

UNIQUE DIARY OF A TRAMP

Was Found Along Railroad by
G. B. Salter.

FROM NEW YORK TO NORFOLK.

Clever Little Jottings Kept From Day to Day by Some American Wanderer—Disappointed With Chicago and Pleased With Omaha—Snakes.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

While tramp life in all of its ups and downs, with unique phases aptly described, has often been given space in magazine articles and newspaper feature stories, perhaps no more interesting tale of the career of a real, living wanderer was ever unearthed than that which was found by G. B. Salter of Norfolk, when he picked up a tiny memorandum book near the Minneapolis & Omaha bridge Thursday afternoon—a weather beaten, forlorn little note book which proved to be the real diary of a tramp between March 14, 1903, when he left New York City, and July 7, when the traveler struck Sweetwater Valley, Wyoming.

The little book had been lost by the wanderer, evidently, along the railroad and it contains a simple, unvarnished tale of some clever clown who chose to roam about from place to place during the summer—unique bit of description which has been jotted down from day to day, telling of adventures and vicissitudes unlimited, picturing human nature as the tramp observed it and chronicling some events which have already become a part of history.

A little work, now and then—in which the fellow apparently never received his wages—a fight with hobo, an encounter with snakes, a bite by a bull dog and sweet revenge in "breaking the bull dog's jaw by a well directed kick," all find a place in the little diary. Cities visited and the tramp's droll remark upon their appearance, a look at President Roosevelt, and the sight of the horrible explosion at Hanna, Wyoming, where 300 men were entombed, all go to form a part that is good to a degree, and so much better than anything else along that line could ever be because of its absolute sincerity throughout.

Following is the diary as it reads, verbatim:

1903.
March 14: Left N. Y. C. by Joy Line.

Mar. 15: Arr. in Providence, R. I.
Mar. 17: Left Providence, arr. New London, Conn.

Mar. 21: Returned to Prov., R. I.
Mar. 23: Arr. in Boston, Mass.
Mar. 25: Arr. in Portland, Me.

Apr. 7: Walked 37 miles to Berlin Falls, N. H.

Mar. 27: Arr. in Gilead, Me. Started to work for a farmer. Worked 7 days but did not get any money, so left.

Apr. 8: Arr. in Island Pond, Va. (Last stop in U. S. See No. 2.)

May 11: Arrive in Buffalo. Very good city and people.

May 12: Arr. in Astabula, O. Very queer town. Calls itself a city but is not a good sized village.

May 12: Passed through Cleveland, Sandusky and Toledo, Ohio, and arrived in Waterloo, Ind.

May 13: Arr. in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Nice little city.

May 17: Arr. in Cambridge City, Ind.

May 19: Struck a crowd of gypsies and staid 2 days with them. Left them on account of laziness.

May 21: Got job on farm, was fed much for nine days and quit. Did not get my right wages.

June 1st: Went to Indianapolis, Ind., and lost a dollar bill.

June 2: Still in Indianapolis buying necessities.

June 3: Left town and met a pair of rubes on the road. Gave them some taffy and got a gun from them.

June 4: Arr. in Terra Haute. Sold gun for \$2.00.

June 5: Arr. in Decatur, Ill. City dropped from 18,000 inhabitants to 4,000 on account of coal mines shutting down.

June 7: Arr. Decatur. Is on five roads. Population 17,000. Industries, coal mines and glass works.

June 8: Arr. Chicago. Is very disappointing, overgrown provincial town. Masonic temple not to be compared with Flatiron.

June 9: Left Chicago. Arr. at Elgin, Ill. Got bit by a bull dog, but broke his jaw by a well directed kick. Left Elgin arr. Savana. Left Savana same night, arr. Oxford, N. Y.

June 10: Walked to Olin. Had several snake encounters. Killed one.

June 11: Walked to Martelle. Had a scrap with some tramps but had a stick so they skipped.

June 12: Walked to Marion and pulled out by midnight flier.

June 13: Got off at Gladstone and walked to Tana. Indians semicivilized and very lazy set. Rode to Melbourne, Iowa. Weather getting warmer.

6-14: Left Melbourne and got off at Foxley. Walked to Slater, slept in country.

6-15: Walked to Madrid, rode in freight to Perry. Met man from Troy, N. Y.

6-16: Rode to Coon Rapids. Mowed lawn for man. Small farming town.

6-17: Still at C. R.

6-18: Got a job farming 2 mi. out of C. R.

6-19: Pleasant weather.

6-20: Left farm. Went to C. R. Rode to Omaha via Council Bluffs. Met four boys pretty well done up. Helped them as well as I could.

