

# GOLD IN DUCK'S CRAW

## RICH FIND OF A COLUMBUS FARMER CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

### NUGGET IS OF PURE METAL

#### Farmer's Fowls Have Access to a Small Stream that Flows into the Loup—The Creek Will be Prospected in Search for More Gold.

Columbus, Neb., July 21.—A genuine gold excitement has struck the town of Columbus, and many are building castles as they see prospective wealth coming to them rapidly through the medium of gold nuggets. The excitement started when Adam Gessler, a farmer living fifteen miles west of town, came in and reported that he had found a gold nugget in the craw of a duck. An assay of the stone disclosed the fact that it is gold without a doubt.

Gessler's fowls have access to a small stream which flows into the Loup river. Similar instances happened a few years ago, at which time not much was thought of it. But a repetition at this time has determined a number of gentlemen to prospect the stream, in the hope that they may be able to find the bed of nuggets.

# MARKS WON THE RACE

## Defeated Stevens of O'Neill Last Evening.

O'Neill, Neb., July 21.—From a staff correspondent: A foot race for \$100, more or less, was pulled off here last night, when Al Marks, the champion foot racer of Stanton, and W. Stevens, a local lad, dashed for 100 yards on the track. Marks won the race by a "neck." It was a very close race and one that attracted much interest. Marks won right at the jump.

# FRIDAY FACTS.

J. A. Harvey of York was in town over night.

J. H. Houze of Plainview visited Norfolk yesterday.

S. W. Deuel of Meadow Grove was in the city today on business.

J. M. Haefflin of Columbus transacted business in town this morning.

Rred Remender, a Plainview merchant, was a Norfolk business visitor yesterday.

Ralph Sutliff returned last evening from a visit with his mother at Harwarden, Iowa.

Miss Cora Lulkart went to Tilden last evening to visit with her brother, E. H. Lulkart.

George Berry, owner of a big ranch north of Battle Creek, paid Norfolk a visit yesterday.

Perry A. Farrer, John Ross, John Lerch and Jos. Joyce, all of the Black Hills country, visited Norfolk yesterday.

E. W. Hayes of Indianapolis, Ind., is in the city the guest of his father, Col. S. W. Hayes.

R. G. Harvey of Sioux City was in town over night. He was on his way home from West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baldwin of Plainview were in town this morning on their way to Sioux City.

Ben Heckendorf came home this morning from Tilden, where he has been putting in cement walks.

Clayton Ira of Lynch was in Norfolk this morning on his way home from a business visit to Scribner.

Mrs. A. E. Lonsbury left this morning for Sioux City, where she will join her husband. They will make their home in that city hereafter.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Mueller returned yesterday from their summer trip to their former home in Canada and visits at interesting points enroute.

Messrs. Martin and Ernest Raasch and Rev. Fred Siegler who is visiting here from Bay City, Mich., went to Pierce today, for a visit with friends at that place.

Gust Klitzke, a blacksmith of Madison, and Chas. G. Gross, a real estate man of the same place, were in the city yesterday. They were returning from Dixon, where Mr. Gross purchased a half section of land.

Rev. David Marquette, D. D., of Lincoln is in the city meeting old-time friends. Dr. Marquette was formerly presiding elder of the Norfolk district of the Methodist church and has recently edited a history of Nebraska Methodism.

Darius Mathewson has returned from his visit to the east. He remained several days longer than he expected, to hear Rev. Booker T. Washington speak in Pomfret, Conn., last Sunday. Mr. Mathewson was pleased that he remained, as he describes the address of the able colored gentleman as one of the most brilliant oratorical efforts he ever heard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rainbolt are getting nicely settled at housekeeping in one of the Cotton cottages, 1163 Koeningstein avenue.

A dancing party was given in Marquardt hall last evening, which was well attended and a very enjoyable affair. Music was furnished by the Norfolk orchestra.

The Atkinson Graphic Publishing company has gone out of existence and the paper is now owned solely by Dell Aikin, who is also editor, and is making a good paper of the Graphic.

The dance at Freythal's park last evening was attended by the largest crowd that has been on the ground since the day the park was opened. Music was furnished by the Stanton band and the evening was just cool enough to be pleasant. A handsome

new piano was added yesterday to the equipment of the park.

