Does It.

SHOOK DICE OVER THE PULPIT.

Illustrated His Sermon With Billiard Cue and Balls, Deck of Cards, Base Ball Bats and Other Features of Sporting Life.

[From Thursday's Daily.] Rev. Franklin Baker, formerly pastor of the Second Congregational church of this city, has created something of a sensation in Eureka, Cal., as is shown by the following account, clipped from the Daily Standard:

An altar and pulpit adorned with a billiard cue and ball, a deck of cards, a bowling ball, a football a fishing pole, a base ball and bat, a dice box and a croquet mallet was the unusual sight presented at the Congregational church last night to the largest crowd that has gathered in a Eureka church for many months.

Rev. Franklin Baker attempted to prove last night that many sports and amusements coming under the ban of the church are in themselves not only harmless but are healthful exercises for both mind and body. The reverend gentleman took the position that there was absolutely no harm in billiard playing and illustrated his remarks with the cue and ball caroming from the baguet holder to the altar bible and making masse shots without tearing the altar cloth.

He shuffled and cut a deck of cards with the expert hand and vowed that whist was most intellectual and that all card games were beneficial. He said, however, that when society ladies gave euchre parties and hung up prizes for their lady friends to play for they were doing just as wrong as their husbands who played poker at a dollar ante.

He seized a dice box and shook razzle-dazzle, avowing that it was harmless when playing parcheesi and kindred games, but was gambling when men shook for a cigar. He familiarly handled gun and rod and extolled the sports of shooting and fishing. He objected seriously, however, to men using the Sabbath day to indulge in these sports but said he would consent to a man going fishing or shooting on Sunday if the man would come to church morning and evening. He thought that less than one year of his sermons would make the man quit sporting on Sunday.

Mr. Baker illustrated all the various games and sports with the paraphernalia which adorned his pulpit and then turned his attention to dancing and theatre-going. Both of these amusements found a warm advocate in Mr. Baker. He said, "dancing is objected to on account of the position, yet you allow your daughter to go driving with a young man in one of these narrow-seated buggies, where the contact is much closer than in dancing."

Mr. Baker said he had attended the performing of "Capt. Swift" at the Ingeur last Friday night and added: "If you had been there, my hearers, you would have thoroughly understood my text, 'As ye sow so shall ye reap.'" He also said that if he remained here another term he would put on the play of "The Christian," by Hall Caine, taking the part of "John Storm" himself.

Mr. Baker last night urged the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association in this city. He eloquently depicted the advantages to the youth of such an institution. It is sincerely to be hoped that his seed fell upon fruitful ground and that a movement to that end will be started at once. There are few towns in the United States as large as Eureka which have not a branch of the Y. M. C. A. and it is an institution which is needed here.

The S. R. O. sign was out early at the Congregational church last night and many were turned away. It is evident that Mr. Baker is a practical Christian and the old hidebound traditions have fallen away from him. He is growing in popularity all the time and the seating capacity of the church will soon have to be increased.

Locked In With a Mantua.

The writer was once closeted with a patient whom he had no suspicion of being mad until the latter got out of bed, turned the key of the door and preferred a mild request to the writer to have his throat cut, handing him at the same time an open pocketknife, which he produced from underneath his pillow. I objected to the knife as being too small for the purpose and begged to be allowed to go for my case of amputating knives, with which, I explained, the operation could be performed with greater neatness and dispatch. He unlocked the door at once, binding me over to secrecy and urging me to lose no time in returning. I drove home, reported the case to the authorities and came back with assistance. He was secured with great difficulty and sent to the asylum.—London Tit-Bits.

The Rubber.

"I made an angel cake that was elegant and one that was awful," said Maud. "This is the third, and it will decide as to whether or not I can be considered an expert."

"I could tell this was the rubber," said Harry as he tried the cake. "It tastes like it."

Because you are better than the man you despise does not mean that you are not worse than those who despise you.—New York Press.

The Keystone of Good Health is pure food.

Lion Coffee

is all coffee—no glazing of eggs or glue to conceal defects and cheapen its quality. Fresh and uniform, rich in flavor, because always in sealed packages—never in bulk.

FOR BETTER SIDEWALKS.

City Council Meets Tonight to Levy Assessments.

WALKS MUST NOW BE GOOD.

No More Plank or Board Affairs Will be Permitted and Councilmen Will Endeavor to Force Property Owners Who Have Been Slow.

The sidewalk question has this spring and summer been of more than ordinary interest to the citizens and property owners of Norfolk, and the council and city officials have started in with the determination of having Norfolk one of the best sidewalked cities in the state and will succeed beyond a reasonable doubt. They expect all public spirited citizens to help them without urging, and for those who have heretofore done nothing, either through urging or coaxing, they will endeavor to see if they cannot be made to keep up their end of the burden.

As a starter they have adopted an ordinance prohibiting the construction of plank and board walks and hereafter they must be made of brick, stone, cement or other permanent material that will be of advantage to the city and the people using the walks.

As a chaser following this ordinance they have commenced legal proceedings against certain proprietors and property owners compelling the fixing up of walks, and a special meeting of the council will be held tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of levying special assessments against the properties below described for the purpose of building new walks. A number of the owners have anticipated such action and have built the walks demanded since the notice was first published, others will be expected to make a showing tonight or have the assessment called for levied against their properties.

Notice to Property Owners.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the city council of Norfolk, Neb., will be held at 8 o'clock p. m., July 30, 1903, for the purpose of making special assessments against the lots below described for the construction of new sidewalks (along said lots):

ORIGINAL TOWN OF NORFOLK.

Block 1, lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Block 2, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

Block 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 23.

Block 4, lots 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

Block 7, lots 1, 2, 10.

DOBNEY PLACE.

Block 2, lots 2, 3, half of lot 4.

Block 1, lots 5, 6, 7.

MACHILLER'S ADDITION.

Block 2, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

MATHEWSON'S ADDITION.

Block 4, lots 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.

MATHEWSON'S THIRD ADDITION.

Block 4, lots 8, 9.

KOENIGSTEIN'S ADDITION.

Block 3, lots 7, 8, 9, 10.

Block 6, lots 1, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 10, 12.

Block 5, lots 3, 4, 5, 10.

Block 4, lots 9, 10.

Block 7, lot 1.

Block 8, lot 6.

BURROW'S ADDITION.

Block 1, lots 2, 3, 4.

PASEWALK'S ADDITION.

Block 2, lots 9, 10. Sub lot 8.

Block 3, north half of lot 1.

Block 4, lots 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.

GERECKE SUB-DIVISION.

Block 2, lots 8 and n 2 1/2 lot 2 and south end of lot 1.

Block 3, lots 3, 4, 9.

PASEWALK'S SECOND ADDITION.

Block 2, lots 13, 14, 15, 16.

PASEWALK'S THIRD ADDITION.

Block 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Block 4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Block 5, lots 1, 2, 3,