

POSTMASTERS CONVENTION

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN LINCOLN NEXT WEEK.

UNCLE SAM'S MEN GET TOGETHER
A Four Days' Leave of Absence Granted Every Postmaster in the State by the Postmaster General—Large Attendance Expected.

The postmasters of the state are preparing to get together at Lincoln on June 13 and 14, and the meeting has the sanction of the postmaster general, who has granted a four days' leave of absence to every postmaster in the state to attend.

A Lincoln dispatch says: "The postmasters of Nebraska are coming in force to attend their annual convention in this city, June 13 and 14. The convention will be held in the United States court room in the government building; but the indications are that the attendance will be so large that larger quarters must be secured, and Chancellor Andrews has tendered the use of the university chapel in that event."

"The following order received by Postmaster Sizer from the postmaster general indicates that the department at Washington realizes the importance to the service of Nebraska's association of postmasters.

"Order—Postmasters in the state of Nebraska, are hereby granted leave of absence for as many days, not exceeding four, as may be necessary to enable them to attend the convention of the Nebraska Association of Postmasters to be held at Lincoln on June 13 and 14, 1905. (Signed.) "Geo. B. Cortelyou, Postmaster General."

"The indications are that 75 per cent of the postoffices of Nebraska will be represented, and that most of the postmasters will bring their wives with them for a week's outing in the capital city."

BIG FISH AT NIOBRARA

Many Being Caught, Some Weighing as Much as 100 Pounds.

Niobrara, Neb., June 10.—From a staff correspondent: Many large fish, some weighing 100 pounds, are now being caught in the Missouri river here. The Norfolk and north Nebraska lawyers reached here today for camp. Wait till they get home for fish stories that are fish stories.

MONDAY MENTION.

Chas. Emmerson of Plainview was in the city over Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Durham of Fremont is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith are in the city today from Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Isalah Lightner of Monroe are in the city today.

Miss Mabel Lonneker of Madison was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

George Williams went to Sioux City on the morning train today.

Mrs. J. Contois of Neligh is visiting at Patras home on North Eighth street.

Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon and son Frank returned this morning from a visit to Creighton.

W. H. Bucholz is expected to arrive in the city from California on Thursday evening.

Frank Beels of the Sturgeon Music company is spending a short vacation in the city.

Miss Hazel Lucas and Miss Ethel Raymond of Creighton are guests at the Sturgeon home.

C. J. Horiskey's wife and son accompanied him from Cheyenne for a visit with his parents.

E. F. Huse returned last evening from Lincoln, where he has been attending the university.

J. M. Livingstone went to Neligh last evening on a business trip for the Singer machine company.

Walter Miller and sister Miss Elvira of Pierce were in the city this morning on their way to Wayne to attend the normal college.

Mrs. E. H. Lulkart and son of Tilden, and her sister-in-law, Miss Hogrefe of Stella, were in the city yesterday, guests at the home of Mrs. G. A. Lulkart.

Otto Huebner of Hadar was in the city Saturday evening inviting friends to a house warming Sunday. Quite a number attended and a very enjoyable time was had.

Ira Hull came down from Butte yesterday morning and today went to Lyons, to accept a position in a drug store. He has just closed his year with the Butte druggist.

Miss Edith Stocking of Wayne, where she has been teaching in the high school, and Miss Elsie Sprague, one of the faculty of the Chadron academy, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Olmstead.

Dr. P. H. Salter was called to Winnetoon to operate upon the fifteen-year-old daughter of Seth Jones who has been sick for the past five or six weeks with pneumonia and pleurisy and an operation had become necessary for her relief. The operation was entirely successful and the family and friends hope for a rapid and complete recovery.

A week from Wednesday, the 21st, will be the longest day of the year, and will mark the beginning of the summer season.

Late reports concerning the condition of Mrs. S. G. Dean are that she has shown an improvement and her family and friends are filled with hope

that she may recover from the serious sickness.

Miss Jennie Miller is in the city today from Orchard.

Mrs. J. H. Allen of Battle Creek was shopping in Norfolk today.

