

HUNTING LOST DAUGHTER

WHEREABOUTS OF MRS. BESSIE MILLER WANTED.

LAST HEARD OF IN NORFOLK

Mother and Sister Have Written to Norfolk Chief of Police, Giving Description and Photograph, But Fail to Receive a Reply.

Coney Island, N. Y., July 16.—Editor of The News: Having tried every other means and failed, I now write to you and ask you through the columns of your paper to help me find my sister, from whom we have heard nothing since May, 1905.

My mother heard that she was in Auburn, Neb., but we wrote there and received no answer. We can think of no reason other than that some harm has befallen her.

It seems the police made no effort to locate her, as my letters were never answered and I asked them to return the picture, as it was the only one we had left.

POPULARITY STILL CONTINUES

The White City, Appearing Under Auspices of Firemen, Makes Good.

The popularity of Parker's White City among the people of Norfolk, still continues. In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions and the rather damp condition of the grounds, a large crowd was in attendance yesterday evening.

People are now pretty fully aware of the fact that the White City is about the best amusement organization that has ever visited the city.

The elephant makes his appearance on the high wire every day at 3:00 and at 10:45 p. m.

Beautiful Bagdad gives two performances daily: at 3:45 and 8:45 p. m. The annex attractions of the White City are open from 1:30 until 5:30 and from 7:30 until 11:30 p. m.

The Big Hit in Bagdad.



DeVere Bros., the comedy acrobats in Beautiful Bagdad, are real artists in their feats of strength and acrobatic stunts that keep the house in a roar during the entire fifteen minutes

They are on the stage. They enter with a dash and everything they do is characterized by a vigor and ginger which adds greatly to the value of their act.

BIDWELL IS GENERAL MANAGER

Promotion for the Manager of the Nebraska and Wyoming Division.

Geo. F. Bidwell has been promoted to the position of general manager of the Chicago and Northwestern company's lines west of the Missouri river, with headquarters at Omaha.

Mr. Bidwell has long been connected with the road of which he now becomes general manager. He came to the line as general manager of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and the Sioux City and Pacific, at the time these two roads were operated as one, and during his service in this capacity he won the reputation of being one of the most efficient executive officers on the staff of President Marvin Huggitt.

He reported to the general manager in Chicago. Now he is made general manager of that part of the company's system lying west of the Missouri river and as general manager he will report to the president and vice president of the Northwestern.

The creation of the new office and the promotion of Mr. Bidwell no doubt will add to the importance of the Northwestern's headquarters west of the river.

BLACK HILLS EXCURSION

OMAHA COMMERCIAL CLUB TRADE BOOSTERS GOING WEST.

PLAN NOT TO STOP IN NORFOLK

Excursionists Will Pass Through the Eastern Part of Northern Nebraska in the Night—Reach Valentine for Breakfast the Next Morning.

The trade extension committee of the Omaha commercial club have arranged for an excursion of "trade boosters" to the Black Hills next week, leaving Omaha Tuesday night at 9 o'clock and making the run over the Northwestern to Valentine in time for breakfast the next morning.

The itinerary of the trip from Valentine to Deadwood is as follows:

- First Day—Wednesday, July 25. Town Arrive 6:30 a.m. Crookston 7:47 a.m. Cody 8:43 a.m. Ell 9:28 a.m. Merriman 9:50 a.m. Irwin 10:21 a.m. Gordon 10:55 a.m. Clinton 11:31 a.m. Rushville 11:55 a.m. Hay Springs 12:32 a.m. Chadron 1:28 p.m. Dakota Junction 2:58 p.m. Oelrichs, S. D. 3:50 p.m. Buffalo Gap 4:34 p.m. Fairburn 5:25 p.m. Hermosa 5:53 p.m. Rapid City 6:50 p.m.

