

IN GRASSHOPPER TIMES

DAYS OF CALAMITY IN NEBRASKA ARE RECALLED.

STIRRING DAYS FOR PIONEERS

In the Late '70s the Grasshopper Plague Devastated Every Kind of Growing Vegetation but Grass—Stiff Stories but True.

"I was gazing out of the car window on the way to Des Moines yesterday," said J. W. Garrell of David City, Neb., to the Sioux City Tribune, "and as I watched the grain being cut, I was reminded of the harvest in the late '70s, during the grasshopper plague which swept over Nebraska and northern Kansas, leaving bare fields.

"I have often heard men scoff at statements made by some of the early settlers about the clouds of grasshoppers that completely obscured everything from sight, but I can tell you that it is an absolute fact that the sun was obscured from our sight for a long time one day on account of the clouds of grasshoppers.

"I couldn't have been over 10 years of age when the grasshopper plague struck Nebraska, but so unusual an event was it in my life that I can remember it as if it were yesterday. My father had recently settled in Nebraska, and at that time the state was not settled as it is now. People were for the most part poor, and had only their household effects, their teams, and their crops, which, if destroyed, would mean that hard times would surely follow.

"The season," as I remember it, had been propitious, and the farmers had put out good crops, which had been matured by plentiful rains, and ripened under the influence of a hot Nebraska sun. Everything gave promise of a bumper crop, and the farmers were feeling good.

"Along about the time of harvest, the farmers in our section began to hear of a plague of grasshoppers farther east which sweep everything before it as clean as if it had been cut down by a sickle. Naturally it was a source of worry, but many of the farmers believed they would have ample time to harvest their crops before the invasion, which was not looked upon as especially dangerous, arrived.

"My father, however, had previously heard of plagues of this kind, and did not propose to be caught napping. He had a good field of corn, which was of course not ripe, and he could do nothing to save that, so he was compelled to leave it to the tender mercies of the grasshoppers.

"Besides the corn, he had a good field of oats, which had come out heavy, and stood yellow with the harvest. Our wheat, too, was well headed out, and was all ready, tall and ripe for the sickle.

"Father determined to save that wheat and oats crop at any cost. He hired all the binders he could, for grain in those days was bound by hand, and determined to work night and day in order to get the wheat in the shock before the plague struck, which was expected within three or four days.

"The cradlers made things lively, and night and day, with only a few hours' sleep, the wheat was put in shock. As young as I was I was recruited into the service. Well, to make a long story short, we finished the harvest, except a few acres of wheat.

"At noon on the third day we all went in for dinner, and I can remember seeing my father shade his eyes and look toward the east to see whether the grasshoppers were coming. A little later a dark cloud could be seen on the horizon, which rolled and tumbled like a storm. My father said it was the grasshoppers coming, and all was in a state of expectancy.

"An hour later a wall of hoppers as high as you could see and as far as the eye could reach came rolling along like Pharaoh's plague. In a little while it commenced literally to rain grasshoppers. They rattled on the roof like hailstones, covering everything with a creeping, crawling mass of wriggling, hopping insects. I never saw anything like it. The trees were a mass of grasshoppers, which clung to each other and to the bark of the trees, like bees swarming.

"The fields were full of grasshoppers. The sun had long since ceased to shine. You couldn't walk outside the house without stepping on grasshoppers piled on each other six inches high. The buzz of their wings reminded me of the whirl of thousands of wheels in a factory. Whizz, zipp, zing, they went as they soared over the house and into the fields, sweeping everything before them like an army.

"I can't remember how long it lasted, but I well remember the devastation that was everywhere apparent when the plague had swept onward. There was not a tree in the country that was not entirely divested of its foliage. Garden stuff had been mowed down as closely to the ground as if it had been clipped with a scythe.

"But the corn fields! That patch of forty acres which had been the pride of my father, was nowhere in sight. When we left it a short time before, it was well tasseled out and in silk. When we saw it again, it looked as if a fire had swept it. Those stalks that had swayed and bent beneath the Nebraska breeze were cut down to within six inches of the

ground and were entirely destroyed.

"The oats and wheat, however, were saved, because they had been well put up, and the hoppers could not get to them. The pests did not bother the grass either, so there was some feed for the cattle and horses the coming winter.

