DISCORD IN LADIES BAND

SOME MEMBERS WOULD JOIN A SHOW COMPANY.

TROUBLE OVER INSTRUMENTS

Said to be the Property of the City and the Young Ladies Would Carry Them Away—Some of the Parents Object Strenuously.

[From Friday's Daily.]

There is an awful note of discord in the ladies band of Norfolk. Someone has forgotten to tune the bass drum and every other instrument is out of harmony, in a way. The introduction of a musician named DeFord into the music circles of Norfolk has been the primal cause of the turmoil, then the arrival here of a show troupe for a week's stand and the inspiration given several members of the band to travel with the company, has rolled it all up in a heap ready to tumble down and engulf the band. Outside of the thought on the part of a great many Norfolk people that it is scandalous for a show company to appear here and lead away a quintet of girls of highly respected homes, there is trouble brewing over the instruments, and there is further trouble because some of the girls who are willing to go will try to induce others not willing, or whose parents object, to get in with the procession and follow the show company away under the leadership of DeFord, who must be of captivating personality along with his ability to offer what appear to be large wages to the performers.

The instruments were bought on popular subscription, the business men contributing liberally to the purchase of the same. Each member of the band, it is understood, signed a contract to the effect that if they left town the instruments were to remain behind for use of their successors in the band, the leader to be custodian of the property, but the members who agree to go with the show outfit propose to take their instruments along and if they insist there will undoubtedly be suits at law commenced to compel them to observe their previous agreement with the people who bought the instruments.

Failing to get all members of the band to accompany the troupe on their tour, it is proposed by the company and the musical director to fill in the band with girls inexperienced in the making of band music. To get real music from such a proposition would be impossible inside of several months, but if the girls could hold the instruments and look pretty the management of the show will probably not object to paying their salaries.

Several Have Quarreled.

Members of the band and their families who have been life long friends have quarreled over the situation. Stern parents have shown the door to persistent solicitors for their daughters' services, one member proposes to resign a position as teacher of a public school and the mother of another is so anxious to have her go that she expressed a willingness to shoulder the school responsibilities and carry it through to the end of the year, and on the whole it looks as though the band would suffer decimation, but with the instruments kept at home it would be possible for the leader to recruit the organization and in the course of time make it as good as before.

There was a previous rupture in the organization when it was proposed by some of the members that they join one of the carnival companies that showed at the last firemen's tournament. It is understood that some contracts had been signed, but because some of the members refused to go there was a breaking down of the plan and the band has been fairly harmonious until DeFord and the Chase-Lister people conceived the scheme that a band of pretty girls would be a greater scheme than several calliopes to draw crowds to the performances and the gold from the pockets of the people.

Kidnap Bass Drum.

Yesterday it was reported that the bass drum had been kidnapped and hidden, but it appeared at the performance of the Chase-Lister people last night and will not be so easily gotten out of town without the knowledge of the officers.

Any traveling company will concede that a ladies' band would prove a drawing card and it is not difficult to conceive that the Chase-Lister people would pay fair salaries for the acquisition, but it was not supposed that they would be able to secure such an attraction to their entertainment from the young ladies of Norfolk and it is a matter of some surprise that any parents would give their consent to the plan. It may be that the entire scheme will fall through, and there are a large number of Norfolk people not directly interested in the band, its members, or the instruments, who will hope that it may. The company concludes its engagement in Norfolk tomorrow night and it is expected that the climax in the band troubles will then have been reached, and that it will mean that the young ladies will not accompany the troupe on its tour is the sincere desire of their local well-wishers.

MORE WATER ON AVENUE TODAY

[From Friday's Daily.]

Snow Melting Sends Creeks Down Sides of Main Streets.

Norfolk avenue gutters west of the tracks had been transformed at noon into small creeks, with prospects that before night the water would have gained much more in volume. The water is cutting across Norfolk avenue just above Eleventh street, where a large portion of the street has been eaten away. The current has torn a long, serpentine hole in the road, through which horses are forced to wade if they would go their way.

BOY CHOPS KNEE WIDE OPEN

Wesley Roberts Slips and Falls on Walk—Five Stitches.

While running home from school at noon today, Wesley Roberts, son of W. W. Roberts, fell upon a slippery sidewalk, struck a sharp spot and sliced open the cap across his left knee so badly that five stitches had to be taken in it. The little fellow is resting as comfortably as could be expected, though the wound gives him considerable pain.

IS GOOD CHANCE FOR OIL

PROF. BARBOUR AT LINCOLN THINKS IT CAN BE DONE.