- Second Day—Thursday, July 26. Town Arrive Black Hawk 6:46 a.m. Piedmont 7:13 a.m. Tilford 7:36 a.m. Sturgis 8:05 a.m. Whitewood 9:21 a.m. Belle Fourche 10:51 a.m. (Whitewood) 12:01 p.m. Deadwood 12:58 p.m. Long enough stops will be made at each place for the excursionists to see the towns and make acquaintances. Returning the excursionists will travel over the Burlington, reaching Omaha Sunday, July 29, at 9 a. m.

LIGHTNING FLASHES.

Pranks of Electricity During Yesterday's Storm.

Lightning struck the barn of Ernest Hanse, who lives three miles north of Norfolk, badly shattering it. No animals were killed or injured.

Herman Gall, living south of the city, had a cow killed by lightning in yesterday's storm.

While on their way to the pasture with their cows, the two sons of W. E. Emory were severely shocked by a flash of lightning that struck within a few feet of them. The boys were walking along the road when the bright flash came. It threw mud all over the boys and knocked one of them down. They were both badly frightened but are none the worse today for their narrow escape.

Station Men on a Strike.

Long Pine, Neb., July 18.—The corps of assistants to the station agent went on a strike yesterday. Some misunderstanding relating to the salaries and the appointment of an objectionable man to the position of first assistant day dispatcher seem to have caused the trouble. The office work is somewhat retarded on account of the green hands.

CARNIVAL PREPARATIONS

TOWN OF SPENCER DECIDES TO HAVE A STREET FAIR.

CONNECTION WITH COUNTY FAIR

Organization of an Association to Pull Off the Affair—Committees Appointed to Take Charge of Various Department of the Nellig Carnival.

Spencer, Neb., July 18.—Special to The News: The business men of Spencer met last evening and organized a street fair association, the street fair to take place evenings during the regular county fair which is to be held September 19, 20 and 21. E. J. Parker was elected president of the association and L. Holmes secretary. The committee on music and amusements are W. F. Kloke, L. P. Kerbel and Frank Braithwait.

Nellig Preparations.

Nellig, Neb., July 18.—Special to The News: At a meeting of the business men's association held last evening at the city hall to complete the appointments of the carnival committees, J. J. Melick was elected treasurer, and has full power of all tickets, and is at liberty to call upon any member of the association for assistance during the carnival, at the park entrance, and also at the grand stand. Wm. Wolfe and W. W. Cole were appointed a committee on concessions.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

A. J. Boldt is here from Plainview.

M. Nichols of Foster is a city visitor.

J. D. Day of Winside is a city visitor.

Fred Valherbing of Wisner is here.

Otto Shauble of Pilger is up on business.

E. Cook of Meadow Grove is in town.

John Traulson of Stanton is here on business.

John Kuhn and R. Gleason of Hoskins are here.

Czar Johnson of Battle Creek is in the city today.

E. A. Bullock went to Fairfax on business today.

Mrs. A. Peters of Stanton was shopping in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Deuel went to Lincoln at noon.

Ernest F. Hans drove in from Battle Creek yesterday.

J. B. Donovan of Madison is in the city on business.

S. A. Beckley of Creighton is taking in the White City.

Miss Wilma Whitlach of Foster is visiting with relatives.

A. R. Davis came over from Wayne this morning on business.

John Nelson of Battle Creek is here to see the White City.

Mrs. G. W. Hill of Plainview are shopping in the city today.

B. Linderman came down from Verdel to take in the White City.

W. W. Shaman came down from Chadron to spend the day yesterday.

L. W. Needham and H. Lound of Dr. J. M. O'Connell of Ponca was in town on his way to Columbus to attend the meeting of the congressional central committee.

E. L. Johnson and wife, and Huebert and Howard Swank of Chicago arrived this noon for an extended visit with relatives here.

Judge F. D. Fales of Ponca, chairman of the central congressional committee of the Third district, remained in town over night on his way to attend the committee meeting at Columbus.

Winside came over on business yesterday.

Dr. P. H. Salter went to Verdigre this afternoon on professional business.

A. Bucholz and Chas. Verges have returned from a two weeks' camp near Stanton.

Mrs. Venus Nenow returned last night from a visit with relatives in St. Anthony, Idaho.

