

MOTHER AND HUSBAND DIE

YOUNG WIFE OF NORFOLK SUFFERS DUAL LOSS.

GEORGE OFFENHAUSER DEAD

Mrs. George Offenhauser Returned From a Visit to Her Mother Friday—The Mother Died Saturday Night and Husband Sunday Morning.

Ill fortunes did not come singly to Mrs. George Offenhauser of this city, a bride of but a year, who is prostrate today with grief over the sudden and exceedingly sad deaths of both her mother and her young husband. A message announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Ernst, at Shenandoah, Ia., came Saturday evening and the next morning Mr. Offenhauser, who had been feeling unwell for a day or so, suddenly succumbed to heart disease at their home on Phillip avenue.

Mrs. Offenhauser had just returned Friday noon from a visit of three weeks' duration to her mother, a paralytic invalid for the past four or five years, and upon her return she found her husband somewhat ill.

At home but a day, a telegram came to Mrs. Offenhauser announcing the death of that mother whom she had so recently bade goodbye. On account of her husband's condition she wired that she would be unable to attend the funeral of the mother. And before twelve hours had gone round—at 8 o'clock yesterday morning—George Offenhauser, too, was dead.

The grief-stricken young wife collapsed under the tremendous nerve strain and friends feared for a few hours for her own condition, but today she had regained much of her strength.

Mr. Offenhauser was a fine young fellow of twenty-five years. He came to Norfolk a little over a year ago and engaged in the jewelry business here, his store being in the Richards block. He was a hard worker, ambitious for a start in life, and was just beginning to build up a fine business. He was personally magnetic and had won many friends during his short stay here. A few months ago he joined the Elks lodge of this city.

Mr. Offenhauser was born in Shelbyville, Ill. twenty-five years ago this month and had spent most of his life at Shenandoah, Ia., and it was there, about a year ago, that he was married to Miss Edith Ernst. His parents have resided in Omaha for a little over a year, having gone to that city at about the same time he came here.

The remains of Mr. Offenhauser will be taken to Shenandoah at noon tomorrow. Services will be held at the home, between Third and Fourth streets on Phillip avenue, at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Miss Offenhauser, sister of the deceased, arrived in the city from Omaha last evening and will accompany the remains to Iowa, where the father and mother will be waiting. A brother-in-law of Mrs. Offenhauser and a brother-in-law of Mr. Offenhauser arrived at noon today.

MONDAY MENTION

Mrs. C. H. Brake visited in Madison Saturday. William Stafford spent Sunday in West Point. Rev. T. H. Dabney went to Omaha this morning. E. Flynn of Carroll was in the city over Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Morey of Pierce is in the city visiting friends.

Billy Carroll, of the Creighton ball team, was in the city today.

J. E. Douglas of Madison was in the city over night from Hoskins.

Roy Henry of Pender, Neb., was in the city this morning enroute home from a visit with friends at Springfield, S. D.

M. Fox and daughter of Belgrade, Neb., were in the city this morning.

Woods Cones came down from Pierce on the early train this morning.

George Davenport and A. P. Pilger of Madison were in the city over Sunday.

Douglas Cones was in the city over night enroute home from Omaha to Pierce.

Roy Miller of Hawarden, Iowa, was a guest yesterday at the home of C. H. Brake.

William Ferguson returned last night from Omaha where he handled the big elephant. He says the elephant was all right but the money wasn't big enough.

Miss Maude Bissell of Creighton spent Sunday here. She was enroute to Hay Springs, Neb.

D. Spencer Day returned yesterday from a trip to Omaha, where he had spent a very pleasant week.

Mrs. F. W. Jenal of Bloomfield, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Maas, returned home this morning.

B. Beeler, who has been visiting his two sons, F. A. Beeler, and L. M. Beeler, left at noon for his home in Eugene, Ore.

W. F. Hall has returned from a business trip to Omaha.

Mrs. Alice Austin of Lincoln is in the city visiting old-time friends.