6-21: Still in Omaha. Weather had. Pretty nice place.

6-22: Left Omaha this morning. Arr. Columbus, Neb. Left Columbus, arr. Silver Creek, Neb.

6-24: Left Silver Creek. Arr. Grain Island.

6-25: Left Grain Island, rode to Gibbon. Got handled roughly. Injured knee cap. 6-26: Left Gibbon, arr. North Platte.

6-27: Left North Platte, arr. Julesburg, Colo.

6-28: Left Julesburg, arr. Sidney, Neb. Left Sidney same date, arr. Cheyenne, Wyoming, in refrigerator. Were locked and could not get out for nearly whole day.

6-29: Left Cheyenne, arr. Laramie, Wyo.

6-30: Left Laramie last night arr. Hanna, Wyo. While there a mine exploded. 2 to 3 hundred men intombed as far as known one killed, 30 wounded.

7-1: Left Hanna, arr. Rawlins.

7-2: Still in Rawlins. Met a fellow from Kansas.

7-4: Left Rawlins driving team. Traveled 54 mi.

7-5: Traveled 26 mi.

7-6: Arr. Johnson.

7-7: Got work on ranch in Sweetwater Valley.

Here the peculiar diary stops. Its writer undoubtedly came to Norfolk, for here his treasure was found. It is rather unfortunate that a description of the metropolis of northeast Nebraska is not also written there.

The personality of the tramp will probably never be known. Like the contemporary accounts of Arthur Younge on his trips through Europe, however, the real diary of this tramp is unbiased and interesting, withal.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.
F. J. Hale was in Norfolk this morning from Battle Creek.

Mrs. H. E. Miller has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Brubaker.

Misses Reed and Bellow of Madison are guests at the home of Mrs. Pilger in South Fifth street.

Miss Marjorie Weills arrived in the city from Chicago yesterday at noon. She will visit in Norfolk for a time.

Mrs. A. L. Lake of Fremont and Mrs. Melvin Davis of Missouri Valley, Iowa, are guests of Mrs. E. A. Taylor of South Norfolk.

Oakley Cunningham and his sisters, Laura and Edith, were in the city today on their way home to Tilden from the Niobrara reunion.

L. A. Bartholomew and family arrived in Norfolk last night for a visit at his hotel, the Oxnard. Their home is in Moorehead, Iowa.

Extensive improvements are being made at Craven's laundry. A large reservoir is just now being erected, to be used for catching rainwater.

The derrick for hoisting stones on the Macy building has arrived, and the building is going rapidly up. The mason work is fast nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein will visit next week at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Corl Jenkins. Mr. Koenigstein's studio will reopen on August 31.

Chief of Police Kane has gone to Hot Springs, S. D., for a recreation and for a visit with his brother-in-law, Fred Hollingsworth, who is not at all well.

Deputy Postmaster B. C. Gentle is taking his vacation. He will remain in Norfolk for a few days, leaving on August 23 for his old home in Iowa, to visit his mother.

C. F. Shaw is making a great many improvements at his new home, corner Pasewalk avenue and Eighth street. A new cement walk will be one new feature.

Mrs. E. P. Hummel and her little son, Earl, left today for Sioux City where they will again take up their residence. Mr. Hummel recently disposed of his restaurant here and has since secured a position in Sioux City.

Bicycle repairmen report that during the past week any number of tires have been cut and punctured throughout the city, by persons having evidently malicious and diabolical intentions. Machines have been coming in every day to be patched, where the rubber has been gashed and sliced.

Word from the tri-state tennis tourney at Sioux City states that Fallor, of Lincoln, who was a close second to Farnsworth at the state university, will likely win the tournament. Farnsworth, now champion at Cornell university is not playing. He and Ike Raymond will defend their championship cup at Omaha next week.

A union missionary meeting of the societies of the Methodist and Congregational church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. D. Jenkins, corner of Koenigstein avenue and Ninth street. After a very profitable discussion, in which a number of excellent papers were read, toothsome refreshments were served, finishing a delightful afternoon.

Members of the Neligh band in neat fitting uniforms were in the city today on their way home from Niobrara, where they had been furnishing music for the Northeast Nebraska G. A. R. reunion. They report that an excellent program was given, but that the wet weather interfered with many of the pleasures of the occasion and operated to reduce the number of people in attendance. Those who were there commenced leaving yesterday and those remaining left for their homes this morning.

A wagon loaded with brick was

NORFOLK MAN WAS ROBBED

Herman Winkler Relieved of
\$285 by Confidence Men.

