

HIGH WATER IS RECEDING

DANGER OF FLOOD FROM NORTH-FORK HAS PASSED.

FIRST STREET BRIDGE GORGED

The water in the Northfork at Pierce began to fall yesterday afternoon and the drop commenced here this morning—Gorge at Battle Creek.

The water in the Northfork river, which rose with alarming rapidity yesterday all day and into the night, began this morning to go down and it is believed that all danger of a flood in the city this season from that source has been safely passed. The water in the river at Pierce began falling yesterday afternoon, having at no time gone out of its banks.

The river here was tested almost to its capacity. The channel was bankful nearly, and a couple of feet higher water would have sent it into the business portion of the city. The rise during yesterday afternoon was exceedingly rapid and the bridge which crosses the stream just above the milldam was crowded to the railings with spectators who had made the trip to look at the water.

The current rushed over the dam in so even a manner, the water being high in all places, that it was almost impossible to distinguish the division between water below and water above the dam.

There were some fears among people living east of the river lest the water might get out and flood them out as it has done in the past, but they were relieved of their worry this morning.

Gorge Against Bridge.
There was this morning an ice gorge in the Northfork just above the First street bridge, which suggested that it needed to be chopped out and allowed to pass through peacefully. With added pressure from above, it was thought that the bridge might be brought under severe strain from the weight.

The water backed up along the dike of the M. & O. railroad but was not within two feet of the top of the embankment that holds it out of town.

Falling at Pierce.
Dr. J. M. Alden who arrived in the city this morning from Pierce, said that the water had been at its maximum yesterday afternoon but that it began falling at that time, and that there was, in his opinion, no further danger from an overflow at Norfolk.

The Elkhorn.
The Elkhorn has not risen to any serious degree as yet. It is reported from Battle Creek that the bridge above there was in danger from a huge ice gorge all day yesterday, but that workmen continued all day to work at the obstacle and have saved the bridge.

FORM HUGE COTTON COMBINE

Two Cotton Spinners' Associations Get Together in England.

London, Feb. 27.—Industrial combines in England are not so numerous as in America and as a consequence the amalgamation of the Master Cotton Spinners' federation with the Cotton Spinners' association, which has just been consummated, is attracting great attention. The merger, however, is large enough to attract notice even in the United States. In fact, it is declared to be the biggest combine of its kind in the world. Although already controlling nearly 30,000,000 spindles, it will shortly be materially strengthened by the addition of nearly 4,000,000 of spindles, many new mills being now in course of erection. The aggregate capital of the firms included in the combine is not far short of \$150,000,000, and in some quarters it is estimated that the total approaches close to \$200,000,000.

MONDAY MENTION.

- C. H. Bright was over from Wayne Sunday.
- Dr. F. M. Sisson went to Omaha on Saturday.
- J. H. Wunner was down from Pierce yesterday.
- Jos. Kluse was up from Stanton yesterday.
- R. E. Latz was down from Bone-steel Sunday.
- A. Woodward was a Sunday visitor from Winslow.
- C. E. Dennison was over from Madison yesterday.
- T. R. T. Giddis of Atkinson was in the city Sunday.
- C. H. Reed was in the city yesterday from Madison.
- E. Kirkpatrick was a Saturday visitor from Atkinson.
- Jerome T. Gregory was in the city Sunday from Pierce.
- C. C. Reka was a Sunday visitor in the city from O'Neill.
- E. W. Merritt was a Norfolk visitor from Niobrara Sunday.
- H. C. Minard was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk from Stuart.
- F. J. Pratt was a Norfolk visitor Saturday from Humphrey.
- F. S. Hudson was in the city from Newman Grove Saturday.
- A. P. Doe, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. George D. Butterfield for a week, returned to his home

in Davenport, Iowa, today.

Wm. Mathiesen was in the city Saturday from West Point.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was in the city Saturday from Madison.

A. R. Terwilliger was a Saturday visitor in Norfolk from Wayne.

Miss Verna Oliver of Battle Creek was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

F. Moore arrived in the city from Creighton on the early morning train.

J. C. Jones and Wm. Wolgram were in the city yesterday from Madison.

J. P. Hoagland of Meadow Grove was an over Sunday visitor in Norfolk.

Mackline Vanice and Fanny Inlay were in the city Sunday from Niobrara.

