

OF INTEREST TO NORFOLK

Plans for Railroad Construction in This Section.

HILL TO BUILD 400 MILES OF LINE

Probably that the Grade Between This City and Yankton Will be Used Either by Hill or the Yankton & Gulf—Connection With Burlington.

Information from Yankton is that the Great Northern surveyors are working at a point on the bank where the old Yankton and Norfolk grade meets the river. This grade runs from Yankton in the direction of Omaha and was a part of an old scheme to build a Yankton-Omaha line.

Omaha Bee, Dec. 21: A report has been received in Omaha to the effect that James J. Hill, to round out the Northern Securities company's properties, will build during the next year about 400 miles of railroad in Nebraska for the purpose of connecting the Burlington with the Great Northern.

One line, it is said, will extend from Omaha to Yankton, S. D., and another will be built from Ericson, Neb., to Yankton. These two lines, it is figured, will furnish an easy outlet from all points on the Burlington system to the north, and also will open up an extensive territory in North and South Dakota and Minnesota to Omaha trade.

"In one way," said a railroad man, "the new plans of Mr. Hill will prove a detriment to the interests of this city. The line which is planned from Ericson to Yankton will shorten the distance from a large number of Nebraska points to Minneapolis and St. Paul, and will permit of jobbers from those cities entering this state in competition with our dealers. But on the other hand we will have an almost direct line into the heart of the Dakotas, which will open a large and rich territory, making it tributary to this city. At present it is almost impossible for our merchants to compete in this section of the country with Minneapolis and Sioux City jobbers. In fact, the Sioux City jobbers practically have things their own way in the southern part of South Dakota, on account of the poor railroad facilities from other jobbing points. This will all be changed when the Omaha-Yankton line is open."

It is said that survey work will be completed as early in the spring as the weather will permit, and the construction work will follow rapidly. It is said that Mr. Hill has had the project under consideration since he gained control of the Burlington, but that work has not been begun for the reason that he has been so busily engaged in the organization of the Northern Securities company, which has met with so much opposition that it has kept his whole attention defending it.

ELKS GIVE THIRD ANNUAL BALL

The Second Annual Party of the Local Order of Elks Was Given at Club Rooms.

[From Saturday's Daily.] It was a great night for the Elks. It was the occasion of their third annual ball and they made a pretty party of it. The club rooms were handsomely decorated for the occasion. Punch was served at one end of the dancing hall and other refreshments down stairs. Music was furnished by the Mandolin club of six pieces. The committee in charge of the affair, to whom much of the success of the party was due, were J. N. Bundick, C. B. Salter and Bert Mapes.

Among the out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Von Rahden of Creighton; Owen O'Neill and the Misses O'Neill of Battle Creek; Miss Wade of Battle Creek; J. Q. Danahue of Omaha; W. F. Whitmore, Volentine; Willis McBride, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Harding, Omaha.

FIRE LADDIES ARE ALL HOME

They Have Returned From Fremont and Are Glad to Be Alive—Had Good Time.

[From Saturday's Daily.] The Norfolk, Pierce and Stanton delegations to the state volunteer firemen's association convention that has been in session at Fremont for the past few days, have all returned home and are ready to fight the flames which may break out in this locality with renewed vigor.

from the four corners of Nebraska and the spots in between, the time of their lives. And if it wasn't the very best time that the blaze scrapers ever had, it was next to the best and they would like to have it all over again.

Everything in Fremont was turned loose for their benefit during their three days' stay in the city. The theater was a free one for a fellow who happened to be labelled with a badge of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's association and there wasn't any business house in town to which the boys had not admittance.

On the way home the delegation which represented the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company from Norfolk, organized a new chemical company and went around town after their arrival home looking for a place where by some mischance or chance a conflagration might have gained headway.

"Everyone at the convention remembered with greatest delight the tournament which they had in Norfolk last summer," said one of the delegation. "They all think Norfolk is about the rightest town they ever saw and they all want to come again just as soon as we'll let them do it. They remember with universal satisfaction the fine track which we gave them and the fact that a large number of the state records were broken in this city added to their intense interest."

It was a merry lot of laddies who climbed off their car when the North-western train bearing the Norfolk delegation returned with them into the city station. They all felt cheered up and were glad to be alive. And the best of it all was that every last one of the bunch was glad to get back to Norfolk—the greatest town on earth."

