

THIRSTY CROPS GET RAIN

HOLT AND BOYD COUNTY RECEIVE A WELCOME SHOWER.

CROPS ARE COMING ALL RIGHT

There Was Some Light Hail in the Storm at Atkinson, But No Damage is Reported—First Rain Boyd County Has Had in Several Weeks.

Atkinson, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: This place has received the finest rain of the season, and without any serious results so far as is known. The weather man promised fair weather, but people were disappointed. The afternoon seemed to grow darker and at 5 or soon after lights had to be lighted, and this continued until 6 o'clock, when the wind came in great gusts from the south for a few minutes, then switched to the north and blew a perfect gale for some time, and rained .82 of an inch in thirty-five to forty minutes. Some small hail also fell, but no damage is reported. Everybody smiles since the downpour. Crops will be all right now, in most places.

Rain General in Boyd County. Butte, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: Butte and vicinity received a general rain yesterday afternoon, the first in several weeks.

Oats are yielding well—never better in this county. Wheat is also good but corn on light soils is about a failure. On clay and gumbo lands it will be a good crop.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC ACCIDENT

Junction Young People Encountered Break-down on Wagon Today.

The Sunday school of the Second Congregational church are holding a picnic today at Kientz's lake south of Norfolk. They had a large hay rack and it was crowded to its capacity. When opposite the residence of G. Anderson, south of the Junction, the hay rack broke down, the hind wheel breaking. No one was hurt but all were pretty well shaken up. Another wagon was found and the party again took up their interrupted journey.

North Nebraska News Notes.

Atkinson.—Henry C. Morrow, an old soldier, passed away at his home in Atkinson on Saturday and was buried yesterday from the M. E. church.

Atkinson.—Peter Greeley returned from New York City last night. He is an old soldier and makes this trip, necessary by reason of army provision, every three years.

Butte.—W. T. Willis returned last night from Wisconsin, where he had been looking after his interests in lead and zinc mines.

ATTACK TRAIN SWITCHING

CAR MANEUVERS ON MAIN STREET TAKEN UP.

BY CITY COMMERCIAL CLUB

At a Meeting of Directors Last Night It Was Determined to Use Efforts to Rid Norfolk Avenue of Switching. Public Meeting Monthly.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The switching of railroad trains and cars across Norfolk avenue is to be vigorously and earnestly attacked by the Commercial club of the city and an effort will be made at once toward the doing away of switching on this avenue altogether. This was determined at a meeting of the Commercial club directors last night, and a committee of three representative business men was appointed to take up the matter with railroads entering the city and "to go the limit" in an effort to abolish this practice. Another important matter that was taken up by the directors was that of holding regular monthly meetings of the club in the future. It was decided to hold a meeting once every month at which all business men of the city are invited to appear and make any suggestions that they may consider available in the building up of Norfolk.

It was the sense of the directors that the switching of cars across Norfolk avenue is a menace to life and limb and that, being an evil, it ought to be done away with if possible. Following the discussion, a committee of three were named to take up the matter with railroad companies and they were given assurance that the Commercial club will uphold them in their steps to do all that is possible to induce the railroads to quit switching on Main street.

It was thought that a public meeting of the club once a month, when new ideas for the advancement of the city may be presented, would add much interest to the organization and make it of more value in serving the city's business affairs and institutions.

MR. HUGHES TO STAY HERE

Rumor at Fremont of Transfer of Official is Without Ground.

There is not the slightest foundation for the rumor which Fremont people have been trying to revive, since the removal of Assistant General Manager Frank Walters from that place to Omaha, to the effect that General Superintendent C. C. Hughes of Norfolk is to be transferred from Norfolk to Fremont.

"There is absolutely no foundation

for any such report," was the emphatic denial of the rumor at Northwestern headquarters in Norfolk today.

Every time a new handicap is put on this division, or a brakeman promoted to conductor, Fremont people begin to tell how the Northwestern headquarters are "soon to be transferred from Norfolk to Fremont."

