

NORFOLK MAN AMONG DEAD

JOHN ORCUTT, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, AND HIS WIFE.

DIED IN OKLAHOMA TORNADO

The Orcutt Family, Who Resided in This City About Ten or Twelve Years Ago, Later Moved to Oklahoma and Settled.

[From Saturday's Daily.] John Orcutt, formerly of Norfolk but later of Snyder, Oklahoma, together with his wife, who was not known here, were both killed outright in the recent terrific tornado which swept people to death by the hundred in the dead of night. Although the names of Mr. and Mrs. Orcutt appeared in the list of dead as reported by the Associated Press, yet the initials were lacking and it was therefore not known in Norfolk until today, when a query of The News in this regard was answered, that the Orcutts mentioned were from here.

The man killed was the junior partner in the firm of Orcutt & Son, who owned a fruit store on Norfolk avenue in about the location now occupied by the store of E. N. Vall.

After living here for some time the family left for the south, settling in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. John Orcutt had recently located in Snyder, the town which was wiped off the map.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Mrs. M. D. Tyler is in Omaha for a visit.

H. Krasne is enjoying a visit from his father.

Judge J. B. Barnes returned at noon from Lincoln.

M. C. Hazen went to Osmond today on business.

L. Clough of Stanton was a Norfolk visitor.

P. M. Moodie was up from West Point yesterday.

M. M. Stannard made a business trip to Wayne today.

F. F. Ware was in town yesterday from David City.

F. Remender was in the city yesterday from Plainview.

F. A. Huston of Neligh was in the city yesterday on business.

E. B. Cook and son of Wayne were in the city yesterday on business.

R. J. Tate of Plainview was in the city today on his way to Omaha.

Knox Tiple was in Norfolk yesterday afternoon from Stanton.

O. B. R. Williams and Wm. Hall were in the city yesterday from Columbus.

Mrs. John Huebner of Hoskins is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Haase.

Mrs. Bondurant is in the city from Omaha for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pippin.

Miss Ransom has returned to her home in Neola, Iowa, after a visit at the home of J. W. Ransom.

Miss M. E. Smith, who had been visiting in the city, left today for her home in Omaha.

Miss Hattie Marquardt is in the city from Omaha, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. A. Marquardt.

Fred Walton left on the morning train for Walnut, Iowa, where he expects to remain for some time.

Attorney Maggi, connected with the Bell Telephone company in Nebraska, with headquarters at Lincoln, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Tena Buehnke, who has been employed in the Singer office at this place, left today for Omaha where she has secured a position as stenographer for the same company. Miss Maud Clark takes her place in the local office.

Clare Blakely arrived in the city last night from Chicago, for a visit of several weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blakely on South Tenth street. Mr. Blakely has made a pronounced success in telegraph work and is recognized as one of the most expert in Chicago today.

H. B. Thomas returned from Omaha last night, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas who has been in Clarkson hospital for the past six weeks where she was operated on for the removal of gall stones. She has been constantly improving since the operation and expects to soon recover a full degree of health.

John Freythalder went to Stanton today to arrange for the Stanton band, which will be present for the grand opening of his park here on Sunday.

Mrs. Maude L. Swift of San Antonio, Texas, arrived in the city and will spend a few weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pfunder.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport are enjoying a visit from her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richardson of New Matamoros, Ohio, who arrived yesterday to spend several weeks.

County Commissioner Christ Schmitt, Elizabeth Schmitt, Lottie Frey, August Stauss and Amelia Schmitt were in the city yesterday from Madison.

L. C. Mittelstadt is planning to go to Portland, Oregon, on the 6th of June with a party of Nebraska lumbermen, who will travel in a special car from Omaha. At Portland they will be the guests of the lumber manufacturers of the coast.

H. C. Richmond, South Omaha representative of the Omaha World-Herald, was in town today on his way home from the west. He was accompanied by his father-in-law, C. L.

Mullan, who is with the Harding Creamery company in Omaha.

Members of Norfolk lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., after conferring degrees in their lodge room last evening, went to the Rock Bros. restaurant and were served with a light lunch.

A full plate glass front with an entrance on the corner of the street are among the improvements being made to the Peerless saloon at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Fifth street, which was recently damaged by fire.

The local price of corn this morning was advanced to 37½ cents, the highest it has attained during this crop year. Whether it will still further advance depends largely on crop reports and the doings in the grain exchange.