J. B. Donovan, editor of the Madison Star-Mail, is transacting business in the city today.

H. T. Hokanson, one of the leading merchants of Gregory, S. D., is in the city visiting friends.

David T. Waldo and wife of Watertown, N. Y., are visiting at the home of Waldo & Dillenbeck.

Mrs. F. A. Blakeman, Kenneth and Glenn will leave today for a short visit with friends at Long Pine.

Chas. Vyndall came down from Plainview last night to visit friends and to attend the White City.

Mrs. O'Neill of Missouri Valley, who has been visiting Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon, has gone to Creighton for a short visit.

Mrs. E. E. Andrews will return tomorrow evening from a six weeks' visit with her parents at Manchester, Iowa.

I. Connor, real estate man of Omaha, was in the city yesterday afternoon the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Logan. He was returning from Verdigre, where he had been on a land deal.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin is scheduled to be in Hastings on Sunday and deliver an address before the Chautauqua assembly.

A party of young ladies, consisting of Misses Josephine Butterfield, Helen Bridge, Ethel Hartley and Louise Wells, chaperoned by Mrs. W. G. Baker and Mrs. W. R. Jones, are planning to go to the Yellow banks next

Monday, where they will camp out until Saturday.

Mrs. C. H. Vall of this city is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Ida Irish-Macomber, who was an inmate of the Norfolk asylum and was released from there a few weeks ago through the efforts of L. P. Stehr of New York. Mrs. Irish-Macomber writes that she is comfortably situated at the Park hotel at West Cossackie, N. Y., and is enjoying herself very much. She says that since leaving the hospital she has been perfectly happy and that she heartily enjoyed her trip to New York. With her letter she sent a picture of her new home, which is a very pretty place with handsome large trees and beautiful grounds.

Five tables of young ladies enjoyed the game of 500 at the home of Miss Josephine Butterfield yesterday afternoon, the party being given in honor of Miss Edith Butterfield of Chicago. Miss Cora Luikart won first prize and Miss Beemer of Lincoln the second. Light refreshments were served.

At the Baptist church last evening at 7 o'clock, Mr. Keyen M. Hurtt and Miss Mamie J. Bonney were united in marriage. Rev. F. W. Benjamin officiating. Mr. Hurtt is a brakeman on the Chicago and Northwestern, and the young couple have already gone to housekeeping on Cleveland street in South Norfolk.

The little daughter of Peter Mooney, who resides near Burchard, a short time ago unwittingly violated the postal laws by sending a written communication through the mail with fourth class matters. The package fell into the hands of Inspector St. Clair, who called upon Mr. Mooney for the penalty of \$10, which was promptly paid, but it is thought that when the matter is explained to the department and it is shown that the act was done unknowingly that the money will be refunded.

State Superintendent McBrien has ruled that Douglas county must elect a county superintendent at the fall election. Mr. Bodwell was elected county superintendent of Douglas county last fall, but before he assumed the duties of his office for the new term he resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the Norfolk schools. Superintendent Yoder was then appointed to fill out the term for which Mr. Bodwell had been elected, but Mr. McBrien holds the constitution provides the appointment is good only until the next general election.

Waldo & Dillenbeck have commenced renovating their ice ponds east of the city. In draining the first pond more than thirty pounds of bass and channel cat fish were taken out, besides hundreds of small fish. When the other pond is drained it is expected that even a greater number of fish will be found. It is the theory of Waldo & Dillenbeck that by thoroughly cleaning their ponds once a year of accumulated moss, decomposed vegetable matter and mud, and keeping the water free from fish and other animal life, that the ice produced during the winter will be much better, purer and cleaner. The ponds will be allowed to stand empty until late in the fall, when they will be cleaned again and then filled with water.

