

WILL IMPORT LABORERS

ONLY EIGHT MEN IN NORFOLK WORKING ON SEWER.

PLAN TO KEEP OUT FROST

Contractor Herrick, who left yesterday for a business trip to Des Moines, will petition the Council to allow plowing done.

Laborers will be imported from Des Moines and Omaha to complete the Norfolk sewer system, unless the demand is supplied in this city, according to Contractor O. P. Herrick, who left yesterday for Des Moines on business connected with the construction work. Eight men are now at work on the sewer at the outlet end, while 100 are needed.

Spades are being used thus far in the construction work at the river end of the new sewer, but machinery for the excavation work will be brought into play later. The first digging cut a ditch two and a half feet wide and about five feet deep.

To Keep Frost Out of Ground.
Mr. Herrick will petition the city council Thursday night to allow him to plow up the sewer path from Madison avenue clear to the river, a foot and a half deep, and to distribute manure along this trough in order to keep out the frost. This will allow the work to continue all winter. When the digging reaches a given point, the material will be removed and the ditch covered over with earth.

The laying of pipe has not begun.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

S. M. Durfee was down from Pierce yesterday.

John Dittman of Fairfax was in Norfolk this morning.

W. E. Steadman went down to Omaha Wednesday morning.

H. J. Kremer came down from Verdel Wednesday morning.

D. G. Wilson was in from Bloomfield this morning on business.

Mrs. Cora Conway of Monowi came down to the city last evening.

Misses Nelda and Nora Hans of Battle Creek were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shultz and daughter of Stanton were city visitors yesterday.

H. W. Cave, Indian trader at Rosebud, was in Norfolk the first of the week.

Assistant General Superintendent Braden returned Tuesday evening from a trip east.

John B. Barnes, Jr., returns to Casper today after visiting his parents and friends in the city for some time past.

Conductor Gotsdall, of the new Chadron run, spends two days of the week in Norfolk.

H. J. Herbes of the Humphrey Leader was in the city on business Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Kirby, who has been in Norfolk since Thanksgiving, returned to Shoshoni last night.

The stores will be open evenings, beginning tonight, and will stay open until after Christmas.

Carl Ferguson went to Omaha Wednesday morning to begin his work with the Fairbanks Morse Co.

Mrs. Mary Davenport and Mrs. T. E. Odierno spent yesterday in Madison at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pilger.

Claude Weedman, a Clearwater business man, came down Wednesday morning to visit his sister, Mrs. Redinbaugh.

Dr. Pringle and family of Pierce were in town last night on their way to Casper. Mrs. Pringle's mother is very sick.

Geo. B. Christoph went to Homer yesterday and fined the Homer Drug company for illegally conducting the drug business.

Claus Paulson was in Norfolk over night Tuesday on his way from his new home in Iowa back to his old home in Boyd county.

L. E. Hille and wife spent Wednesday forenoon in the city. He is the new station agent at Atkinson, having been transferred from Anoka.

Richard and Albert Summerfield came over from Newman Grove Wednesday morning. Albert will attend the Norfolk business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roper of Pierce stopped for a short visit at the home of L. C. Taylor as they were on their way to California to spend the winter.

W. T. Willis of Butte was a passenger on Wednesday morning's train, having been called to Scales Mound, Illinois by a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. Willis' father. Mrs. Willis had gone to Illinois previously.

Simon Sjoblom, a real estate man of Gregory, came down from that country Wednesday morning. The north part of Nebraska and South Dakota are wrapped in a mantle of sleet, and Mr. Sjoblom expressed doubts about the Bonesteel line laying rails into Gregory by the end of the year, as there are still fourteen miles of track to iron.

Scott Adams of Creighton returned Wednesday from a visit to Iowa.

Miss Graves, traveling operator for the Nebraska Telephone company, is in the city.

Edwin Little returned from Omaha Wednesday to his home in Greenwood, South Dakota.

Dr. C. A. McKim, state veterinarian, was in the city on his way to Elgin during the day.

J. D. Flynn, one time brick manufacturer of this city, was over from Newman Grove Wednesday.

W. Z. King of Humphrey, formerly of Norfolk but now in the produce business at Humphrey, was in the city

for a little while during the afternoon on business. This was his first visit to Norfolk in two years.

