

FINEST BARN IN STATE

STABLE PERFECTION ATTAINED IN NORFOLK NOW.

AT ROME MILLER DAIRY FARM

With Cement Floors the Stables are Kept Clean, Milking Will be Done Three Times a Day, and Science Rules Every Feature of the Place.

Norfolk lays claim, among other good things, to the finest cattle barn in the state of Nebraska. Approaching a higher degree of stable perfection than any other barn in the commonwealth, it is an intensely interesting institution because of the endless number of new wrinkles that have been put into service in the place for the excellent care of cattle, horses and swine. The many devices that are improvements over former methods, make the big barn resemble a modern department store, with cement floors, automatic chutes and many other features that were until recently unknown. This is the barn at the Rome Miller Jersey dairy at Norfolk Junction, in which are kept his herd of sixty thoroughbred Jersey cows, a few thoroughbred Holsteins, a few horses and a large herd of pure blooded swine.

From this barn in Norfolk comes the milk that goes to feed all of the eating houses along the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the Northwestern railway, besides milk for both the Her Grand and the Millard hotels in Omaha, both of which are owned by Mr. Miller. And in return, all of the scrap bread and food stuffs from these big hotels is shipped to the Norfolk barn and fed to the pigs, to make pork.

The Norfolk barn has all of the advantages and modern improvements claimed by the state university farm barn at Lincoln, and many which are unknown to that stable.

The Milking of the Jerseys.
Perhaps the most interesting feature of the whole day's schedule at the big barn—for everything goes by schedule—is the milking of the herd of Jerseys and the Holsteins twice every day. And, although the milking process is done but twice a day, as soon as a herd of ten more thoroughbred Holsteins arrive from New York, it will be necessary to milk three times a day, morning, noon and night, on account of the enormous and almost incredible amount of milk that the Holsteins which have been ordered, will give.

Cleanliness in the milk is the greatest factor in this twice-daily performance. And the system that is adopted to attain perfect cleanliness into a science and a fine art. In the first place the cows are driven into the stable, which has concrete cement floors throughout and which has been scrubbed out previously with a hose, and their pretty heads are fastened into swinging stanchions, so that they may be quieted and at the same time enjoy free exercise with their necks. The cows are washed clean before the milking, the milkers change their outer garments so that no dust may get into the milk from their clothing, their hands are washed with water, and small boys with fly-brushes keep the cows comfortable throughout the process so that there may be no shrinkage in the milk. The pure white milk is sent in tiny streams into pails which are covered with a double layer of cloth strainers, later the milk is strained again, and then a third time it is strained in the cream separators.

Enormous Quantities of Milk.
The weight of the milk given by each cow at each milking is kept in a record book, so that the moment an animal begins to shrink in her supply, the cause may be traced either to food or carelessness in the milkman. In order to do this each cow has a number that is all her own and that number is pasted up above her head in the stanchion. After the individual milkings have been weighed on scales at the bar, the entire bulk of the milk is weighed by the foreman, so that there is an absolute check on the figures recorded.

An enormous quantities of milk are given by these fine animals. Each of the Jerseys gives all the way from eleven to twenty-two pounds of milk at a milking, there being eight pounds to a gallon, and this Jersey milk tests up at .05 to .056 per cent, which is a remarkably excellent test, ordinary cows' milk testing at about .04 or .045. The Holsteins give even more milk, though their tests do not run as high, and the ten Holsteins that have been ordered and which are to be selected by Prof. Lyon of the state university farm, come from a race of animals that give from 100 to 144 pounds of milk per day, or from twelve to fifteen gallons of milk a day per cow. That is why they will have to be milked three times a day.

In order to attain these high quantities of milk, a man is employed to do nothing else but study that herd of Jerseys, taking care of their foods just as a doctor prescribes diet for a human being, and feeding each individual animal according to its individual requirements.

