

FEAR FOUL PLAY FOR BURG.

Sudden Disappearance of Norfolk Man Gives Alarm.

HE HAD MONEY ON HIS PERSON.

Police Fail to Find any Clue as to the Whereabouts of Stone Mason Who Was Last Seen at Supper, 411 South Fourth Street, Saturday.

[From Monday's Daily.] August Burg, of 111 South Fourth street, has dropped from view. He very suddenly and mysteriously disappeared Saturday night and it is feared by his intimate friends that he has met with foul play and perhaps a cold blooded murder. He carried a large sum of money Saturday night and this intensifies the alarm of his acquaintances, who have searched in vain for the missing man. The Norfolk police force have been working hard on the case today but no signs of the lost Burg have yet been brought to light.

August Burg is a stone mason forty years old, who has been employed at the new Northwestern yards on the work of the roundhouse. He has roomed at 411 South Fourth street with several of his fellow workmen. Saturday night at 7 o'clock he ate supper at the home of August Sautstroff, where he boarded, 413 South Fourth street, and he has not been seen since. He at that time carried a large sum of cash and this gives grounds for the fears of the man's acquaintances.

William Sestrow is proprietor of the boarding house. He says that Burg had several hundred dollars of his savings in his pockets on Saturday night.

Burg's usual bed time came but Burg did not appear. Sunday morning dawned and still the stone mason did not show up. This gave cause for considerable worry and when another night passed and a Monday morning came without any sign of the missing man, who should have gone to work at 7 today, the facts were made known to the police and they began an immediate search.

There was no reason in the world why Burg would, of his own accord, leave the city without informing his co-workmen. He has \$50 in wages coming on Wednesday from the railroad company, and this, alone, would have ordinarily kept him. Besides that he has no friends elsewhere to whom he might suddenly take a notion to go.

Burg is a Swede who hardly speaks a word of English. He has been in Norfolk but eight weeks, during which time he has been steadily at work in the new railroad yards. He is married but his wife is still in Europe. He was a man of regular habits in every way and there is no accounting for his so suddenly and queerly dropping from view except the foul play theory. This is made very much more plausible by the fact that he had on his person Saturday night a large amount of cash, and that this was known. Just exactly how much money he was carrying, Burg's friends do not know but they are sure that the sum was considerable.

When he was last seen, Burg was dressed in his working garments. He wore no vest and a straw hat rested upon his head. He is fully six feet tall and wears a full mustache. He talks almost wholly in his native tongue and says very few words in English.

Charles Sandquist, who roomed with Burg, is the man who gave information this morning to the police. He is positive that his friend has met with foul play, for, knowing the man as he does, he feels perfectly confident that a sudden departure would be the last thing that would enter Burg's mind.

Any information from surrounding towns will be gladly received by Chief of Police Kane.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] August Burg, the Swedish stone mason who so suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from Norfolk Saturday night with several hundred dollars on his person, and for whom the police were looking hard all day yesterday, has been located. He was seen Monday morning on the depot platform at Winside, and he had just bought a ticket for Sioux City. He was gazing in an abstracted way at the prairie and it is thought he lost his mind and wandered away from home without any definite end in view.

The discovery of the missing man was made by H. Kauffman, who lives in Queen City addition. He had worked at the Northwestern yards for several weeks with Burg but is now employed near Winside. As he passed across the platform at Winside yesterday morning he recognized Burg but did not stop to talk with him. He merely supposed that the fellow had quit work and was leaving the country, as he had not at that time heard of the disappearance. When Kauffman arrived home last night, however, he learned of the search and recalled Burg's attitude at Winside.

Took Ticket to Sioux City.

"He asked the agent for a ticket to Mayor or something of that character, in Iowa. He speaks broken English and the agent was unable to under-

stand him. So he gave Burg a ticket to Sioux City instead and it is probable that he has gone on before this, said Mr. Kauffman in relating the incident.

Word of his friends and fellow workers for Burg last night.

The very nook and corner along the bank, east of the Main street bridge, thinking that possibly he might have drowned. The last known of him is the fact that on Saturday night, after supper, he left his boarding house at 413 South Fourth street and walked hurriedly to the postoffice. After that he was not seen. Having been gone a day and two nights, it is supposed that Burg must have walked to Winside. He had several hundred dollars in his pockets when last seen and this gave cause for the alarm that foul play might have taken him in.

Had \$50 Coming Tomorrow.