F. J. Pratt was in the city from Humphrey Saturday night. Mr. Pratt is publisher of the "Democrat."

Mrs. P. J. Stafford was called to West Point yesterday by the serious illness of her mother, William Stafford, her son, accompanied her to West Point, returning last night.

The little child of Marsh Canady died last night at the home of the family in the Junction, from lung fever.

The epidemic of grip in Norfolk has not yet run its course and the doctors are kept fairly busy in affording relief to the sufferers from the disease.

A bagful of seeds from the government has been received at The News office and may be had for the asking.

The seeds were sent by Senator Dietrich.

Miss Sisson was presented with a beautiful souvenir spoon by the members of the class of 1905, at their party given in her honor at the home of Lorin Doughty Friday evening.

Mrs. Fishback, who went to St. Louis to be at the bedside of her mother, who is very sick, sends back word that her mother is no better and her stay will be continued as long as there is need of her presence.

Miss Dorothy Salter entertained a merry party of little folk at the home on her parents on Koenigstein avenue Saturday afternoon in honor of the Misses Bundick, who are soon to leave the city with their parents for Lamar, Col.

The cold weather that came down from the north yesterday and last night converted the muddy streets into bumps and lumps of roughness that tested the quality of the vehicles driven over them and afforded severe jolts to the passengers.

A number of Indians from the reservation are planning to take a trip to Washington to see about the first installment of money for their lands.

The problem which bothers them is the fact that the Indians under eighteen years of age are not to be given their pay until they attain that age.

The Elks enjoyed a jolly evening at their club rooms Saturday night after regular session and initiation. A social session was held, there being refreshments and toasts that sparkled with wit. Words of regret were expressed at the departure of J. N. Bundick, who has been an active and enthusiastic member for years. C. H. Reynolds presided as toastmaster.

The special seed corn train that left Norfolk over the M. & O. railroad on Friday morning made a very successful journey over northeastern Nebraska, instructing the farmers of the territory in regard to the best choice of seeds. A number of Nebraska university professors were on the train.

It left Norfolk at 7 o'clock Friday morning and finished the trip at Blair Saturday night. The seed special has become so successful in Nebraska that other roads further east have begun to take up the idea.

Pierce Call: The long looked for engine, which will operate the new electric lighting plant, arrived last Tuesday noon and Messrs. Hensler & Craven with a force of men were hard at work Wednesday and Thursday unloading the same from the car.

One huge flat car, evidently constructed especially to carry the engine and accompanying machinery, was closely packed with the pipes, boilers, and many other things that go to make up the plant. With the engine was a gas producer which will be used to manufacture the gas for the engine.

The latter machine is a huge affair and has a capacity of 70 horse power. Two small gas engines accompanied the shipment, one being used to start the large engine while the other will be used for air pressure. The dynamo and switch for the plant were received several weeks ago. The dynamo has a capacity of 800 lights. The engine was placed in position last evening but it will be several days before everything can be made ready so that service can be had.

The Grip.

"Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered ourselves." No one can describe to you the suffering attending a nattaack 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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FIRE IN CROWDED CHURCH

STARTS IN CATHOLIC CHURCH DURING SUNDAY SERVICE.

FIREMEN SAVE THE BUILDING

And Rev. Father Walsh, by Cool Headedness and Presence of Mind, Prevents Serious Results From a Stampede for the Doors.

Fire broke out in the Church of the Sacred Heart at the corner of Madison avenue and Fifth street during the morning service yesterday, while the edifice was filled with people, and damaged the building to serious extent besides creating for a moment, an alarm among the congregation that might, save for the coolness and presence of mind of Rev. Father Thomas Walsh, have resulted in a disastrous panic. The fire, started in the furnace room beneath the main floor, eating its way along a frame cold air chute and puffing into the auditorium without an instant's warning.

The First Puff.

The first puff of smoke, black and dense, emerged from a hot air register near the altar and almost simultaneously a cold air register in the south wall threw out a similar puff. Later the flames, which were eating the wooden chute below, crept up and came into the church. The fire started just after Father Walsh had begun his sermon and the congregation was intently listening to his words.