Mrs. George Thompson of Chadron is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. J. McNamee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mount spent Sunday at Long Pine where Mr. Mount, as trainmaster, went on railroad inspection the day before.

Clyde Burger of Glenwood, Ia., a nephew of C. E. Hartford, passed

through the city enroute home from a trip up the Bonesteel line. He received a prize on fine apples at Lynch.

L. M. Macy was able to be at work this morning, after a siege of illness. Mr. Killen and son Claude have gone to Lamar, Col., to work in the sugar factory there.

Damascus chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., will hold a regular convocation at Masonic hall this evening.

Fire at the home of Grant Bradshaw east of the city and outside the fire limits, caused an alarm of fire at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening. The department made the run.

C. B. Salter, who came down from Dallas, S. D., a couple of weeks ago to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Salter, has been ill ever since. He has been suffering from liver trouble.

The Ladies Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. W. H. Bridge Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be an election of officers and all members are asked to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greene arrived home at 11 o'clock this morning to attend the funeral of George Offenhauser, who was associated with them in his store room. They had started for a trip to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Bartling Elseffer, the young man who was shot and wounded by Eugene Dietz for swimming in the Elkhorn river several weeks ago, is able to walk about town. He limps but slightly and finds little difficulty in getting about.

Sunday in Norfolk was one of the windiest days that has been known here for many and many a moon. The wind whipped into town from the south, blowing northward toward an area of low pressure which finally arrived during the night and brought with it a heavy rain. This morning was cold and damp.

A party of eight Norfolk men left the city at noon today for Lamar, Col., where they went to take positions with the new sugar factory there which has been built with the material that formerly ran the sugar factory at this place. Among those who went were: Clarence Gerecke, G. C. Bathke, Albert Kohl, Dolph Hight, Leo Hight, Paul Kohl, Bradley Bowman and daughter.

If the number of candidates in town was an indication, Saturday was political day in Norfolk. On that day there were registered in the city Chris Schavland, county treasurer, candidate for re-election; J. J. Clements, sheriff, candidate for re-election; Geo. Richardson, candidate for county clerk; F. S. Perdue, candidate for superintendent of schools; S. W. Deuel, candidate for county judge. These are all republicans. J. L. Daniel, candidate for county clerk, was a lone democrat in the city at the same time.

A huge bullsnake, measuring four or five feet in length, was killed on a Norfolk avenue sidewalk last night at the corner of Fourth street. The serpent was found crawling across one of the big cement sidewalks, and at the busiest corner in town, where dozens of people were walking every moment. It was one of the largest of its kind seen in Norfolk. The dead form was tossed aside and left lying on the street near the walk, where it became a repulsive sight to passersby.

In New York City recently a huge bullsnake crawled into a baby buggy and was found there when the mother, who had left the infant on the curb, came out again. The New York serpent and the Norfolk serpent were in all probability mates.

The Norfolk High school has a splendid outlook for a great season with a fast lightweight football team this year. They have been training for the past week under the watchful eye of their prospective coach and they are all making a very good start. The team established signals Saturday afternoon and did a little at passing the ball in a manner that did them credit for the first attempt. The line-up is as follows: C. Ogden, center; Manager L. Guilda, right guard; R. Luikart, left guard; W. Beeler, right tackle; R. Smiley, left tackle; W. Hauptli, left end; C. Parish, left end; C. McFarland, right end; Capt. B. Blakeman, quarter back; H. Gow, half back; C. Austin, half back; L. Hoffman, full back. A few years ago Norfolk's high school had a team which was defeated at Pierce 50 to 0. Later they produced Frank Perry, who went to the Lincoln university team with the best outlook of any freshman on the team. This year they intend to sustain that reputation.