It is declared among railroad men who know that Norfolk is a superior point for operating the entire Northwestern system west of the river, and that the idea that the general superintendent's office is to be moved, is folly. The following, in the Fremont Tribune, shows how Fremont people are nursing the "rumor":

"Assistant General Manager Frank Walters of the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the Northwestern road came up from Omaha Saturday, where he is since his promotion permanently located. A baggage car was sidetracked close to his old office here and all his office effects were loaded into it and transferred to Omaha. He was installed there today. Chief Clerk Barrett and Stenographer Hamilton of his office force accompanied him to Omaha to continue with him in his higher position. The transfer of Mr. Walters to Omaha has led to the report that there are to be other changes in the working system of the road. This includes the coming of General Superintendent Hughes to Fremont to occupy the offices just vacated by Mr. Walters. Mr. Hughes has for a couple of years been stationed at Norfolk. At Fremont headquarters no one could be found today who would either affirm or deny the report concerning the alleged plan. From the nature of the business of the office and the present situation it is believed that Mr. Hughes is coming to Fremont to perform the work of general superintendent."

General Superintendent Hughes, Assistant General Manager Walters and Master Mechanic Pratt came in this noon from the east.

NELIGH SECURES ATTRACTIONS.

Well Known Acrobats—Many Ball Teams Want to Play There.

Neligh, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: Secretary W. W. Cole of the Neligh Carnival and Race meet has secured for the free attractions during August 22, 23 and 24, the famous Frees Bros., the box car acrobats, and also the Genette Sisters, who make tumbling their specialty. The Leigh band has also been secured for the three days.

There are a number of ball teams that wish to participate in the games, but as yet the committee has not definitely decided as to what teams shall enter the contests.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Hail Fell in Southern and Central Counties of the State.

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: The weather report for the week ending last night, issued, today, is as follows:

The past week was cool, with little wind and with heavy local showers in southern counties.

The mean daily temperature averaged 2° below the normal in the eastern counties and only 1° in the western. The maximum temperatures were generally slightly above 90°. Thursday and Friday were the warmest days. Sunday and Monday were the coolest days, with maximum temperatures slightly above 50°.

The rainfall was above the normal in most of the southern half of the state, ranging from one to slightly more than two inches. While in the northern counties and in places in the southern the rainfall was light, quite generally less than one-quarter of an inch. On Wednesday the heavy showers were accompanied by severe hail storms covering small areas in several of the central and southern counties.

HORSE THIEVES WANTED

OKLAHOMA AUTHORITIES WANT FUGITIVES ARRESTED.

THEY PASSED THROUGH PIERCE

People Traveling Through North Nebraska Toward Rosebud Under Name of Stephens, Are Charged as Being Parties Wanted for Crime.

Pierce, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: July 21 an old man, two young men and a woman with some children traveling in a single and a double buggy stopped over night with John Kollmer three miles east of Pierce. After they had departed Mr. Kollmer found a letter addressed to Elijah Stephens. It contained much to infer that the parties were horse thieves or cattle rustlers. Mr. Kollmer turned the letters over to the authorities and County Attorney Van Wagenen sent copies of the letters to Fay, Oklahoma.

Today the Pierce county sheriff received a telegram to arrest all of them saying they are wanted in Oklahoma. The people are travelling under the name of Stephens and were headed for the Rosebud country but the telegram states that their real name is Rossiter.

BOTTLE FACTORIES BURN.

Charles Rice Receives Telegram From Anheuser Busch Concerning Fire.

Charles Rice received a telegram today from the Anheuser Busch brewing company stating that two of their large bottle factories in Ohio were totally destroyed by fire last night.

BOYD POLITICS BOILING

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION AT ANOKA TODAY.

DOUBLE-HEADER DELEGATIONS

All, However, are in Favor of the Renomination of Judge Kinkaid for Congress—Norris Brown Has Been There—Township Matter Ended.

