

NEW LINE FOR NORFOLK?

CAPITALISTS FORMULATE PLAN FOR GULF ROAD.

WINNIPEG, YANKTON & GULF

Proposed Railroad is to Connect Winnipeg With Texas, by Way of This Territory—Plans are Said to be all Completed and Incorporated.

St. Paul, Minn., May 26.—The St. Paul Dispatch says:

Nebraska capitalists have incorporated an ambitious project in the Winnipeg & Gulf railway, which they propose to put through from the provincial capital to the gulf of Mexico, a distance of 1,400 miles, of which 100 miles will be in Canada, 250 miles in South Dakota, 220 miles in Nebraska, 220 miles in Kansas, and 500 miles in Oklahoma and Texas. The line will run due south to Brenham, Tex., with out special regard for the great commercial centers of the west.

From Winnipeg the preliminary maps show a line running south and a little west to Lisbon, N. D., through Watertown, Madison and Yankton, S. D.; Norfolk, Geneva, Clay Center, Edgar and Oak, Neb.; Concordia and Hutchinson, Kan.; and Fort Worth and Brenham, Texas. The promoters assert that surveys have been completed from Yankton to Concordia, Kan.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Mr. Moore is the sheriff of Wayne county.

M. K. Pollock was down from Hartington yesterday.

W. C. Campbell was down from Creighton yesterday.

J. H. Bohannon was in the city yesterday from Oakland.

E. G. and O. H. Price were in the city yesterday from Leigh.

E. R. Bladen and R. P. Witte were in the city from Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ferguson were down from Wayne yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant S. Moore were in the city yesterday from Wayne.

Gus. Loebke was up from Stanton.

L. L. Walker was down from Creighton.

J. H. Baker was a city visitor from Allen.

P. F. Pannabaker was in the city from Wayne.

A. S. Cull of Oakland was in Norfolk yesterday.

James Nichols of Madison had business in Norfolk.

W. B. Britton was an overnight visitor from Tilden.

Isaac Spur and F. McGraw were in Norfolk from Creighton.

H. H. Featherstone of Bloomfield had business in the city.

Mrs. S. E. Stevens of Fairfax, S. D., is visiting with Norfolk friends.

Manager A. J. Dumbley of the Auditorium was down from Tilden.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Dexter have returned to their home in Lowell, Mass.

Miss Nell Dingman will leave Sunday morning for Chicago to enter the Chicago musical college.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Morrow are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morrow, South Tenth street. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow make their home in Rocky Ford, Col.

Ernest Bridge has returned from Oberlin, Ohio, where he went because of the illness of his brother, John. He left the patient recovering. A letter today says that he is gaining continually.

Mrs. W. W. Roberts, accompanied by her brother, William Baker of Baker, Neb., went to Omaha to see Mrs. Lizzie Hook, her sister, who is seriously ill in a hospital.

H. G. Coryell has arrived in the city from South Dakota. He came to attend the graduating exercises of the Eighth grade, of which his daughter, Miss Vera Coryell, was a member.

A. J. Robertson has arrived in the city from Buffalo, N. Y., for a visit with his cousin, W. M. Robertson of this city. In fact these two Messrs. Robertson are double cousins. Their mothers were sisters and their fathers were brothers.

All members of the board of education and all high school teachers are invited to the alumni association to attend the annual banquet which is to be held at Marquardt hall tomorrow night.

The storm which has created such havoc between this city and Columbus, and for a wide strip east and west along the line, seems to have formed in Norfolk or about over this place during Tuesday afternoon. The clouds gathered just west of here and the extreme low pressure and resultant humidity were oppressive to a degree. Then came the wind rushing in to fill the opening in the atmosphere and the hail began to drop severely.

Premont Tribune: Elgar Howard is quoted as saying that Norfolk, instead of Fremont, should have had the fusion convention for the Third district, and he should be ashamed of himself. He has been chosen chairman of the democratic gathering and he will come to Fremont loaded to the chin with an able speech setting forth in brilliant epigram the merits of democracy. Fremont people are requested to join in the storms of ap-

plause, regardless of Howard's flirtation with Norfolk.

Successful Sale.

The red tag overstock sale at the Bee Hive, which just drew to an end, was the most successful in the history of the store. Hundreds and thousands, even, of shoppers found unprecedented bargains there during the sale. The womenfolk of Norfolk and northern Nebraska are now waiting for another such opportunity and the Bee Hive promises that the special sales will be a feature continuously every few days hereafter.