Some of the tobacco dealers of Norfolk have placed their stocks of cigarettes on the bargain counters to get them out of the way of the new law which goes into effect on the first of July. It is an inducement to cultivate a habit, perhaps, that cannot be gratified after the law goes into effect.

Nebraska teachers are becoming interested in the approaching meeting of the National Educational association which will be held this year at Asbury Park, N. J. It is expected that no less than eight carloads of Nebraska teachers will take advantage of the rates and make the trip.

Miss Smiley is to give something new in the way of a musical recital for Norfolk. With her class of vocalists she will next Thursday evening entertain at the M. E. church, admission free. Solo, duet and quartet numbers are being practiced for the occasion and an evening of enjoyment to those who delight in vocal music is in promise.

The rumors that the Northwestern contemplates the shortening of the Omaha line between Dakota City and Tekamah have been revived by the visit of President Marvin Hughitt and a party of high officials to the line. Should the route be built straight across the country it is said that it would be shortened thirty or forty miles. There is also some talk of shortening the line between Sioux City and Lincoln.

Water in the Elkhorn is still too high to cross at any bridge, whether the bridge be safe or not, as the water is running over the roads. The water during a portion of yesterday was higher than it had been heretofore this season. In the Elkhorn. It is reported that the river is cutting a new channel around the First street bridge and that that structure is in danger of being left partly over dry land, with a new channel to be bridged.

C. A. Rohde of Chicago, son of George Rohde of this city holds a responsible place with the city of Chicago which he has acquired through the civil service plan. He is an enthusiast for civil service reform and in a recent number of the Civil Service Gazette has an able article urging that all city positions outside of mayor be placed in the civil service list and removed from politics. In Paris, he argues, all offices but that of prefect, or mayor, have been removed from politics and Paris is the best governed city in the world. Mr. Rohde is quite a regular contributor on civil service subjects and his arguments have weight.

John Freythalder yesterday installed a number of big swings in his new park east of the city, and cautioned children of the neighborhood to not disturb them. He left the park late last night and when he returned to the grounds early this morning, he found that one of the finest swings had been broken up by trespassers. Mr. Freythalder has gone to considerable expense in the installation of this park and he feels that he is entitled to protection. If he can not secure this protection from the children voluntarily, he asks it from the parents, as the damage done does no one any good, and makes constant trouble.

It is expected that the Northwestern will soon begin running a number of extra train crews in getting the material for the Casper extension to the end of the line. Through the hills and mountainous country over which the extension will be built large amounts of timbers and other material will be required and it is expected to carry them over the division at a time that is ordinarily quiet in the railway business. Numbers of railroad men who would be laid off or working only part time, will therefore have steady work. Some of this material has already passed through Norfolk, but a steady stream of it by the extra trainload is expected to start again.

The annual banquet of the West Side Whist club was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hays. The event was to celebrate the close of the card season and it was a very pleasant affair. The guests were seated at small tables, which carried a weight in delicate china and attractive silverware, and were prettily decorated with apple blossoms. The menu was served in four delicious courses and at the end of each of the courses the guests progressed and changed partners carrying out the idea of progressive whist. The evening was finished up with a literary program, over which Dr. Bear acted as master of ceremonies, and then the last card games of the season were played, adjournment being finally taken until next fall.

We sell flour, oil, meal, mill feed, stock and poultry supplies. Flour and Feed store, Pacific block.

ASYLUM FIRE FIGHTERS

COMPANY ORGANIZED TO PREVENT ANOTHER DISASTER.

NEW STANDPIPE IS NOW READY

Provision is Made in Norfolk Against Another Catastrophe in the Norfolk Hospital for the Insane—Story of the Former Fire.

[From Saturday's Daily.] By organizing a fire department at the Nebraska state hospital for the insane at Norfolk, Superintendent Alden has provided against another such emergency as that which, a little over three years ago, cost the state of Nebraska \$200,000 to say nothing of human life. The company to fight the flames has just been organized, with attendants and patients as members, and a new hose cart with a thousand feet of hose, has arrived. The hydrants are of the same size as those used in the city of Norfolk so that the hose of the one will fit the hose of the other in case of a perilous fire in either the city or the hospital.

If this apparatus had been at hand when the fire broke out, which destroyed the institution, the buildings would have been saved with but a very slight loss. As it was a new standpipe that had just been allowed by the state, was then on a car in the Norfolk freight yards, and no water supply was convenient with which to fight the flames that started in a tunnel and burned their way in the face of a wind, throughout the institution. A new cottage system now replaces the old buildings.