Butte, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: Double header delegations from Butte and other precincts in Boyd county to the republican county convention at Anoka today, resulted from caucuses held. It transpired in the caucuses that there was much in harmony or rather protest against machine rule.

All parties, however, favor Judge Kinkaid for congress.

Norris Brown has been attending to business in Butte this week, and getting acquainted.

Township Matter Ended.

Boyd county several years ago adopted township organization. The county commissioners last spring voted to form a new township by changing lines of old ones, principally by cutting off part of Butte township, including Anoka and the railroad depot. Citizens of Butte objected and the county clerk was enjoined from considering this change when preparing the tax lists. The county attorney filed a disclaimer as to the county being interested, the trustees of the newly arranged township of Ware resigned and this is probably the end.

TUESDAY TIDINGS.

R. Yahlor of Pierce is in town. F. E. Barnum of Madison is in the city today.

J. H. Farlin of Madison is a city visitor today.

A. B. Dillon of Oakdale is in the city on business.

Mr. Roney of Battle Creek is a city visitor today.

Miss Mabel Estabrook went to Pierce at noon.

W. G. Weber of Humphrey is in the city on business.

Rev. Mr. Gruber of Hoskins was in the city yesterday.

F. J. Bicknell went to Omaha this morning on business.

John Traulsen of Stanton spent the day in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huebner of Hoskins were shopping in the city yesterday.

Miss Bessie Parker went to Creighton today for a short visit.

The Misses Schultz of Hoskins are visiting relatives in the city.

R. Gabler and family of Pierce are visiting relatives in this city.

Commissioner J. H. Harding of Meadow Grove is in the city today.

Miss Erma Mertz of Battle Creek is visiting friends and relatives here.

Carl Hoffman of Pierce county was visiting friends in the city yesterday.

A. Patryien and Milton W. Shupe of Wakefield are business visitors in the city.

Oliver Utter returned this morning from Gregory where he has been for two weeks.

A number of surveyors, who have C. W. Lemont has gone to South Dakota on a land seeking trip.

Miss Holm passed through Norfolk this morning on her way to Madison, where she will visit relatives.

Rev. J. H. Bithell and family left this morning for Lincoln where they go to attend the Epworth assembly.

Mrs. H. L. McCormick and children went to Pierce at noon, where they will visit relatives for several days.

The Misses Olmstead will leave Friday for Denver, Colo., where they will visit for the remainder of the summer.

Arnold Pasewalk and R. Wichert returned last night from a week's visit with the family of Albert Braasch at Parker, S. D.

W. H. Johnson will leave tomorrow noon for New York City, where he goes to buy fall goods for the Johnson Dry Goods company.

The Sunday school class of Miss Pearl Reese is enjoying a picnic today at Spring Branch.

Dr. Bear and N. A. Rainbolt went fishing this morning and promise to return with some good stories if not any fish.

The Boyd county republicans are holding their convention at Anoka today. The Stanton county republican convention will be held at Stanton on Saturday of this week.

A. K. Barnes has been enjoying a visit with his brother, J. B. Barnes, Jr., at Casper for some days, and both are expected home after a few days for a visit with their parents.

Dr. D. K. Tyndall left today for the Epworth League assembly at Lincoln which continues from today until August 9. Dr. Tyndall is to be one of the principal speakers at the assembly.

Norfolk got the tail end of the rain storm that spread over northwest Nebraska yesterday afternoon. At 8 o'clock there was a slight rainfall in this city, just enough to nicely lay the dust.

The Neligh base ball team arrived in the city this morning to play the locals. This is the team that played the twenty-one inning game with Willardale. It undoubtedly will be a very good game.

Miss Crosby has accepted a position with the Johnson Dry Goods company and began her duties this morning. Miss Crosby is from Council Bluffs, and will have charge of the dress

goods department.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall are camping out at Taft's Grove. They have christened their camp "Dodropin." There is now quite a tented city at Taft's, in all about fourteen tents.

