

# SPRING RESPONDS TO ROLL

## IS ANSWERING "PRESENT" EVERY MORNING NOW.

### LION OF MARCH HAS RUN AWAY.

Now That April, With its Fragrant Showers, Has Come Around, the Atmosphere Has an Air of House-cleaning.

The green lap of springtime certainly answers "present" to the roll call these mornings and it hasn't been tardy either. The bluff of the weather man not so very long ago, suggesting that the verdant green of the sunny season had arrived to stay, was called by the lazy lion of March who kicked up so much of a rumpus about a week ago.

But the lion is a dead one for fair this time—has taken to the timberland of the north for the months of torrid heat and will not, he avowed, be back again to interfere with the vegetable gardener's plans.

And with the warming air comes an air, also, of the housecleaning time and of planting and papering and painting and all that sort of thing. Merchants report that the business which they lacked during the blizzard has bunched in upon them so heavily during the past two days that they can't take care of it all.

The roads, which told angry tales of the snow a day or two ago, have been completely hushed and are drying up like the good roads that they are. And now for the showers of April, with their sweet. Hoor—has Chaucer would say; now for the base ball diamond and the river's favorite nooks for fishing. The ground hog's reign is over and the summer time draws near.

# THE AFFAIRS OF BATTLE CREEK

## Road Running to the Cemeteries is in Very Bad Shape.

Battle Creek, Neb., April 14.—Special to The News: J. M. Giltner shipped two carloads of fat cattle and Carl Wendt two carloads of hogs to Omaha Monday.

Col. T. D. Preece went to Warnerville Wednesday to cry a sale for C. B. Clayton.

Boas Mink was down from Tilden Monday, visiting friends.

I. G. Westervelt of Norfolk transacted business here Monday.

W. A. Sutherland, who was down with appendicitis, is better.

Rev. J. Hoffmann went to Norfolk Tuesday to attend the central conference of German Lutheran ministers of north Nebraska.

Herman Hogrefe has been on the sick list this week and has been confined to his room.

The Lutherans held their quarterly business meeting Sunday afternoon. As usual Rev. J. Hoffmann presided and Prof. Deering acted as secretary, our new members were admitted and signed the constitution: John Podeler, John Warnke, Henry Massman, Jr., Charles Praeger, Jr.

Charles T. Haman is repairing his store building and is laying a new floor also.

The road from town running south to the cemeteries is in very bad shape. Tuesday about a dozen men and teams started to work on it filling up the holes with brush and covering them with old bags. This had to be done on account of the funeral of Warner Hale, as it meant going around three miles. The county road elevator will be on this road as soon as it dries up.

Mrs. Ulrich, sr., and Mrs. Ulrich, jr., were visiting here from Tilden Monday.

Henry Massman returned Saturday from an extended visit with his only daughter Catekopski at Nicollet, Minn.

Persons wanting blank leaves will find them at The News office.

# NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

## Director Loveland of Lincoln Issues the Preliminary Report for the State.

G. A. Loveland, section director of the government climate and crop service of the weather bureau, has issued his initial crop report, in which he takes occasion to review the weather and general conditions of the fall and winter months just passed.

The winter months are found to have been exceedingly dry, with less than the average precipitation. Considerable winter wheat was sown in western counties during the first half of November, but the plant at the end of the month was small and apparently less vigorous than is usual. Much of the weather of December, January and February was favorable for the development of winter wheat.

March was warm and dry and on the whole the weather was more favorable for advancing spring work on the farm than is usually the case in March. The soil was left rather dry, especially in the western counties. Considerable spring wheat was sown before April 1 and oat sowing was general in the central and southern portions of the state. Winter wheat started nicely and was in good condition in the eastern section, but less promising in western and central sections. In the western portion of the

state the crop was considerably damaged by the continued dry weather, lasting there from November to April first.

