

# COLD WEATHER RECORDS

FIGURES OF 1905 AND 1899 ARE COMPARED.

COVER MOST IDENTICAL PERIOD

Government Records Kept by Dr. P. H. Salter in Norfolk Show That This Year's Cold Began Two Days Earlier and Lasted Two Days Later.

While it has been popularly supposed that the recent severely cold snap of weather was the worst that had been known in the west in many ways for twenty odd years, figures on the government weather records maintained by Dr. P. H. Salter in this city show that the winter of 1899 was just as severe and that it covered almost the identical days during which the present bitter period existed. The frigidly of this year began two days earlier and continued two days later than that of 1899, thus making a stretch of four days longer.

A tabulation of the figures show the following maximum and minimum temperatures for the comparative days of the two years.

**Minimum Records This Year.**  
 Minimum for 1905: January 24, -10; January 25, -26; January 26, -4; January 27, 2; January 28, 4; January 29, -4; January 30, -9; January 31, -13; February 1, -19; February 2, -35; February 3, -18; February 4, -27; February 5, -5; February 6, -25; February 7, -18; February 8, 0; February 9, 10; February 10, -23; February 11, -8; February 12, -22; February 13, -29; February 14, 3; February 15, -12.

**Minimum Records in 1899.**  
 Minimum for 1899: January 26, 0; January 27, -10; January 28, -6; January 29, -16; January 30, -21; January 31, -12; February 1, -4; February 2, -12; February 3, -8; February 4, -24; February 5, -21; February 6, -16; February 7, -12; February 8, -26; February 9, -32; February 10, -14; February 11, -35; February 12, -30; February 13, -11.

**Maximums in 1899.**  
 The maximum weather for the days between January 26 and February 13, 1899, ran as follows: 44, 8, 35, -4, 23, 0, 14, 5, 4, 2, 1, 12, 12, -8, -22, -3, 1, -19, 10.

It will be seen from the figures that the lowest record in each year was thirty-five degrees below zero and that the period this year contained four days of zero or above for a minimum, while that of 1899 never got so warm.

# ELKHORN VALLEY LEAGUE

EIGHT TEAMS WILL COMPOSE BASEBALL ORGANIZATION.

MEETING HERE LAST NIGHT

A Committee on Constitution Was Appointed—Tilden, Neligh, Stanton, Pilger, Wisner, West Point, Scribner and Norfolk in the League.

At a meeting of baseball enthusiasts from northern Nebraska points held at the office of Chairman W. W. Roberts in this city last night, it was determined to form an eight-team league consisting of clubs from Stanton, Pilger, Wisner, West Point, Scribner, Tilden, Neligh and Norfolk, and to call the organization, "The Elkhorn Valley Baseball League."

A committee of four, composed of C. A. Smith of Tilden, Al Pont of Stanton, J. W. Stewart of Wisner, and John Neligh of West Point was appointed to draft a constitution and to meet in the office of Mr. Pont at Stanton at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of March 5 for the purpose of its adoption. The committee was instructed to secure a copy of the by-laws of the Western league.

Enthusiastic fans from Wisner and West Point were here in full force, all heartily in favor of the formation of the proposed league. It was decided at the meeting to extend an invitation to Neligh to join the aggregation.

It will, of course, depend now upon each individual town as to whether or not the single teams shall be organized but the idea seemed to prevail at the meeting that, with the proper effort in each place and with the right support from the business men of each town, the organization will be possible without any doubt.

It will be seen from the schedule that the teams which are now considered are from towns on the main line of the Chicago & Northwestern railway and that, therefore, the name "Elkhorn Valley league" is literally true.

### Monogram Designs.

New, original designs in monograms for correspondence stationery. Very late and artistic. Sample sketches will be made without charge, for the approval of exacting persons who desire this sort of work. THE NEWS.