WILL ENLARGE BUSINESS HERE

Krug Brewing Company Has Put Another Man in Norfolk Because it Has Advantages.

George Dietrich, representing the Krug Brewing company, was in Norfolk yesterday for the first time. Mr. Dietrich claims no relationship to the senator from Nebraska. He does claim, however, that the Krug people are going to enlarge their business out of Norfolk as a distributing point, and he is the first extra man to be sent in here. "The company realize more and more," said Rudy Blatt, who introduced the salesman about the city, "that Norfolk is going to be one of the best distributing points in the west and they are going to get in on the ground floor."

IN GRASP OF COLD WAVE

Mercury Drops to Twenty Below Zero in This Section.

IT MAY MODERATE TOMORROW

Reports Show That the Cold Wave is Very General—Many Frozen Ears and Frozen Noses Have Resulted. Weather Man Encourages Little.

[From Monday's Daily.] Ten degrees below zero is not so intensely hot that one need wear goggles, but ten degrees below zero is the very warmest weather that Norfolk has seen since Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. During those forty-eight hours up until 8 o'clock this morning, the temperature has varied but ten degrees. The lowest point reached was twenty degrees below zero. It was reached just before daylight this morning. The coldest point between Saturday morning and Sunday was eighteen degrees below.

This morning was the coldest that has happened in this section of the world thus far during the winter. Last winter it was just as cold on February 18. Snow flurries began falling last evening and this morning the earth was covered with a thin layer of pulverized whiteness.

The cold wave is very general. Reports say that the greatest fall in temperature has been in the region of Manitoba. The cold continues in the Northwest Territories. Continued cold is promised for this section, with a little warming up tomorrow, perhaps.

The streets were driven bare from people and living things; cars were nipped with stinging cold upon those individuals who even ventured out of doors for the small fraction of an hour; great scarfs like they used to wear in the good old days when Nebraska was young and the blizzards had, were dug out of the garret and wrapped around the man who stepped out of the house at any time during the day; and mammoth fires were heaped up within a thousand homes in Norfolk yesterday when the damp, bitter cold of the frigid wave fell upon the city.

Worse than the thermometer would tend to indicate with its mark of 12 below zero, the chilling blasts of northeastern wind, flavored with a raw, cutting dampness which ought to have been ashamed of itself for coming this far west, slashed into one's being and gave many a man purple ears and very sore noses as a result of the frosting.

While there have been days that have been very much colder than that which is today called yesterday, there have seldom been days in Nebraska that were so painfully felt as this. The sun was not out to even make things look warm and a heavy grey coloring toned the entire arched skies above. Norfolk avenue looked like a long, narrow river and the concrete sidewalks which line it on either side of the business section for many blocks, looked like the sleek, smooth ice of a skating pond upon which one might slide for any distance and upon which, also, one might very easily blister one's two feet with the coldness of it.

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SOCIAL SESSION AT ELKS CLUB

The Fifty-Sixth Anniversary of the Birth of Exalted Ruler Was Occasion for Congratulation.

Norfolk Elks met in regular session Saturday night. Three candidates were initiated into the order. At the close of the ceremonies, the meeting was resolved into a social session, in honor of the fifty-sixth anniversary of the birth of the exalted ruler, W. M. Robertson.

marks which were of a tone to indicate that not only the friendship but the highest respect and love of his fellow men belonged to Mr. Robertson. The speeches were entirely a surprise to the exalted ruler and only came as the result of a little incident a moment before. Calling for cigars, he had merely said, "Gentlemen, this is my birthday. I will ask you to smoke with me." And quickly grasping the opportunity, Judge Barnum arose with the remark, "Gentlemen, this is the fifty-sixth anniversary of the birth of our exalted ruler."

MONDAY MENTION.

Frank Cross was up from Newman Grove yesterday.

W. McCallum of Newman Grove is in the city today.

Jay Vaughn was in the city over night from Tilden.

Harry Reed was in the city from Madison yesterday.

A. E. Remender is in the city from Madison on business.

Dora Van Holabroun was in the city yesterday from Madison.

C. E. Dougherty was transacting business in Lincoln Saturday.

Dr. Gaddons was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk from Humphrey.