Old Dick, a very violent patient when excited, after having been rescued from his cell and led out of the burning building, broke away from the attendant and ran back into the flames, locking himself in his cell and shouting, as he burned to death, "You can't take me from my home."

The hose and materials were ordered through C. E. Hartford.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

John Rambach of Pierce was in the city today.

Phil Graves was here yesterday from Wakefield.

J. E. Halliderson of O'Neill was in town today.

H. Montgomery was here last night from Madison.

G. E. Hamlin of Humphrey was in the city last night.

P. M. Moodie was in Norfolk last night from West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Tyler returned yesterday from Omaha.

E. A. Hall is suffering from a bad attack of typhoid fever.

W. M. Rainbolt made a trip to Omaha and returned yesterday.

Frank Lambert and daughter, Miss Nettie, are in the city from Foster.

Commissioner Christ Schmitt of Madison was in the city over night.

C. W. Braasch has gone to Omaha to place orders for his winter supply of coal.

William A. Dinkel of Meadow Grove was transacting business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. C. R. Allen of Hawarden, Iowa, arrived in the city last night and will visit for a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. N. Huse.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Farrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter, have gone to Hot Springs, S. D., to make their future home.

Dr. J. E. Paul of Columbus spent Sunday with Dr. N. Matzen of this city.

Miss Nelle Dingman visited with her parents in Missouri Valley yesterday.

C. D. Jenkins, who has been ill and confined to his home for a week, is improved in condition today.

Miss May Schelley, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schelley, who has been very sick for some time, shows a slight improvement today, but her condition is still serious.

E. E. Cathcart, the Meadow Grove druggist, visited in Norfolk yesterday.

E. Schostag, one of Nebraska's first settlers, now of Columbus, was a guest in this city over Sunday.

Miss Emma Feane, domestic in the employ of F. A. Crissy, suffered a fractured elbow from a fall yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Askey of Plainview are guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Porter, on South Twelfth street.

Paul Brummund who lives two miles east of the city on the Stanton road, is suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Korth left yesterday for Creighton, where she takes a position as operator in the telephone office of M. C. Theissen, who is rapidly developing the telephone wires through the northwest.

Superintendent C. H. Reynolds and Chief Dispatcher E. O. Mount made a tour of inspection in Mr. Reynolds' car over the southern portion of the Nebraska & Wyoming division on the Northwestern yesterday.

Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Meredith will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church Thursday afternoon with Mrs. MacMillan and the ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Norfolk streets are beginning to assume their ordinary condition which is one of excellence in the handling of traffic, but there is enough of a remembrance of what they can be-

come under a continuous and heavy rain to make thoughts of paving attractive to a large number of people.

The first of the annual children's recitals of the pupils of Mr. Ludwig Koenigstein was given at the M. E. church last night. A large and appreciative audience was present, listening with attention and interest to the different numbers. They were greeted with the most enthusiastic applause throughout the program. The advanced pupils' recital will take place on the evening of June fifth.

The celebration of an eighty-fourth birthday on the part of the father, and of a wedding on the part of his daughter, made a great occasion Sunday afternoon at the home of Steven Stork, south of the city. Mr. Stork was eighty-four years old and still as young as he used to be. His daughter, Miss Gusta Stork, was married to Mr. Frank Wright. Fifty-six intimate friends were present as guests and a "hoch zeit" for fair was there that day.

There will be a good string of fast horses at the initial matinee of the driving association, to be held at the racing track north of the city tomorrow afternoon, and the present tone about town indicates that the matinees will steadily gain in popularity as each Wednesday rolls round. The track is in excellent shape for tomorrow's events and there will be good sport beginning at 3 o'clock sharp.

Railroad firemen in the city are making a strenuous effort to send the largest delegation to Neligh on Saturday that that town has ever seen. Tickets are being rapidly sold among business men of Norfolk and there are indications now that, if the weather remains good, there will be more than the crowd of 600 who were at first expected. And the crowd that attends is assured a rattling good time, too.

Boy bicyclists have been making considerable trouble for pedestrians along the sidewalks of Norfolk streets recently and there is trouble brewing in return for the offenders. There is an ordinance in Norfolk against riding on the sidewalks, unless the rider will get off and walk around pedestrians. A number of reckless youths have been riding at full speed down the Norfolk avenue walks, whizzing by the people on the walks without signals or alarms and frightening the latter if not injuring them.