Regarding the opening of this month, Mr. Loveland says:

"The first ten days of April were cold, with much high wind and a deficiency in precipitation. The deficiency in temperature averaged about four degrees a day in the eastern counties and but about two degrees in western. The precipitation varied from less than one-tenth of an inch in the western counties to a little more than one inch in the eastern counties. Substantial progress was made in sowing spring wheat and oats. In western counties where the winter wheat is damaged the acreage of spring wheat promises to be larger than usual, although the soil is yet rather dry for seeding. The reports at present indicate that the acreage sown to oats will be large. Winter wheat has grown well in eastern counties."

# FINISH BUILDING IN JUNE

## SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAMS IS CONFIDENT OF THAT.

### WOODWORK NEXT TWO WEEKS

Just Now the Plasterers are Starting to Lay Cakes of Hard Material Upon the Walls and the Metal Workers are Finishing Up.

Superintendent G. K. Williams of the government building is planning to have the new postoffice and courthouse structure all ready for Postmaster Hays and his force of deputies and clerks by the middle of June, which is the time allowed by the contract with the United States government.

Just at present the plastering is going on in the new building, and the metal workers are finishing up with their jobs. The plasterers begin at the top in order that the fresh new material will not drop below upon the clean drying walls.

Within two weeks it is planned to finish the building before the time allowed by the contract, because of the numerous delays in material which have held the company up all of the year.

# WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ILL

## Mrs. Hayes Improves.

Mrs. S. W. Hayes passed a very comfortable night and seemed somewhat improved in condition this morning.

### Mrs. I. Powers Very Ill.

Mrs. Innae Powers has been very seriously ill from gall stones and plans were made last night to take her to Omaha at noon today for an operation in a hospital, if she were able to stand the trip. Her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Whitney, has been here from Omaha and accompanies her on the trip.

# MANY BUYERS ARE COMING

## DOZENS OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM EVERYWHERE.

### ENORMOUS ARBOR DAY SALE

With a Great Big Brass Band to Make the Air Merry With Inspiring Music, and Col. F. M. Woods to Cry the Sale, There'll be Something Doing.

If this weather continues for another week, the Arbor day of this season will be the biggest holiday that Norfolk has seen on many a twelve-month. It will also be one of the biggest, busiest business days that the people of the town have run across.

A. J. Durland has already received dozens of applications from bankers all over north Nebraska who have been reading about his approaching public sale of acres and lots in Norfolk. It will be a great occasion in many ways. Property amounting to more than \$50,000 will change hands and some of it, no doubt, at enormously low figures.

All of the capital of the great state of Nebraska will be keeping an eye this way. People from as far east as Des Moines are making many inquiries and there will be crowds. A great big band has been engaged for the event and will make merry music all the day long. At night there will be given a grand ball and concert in Marquardt hall. The band is made up of thirty pieces and the music for dancers will be no doubt inspiring. The players are coming from Fort Niobrara, Neb.

Col. F. M. Wood, the famous livestock auctioneer, will be on hand to greet his old friends and to sell the various lots. Most of the residence property is on The Heights, a very choice portion of the city when it comes to dwelling, and there will be good demand in all probability.

Mr. Durland will leave the city for Omaha and this is the reason for the deal.

# THE A. O. U. W. MEETING

## THE GRAND MASTER TALKS TO NORFOLK LODGE.

### PROVOKES FRESH ENTHUSIASM

## Banner Jurisdiction Now Aspires to Lead the New England States Under the Old Massachusetts Jurisdiction—Lunch and Smoker.

Members of Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., enjoyed a particularly agreeable meeting on their regular night at Odd Fellows hall last evening, when Grand Master Workman Jacob Jaskalek of Omaha met with them and gave them a talk under the head of the good of the order.

The attendance was fair and all who were present were glad that they had devoted the time to the session as they were amply repaid. After the business of the meeting had been concluded with the grand master in the chair, the lodge was unanimous in desiring a talk from the head of the order in the state. He responded generously and after he ceased speaking there was not a question in the minds of any of those present as to how it happened that he was instrumental as the chief of the order in causing the jurisdiction to force ahead until in point of membership it exceeded every other jurisdiction of the order in the world. He evidenced an enthusiasm for the work that was contagious and as a speaker to make the members of the order feel good and anxious to do something in the cause he was certainly an adept.