# DIDN'T KILL BINDING TWINE

Cady Objected to Tabling and Senate Removes Postponement.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—Angry protests over the summary sidetracking of the binding twine factory bill led to a rescission of yesterday's action by the senate. Soon after the senate met Cady rose and moved to correct the journal of yesterday, and after a prolonged discussion all reference to the postponement of the measure was expunged. Cady said it was simply a polite way of murdering the bill. He exonerated Senator Sheldon, who was not present, saying that his motives were good but his methods bad. He wanted to be placed on record as opposed to such a method of disposing of important legislation.

The senate passed Dimery's bill increasing the salaries of the two chief deputy game wardens \$200 and \$300 respectively; but Good's bill to decrease the salaries of state bank examiners from \$1,800 to \$1,500 was lost.

The house is torn up over railroad rate legislation. The Foster bill to scale all state rates 10 per cent is being hard fought by the lobby, and it is charged by members that the railroads are back of the effort to create a commission. The strength of the Foster bill lies in the fact that it takes rates made by experts as a basis, and scales them, leaving it a question of only as to whether the revenues would stand such a cut, not whether each one is a reasonable one.

# KITTEN BATHED TO DEATH

LENA CASEY THOUGHT ITS FEET NEEDED WASHING.

GROUND UP IN WASH-MACHINE

Unique and Strangely Tragic Fate Which Befell the Purring Pet of a Little 5-Year-Old Girl at West Point. Was Washed Out Like a Towel.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 18.—Bathed to death in the family washing machine was the unique and strangely tragic fate which befell a little white kitten at the hands of its devoted mistress, 5-year-old Lena Casey.

The kitten had been out in the snowdrifts and returned indoors with a quartet of slightly soiled little feet. Seizing her pet in her arms, Lena carelessly informed the creature that it must have a bath straightway and that the family washing machine would be used as the most effectual means of cleanliness.

"You're foots are very black, Kitty," she said to her affectionate playmate and best friend in the world. "And I think they ought to be washed off. Now you must be a good kitten and get into the wash-machine—that's your bath tub, Kitty—without a whimper."

Accordingly the purring pet was lifted gently into the inner recesses of the Monday morning machinery of the household, and locked tightly in, after it had been given a tender farewell stroke from the diminutive, soft white hand of the kitten laundress. Then the wheels began to grind and shortly after the lid was opened. Dashing her fingers down to clutch her kitten clean, little Lena was horror stricken to find its form limp and lifeless and its eyes shut tightly. She sobbed later as though her little heart would break, when she found that the pussy was really dead. The bathed-to-death pet was buried in the back yard.

The little girl is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casey. Mr. Casey is salesman in a general merchandise store here.

# NOTABLE WEDDING AT VERDIGRE

Fred W. Diprick and Miss Rosa J. Tikasky Married Today.

Verdigre, Neb., Feb. 21.—Special to The News: One of the most notable weddings that has occurred in the vicinity of Verdigre in many a long day was celebrated here at 10 o'clock this morning when Miss Rosa J. Tikasky, daughter of Judge Tikasky of Verdigre, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Fred W. Diprick of Battle Creek, Neb., Rev. Father Tiltack officiating.

The young couple are among the most prominent people anywhere in this territory and the wedding was cause for a great celebration by their many friends in Verdigre and hereabout.

### The Grip.

"Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered ourselves." No one can describe to you the suffering attending a naitack of the grip, unless you have had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from the grip, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough remedy. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia or that has not recovered. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

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# BEGIN ASYLUM INQUIRY

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS STATE BOARD ABOUT HOSPITAL.

MR. JONES WANTS TO COME UP

Testimony Was Given by State Treasurer Mortensen and State Architect James Tyler Regarding the Construction of the Buildings.

The expenditure of the Norfolk asylum appropriation of two years ago was the subject of investigation by the house committee appointed under the Jones resolution. Representatives Jones, McAllister and Howe spent the great portion of the day listening to testimony and considering the questions presented. Mr. Jones wishes to come to Norfolk and make an inspection of the premises while the remaining members of the committee think this is hardly necessary. If Mr. Jones insists, it is likely the trip will be made, as he is the minority member of the committee, and there is no disposition to stifle the investigation in any respect.

