

BIG CONTRACT FINISHED

NAPPER AND REES MAKE FINAL DELIVERY OF CATTLE.

FIVE THOUSAND HEAD ANIMALS

Last Delivery Was Made at Rosebud Agency on Wednesday of This Week. One of the Heaviest Contracts Ever Undertaken by Norfolk Men.

A contract for the delivery of 5,000 head of cattle to the government and involving a money consideration of some \$115,000, has just been successfully and satisfactorily filled by Messrs. S. T. Napper and D. Rees of this city. The delivery was made at Rosebud agency, about thirty miles north of Crookston, and was completed on Wednesday. Mr. Rees returned to the city yesterday noon and Mr. Napper stopped at Ainsworth on his way home to attend to other business.

This was one of the biggest contracts ever handled by Norfolk men. The contract was secured from the government in April by Mr. Napper and a month later Mr. Rees became associated with him in filling it.

The contract called for delivery of native born Nebraska cattle or Texas cattle, and when the contractors bought they found it impractical to secure them in this state and as a result they all came from Texas. Both gentlemen made frequent trips to the lone star state and selected the animals from among the big herds on the broad ranges of that commonwealth. After the cattle were bargained for, Mr. Napper remained in Texas to attend to the shipping while Mr. Rees returned to Crookston, this state, to receive and deliver them to the government inspectors at Rosebud. Mr. Napper, after the final car had been loaded, went to Crookston and was present at the last delivery this week.

The shipment comprised seven train loads, and remarkable as it may seem only one animal was lost during transit. From Crookston it was necessary to drive thirty miles north to make delivery. During this drive ten animals died. This was caused by heat affecting the animals, which had been dipped in oil. When it was found that they had not fully recovered from the oil dip, as required by the government, the herds were given more time to recuperate before the drive was undertaken. At another time during the drive, a lightning bolt dashed into the herd during a storm, and four were killed. Aside from this, and a few which strayed during the overland trip, the loss was comparatively nothing, which is a remarkable showing when the number of head of cattle handled is considered.

At the conclusion of the delivery the other day, the government inspectors complimented Messrs. Napper and Rees upon the high grade of cattle they had furnished and for the very satisfactory manner in which they had handled the contract. They are now entirely through with the deal, the vouchers are approved and signed and on their way to Washington, and the contractors now only have to wait the pleasure of government officials at the capital to receive their money.

Battle Creek.

Republican caucusses will be held Saturday for Battle Creek precinct at 2 o'clock p. m. in the Valley bank hall, and for Highland precinct at 3 o'clock p. m. at the Neuwirk residence on Depot street.

Miss Lizzie Breckhelsen has sold her property north of the Lutheran church to James Clark. The place is now occupied by Clarence Pratt, who had been for some time foreman on L. F. Merz' farm, and Herman Eyl, Jr., is succeeding Mr. Pratt.

Mrs. O. Eggleston of Boone has been visiting here one week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Hansen.

J. A. Moore sold 80 acres of farm land, known as the old Hood place, south of town, to J. M. Giltner. The deal was made through John A. Wright.

Miss Mary Kerbel, who has been clerking here for her sister, Mrs. Anna Severa, has gone home to her parents in Omaha.

Frank Flood of Tilden was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Members of the Methodist church held their annual outing on the Yellow Banks Thursday.

T. L. White of the Citizens bank is spending an extended vacation at his old home in North Carolina.

The Battle Creek roller mills underwent some repairing and a lot of new improvements have been made. The mills have not been running for six weeks, but will work full force now. The proprietor, J. E. Sanders, left Tuesday on a prospecting trip to Shoshoni, Wyo.

Since Monday our neighbors south of town are benefited with free mail delivery. J. E. Risk is the carrier, and has received through Henstler Bros. a fine delivery wagon for \$80.

County Commissioner J. H. Harding of Meadow Grove was here Saturday on official business.

Tom Cartney arrived here Saturday from Genoa for a visit with his brother, Earl E. Cartney.

Richard Born of Tilden and Otto Born of Norfolk were visiting the first of the week with their aged mother at Green Garden, who is reported seriously ill.

Mrs. Chas. Werner and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Massman, Jr., and daughter drove to Elgin Saturday for a visit with their brother-in-law, Fred Scheerger.

Rev. C. Beyer, who is here on a visit

from Missouri, will occupy the pulpit in the Lutheran church next Sunday.

Eugene Crook of Meadow Grove was here on business Monday.

The new Lutheran parsonage is nearing completion. It will be one of the prettiest residences in this vicinity.