W. B. Vail has returned from a racing trip throughout northeastern Nebraska. He reports great success for all three Norfolk horses—Captain Mack, Douglas Cone's animal; Lottie Medium, Vail's property; and Ruben W., the stepper belonging to Steele. Mr. Vail banked \$185 as a result of his events and says that the other two did equally as well. The races they started in, went in about 2:16 for the most part. At Pender, the first place, Paul Karo, formerly of this city and son of Mr. and Mrs. August Karo of Norfolk, is president of the association and was much liked by the drivers. At that place the race track cuts into the Omaha Indian reservation and Mr. Vail was much surprised at the manner in which the Indians bet their money. They did not gamble in large sums—never exceeding \$5—but they were eager in placing small amounts on the winning horses. One big chief held all of the stakes in his hat and kept account on a slip of paper by marks. During the racing he would jingle his hat full of silver coins.

THE NEW RATE BRINGS JOY

THE ONLY TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IS NEW RATE.

MORE THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED

There is No Topic of Conversation in Norfolk Excepting the New Freight Rate Today—Nearly Everybody Expresses Satisfaction.

[From Saturday's Daily.] There is no topic of conversation in Norfolk today but the new freight rate. Pretty nearly everybody is delighted with the concession on the part of the railroads and many can already see money in their pockets and a bigger Norfolk as a result.

"It is much more than I had expected. It is more than we had any right to expect," said W. H. Blakeman, who is perhaps more familiar with freight rates and their actual working than any other man in Norfolk today. "To secure the rate in so short a time, it seems to me, remarkable."

And that is the sentiment everywhere. Men who have said little about the rate proposition heretofore today openly expressed their satisfaction at the new rate and their appreciation of the efforts of the Commercial club.

A great many business men express their great satisfaction at the start for Norfolk. The sentiment which would belittle the achievements of the Commercial club is finding a cool reception on every hand.

"For a Norfolk man who has made no success of his own business and who can point to not a penny's worth of wholesaling now done here, to belittle the value of a rate which will allow us to do business on the same scale as that enjoyed by Hastings, where \$2,000,000 of wholesale business is now done annually, seems to me to be most contemptible," said one business man. "For one to assume that unless we can become a Chicago in a night we want nothing at all, is about the limit."

NEW WATER WHEEL.

Sugar City Cereal Mills Have Installed 100 Horse Power Wheel.

The Sugar City Cereal mills have just finished installing a fine new 100-horse power water wheel at the institution and, after having been closed down for a few days on account of the repairs, are now ready to resume business with increased capacity.

Haase-Henkel.

Ernest Haase and Miss Anna Henkel, both of Hadar, were married at the home of Herman Wachter near Hadar, the Rev. J. Witt officiating. The event was highly celebrated by a large number of friends and the happy couple will reside on a farm near Hadar.

CONDEMNNS MORMONISM.

Miss Hughes, a Missionary, Lectures on the Subject.

[From Friday's Daily.] Miss Hughes, a missionary who spent five years teaching in Utah, delivered a lecture at the Presbyterian church last night on "Mormonism." Miss Hughes is a pleasant speaker and was greeted by a good audience. Among other things she said:

"Mormonism is a counterfeit of christianity, therefore it has many outward forms and ceremonies that have been copied from christian churches. These are merely the screens behind which there thrives an oath-bound secret society for the encouragement of illegal practices and licentious living.

"There are some Mormons who are not so bad as their religion because they have an inherited tendency to virtue or have come in contact with influences which Mormonism does not afford. The faith itself is demoralizing and the grossest of evils are not only unrebuked but encouraged by church leaders.

"The Mormon church is the enemy of the United States government. Through its teachings it is undermining four pillars of our constitution—God, home, liberty and education. By teaching that God is a physical, passionate, licentious being, the minds of the people are corrupted and their ideas of right and wrong confused; the moral code is reversed, and vice is called virtue.

"Polygamy is not the worst feature of Mormonism. It is only the faintest suggestion of the crimes for which that so-called church stands. The church leaders are trying to make the public think that it has been abandoned but they have ever been deceivers. They made a law against polygamy in order that Utah might become a state, but Mormons were elected to office and the law has never been enforced. It is openly violated, but nothing except a man's confession will lead to his conviction and this only in the few communities where there is a large non-Mormon population. If there is convincing evidence against him he is quickly sent abroad as a missionary.

