

## ECLIPSE WAS ECLIPSED

TOO MANY CLOUDS OBSCURED THE SHADOW OF THE MOON.

### AN ELECTRIC STORM RAGED

Instead of a View of the Eclipse, People Were Greeted by Sharp Bolts of Lightning at an Early Hour This Morning.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

It is supposed that the eclipse of the sun was pulled off this morning on schedule time, but so far as Norfolk is concerned there was no solar demonstration of it. Many arose at an unusual hour this morning to get a peep at the shadow which was to appear on the face of the sun when it came up over the eastern horizon, but they found that the heavens were obscured with clouds and the sun was not seen at that time of day nor for several hours afterward, long past the time when the eclipse had disappeared.

Following a night of unusual oppressiveness, during which little relief was brought from the extreme heat of yesterday, just before sunrise a sharp electrical storm gathered and at the time that people had planned to be watching the eclipse they were battling their eyes and speculating upon where the next bolt of lightning would strike. As a matter of fact the lightning did not strike anywhere in this locality, but it put up a great bluff for an hour or more, apparently trying to make good for interfering with the plans of so many who were really anxious to view the eclipse. For a solar eclipse is such an unusual phenomenon, and comes such a few times during the course of a person's life, that no opportunity of seeing one should be missed even by the layman who cares nothing about it from a scientific standpoint, but is only interested because it is different.

### WEDNESDAY SIFTINGS.

Ed. Marshall is in Pierce on business.

E. A. Korth went to Madison on business.

Rev. Mr. Hofius of Pierce was in the city.

C. E. Doughty went to Carroll on business.

Mrs. F. McNelly made a trip to Omaha and return.

H. C. Truman went to Stanton this morning on business.

John Kovalek of Battle Creek was a city visitor this morning.

W. J. Houston of Plainview was in the city between trains.

E. D. Weeks went to Hoskins at noon to do a job of painting.

C. Lerum, a Plainview capitalist, is transacting business in the city.

J. C. Pawelski of Wayne, a well known horseman, was in the city today.

Mrs. J. F. Losch of West Point is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. N. A. Huse.

Mrs. C. D. Jenkins and Mrs. J. H. Oxnun left this morning on the Union Pacific for a visit to Denver.

Miss Lillian Fox left at noon today for a two weeks' visit with friends in Sioux City and Lehighville, Iowa.

Mrs. Chas. Pierce of Winnetoon is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. VanHorn on South Fifth street.

E. C. Burns of Scribner was in the city today.

R. F. Arnold of Valentine was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

A. M. Anderson of Bristow was an early arrival in Norfolk.

Mrs. Emil Winter of Madison is visiting at the home of Mrs. Pilger.

Miss Kurka of Niobrara came down on the early train this morning.

Miss Maude Tannehill went over to Warrville this morning for a two days' visit.

Chas. Eble left at 11 o'clock over the Union Pacific for Denver to attend the G. A. R. encampment.

Lorin Doughty has given up his work at the Northwestern machine shops and will enter business college.

Wm. Morse, a real estate man of Spencer, was transacting business in the city today. He came down on the early train.

Miss Lena Clause, sister of Mrs. Wm. Uecker, came down from Battle Creek this morning to take a position in the Fair store.

Mrs. O. H. Wertz of Creighton passed through the city this morning enroute for Denver, where Mr. Wertz will join her in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hays returned last night from Denver, where they had been visiting with their son, Charles R. Hays.

Miss Matilda Fox will teach in the same district that she did last year, nine miles east of Battle Creek, and leaves for that place tomorrow.

A. L. Button, who has recently established a real estate office in Lincoln, passed through the city this morning on his way to Lincoln from Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Durland and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Durland, who have been taking a western trip for a couple of weeks, are expected to return home either tonight or tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Button of Plainview passed through the city this morning on their way to Denver, where they will remain two months and take in the G. A. R. encampment.