HONOR THE SOLDIER DEAD

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC IN NORFOLK.

ATTEND CHURCH YESTERDAY.

Flags are Flying at Half Mast and the Citizens of the Nation are Paying Tribute Today to the Memory of the Honored Soldier Dead.

[From Monday's Daily.] Today is Memorial day and the people of Nebraska are paying tribute to the memory of the soldier dead.

Flags in Norfolk are flying at half mast. Early today the local military organizations assembled at their halls for the purpose of preparing their portion of the program of the day.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Woman's Relief corps attended the special services at the Church of the Sacred Heart yesterday. Rev. Father Walsh delivered a sermon upon "patriotism," which was well received by the large congregation.

Father Walsh spoke of the sacrifice of a soldier in entering war and of the mother's greater sacrifice. War sometimes becomes necessary in order to perpetuate a free government. A patriotic feeling is necessary to maintain a country. He spoke of the fall of Greece and of Rome and compared them with the America of today.

The address was an eminently able one and the members of the two organizations which attended, were very much pleased with it. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. High mass came before the service. The Grand Army of the Republic soldiers and the members of the Woman's Relief corps assembled at their hall and from there marched to the church at the corner of Fifth street and Madison avenue.

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THE NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

Section Director Loveland of Lincoln Reports Temperatures Normal and Crops Growing Well.

Lincoln, May 31.—G. A. Loveland, section director of the crop and weather bureau for the department of agriculture reports the following crop conditions for the past week:

"The mean daily temperature of the past week was almost exactly normal.

"The rainfall was heavy in the central and northern parts of the state, exceeding an inch and a half in most places, and ranging from 2 to 4 inches in a large area in the central counties; in the southern counties the rainfall was generally less than half an inch.

"Winter wheat generally has grown well, but in a few localities the crop is less promising than previously indicated. Spring wheat and oats have grown well, but many fields of oats are weedy and the stand is rather thin. Grass has made fine growth and pastures are in fine condition. Alfalfa promises a heavy crop in southern counties and is nearly ready to cut. Corn planting is practically finished except where replanting is in progress; early planted corn is generally a thin stand and an unusually large amount of replanting is being done; the late planted corn is germinating much better; corn on rolling land in central counties was badly washed by heavy showers. Cherries are setting very fully. Apples in many localities will be only a light to fair crop."

SHERIFF TOOK PRISONER AWAY

Fearing for the Safety of the Brute. He is Removed From Holt County Jail.

O'Neill, Neb., May 31, 1 p. m.—Special to The News: Shortly after the announcement was received this morning that little Maul Stortz was dead, the sheriff of Holt county, fearing for the safety of his prisoner, quietly took him away from the Holt county jail and his whereabouts are now unknown. The officer knew that the fellow deserved the severest kind of treatment at the hands of a mob and rather than take the chance of being overpowered tonight, removed him from the jail and took him out of town, without notifying anyone of his destination.

CHANCE TO MAKE BUTTONS

CLAM SHELLS CAN BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE.

H. LODER DEVELOPS THE IDEA.

Has Thirty-one Clear, White Buttons, as Round as Round Could be, to Show for the Happy Thought, Chance to Start a New Industry.

Why not start a button factory in northern Nebraska? This is a question that came into the mind of Harry Loder of this city, and he has thirty-one smooth, polished, pearl buttons as round as round can be, perfectly solid and with all of the ridges and apertures that go with the finished product to show for his idea.

The thirty-one buttons which Mr. Loder has caused to be manufactured are mounted on a card like any other factory buttons and you wouldn't know, if you went into a store to buy them, that they hadn't been imported from across the deep blue sea. They were manufactured from a mammoth clam shell that was picked up in one of the lakes near Norfolk, and the shell, with the holes cut into it, has been sent back with the manufactured goods.

There are hundreds and thousands of clam shells in the little lakes around northern Nebraska. The fact that these buttons can be put into practical use is something of a revelation in its way. It looks like a chance for somebody.

Mr. Loder sent the shells to a button factory and the thirty-one little buttons, as good apparently as any buttons, were made from it.

The clams are not good enough to eat. They have never been put to any good use. By making buttons from them, money would be brought into the country.