"After going over the premises, father found that holes had been gnawed into the shingles of the roof. Fork handles had been eaten into, and the spokes of wagon wheels were gnawed by the teeth of the insects.

"We were not the only losers. Every farmer in our neighborhood had lost practically everything he had. Others had not taken the precautions which my father did, and consequently suffered a greater loss. The price of grain went up that fall, like land during the Mississippi bubble, and what was others' loss was our gain.

"I heard afterwards that the one express train that crossed the plains had been compelled to wait for hours after the visitation of those grasshoppers. They were ground beneath the wheels of the train, and the track became so oily and slippery that it was impossible to proceed. And there the train was compelled to sit and wait the will of the grasshoppers.

"That was a sight that I never want to see again, although it is a rare experience to be able to relate it nowadays. I have heard the story doubted so much that I am getting used to it, but it is on the level, and if you don't believe it, ask me."

GULCH IS TO BE FIXED

STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Matter is Referred to the City Attorney—Resolutions Passed, Bills Allowed and Other Matters Disposed of by the Council.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The city council met in regular adjourned session Monday evening. Present, Councilmen Crotty, Gow, Klesau, Mathewson and Stafford. Absent, Halverstein and Spellan.

The minutes of July 20 and August 3 were read and approved as read. Freeman Bros.' license for an electrical show for one week was remitted with the understanding that 25 per cent of its gross receipts be given to the city fire department.

The police judge's report for the month of July and the report of the treasurer for June were accepted and placed on file.

The petition of F. E. Saterlee and other property owners on Eleventh street asking for a walk along the east side of Eleventh street and between Norfolk avenue and Madison avenue was presented and read. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That new walks be ordered put in on the west side of lots 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 4 of Koenigstein's Third Addition to Norfolk, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 275.

The street and alley committee were instructed to proceed with the Thirteenth street gulch work according to their plans.

The chief of police was instructed to notify owner on whose lot on South Thirteenth street a nuisance exists, to remove all rubbish from said lot.

The following resolution was read: "Resolved, That lot 17, block 3, Dorsey Place addition be assessed \$40.01 as special tax for new cement sidewalk."

J. Redman's alleged claim for damages against the city for falling on a cement walk, was referred to the city attorney with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The matter of making a contract with City Engineer Rosewater for a sewerage and drainage system, with personal supervision of the completion of the work, was also referred to the city attorney.

The following bills against the city were ordered paid: Harry Gaines, \$15; Burt Miller, \$2.75; Theodore Jensen, \$4.10; C. Long, \$6.00; C. R. Cox, \$5.25; Bob Lovelace, \$15; Hoffman & Viole, \$15; S. L. Murphy, \$8; G. W. Wilkinson, \$4; Ed. Roach, \$2.40; Ware & Son, \$2; Sugar City Cereal mills, \$21.92; Fred Klentz, \$20; G. R. Seiler, \$1.50; W. Livingstone, \$42; Julius Hulff, \$54.63; Geo. Dudley, \$1; Aug. Buss, \$30; Gobe Lee, \$23.90; E. Beverly, \$22.40; Gobe Lee, \$42.90; F. Utecht, \$2.50; Anzeiger, \$1.25; Albert Deener, \$12.64; F. X. Potras, \$2.40; Nebraska Telephone Co., \$4.25; Aug. Pasewalk, \$10.90; M. M. Farley, \$3.00; Jim Hay, \$61; Aug. Brummond, \$27.50; C. Long, \$12; Ed. Matney, \$1.10; R. L. Lovelace, \$16.95; H. Winter, \$1.60; E. P. Weatherby, \$50.45; S. R. McFarland, \$12.50; O. A. Richey, \$52; Chicago Lumber Co., \$70.69; E. W. Ruhlrow, \$1.20; Norfolk Lumber Co., \$16.15; J. P. Spracher, \$10.40; Lee Tipton, \$2.00; J. Upton, \$4.00; H. A. Salmon, \$9; C. E. Hartford, \$18; L. T. Cook, \$91.05.

One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned.

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved. That being the case he cannot be too careful about unnecessary expenses. Very often a few cents properly invested, like buying seeds for his garden, will save several dollars outlay later on.

It is the same in buying Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy. It costs but a few cents, and a bottle of it in the house often saves a doctor's bill of several dollars. For sale by the Klesau Drug Co.