Crowd Starts for Doors.

The instant that the people realized there was fire in the building they arose en masse and began crushing toward the doors. At this point the superb work of Father Walsh, who cautioned them to go slowly and to use the rear doors for exits, saved a stampede. As it was two women, Mrs. McGrane and Mrs. Welch, fainted but were carried out safely.

All Out in Three Minutes.

So effective were the words of caution that had reached them from Father Walsh that within three minutes after the first alarm of fire had spread, the building had been emptied in good order and without injury to a single person. A singular fact in regard to the fright was the perfect silence in the building. Not a word, not an outcry of any sort was uttered by men, women or children. Perfect quiet characterized the whole crowd from the moment they started for the doors. The two rear doors of the building, back of the altar, and the big swinging doors in the front, served admirably in permitting the people to pass out freely and without crushing.

Little Boy Gives Alarm.

The alarm of the fire was first given publicly when Freddie Welsh, one of the choir in vestments, ran to the Pacific hotel and telephoned the call for the department. The fire ladders responded almost instantly and their work was wonderfully efficient in handling the flames and fighting to save the church property. So dense was the smoke within the building that firemen were unable to enter and had to fight the blaze through the windows.

The blaze ate out a small portion of the south side of the church while inside the greatest damage was done through water and smoke, the carpet before the altar being ruined by water and the walls blackened in some places. All of the walls will have to be redecorated and all of the furniture in the church will have to be revarnished. It is impossible as yet, however, to state just what the extent of the damage will be. It is wholly covered by insurance, however.

Vestments in a little closet at the rear were ruined by the smoke, although locked in. Father Walsh saved a few articles from the altar.

No Personal Losses.

Fortunately there were no losses in the fire by persons who had hurried out. One woman left a purse inside the smoking building but City Clerk McFarland went back into the church and secured the pocketbook for her.

The fire in the furnace was not a large one, and only a few minutes before the smoke burst forth, the janitor had looked at the furnace and found everything to be all right. He has taken care of the furnace for several years and has never had any trouble with it before. The fire seemed to have been carried out by the cold-air chute by a draft of wind, as there was no sign of smoke or blaze immediately adjoining the furnace itself. It is evident that the spark had been blown for some distance before it fell in the wooden trough and became fanned into a flame.

On Way to Washington.

Valentine, Neb., Feb. 27.—Rev. Aaron B. Clark, missionary of the Episcopal church, from the Rosebud reservation, arrived here, accompanied by Chiefs Hollow Horn Bear, Peter Tall Mandin, Paul Stranger Horse, James High Pipe and Interpreter Tom Flood, en route to Washington to interview the secretary of the interior relative to the payments of the first installment of the monies due from the sale of the Gregory county lands. There are close to five thousand In-

dians of all ages, and the money due from the forthcoming payment will amount to \$25, aggregating \$125,000. However, the department is disposed to withhold that due to those under eighteen years of age as a trust fund, to be paid each on arrival at that age. The minors number about 1,400, which would mean the retention of about \$35,000 of this money. The Indians are protesting against this contemplated action, and hence this delegation. Should the department adhere to its determination the disbursement at this time will be close to \$90,000 instead of \$125,000. However, about \$15,000 is due for interest on sales of lands under former treaties. Since the two payments will likely be made during March and in silver dollars, several four-horse wagon loads of this specie will soon be making its way from Valentine to the Rosebud agency. Hollow Horn Bear will represent the Brule Sioux in the inaugural parade.

KEY TO FIGURE IN CASE.

Found in Gebhard's Office and Alleged to Have Been Koch's.

New Ulm, Minn., Feb. 28.—There is much local interest in the story now being told that a bunch of keys was picked up by an undertaker in the room where the body of the murdered Dr. Gebhard was found. The keys were on a ring similar to one Dr. Koch is alleged to have carried.

A short time before the trial the undertaker went to Los Angeles, and has but recently returned. Upon being questioned, he says but one key was found.

An attorney for the state questioned about the handwriting on the poison bottle, said the defense had retained F. J. Toland as an expert. He affirmed that Toland had several times offered his services to the state as well as those of his penmanship director, Professor Courtney of LaCrosse.