Probably not many men could work at it and make a living. But no matter how small a scale, it could be done.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Water still stands in low places around Norfolk as a result of the rain.

A fishing party enjoyed fun at Boche's lake last night. They were: Misses May Durland, Fannie Norton, Edna Stafford, Messrs. Donohue and Pasewalk.

Rev. J. F. Poucher goes to Stanton tomorrow to deliver the Memorial address before the G. A. R. post of that place.

Mrs. W. W. Roberts returned last night from Omaha where she had been to see her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hook, who is ill. Mrs. Hook is getting along nicely and there is every hope of her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis McBride and children of Madison will spend Sunday in Norfolk, guests at the home of C. H. Reynolds.

Miss Robinette Bear entertained a company of young friends at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Bear, yesterday afternoon. The little people had a great time.

A Franklin gull which flew against a wire fence between here and Madison and was picked up by Clarence Salter, has attracted considerable attention. The big bird eats mice and rats like any cat, and consumes meat like a dog.

The new home of M. Enders, South Eighth street, is going up rapidly. This house is the first in the city to be built of the new building blocks which are manufactured here. From all appearances, the house will be as solid as a rock and quite as imposing.

It is evident from the increasing traffic along both the main line of the Northwestern and the Homestead branch that there are thousands of prospective homeseekers coming into this territory right now. With the Kinkaid bill which provides for a section ranch and the Rosebud which gives away Indian land, there will be a rush which has probably never been before experienced in America. Norfolk seems to be the center of the beginning of it—the gateway to both of the parks and they have to drive through the gate to get at the fountains inside.

Neligh Yeoman: The Northern Antelope Telephone company has its plans matured, and is just starting in on the season's work of extending its lines. Manager Williams had ordered two carloads of poles, one for Brunswick for the line running from that place to Orchard, and one for Neligh, to be used on the extension east of this place, and at Elgin. A couple of men are digging the holes for the poles east of town, and a few men will go to Elgin next week to set and wire the poles at that place connecting the town subscribers with the Elgin exchange. The route is decided on, and the necessary subscribers secured from Brunswick to Orchard, and as soon as the poles arrive work will begin on that line. When Orchard is reached a branch will be run down to the terminus of the Northwestern. In Frenchtown, this connecting Orchard and Clearwater. Probably another line will run from Orchard to Ewing. The line east of Neligh is started with the view of connecting this place with Tilden and Oakland.

Birthday Celebration. Friday was Mrs. Geo. D. Smith's

FINDING COAL AT LYNCH

BIGGER ARTESIAN WELL SHOOTS IT OUT.

GOOD QUALITY; BURNS WELL

John A. Lynch, for Whom the Town Was Named, Was in Norfolk and Reported That a Good Vein of the Combustible Had Been Located.

John A. Lynch, for whom the town of Lynch is named, was in Norfolk this morning enroute to Hot Springs, S. D., and visited The News. Mr. Lynch has been in Boyd county for fourteen years and homesteaded the land whereupon the prosperous little city of Lynch now stands.

He reports that coal has been struck at Lynch. He says that one of the two artesian wells at Lynch began to throw up a fine quality of coal and that yesterday two sacksful were tossed out. There is excitement there on account of it. Samples are had in all business houses and banks.

The coal burns nicely. The big well is 800 feet deep and piped but 500 feet. It is thought the coal lies between the end of the pipe and the bottom of the well.

Mr. Lynch reports fine rains in that section and says the crops never had a better prospect.

BABY VICTIM OF CRIME

DISTRESSING SCENE AT NORTH-WESTERN STATION.

WORSE THAN MERE MURDER

The Remains Were Taken to O'Neill on the Westbound Passenger Train Yesterday Afternoon—Men at Station Were Bitter in Feeling.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] It was a distressing scene that was enacted at the South Norfolk railway station yesterday noon when the remains of little Maudie Stortz, the 5-year-old child who died in a Norfolk hospital as the result of a terrible disease which had been inflicted upon her by the loathsome sweet, were placed upon the westbound train for the homeward ride.

Accompanied by relatives who live in Norfolk and to whom she meant much, the funeral train, bearing the murdered body of the tiny, innocent baby girl whose life had been blotted out by the diabolical and heastly brutality of the fiend who lay in jail at O'Neill, carried back to the Holt county home a party of people who were heart broken, bitterly angered and intensely worked up.