STATE SHOULD HELP NORFOLK

Wherever the Slightest Indication of Oil is Found, Says Prof. Barbour, it Should be Followed up at Once. The News Story Was Accurate.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Prof. Barbour, head of the geological department of the Nebraska university, is of the opinion that Norfolk should, since indications have been found for oil, do everything possible to test the matter and that the state of Nebraska should assist. The following from Lincoln relating to a message on the oil prospect here, explains itself:

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.—In regard to the above report Professor Barbour, the department of geology at the state university, said yesterday that samples of sand from Rock county and other locations near Norfolk, have been sent to him for testing which showed evidence of oil. Artesian water from Red Willow county has also indicated the presence of oil in that part of the state. He declared that in his opinion the slightest indications of either coal or oil anywhere in the state should be followed up immediately, although he could say nothing as to the possibility of either being found in paying quantities. The geological conditions described in the above dispatch are correct in the essential details, he said. The possibility of finding either coal, oil or gas or artesian water in Nebraska is strong enough, he declared, to warrant extensive investigations wherever conditions seemed especially promising, and believed that the state should assist in the work.

Kneading and Needing Bread.

This is from a leading Minnesota newspaper:

It is reported that one of St. Paul's fastidious newly married ladies kneads bread with her gloves on. The incident may be somewhat peculiar but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on. He needs bread with his shirt on. He needs bread with his pants on; and unless some of the delinquent subscribers of this "Old Rag of Freedom" pay up before long he will need bread without a damn thing on, and Minnesota is no Garden of Eden in the winter time.

Notice of School Election.

Notice is hereby given that at the annual election to be held in Norfolk, Nebraska, on Tuesday, April 4, 1905, there will be two persons chosen as members of the board of education of the school district of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, at which election the voting places in the various wards will be the same as for the city election, as follows:

First ward, at the city hall.

Second ward, at the West Side Hose house.

Third ward, at the residence of Anton Buchholz, No. 431, South Fifth street.

Fourth ward, at the Fourth Ward Hose house.

All the resident voters of the district outside of the various city wards will vote at the city hall polling place.

The polls shall remain open at each of the said polling places from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 7 o'clock in the evening of said day.

Dated at Norfolk, Nebraska, this 7th day of March, 1905.

Attest: Miner C. Hazen,
S. R. McFarland, Mayor.
City Clerk.

OAKDALE MAN IS KILLED

FRANK OVERSHOW, JR., MEETS SAD ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

GUN FELL AND SHOT INTO HIM

As He Stood Upon a Cornsheller, Examining It, the Gun That He Held, Dropped to the Ground and the Load Sank Into His Body.

Oakdale, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: Frank Obershow, jr., aged twenty-three, who lived about nine miles south of town, accidentally shot and killed himself at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

It seems that he was visiting at the home of a neighbor and was standing on a cornsheller, examining it, with the gun in his hand. In some manner he let the gun fall and it was discharged, killing him instantly.

He leaves a wife to survive him.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

W. J. Smith was over from Madison yesterday.

M. Carter was in the city yesterday from Neligh.

W. A. Sellman of Batttle Creek was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Pat Kielty of Tilden is in Norfolk today, the guest of Charles Cummins.

B. B. Hathaway and Leola Hathaway were Norfolk visitors yesterday from Magnet.

William Sutherland of Battle Creek was in town today. He had been in South Omaha with a shipment of stock.

C. W. Bush of Battle Creek was in the city this morning on his way to Cherry county where he goes to look up a section of iKnkaid land.

County Commissioner John Harding of Meadow Grove and Superintendent Johnson of the Madison county poor farm were in the city today enroute to Madison to attend the regular meeting of the board of commissioners.

The condition of the roads is still seriously impeding travel as the mud is very deep and very, very sticky.

John Risk of Battle Creek was in the city this morning. Mr. Risk reports that his recent stock sale was a hummer.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Highland Nobles will meet with Mrs. Barrett at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. All ladies of the order are invited.

Today is the time set by the weather prophets for the beginning of spring. The singing of birds indicates that it has arrived, all right, but it is a chilly bit of weather, for all that.

Mrs. A. E. Chambers, accompanied by her husband, left the city at noon yesterday for Omaha, where Mrs. Chambers has entered Clarkson hospital for a surgical operation.

Not all the school patrons understand the arrangements for the opening and close of the spring vacation for the Norfolk public schools. The schools will close at noon, March 29, for the annual spring holiday, and will reopen the morning of April 10, giving a ten days' rest. During vacation many of the Norfolk teachers plan a visit to the Sioux City and Omaha schools to learn the methods in use there.