"The only remedy is a national law, an amendment to our constitution, and it must be secured soon or the Mormon church will have the power to defeat it. It is colonizing in all the western states and controlling the votes of all its members. It already holds the balance of power in several states outside of Utah and can dictate to politicians and legislatures. If it can get control of twelve states it can defeat the ratification of the amendment and that is its plan. Its mis-

sonaries are merely emigrant agents. When it can block national legislation it can demand state legislation in protection of its vices.

"The Mormon people do not realize their oppression because the church gives them much license which they mistake for liberty. Their money and their votes is all the church demands. With these at its disposal its power is unbounded.

"The public schools in Utah were established in self defense to offset the influence of the christian schools. They are now maintained as a garment of respectability to help in impressing visitors favorably. They are used as agencies for the dissemination of Mormon doctrines. We are proud, however, that, among the many other things the mission schools have accomplished, they have forced the establishment of this public school system; for Mormonism can thrive only upon ignorance, and enlightenment must in time weaken its hold upon its followers."

CRUSHED UNDER WAGON

PROMINENT FARMER OF NORTH BEND IS FOUND DEAD.

UNDER HIS OVERTURNED WAGON

Coroner's Jury Returns a Verdict That He Came to His Death in an Accidental Manner—Started From Town Late Last Night.

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 7.—Special to The News: A special to the Tribune from North Bend says that John Cruickshank, a farmer, was found dead four miles north of that town this morning. The body of the man was under his overturned wagon, and his chest was crushed. Cruickshank started home from town at 11 o'clock last night. A coroner's inquest was held over the remains this morning and the verdict of the jury was that he came to his death in an accidental manner. He was 39 years old, and leaves a wife and four children. He belongs to a family prominent in this locality. He is the son of Clerk of the District Court Cruickshank.

EDITOR DEFIANT IN FAREWELL

Illinois Man, Long a Reformer, Forced Out by Brewers and Saloon Men.

The stormy career of Ike Heller, publisher and editor of the Spring Valley Press, a weekly paper, ended this evening, says a dispatch from Spring Valley, Ill., when he stepped down and out after hurling defiance in a farewell editorial bristling with vituperation in which he said:

"If there was ever a happy moment in our life that is when we come to the end of our night's work in Spring Valley. Friends, the best we ever had, we have in Spring Valley; enemies, the bitterest we ever had, we have in Spring Valley, but it is a pleasure to know that when our labors on earth are ended we will spend our eternity with friends in heaven, while our enemies will be taking enforced sulphuric baths in hell."

For ten years Heller has been engaged in the reform business in this city, and every week deluged his enemies with the most vindictive English contained in the vocabulary. His pet aversion was the Sunday saloon, and his fight against the saloonkeepers cost them many hundreds of dollars. Then came a combination of the saloon men and brewers, and they paid the editor three prices for his printing plant to let up on them and leave town. The new editor and business manager is John R. Thomas, a local politician and manager of one of the brewing companies.

RAN AWAY FROM MOTHER

16-Year-Old Boy Escapes and Gives Officer a Chase Here.

John Diekemper, a 16-year-old boy from Omaha who came to Norfolk with his mother, Mrs. Mary Diekemper at noon and who was to have gone on with her to Fairfax, S. D., gave his mother the "slip" when the train reached Norfolk and it was not until an hour's searching on the part of Constable Hamilton had ended that the lad was found and restored to his parent. He was brought back to her just in time to catch the train and proceed on the trip to Fairfax, where they went to visit her bother, John A. Holbert, a farmer.

The lad had not lived with his mother during his early childhood, having been "boarded out." At length, when the mother wanted her boy, the guardian who had always taken care of him, kept him. It was necessary to go to law to decide the case and the boy was given to his mother. Even then she had a hard time to keep him, as was shown by the experience here at noon.

Juvenat-Hannah.

Ainsworth, Neb., Oct. 6.—Special to The News: D. L. Juvenat, assistant cashier of the Citizens State bank of this place, and Miss Jennie Hannah were married here Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hannah, vice president of the Ainsworth State bank. Rev. T. W. De Long officiated. The wedding was a notable one here. Both parties are well known and stand high in society here. Mr. Juvenat is a graduate of the Nebraska state university and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is son of a banker at Petersburg, Neb.