Burg had \$50 in wages coming to him from the company tomorrow and it was thought that he would wait for this in any event, unless dragged away. This makes it seem very probable that he lost his mind. He is forty years old and has a wife in Sweden.

It was reported on the streets at noon that Burg was in the Pierce county jail, being detained by the sheriff of that county on a charge of insanity. But inquiry develops that there is nothing in the story—that there is no such man in jail at Pierce. Therefore the most definite information obtainable seems to indicate that he has gone toward Sioux City as given by Kauffman.

TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

A Cheap Rate Excursion With Stop Over Privileges—For the Round Trip 25 Cents.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] Everyone has sometime desired to circumnavigate the globe and that privilege is presented to the people of Norfolk next Tuesday night, at an exceedingly low rate, with stop over privileges at all the principal points of interest enroute.

The first train will leave the depot (Trinity church) at 5 o'clock, and after that trains will leave every twenty minutes, up to 9:30 o'clock, or as long as there are enough passengers to fill the train. At the principal countries, the delicacies peculiar there will be served, and the meals are included in the fare—25 cents for the round trip.

Among the stopovers that will be made will be those at Japan and Germany. Returning to America, the tourists will visit Washington and call at the white house where the president and his family will give a reception to their special benefit.

All passengers will travel first class, and have the best accommodations afforded on the trip.

John B. Maylard, General Passenger Agent.

AROUND THE FEDERAL BUILDING.

Window Frames Arrived Last Night but Other Materials are Badly Delayed.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] Work at the United States court house building is going on nicely today. Superintendent of Construction Fain returned to the city yesterday and was at his desk this morning. Window frames for the second and third stories of the structure arrived last night and are ready to be put in. Delays on account of washouts everywhere have caused Superintendent Williams much annoyance as it makes the work drag much of the time. Several carloads of stone are now lying at Columbus, having been for some time delayed by high water. Mr. Williams is expecting a visit from President Gustav Ehrhardt within the next two weeks. Mr. Ehrhardt, who is now at New Orleans, will come direct to Norfolk from there.

DAN McLEOD THREW JENKINS.

Cousin of Dr. McKay of this City Takes a Match From World's Champion Wrestler.

[From Monday's Daily.] Saturday's sporting news contains an item of more than ordinary interest to Dr. J. H. McKay of this city, who learns that his cousin, Dan McLeod, defeated Jenkins, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, in a handicap match at Hamilton, Ontario, Friday night.

McLeod weighs but 130 pounds and is short in stature. He holds the world's championship in the light and middleweight classes of wrestlers and having no competitor worthy of his mettle in those has tackled the heavyweights and succeeded in throwing the champion of that class. According to the articles of agreement for Friday night's match Jenkins undertook to throw McLeod twice in one hour of actual wrestling time. McLeod to win the match if he secured one fall.

The big Clevelander took the first fall in 15:59 with a half Nelson and leg hold. After that McLeod assumed the aggressive and succeeded in pinning the champion's shoulders to the mat in 10:38 with a half Nelson and crotch hold. His friends are now of the opinion that he will finally wrest the honors in the heavyweight class from Jenkins without a handicap.

REASON FOR THE DELAY.

Bridge Lumber Was in a Minnesota Wreck.

ANOTHER CAR WAS ORDERED. Tracer Sent From Both Ends Fins Car Dumped in Ditch in Minnesota. Piles Will be Driven Next Week. More Lumber Coming.

[From Saturday's Daily.] A tracer sent in from both ends of the line has finally located the car of lumber that Commissioner H. W. Winter was looking for with which to build the First street bridge, in a Minnesota ditch with thirteen other cars. This is one of the important reasons for the delay in building the bridge and getting it in passable condition in the time promised.

There have been numerous inquiries as to the delay by those interested in the crossing and not a few of them have been impatient, but it will be realized with this explanation that it has been unavoidable and that the commissioner is urging the work forward as rapidly as possible.

Another car of lumber has been ordered and the bridge will be repaired as quickly as possible after it reaches its destination. The work of drying the piles has also been interfered with by the weather to some extent, and anyway it would be of no material benefit to have the piles all driven and then have to wait for the lumber.

With favorable weather the driving of the piles will begin Monday, or as soon thereafter as possible and when the lumber is received it will not require much time to place the bridge in condition for travel.

The farmers particularly dislike the long drive around to the other bridges in the present condition of the roads and may have reason to become impatient at times because of the inconvenience, but all that is possible is being done to complete the work.