Hackmen complain that a large number of people about the city are in the habit of throwing glass, tin cans and broken bottles, or boards with nails in them, out into the street and that their horses suffer badly as a result of it. The horses' feet get in bad condition on account of the habit and there is a strong sentiment being worked up toward the prosecution of those persons who persist in this kind of business. There is an ordinance in the city to protect the equine interests from this very evil, and it will be enforced with a heavy fine if continued.

Norfolk business men who are interested in the races of the third and fourth of July and the celebration, should plan, by all means, to be present at the meeting held in the city hall tomorrow night for the purpose of completing the preliminary details. There will be something doing at the meeting as there are a large number of committees to appoint, and the details are the important feature of the preparations. It is planned to run excursions into Norfolk on all railroads during the two days and mammoth crowds are expected here to have a good time.

Northwestern activity in building from Casper west, is said to have been influenced, in part, by the evident intention of the Milwaukee to extend from Chamberlain into the hills. The Northwestern is adding to the profits to be secured from its 400 miles of main line across Nebraska and it is figured that this can be best accomplished by extending into a business producing territory which will be opened up by the line to Leander and Thermopolis. Much material has already gone in the direction of the extension, but the promise is that things will soon be moving lively in the transferring of material to the point where it will be needed, and while it looks like the company meant business now that indication will materially improve when the full run of extras is on.

Ansel E. O'Banion, formerly of this city and son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Banion, has been appointed policeman in the Chinese district of Los Angeles and is the very first white man to have been appointed as guardian of the peace in that district. He is remembered here as a boy who could well take care of his own and law breakers as well, and it is predicted for him by his friends that he will make a good record and climb the ladder to the top. His father before him, in Norfolk, was an efficient chief of police years ago. Of the appointment a Los Angeles paper says: "In spite of the fact that he is minus a queue and does not speak in pigeon English, Ansel E. O'Banion is the first 'Chinese' policeman to receive appointment as a guardian of the peace."

O'Banion has a name that smacks of the "wild sod" yet he says his father is Scotch and his mother Welsh and that he was born in Norfolk, Neb. A petition that he be appointed was circulated by George Lem, a Chinese merchant, and the police commission yesterday gave him a star.

Repairing—neatest, best, cheapest. Paul Nordwig, harness man.

MUST BUILD DEATH TRAP

WARDEN BEEMER IS ORDERED TO CONSTRUCT GALLOWES.

BUT BARKER IS UNAFFECTED

Three Weeks From Next Friday Young Barker Will Swing to Death in Payment of the Penalty for Most Atrocious Murder Near Red Cloud.

Lincoln, Neb., May 20.—Warden Beemer at the state penitentiary here, has received a mandate ordering him to construct a gallows upon which to execute Frank Barker, the murderer from Red Cloud, on Friday, June 16. The case has been refused rehearing and Barker must die on the gallows. His murder of his brother and his brother's wife in order to get their farm was a heinous crime and purely a cold blooded murder. Barker appears to be unaffected by the order to the warden for the construction of the death gallows upon which he will swing into eternity three weeks from next Friday.

Is it Spite or Ignorance? A very yellow story, mostly fake, has found its way from Norfolk to a St. Paul paper. The subjects of the tale are the late Dr. Macomber and Ida Irish, whose portraits adorn the write up. The narrative is somewhat on the pathetic order and represents Dr. Macomber as liking Miss Irish and committing suicide a day or two prior to the date set for the wedding in June. This deed is given as the cause of Miss Irish's mental derangement. The facts are that Miss Irish was crazy long before she ever heard of Dr. Macomber and those who knew the latter are fully satisfied that he never at any time encouraged the girl in her infatuation of him. Dr. Mackay is quoted as an authority concerning Ida's behavior in the Norfolk hospital for the insane while he had charge of the institution. When, as is well known here, Miss Irish was never an inmate of an asylum until last year when she was sent to Lincoln. The whole story is a humbug and is a very good example of that feature of modern journalism which the Norfolk News and many larger papers deem necessary for their readers.—Tilden Citizen.

Is it anger because the story of Ida Irish, which was true in each detail as published in The News, was not heard of by the Citizen first? Or is it ignorance of the facts, which are known as true by scores of Madison county people? And in either case, is there foundation for crying "fake" and "yellowism" when the only fake statements in the whole matter are those of the Citizen? Is everything concerning Tilden, not known by the Citizen, a fake and a fraud? Once last fall a little tragedy occurred there. The News learned of the story and printed it. Therefore the Tilden editor branded it as fake, though he knew when he wrote his branding, that the story was true.