Miss Ethna Hoffman of West Point was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.

C. E. Burnham was in Norfolk, Tuesday, returning home last evening.

A son was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Roberts.

Gotthelf Bonnin has gone to Meador Grove to accept a position as school keeper in a bank.

Miss Grace Loesch has returned to her home in West Point after a visit with Norfolk friends.

Misses Edna Treat and Mae Willis of Battle Creek spent Sunday in the city, the guests of Miss Anna Herman.

Miss Smith of Sioux City visited her friend, Mrs. C. H. Brake yesterday. Returning, she was accompanied by little Paul Brake who will visit in Sioux City for a time.

Mrs. Ratigan, who for the past four years has been housekeeper for John Kost, is very low at the Kost home south of the city. Her condition is said to be critical and small hopes of her recovery are entertained.

Henry Marquardt celebrated his eighteenth birthday Friday night at his home three miles north of the city. A company of young people were there to help do the event justice and they report a very fine time.

Norfolk already has a large colony of commercial travelers but there are many others who make Norfolk territory that are expressing their intention of locating here this spring if accommodations can be found in the way of cottages, flats and furnished rooms.

Mrs. Wichert, living south of the Junction, and better known as "Grandma" Wichert, celebrated her sixty-third birthday Friday night. Her children and grand-children were there to help make merry. A beautiful birthday cake, ornamented with sixty-three candles, was one of the features of the table decorations.

J. W. Gibson of this city received some of the best prizes given at the state poultry show recently closed at Lincoln, with his white wyandottes. The white wyandotte cock in his exhibit took the second prize in his class with a marking of 92 1/2 points. One of his pullets took first, with a marking of 96 points, the highest marking received by any individual fowl of that breed.

Clair Blakely is in the city from Chicago for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blakely. He has a very fine position as telegraph operator in Chicago. "Chicago is dead now on account of the fire," says Mr. Blakely. "It has thrown so many actors, waiters, restaurant men and other people of that sort out of employment that hold-ups result naturally and people go about with loaded guns in their pockets most of the time."

County Superintendent C. W. Crum bids his adieu as editor of the "School News" in the last issue, announcing that the action has been made necessary by the action of the board of county commissioners in discontinuing their support of the publication as a county institution. The publication has been run for about a year as a medium of communication between the superintendent and the members of school boards and teachers. The receipts from subscriptions have not been sufficient to pay the running expenses of the publication.

County Teachers' Institute. County Superintendent Crum already has plans under way for the Madison county teachers' institute, which will be held in Norfolk during the week of June 6 to 11. The institute this year will be held jointly with the Pierce county institute and it is expected that it will be one of the best ever held in his section of the state. H. R. Pattengill of Lansing, Mich., editor of the "Michigan School Moderator" and "Timely Topics," has been secured as one of the instructors, and Superintendent W. M. Kern of Columbus and Miss Anna Vandercreek are other instructors who have been engaged for the institute.

Pure Bred Duroc-Jerseys. I have a few head of gilts for sale. All bred to a registered boar (also for sale.) These are fine gilts. All eligible to record. M. Mihills. 1211 Phillip avenue, Norfolk, Neb.

REPORT ON BUILDINGS

Council Committee Makes Recommendations.

FAVORS BETTER MEANS OF EXIT

Amusement and Lodge Halls are Not Arranged to Comply with the Laws. Many of the Doors Swing Inward. Hotels Examined.

[From Friday's Daily.] The city council met in regular session last night with the mayor and all the councilmen present except Walk.

The special committee appointed to examine into the condition of the buildings of the city, as to the means provided for escape from fire, reported at some length and as a portion of the report appended the laws of the state regarding the subject, which had been prepared by City Attorney Koehnle. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Concerning the Auditorium the committee reported that the front doors swing outward in compliance with the law, and are of ample dimensions. The furniture so far as the committee was capable of judging by outward appearances, are in safe condition, but it was recommended that an expert in that line should be directed to examine them and report. The same former reason was given in had condition because of the exit of oil and fat scattered about. The other former reason could not be varied "without costing." The north door from the stage is boarded up. The south exit from the stage is ample in width and has double doors that open inward, and a temporary platform leads from this door to the alley with no proper steps down and no railing at the side.