ENGINE WAS BUILT FOR NORFOLK.

Most Complete Hoisting Apparatus Ever Constructed, is at Work on U. S. Court House.

[From Saturday's Daily.] What is without doubt the finest and most complete hoisting engine ever operated in the state of Nebraska, and one which has no superior anywhere in the world today, was put at work on the Norfolk federal building this morning and will be used from now on until the completion of the structure, for the lifting of mammoth stones and masses of iron.

The machine was built especially for the Norfolk building. Until this morning never a wheel had turned upon it and it is admirable in each minute detail. Upon it are six spools for separate hoisting ropes, any one of which may be used independently. One of them, for the lifting of brick, was put in by special order for this structure.

The derrick upon the top of the building is a huge one. A few of the heavy stones were raised this morning and probably the big eagle will be lifted into place Monday or Tuesday.

ONE MERCHANT REBELLED.

[From Monday's Daily.] One of Tilden's business men was recently asked to subscribe towards the building of a new church in this neighborhood. The solicitor is one of those excellent souls whose good citizenship can not be questioned, but who has formed the habit of making most of his purchases through Montgomery Ward's and Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s department stores. The business man listened attentively and spoke very encouragingly of the prospective church and then asked how much of a donation was expected from him. The sum was mentioned and the merchant considered the amount reasonable. But, a second thought occurring to him, he suggested that the church worker write a letter to the heads of the department stores mentioned asking for contributions for the laudable object of building a place of worship among some of their customers in this vicinity. The solicitor demurred, but the business man was firm and closed the interview by promising to donate double the amount subscribed by the two big eastern firms.—Tilden Citizen.

A GENEROUS RECOGNITION.

Editor Barnum of Madison Compliments The News.

[From Monday's Daily.] In speaking a recent visit to Norfolk, in company with the sheriff, Editor Barnum of the Madison Chronicle says:

The amiable sheriff had a mission and with friend Huse of the Daily News—a sort of billet doux—that is some one was of the opinion that he had \$5,000 due from Bro. Huse, and he had the sheriff assist him to the extent of serving a summons so that Huse would not forget his due part of the transaction. And speaking of Huse reminds us that the stroll we took through his print shop disclosed the fact that he has a mighty good fastidious for the grinding out of all kinds of first class printed matter. He has

just added a new and up-to-date line-type machine for setting the type which goes into the daily, a new "pony" press and a new seven-column Campbell press for the newspaper are also installed in the addition to which The News has lately added to its large building, the press room being handsomely fitted up in a large, airy and conveniently appointed basement. The entire plant of The News has been renovated from cellar to garret and we doubt if there is another print shop in the state of Nebraska which is as complete in all its details as the one that Bro. W. N. Huse presides over, and we can but congratulate him upon his good success, and that he is successful is evidenced from the fact that he has now on his hands a full fledged libel suit in the sum of \$6,000, and when a man can have one of those luxuries to place to his credit he certainly must be coming some.

STATISTICAL CROP REPORT.

Burrett Bush, Deputy Labor Commissioner, Prepares Some Figures Regarding Crop Prospects.

[From Monday's Daily.] Crop report No. 3, for the first of September, just issued from the state department of labor and industrial statistics, presents some interesting figures regarding the prospective yield of the Nebraska grain fields, based on the personal inspection of crops by experienced producers. In the last column of the table presented the per capita value of the four principal crops are shown. Twenty-five counties of the state show a per capita value of over \$200, of which thirteen are in the south Platte country and twelve in north Platte territory. Gosper county ranks first with a per capita valuation of \$411.04; Frontier second with \$275.94 and Kearney county third with \$275.58. The average per capita value of the crops of the entire state is \$137.40. It will be realized that his per capita valuation is not a reliable foundation on which to base estimates of the productivity of the soil from the fact that Douglas county's per capita valuation is but \$9.43, and that while Stanton county's figures are \$261.38, Madison's are \$110.11, the greater population of the latter reducing the figure, while there can be but slight difference in the fertility of the soil and weather conditions between the two.

The value of Madison county's wheat crop is given at \$189,455; oats, \$714,924; corn, \$1,449,775; rye, \$22,967, giving a total valuation of Madison county's crops as \$2,379,122, a value exceeded by not more than a score of the counties of the state.

The valuations for the entire state are as follows: Wheat, \$36,681,516; oats, \$213,010,881; corn, \$85,826,538; rye, \$3,211,107; total valuation, \$148,949,045.