Chas. Werner is building a new elevator in the Steffen store building.

Otto Fuerst has rented the Fuchs' house on corner Depot and Main streets.

Chas. Brown and his brother-in-law, Dr. Ramsey, came up from Omaha in an automobile Sunday. Mr. Brown has a large interest in real estate and bank here.

A. M. Eastlick was here Tuesday from Tilden.

A. C. Osborn has put up a new wind mill on the roof of his livery barn.

Henry Stange of Wameville was visiting friends here Tuesday.

D. B. Duffy was here Monday on business from Norfolk.

Geo. Seikle sold one carload of hogs to Howard Miller Thursday.

MOST MAGNIFICENT GIFT

A MANSION AND ITS SURROUNDINGS OVERLOOKING BLAIR.

OFFERED VETERAN PREACHERS

Mr. and Mrs. Crowell Tender This Handsome Property to the Methodists of Nebraska for Use of Those Who Need Care in Their Old Age.

Just at the edge of the classical little city of Blair, Neb., on a commanding elevation overlooking the town and a vast portion of scenic country along the valley of the Big Muddy, is situated what is known as the Crowell home. The mansion sits on a most lovely site and nestles among the trees and shrubbery of over eleven acres. This elegant and costly home was built twenty-two years ago, it is said, at a cost of \$50,000. It has since that time often been remodeled, improved and beautified. The grounds are just sufficiently elevated and graded to give them a charming appearance; and they are very tastefully laid out into lawns, gravel drives, cement walks, and enclosed with appropriate iron and boxwood fences. The grass is kept closely cut, and presents a rich, soft, green velvet effect. The grounds contain many kinds of trees, shrubbery and flowers. Beside multifarious and valuable fruit trees there are the pine, fir, birch, chestnut, maple, hackberry, Linden of the most beautiful form and color and size. The house is a frame, three stories and a half high, and contains seventeen rooms. The basement is a very elaborate affair, with a laundry and the most ample and modern and costly heating and lighting apparatuses. All the rooms on the first two floors are both heated and lighted in the most modern and charming manner. Marble top wash stands are everywhere where needed throughout the whole building. The several bath rooms are fitted up in the most modern, costly and ornate style, even the bath tubs being beautifully decorated. The house is finished with the most elegant and costly lumber and materials. I think every room of the first two stories has inlaid floors of oak of various colors. They are simply superb, while all the walls are pressed and the ceilings are decorated in the most elaborate and expensive manner. Most of the heavy furniture, and the most costly as well, will remain in the home. The house has some of the finest bed room sets it has been my pleasure to see. One I noticed was of the finest ebony, inlaid with pearl, while there are some of the richest mirrors my eyes ever beheld, some costing as much as \$600 each, and are gems of richness and beauty. As to much of the house and its furniture I would not attempt an adequate description, my tongue having no word and my pen no skill that would begin to do justice to the same. They must be seen to be understood and appreciated. There is one handsome barn, fine enough for a mansion to live in, also a new and beautiful carriage house.

There is also a modern hot house, a secure and handsome storm vault or cave, with many other utilities and attractions.

But what of all this? Much every day. It has just been offered as a free gift to the worn out preachers of the Methodism of the state of Nebraska as their permanent home, and we are now arranging to have our several annual conferences of the state to accept it. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. Crowell, formerly of Blair, Neb., but now of California. Mrs. Crowell is a Methodist. They are now in California enjoying their financial fortune.

This may look to be rather a rich home for the blood of our old superannuated ministers, but each thinks, like some of us, that nothing is too good for these old veterans of Methodism.

D. K. Tindall.

Movement of Soldiers.

For several days equipment has been going west to bring the soldiers away from Ft. Niobrara, and it is expected that the movement will start tomorrow. The soldiers will probably pass through Norfolk some time during the day.

"Honor thy physician before thou hast need of him."—Talmud. And, in store-keeping, propitiate trouble before it comes by ample advertising—and it won't come.

HON. HENRY SPRICK DEAD

PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN FONTANELLE TODAY.

WAS STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Had Lived in Fontanelle Fifty-one Years and Was Well and Favorably Known Throughout North Nebraska. Was a Prominent Man.

Fremont, Neb., July 21.—Special to The News: Hon. Henry Sprick died at Fontanelle this morning. He was stricken with paralysis five weeks ago.