The Marquardt building is 1400 feet and 6000 stories high. The second floor is occupied by the Elks lodge and the third floor is a ball room. The exit from the ball on the third floor has double doors that open inward. All other doors of the building swing in. The exit door from the building is at the foot of the stairs, is a single door and opens inward. The heating plant is in the basement directly under the stairway and the pipes and flues are near the wooden joists which are not well protected.

In the Cotton building the second story is used for rooms and offices and the third floor for a commercial school. One stairway leads to the second and third floors, and all the doors open inward.

The different lodges—the I. O. O. F., the G. A. R., the K. P., and the Eagles all meet in rooms on the second floor and the doors of exit and at the foot of narrow stairways without handrails and the doors open inward. They have not back stairways.

In the Mast building the second floor is used for offices and the third floor for a lodge and amusement hall and an office. There are two stairways leading from the second to the third floor, both steep and narrow. All the doors open inward. The halls do not lead to windows in the outer wall.

There are front and rear stairways from the second floor of the Queen City hotel. All doors open inward. The Pacific hotel is two stories high and has fifty sleeping rooms. Two exit doors lead from the lobby and the doors are double and open inward. The halls on the upper floor do not run to the outer wall and windows cannot be reached except by going through a room. There is no way of escape from the upper story except by the stairway to the lobby. There is no back exit from the lobby.

At the Oxnard the exits from the lobby are ample. The doors are double and swing inward. The halls do not run to any floor above the first. There are fifty-six sleeping rooms. There is no means of escape from the building except by way of the lobby.

The following recommendations were made:

The law of Nebraska in force since July 1, 1899, provides that all fire escapes shall be constructed by permission and under the direction and supervision of the commissioner of labor of the state. The deputy commissioner has been communicated with in relation to the public buildings of Norfolk and he has promptly responded and has the work in charge.

Auditorium.

For the Auditorium it is recommended that some convenient means of access be made so people can get to the stage from the parquet in case of fire at the front of the building. We recommend that the double doors from the rear of the stage be made to swing outward, and that a platform or steps wide as the doorway, with a hand railing, be provided as a means of exit. We also recommend that the furnace room be cleared of oil and litter and that some means of easy access be provided for getting to the heating apparatus.

For the Marquardt building it is recommended that the side light in the exit doorway be removed and double doors substituted for the single door, and that they swing outward. We recommend that all exit doors from halls be made to open outward.

For lodge halls it is recommended that all exit doors at the foot of the

stairs in lodge room buildings be made to swing outward and that stairways for exit be made at the rear of the buildings.

At the Cotton block it is recommended that all exit doors be made to swing outward.

At the Mast building it is recommended that all doors of exit from halls be made to swing outward, also that the door at the foot of the stairs be made to swing out.

Hotels. For the Oxnard hotel it is recommended that all doors of exit be made to swing outward and that ample means of approach be made to the first escapes that are to be built.

At the Pacific hotel it is recommended that all exit doors be changed to swing outward. If the deputy commissioner of labor believes he is not authorized by the state law to build fire escapes for two-story hotels, then your committee earnestly recommends that the city council by ordinance require that ample fire escapes be provided for this building. The construction of the building is such as to require free exit.

The report closes with the following: "At the risk of being thought presumptuous in going beyond our instructions your committee would suggest that hereafter public halls shall be heated with steam or hot water, and that the heating plant be outside of the building."

The report is signed by the members of the committee, G. W. Wilkinson, Amos Brunsmund and H. A. Passawalk.

A petition signed by C. H. Krahn and many others asking that the alley running north and south in the block between Fourth and Fifth streets and Norfolk avenue and Madison avenue, south of the alley in said block running east and west, be opened and placed in shape to be used.

The street commissioner was instructed to notify the persons who were obstructing the alley to forthwith remove such obstruction.

The public works committee reports that the repairs on the boilers at the pumping station were completed, excepting a short piece of pipe and were instructed to put in the required piece of piping.

The committee on fire and police was instructed to investigate the matter of new hose nozzle and couplings for the fire department and to report at the next meeting.

The clerk reported that he had delivered the warrant for sewer piping to the Edwards & Bradford Lumber company on being informed by the street commissioner that the proper amount of sewer pipe had been delivered to the city.

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