August Murdock has finished his new house north of the asylum and will move in at once. Mr. Murdock is one of the old settlers of the county. He has lived on this farm for twenty-two years, and his father lived there for a number of years before him.

A New York dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald yesterday stated that "it has just been learned that the Bonesteel line will be extended twenty-six miles north." As a matter of fact, the work has been going on for some months and is practically finished.

The two sons of W. A. Emory were out driving Sunday and in crossing the tracks at the Junction the horse became frightened at an engine and ran away. The horse came in contact with a fence post, which took off three of them. The boys were thrown out but were not hurt.

L. L. Goen and J. McCallum with thirty-six Indian children from Genoa, where they have been attending the summer session of the school there, remained over night in the city on their way home. Mr. Goen and thirteen went to the Winnebago reservation this morning and Mr. McCallum with the remainder left for Verdigris at noon.

The loud and prolonged barking of a dog attracted people living on Norfolk avenue to the front windows at dusk last night. The dog was a good looking bird dog. The yelping was caused by the fact that the dog's tail was pinned to the ground by a wagon box. The wagon box had fallen off the frame and was on the ground.

And Tom Hight was in the wagon.

The Madison county democratic convention will be held on Monday, August 13, at 1 o'clock in Battle Creek. This was determined upon yesterday at a meeting of the central committee held in the office of Judge Foster at Madison. Editor Martin of Battle Creek, who came to Norfolk intending to drive to Madison to meet with the committee, was detained by a late train and unable to attend.

Lincoln Journal: A Lincoln man who has made efforts to get information from the records concerning members of congress from Nebraska says: "The congressmen have placed about their records and their dealings with the government a barrier that serves them well at times. Suppose you want to learn what a congressman or a senator has drawn in the way of salary, mileage, or other money from the government. You must first make application for the information. Then you are required to make affidavit as to what use you intend making of this information. In the end you are delayed in getting the information until balked by red tape and needless delay, you lose interest in the matter."

The little son of Mike Rinkel, who drove to town and was suddenly stopped on his journey by a sick horse, spent all the afternoon in the hot sun, walking back and forth, looking anxiously down the street in the expectation that his brother would come along. It grew dark and still the little fellow, who had refused to eat his supper, was alone among strangers.

His brother, who had come to town when word was telephoned to the farm concerning the sick horse, came on down town to get a wagon and was not seen again by the little driver all afternoon. It is said that the little fellow was scolded by his older brother for having secured a veterinarian to take care of the sick horse. Residents of the neighborhood tried in vain to press supper on the little fellow, but, between sobs that came because of his having been left alone for so many hours, he declined to accept anything to eat.

WOMAN BURNED AT LYNCH

MRS. P. B. BAKER SUFFERS FROM AN EXPLOSION.

SON AND DAUGHTER SAVE HER

Her Clothing Set Afire by an Exploding Gasoline Stove, Mrs. Baker Ran Out Doors, Where Fire Was Checked After She Had Been Burned.

Lynch, Neb., July 31.—Special to The News: Mrs. P. B. Baker was badly burned yesterday afternoon by the explosion of an oil stove. In filling the reservoir the oil was spilled on a box on which the stove was sitting and when the stove was lighted the oil on the box was also ignited. Mrs. Baker and her daughter at once started to move the stove and box out of doors and as soon as it was moved into the draft the flames burned fiercer and Mrs. Baker then threw a bucket of water on the flames which only added to the fierceness and the reservoir then exploded, throwing burning oil onto Mrs. Baker and setting her clothing afire. She at once ran into the yard and threw herself on the grass and with the assistance of a daughter and son succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The stove and box were thrown into the yard and the fire extinguished.

At sight of the flames a fire alarm was turned in and the fire boys made a record run with hose and hook and ladder trucks to the fire but their services were not needed.

Mrs. Baker is quite badly burned on her arms, also on her back and limbs.

CAN NOT TRAIN B RD DO IS

"PURSUING" PRAIRIE CHICKENS IS AGAINST THE LAW.