Henry Sprick settled in Fontanelle fifty-one years ago. He was a farmer worth half a million. He has been an active man in public affairs as well as a successful farmer. Among the offices he has filled with credit to himself and his constituents are state senator, presidential delegate and elector. He had an extensive acquaintance throughout all northern Nebraska and numbered thousands as his friends.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

C. Hanson is here from Pilger. O. H. Wertz is here from Creighton. H. H. Hart of Ponca is a city visitor. R. W. McConnel of Wausa is in the city.

P. E. Smith of Madison is a city visitor. H. D. Weygant of Clearwater is in the city.

W. W. Weaver of Meadow Grove is in town. Miss Katie Glida is visiting friends in Winslow.

J. H. Helgeson of Fullerton is a city visitor. Dr. H. J. Kierstadt of Tilden is here on business.

Miss J. Durland will spend Sunday in Creighton.

Mrs. C. H. Brake is visiting at Pierce today.

T. C. Fleming of Beemer is visiting relatives here.

M. C. Hazen went to Madison on business today.

Mrs. Dr. Hall of Clearwater is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Shatto of Madison is visiting friends here.

C. C. Marr came in from Battle Creek yesterday to see the White City.

W. L. Dowling of Madison was in town yesterday.

Mike Endres went to Wakefield this morning on business.

J. W. Utterbeck of Clearwater is in the city on business.

W. M. Robertson went to Creighton on business this noon.

Peter Prien came up from Scribner to see the White City.

O. A. King and F. H. Brusgoof are in the city from Wayne.

Rev. A. O. Broyles has gone to Anoka to spend Sunday.

Fred Berger of Cheyenne is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Schwartz.

Miss Clara Schram has returned from a visit at Fremont.

Miss Helen Durham of Oakdale is visiting Miss Pearl Reese.

F. W. Woods came down from Spencer this morning on business.

E. O. Mount has gone on a trip over the Scribner-Oakdale branch.

Miss Elsie Johnson has returned from a short visit at Tilden.

Frank Bolding came up from Stanton yesterday to attend the White City.

Mrs. Anna Monday remained in the city last night on her way home to Genoa.

Miss Margie Brannigan left on the morning train to visit friends at Ainsworth.

Mrs. J. H. Logan and Mrs. P. W. Barker of Ponca are here visiting W. P. Logan.

Mrs. G. Halverstein and daughter Ruth returned from Missouri Valley this noon.

Miss Jane Abbott, city librarian of South Omaha, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary.

Fred Haase and Adolph Moldenhauer will spend Sunday with relatives in Stanton.

Heman Walker is expected home tomorrow. Monday he will join the campers at Neligh.

Mrs. J. Huebner, Mrs. Kauts and Mrs. Green of Hoskins were shopping in the city yesterday.

C. S. Hayes has returned from Newman Grove where he attended the firemen's tournament.

Miss Gretchen Hulff went to Omaha this morning to meet her father, who is returning from his trip to Germany.

Frank and Chas. Miles of Winneton remained over between trains today on their way home from Shoshoni.

Mrs. A. R. Leegar, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Parkes, returned to her home in Albion.

Simon Reynolds of Omaha is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Geo. Dudley, sr., and will remain over Sunday.

A. L. Templin, L. F. Smith, H. Zeimer and John Debrick of Hoskins were here to take in the White City yesterday.

C. J. Mihl and wife of Williamson, N. Y., are guests at the home of D. S. Bullock. Mrs. Mihl is a niece of Mrs. Bullock.

Mrs. E. W. Stevens and children have returned to their home in Missouri Valley after a short visit with relatives here.

I. M. Augustine, publisher of the Grand Island Free Press, was in the city on his way from O'Neill, where he had been on a fishing trip.

C. H. Reynolds went to Omaha to

day. Mrs. Reynolds has been there since Friday. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz over Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Boyles of Alvo, Neb., who has been the guest of her niece, Mrs. W. H. Blakeman, for the past two weeks, left today for a visit with relatives in Sioux City.

A. N. Worden of Rockford, Ill., is a guest at the home of his brother-in-law, C. F. Shaw, on South Eighth street. Mr. Worden is enroute home from a trip to Denver, where he has mining interests.

Mrs. Jos. Belth and daughters Marguerite and Jennette of St. Paul, Minn., are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lodge, sr., south of the city. She will also visit her sister and family, Mrs. J. M. Brown of Madison.

Miss Jennie Fitzgerald of Detroit, Mich., who has been here for a month visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lodge, south of the city, departed Tuesday for Dubuque, Iowa, to visit an aunt. Miss Fitzgerald was delighted with Nebraska and would have remained longer but was called home on account of business, she being a stenographer in one of the leading offices in the city. Miss Fitzgerald visited with her cousin, Mrs. J. M. Brown in Madison.

