

TOO WARM WITH COATS OFF

NEWS EDITOR IS SWELTERING DOWN IN OLD MEXICO.

FUNNY LITTLE YELLOW HUTS

W. N. Huse Writes His Second Letter of the Excursion Into That Old Country on the South—How Natives Shirk Work—Their "Booze."

On Board the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Special, Jan. 15, 3 p. m.—The excursion is just pulling out of Saltillo on the National Railroad of Mexico, 234 miles from Laredo, where we crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico. This may not be the most remarkable country on earth, but to a greenhorn it certainly has peculiarities. Saltillo is capital of the state of Coahuila and is said to contain a population of 35,000 people, all Mexicans except 300 Americans who are connected with the railroad service. The train stopped here nearly an hour and the excursionists improved the opportunity by looking over the town. We tramped around with coats off and found it uncomfortably warm at that. This sun beats down hot upon the dust of the streets and there were not many natives astray at this time of the day, the hour to see life in one of these Mexican cities being after the sun begins to settle over the western mountains.

Practically all the houses are built of adobe, while a few of the more ambitious citizens use stone in whole or in part, which may be had for the picking up from the plain or the nearby mountains. The most pretentious residences seldom exceed one story high, and as the adobe is like a light clay color, the effect is singular to say the least. Adobe bricks are about eighteen inches square and six inches thick and are made by baking the formed bricks in the sun, no fire being used. The result, when they are piled up into buildings with flat roofs, is that the city has a decidedly monotonous appearance—not much unlike a great number of unburned brick kilns in the north, placed end to end in great rows, only the color is lighter.

Houses Connected. The homes are built in connected rows, a block in length being under one roof, party walls between the various walls in the block saving labor.

It is said that if there is anything the Mexican is more adept at than another, it is in saving work. And with a summer climate all the year round he is not to be blamed so very much. Entrance to one of these Mormon-like homes found the people not so comfortably situated. The entrance leads directly into a central court, which extends quite a distance in the rear, in the center of which is the well and around which is assembled the parlor, sleeping rooms and various apartments of the domicile. The home visited was apparently that of a well to do family and had adobe floors and was furnished with American furniture. A peep was taken into another home that belonged to a poor family. It was also one of a row but the family seemed to be confined to one room. In one corner was a fire place where, over a little flame, the dinner was being cooked. In another corner on the earth floor was a large flat stone where the housewife was busily engaged in making meal from corn by grinding it underneath a smaller stone which she pushed back and forth on a large stone. The product did not look very attractive. In this one room were congregated a mother and eight or ten children.

Saltillo is quite a railroad center and is noted for the manufacture of zerapes, a garment universally carried by the male Mexicans which serves as an overcoat in the cool of the early morning when needed, and as a blanket at night.

Ancient Monterrey.

We were at Monterrey at about 11 o'clock this morning, founded in 1560 and said to be the oldest city in the republic. It has a population of some 50,000, quite an extensive American colony, with an American daily newspaper that would be a credit to a good sized town in the states. The train only stopped here long enough to add an extra engine to climb the mountain, so we had no opportunity to inspect the town except from the car window.

All day we have been traveling through a country barren as a floor except in the irrigated spots, the growth of bushes, which in some cases seem to attain quite good size, and magnificent specimens of the cactus palm, which grow sometimes to twenty feet in height, surrounded by a lull of green. These hills are used by the poorer classes in making thatched roofs for their adobe huts. A Mexican who can afford to purchase poles or timbers to hold up flat adobe roofs to his house is considered well off. There is no timber of any kind in this section of Mexico, that used being brought from the coast at great expense, and the result is the poor must get along without it.

Their Booze.

The soil is a sort of dust not unlike the deserts of Idaho, and, like Idaho, it responds quickly to irrigation. Water is brought down from the mountains on either side of the plain on which we have been traveling and the fields it reaches yield fruitfully. The magney, which is what we call the century plant, is cultivated extensively. This plant is the foundation for the native intoxicating drinks of the country. When the plant is about to bloom the stem that would in a few days run

up to a height is cut out, forming a bowl, into which gathers the sap that would otherwise produce a long stalk. This juice or sap is gathered, a gallon or two each day until it is exhausted, when it dies and another is put in its place which will not produce for eight or ten years. A peon and a burro laden with empty hogskin bags or bottles go through the fields; finding a plant that is ready, the peon takes a long, slender gourd that has a small hole in each end; placing one end in the bowl of the sap and the other in his lips, he draws the sap into the gourd until it is full, then empties it into the hogskins. The stuff is fermented overnight and then it is ready for the tippler. Pulque spoils in twenty-four hours, so it must be consumed rapidly. It is said very little goes to waste and much of it is produced.