HUNTERS IN NORTH NEBRASKA

Many Sportsmen From Other States Flock Into Fields of Northwest Nebraska to Educate Dogs, But New Ruling Makes This a Crime.

To "pursue" prairie chickens or other game birds in Nebraska during the closed season, even though one stops short of killing them and has no other object in view than training dogs to follow the fowls, is as much against the law of the state as to hunt them with a gun. Such is the interpretation placed on the game laws by the attorney general's office, and such will be the basis of their enforcement by Chief Game Warden Carter and his deputies.

In northern Nebraska millions of young prairie chickens are now taking their first lessons in flying. This favorable opportunity for dog trainers has caused many of them to go out with their animals and chase the birds over the prairies. Nebraska is known as the best prairie chicken state in the union, and the result is to attract scores of dog owners from all parts of the country at this time of the year. They harass the half-grown fowls, make them wild before the hunting season, cause the death of some birds from exhaustion and sometimes kill them deliberately where they consider it safe to do so.

Game Warden Carter has taken up the matter on reports that reached his office concerning herds of dogs that are being trained by this means in some of the northern counties. An annual field trial for canines of this class is to be held at O'Neill for the week commencing September 11, and in preparation for it animals have been brought by their trainers from as far away as Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania and California to get them into practice before the meet.

Without taking the trouble to procure hunting licenses, which cost non-residents of Nebraska \$10 apiece, these men are appropriating the freedom of the prairie chicken region for the purpose of educating their dogs. Evidently they have supposed that they had a right to chase the fowls, provided no one should catch them killing any. But the law appears to be the other way, and if this practice is not stopped there will be wholesale prosecutions against the violators.

It is all in the one little word, "pursue." The statute makes it an offense to "pursue, hunt, kill or wound" wild game out of season. The dog trainers claim they do not hunt the birds, kill them or injure them in any way, but there can be no dispute as to the fact that they "pursue" the prairie chickens. This amounts to a double transgression of the law, since outsiders are not entitled at any time to hunting privileges before they have paid the license fee, and then only when the open season is on. In the case of prairie chickens, the hunting season does not begin until September 1.

The question involved in the mere pursuit of game, without any purpose to kill it, was laid by Game Warden Carter before the attorney general. In reply, an opinion has just been rendered by Deputy Attorney General W. T. Thompson, which says:

"We have your favor stating that certain parties without hunting licenses and who are non-residents of the state have appeared in certain counties with hunting dogs for the purpose of training them on prairie chickens before the opening of the hunting season for these birds; that the acts of those parties result in much damage to the young chickens, but that you are without positive evidence of such birds being killed by them. You request an opinion as to whether or not such pursuit of prairie chickens by such parties constitutes an offense under the laws of this state.

"Section 6 of article 4, chapter 31, Compiled Statutes 1905, provides for a fee of ten dollars to be paid by non-residents for license to hunt and fish in this state. Section 2 of the same chapter provides as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person not a bonafide resident of this state to pursue, hunt, kill or wound within this state any of the animals, birds or fish, or to fish for or take out of this state any of the birds or fish protected by this act, except in accordance with the provisions hereof and without first having procured a license therefor, as in this section provided. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or by imprisonment in the jail of the proper county not exceeding sixty (60) days for each of such offenses."

"It will be seen that it is much an offense under this law for unlicensed non-resident hunters to 'pursue' prairie chickens as it is to kill them. To constitute the offense it is not necessary that the bird or birds be killed or that they be found in the possession of the accused.

"Evidence that the birds are unlawfully pursued by persons not licensed or by dogs in their possession and under their direction and control is as much an offense, in the opinion of this department, under the statute quoted, as is the unlawful killing of the same out of season, especially where it is shown that such pursuit results in damage to the birds. The principal object and purpose in the creation of the game and fish commission of this

state was the protection of such birds and other game, as is indicated by the language of section 1, article 1, chapter 31, compiled statutes 1905.