PREPARE TO WHOLESALE

MORE FACILITIES NEEDED TO HANDLE THE BUSINESS.

ONE WHOLESALE HOUSE STARTED

H. R. Ward Announces That He Will be Ready to Supply Dealers Tuesday Morning—Blakeman & Coleman Start a Jobbing and Transfer.

[From Friday's Daily.] One of the very first things that the new freight rate means for Norfolk is new depot and freight handling facilities at the city station of the Northwestern. The facilities at this station right now are badly cramped, and the additional tonnage that may be expected on account of the town becoming a wholesale center will necessitate more room. And this will be but the beginning of the betterments that will accrue to Norfolk because of the new condition of affairs.

It has long been believed that the railroads entering Norfolk intend some day to erect a union passenger station. The various lines enter the city in such a manner that a station built somewhere south of Main street could be reached by all, and now that Norfolk is to become a more important point in railroad figuring, it is not improbable that a union station will be among the improvements of the near future. No material improvements have been made on either of the three railroad stations in Norfolk for years, and if a union station were not under contemplation these stations would certainly have been brought nearer up to date long ago.

The very first to take advantage of the new rate and establish a wholesale house here is H. R. Ward, of the Norfolk Smoke House, who says that on next Wednesday he will be ready to fill orders from dealers for cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles.

Among those to see a benefit in the new conditions are Blakeman & Coleman, who announce the establishment of the Norfolk Jobbing and Transfer company, which will handle agricultural implements, wagons, stoves, and other similar articles through their hardware here. In contemplation of the coming rates they have been preparing for business some time and are among the first to get in the field. Mr. Blakeman goes to Omaha within a day or two to close up contracts with implement houses which have been pending the settlement of the rate question. Mr. Blakeman has contended for a long time, and he is as well posted on the rate question as anyone in town, that the distributing rate is what Norfolk has wanted.

The new conditions open up a field for jobbers of groceries, hardware, drugs, harness, wagons, buggies, agricultural implements, machinery, fruit, cigars, paper and other commodities.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

M. Nichols of Foster is in town.

A. Huff of Winside was a city visitor this morning.

Miss Eula Satterlee went to Omaha this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Bell made a visit to Pierce yesterday.

W. C. Martin of Humphrey was a late arrival last night.

Mrs. G. B. Carter of Winside was in the city last night.

Wilson Hall and Sam Cate of Pierce were in the city yesterday.

H. F. Wetzel and wife of Madison were in the city over night.

Woods Cones of Pierce came down on the early train this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Porter of Fairfax, S. D., were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Geo. Spear is home from quite an extended visit to friends in Columbus.

Miss May Durland has gone to Plainview to spend Sunday with her parents.

P. W. Remender and C. E. Parks of Creston were early arrivals this morning.

Mrs. Arthur Pilger and children came up yesterday from Madison to visit relatives.

R. V. Hemyerling of Blair was in town over night on his way home from Bloomfield.

Joe Hughes of Plainview was in the city this morning enroute to Winside to visit his mother.

F. Moore of Creighton came in on the U. P. last night from a business trip to the western part of the state.

Mrs. Geo. Offenhauser, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Shenandoah, Iowa, and Omaha, returned home yesterday noon.

Mrs. John M. Weidenfeller arrived last evening with four children from Iowa. They will occupy the second house east of the postoffice.

Gottlieb Braasch and son Herman of Marion, Iowa, who have been visiting relatives here the past two weeks, left this morning for their home.

Mrs. Annie Calmer, national secretary of the W. C. T. U. evangelistic work, will be in Norfolk Sunday and Monday, October 15 and 16.

W. H. Dexter, whose headquarters are now at Chadron and who represents Paxton & Gallagher, is in the city to spend Sunday with his family.