The mountains which we have been passing all day are said to be rich in silver and some gold is produced. There are many small stations where ore is loaded for shipment to the smelter at Monterrey.

Feels Rich Now.

This country ought to be paradise for Bryan, although I never heard that he ever did much at prospecting it. Stepping up to a little stand when the train stopped at Monterrey, I bought fifty cents worth of cigars. I was given the cigars and a half dollar of Mexican money, which contained as much silver as the piece I had handed over. Its two for one down here and I have chased myself up quite a way toward the rank of the hundred or more millionaires on this train since we crossed the line.

JOHNNY DUMPER'S PATENT

HAD A GREAT SCHEME FOR WASHING DISHES EASILY.

BUT BROKE HALF THE DISHES

Since the Hired Girl Left He Has Had to Help and He Was Trying to Save His Hands—Has a Windless Windmill Which Will Break John D.

Editor News: Since the hired girl left an' ma ain't bin feelin' well I've had to help wash dishes an' I wasn't stuck on the job at all. I herd pa say that a smart man alius used his head to sav his hands, so I got to thinkin' how I cud use my head for washin' dishes. I got an old washin' an' naled a piece of bord in the bottom of it with a hole in the bord rite in the center of the tub. Then I naled another bord across the top of the tub with a hole thru it, an' fixt a piece of hoe handle so it went thru the hole in the top bord an' into the hole in the bottom bord an' stuck out long enuf on top so's I cud get an old grindstone handle on it. Then I bored a hole in a wide bord that wud go insid the tub an' fasened it to the pence of hoe handle so that when I turned the crank on top it wud turn the bord round insid the tub. Then I fist sum rucks on top of the bord to hold dishes. Pa seen it afore I got it dun and he ast me what I waz goin' to do with that washin' tub. I sed I waz goin' to get a patent on it. "Get a patent on a washin' tub," sez pa, an' he busted out lafin'. "Why don't you know that washin' tub waz patent'd afore Moses led the children out of Egipt? You better go saw sum wood." An' I did go an' never sed another word to him. I'll fool pa yet when I get a patent an' sell it for ten thousand dollars an' bye a smokeless repentin' shot-gun, an' a spokeless double-gear'd bisikel. Pa thinks I don't do nuthin'.

I tride the dish-washer yesterday an' it worked fine, only I aint got it perfect yet. I put the dishes insid an' filled the tub haf full of hot water and put sum sope in it an' turned the crank about fifteen minits an' they's washed cleaner'n you cud ever wash 'em by hand. I hadn't had time to bore a bung-hole in the bottom of the tub to let the water out so I went to pore it out an' when I tipped the tub the water swashed so quick the tub slipt an' went over on the fore an' broke haf o' ma's dishes. Ma cum runnin' an' thru up her hands when she seen the mess and sed I'd be the ruination of everything. "An she didn't seem to feel no better when I told her it was only them thin haveland dishes that waz broke, all the good heavy ones wazn't hurt. Pa told me to take that infernal machine out of the house afore I showed us all up an' if he ever cot an' monley'n' with any more such patents he'd patent me. So I thot I'd write to the paper and nole sum rick manufacturer wud read about my patent and buy my rick to it for five thousand dollars an' then I cud be independant of pa, an' make another patent 'ee the ol' a windless windmill. I'd make a big wheel with four spokes, an' put a little windmill crossways on the spokes each spoke an gear 'em to the big wheel so's when the big wheel turned, the little wheels wud go around the air an' that wud turn them a flyin, an' they lein' gear'd to the big wheel wud keep it a rolin' without any wind. An' the farmers wudn't have no more use for gasoleen engines, an' wudn't buy gasoleen, an' that wud driv Rocky-feller out of business an' I'd be non as the biggest trust buster in Ameriky.

Yours, Johnny Dumper.

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RESULT OF FREIGHT RATE

BLAKEMAN & COLEMAN'S WAREHOUSE IS NOW FINISHED.