Another unique feature of the milking room is the fact that above each cow's head is marked in chalk the date at which she is expected to become a mother, so that two months before this date she is given a rest and is not asked for another quart of milk until she is "fresh" again.

The Feed.
The most important part of the feed that is given to these cows is

what is termed insilage, or pickled corn. It is merely corn that has been taken from the field and chopped up into shreds by a machine, dumped into a huge tank and allowed, by means of the alcohol that is in the kernel of corn, to become pickled. In case the corn is too dry, a little water is turned into it, helping to form the alcohol. The very tall tank that holds this insilage looks like a big town stand pipe for the water works system, and it contained at the beginning of last winter 130 tons, or the product from 100 acres of ground.

The barn is supplied with city water and within reach of every animal there is a small tank constantly filled by a self-filling device with fresh water, so that the dumb brutes may always satisfy their thirst.

In this way, by giving exercise through means of the swinging stanchions, wholesome food that has been pickled, and fresh water, it is possible to keep the cows indoors for a month at a time without showing the slightest shrinkage in the milk, and thus in the severe storms of winter it is unnecessary to have a single hoof out of the barn.

Keeping the Barn in Order.
A man is employed to do nothing else but keep the barn in order, and he does it as neatly as any housewife in her parlor. Running the full length of the barn, and through the alleys between all stalls, are culverts that have been made in the cement floors, and into these culverts, which lead to a cistern outside, all waste matter is washed by means of a hose several times a day. It is a sort of sewerage system in the stable, and emptying into a cistern, is pumped out by means of a huge pump, into wagons, and is hauled over the fields to be used as a fertilizer, so that not even the waste is wasted. For the winter time, when there is a vast amount of straw bedding used, there is an automatic carrier that runs on overhead cables, and which, dispatched out of the barn, dumps its load into wagons that carry the old straw off the farm.

Yards and Pens of Pigs.
The pig pens and their yards form another interesting feature of this Rome Miller farm. Manager Wolcott believes in cleanliness first of all as a preventive of disease among swine. And so these pig pens are made of concrete cement, with troughs that incline away from the yards, and by means of city water the pens are kept immaculately clean all of the time. By a scientific slant in the ground, the water from a rain is always drained away so that two hours after a storm the yards are dry and there is no mud for wallowing. The sheds and box stalls for these thoroughbred swine are kept warm by being well built and by the heat of the bodies of the animals. Double windows keep out the cold and in the coldest winter weather these sheds of swine are as warm as the warmest house. Swinging doors let the little pigs run in and out at will.

The Breeds.
Manager Wolcott believes that the time is coming when the farmers of Nebraska will favor more and more the crossing of the Yorkshire and Poland-China breeds, thus producing an animal with a long body and a bacon form, which is the form that packers are said to prefer. He is crossing these kinds at the Junction farm, and has excellent results. One mother had a litter of fifteen little pigs and the average of litters to live is eight and nine. At this farm 300 little pigs are raised and sold each year, and their feed, coming from the hotel kitchens, makes their keeping a matter of but little expense. All of the animals on the place are pure blooded.

Their Health.
Disease has been kept from these pens thus far. Manager Wolcott lays the fact to the care of the herds. Every two weeks each pen is disinfected, charcoal is fed once a week, there is fresh water everywhere about the yards and the animals are within the reach of alfalfa.

Whole Farm Complete.
The whole dairy farm is a complete one. The big barn has a loft in which seventy-five tons of hay are kept. There is a machine shed, grain room, calf room (in which the calves are graded into pens according to their sizes), harness room and milk room, and two cottages in which the farm hands reside.

Manager Wolcott is making constant improvements, and keeps so abreast of the times that no other barn in the state is apt to overtake this one in Norfolk.

TRAIN NO. 6 DERAILED
(From Monday's Daily.)
Coaches Went Over West of Chadron Yesterday Afternoon.