"Ida Irish was in the Norfolk hospital," said Dr. Mackay today, "during my superintendency. The story of her career as told by The News was true in each detail. I've known her eighteen years. I roomed with Dr. Macomber."

Is it honorable to shout "fake" because an editor is scooped? Isn't there an old fable about sour grapes?

RACING MATINEE IS ON

LOCAL HORSEMEN MEET ON THE TRACK FOR SPEED TRIAL.

SHOWER DID NOT HELP TRACK

First of a Series of Free Matinees is On the Norfolk Track Today—Keen Interest in Racing is Being Aroused. Good Bunch of Animals.

The awakening of interest in the stepping of fast horses and in the records of the various animals, has come today to a climax and at 3 o'clock this afternoon, promptly on the minute, the gong will sound at the new racing track north of the city for the initial racing matinee of the summer, to be followed by others each Wednesday afternoon.

All the morning today horsemen who expected to participate in the meeting of this afternoon, have been exercising their favorites and there was a great bit of interest worked up before the noon hour, in the coming races.

Norfolk is the proud possessor of a good bunch of well bred horseflesh and this, together with the fact of the renewed interest in the matter, promises to make the meetings of the summer a feature of the city's entertainment which will be most heartily appreciated and enjoyed. Rivalry between the owners of good horses is anticipated.

The track would have been in better condition without the shower of last night, because of the fact that the recent heavy rains had placed the track in bad condition from which it was just recovering, but the sunshine has been doing good service in removing the effects of the shower and the horsemen who will take part will proceed as though the track was at its best.

A REMARKABLE HUNTER.

One-Armed Indian Gets Six Ducks at a Single Shot.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 22.—J. B. Cloude, an Indian of the Sisseton Sioux tribe, who lives in the extreme northeastern portion of South Dakota,

notwithstanding that he has only one arm is claimed to be the champion marksman and hunter of the state.

The other day he went to a hardware store in the little town of Peever and purchased eleven shells. After an hour or two spent at some small lakes in that vicinity he had killed fourteen big mallard ducks with the eleven shells.

On numerous occasions Cloude has shown really remarkable skill as a duck hunter. Recently he brought down six ducks at a single shot. He quite frequently gets two or three at a shot and very seldom misses entirely.

West Point Loses Game.

West Point, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: A game of baseball was played at Hooper between West Point and Hooper. West Point was defeated by a score of 8 to 7. West Point had Hooper shut out up to the seventh inning, 6 to 0. On account of numerous errors by West Point the victory was turned into defeat in the ninth inning.

The West Point Junior team were defeated at Hooper in a close and exciting game, score 3 to 2.

Master Mason Degree.

Ainsworth, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: Members of the local lodge A. F. & A. M. met and administered the degree of master Mason to C. S. Waters. There was a large attendance and a banquet followed at the Schultz restaurant.

INSPECT BRIDGES TODAY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKE STEPS TO REPAIR.

THREE CAN BE CROSSED NOW

The Bridges at Thirteenth Street, Kost's Farm, and North of Meadow Grove are Now Passable—Others Will be Repaired With Dispatch.

The board of county commissioners in Madison county are today inspecting the damage done by the recent high water along the Elkhorn river at the several bridges which cross the stream in their jurisdiction. The water has been falling rapidly during the past two days and the repairing of the bridges will begin as soon as possible.

There are today three bridges which can be crossed in Madison county across the Elkhorn, by wagon. They are that at Thirteenth street, south of Norfolk; the bridge north of Meadow Grove, which was out of business for a time; and the bridge at Kost's farm. Others are not doing service.

"We will begin at the First street bridge, south of Norfolk, today," said Commissioner Smith, "and inspect the situation with regard to the entire county. We have a gang of bridge-men who have been at work at Meadow Grove, and we shall set them at once repairing the damaged Elkhorn crossings. The bridge at the Kent farm is all right, but a washout north of there has rendered it impracticable for crossing."

It is understood that approaches to the bridge on the county line between Norfolk and Stanton are washed out and that the bridge can not be used. The damage done by the river in northern Nebraska this season by the rampaging Elkhorn will reach thousands of dollars in the aggregate.

OBTAINED MONEY IN FREMONT

Stranger Swindled Fred Wistisen and Then Disappeared.

Fremont, Neb., May 23.—Special to The News: A stranger claiming to be the foreman of a bridge gang, swindled Fred Wistisen of a sum of money under false pretenses. The stranger has disappeared and there is no clue to his whereabouts.

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