BEGINNING OF DISTRIBUTION

On the New Railroad Track on South Seventh Street, Marking a New Era in Wholesale Jobbing and Transferring, is Rate's Direct Result.

The transfer and distributing warehouse of Blakeman & Coleman on the new Seventh street sidetrack is practically completed. The building has a floor space of 25,000 square feet and represents an investment of \$3,000.

This building comes as a direct result of the concession recently granted by the railroads on outbound freight going west and north. With this concession in rates it becomes beneficial to large manufacturers to ship here in car-lots and have Blakeman & Coleman re-ship by local freight.

In time they expect to handle and transfer the freight of all large eastern manufacturers who have a large business through the territory beyond Norfolk.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

W. H. Bucholz will return to Norfolk this evening.

Burt Mapes returned from Bassett Thursday evening.

Perry Fleming has gone to Atkinson for a couple days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Snyder went to Omaha Friday morning.

C. E. Hartford will return from Beatrice and the firemen's meeting to night.

John Hour of West Point is in Norfolk today.

Judge Barnes came up from Lincoln Thursday evening.

A. H. Kleson made a hurried trip to Madison yesterday.

W. J. Stafford went to Battle Creek Friday morning on business.

Mrs. Viede will entertain for her daughter Inez this evening.

Frank Thielon of Fremont was in Norfolk Friday afternoon and evening.

Thomas Spatz of Plainview spent Friday evening in Norfolk.

Miss Daisy Mayhew is visiting in Battle Creek and Meadow Grove.

Harry Barnes of Battle Creek is in Norfolk on business.

"Bud" Reynolds of Madison attended the guild dance last night.

J. H. Farlin of Madison came up this morning.

Mrs. Charles McLeod of Stanton visited in Norfolk.

A. E. Cummings came in from Albion Friday evening.

Bertha E. Neff of Bloomfield is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Maly of Verdigré came down for the day.

L. Boelle of Kearney is in Norfolk on business.

J. H. Farlin of Madison is in the city.

Miss Lee Hale was down from Battle Creek.

Miss Stella Stirk and her sister of Battle Creek were shopping in Norfolk Saturday.

Mrs. G. W. Felton of Crofton stopped over between trains in Norfolk last evening.

Miss Dorothy Tessman of Battle Creek came down for the dance last evening.

Mrs. J. S. Cramer of Wakefield and Jesse Cramer stopped over night in Norfolk.

Mrs. Louis Ziemer of Hoskins came down Saturday morning to shop and visit with friends.

W. S. Jay, who has been here on business, left for Columbus and Lincoln this afternoon.

Miss Mertz and Miss Tomhagen are spending Saturday and Sunday at home in Battle Creek.

Otto Scheibel has returned to Pilger.

George C. Stevenson came up from Madison Saturday noon.

John Spar of Pierce spent Saturday in Norfolk while on his return home from a business trip to Omaha.

B. McDonald and William Drew, delegates from Pierce to the firemen's convention at Beatrice, came in Friday night and drove home the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wade of Battle Creek stopped off between trains Friday.

Henry Frieke of Winnetoon is stopping over for a visit with his sister, Mrs. O. W. Rich, on his way home from Lincoln.

Rev. J. W. Turner and Rev. J. F. Pennington went to Wakefield Friday noon.

H. E. Snyder will move into his new house on South Eighth street next week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Prose came down from Battle Creek for a few hours Friday.

Guy Barnes has returned from Colorado for the winter and is located in a bank at Tilden.

N. S. Harding, special agent for the Springfield Fire Insurance company, is in the city on business.

Ed Maher of Platte Center and his daughter stopped over in Norfolk today while enroute east.

F. H. Haley has returned from Sloux City where he went to attend a wedding of some friends.

Judge J. F. Boyd of Neligh is in the city on legal business in connection with the Duell foreclosure proceedings.

Sheriff Hall of Holt county stopped over in Norfolk this morning on his way home from the Bonesteel country.

Mrs. Mary Needham of Winside with her daughter stopped over last night

and visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Beels. Mrs. Needham and her daughter were on their way home from a sojourn of almost a year in California. Dr. Peters of Stanton spent Sunday with Norfolk friends.

Leo Pasewalk visited with L. B. Noehlla at Foster Sunday.

Miss Jennie Wheeler spent Sunday with Miss Feyerherm of Stanton.

Mrs. P. Stafford went to Omaha Sunday morning and returned in the evening.