DRUGGED AT A SUMMER RESORT.

Had Gone to Omaha to Spend a Vacation and His Earnings, and Lost the Latter Before he had Started With the Other—Section Hand Here

[From Monday's Daily.]

Council Bluffs, Aug. 17.—Herman Winkler, of Norfolk, Neb., complained to the police after midnight Saturday that he had been robbed of \$285 and a gold watch and chain at Lake Manawa by four men with whom he had been drinking. Winkler told the police he believed he had been drugged by the men who robbed him.

Winkler is employed as a section hand on the Union Pacific and came to Omaha Saturday on a little vacation, and in order to thoroughly enjoy the trip brought with him a large portion of his savings. On the train he met a stranger who engaged him in conversation and before reaching Omaha ascertained that Winkler had plenty of money in his pockets.

Winkler and the stranger separated on the train reaching Omaha, but the stranger evidently kept Winkler in sight. While Winkler was standing on Farnam street looking at the tall buildings and speculating as to what part of the city to go to have some fun, his acquaintance of the train happened along. He greeted Winkler as an old time friend and the latter felt somewhat honored by being recognized by such a nice appearing man.

It was then the stranger, evidently a professional confidence man, began to get in his work. He had come to Omaha to see the sights just as Winkler had. He had heard that Lake Manawa was a very beautiful resort and suggested that he and Winkler take a ride there.

Arriving at the lake the stranger complained of being very thirsty and suggested they have a bottle of beer. While seated in the pavilion the stranger was surprised to see three friends of his and invited them to join him and Winkler in another bottle. Winkler told the police that he only remembered drinking two bottles of beer when he became deathly sick. His companions suggested going to a more secluded part of the park and assisted him to a seat in a dark corner of Shady grove. Winkler had a long vomiting spell and was, he thinks, partly unconscious. When he came to his companions had disappeared and so had his watch and chain and his pocketbook, containing \$285. The money consisted of four \$50 bills, \$80 in tens and fives, and \$5 in silver. The watch was valued at \$40.

When Winkler came to it was past midnight. He succeeded in making his way to the gates where he met Special Officer Gisher. A search of the grounds was made for the four men, but they had undoubtedly left the place long before.

Winkler is of the opinion that while drinking the second bottle of beer, one of his newly made acquaintances put some knockout drops in his tumbler while his attention was called elsewhere by one of the gang. Winkler went back to Omaha yesterday for the purpose of seeing if he could find the man who accompanied him to Manawa.

MONDAY MENTION.
George D. Butterfield left today for a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. C. C. Whipples is in the city, preparing to move to Fremont.

Miss Julia Larson of Council Bluffs is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Canote.

Mrs. M. Morr left today for a visit with relatives and friends at Wayne and Winslow.

Editor F. E. Barnum of the Madison Chronicle was over to attend the judicial convention.

Mrs. F. A. Bodenson has returned from a trip to Hiawatha, Kan., where she visited her sister.

A sprinkle of rain fell at 6 o'clock this morning but the day has turned out clear, for all of that.

William Bunnell has arrived from Omaha to accept a position as watch maker with C. F. W. Marquardt.

Mrs. H. Pollock and son returned to Omaha on the noon train after a visit of a few days with her mother, Mrs. Semmler.

Miss Laura Buckendorf returned to Valentine today after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Buckendorf.

Officer Larkin is assisting on the police force during the absence of Chief Kane. Nightwatchman Pilger is working days.

Masons this afternoon commenced laying the foundation for the new Presbyterian church, corner Philip avenue and Ninth street.

Clerk of the District Court Ch. Schavland came over from Madison to see that the renomination was properly returned to Judge Boyd.

The residence of Burt Mapes, 104 South Eighth street, is being raised, a new foundation built and other repairs made and conveniences added.

Mrs. W. J. Rupert left for her home in Sioux City today. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Semmler, and her niece, Miss Helen Glissman, who is on her way home to Doon, Iowa.

A wagon loaded with brick was

swamped at the corner of Fourth street and Norfolk avenue Saturday afternoon. Some of the bricks were dumped before the wheels were pried loose again.

Isaac Powers, Jr., branch house inspector for Swift & Co., is in the city tonight visiting his parents. Mr. Powers has just returned from a three months' trip to Alaska. He will go to Sioux City in the morning.

C. E. Hartford is confined to his home, Philip avenue and Ninth street, by an attack of sickness. Chills and fever, culminating in bowel trouble, is his complaint. He is improved today, but not yet able to attend to business.