At noon the funeral procession, numbering many cabs, drew through South First street and ended at the railroad station. It was more than an ordinary funeral. It was a procession in which men and women mourned not a natural death but one of the cruellest, wickedest and most criminal of deaths.

Perhaps no more tragic horror has been committed in northern Nebraska. Cotrain it is that this deed rivals any that could be found in the annals of crime.

At the station there was an undertone of threats. There was an atmosphere of oaths against the beast in human frame who had already been arrested at O'Neill. There was a desire on the part of every man who knew the awful story, to get at the scoundrel and tear him literally into shreds. There was a suggestion that cutting his flesh into small slices and burning him gradually would be none too severe. And that party accompanying the remains, left Norfolk not knowing that the prisoner, because of the anticipation of a lynching, had been removed from the iron bars of Holt county and had been secretly taken away.

But this is a land of law and order and the officials in O'Neill had prepared for the worst. Believing in allowing the statutes to take their course and that the punishment meted out to him by the state of Nebraska would be severe enough, the authorities had scurried their prisoner away—no one knew just where.

The Stortz family live on a ranch to the southwest of O'Neill. The miserable hound, Sweet, was a hand-embodiment about the farm. He was brought up for preliminary hearing in O'Neill last week and was bound over in the sum of \$1,000. At that time the little girl was in the Norfolk sanitarium, receiving the best of medical treatment.

Day by day she grew weaker and more seriously ill. At length her delicate constitution gave way before the poisonous disease which had gone through her blood and she died.

FIRE RACES IN NORFOLK

NORTH NEBRASKA AGAIN HONORED WITH TOURNEY.

WILL BE HERE LATE IN JULY

The State Board of Control Decided Last Night to Hold the Annual Racing Tournament of Nebraska Volunteer Fire Fighters in This City.

The annual tournament of the volunteer firemen of the state of Nebraska will be held in Norfolk again this year. This was definitely and finally decided last night over the telephone wires between this city and Kearney, when the local fire laddies called up Chairman McKee, of the board of control, and notified him that Norfolk had raised the money.

The date of the tourney has not yet been definitely settled, but it will come along in the latter part of July. This will be determined within a day or two. For the present, the Norfolk department is feeling pretty good over the fact that the racing will come to north Nebraska.

Hastings Wanted it.

Hastings wanted the tournament this year. The boys out there have been scampering around to beat the cars during the past few days, trying to raise enough rocks to cooper the event. Word came from the board of control that if Norfolk intended to get busy, she'd have to hurry. The local committee, which has been energetically and persistently working for a number of days, was about all in anyway and just finished up around the edges yesterday afternoon to make the thing a sure go. Then they got together, counted up their cash, decided they'd run chances on getting enough to fill out the amount and called up Kearney.

"Hello, Kearney," said the department here.

"Hello, Norfolk," was the answer.

"Norfolk wants the firemen's tourney," said the local fighters of flame.

"What have you got to offer?" asked the chairman at the other end of the wire.

"We've got enough," said Norfolk.

"The tournament is yours," said Mr. McKee, and that settles it for fair.

Nebraska City Wanted it.

Nebraska City also wanted the three days of racing. They had made an effort to persuade the board of control that it ought to come there, but the board of control thought Nebraska City was too far out in the country to be easily reached and rather have Norfolk, anyway.

"You see we had such a bully good time up there last season," said one of them, "that we want to come back if we possibly can. That tournament last year was the best that the volunteer firemen of Nebraska ever possessed. It was a corker, you know. Every prize was paid in cash on the same night as the races and that was not had, either. The track was good and speedy records were made."

Thank Enterprising Citizens.

The fireman say that it is Norfolk enterprise that brought the tournament. The business men have responded liberally to the requests of the soliciting committee. The committee started out with the understanding that \$1,500 must be subscribed and they raised within less than \$100 of that amount. As the time was up that they were allowed they concluded to take chances on raising the remainder. At one time when the committee was about to give up, several business men came forward and doubled their subscriptions, and the firemen feel very grateful to the citizens who have stood behind them in their efforts to secure the vent.

Stanton Champions Helped.

The Stanton champions helped Norfolk to get the tournament this year. Norfolk feels grateful to them for their efforts. It was Al Marks and his bunch of fleet-footed steppers that swung the thing up here into the gateway to the new northwest. They worked for the location here. They might have worked against Norfolk being a sister town. Sisters generally don't get along well but Stanton is there with the right type of goods. When there is anything doing for Norfolk, Stanton comes in with a full quota and the question carries by a large majority.