Testimony was given by State Treasurer Peter Mortensen, who was a member of the state board of public lands and buildings that expended the \$100,000 appropriation; Former Attorney General Prout, Former Secretary of State G. W. Marsh, and State Architect James Tyler, Jr.

These gentlemen gave their reasons for expending the money at Norfolk in building three cottages and an administration building. The conditions after the fire were explained and the situation as it then confronted the state board was reviewed.

It appeared from the testimony, according to the statement of one member of the committee, that the state board expended the money the legislature appropriated in a manner very creditable to the state. They used some of the material in the old building for the new structures and acted according to their best judgment in planning the new buildings. The members examined adhered to the contention that they had obeyed the law and the whole case seemed to resolve itself into the question whether they had a right to exercise the latitude they did, and whether or not the work is repairing or rebuilding in the sense used in the statute.

State Architect Tyler was present to give information to the committee as to what had been done at Norfolk. He explained that while the buildings present a fine appearance, the state was enabled to secure this at a reasonable figure. Some of the rooms are finished in a wood resembling mahogany. As a matter of fact, the wood is an ordinary kind stained. Some imitation marble or onyx in the administration building creates an excellent impression upon the visitor, but is not excessively expensive. Mr. Tyler explained the system of construction followed. He was one of the party of state officers who visited Illinois institutions to secure ideas for the new buildings. He said the cottage system was evidently the best one to follow. It gave more room than could have been secured by building up the portion of the burned building that would have been available and the patients can receive better treatment. The experts in insanity almost unanimously recommend the cottage system.

### BLANCHE COPPER MINE.

The Mineral Showing at a Depth of 140 Feet is Very Encouraging.

Norfolk stockholders in the Blanche Copper Mining company of which H. E. Owen of this city is president, will be pleased to know that progress is being made in the work of developing the property, and learn of the good showing in deposits that are being made. The following from the Herald of Grand Encampment, Wyoming, of February 10, shows the results of the mining operations up to that date:

"The two-compartment shaft on the property of the Blanche Copper Mining company has a very encouraging showing of mineral at its present depth of 140 feet. At a depth of about 120 feet the formation began to change and the last fifteen feet of work has been in a hard formation which is now badly broken up. Seams of oxidized material, talc and quartz cross the shaft at all angles, and along the seams are layers of azurite copper, while considerable copper glance is present here and there.

"The shaft is not in vein material at present, but the presence of copper and the broken condition of the ground indicate that it is only a matter of sinking or crosscutting to bring the workings into ore. The material in the shaft is a mixture of granite, diorite, porphyry and quartz.

"A. H. Crow, who is superintending the work, says that it is the intention of the management to sink to a depth of 200 feet before exploring the ground with a crosscut. With that depth he is confident that there will be something of interest to report to Blanche stockholders. The present showing, he says, is the best that he has had in the shaft, and he feels much encouraged. G. F. Hinton, who is now at the Blanche, and S. W. Tannehill, superintendent at the New Rambler, think that the Blanche is the making of a good property."

# LITTLE GIRL BURNS TO DEATH

After Her Tragic End Home Catches Fire and is Destroyed.

According to the Anoka Herald of this week, a little child of O. A. Gardner, who lived south of Spencer in Holt county, was burned to death while the parents were away from home and after her tragic end the house caught fire and was completely destroyed. The parents went to Spencer, leaving the children at home to look after things. The clothing of the child became aflame. Her brothers managed to extinguish the blaze after a struggle and carried the burned baby to a neighboring home where she afterwards succumbed to her injuries. From the smoldering bits of clothing which had been left at the house, the building caught fire and burned to the ground. The family lost everything excepting the clothing they wore at the time.

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# INTO ARMS OF THE POLICE

DEADWOOD MAN ARRESTED AS HE LEAVES TRAIN.