Complying with the order of the city council, a gang of Western Union linemen from Omaha are today engaged in moving the telegraph poles on Fourth street outside the curb line. The gang is in charge of G. W. Jones, foreman.

Paul, the 12-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Radenz, died yesterday afternoon of inflammation of the bowels, after an illness of three days. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at St. Paul's Lutheran church.

The fire department is about to receive six pair of the very latest couplings, for the use of the hose companies. They are made of gun metal and are non-crossable, and the fire boys will undoubtedly appreciate their advantage in actual use.

Alex Wichman went to Omaha this morning where he is to submit to an operation in the Methodist hospital. He was accompanied by W. F. Wagner, who recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis, performed in the same hospital by Dr. Jonas.

Three names are to be voted on and four candidates have been notified to appear for initiation at the meeting of Elks lodge tomorrow evening. Dr. Salter, who represented the lodge at the recent meeting of the grand lodge in Buffalo, will make his report, the evening to close with a social session.

The improvements on the store of Parish the grocer are now complete and it is strictly metropolitan. Solid oak counters and oak shelving have been put in, as well as double decked show cases, with plate glass fronts and tops. Other appointments of the store have been made to harmonize with these modern fixtures, and the whole bears a decidedly swell appearance.

Norfolk lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., elected and installed officers for the ensuing term of six months at its meeting held last night. M. C. Walker was elected and installed as noble grand and John Purviance was elected and installed in the office of vice grand. S. R. McFarland was elected and installed in the office of vice unexpired term of H. L. Spaulding deceased. Resolutions of respect and condolence were drawn covering the death of H. L. Spaulding.

The bakery of T. Lewis in the Schoregge building had another fairly close call from fire yesterday afternoon. At about 4 o'clock smoke was seen issuing from one of the rooms on the second floor of the building, and on investigation it was found that the bed in the room was afire and smoking to beat Vesuvius. The crowd of men who turned out of the neighboring buildings quickly pitched the bed out of doors, and the danger was all over. Fire had not yet communicated to the bedstead and the wood work of the room was not scorched. No alarm was turned in.

A few days ago when the Omaha Commercial club was making one of their jaunts through the southern part of the state, just as they reached a town a nice shower commenced to fall, and of course the club immediately claimed credit for bringing it, arguing that the inclinations of the members were so strongly in favor of water that they must necessarily bring rain wherever they went. That sounded very pretty down south. This morning a nice shower commenced to fall here, and the Omaha Commercial club has not been within 120 miles of this section, demonstrating that north Nebraska can get along very well, thank you, without Omaha or the Omaha Commercial club.

Landlord Howe of the Queen City hotel is on the war path today. The cause is a common one among hotel men, but it makes them angry just the same every time it happens. A guest stopped with him last night and left for the east on the early train this morning. When his room was visited after he was gone, it was found that the stranger had taken with him about everything he could carry that was removable from the room. The cake of soap went with him, the towels disappeared, the pillow cases went into his grip, and Mr. Howe in his wrath is consoling himself with the fact that the man's grip was not big enough to carry the bedstead, chiffonier and carpet, otherwise he feels satisfied that the stranger would have swiped them all while he was about it.

W. A. Wagner and his son Martin were in town last evening for the first time since the latter was gored by a bull last Saturday. Martin says the sensation of being attacked by a big brute is not the most pleasant in the world. The animal that attacked him was not supposed to be vicious, no one ever having had trouble with him before, those about the place being able to lead him at will. But he was not familiar with Martin, who has just recently returned from the university at Watertown, Wis., where he is studying for the ministry, and when he saw him in the yard he made a dash for him, knocking him down, rolling him over and finally poked him up on his horns and pitched him over a four-wire fence. When the bull struck Martin with his horns one of them entered the lower part of his abdomen, tearing a great hole that is still in a serious condition. Martin says he had not expected the attack as the animal was considered safe and he was wholly unprepared to defend himself or get out of the way. Frightened? He says he was never so frightened in his life and never expects to be again. His nerves are still decidedly shaky and he don't know when he will get them back into their normal condition. However, he is thankful that the result was no worse.

# SERVED KIRKMAN RIGHT

## PEOPLE AT FT. NIORBARA SATISFIED WITH RESULT.

### THEY ARE GLAD HE IS IN JAIL

#### The Promised Disclosures to be Made by Capt. Kirkman's Forthcoming Book are Not Feared by Army Officers, Even Though Sensational.