The rain of yesterday and last night, during which 1.84 inch of water fell, brought the total precipitation for the month up to 2.22. The rain came in intermittent showers during the day and night, the heaviest here being just before noon, while six miles south a sharp rain and hail storm struck about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This storm was about a mile in width and did considerable damage to field crops and gardens. Oats received the greatest injury, but corn, which was somewhat cut, will not be permanently damaged, as it will have plenty of time to recover before maturity. The storm came from the southwest and traveled northeast in the neighborhood of the county line, between Madison and Stanton counties, passing east of Norfolk.

There was not much wind but heavy rain and hail, the ground being left covered with hail stones for some time after the storm had passed. The Jackson celebration closed yesterday, and there was a large crowd of people in attendance in spite of the downpour of rain. After the address of welcome by Mayor Thomas Sullivan, in which he left no doubts regarding the hospitality of Jackson, Hon. G. W. Berge, the orator of the day, was introduced. His address was well received, as also were short addresses by John Boler, president of the day; J. A. Hall of Jackson, Judge William P. Warner, S. A. Combs of Homer and W. H. Beck of Sioux City. An appropriate toast was then read, which had been sent by M. J. O'Neill of Rapid City, S. D., one of the oldest settlers, who was unable to be present. Father Morarity, to whose efforts the success of the celebration was largely due, was then called to the platform and made the closing address. The remainder of the day was devoted to usual picnic sports, closing with a big reception in the evening at St. Patrick's hall.

Return to Nebraska.

Niobrara, Neb., July 18.—Special to The News: John F. Lenger, formerly of Niobrara and largely interested in band organizations and prospective affairs beneficial to this town, is in the city visiting his brother Frank. He has been in California for the past five years, but has returned here and will locate in this county, but has not yet decided where. He marvels at the prosperity of this section and says it's like getting back home again. Mrs. Lenger's health was the reason for a change of climate, but that is now fully restored and both feel that this is more like God's country.

Train Master in Omaha.

Conductor J. C. Aid, who has been running on the Bonesteel passenger, has been appointed to the position of train master at the Omaha Union station. C. L. Clark, a south Platte man, has his run.

Inspection Car.

C. F. King has received a new inspection car. It is a light car and is run by a gas engine.



Health

Calumet makes light, digestible wholesome food.

Economy

Only one heaping teaspoonful is needed for one quart of flour.

CORPORATION GULCH BUSY

AN OBJECT LESSON PROVISIONALLY SENT AT THIS TIME.

ILLUSTRATES NEED OF DITCH

With Only an Inch of Precipitation, the Gulch Produces a Flood That Overflows Thirteenth Street Property—Facts Dispute Some Theories.

Corporation gulch went on a tear again Wednesday noon, as the result of the rain which fell during the morning. Although only a little more than an inch of water fell, the gulch was booming by 1 o'clock. The ditches down Thirteenth street were full and overflowing property on either side as the flood passed toward the river, doing considerable damage. The flood did not succeed in getting down Norfolk avenue to any great extent, as the amount of water which fell was not sufficient to inundate that portion of the city.

While a flood in Corporation gulch is very unusual in July, the one of today seems to have been providentially sent to emphasize the necessity of the work that the board of county commissioners has undertaken. The time ought to have gone by long ago that an object lesson of this character would be needed, but it seems that even at this date, after the flood waters of the gulch have done thousands of dollars' worth of damage to property, there are persons who still maintain that such a ditch as is proposed by the county board is not necessary to the preservation of property and the health and happiness of people living in the western part of town.

Estimate of Expenses.

The ways and means committee submitted the estimate of expenses for the city of Norfolk, ending May 7, 1907:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Salaries of officers (\$3,200 00), Office supplies (200 00), Printing (300 00), Fire department (700 00), Streets and alleys (2,000 00), Miscellaneous (1,500 00).

Less miscellaneous receipts \$ 450 00 Cash on hand..... 2,712 17

\$3,162 17

Street light fund.....\$1,900 00

Interest Fund.