Rev. P. B. West has returned from Naper, Neb., and states that reports which have emanated from Dallas regarding the removal of buildings from Naper to Dallas, are incorrect in the impression given. He says that no hotel has been moved from Naper; that a new printing plant has just been placed in Naper, and that not a building has been moved out of Naper excepting a little frame structure once used as a sort of drug store. Naper is said to be booming and is gaining its share of increase in prestige and growth.

The New England Journal of Education, published at Boston, in its notes on the department of superintendence of the National Educational association, which recently met in Milwaukee, classes Superintendent O'Connor of this city with the leaders of education in the following item: "The professional equality at this meeting is noteworthy. It is interesting to see United States Commissioner W. T. Harris in earnest conversation with Superintendent Thompson of Leominster, Superintendent W. H. Maxwell of New York with Superintendent Simmons of Westfield, Superintendent E. G. Cooley of Chicago with Superintendent O'Connor of Norfolk, Neb., Secretary Martin of the Massachusetts state board with Superintendent Schuetz of Negaunee, Mich., Hon. A. S. Downing of New York with Euperintendent Rawlins of Provo, Utah."

The entertainment given in Marquardt hall last night by the Highland Nobles was a success in every particular, and was attended by a very large crowd of people. The program of the evening was opened with a number by the ladies band, after which the play in which many members of the lodge participated, was put on. It was entitled, "Country Sewing Society," and every single member of the cast was as clever as could be. The play made a great hit with the audience. After the show, the side shows were thrown open and a carnival and midway reigned for fair. Among the most popular of the side show attractions was the bear dance. The audience went down the line and took in everything on the pike. The team drill by the ladies proved to be also a very striking feature. After this the dancing began, continuing until early in the morning. During the dancing, the "German Village" served refreshments.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

C. A. Nash was in the city from Madison.

W. Hall was in the city yesterday from Pierce.

W. J. Wanberger was over from Madison yesterday.

A. D. Wilberger of Anoka came down on the early morning train.

L. B. Baker of Battle Creek transacted business in Norfolk Monday.

Mrs. W. N. Huse came home from Excelsior Springs, Mo., at noon today. Mr. Huse will arrive tomorrow.

B. H. Mills of Tilden and Will McDonald and John Creek of Meadow Grove were in the city on their way to Madison where there will be a meeting of county assessors who will be instructed regarding the plans for the coming assessment.

Mrs. Charles Cummins, who has been visiting her mother at Tilden, returned home yesterday and brought with her a new son, two weeks old.

W. H. Wilson, a carpenter from Madison, is in the city and will move his family here as soon as he can obtain a suitable residence. He has been employed here for some time by W. B. Hight.

A. W. Goldsworthy has moved here from Meadow Grove and has purchased three acres of land on South Thirteenth street, between Norfolk and Madison avenues. He is erecting a neat cottage on the property for his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green have moved out of the cottage owned by I. Powers on North Ninth street, and have taken rooms at the home of Mrs. Mary Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Powers plan to occupy the cottage which Mr. and Mrs. Green have vacated.

The annual election of officers in the Elks will be held Saturday night and considerable interest attaches to the matter. The lodge has arranged for a high-class concert with which the resident members will entertain the non-resident members on June 2.

A novel want is expressed by "W" in today's want column of this paper. The desire is for a "plug horse, one of whose eyes may be blind without any difference to purchaser." The animal is wanted, it is said, for breaking prairie land on the Rosebud reservation.

The Norfolk insane hospital officials will be checked into office tomorrow by the Nebraska state board of public lands and buildings, members of which are expected in the city tonight for that purpose. Custodian Speck, who has been in charge since the fire, will then be checked out by the state officials.

Officer Pilger reports that three hoboes constituted his night's haul and that the tramps, warmed out of their hibernating holes like so many flies, have begun to move about. The housewife from now on may be on a lookout for the tramp every day or two. The bunch is unusually large this year.

It is interesting to note the rapidity with which want ads work. Ed Harter, for instance, announced a surrey for sale on Monday, through the want column. Yesterday the surrey was sold. B. C. Gentle lost an Elk tooth fob. It was advertised in the want column and has been returned on the strength of the ad.

State Journal: Omer K. Wright of Elgin, Neb., is to be brought back from Pine Bluff, Ark., to answer the charge of securing $3,200 by false pretense. Governor Mickey has issued a requisition on application of the county attorney of Antelope county. It is charged that Wright secured the money from the First National bank of Elgin by representing that he was the owner of a herd of cattle and thus secured credit.