STORK HURTS PEACE DOVE

ACCORDING TO NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR.

DR. ROSS ON RACE SUICIDE

Declaring the Stork and Not the Raven of War to be the Enemy of the Dove of Peace, Dr. Ross Addresses Chicago Students.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] Declaring the enemy of the dove of peace to be the stork and not the raven of war, Dr. Edward Ross of the chair of sociology at the University of Nebraska, in speaking to the students of the Chicago university, said that race suicide was a matter for congratulation.

"A decreased birthrate does not mean the destruction of the race," he said. "Call it race suicide if you will. It is a high birthrate that is dangerous. Russia proves it. There the birthrate is barbarous, yet half the children die before they are 5 years old. Over 39 per cent of the men marry under 20 years of age and nearly 75 per cent of the women marry before that age. The result is a vast horde of people, ignorant and unenlightened, that is constantly spread out over other countries, seeking relief and carrying war with them. Russia figuratively is buried alive.

"There are many causes of a decreased birthrate, all of them praiseworthy in a measure, but there is a limit beyond which the decrease should not go. A decrease in the rate denotes civilization, but if the families of the enlightened are cut to a certain point the enlightened will be overrun by the unenlightened, where there is no check on the birthrate. Every family should consist of at least four children."

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Dr. Nickolson, wife and daughter, left this morning for Kearney.

Phil Cole of Wayne passed through the city enroute to Omaha.

Roy Luikart has returned from a visit with his brother at Tilden.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lenser were in the city yesterday from Tilden.

Joseph Westepel of West Point is transacting business in Norfolk today.

Ella and Hugo Glessman of Doone, Iowa, are in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. L. M. and Leonard Hale of Battle Creek were city visitors over night.

Attorney Fred Free of Plainview came down on the early train this morning.

Arthur Hartley is expected in the city this week to visit with his sister, Mrs. W. G. Baker.

Miss Marjorie Klentz has gone to Newport to take care of a patient after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Calhoun of Plainville are visiting at the Farley home on South First street.

John Dingman of Missouri Valley is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Wm. Zutz and wife were in the city this morning, returning home to Hoskins after a visit with friends at Pierce.

Mrs. E. P. Weatherby and Mrs. Warwick left yesterday for Omaha where they will visit with Mrs. Joseph Shoemaker for a month.

A. M. Reeves, who has been in the employ of A. E. Bullock, was called to Sioux City this morning on account of sickness in his family.

Dr. H. T. Holden returned today from a trip to the Portland exposition. It is a great show and he enjoyed the trip very much.

Mrs. G. W. Schwenk and daughter Nelle have gone to Dayton, Ohio, to visit relatives for a month. They will visit at other places enroute.

George B. Christoph left today for Omaha where he goes to hold examinations for the state board of pharmacy. There is a large class to be examined.

Mrs. John Mullen and Mrs. J. J. Mullen and Edward Mullen, who have been visiting friends at Pierce, were in the city this morning on their way to their home in Omaha.

Max Asmus and Wm. Ahlman went to Kearney this morning, where they will play with the First regiment band at the Nebraska National guard encampment, which opens today.

E. C. Hammond of Brunswick and A. L. Button of Plainview were on the early train this morning enroute to Lincoln, where Mr. Hammond will locate in business, having sold his bank at Brunswick to Holbert & McCormack of the Farmers' State bank at Plainview.

Bulah, the two-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Signor, living on North Eighth street, is very ill with congestion of the brain.

With Street Commissioner Richey's street gang are two men, Wm. Cook and Carl Lehmann, who yesterday shoveled thirty-four wagon loads of dirt, which is considered pretty good for a hot day.

Children who were having a little Fourth of July with lighted cat tails last evening set fire to an outbuilding at L. C. Bargelt's home. A stream from the garden hose soon extinguished the flame, but not until only a shell of the building remained.

In an early day rattlesnakes were common in this country but now they are very seldom seen. Occasionally, however, one is seen and killed. Dr. Mackay killed a young one yesterday, seven miles north of town, and he says it is the first he has seen

since he killed one twenty years ago.

Miss Clara Degner invited ten of her girl friends to help her celebrate her eighteenth birthday last evening. The young ladies had a jolly time at the Degner home on South Fourth street, and then adjourned to Frythaler's restaurant for refreshments.