He spoke with considerable feeling of his first visit to Norfolk lodge which was the first lodge he visited after receiving his honors and gave the members some credit for starting him right, then reviewed the achievements of the jurisdiction since he took the chair detailing the fact that in three winters Nebraska had passed everything on the road and was going some more. First the honors were taken from New York, then Massachusetts was passed, and now Nebraska is at the head of them all, having passed Kansas in point of membership. His ambition and that of the members is now to exceed the membership of the old Massachusetts jurisdiction when it included the entire New England states, with a membership of 10,000 and he is confident of achieving the result.

After the remarks of the grand master the local committee spread an elegant lunch of good things and a smoker followed that extended late into the night.

# TIMELY TOPICS.

The recent storm was bad enough, but it was innocent as compared with the blizzard that came along about the last of April last year, and riddled the trees, which had already blossomed. That was about the worst storm that has struck Nebraska within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The storm of a few days ago made things unpleasant, and caused much profanity, but it really didn't do much damage, if we are to believe the Oldest Inhabitant. We can only ask Mr. Loveland to brace up and send no more such unneeded for tempests.—Walt Mason.

Hearst's record in congress has been carefully gone over, with results which are about as would be expected from such a preposterous candidate for the presidency. Congress has now been in continuous session six months, but it appears that Hearst has delivered no speeches or remarks, has made not a single point of order or motion and presented no petitions. He has introduced one resolution and five bills and is recorded in just six yea and nay votes, of which three were taken on one day. The whole number of roll calls since November 9 is 25, and Hearst is recorded as not voting on nineteen of them.—Lincoln Star.

Though the Korean woman has not even a name of her own, and in youth is simply called "the daughter of So-and-so," and after marriage "the wife of So-and-so," and if she has sons "the mother of So-and-so," still she has one rare "woman's right" which the women of the rest of the world might be glad to get, even in exchange for a multiplicity of names. For the women of Korea has a safe grip of her man. He may not be much of a man, but such as he is she has him for her own. In the towns of Korea no men are allowed on the streets after 8 o'clock at night. When that hour strikes every male must be within doors.—Omaha News.

In the local columns of this paper a prominent Columbus business man offers one hundred dollars reward for information which will place him within shooting distance of the flars who have been telling wicked stories about him. I hope somebody will win that reward. There is too much mouth-scandal in this town. If one should believe one-tenth of the scandal talked about the loose-mouthed lars in Columbus, then he would be forced to believe that nine out of ten men and women in the city were practicing "progressive polygamy," and that virtue was a

stranger to the average household. A hair-trigger mouth is a dangerous weapon for any man to carry. Here before that weapon has been making trouble for other people. Now there is promise that it will make trouble for the man who carries it. As a rule women are regarded as the most accomplished purveyors of scandal. That rule does not hold good in Columbus. In this town the business is generally in charge of a bunch of male lars. I hope Bob Saley will catch a whole flock of the cacklers in the trap which he has set for them. I believe Columbus is as moral as any other city of like size in the union. Immorality is here, of course, but the larger part of it pays license money to the school board and the other part exists only in the diseased imaginations of the male lars.—Edgar Howard in Columbus Telegram

# LINCOLN SHOT APRIL 14

## THIS IS ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ASSASSINATION.

### JUST THIRTY-NINE YEARS AGO.

## A Copy of the Dispatches Sent Out That Night in the Newspapers, is in Possession of Frank Lamb of Norfolk—The Thrill of That Day.

It was just thirty-nine years ago today that President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. The event, stirring the country as it did, is still fresh in the minds of those persons who lived at that time among whom there are a great many in Norfolk.

The flash which went out over the telegraph wires that night sent a thrill through the whole nation. It will never be forgotten. The report sent out by Secretary of War Stanton regarding the affair was published next morning. It is contained in the New York Herald of April 15, a copy of which is in possession of Frank Lamb of this city. The report reads:

War Department, Washington, April 15—1:30 a. m. Major General Dix, New York:

This evening at about 9:30 p. m. at Ford's theatre, the president, sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Harris and Major Rathbone, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the president.