H. V. Fallor, of Lincoln, won the championship in singles at the Sioux City tennis tournament and Gillman and Baker, of Sioux City, the double prizes. The tourney was not so much a success this year as it has been for several years.

W. S. Cunningham of Tilden and N. S. Cunningham of Madison, who compared notes to find that there was no blood relationship between them but that they had served in the same battles in the civil war, were here to attend the republican convention of the Ninth district.

H. L. Scoggin, editor of a paper in Rock county, is in the city looking after business interests and renewing acquaintances. His town is interested in securing the location of the new state experimental farm, an appropriation for which was made by the late legislature.

Water in a stagnant pool had formed along the new ditch, between Second and Third streets and a force of men were put to work this morning for the city, in cleaning out the trough that they had but a week or so ago been paid to dig. Teams driving into the ditch had rendered it useless.

The rainfall thus far in August has exceeded the record of last year for the month, which was 5.18, and an inch and a half above the normal. The average rainfall for the month for the entire state for twenty-seven years was 2.64 inches, so that it may be realized that this has been a very wet August for this locality. The only state average that approaches the record here, was made in 1887, when 4.13 inches was recorded.

It is understood that those owning property along the east side of South Fourth street have signified a willingness to put in cement walks from Norfolk to Madison avenue providing the street is filled and graded by the city. This would make a cement walk from Main street to the United States court house building now being erected, and would improve the street materially and add much to the convenience of the people. On the west side of the street filling under the walk is now being done preparatory to putting in permanent walks next spring.

Mrs. W. J. Bush, who died on the fifth, at Madison, lost her life in a peculiar manner. She was on an errand of mercy, caring for the family of County Judge William Bates who, with his wife, was at the bedside of their son in Omaha, and in doing the housework scratched her thumb on the lid of a wash boiler. A day or two later the pain she experienced prompted her to call a doctor who found that blood poisoning had set in and that there was no hope for her recovery owing to her advanced age. Mrs. Bush was born in Germany in 1834, married Mr. Bush in Wisconsin in 1854. They moved to Madison from Kansas ten years ago. Mr. Bush died in 1901. Two sons and four daughters survive them.

REVIVE OLD TENNIS TOURNEY.

Bloomfield Players Have Sent an Invitation to Norfolk for Their Meet.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
J. C. Stitt has received an announcement from Bloomfield of an effort to revive the one time popular Northeast Nebraska Tennis association. A tournament will be held at that place September 7 and 8, to which Norfolk players are invited. A banquet is to be given on the last night. No entrance fee will be charged and silver cups will be given as prizes.

Tennis has had a wonderful advance this season all over America. Numerous tournaments have been held this month and a number of them are in progress this week. For this section, the Sioux City tourney came last week, Omaha this, Albion September 3, 4 and 5, and Bloomfield September 7 and 8.

Notice.
To whom it may concern and particularly to Orin J. Shoves.

Be it known, that L. E. Durland having on the 4th day of November, 1901, purchased at public sale at the treasurer's office in Madison county, state of Nebraska, of the then treasurer of said county, for the delinquent taxes of 1900, the following described property, taxed to wit: North east quarter lot 5, Pasewalk addition to the city of Norfolk in Madison county, Nebraska, the said purchase being evidenced by certificate of tax sale No. 506 and the taxes on said land for the years 1901 and 1902 having been paid, by the undersigned on said certificate.

Therefore notice is hereby given as required by law, that the time of the redemption of said real estate for said tax sale will expire on the 5th day of November, 1903, and that immediately thereafter the said L. E. Durland will apply to the treasurer of said county for a deed to the above described property. Dated this first day of July, 1903.

L. E. DURLAND,
Owner of certificate.
By Mapes & Hazen, her attorney.

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BEGIN TO BALLAST NEXT WEEK.

Nine of the Eleven New Bridges Over the Gulch are Now Complete—Turntable is Set—Disastrous Start of Chutes at Oakdale.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

The new coal chutes at the Northwestern yards will be ready for use within a very few days. The chutes themselves are completed now, but the machinery for the operation has not yet arrived. As soon as it is installed, the new system of coaling the tenders will begin.

Other features of the new yards are going on rapidly. The turntable is now all in, ready to swing the heavy locomotives at any time. Nine new bridges of the eleven which will be constructed across the gulch, are now finished, and trains can pass over any of them. The other two will soon be done.

The company expects to begin ballasting early next week. The material will all be hauled from the Atkinson pit.

Work on the roundhouse foundation has been started by the contractors, Johnson Bros., of Norfolk.

The officials of the road are kept busy with the magnificent improvements and before many more months one of the finest switching yards in the state will be in running order in South Norfolk.