"If unlicensed non-residents can be permitted to pursue young prairie chickens to their hurt and detriment with dogs and not be liable to prosecution under this statute, then the word 'pursue' has no effective meaning. We are of opinion that the language is definite and certain, and that nothing needs to be taken by intention to make such acts as you mention an offense against the law."

The game warden's department has reports on file from Holt, Carter, Lincoln, Dawson, Furnas and some other counties to the effect that prairie chickens are being killed there. Quiet watch will be maintained by special deputies in all these counties, and it is very probable that there will be a number of prosecutions if the destruction of the birds is not stopped at once.

HORSES HAVE LOCO WEED HABIT

Startling Reports Emanate From Slim Buttes Country in South Dakota.

Reports from the Slim Buttes country, South Dakota, are to the effect that the loco weed is once more getting in its deadly work.

No serious trouble with the plant has been reported for over twenty years. Then Abe Jones had an entire bunch of horses loosed in that same country; but this summer, the weed is once more abundant, and several horsemen have suffered severely, one man having lost a bunch of 100 valuable horses up on Grand river.

Stockmen who have observed this curious habit say that the stock first eat the weed in the early spring before the grass gets started. When they have once tasted it they refuse all other nourishment, and persist in hunting out the poison, and in the course of several months become blind, rabid and generally die during the late summer or in the fall. Cattle and sheep may acquire the loco habit though it is most common among horses, who seem to have a special fondness for the fatal herb. It is a stout, silky haired plant with oblong leaves, and when ripe has pods with the ends incurved, and grows from eight inches to a foot high, resembling wild sage.

Because, when ripe, the seeds rattle in the pod, it is sometimes called the rattle weed. Although the state of Colorado spent nearly a quarter of a million dollars trying to find a cure for the habit, yet thus far, none has been found, and the only chance for loosed stock is to change the range, and even then, though they may be persuaded in time to eat other food, they often retain vicious habits which make them useless. The return of the loco habit among horses this summer is viewed with much alarm by stockmen, as the loco is said to be plentiful on the northern ranges.

ARE SLEEPING IN TENTS

MORE PEOPLE TAKE TO THIS IDEA THAN EVER.

IT MAKES THEM FEEL BETTER

Getting More Fresh Air and Fewer Draughts, Norfolk Converts to Sleeping-Out-of-Doors Scheme Declare it is the Best Medicine Ever.

Sleeping in tents has become more popular with Norfolk people this summer than ever before, and the habit, if it keeps on increasing at the rate that has characterized it of late, will before long become a chronic one with people of this city. In many of the lawns of the city today there are pitched good-sized white canvas tents, within which are cots that hold in slumber every night tired human frames that enjoy the coolness of out-of-doors, tired brains that find absolute rest in the stimulating night air and hungry lungs that fairly eat up the ozone that is to be had in larger quantities than are possible within doors.

It is impossible to drive from one end to the other of any street or avenue in the city today without locating tents in yards along the way. The idea is not an old one in Norfolk. General sleeping in tents has only been in vogue here for two or three years, but those who have tried the scheme are so delighted with the results that they are making many converts to the system each month.

"How do you feel since sleeping out of doors?" was asked of a man who has been at it for some weeks.

"Much better," he said. "I sleep more soundly, get more rest and wake up in the morning feeling like a prize fighter. Indoors I had a hard time getting to sleep before midnight and I was awake at 5 in the morning. In the tent I drop to sleep the minute I strike the cot and never wake up until I am called."

"To what do you attribute the change?"

"Better air and more of it. In a room you get only what air can creep in through two or three windows at the most, and that comes largely in draughts so that you don't dare get it directly. In the tent it is all fresh air, there are no such things as draughts and you inhale good, fresh, life giving ozone all night long. I am going to keep at it until the snow flies, and I know I shall feel much harder and much better in every way for it."

In Norfolk those who sleep in the tents generally dress and undress in the houses, passing to and from their tents in bathrobes.