Last year Stanton came up here and took the prize of the whole affair—the best banner in the bunch, all because her team ran so fast that York and Seward couldn't keep up. They were buried in the dust. Al Marks made his record coupling event and they went home about the proudest crowd of boys that had ever drawn a cart.

Bob Appleby got up on top of a donkey after that event and made a speech which resounded in its mirth from one end of Norfolk avenue to the other. And they say Stanton is coming back again this year.

Madison Also Aided.

The spirit of the fire lads at Madison also aided materially in securing the tourney twice in succession for northern Nebraska and for their own county. The Madison department came up here last year with one of the prettiest sets of uniforms that had ever marched in a parade and they

had a right to expect that prize for the largest number of men in line. They had spent a great deal of money securing their new uniforms.

Pierce Will Come.

Pierce firemen and Pierce people will come again for the tourney. They were here last year and they said they'd come again. They, too, feel that they own a share of the honor that goes with this locating the races in northern Nebraska for the second time within a pair of twelvemonths.

Hoskins is another neighbor that is interested. Hoskins was the biggest surprise of all. That little town, with a few hundred people, came over to the tournament with as foxy a fire engine as can be found in Nebraska, and they had uniforms to match.

More This Year.

There will be more teams in the events this year than there were last and there were more last year than there had ever been before. It has been suggested that Creighton, Plainville, Niobrara, Lynch, Spencer, Butte, Neligh, O'Neill, Bassett and Humphrey will come from the new northwest. Then there will be West Point, which ought to get into the game, Wayne and a number of others.

Be 10,000 Here.

For three days there will be 10,000 visitors in Norfolk. That is what the fireboys estimate and from the mammoth mobs that crowded the streets last year, the figures are not so badly off.

People come from all over the state of Nebraska to the tourney. And there will be more than that from the northern part. It will rival the St. Louis exposition in interest during those few days, and it promises to draw from about as many sections of Nebraska.

Meeting Tonight.

A meeting of firemen and citizens will be held at the city hall this evening to hear the report of the committee and make arrangements for the tournament. It is probable that the dates of the meeting will be July 26, 27 and 28, which gives but two months in which to get ready. At the meeting tonight committees of arrangements will be selected and the machinery of the event promptly set in motion. The firemen especially request that citizens attend the meeting tonight.

[From Monday's Daily.] Norfolk firemen met and named committees as follows for the tournament:

Entertainment—H. W. Winter, William Klug, M. J. Romig.

Executive committee—R. H. Reynolds, C. E. Hartford, W. L. Kern, V. A. Newow, H. W. Winter.

Printing—C. E. Hartford, M. J. Romig, J. G. Beemer.

Grounds—W. L. Kern, Millard Green, E. L. Dexter.

Concessions—C. E. Hartford, H. W. Winter, R. H. Reynolds, S. R. McFarland, V. A. Newow.

Parade—W. H. Willaman, L. Bruce, Ed. Clement.

Music—C. E. Hartford, Will Ahlman, E. R. Hays.

The printing committee was ordered to get 100 committee cards at once; 2,500 half-sheet bills, 2,000 buttons, same style as last year; 2,000 stickers.

Four or five will see the business men of the city at once in regard to having the tourney advertised on the back of the envelopes.

The committee was also instructed to get out 5,000 programs for the events of each day.

NORFOLK SEES AN OCTOPUS

Not One of the Political Variety But the Real Thing, Captured in the China Sea.

An octopus was in town last night, not the political variety that democrats are always talking about, but a specimen of the real thing, "captured in the China sea thirteen years ago, ladies and gentlemen, brought to San Francisco alive, where it lived eight days and then was preserved in alcohol. Come right inside, ladies and gentlemen, and when you come out if you think it is all right hand the door keeper 15 cents." The fish, beast or reptile, whatever it is, is being exhibited in a large covered wagon, and occupies an alcohol case with its head pointing toward the audience. The thing is a sure enough octopus, with its mouthless head, its eight long arms, upon which are some 2,000 suckers which gather its food, and its big ink sack where its chin ought to be. The thing is a curiosity wherever it might be exhibited and is more particularly so in the interior of the country.

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