FINISH IMPROVEMENTS AT MILL.

An Excellent Foundation of Concrete and Rock, Together With Steel Beams.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] Among other extensive improvements which have taken place in Norfolk this summer, those of the Sugar City Cereal mills are not to be overlooked. A vast amount of permanent improvement has been added this year to the already complete milling plant. Underneath the mill proper a new foundation of rock and concrete has been laid, which will remain indefinitely. This replaces a foundation of wooden pilings which were wont to decay. Steel beams now support the immense building, where wooden cross bars held it before. A new job of improving is undertaken every summer, making the plant more lasting each season.

THE YANKTON RAILROAD.

New York Financial Review Talks of Possibility of Northern End of Pan-American Railway.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Of interest to those who are even indirectly concerned in the new company formed in Pierre, South Dakota, under the title of the Winnipeg, Yankton & Gulf railroad company, is the personnel of the directorate, for this shows what the company is and how it is regarded by prominent and experienced men of affairs. Securities have been contracted abroad to build a line from Winnipeg to Port Arthur; first part of the line will be built from Yankton, S. D., to Superior, Neb., within the next year. Mr. H. L. Miller, of Yankton, S. D., who is one of the board of directors, and president of the company, is well known in this portion of the state and it will be recognized by those who know him well that the very fact of his being interested in this movement is an indication of the solidity of his character. Mr. Miller is not given to recklessness in anything he undertakes—in fact, there are some who say he is over conservative, yet he has never been identified with an unfortunate venture, and this is a great deal to say of any business man. There is no doubt that his experience will be of value to his colleagues, in the meetings of the board.—New York Financial Review.

BATTLE CREEK RACE MEET.

Today is the Opening of a Three-Days' Racing Event.

A GOOD FIELD OF HORSES.

Town in Gala Attire and Many Strangers are Present—The Races This Afternoon and the Program for Tomorrow.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Battle Creek, Sept. 2.—Special to The News: Battle Creek is today in gala attire and in one of its happiest moods, the occasion being the second annual meet of the Battle Creek Driving Park Association. Nearly every place of business and many of the residences are decorated with flags and the national colors and there are a large number of strangers in to see the sport, the crowd being swelled this afternoon by delegations from Norfolk, Madison and other nearby towns. Many of the business houses are closed this afternoon to permit proprietors and employees to attend the races, but will reopen after the program to care for the wants of patrons. Many concessionaires have opened up on the streets and at the grounds, which are a quarter of a mile from town, and are doing a lively business.

The weather is windy and the track somewhat dusty but these conditions have not materially interfered with the excellence of the races. The program opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with a good field of horses entered. Judge H. Wade Gillis of Tolanham, the official starter, was on the ground to see that everything moved off smoothly.

It was announced before the races commenced that the entries for Friday's races would not close today, and it is expected that there will be a number of important entries before night, and that Friday will be a day of especial interest to the people who enjoy good racing events.

Early this afternoon the local band took its position on the street and opened up with music, soon after which the bands and carry-alls commenced hauling the crowds to the grounds.

The first race was in the three minute class, trotters and pacers. Entries: Annie Rush, Silver Wing and Albion Boy. Annie Rush won, time 2:42. The winner is a Battle Creek mare and has been worked but twenty-two days this season. It was a very pretty race, with Albion Boy second and Silver Wing third.

The next race was in the 2:35 class. Entries: Minnie Wilkes, Little Fritz and Maggie Reed. First heat; Maggie Reed won, time 2:35 1/4; Minnie Wilkes second. Little Fritz would have been second had an accident near the close of the heat. He got his foot in the sulky wheel and the vehicle was overturned, breaking the shafts and throwing the driver, E. T. Julian under the wheel. Julian hung to the reins, made a pretty stop and was unhurt.

The judges are: C. W. Wurzbacher, Tilden; Owen Wade, Battle Creek; and George W. Losey, Battle Creek. Timekeepers: John Mahoney, Battle Creek; B. L. Watters, Neligh. The official starter, Judge Gillis of Tolanham also acts as timekeeper.

Good races are promised for tomorrow and it is anticipated that the crowd will be greatly increased.

WANT ALKE REMOVED.

Petition to Have the Foreman of the Government Building Relieved From His Position.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] A petition is being circulated addressed to Superintendent Williams of the United States court house, asking that F. W. Alke, foreman of construction, be removed from the position he now holds. It is alleged in the petition that Alke speaks in abusive language to the laborers and to people around the building, and that his high handed methods are not pleasing. The petition asks that R. H. Reynolds be given the position as foreman. This action undoubtedly is the sequence of the trouble of Sunday when Jack Dalton attempted to hit the foreman a few times, because he claimed Alke had abused him when he was at work.