The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theatre.

The pistol ball entered the back of the president's neck and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal.

The president has been inexcusable ever since it was inflicted, and is now dying.

About the same hour an assassin, whether the name or not, entered Mr. Seward's apartments, and under pretense of having a prescription was shown to the secretary's sick chamber. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face.

The nurse alarmed Mr. Frederick Seward, who was in an adjoining room, and he hastened to the door of his father's room, when he met the assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more dangerous wounds. The recovery of Frederick Seward is regarded as doubtful.

It is probable that the president will live through the night.

General Grant and wife were advertised to be at the theatre this evening, but he started to Burlington at six o'clock this evening.

At a cabinet meeting, at which General Grant was present, the subject of the state of the country and the prospect of a speedy peace was discussed. The president was very cheerful and hopeful, and spoke very kindly of General Lee and others of the confederacy, and of the establishment of government in Virginia.

All the members of the cabinet except Mr. Seward are now in attendance upon the president.

I have seen Mr. Seward, but he and Frederick are both unconscious.

Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War.

# Nellie E. Howe Dead.

Miss Nellie E. Howe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Howe of the Queen City hotel, passed away at the family home in this city yesterday afternoon at 4:45 of dropsy, resulting from Bright's disease, aged twenty-six years.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. church, Rev. J. F. Poncher officiating, and interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Miss Howe passed quietly away after an illness of eleven weeks, with the entire family present with the exception of the oldest brother, R. E. Howe who arrived last evening from Randolph to attend the funeral.

An Atchison woman went to the Fifth ward polls yesterday to vote, and was asked to vote for Dr. Sheeks for member of the board of education. "I won't do it," she said indignantly. "I've never been introduced to him."

# UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

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HON. JOHN J. PATTERSON.

Hon. John J. Patterson, Ex-United States Senator from South Carolina, in a letter from 28 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., writes:

"As quite a number of my friends have had and are using Peruna as a catarrh cure with beneficial results, I feel that I can safely recommend it to those suffering from that disorder."—J. J. Patterson.

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# THE NORFOLK NURSERY

## Sweet Prune Plum.

September 1, 1903, three bushel plums were picked from one five-year-old tree in E. D. Hammond's orchard of Sweet Prune plums. The trees commenced to bear two years after planting and bearing every year. It is the only Prune plum that has been successful with me, and I have tried many kinds. It stood the dry years 1895 and 1894, and the hard winter of 1899 and bore fruit the following season. It is grand success for northwestern Nebraska. It is a dark purple in color, large size, skin can be easily removed and can be pitted like a free stone peach. They are excellent for canning or preserves and are so sweet that they require very little sugar. I sold this plum at \$2.50 to \$3.00 a bushel the past season, when other varieties of your plums were selling from 75 cents to \$1.00 a bushel. It has taken first premiums at several fairs, a premium at the Lincoln state fair and fairs and branches loaded with plums shipped to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, New York, were shown in the Nebraska fruit exhibit that took one of the gold medals. I also received an honorable mention diploma on this plum from the Pan-American exposition. We believe this plum has more good qualities and is the best plum in existence for this whole northwestern country. If you plant some of these trees you will be well paid.

We have a choice, fine lot of five to six foot trees to sell for the spring of 1904. These trees were grown from grafts cut off these bearing trees that bore those plums, and they will bear

fruit at two or three years old if planted and are sure to be genuine. If you want some of these trees send your order early and get the best plums in existence. Trees five to six feet, \$1.25 each; \$12.00 per dozen. Delivered free at prices quoted to any railroad town. Early Ohio six weeks, Early Triumph seed potatoes, also Hammond's wonderful netted potato, medium late. For all kinds of nursery stock call at Norfolk nursery or address

## Elm and Ash.

Trees are the hardest, longest lived trees, and are the best shade trees for the street or park. A fine lot of 10 to 12 foot trees for sale.

## Asparagus.

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