In the opinion of the state's attorneys there is sufficient evidence relating to the poison bottle to trace it to Dr. Koch, and they declare that expert testimony is not needed.

The state's attorney said it would be shown that the poison bottle was marked and that Dr. Koch attempted to place it in the Hanska postoffice, but finding the aperture too small, he took it to the station and handed it to the mail agent, who will testify.

William Wachter 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 Wachter 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.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 20, 1905.

James H. Conley, Plaintiff.

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NORTH NEBRASKA CAR LINE.

Reported That Sioux City Will Install Electric Service.

A story from Sioux City says that a line into Nebraska connecting Sioux City with Niobrara and intermediate points is the latest scheme in interurban circles.

J. E. Emerson of St. James, Neb., is in Sioux City conferring with Sioux Cityans interested in interurban affairs over the proposed Nebraska extension. He assured them that it was a good project and he was assured in return that the plan would be investigated and reported upon in the near future. Those who are interested in the matter are Franz Shenberg, R. H. Burton-Smith and J. H. Osborne, commissioner of the Commercial club. These men will shortly take a drive over the proposed route and report upon it.

Mr. Emerson, who is pushing the project, says the country through which the line would pass is a wealthy one and would add considerably to Sioux City's volume of trade providing such a line were built. The greatest feature in favor of the scheme in his estimation is the fact that the electric power may be developed by water power, which is in evidence along this route to the extent of 40,000-horse power. There is a 20-foot head of water in a small stream near St. James, Neb., and a 62-foot head of water in the Verdigris river, farther west. This power could be communicated throughout the entire line. The water power proposition has already been examined and reported on favorably by eastern engineers.

The towns through which the proposed line would run are Dakota City, Hubbard, Allen, Daly, Bow Valley, Crofton and Niobrara. This line runs through the middle of a territory of from 20 to 25 miles not touched by a railroad.

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.

RIVERS ARE STILL FALLING

WATERS OF NORTHFORK AND ELKHORN RECEDING.

SAVE FIRST STREET BRIDGE

An Ice Gorge That Had Formed Above the First Street Bridge Gave Some Alarm Yesterday Afternoon but the Huge Mass Was Broken.

The water in rivers which fork at Norfolk has been receding with great rapidity during today and the danger of flood from the three feet of snow that fell during the winter, has gone by. The water in the Northfork river at this place, which had been rising until yesterday, has fallen about two feet and is still going down. The water at Pierce has fallen many more feet than that and the water in the Elkhorn river, at Battle Creek, has also gone down.

A gorge which had formed above the First street bridge here during the day yesterday, over the Northfork river, gave some alarm yesterday afternoon but was finally broken up by the use of poles so that the small chunks of ice were allowed to pass through.

There was a large crowd at this bridge during the day, looking at the impending ice. The water arose sufficiently to cross Norfolk avenue, east of the river. The water also backed up along the M. & O. dike as far as the stockyards.

Dynamite was used near the sugar factory yesterday in breaking up ice gorges that had formed, and the rumble of the explosions could be distinctly heard in the city.

The snow has practically disappeared and it is thought the danger of floods is all over.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Jack Koenigstein went to Wayne today.

R. R. Krause was up from Platte Center yesterday.

Jalie Michales was in the city yesterday from O'Neill.

E. P. Weatherly was in Wayne yesterday on business.

H. J. Bachus of Osmond, a well known nurseryman, was in the city.

Miss Maude Dingman went to Bone-steel Saturday and returned yesterday.

Barney E. Smith came down from Lynch on the early train this morning.

C. E. Gasted and Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Beaver of Pierce were in the city yesterday.

Mayor M. C. Hazen has gone to Lincoln to attend the Methodist missionary conference.

County Commissioners Christ Schmitt of Madison and John H. Harding of Meadow Grove were here yesterday consulting with Commissioner Smith on county matters.

Officer Pilger had three bums in jail over night.

Winslow has voted \$8,500 for a new schoolhouse.

The Atlantic hotel at the corner of Madison avenue and Sixth street is being placed under a new roof and receiving other repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Garvin are moving today into their new home, just built on Koenigstein avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets.

W. A. Witzgman, vice president of the Citizens National bank, has moved his family to Norfolk from Meadow Grove, and they now occupy the residence at 811 South Ninth street.