The hot damp weather of the past few days has made corn boom.

The families of A. E. Moore and E. C. Engle are spending the day at the Elkhorn on a fishing excursion.

A new shipment of books has been received at the Norfolk Public Library and will be placed on the shelves today.

The little 4-years-old son of Gus Nitz, living on Brausch avenue, fell from a horse last evening and sustained a broken arm.

The passenger from Shoshoni, which should pass through Norfolk at midnight, was six hours late this morning on account of a washout near Shoshoni.

There is not much change in the condition of Ralph Brausch, who has been sick some time. He has many friends who are anxiously hoping that he may soon be better.

There is a pile of bricks on First street between town and the Junction that has practically formed an obstruction in the road and the teams must pass around it. In so doing the teams must go up to their knees in mud.

It is said by returning Elks excursionists that Mapes rolled out of bed at 4 o'clock every morning while on the trip, under the impression that it was time to get up and milk the cow. Habit becomes very firmly fixed sometimes.

At the meeting of Deborah Rebekah lodge, No. 63, held last evening, officers were installed as follows: Mrs. S. F. Dunn acting as installing officer; Mrs. Herrington, N. G.; Mrs. Adams, V. N. G.; Inez Satterly, secretary, and Mrs. Macy, treasurer, held over. The noble grand announced the names of appointive officers, but all were not present to be installed.

Parker's White City closes its engagement here tonight. The show leaves tomorrow morning for LeMars, Iowa, where they remain a week. The attendance last night was good and tonight with the nice weather and the country people in town, the crowd will be a record breaker. The management has arranged for two performances of Beautiful Bagdad tonight if the attendance justifies it. The first one will begin at 7:30 and the second at 9:15. The elephant will walk the wire as usual at 10:45 p. m.

"The Missourians have been shown" that they are actually catching fish at the Davenport camp. Frank brought a three-pound cat to the office this morning, which is an ocular demonstration that fish have been caught. He said he thought a three-pounder would be enough for a family, but that he might just as well have brought a forty-pounder. The News is forced to admit that there is now no further reason to doubt the three-pound kind, but as to the fifteen and forty pound variety told about there is still much skepticism.

The new Shoshoni train which has now been running a week, has thus far had a much lighter travel than was anticipated, although the last few days the number going has been increasing each day. It is believed that the slack travel at the outset is caused by the length of the trip, and that those who intend to go and file for land are waiting until toward the end of the time for filing and that they will remain until after the drawing, to save making the journey again in case they secure farms. Following the usual custom at frontier towns, the gamblers came early to Shoshoni and they have been running things with a high hand for several weeks. They started out doing business very quietly but became much bolder as time progressed, and now comes the order from Mayor Quintal that they must shut up shop at once and get out. This order from the mayor comes at a good time, for it will save the citizens of that place much of the trouble that ensued at Bonesteel from this character of lawlessness. It is proposed by the municipal authorities of Shoshoni to make it perfectly safe for strangers to come to that town for registration.

Parker's White City, which closes its week's engagement here tonight, has certainly made good in Norfolk. The attraction has been appearing under the auspices of the city fire department, and the firemen are well pleased with the result of their mid-summer festival. The White City consists of half a dozen shows of various kinds, a merry-go-round and a wire walking free act that is truly wonderful, the two persons who do this act being skillful and absolutely fearless

in their performances on a wire stretched fifty feet from the ground. Beautiful Bagdad, the leading attraction, is a light opera presented in a manner that makes it very popular and on several occasions during the week the management has been obliged to turn patrons away. On Thursday evening there was such a crowd that the manager was obliged to ask some of those present to retire before he would allow the show to proceed, as it was impossible for all to see the stage, offering to refund the money at the door or issue tickets good for another performance. This act on the part of Manager Darnaby illustrates the fairness with which the business of the entertainment has been conducted here. The other attractions are all meritorious and of such a character that the most refined lady may attend, with the assurance that nothing will be seen in the slightest degree objectionable. There is something so different about these shows

from the ordinary outdoor entertainments that a person is compelled to admit that every one is well worth the admission fee charged. Hale's tonna of the World and the Eruption of Vesuvius are particularly deserving of patronage, being delightful representations, not only amusing but instructive as well. The company carries its own lighting plant and is very liberal in the use of electricity, the grounds and interiors being beautifully and artistically illuminated.

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