In connection with the new coal chutes, comes a story from Oakdale, where the initial try proved very disastrous.

The Northwestern has erected a coal chute at Oakdale, where the Albion branch leaves the main line, similar to the one that is being completed in the yards at South Norfolk. The first attempt to hoist a car of coal up the steep incline met with disaster and there was a wreck in which, fortunately, no one was killed or injured, although several were watching the machine.

The clutch of the hoisting apparatus did not operate just as it should at the start, but it was finally adjusted and appeared to be working smoothly and well until the car had been brought about half way up the incline, when a piece broke out of the sprocket driving wheel throwing off the chain that transmits the power from the engine.

The car at once started on a return trip down the incline. The man in charge set the brake, but the speed of the car was only partly checked and it gained considerable momentum as it proceeded.

The Sentinel tells what happened in the power house, as follows:

"The reverse motion imparted a tremendous speed to the driving shaft, and the sprocket wheel flew to pieces with centrifugal force sufficient to drive the chunks of iron through the sides of the building like cannon shot. One large chunk eighteen inches long was hurled up through the roof to an unknown height, descending to earth one-fourth mile away, clear beyond the grove at the house on the Ray farm, where it buried itself deep in the ground. Another piece struck the water tank, perforating one of the iron hoops and so nearly going through the wood that a small leak was started. Another chunk struck the big steel cable on the winding drum, cutting it nearly in two. Still another large piece went through the wall of the upper story, the roof and side of the engine room, and down into the ground several inches. Numerous other pieces went through the building, in the plane of the circle of the bursting wheel, like so much shot through cardboard."

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It may be imagined that with this

experience at Oakdale, care will be taken to prevent its repetition in the new chutes at this place.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

James R. Fain went to Madison this morning.

Mrs. F. Foster is repainting her two houses on South Twelfth street.

Scott Holbrook is today moving into a house on North Eighth street.

Mrs. Ed Bagley of Bloomfield is a guest at the home of H. J. Caulfield.

Miss Denninger of Madison is a guest at the home of Mrs. Pilger, South Fifth street.

Mrs. A. D. Walrath of Watertown, S. D., is visiting at the home of her nephew, H. J. Caulfield, North Ninth street.

Miss Dorothy Rudat is entertaining a number of little girls at a picnic this afternoon, in Taft's grove, in honor of her cousin.

Albion is arranging to hold a central Nebraska tourney, September 3, 4 and 5. Local players have received invitations to attend.

Charles Durland, Jr., and his sister, Dorothy, left at noon today for a visit with Plainview relatives. This is their first trip away from home alone.

A small boating party was given up the Northfork last evening for Miss Price, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who is now visiting her cousin, R. Carroll Powers.

C. S. Hayes left this morning for Missouri Valley to meet Mrs. Hayes and Beulah, who are returning from their trip to the east and their visit with Iowa friends.

The shoe stores that have been closing evenings during the summer propose to commence keeping open again, beginning with Monday night for the benefit of fall customers.

C. F. Shaw is today moving into his new home at the corner of Pasewalk avenue and Eighth street. Otto Tappart is moving into the house vacated by Mr. Shaw.

The west side of South Fourth street between Norfolk avenue and Madison avenue, has been raised considerably today by the hauling in of several loads of earth, preparatory to laying cement sidewalks.

C. A. Rhode and wife of Chicago, who have been visiting with the former's brother, George Rhode and wife for the past two weeks, left this morning for their home. Mr. Rhode is an attorney in the Windy City.

Reinhart Reiland, formerly of Norfolk, and who has just graduated from the Omaha school of pharmacy, also passing an examination before the state pharmaceutical board, has accepted a position in the Christoph drug store.

The weather man should hang out the sun and let it remain. This idea of draping the sky with clouds, no matter how artistically it is done, palls, especially to the man who has hay to cut, tomatoes to ripen, and beets to absorb sugar.

The farmers in the neighborhood of Wausa have organized with a capital stock of \$30,000 and propose to erect and maintain a farmers' elevator at that place. The incorporators are: A. H. Banks, Claus Johnson, J. Hall, C. P. Johnson, L. Schmitz, C. O. Johnson, H. E. Lundgren and F. A. Anderson.

Plainview Republican: Fred Free delivered an address to the veterans at Niobrara Wednesday. Fred says the crowd was so overcome with emotion at his remarks that most of them adjourned to the woods to weep. A few old pensioners and native Americans heard him until the end and an old soldier who was deaf and who had lost his ear trumpet remained patiently and congratulated Fred on his fine speech.

SULTAN DENZA APOLOGIZES.