Train No. 6, eastbound from the Black Hills, was derailed west of Chadron yesterday afternoon and will be delayed in getting into Norfolk. The accident did not tend to greatly affect this division, as an extra No. 6 was made up at Long Pine this morning and came in on time at noon. A baggage car and a couple of coaches went over in the accident. No report of any killed had been received at headquarters here early this morning.

The train from Long Pine was in charge of Conductor Fairbanks and his crew as far as Norfolk, where Conductor Russell took charge.

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DOGS STOP RUNAWAY TEAM

FREMONT CANINES DO UNUSUAL TRICK ON STREET.

SETTER GOT LINES IN MOUTH

Team of Horses Ran Away, Pursued by Two Bird Dogs—One Ran to Head of Horses and the Other Climbed into Seat and Shouted "Whoa!"

Fremont, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: A team of horses belonging to Milo Clency ran away today and were checked in their mad dash down the street by his two Llewelyn setter dogs.

The two dogs pursued the runaway team, one of them running to the heads of the horses and barking, while the other jumped into the wagon, seized the lines in its mouth and stopped the team.

POLICE GET FLOWER THIEVES

Two Young Men and a Young Woman are Brought into Court.

Three arrests have been made in Norfolk on charges of stealing flowers, and two fines have been assessed. One of the parties arrested was a girl. John Gullidee, Carl Oakes and Miss Lottie Brandes were the persons arrested, charged with the flower thefts. L. Buckendorf, the florist, was plaintiff. Oakes and Gullidee pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge Lambert this morning and were each given the minimum fine of \$5 and costs. Miss Brandes pleaded not guilty and her trial was set for Saturday.

More arrests, it is said, are to follow. For some years flower thieves have done mischief in Norfolk and this is the first genuine crusade that has been made against them.

M'CARTHY ANNOUNCES IT AGAIN

Congressman Who Would Return, Again Tells of His Ambition.

Word from Wakefield says that Editor Shop of the Wakefield Republican today received a letter from Congressman J. J. McCarthy of this district in which he again announces to the people of the Third congressional district that he is a candidate for reelection to his present seat of honor. The letter will probably be printed today in the Wakefield paper.

It will be remembered that Mr. McCarthy announced his candidacy for reelection through the columns of the Fremont Tribune several months ago.

DIPHTHERIA AT VERDIGRE.

Several Cases Have Broken Out, All of Them Being Dangerous.

Verdigre, Neb., May 26.—Special to The News: An epidemic of diphtheria is on in this vicinity. There are several cases, all dangerous. Frank Novack lost an 8-year-old son at his home two miles from town. A cigar makers residence was quarantined yesterday.

The Sioux City excursionists were driven around town here by twenty-five carriages and entertained at dinner.

Farmers bring in your repair work for spring. I will save you 20% as I have the time and am prepared to do the work. Paul Nordwig.

TILDEN TRAGEDY.

Paper There Tells Facts That Underlay Suspicion.

Tilden Citizen: Murder or suicide? This question as applied to the death of the late Menno Bohlsen cannot be definitely settled. That he was shot through the head is not questioned by any who examined the skull. A hole somewhat larger than a dime was in the center of the forehead and the back part of the skull was completely shattered. Particles of the skull had been carried into the brain and those pieces of bone when taken out were found to be unburned. Consequently the shooting can be considered as established without a doubt. When the Citizen was printed last week, the theory of murder was being seriously talked of and evidence pointing to the guilty party was thought to be in existence an easily obtainable. For the purpose of giving the supposed murderer fancied security this paper refrained from mentioning these facts, and, concerning the cause of death, published merely the finding of the coroner's jury. Nothing, however, has developed from the suspicions entertained, which were founded on the following circumstances: A stranger called at the house of J. W. Emery, about twelve miles south of town, last Monday evening and asked for accommodation for the night. He told several conflicting stories about the fire, one of which was to the effect that the bones of one man, and possibly two, had been found in the burning paint shop. He also said that the livery barn and blacksmith shop were destroyed in the flames and that the fire had extended to the implement warehouse across the street. Mr. Emery describes this man as being about five feet six inches tall, smooth shaven, with black hair, prominent nose and dark piercing eyes. The suspect claimed to have served in Spanish-American war and exhibited a rosary upon which he appeared to set great store. He manifested much nervousness and appeared apprehensive of someone approaching from the direction of town. His clothing was new and was evidently made for a much