State Journal: Mayer Bros have transferred to the Mayer Bros. Investment company lots 8 to 10 and the south 42 feet of lots 11 and 12, block 55, and lot 11, block 42, for the sum of $85,000. This is carrying out the plan announced by this firm some time ago, in which a company was organized to take over the real estate holdings of the firm and employes are admitted to profit sharing in the mercantile business.

Mayor M. C. Hazen started out to drive to Madison early this morning. He merely started. A demolished buggy, part of which was nowhere to be seen, told the story to early morning pedestrians who came down that street. The wheels of the carriage had become fastened in the road at the corner of Tenth street and Norfolk avenue, the horses had drawn with great force and the buggy had come apart. The mayor left in the portion that stuck in the mud, while the horses waded on up the street. Then the mayor took a train for the county seat.

Enthusiasts who have had in charge the matter of securing funds for the equipping of a race track in Norfolk, report that they are meeting with pronounced success and that there is every probability that such an institution will be established in this city very soon. A Minneapolis horse owner, with an animal that steps at a 2:07 gait, is now being interested in the proposition and may likely locate here. "Ruben W," a horse from Kansas City, has been shipped to Norfolk. This horse is said to have a record of 2:18 and will be kept in Norfolk if the owner is satisfied with the location.

TWO ARE BURNED TO DEATH

A FARMHAND SACRIFICES LIFE WHILE FARMER ESCAPES.

HE RAN OUT OF BLAZING HOUSE

And His Wife, Left Alone, Was Cremated, Together With the Employe Who, Being Aroused, Thought of the Woman Before Himself.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

According to the Rushville Recorder, two persons were recently burned to death at White Clay, Sheridan county, Neb., in a terrible manner. The dead are:

Mrs. G. S. Carns, a farmer's wife.

Charles Hall, farmhand, who died trying to save Mrs. Carns.

Carns, the farmer, dashed through the flames and out of the house, escaping with his life.

The dwelling was a log house on the prairie. The only door for escape was into the kitchen, and it was in the kitchen that the fire started. Carns had brought a cup of coffee to his wife while she was still in bed. As she drank the beverage, he heard a crackling noise in the kitchen. Throwing open the door, he was overwhelmed with flames, through which he hurled himself, being burned quite severely in the dive. Running to the window of the hired man, he shouted that the house was burning. He thought of Mrs. Carns and ran to her assistance. A little later Carns had torn the boards from a window leading into his wife's room. Reaching through, he grasped the charred hand of his dead employe, who had sacrificed his life in trying to save the farmer's wife. Investigation afterward brought to light the dead wife, a little way from her bed, kneeling face down. Both had evidently suffocated.

The fire is thought to have started from a heating stove. Hall was buried in Rushville and Mrs. Carns in Beemer next day. The Carns family had formerly lived at Springview.

New Dentist From Tilden.

A deal was recently completed by which Dr. N. Matzen of Tilden, Neb., acquired the Bucholz residence property, corner Norfolk avenue and Twelfth street. He also rented office rooms and as soon as he can arrange his business affairs where he now is, will locate permanently and open a dental office.

Dr. Matzen is a graduate of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and has also taken a post graduate course at the same college. He has practised his profession at Tilden for the past four years and has given universal satisfaction. He comes not as a stranger to Norfolk, as he is known to many here.

ROMANCES WILL FOLLOW FILING

231 Women on as Many Rosebud Reservation Claims.

Bonesteel, S. D., Feb. 22.—Two hundred and thirty-one women, all marriageable, are to be found on 231 farms in the Rosebud reservation. Since the news of these women and their prizes has begun to creep out, tentative letters have begun to creep in from men who would become farmers if they could secure wives and farms. Many will be the romances that will follow the luck of these women in the big land lottery last summer.

These are the women who won choice quarter sections on the reservation. Many more women drew farms, but more than half have not filed.

The above, however, won such desirable farms that they have braved the bitter winter to file on their claims. They are of the good, substantial class who mean business. They want to acquire some property to make them more independent. They are not all of an unattractive age, either, for many of them are ambitious young women, principally school teachers. Some are widows, and they represent all ages and social conditions.

Some of the women came last winter when the mercury was hovering around the bottom of the tube. They were not going to take any chance of losing their rights by failing to establish a homestead. The six months in which the homestead laws declare the entries shall be made after the claim has been taken, expired February 8. When that date arrived congress had not yet acted on the proposed law to extend the time to the first of April, to afford more seasonable weather for the prospective settlers to go upon their claims and build their improvements.

The women were more careful about protecting their rights than the men, who were disposed to trust congress to do the right thing, which it did ultimately do. The women are building small houses, and expect to live on their claims and do some farming this summer.

People having time to read is it not pertinent that the men with merchandise to sell should have their advertisements before the people?