Miss Florence Holden is a guest at the home of her brother, Dr. H. T. Holden. Miss Holden has just graduated as a trained nurse from St. Mary's of Nazareth hospital, Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, Superintendent and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and children, are expected home this evening from Elgin, where they have been visiting Willis McBride since yesterday.

Edmund Winter, son of H. W. Winter, Gustave Wachter of Norfolk, and Philip Lehman of Stanton, left on the M. & O. train this morning for New Ulm, Minn., to attend the Dr. Martin Luther college.

Albert Lehman of Stanton was in the city between trains on his way to Johnson, Minn., where he goes to take charge of a parochial school.

Mrs. Rebecca Fry, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Long, at this place, the past ten weeks, left for her home at Colorado Springs today.

F. A. Harmon, superintendent of the Black Hills division of the Northwestern, accompanied by his daughter, passed through the city today on his way to St. Paul, Minn.

V. A. Towne of Fairfax, S. D., clerk of the district court in Gregory county, passed through the city enroute, with his father, to Denver, where they go to attend the G. A. R. reunion. They had intended to go by way of Chadron but found it impossible and went over the Union Pacific, leaving here at 11 this morning.

All the earlier part of the day was so dark and cloudy that artificial light was used in many of the business houses and residences.

Paul Wetzel was operated on Monday in the Methodist hospital at Omaha for appendicitis. His father, L. Wetzel, returned from Omaha last evening, and he reports that Paul is getting along fine. Miss Lena, his sister, went to Omaha yesterday afternoon to be with her brother during his sickness.

Ninety-five degrees in the shade was the temperature that was reached in Norfolk yesterday, making it one of the hottest days of the year. Humanity suffered and perspired all afternoon, and hoped for a cooler day today. This morning, with the rain and clouds, brought relief with a decided change in the standing of the mercury and relief to the public.

Train No. 6, the Black Hills passenger eastbound, was twelve hours late in Norfolk yesterday, arriving at midnight instead of at midday. The delay was caused by trouble in the track in the Black Hills. A special train was made up at Norfolk, which went east at noon.

Joseph C. Walker of Keystone, S. D., has been elected principal of the Norfolk high school for the ensuing year and has wired that he will accept the position. He is expected to arrive in Norfolk Saturday. He was principal last year of the school at Keystone, S. D. The seventh grade position had not been filled this morning.

The News has been remembered by Secretary Rynearson of the Madison County Agricultural society, the annual fair of which will be held at Madison on September 26, 27, 28 and 29. Mr. Rynearson is enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming fair, which is expected to show the largest displays of agricultural products ever seen at a similar exhibition.

The amusement features are being well looked after, and there will be an abundance along this line. W. W. Roberts and wife returned last evening from a visit to Illinois, where at Arcola on August 5 they attended the golden wedding of G. F. and Mary Raper. Mrs. Raper is a sister of Mr. Roberts. The couple were married in Green county, Indiana, August 5, 1855, and the minister who performed the ceremony was present at the golden wedding. A company of 270 people sat down to dinner on the day of the celebration at the Raper home, among them being five children, sixteen grand children and one great-grand child, besides other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts stopped a few days at Ottumwa, Iowa, on their return, which is Mrs. Roberts' old home.

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## PEACE NEWS IN NORFOLK

HOW THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RECEIVED BY PEOPLE HERE.

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Bulletin That Peace Had Been Declared Received by The News Too Late for Publication—President Roosevelt the Man of the Hour.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The news of peace between Russia and Japan was received with satisfaction in Norfolk. The bulletin that peace had been declared was received in The News office late yesterday afternoon—too late for publication in last night's edition, and more complete reports were received this morning.

The various expressions from people who had been watching the conference were interesting.

A little over a week ago a man who had just finished reading the report of the hopeless situation, said, "Well, they might just as well never have had that conference. I never did think in the first place that it would amount to anything. Anyone knows that the Japanese will never give in on the matter of indemnity. They have won and are excited by their victories. They can beat Russia in battles to come—and they know it. They are anxious, in fact, to get one more shot at the Russian Bear. They will stick for that indemnity, because they don't have to give in. And on the other hand the Russians are too proud to pay the Japanese an indemnity or to admit that they have been whipped. They have a lot of people over there whom they would as soon have killed off in a war, anyway."