A. J. Schlote of Dodge was in Norfolk Wednesday on his way to attend a wedding in Pierce county.

M. M. Kennels, manager of a manufacturing concern in Council Bluffs, was in Norfolk Wednesday morning.

L. R. Muekey of Tilden came down to attend the bargain sales in Norfolk, his wife going on east to visit friends.

R. E. Fish, a furniture dealer of Bonesteel, was transacting business in Norfolk Wednesday. He also made a trip to Wayne.

C. H. Weedman of Clearwater, who is associated with M. C. Bressler of that place in a drug store, spent the day in Norfolk on business.

Mrs. Tom Sawyer of Hornick, Iowa, was in the city Wednesday and took the afternoon train for her old home in Newman Grove, to visit with friends.

W. T. Collins was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. He has been in business at Platte, South Dakota, for a couple of years, but is returning to Nance county to stay.

Carl Scole, who worked here a number of years as boiler-maker, stopped off last night to visit the shop boys while on his way from Chadron to Fremont, where he will be a boiler-maker.

Mrs. Mike Ryan and baby had a narrow escape from being badly burned yesterday by the explosion of a gasoline stove explosion. The burning oil was thrown over the baby in the buggy which caught on fire, but Mrs. Ryan had the presence of mind to wrap the infant up and smother the flames.

Guy Force resigned his position at the roundhouse this morning and went to work in the sewer ditch.

Gilbert Johnson returned to work this morning with the car repairs after a six-months' layoff.

Mrs. Sol G. Mayer will entertain a few friends at luncheon Thursday.

Work has been renewed on placing gravel along the edge of the Norfolk avenue gutters.

Mrs. George D. Butterfield entertained officers of the Wednesday club at luncheon for Mrs. Dearborn of Minneapolis.

Ladies of the Trinity church are making preparations for a large crowd at their chicken pie dinner to be given in Marquardt hall Thursday noon.

Mrs. D. Mathewson entertained a few friends informally during the afternoon for her guest, Mrs. Haggard of Sioux City. Mrs. Haggard will be in the city until Saturday.

Heavy rain, following up the forecast of the weather man, arrived in Norfolk and made a disagreeable day of it. The skies were heavy and the air filled with water.

There was a heavy sleet storm in Bonesteel Tuesday night, according to H. L. Weimer of Fairfield, Iowa, who has been publishing the Daily Journal at that point and who is now looking for a weekly paper in either Nebraska or South Dakota. He arrived in Norfolk on the early morning train and has been in Norfolk during the day.

Thornton (Ark.) Weekly News: Thornton is to be congratulated upon the steps the ladies have taken in organizing a Union Aid society, which was successfully consummated by the election of Mrs. A. J. Koengstein as president, Mrs. W. A. Campbell as vice president, Mrs. B. E. Halpin as treasurer, and Mrs. L. W. Young as secretary. The field in which an organization of this kind can do good is vast, and the News not only wishes the ladies success, but unconditionally surrenders its columns in furtherance of the noble work of the Union Aid society of Thornton.

A. J. Durland has begun a test in roadmaking in front of his houses on South First street, which may be of value. Over the foundation of pulverized brickbats, he placed a coating of lime secured at the old sugar factory. On top of this lime a layer of gravel has been placed. The brick and lime will form a solid foundation to rest the gravel on and it is thought by many driving that way that the experiment will prove that the gravel needs a solid foundation. "In my opinion," said Charles Dudley, who drives on that route, "the gravel will need a solid foundation to make it permanent and this is being furnished by the lime and brick."

The official program of the Nebraska state teachers' association which will convene in Lincoln December 26, for a three days' session has been issued. The officers and committees having the arrangement of the program for the general session take pride in announcing that they have secured the services of some of the most eminent educators in the country, including President Charles McKenny of the Milwaukee state normal school; Professor Solomon Henry Clark of the department of speaking, University of Chicago; Principal Reuben Post Halleck of the boys' high school, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Toyokichi Ivenaga of Japan who was educated at Oberlin college and Johns Hopkins university; Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, professor of English in the Michigan state agricultural college; Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, recently elected to congress; Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana, and Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska. The general sessions will be held at St. Paul's church and the meetings of the sections and auxiliary societies at the various buildings on the university campus. The music will be furnished by the university glee and mandolin club. The local committee which will have charge of all local arrangements for the meeting and will be at the service of visiting teachers, comprises J. E. Miller, chairman; Irving S. Cutter, E. C. Bishop and O. R. Bowman.

SOFT COAL \$18 PER TON

THAT IS THE STIFF PRICE AT GREGORY, S. D.