Fort Niobrara, Neb., July 21.—From a staff correspondent: The air around this pretty military post of Uncle Sam's is quieting down after the disturbance caused by the late Captain Kirkman, and there is a sigh of relief heaved by every officer in the fort at the fact of Kirkman's imprisonment at last.

"We are finally rid of that scoundrel," every officer says, "and we are glad he is behind the bars of prison. The only feature we regret is that he didn't get enough."

Regarding the report that Kirkman is now publishing a book, an officer said: "He states that he will attack the social side of army life and he will no doubt make many assertions intended to give a wrong impression of the army. We have no fear, however, of what he will say."

Major Penrose is a fancier of fine dogs and one handsome animal of his is to be entered next year in the field trials at O'Neill. The dog is almost perfect now, but needs a little more training.

Work is now on in earnest toward the building of the new \$15,000 structure to replace the old one destroyed by fire last winter. This will be much larger and more durable.

# SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Fred Brueggemann represented Columbus in Norfolk today.

D. B. Perry of Crete transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

Sam Rothwell of Sioux City is transacting business in Norfolk today.

Chas. Ulrich of Pierce was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

R. Dudley, a Sioux City stock man, was in Norfolk on business yesterday. C. E. Turnbull of the Elkhorn nursery, is home from a trip up the Bone-steel line.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Poucher returned yesterday from their visit to Tekamah.

Miss Helen Bridge went to Grand Island this morning to visit some of her sorority friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Abrahamson of Holdrege were in the city over night on their way to Bloomfield.

T. J. Petras, manager of the Singer Sewing machine company, returned this morning from a business trip to Lynch.

Mrs. C. S. McCaslin and daughter Grace left this morning for a visit with relatives and friends at Glenwood, Iowa.

Mrs. G. W. Box of Sioux City arrived in Norfolk over the M. & O., at noon, and will visit old friends here for a few days.

Miss Mabel Hooper of Wayne arrived today and is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Turnbull of South Third street.

Sol Brox, Mrs. Vandyke and Mrs. Siles of Ord passed through the city this morning on their way home from Atkinson, where they had been attending the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Raymer.

J. B. McCoy, editor of the Monowi News, was in town this morning on his way to Bloomfield. He has given up the publication of the News and has taken a position in a printing office at Bloomfield.

C. S. Hayes returned last night from a business trip to Chicago. He arrived there just as the wholesale houses were placing on display their fall line of jewelry and had the advantage of choice in the best effects.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Fox of Belgrade and their son, Fred Fox of Spencer, arrived in the city on the early train. Fred is here to buy a new threshing outfit and his parents left for their home on the Union Pacific at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhl is looking for the arrival this evening of her sister, Mrs. Blumenthal of Columbus, Wis., whom she has not seen for nine years. She has been visiting at Lincoln. Miss Blumenthal, the daughter, is visiting Miss Lottie Kuhl at Omaha, and both are expected in Norfolk on Tuesday.

"They had a fine rain at Clearwater yesterday, heavier than here," said Secretary Williams of the Elkhorn Insurance company, who has just returned from a business trip to that section, and their crops are looking magnificent. They really did not need the rain. There is an abundant supply of moisture not far below the surface, to be drawn on by plant life when needed. Things are looking fine and the farmers are cheerful over the splendid prospects for a crop."

Street Commissioner Riehl is exercising the city grader on Norfolk avenue east of the bridge today, repairing a point of road that was in bad condition.

"Doc" Bradshaw has purchased the Rainey property in the eastern part of town. Mr. Bradshaw is said to be the only colored man in town who owns the property where he lives.

Adjutant General Culver of the Nebraska national guard has issued commissions to Fred Gagner, formerly captain of the Madison militia as major in the first regiment and to Dr. F. M. Sisson of Stanton as chaplain

with the rank of captain in the same regiment.

The News stated yesterday that there would be dancing at the Eagles picnic tomorrow. This statement was made on the authority of a member of the order, and was supposed to be correct. Now it is stated that there will be no dancing, and that that amusement was not a part of the original program for the picnic.