S. R. McFarland, deputy county clerk, of Madison, spent Sunday in Norfolk.

George Barton of Ossola, Iowa, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. G. B. Christoph.

Geo. N. Beels, metaphysician, returned on last night's train from a trip to Wayne.

Mrs. William White of Creighton, who has been visiting with Mrs. W. H. Clark, returned home this noon.

Mrs. Robert Pratt of Creighton spent a day at the home of W. H. Clark while on her way home from Fullerton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Snyder began today to move their books into their new home, and next week will complete the job.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the M. E. church met Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. R. Hoffman. Refreshments were served.

The Woman's club will meet in the parlors of the Congregational church Monday afternoon at 2:30. The program that was to have been given January 8 will be given.

The Misses Edith and Matilda Hermann entertained the U. V. E. club last evening at their home on Phillip avenue. There was music, games and later on delicious refreshments.

There were reports on the street this morning that a blizzard was headed this way from Chadron. The barometer dropped .60 inch yesterday and the air this morning was damp and heavy.

Ernest Luebecke and his family have just returned from Elysin, Minn., where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Luebecke's father, Donald McNeil, who died two weeks ago last Tuesday.

The dance given by the Trinity Social club last evening in the Ellis club rooms was attended by some twenty odd couples and greatly enjoyed. The music was furnished by the Norfolk orchestra.

H. A. Haley arrived home yesterday from a long trip on the road and now he will remain in Norfolk until next summer. Mr. Haley is now preparing to open up his new wall paper store in the building formerly occupied by Gow Bros.

W. P. Rowland of Warnerville is in Norfolk yesterday and says that they have just completed the carpenter work on the new M. E. church at Warnerville and will begin holding services there as soon as the seats are placed. This will probably be within a couple of weeks. The church is practically free of debt.

Mrs. S. T. Napper and Mrs. T. E. Osborne entertained forty of their friends at a 1 o'clock luncheon yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Napper. The afternoon was given up to a series of social contests in which Mrs. J. K. Boas won the first prize for enclure, Mrs. J. C. Stitt the shunting prize, and Mrs. J. C. Myers, fluch.

Carl Ferguson, a stenographer at the office of General Superintendent C. C. Hughes of the Northwestern railroad, has found a notebook that he had lost and which, it is supposed, contained many valuable notes in shorthand writing. Mr. Ferguson advertised in the want column of The News for the book and yesterday it was brought to him by a man who had found it lying in a snowdrift.

County Commissioner John H. Harding was in Norfolk yesterday afternoon, enroute to his home at Meadow Grove from Madison, where at noon yesterday the board of commissioners finished the work of checking up the year's accounts of the county officials. In the work this year an adding machine was used and the figuring that had formerly required two or three weeks was this year finished in two days. Mr. Harding's son is in the court house as copyist and likes the work. The county commissioners are this year provided with a new system of retaining records of their meetings. At the close of each meeting the county clerk, in making up his report of the proceedings, makes duplicates for each commissioner so that each officer on the board has a complete record of what he has done and can turn to any meeting's minutes in an instant. Mr. Harding was accompanied in Norfolk by Albert Hollbrook of Meadow Grove.

A mystery is locked up in the city jail in the person of a man serving out a fine of \$5 and costs, who steadfastly refuses to give his name or any clue to his identity. While nothing serious can be charged against him his refusal to give any clue to his identity is mystifying. In appearance he is merely an ordinary vagrant and charged only with drunkenness and resisting an officer. This makes his actions so suspicious that he is being held while investigation can be made to find out if he has any connection with any recent criminal actions. The prisoner arrived in Norfolk Thursday evening and while laboring under a heavy load of drinkables, challenged the police force to a combat, which ended by his being taken to jail by Officer Livingston. Friday morning he was hauled before Judge Westervelt and fined \$5 and costs, which he is forced to serve out as he had no money on his person. In the meanwhile his record will be carefully examined.

TEACHERS TO MEET HERE

NORFOLK IS ASSURED OF ANNUAL MEETING OF PEDAGOGUES.

\$100 FUND HAS BEEN RAISED

Superintendent E. J. Bodwell of the Norfolk Schools Says That There is Now No Longer any Question as to the Meeting Place.

The Northern Nebraska Teachers' association will hold its annual meeting in April in Norfolk this year.