Interest due on bonds due in 1907.....\$ 480 00 Interest on bonds due in 1911 450 00 Interest due on bonds due in 1911 450 00 Interest on bonds due in 1919 1,710 00 Interest on bonds due in 1936 1,600 00

\$4,690 00 Less amount on hand..... 2,899 99

\$3,800 01

Sinking Fund.

To pay bonds due in 1907.....\$ 800 00 To pay bonds due in 1911..... 1,200 00

\$2,000 00

Water Fund.

For repairs and extensions.....2,000 00 Sewer Fund. For repairs and laterals.....\$1,562 17

Total amount to be raised by taxation.....\$16,000 00 Receipts for year ending May 1, 1906:

From saloon occupation tax.\$3,000 00 Insurance companies occupation tax..... 700 00 From miscellaneous licenses. 450 50 From dog tax..... 97 00 From road taxes..... 1,253 20 From general taxes..... 7,480 00 From water rentals..... 6,426 62

Total receipts.....\$19,407 32

CASE OF DR. MATHEWS.

State Board of Health Not Certain of its Ground. Lincoln, Neb., July 18.—A meeting of the state health board may be held in the near future to make final disposition of Dr. J. T. Mathews' case. Mathews stands charged with causing the death of Edith Short, a Fremont girl, by means of a criminal operation at Omaha. The secretaries of the

board of health have recommended that his certificate be revoked, but a legal question has been raised as to testimony in regard to an alleged dying statement of Miss Short in which she blamed Dr. Mathews. There is said to be some doubt whether this evidence would be admitted in court, and unless the point is settled in the affirmative the health board may not care to risk an appeal by taking away the doctor's certificate. Attorney General Brown, at the last meeting of the board, expressed doubt as to whether the courts would sustain a revocation based on such testimony.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHORT

ASSESSMENT DOES NOT SHOW UP WELL AT THE STATE HOUSE.

ASSESSOR H. D. REED EXPLAINS

Says the Missouri River Has Swallowed up Many Acres of Land Since the Assessment Was Made a Year Ago—The Board a Little Doubtful.

Lincoln, July 18.—The poor old Missouri river caught the blame for Douglas county's decrease of acreage and the valuation thereof, at the first session of the state equalization board held yesterday in Governor Mickey's private office at the state house. There had been some curiosity to learn how the shortage of land listed for assessment in Douglas this year as compared with 1905 could be explained. Assessor H. D. Reed of Omaha appeared before the board and told it that the Big Muddy was principally responsible, having swallowed up some 1,000 or 1,500 acres of good Nebraska soil during the past annum.

This was only a partial hypothesis. Assessor Reed advanced the secondary reason that some farm land had been taken in to make town lots at Florence and East Omaha. He pointed to an increase in the valuation of town and city real estate as proof of this. The figures of Secretary Bennett showed that Douglas has 540 acres less land on the books for taxation this year than last. Governor Mickey asked if it were not true that the improvements on town and city property would account for a large share of the gain in its valuation. He called on Assessor Reed for a list of the newly platted lots, so that the board would know just how much of the decrease in acreage could be explained in that way. Mr. Reed demurred to this suggestion unless the board as a whole would call for the information officially.

"It's all a piece of foolishness," declared the assessor. "I'd have to bring in a pile of manuscript as thick as a big book." "I don't think you would have to do that," rejoined Governor Mickey. "If I had made the assessment for Douglas county, I think I could tell something about it without going to so much trouble."

Assessor Reed finally agreed to make out a schedule of the additions platted during the past annum and mail it to the board. He asked that no action be taken on the assessment of his county in his absence, and an understanding was reached that while the board may consider different portions of the Douglas statement at any time, it will not act on them before next week, as Mr. Reed will be away from home for the remainder of this.

Before leaving, Assessor Reed said he had heard a good deal to the effect that the board would "jump on" Douglas county, and he wanted to be present if it had any idea of doing so.

Nellig in Darkness.

Nellig, Neb., July 18.—Special to The News: Owing to the burning out of the armature at the electric light plant Nellig has been in darkness for the past two nights. However, a new one has been ordered and is expected today.