larger man and, from the description given, it has been later learned that they appear to have been very like a purchase made by Bohlsen on the Saturday preceding his death. On Tuesday morning the stranger declined to stay for breakfast, but started early toward Newman Grove. Mr. Emery telephoned his suspicions into town Tuesday afternoon and an officer was at once put on the trail, but without results. The motive for murder is said to have been in the habit of carrying on his person. On the other hand many are of the opinion that, in a sudden fit of overwhelming despondency, the dead man took his own life, the fire in which he was partially consumed having started from the gunpowder which carried the fatal bullet to its destruction. The case is involved in mystery which will probably never be solved, and as in many other sudden and unaccountable happenings, different individuals will hold different opinions concerning the cause.

NIORRARA COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises There Last Night Were Above the Average.

Niobrara, Neb., May 25.—Special to The News: The commencement exercises of the Niobrara schools Wednesday and Friday evenings were attended with more than usual success this year. For the first time in ten years the programs of the Eighth grade and High school have passed off as they should be, due to a proper spirit on the part of the teachers, with scarcely a flaw.

The Eighth grade, under the able guidance of Miss Stella Holmes, gave an excellent entertainment in song and recitation. The young people surprised all in their efforts.

Thursday afternoon the intermediate, under Miss Edna Childster, gave "Little Red Riding Hood" to a pleased audience. When the bear came to receive Little Red Riding Hood the babies and young children who came with their parents were so frightened that they came near breaking up the show.

The graduating exercises last evening were above the average in all directions. Mrs. M. C. Nelson presided at the piano upon the entrance of Prof. J. M. Stinson and his class. County Superintendent Marshall rendered the "Holy City" on the violin. A ladies' quartet, comprising Misses Grace Fry, Ophelia Opocensky, Everette Hathaway and Gladys Rock, sang "Love's Old Sweet Song." Rev. A. W. Ahrends sang "Only a Sweet Little Flower," (baritone). A recitation by Miss Gladys Rock, "Aunt Sophrona Tabor at the Opera," quite turned the audience to a high appreciation of this young lady's ability as an impersonator. Miss Gretchen Greenleaf sang "A Lesson From the Violets." Mr. Marshall played with fine effect Verdi's "Miserere" on the violin. Mrs. M. C. Nelson, whose superior execution of the classics on the piano is remarkable, rendered the "Second Nocturne" by Leschetzky in exquisite technique. The principal oration of the evening was that of Miss Mary Hvizdalek, "Self-reliance—the Masterpiece of Success." "Rapid Transit," by Gray Gantiss; "The Golden Age," by Maud Marshall, and "Trust of American Citizenship," by George Vlasnik were carefully and ably handled.

Mrs. E. A. Houston, president of the school board, in well chosen language, presented the diploma to Miss Hvizdalek, being the only one of a class of three to finish her graduation. The double quartet, "Good Night, Good Night, Beloved," was very delicately rendered by Misses Fry, Opocensky, Hathaway and Rock and Messrs. Gillham, Ahrends, Reed and Garvie.

Miss Martha Opocensky acted as cornet accompanist.

Read The News want ads.

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EIGHT KILLED IN WRECK

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE TRAIN IN SMASHUP.

TWELVE OR FIFTEEN INJURED

A Half Mile From the Union Depot at Louisville, a Train From Knoxville Was Wrecked and Eight Immediate Deaths Resulted.

Louisville, Ky., May 28.—A Louisville & Nashville passenger train from Knoxville was wrecked a half mile from the union depot here today. Eight persons were killed and twelve or fifteen injured.

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