HE SPENDS THE NIGHT IN JAIL

A Telegram From the Sheriff of Deadwood, S. D., Yesterday Brought Quick Returns When Chief Larkin Stopped Harry Dodge.

When the Deadwood-Chicago passenger train arrived in Norfolk yesterday at noon from the west and the multitude of travelers rushed out of the cars for the lunch room at South Norfolk, one young man among them walked deliberately into the arms of Chief of Police Larkin and has been, as a result, in a steel cage at the city jail ever since.

"Arrest and hold Harry Dodge, on eastbound passenger, destination Norfolk. Have warrant for his arrest on charge of obtaining money under false pretenses." This was the text of a long message, giving also a description of the fellow, which came from Deadwood's sheriff shortly before noon. An hour afterward Chief Larkin wired back that he had the man. Another message came from Deadwood, asking whether or not the prisoner would return to Deadwood without requisition papers. Dodge said that he would and the sheriff left Deadwood last night for this city, arriving at noon today.

The details of the crime with which the young man is charged, have not been received.

# BASEBALL MEETING HERE TONIGHT

Northern Nebraska Enthusiasts Will Try to Organize.

North Nebraska baseball enthusiasts will meet in Norfolk again tonight for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of a league in this section of the country. The meeting will be held at the office of W. W. Roberts at 8 o'clock and all Norfolk fans are urgently requested to attend the meeting. Secretary Pont of Stanton says that there will be a large delegation present from other towns. Telephone messages this morning disclosed the fact that a number of fans have started for Norfolk and will be on hand.

Concerning the prospects of the league, the West Point Republican says:

"Since that time, West Point has received an invitation to be present at the meeting, and in all probability, such well-known enthusiasts as Harry Howarth, Will McDonald, Will Nelson and Frank Sharrar will be in attendance.

The Republican believes the project to be a feasible one. It believes, further, that this town will support good league ball to a very reasonable extent. Working under stringent rules and with league umpires, there will be little chance for rowdism and dirty ball playing. An organization made up of clubs from Creighton, Wayne, Norfolk, Neligh, Madison, Stanton, Wisner and West Point would be fairly compact and might be able to weather the financial gale. It goes without saying that, in order to do this, it will be necessary to place the salary limit at the minimum and to give every encouragement to amateur players. Too much professionalism will kill the sport and local players should be given the preference and utilized wherever possible. The Republican would like to see a move of this kind succeed and it heartily pulls its thumbs for the success of the project.

A number of other papers suggest ideas. At Plainview the thought is expressed that a high school league might be more inexpensively operated and that interest would not lag, as long as the boys were all amateurs.

# LAD'S HEAD IS CRUSHED

FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY INSTANTLY KILLED IN GRINDER.

SON OF COUNTY CLERK RUDENS

Peeking into Gearing of Revolving Corn Grinder, the Little Fellow is Struck by the Sweep, Head Crushed Flat and Death Instantaneous.

Creighton, Neb., Feb. 21.—Special to The News: The 4-year-old son of County Clerk Rudens was killed in a horrible manner on the family farm thirteen miles northeast of Bloomfield today, by having his head crushed to a jelly in a corn grinder.

A farm hand was running the grinding machine by horsepower when the lad came up to watch the machine. When the man temporarily went into the granary to get more corn, the lad approached the grinder, stood up on tiptoe and peered over into the gearing. The sweep swung around, pushed his head against the pillar of the frame and crushed it flat. Death was instantaneous. The county clerk was notified immediately by telephone. It is a terrible blow to Mr. Rudens and his eldest son. Mr. Rudens is county clerk of Knox county, and was at Center when the boy was killed.

Whole County Sympathizes.

The little fellow's death has caused sincere sympathy all over this county, where the father is well known and well liked by his fellowmen.

Mr. Rudens had left his baby boy playing cheerfully and happily at home and to return only to find the child's head mangled beyond recognition is distressing to a degree.