The body of Herman Pasch, who was drowned at Crowell in the Elkhorn river Wednesday afternoon, was recovered yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, forty-eight hours after the drowning. Search has continued since the drowning and the body was found four miles below the place of the drowning. It was badly disfigured.

Mrs. J. K. Boas entertained a party of lady friends yesterday afternoon in her beautiful new home on Madison avenue. Six-hand cchre furnished the amusement, followed by a delightful repast at 5 o'clock. At the close of the games it was found that Mrs. J. Baum had captured first prize, and Miss Annie McBride won the all-out prize.

Fourteen traveling men registered at the Oxnard this morning for over Sunday, and it is not a very good season for traveling men either. This was the early morning registration. Others will be in during the day and this evening. Norfolk is the Sundaying place of a large number of commercial men who make north Nebraska towns, as they can get in and out easily and quickly.

A certain business man of the city fell asleep at the back door of his place of business the other day, and while enjoying a peaceful snooze some practical jokers treated him to a gentle shower bath. Later, he awakened and went inside, and as he examined his dripping clothing, he exclaimed: "My! This must be a hot day! See how I sweat!" Then those who were next to what had happened snickered.

The work of decorating and oiling and painting the upstairs rooms in the city building is proceeding satisfactorily and the offices are being much benefited in appearance by the renovating process. Some of the officers have allowed their imaginations to soar as high as lace curtains and sofas or divans as they have noted the improvement that a few brushes of oil and a few rolls of paper have made.

The cement walk that is being laid to the high school building on Sixth street is among the best planned improvements of the season, being a locally where good walks are needed through a great portion of the year by the school pupils. With the grading of the streets and the touching up of the crossings and culverts in that same neighborhood the high school building will have materially better surroundings and approaches.

A report from Lander, Wyo., says that the Northwestern extension is to go through to that town, on the promise of General Manager Bidwell. A mass meeting of citizens was held at which Mr. Bidwell was present and it was promised that station grounds and right of way would be given the road and it is the intention to push the line through at once, reaching Lander before June, 1906, if possible. It was intended to stop building at Polson Creek, but the enthusiasm of the Lander people has resulted in a change of plan.

At Omaha railway headquarters it is considered that there will be a great influx of land buyers to Nebraska during August and September. The railroad men have been besieged with inquiries for crop bulletins from people living in the east, and it is taken as a sign that the easterners are about to give up their high priced lands or quit paying high rents and move to the west. The showing of the past few years by Nebraska lands has awakened a new interest in the state and it is believed that a great number of new residents will float into the state this fall.

Decided relief from the 99 degree heat of the early part of the week was brought yesterday by a cooling shower which continued intermittently during the forenoon, bringing the thermometer down to 86 degrees as the highest for the day. This morning the atmosphere was decidedly cool, the thermometer standing at 55. Besides bringing relief to sweetering humanity, the shower was a very good thing for growing crops. While the ground is abundantly saturated with moisture from the long continued rains of the early part of the season, yet the hot sun had begun to bake the surface, and the rain was just enough to soften it up and start everything to booming again. Only .15 of an inch of rain fell during the day.

Herman Rissman left yesterday morning on the 11 o'clock train for Denver where he had been summoned by a message from his wife. Mr. Rissman has been visiting in the city since Saturday and was kept busy meeting all the old-time friends that he possibly could, and was only sorry that his stay could not be prolonged so that he might meet more of them. Mr. Rissman lives at Alameda, Cal., where he has a prosperous wholesale cigar business, dealing exclusively in high grade ten-cent goods. He has been to St. Joe on business and stopped here on his return. Mr. Rissman left Norfolk nineteen years ago, when yet a boy. He had been a resident of the town with his parents for twelve years. He went from here to San Francisco and promptly worked himself into a good business in California. His old friends enjoyed his visit very much and regretted that he could not remain longer.

# STATE MAY PAY ITS DEBT

## OLD SCORES WILL SOON BE SETTLED.

### SHELDON BILL BEGINS ITS WORK

#### Under its Provisions One Mill a Year is Applied on the Debt, and the Levy for General Purposes May be Increased to Five Mills.