The free government seeds which have been sent to The News for distribution will not be given to children and but one package will be given to any one family. The seeds can not be held for anyone.

Mrs. C. E. Green and Mrs. C. B. Durland will entertain the Ladies society of the Congregational church Thursday afternoon, March 2, and the ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

John Sparr, who came to Norfolk yesterday from his home eleven miles west of Pierce, became guilty of disorderly conduct during the day and was fined \$8.10 this morning in police court for the offense.

The sap has started upward in the trees and with a few more days of this weather the buds will begin to swell and get ready for the blossoming. This is usual to the latter part of March, but the season this year appears to have been inaugurated about a month in advance.

E. C. Vroman, who had lived in Madison county since 1872, having located at that time on a farm seven miles east of the city, left last night for Fort Scott, Kas., near which place he will make his future home. His daughter, Miss Annie Vroman, left for Kansas at noon today.

Plans are being made in Norfolk now for the building of many new homes in the city as soon as the spring season opens up. That the number will reach 100 is not doubted, as there are probably no less than twenty-five in course of construction today. During the past three years there have been a wonderfully large number of new homes built in Norfolk and the vacant house is still a scarce article.

Mrs. John Michaelson succumbed to illness with which she had suffered for one week, in the family home on Pasewalk avenue yesterday afternoon. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, from the house at 1:30 o'clock and from Johannes Lutheran church

at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. The Sons of Hermann will have charge of the funeral. Members of the lodge are requested to be at the hall at 1 o'clock in the afternoon for the service.

The Primrose Uncle Tom's Cabin company presented that old time and apparently never-to-die ante-bellum drama at the Auditorium last night to a fair-sized house. The company made a hit in securing Leola Rish, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rish, to take the part of little Eva, and she made good throughout and was given an ovation after the singing of her song preceding the death scene. The universal opinion was that she could follow the part and make a winning of it. The company, itself, has but recently undertaken this role and with practice would give a very meritorious entertainment.

After all the groundhog didn't know. For the six weeks have not passed, and it is springtime for sure today. It may be winter tomorrow, but it is springtime today, and no mistake. With a great big golden sun that rises early in the morning, and earlier every day; with air that is crisp and fresh and sweet with the freshness and fragrance of spring—pure and wholesome and stimulating to a degree; air that one longs to drink in until the lungs will hold no more; with here and there a bird of the summertime returning to this northern clime from his less healthful winter haunts; and with all Nature smiling a smile of the morning—a happy, cheering, joyful smile that fills the soul with hope and encouragement and energy; with all of these things and many more signs of the garden time abounding in the woods and the fields and the heavens, it is a sure enough indication that the groundhog missed his guess and that the pleasant season of all the year is upon the world.

Sioux City Tribune: "The amount of corn in the country won't be large by the second week in March if the roads are in condition to haul it," remarked H. H. Penner of Norfolk, Neb., who is at the Mondamin hotel today. "I have been buying corn between Norfolk and Sioux City, and find it has been moving out rapidly. The consumption of the big crop of last year started in early and the feeding demand has been fairly heavy. I believe the supplies from other sources were much smaller this year, and more corn has been exported than ever. What is now in the terminal elevators will be needed in Europe within a few weeks, and you'll see the farmers getting rid of nearly every ear of corn they have. Whether this is wise or not no one has been able to determine. Some farmers hold until the new crop is assured. This seems to be wise. The present movement is due to the cutting of freight rates, and when the rates are restored you will see corn go up, and for that reason I am buying all the corn that I can secure now. Nebraska will be out of corn within a radius of 150 to 200 miles of Omaha if the rates are not resumed soon."

Norfolk Girl to be Little Eva.

On next Monday evening at the Auditorium Primrose's big Uncle Tom's Cabin will be played. Mr. Primrose has secured Miss Leola Rish of Norfolk to play the role of Little Eva, the young lady who has been playing the part having been taken ill in Omaha. The company's manager arrived to secure the services of Miss Rish, who had played amateur parts with merit. The company is this week taking a rest in Omaha. The company is first class in every way, having their own band and orchestra. A concert will be played at noon when the seat sale is on.

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