Foreman Alke stated to a reporter for The News this morning that he was not particular whether the men, or in fact the people of Norfolk, liked him or whether they didn't. He said he was employed to keep the men on the building at work and that is what he proposed to do eight hours of the day. If he does his duty that is all he is supposed to do. He says he does not mix with the men in their drunken brawls and as a consequence they do not like him, but that does not trouble him. He expects to fulfill his duty to God and the company and so long as he has God with him he does not care if all Norfolk is against him.

FROM THE CALLAHAN FAMILY.

T. J. Callahan Was Arrested Because he Was Drunk.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] "Yes sir, I'm one of the Callahan family—T. J. Callahan by the grace

of God," said the merry old tramp who dropped into Norfolk at 9:15 from Madison last night, and who, after insisting all morning long he came from the shores of Ireland of the best blood that his country could boast, was finally taken up in a caboon late this afternoon by Chief of Police Kane.

"Jack's my name," said the member of the Callahans—I'm T. J. Callahan and I'm here on a wager. I said I'd get to San Francisco where my sister Jennie is the wife of the chief of police—and I'm in Norfolk. Born in old Ireland, brought up in London, a sailor in the British navy and cast upon the sea of struggle to make out a roaming existence. That's me, Garbed, sir, in a tinner's habiliment, I nevertheless defy your best ray with me 'eart, I've come from the Callahan family."

DEATH RECORD.

Infant Child.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dollerscholl took place this forenoon from the home of the parents in Kenow's addition, interment being in Prospect Hill cemetery. Rev. Father O'Riordan, assistant priest of this parish, had charge of the funeral and burial services.

Mrs. Alice Christiansen.

Mrs. Alice Christiansen died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Bell, sixteen miles north of Norfolk, of consumption, aged twenty-eight years.

Mrs. Christiansen had been in Colorado for her health for some time, coming here from Denver four or five months ago. Her husband is in the employ of the McCormick Harvesting company. Their home is at Lemont, Ill., where the remains were taken today, being placed on the train at Hoshina. Dr. F. M. Sisson conducted brief services at the home this forenoon.

Mrs. Christiansen visited Norfolk ten years ago and at that time referred to her death and burial, intuitively believing that the former would take place in this section of the country.

A SICK SOLDIER.

Veteran on his Way From Hot Springs to Redfield, S. D., is Cared for by Old Soldiers of Norfolk.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] An old soldier named McDonald, about eighty years of age, on his way from the Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs, S. D., was stricken with heart trouble on the train from the west yesterday and for a time it was thought that he would die before he reached Norfolk. When the train arrived here old soldiers of this city placed him on a stretcher and tenderly carried him to the Queen City hotel, where he was given the closest attention and was made as comfortable as possible. Comrades remained with him during the night and today he was so much better that it was considered safe for him to proceed on his journey to Redfield, S. D. Old soldiers are pretty good people always and especially in time of need.

LABOR DAY.

Next Monday—The First Holiday in September—Is Labor Day, a Holiday Observed by Nearly All the States and Territories in the Union. The Principal Observance is of course in the larger cities where there are many workmen and labor organizations to prepare parades and other forms of celebration.

In Norfolk and other smaller towns there is no general observance of the day. The banks will close, as will other similar business houses, but it will not be a holiday such as Christmas of the Fourth of July. The public schools will observe it to the extent that school will not be called until Tuesday.

Manager Bundick expects to give the sugar factory employes a holiday, and other business interests employing a number of men, may give a holiday, but as a general public matter it will be of small moment.

FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS.

A man named McGrall was arrested Saturday night for being drunk. He put up a bond of \$10 for his appearance in court Monday morning and was on the spot today.

"What is the damage against me?" asked McGrall as he appeared in the door.

"Your fine is \$10.10," replied Judge Hayes.

"I suppose if I had deposited a bond of \$20 you would have kept the whole thing, wouldn't you?" he put in.

"You can't talk to the court that way," said the judge, and McGrall was gone.

LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., September 1, 1903:

Warrior Christensen (2) Wm. Cook (2), Harry Hall, John Linman, Grace McCoy, F. B. McAllister, John Mora, J. C. Rogers, Janet C. Smith.

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.