The board of equalization in session at Lincoln is considering the advisability of making a state levy for general purposes of 5 mills. Should this be done it will leave a surplus of \$30,000 to \$40,000 after all the appropriations have been met and this would be applied toward wiping out the indebtedness that has been increasing and drawing added interest for a number of years past. With this levy and others to follow, during the next few years Nebraska would be freed from debt, and it is considered by many that no better time could be chosen than when everyone is prosperous to again place the state on a cash basis. This surplus from a 5 mill levy would be combined with the sum to be raised under the Sheldon act and \$700,000 would be available for application against the state indebtedness. Of course this amount is somewhat dependent upon the enforcement of the laws by the county assessors and treasurers, but that Nebraska will be clear of debt in the next decade is very probable. If, however, the 5 mills are levied and collections are kept up it is figured that Nebraska will be entirely out of debt four years hence.

The returns now being reviewed by the state board show that the total assessed valuation of the state after it has been equalized by the board is going to exceed \$340,000,000. This will be enough to more than meet the running expenses on a fair levy and will leave a neat sum to apply on the state debt. The Sheldon bill providing for the levy of one mill each year to be applied solely to the retiring of the state debt, went into effect July 1 and under this law more than \$200,000 will be raised to pay off the debt during the present year. As the assessed valuation of the state will increase instead of decrease next year it is practically assured that more than \$600,000 of the debt will be paid under the Sheldon act alone.

Members of the state board of equalization have not begun to consider the matter of the general levy, and so far as is known none of them have discussed it with friends or with each other. The board at present is busy equalizing the personal property assessment of the counties. After this will come real estate and then the fixing of the levy. The board spent its entire time Saturday in adjusting assessed valuations on cattle, mules, hogs and grain, and a number of averages were agreed upon. However, none were declared final and it is probable that they will remain tentative until after all classes of property have been compared and the question of the amount of the levy solved. Then they will be gone over again and fixed to raise the amount of revenue needed by the state.

# THOROUGHBRED STOCK SALE

## There Was a Big Crowd and Good Sales.

O'Neill, Neb., July 21.—From a Staff correspondent: The big fine stock sale on the farm of D. J. Cronin here yesterday, in which 116 head of thoroughbreds were sold, drew a large crowd from all directions and the prices ran on an average of \$100 each animal.

Gov. Brothers Have Moved.

W. J. Gow and Brother today moved into the new quarters that have been prepared for them in the rear of the Citizens National bank and are getting settled and ready for business. For years they have occupied the lower floor of the Rome Miller block, but they consider that the change will be beneficial in more ways than one. It is not yet known what will go into the rooms vacated. The firm is in the loan, insurance and real estate business. The new rooms have been nicely fitted up for their business and further room will be given for their use when the addition now building is completed.

# AN ELEGANT GIFT SADDLE

## FORMER NORFOLK GIRL GETS ONE FROM "BUFFALO BILL."

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT

Hand Carved and Silver Mounted—Recipient to Take a Ride on it Through Big Horn Basin and the Yellowstone National Park.

Miss Lorna Doone Hake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hake, formerly of this city, whose name was brought up in connection with the recent suit for divorce between "Buffalo Bill" and Mrs. Cody, has received from the famous scout the elegant saddle the gift of which was brought up during the suit. A dispatch under a Denver date line, gives the following details regarding the gift:

One of the finest saddles ever seen in Denver is that owned by Miss Lor-

na Doone Hake, daughter of H. H. Hake, proprietor of the St. James hotel. It is fresh from the makers' hands and is prized by Miss Hake, not only for its beauty of carving and finish, but because it is a gift from Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), who is known as "Uncle Will" to the recipient.

The saddle will be put in use at Cody, Wyo., the place Col. Cody claims as his home, and where he has some of the largest interests of any single individual in that state. Miss Hake will use the saddle while on a trip through the Big Horn basin and Yellowstone park, on which she will start August 1.

The saddle is hand-carved and silver mounted and from its looks should be an easy riding one. It has the name, "Lorna," in solid silver on the cantle and a silver plate on the rawhide horn, bearing the inscription, "Uncle Will, Buffalo Bill to Lorna Doone Hake, 1905." On the stirrup leather is a large "L" with "from" and a drawing of Buffalo Bill in scouting costume. There is also a fine silver-mounted bit with the saddle and the outfit is complete in every way.

After using the saddle on the Wyoming trails, Miss Hake will go to New York in the fall to finish her vocal training with some of the best teachers in America.

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