Dr. J. C. Myers returned this morning from Plainview, where he was called yesterday to examine a supposed case of glanders. He was unable to determine definitely whether the disease from which the horse is suffering is glanders or not, but he believes that it is.

Rev. Father Walsh of this city has secured a date from Rev. Father Vaughn, the noted lecturer, who will be here September 18. Father Vaughn will be remembered as having been one of the foremost lecturers in the Methodist lecture course, his subjects being Shakespearean topics.

The Nebraska State Board of Pharmacy will hold a meeting in Omaha tomorrow for the examination of applicants for drug clerks. Geo. B. Christoph, who is a member of the board and the examiner, left for Omaha at noon to conduct the examination.

An insane patient was brought to the Norfolk hospital yesterday from Valentine. The man wears his hair down over his shoulders, a feather in his hat, and like Joseph, has a coat of many colors. He is said to be the craziest man who has been brought to the hospital for many a day.

The remains of Mrs. Frank Stems, who died at her home four miles south of Neligh, were brought to Norfolk on the noon train yesterday for interment in Prospect Hill cemetery. They were formerly residents of this city. Funeral services were held in Christ Lutheran church and were conducted by Rev. J. P. Mueller.

The Northeast Nebraska Dental society has recently been organized at a meeting of the profession held in Emerson, and the following officers were elected: Dr. C. E. Brown of Emerson, president; Dr. F. B. Heckert of Wayne, vice president; Or. C. S. Parker of Norfolk, corresponding secretary; Dr. E. M. Hogan of Bancroft, recording secretary. The next meeting of the organization will be held in Norfolk in October.

Bertha, the 9-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kauffman, living in Queen City Place, fell from a wagon and broke both bones of her left arm at the wrist. She was riding with her grand parents and when they stopped at the Lewis Melchor place on the Stanton road, she jumped from the wagon and struck the ground in such a manner as to cause the injury. Dr. Salter was called and set the fracture. She was doing nicely this morning.

Freeman Bros. Vaudeville production started last night at the corner of Fifth and Main streets for a week's performance. The first night was enough to demonstrate that the show is a good one, clean, up-to-date and deserving patronage. The features are moving pictures, singing and musical specialties. The show is here under the auspices of the Norfolk fire department. It has appeared here several times before and always has given entire satisfaction.

About 100 guests took part in celebrating the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buetow on Sunday, mention of which was made yesterday. Among those from a distance who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Pilger of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Barnhart of Hoskins, Mrs. Groverjohn of Carroll, Mrs. Setzkorn of Pierce. Many valuable presents were left with Mr. and Mrs. Buetow as tokens of the esteem in which they are held by their friends.

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Dabney have arrived in the city from Liberty, Mo., and are located at 208 South Sixth street. Mr. Dabney is the newly called pastor of the Baptist church in this city and his first meetings were held Sunday, when the church was well filled with members of the congregation. For a number of years Mr. Dabney has been in the evangelistic work, having held meetings in Norfolk ten years ago during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Hudson. Mr. Dabney had a number of places in view but everything seemed to direct him toward Norfolk and he is much pleased with this city as his home.

This is the dull season of the year in nearly every kind of business, but there are exceptions to the rule. One of those exceptions is in the line of machinery to handle the immense crop of grain that has been produced in this part of the country, of which the Norfolk foundry is one. Its force working day and night getting threshing outfits ready for impatient customers. The trade of this institution covers all this section of the country and a great number of expensive rigs are being sold. Shipments are made from Richmond, Ind., and when they arrive here the engines and threshers are taken off the cars, put in shape to work and are then reloaded and shipped to their destination. The success that has this season attended Mr. Bullock's efforts to make Norfolk a shipping point for this class of machinery will undoubtedly induce other concerns to locate here another year, as Norfolk is unquestionably the most accessible place from which to reach a great area of country in the northern part of the state and southern South Dakota.