President Robertson of the Commercial club has gone to his ranch in Knox county, and Secretary Mathewson has gone to Bonesteel. Both have been doing strenuous work in the interest of Norfolk lately and they feel that they are entitled to a little rest. The Lynch carnival has been made a thorough success.

The fair weather continues. The

week has been one of summer. George Offenhauser has been on the sick list for a couple of days.

Some of Norfolk's stores will be closed Monday on account of a Jewish holiday.

E. H. Tracy, who has been ill for two or three days, is improving in condition.

A baby at Fremont which died yesterday morning has been found to have starved to death.

I. M. Macy is improving slowly. Today he felt fairly strong and he hopes to be out within a few days.

Pat Crowe is busy entertaining the reporters at Butte. He says he wants to come back to Nebraska for trial. He made a thrilling statement one moment and another the next. Then he contradicts them both.

Sioux City Journal: F. P. Berger and H. J. Bingenheimer of Sioux City have removed to Creighton, Neb., where they have gone into the banking business. The name of the new bank is the Creighton State bank. Mr. Berger is the president, and Mr. Bingenheimer is the cashier. While in Sioux City Mr. Berger was interested in the Sioux City Saddlery company, but was formerly cashier of the German bank, of Carroll, Iowa. For several years Mr. Bingenheimer has been in the employ of the Northwestern National bank. Creighton is a prosperous town in Knox county, Neb., on the Fremont, and Elkhorn road, about seventy-five miles west of Sioux City.

BLIND 11 YEARS, NOW SEES

GOTLIEB BRAASCH, AGED EIGHTY-ONE, HAS EYESIGHT AGAIN.

ENJOYED VISIT IN NORFOLK.

Because the Old Man Had Been Restored to the Use of His Eyes, the Party at Obed Raasch's Home Was an Especially Joyful Affair.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Gottlieb Braasch of Cherokee, Ia., who last week ended a visit with Norfolk relatives among Braasch's, Raasch's and Haase's, had just enjoyed a transformation which is known to but few people in the world. Totally blind for eleven long years, he has but recently had his sight restored and now he can see.

It was for this reason that the farewell party given Friday night at the home of Obed Raasch was an especially joyful affair. At least thirty families attended and the fact that the old man—now 81—is now able to recognize his friends and relatives, was occasion for an extraordinary evening.

The aged man accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Herman Braasch to Norfolk for their visit and then accompanied them home again.

He is not yet able to read but he can discern faces before him. It was like looking out upon a strange world when his sight was suddenly restored one morning, for eleven years had wrought wondrous changes. Children had grown up, young ladies whom he remembered formerly as swinging school books at their sides, were carrying bouncing babies in their arms when his eyesight came back, and so it was a day of wonderment as well as of joy when he began to see again.

A pair of spectacles has been placed upon the old man by which it is believed his eyes will grow constantly stronger. One pair of lenses made it possible for him to see as well as anyone, but the lens was so strong that it would have burned his eyes out in a few days. When these glasses were put on him, he was simply delighted.

SMALL WRECK AT CRETE

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TELESCOPE REAR ENDS.

WAY CAR SPLIT TO PIECES

I. W. Olson, a Stockman, Was Injured—Child Killed by Grindstone Near Lincoln—Woman Suicides by Hanging at Schuyler.

Crete, Neb., Oct. 10.—A passenger train was telescoped here early today with the rear end of a freight train. The way car was split to pieces. I. W. Olson, a stockman, was injured.

WANTED—By manufacturing corporation, energetic, honest man to manage branch office. Salary \$185.00 monthly and commission minimum investment of \$500 in stock of company required. Secretary, Box 401, Madison, Wis.

PRECINCT CONVENTION.

Republicans Met and Made Nominations at City Hall. At the precinct convention of republicans held in the city hall this afternoon, the following officers were nominated:

For justices of the peace—S. W. Hayes and C. F. Easley.

For constables—G. F. Bilger and J. M. Covert.

For road overseer district No. 8—William Lowe.

For road overseer district No. 1—Richard Boldt.

J. S. McClary was chairman and S. R. McFarland, secretary.