Knew it Meant Peace.

Another man, after reading the situation yesterday morning in which it appeared that peace was about to be proclaimed, said: "I knew it meant peace all of the time. Japan is too big a nation to stand out for a mere monetary consideration, with so great an issue at stake. They have won prestige as one of the great nations of the world, and they can't afford, by resorting to commercialism, to keep up this bloody struggle. They would give in rather than hold out for a continuation of the war."

Everybody Praises Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt meets with praise on every hand. He is the man of the hour in the world today. Men of all parties in politics admire him and praise him for his effectual work in bringing about an end to the terrible conflict in the far east. All concede that it was his strength and character that drew the envoys into the peace compact. It was his power that brought pressure on both sides.

Game of Poker, After All.

"It was a game of poker after all," one man declared today. "And Witte of Russia, with hardly a legitimate card in his hand, split even on the jack-pot. The Japs held a strong card and stood out on it for a long time, but they finally surrendered their strength."

CROPS IN VARIOUS COUNTIES.

Bulletin issued by State Bureau Says Corn Does Well. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 30.—The weather bulletin by counties, issued today, gives conditions as follows: Antelope—Haying and thrashing progressing nicely; potatoes light crop; early corn glazed and dented in some fields. Boyd—Small grain mostly in stack or thrashed; oats good; wheat fair only; corn growing well but good maturing weather needed. Holt—Corn growing finely, haying progressing nicely; shock thrashing well advanced. Knox—Thrashing delayed by rain; oats good crop; fine corn weather. Madison—Much small grain still in shock; some damage from rain and hail; corn doing well. Pierce—Corn mostly in milk; some very early shows light denting. Stanton—Corn growing well and beginning to harden. Wayne—Thrashing retarded by rain; oats damaged some; corn earing extra well; potatoes good crop; alfalfa ready for third cutting. Boone—Thrashing and plowing progressing well; hay fine crop; third crop of alfalfa being cut; corn doing well. Brown—Spring wheat poor to fair crop but badly smutted; corn maturing fast; grain in stack; rain needed. Cherry—Fine week for haying; thrashing begun, yield excellent. Keyapaha—Small grain injured by dry weather and rust. Rock—Thrashing being done, oats fair crop, wheat rather light; rye poor; rain would be beneficial.

Big Job Paying Off Nebraska Soldiers

Adjutant General Culver is likely to have one of the biggest tasks ever cut out for his office when he returns from his trip to Sea Girt, N. J., where he is watching the competing rifle teams. Governor Mickey has received \$8,012.83 for the Washington attorneys who have been appearing before the treasury department in the interest of the members of the two Nebraska regiments in the recent war, and that amount will now have to be distributed to the soldiers according to a schedule prepared by the war department and forwarded by the attorneys. This will be accomplished by sending each of the 1,800 persons named a check for the

amount due him. In many instances the soldiers have died and the small sums due will go to their heirs, while in other instances they have moved away and much time will be occupied in the task of finding them.

It is stated that the distribution will be made as soon as it is possible to do so. The checks will be promptly forwarded, but no amount of letter writing will avail the owners of the money in expediting the business. Should they all turn in and write letters the governor's office would be fairly inundated and to no purpose, since inquiry will simply delay the execution of 1,800 checks and the discovery of the locations of the persons to whom they are drawn.

The privates in many instances are credited with \$3.20 each, while the amount increases up through the ranks of the non-commissioned officers to the commanding officers of the regiments. The schedules received by the governor indicate the total amount to be received by each man and the amount of the commission, 20 per cent., retained by the lawyers for their services.

The money to be distributed was secured under an act of congress passed in 1899 providing for the payment of the regular per diem to the members