Death of Baby at Pierce. Pierce, Neb., Aug. 5.—Special to The News: The 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Faeger died this morning after a sickness of three or four days from summer complaint.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

IMPORTANT STEP TAKEN BY THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

IMPROVE ROADS INTO NORFOLK

First Plan Contemplates Grading the Road Leading in From the West and Then Taking Up the Others—Proposition is Liberally Supported.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Secretary Mathewson of the Commercial club is engaged just now in raising a fund to be expended in improving the road leading into the city from the west. The proposition is that at least \$200 shall be raised among the business men of the town, and that the farmers in the John Ray neighborhood and between there and Norfolk shall raise from \$100 to \$150, the amounts to be made payable only upon condition that the county commissioners contribute a sum as large as the total raised by private contribution, the whole to be used in repairing the road, which is in very bad condition during the greater part of the year. From the cheerful manner in which business men have attached their names to the subscription paper there is no question but that the town part of the fund will be raised very quickly.

It is planned to work over the whole distance of the road from town to the Ray corner, about six miles, three of which miles the road is very bad, and considerable of the time is practically impassable. The bad stretches are what is known as the "bottom" road, and this it is proposed to grade up and give a top coating of gravel. The work will commence at Thirteenth street and the aim will be to place the highway in thoroughly first class condition throughout. Mr. Ruhlrow, who owns the gravel pit west of town, offers to contribute as his share toward the betterment, all the gravel that can be used to surface the road after it has been graded, the idea being to make the work permanent. This project should not be allowed to fall under any consideration, as it is something that is very much needed by the farmers living west of Norfolk and the improvement would be direct benefit to the retail interests of town.

It is probable that the county commissioners will gladly contribute the money asked of them toward fixing this road, because in this manner they will get the work done at just half the amount that it would otherwise cost them, as it is legally the duty of the county and not of private individuals to keep the highways in such condition that they may be traveled over. If this project goes through all right, it is a part of the Commercial club's plans to treat every road leading into Norfolk in the same manner. At the present day there is not a good road into town. To the north the road is bad nearly to Hadar, and from there to Pierce it is pretty good, driving trade to Pierce. East the road is bad for some distance and then gets better as Stanton is approached, making that town more accessible to the farmers. South the road is very bad near the town but beyond Warnerville it is pretty good into Madison, taking trade that way. So it will be seen that the Commercial club has inaugurated an important movement, and the officers should be liberally supported by the business men of town in the effort to make it easier for farmers to come here to trade.

Atkinson Items. Atkinson, Neb., Aug. 8.—Special to The News: Mrs. R. N. Hart was suddenly called to Cement, Okla., to attend her mother, Mrs. Palmer, who is dangerously ill.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mathis died yesterday afternoon and was buried this afternoon from the home.

Miss Lowe, a former milliner here, has received word of a brother's serious illness, and leaves today for Chicago, her former home.

In Atkinson and immediate vicinity, rain is very much needed. In many places corn is suffering for the need of moisture, but the small grain is yielding fine, and many places the farmer is through thrashing. Hay is a most excellent crop. A fine shower of rain fell within three miles of town the 6th. But it only covered a small portion of the surface needing the same.

Merle Richards, a young druggist of Atkinson, is attending the commencement exercises of the Fremont college of pharmacy.

A United States Wall Map, well adapted for use in office, library or school, substantially mounted, edges bound in cloth, printed in full colors, showing the United States, Alaska, Cuba and our island possessions. The original thirteen states, the Louisiana purchase, the Oregon territory, etc., are shown in outline, with dates when territory was acquired, and other valuable information.

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NORTHWESTERN BUYS ROAD. Pays \$40,000 for Grade East of Rapid City, S. D.

A dispatch from Rapid City, S. D., says a deal has been consummated by which the Northwestern railroad be-

comes owner of the right of way of the Rapid City, Missouri River and St. Paul railway and eighteen miles of grade already completed between Rapid and Spring creek. When the Dakota and Wyoming railroad excitement was at its height several years ago this road also was started, financed by Rapid parties. When the Dakota and Wyoming failed the contractors were in debt to Rapid City merchants, and to liquidate the debt graded the eighteen miles spoken of. Everything has been quiet since then till a call was inserted in the local papers for a stockholders' meeting on the 24th of the month. The stockholders evidently busied themselves, with the result that the meeting was held a few days ago and the Northwestern purchased the grade of eighteen miles and the right of way to the Cheyenne river, paying \$40,000. This will be a wonderful help to the Northwestern in its extension from Pierre to Rapid City. V. T. Price, president of the railroad, and F. H. Whitefield, secretary, are both of Rapid City.

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