The grinder was one of the type of machines which chop up corn, cobs and all.

It was due to the very perfectly developed telephone service in this county, where Manager Theissen has brought the service to a splendid point, that Mr. Rudens was able to learn of the sad accident within a very few minutes after it had happened.

# FUNNY WAY TO ADDRESS A LETTER

But it Finally Got to the Proper Parties in Norfolk.

Among the queer incidents in life which are met in every day work perhaps no place sees so many phases as the man behind the general delivery window in the postoffice. A letter which bears an address unique in the annals of the Norfolk office arrived today and was, through the shrewd work of the postoffice officials, delivered to the proper recipient. The address read:

"To the Lady Who Runs the Hotel Closet Southwest to the North Depot and Has a Colored Girl to Help Her Do the Work, Norfolk, Neb."

Clerk Jonas delivered the message to the woman for whom it was intended, and she gave him the envelope as a souvenir.

This is the season of the year when people have ample opportunity to read. It is the time when those interested in the latest current events should place their names on 'The News' list.

# MRS. CONRAD WERNER DEAD

Old Settler in Madison County Passes Away at Battle Creek.

Battle Creek, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Mrs. Conrad Werner, sr., died here this morning at 8:30 o'clock after a two-years' lingering illness of dropsy. She had lived in Madison county twenty-seven years, having come here with her husband from Philadelphia and located on a farm southwest of Battle Creek. She was sixty-three years of age. She leaves an aged husband, five sons and two daughters. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Fred Eyl, died several years ago. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

# DEEDED BACK TO NORFOLK

TRANSFER OF SUGAR FACTORY MAY BE MADE TODAY.

SUGAR ASSOCIATIONS ENDED

The Committee Representing the Original Donors to the Institution to Omaha Today to Confer With the Company's Representatives

The buildings, boilers and land, 240 acres in total, connected with the plant that had formerly been operated in this city by the American Beet Sugar company, will be transferred today, it is thought, to the original donors of Norfolk who contributed \$150,000 as a bonus to the institution thirteen years ago. The property which is about to be deeded back to Norfolk citizens is valued at about \$160,000, and no money consideration is received by the sugar company in return.

The committee representing the donors, A. J. Durland, Dr. A. Bear and H. A. Pasewalk, together with Manager J. N. Dundick of the factory, went to Omaha on an early train this morning to confer with General Manderson, attorney for the sugar people, and General Manager Howe of the company, in regard to the final transfer. It is believed, therefore, in Norfolk that the deal will be brought to an end and all association with the sugar company severed so far as business relations are concerned, before tonight.

Yesterday afternoon the committee which today went to Omaha, drove to the sugar factory and inspected the buildings, finding everything in good shape for transfer. The work of dismantling the factory has been completed and no more sugar could possibly be manufactured today in northern Nebraska.

William Waechter will take notice, that on the 16th day of January, 1905, S. W. Hayes, a justice of the peace of Norfolk precinct, Madison county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$50.00 in an action pending before him, wherein James H. Conley is plaintiff, and William Waechter is defendant, that property of the defendant, consisting of money has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 4th day of March, 1905, at 1 o'clock p. m.

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**Sweet Prune Plum.**  
 September 1, 1903, three bushels of plums were picked from one five-year-old tree in E. D. Hammond's orchard of Sweet Prune plums. The tree commenced to bear two years after planting and is bearing every year. It is the only Prune plum that has been a success with me and I have tried many kinds. It stood the dry years, 1893 and 1894, and the hard winter of 1899 and bore fruit the following season. It is a grand success for Northeastern 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 and 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 sour plums were selling for 75 cents to \$1.00 a bushel. It has taken first premium at several fairs, a premium at the Lincoln state fair, and limbs 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 feet trees to sell for the spring of 1905. These trees were grown from grafts cut off these bearing trees that bore these 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 plum in existence. Trees five to six feet \$1.25 each; \$12.00 per dozen.  
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 E. D. Hammond, Norfolk, Neb.