George Marsh and Ott Bailey were in the city today from Orchard on their way to Blackfoot, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blair of Chicago, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield, left on the noon train for Denver, where they will visit their son, Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Blair are sisters.

Ralph Garvin and Miss Wittnoble won the \$5 prize for being the best dancers at the Freythal park Friday night. Ralph generously divided the reward with the young lady.

The condition of H. L. Spaulding continues critical showing at times an improvement and at others a relapse into a state of semi-consciousness. He has taken some nourishment recently and may show a further improvement.

Madison Chronicle: George Davenport of Norfolk will put a shoe store in Madison in the building recently vacated by Fred Soltow. Mr. Davenport has rented the McBride house and will move here as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Reports from the bedside of C. D. Jenkins are to the effect that he has very much improved in health and is considered practically out of danger. He has had a serious sickness, and his friends will be glad to learn that he is surmounting all difficulties to his complete recovery.

Yesterday was a day that attracted the people from their homes into the open and every available livery rig in the city as well as many private conveyances were employed in taking the people through the streets and into the country which is now assuming its most beautiful attire. The temperature was very pleasant, the breeze mild and balmy and the clouds failed to precipitate on the seventh Sunday following Easter.

Stanton Pickett: At the Iowa state firemen's tournament held at Council Bluffs this week Louis Sonnenschein and Frank Mayer, of the Carroll team, won the fifty foot coupling contest, making the coupling 3.5 slower than that made by Marks and Hald two years ago at Norfolk, when a new world's record was created, 4.15 seconds. They were up against all the fast men from all over the country including the winners at Norfolk last year.

F. A. Crissey, who has been sick for a long time with a serious attack of typhoid fever at his home on North Tenth street, during which his life was despaired of, has been passing through the crisis of the disease during the past day or two, and he seems to have retained a remarkable vitality, so much so that his family and friends expect him to recover if he can show good results during the next few hours, when he will be practically out of danger. His sister, Mrs. Myrtle Bruce of Rockford, Iowa, arrived Saturday and will remain until he is better.

J. B. Barnes, Jr., left last evening for Casper, Wyoming, where he will engage in the practice of law in company with John M. Hench, formerly of Ponca, who has been in Casper several years and has already built up a lucrative practice. Mr. Barnes is a son of J. B. Barnes, judge of the supreme court of Nebraska, and the law comes naturally to him. He was admitted to the bar in this state several years ago, but has been following the footsteps of his illustrious father in his younger days, by teaching school in the early part of his career. Judge Barnes taught school for a number of years at Ponca when he first came to Nebraska from Ohio. He was a good teacher, too, as the writer had ample opportunity to know, having been one of his pupils. Young John has taught in Norfolk and Tekamah, closing his last term there a week ago. He left that town carrying with him the good will of the people and many tokens of love and remembrance from the students. There is no reason to doubt that Mr. Barnes will develop into as good a lawyer as his father when he reaches the same age, and as the field he is now entering is still young and with great possibilities for development, a bright future is predicted for him.

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[From Tuesday's Daily.]

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The tent and stake wagons for the menagerie top were the first on the ground and under the skilled direction of one of the "colonels" of the circus army, they were soon located and the steady thump, thump of the sledge soon provided the "foundation" for the tented city. The raising of the tent poles and their equipment of guy ropes followed in order and in almost less time than it takes to tell it after the first wagon reached the lot there was the first spread of canvas, and the other tents appeared, grew and raised up in a manner that would astonish the average mushroom if it could but observe. It all worked out as a simple proposition and as smoothly as a very accurate and well oiled piece of machinery, and before people were well aware that a circus was in town it had secured a temporary home, alive with interest to the public.

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The first train arrived from Omaha at 7:30 this morning and was followed by the other three at brief intervals of time, the last arriving about the middle of the forenoon. This left but a few hours to complete all arrangements for the circus and make preparations for the grand parade, but it seems that the bigger the circus, the better the management, there were no waits or delays from the time of the arrival of the first train to the parade through the streets.

The Parade.