This, according to Superintendent E. J. Bodwell of Norfolk, has been practically settled, and the city now prepares to entertain her 500 pedagogic guests during the week of 1906 for vacation. The \$100 guarantee fund which the teachers of the city set out to raise by subscription among the business men of the city, has been subscribed and there now is no doubt about the meeting. Superintendent Wilson of Wayne is president of the association and he has been desirous all along of holding the meeting in this city.

Among the features of the week will be the North Nebraska Declamatory contest, in which contestants from all over the North Platte country will try for honors, and a lecture delivered by a man of world-wide fame, yet to be selected.

Experience Sometimes a Dear Teacher

So many parents of young children do not realize the danger from cramp until they have had the experience of one severe case in their own home. To be awakened in the middle of the night by the peculiar rough cough and find their little one suffering from a fully developed attack of the cramp and nothing in the house with which to relieve it is a lesson never to be forgotten. A good remedy at hand is of incalculable value in a time like this, and nothing better can be obtained than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been thoroughly tested in hundreds of cases and not only cures cramp, but when given as soon as the first symptoms appear it will prevent the attack. The fact that this remedy contains no narcotics makes it perfectly safe to give to the children. For sale by all druggists.

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IT WAS NOT ARTHUR BICE

Robert Bice Sentenced to Prison at Butte, Instead of Arther.

Spencer, Neb., Jan. 22.—Editor News: In your issue of today you say that Arthur Bice, a wealthy farmer living a few miles northeast of Spencer, was sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor in the pen. I wish that you would correct this. I am the only Arthur Bice in Boyd county and I do not live out northeast of Spencer, but am living here in Spencer and am in business here. I have never made an assault on anyone to do great bodily harm and have never been arrested for that crime or any other.

Respectfully, Arthur Bice.

[The name of the defendant in the assault case at Butte was Robert Bice, a farmer living northeast of Spencer as stated in the item, instead of Arthur Bice, as was reported to The News and to other state papers from Butte. A telephone message to Judge Harrington at O'Neill this morning revealed the mistake in the Bice.

"The defendant's name," said Judge Harrington, "was Robert Bice and not Arthur Bice. Robert Bice was sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor. The fact that both live near Spencer is probably the reason why the error in the first name was made by the Butte reporter."

The correction is gladly made. The newspapers receiving the item had no way of knowing that the name was wrong. No injury was intended to be worked upon Mr. Arthur Bice.]

JOBGING HOUSE IN SIGHT

A KANSAS CITY WHOLESALER WANTS TO LOCATE HERE.

MANY INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED

An Illinois Wholesale Grocer Will be in Norfolk Within a Few Days to Look Over the Field—Mr. Clover Has Written Kansas City Man.

Prospect's usual delight for a big jobbing house for Norfolk. A half dozen tentative propositions have been laid before the Commercial club and innumerable inquiries have been made by various parties.

The latest query has come to N. W. Clover, commercial agent for the Union Pacific. It comes from a Kansas City jobber, who is desirous of establishing a branch house in northeastern Nebraska.

Mr. Clover has written him fully of the conditions and expects to hear further within a few days.

Secretary Mathewson of the Commercial club has a jobber from Springfield, Ill. who is expected in Norfolk within a few days to look over the field. It is probable that the Springfield man will desire to enlist some local capital with him in case he should

locate here as he desires to start out with a complete line of jobbing groceries.

In talking of the possibilities of Norfolk as a jobbing center Mr. Clover said, "Norfolk is a good point to conduct such a business from. It has good connections with the Union Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern and Omaha lines. It is one day quicker to the westward and the north than any point on the Missouri river. The merchandise tariff rate is in effect within a radius of 175 miles and gives a local home just that much advantage over other homes. They are all out of our surrounding territory anyhow. Sioux City is seventy miles away, and Omaha and Lincoln are 125 miles from Norfolk."

"There are a number of buildings available for jobbing purposes in Norfolk. All of these have truckage facilities. I think truckage could be worked on all railroads here without much trouble. Certainly a jobbing house would be a success here."

ICE MEN HAPPY.

At Last They Are Able to Capture a Quantity of Frozen Aqua.

The ice men at last with the cold snap of this week, and Norfolk ice men will make use of the facility while it lasts to chop and store all of the frozen water that they can capture. It had been feared, during the warm weather of the winter, that there might be danger of an ice famine, but all of this danger has been frozen up.

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