RAILROAD EXTENSION SLOW

Rosebudders Hope for Relief When the New Bonesteel-Gregory Extension of Northwestern is Completed, But That Will Not be Soon.

Gregory, S. D., Dec. 5.—Special to The News: Soft coal is selling at \$18 per ton in Gregory today. The community feels that this is more than its share of woe but there seems at the present time to be little hope for relief until the completion of the new Northwestern railroad extension, which is progressing very slowly across the Rosebud. It appears now that the new line will not be finished by the first of the year. There are fourteen miles of track yet to iron. A heavy sleet storm fell today.

THREE BATHS A DAY.
Comedian in the "Prince of Pilsen" Takes to Cold Water.

The following little story of Jess Dandy, leading man in the "Prince of Pilsen" company, who played here last year, is clipped from the Sioux City Journal and will be appreciated in Norfolk even if Norfolk can not see Mr. Dandy do his stunts again this season:
Three times a day—and four times on matinee days—does Jess Dandy bathe, and he is known in the profession as the cleanest man on the stage. Mr. Dandy told all about it in his dressing room at the New Grand theater last evening just before he went on in the second act of "The Prince of Pilsen" to take his dip in the fountain. He said he always liked cold water, anyway, so it was no punishment for him when he took the part of Hans Wagner, which necessitates his frequent appearance in the fountain shower. He says he never catches cold as a result of his dousings. He wears ordinary clothes for his soaking stunt, with the exception of his boots, which are of rubber.

This was Mr. Dandy's third visit to Sioux City. Upon the first presentation of the opera here John W. Ransome appeared as Hans Wagner. In January Mr. Dandy will celebrate his 1,000th performance in the part. During all his time with the show he has never missed a performance and he has never missed a cue. That is a record of which few actors can boast.

Mr. Dandy is blessed with much geniality. As he painted his face last evening he recited in an original manner some of the trials of the profession. He told how it had taken the company nine hours to get from Lincoln to Sioux City and how all would have to arise early in the morning to catch a train to Omaha.

The "bogus prince" thinks well of Sioux City because of the cordial reception it invariably gives him. He said: "This certainly is a great show town."

JOHNSON-MASON.

Otho Johnson and Miss Esther Mason Married in Seattle.

Otho Johnson and Miss Esther Mason were married in Seattle, Washington, on Thanksgiving day. Both these young people are well known in Norfolk. The groom is the oldest son of Charles H. Johnson. Miss Mason was formerly an elocution teacher here. Both have many friends here who will wish them much happiness.

Candy Factory Prepares.

The new freight elevator which has been waited upon for so long by the candy factory promoters has at last arrived and is installed and in working order. It will not be long before the installing of the machinery will commence.

COULD RUN POSTOFFICE.

John R. Hays Believes Private Control Would Result in Economy.

John R. Hays, postmaster in Norfolk, believes that the private parties who have made a proposition to take over from the government the operation of the postoffice, and who claim that under private management the postoffice department could be operated more economically than under government supervision, has the right theory concerning the matter. Mr. Hays said in this regard:

"Nobody can tell certainly. I am inclined to think private parties could operate the postoffice cheaper than the government is doing but I can give no data on which to base such an opinion."

The new type of postage stamps promised for next year, on which it is claimed the names of cities will appear, will have no particular effect upon the receipts of the Norfolk postoffice in the eyes of the department. Mr. Hays said, speaking of this subject, "This would not affect this office except possibly where stamps are purchased to enclose in letters in lieu of small change and this would make such small difference that it would not be worth mentioning."

The names of issuing offices will be printed on stamps next year. It is said, in order to check postoffice robberies and in order to detect padded postal receipts.

The proposition of private parties to take over the postoffice has caused government ownership agitators to take notice and has made the public

realize that the department's determination to increase the newspaper postage rate, which must inevitably increase newspaper rates, is unfair.

The Yazoo Mississippi Valley
Is the title of a new pamphlet now ready for distribution and published by the Illinois Central Railroad company.

It describes in detail the resources and possibilities of the richest valley in the United States. For a free copy address the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa.

J. F. Merry,
General Immigration Agent.

CUPID DOESN'T COUNT AGE

TWO OLD COUPLES IN NORTHWEST JOIN HEARTS.

ONE GROOM IS OVER SEVENTY

One Bride is Sixty-five—None Under Fifty-seven—Age Cuts No Figure With Love Making on the Rosebud, Correspondent Says.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 5.—Special to The News: A marriage license was issued yesterday by the clerk of the courts to Henry Bailey of Burke, S. D., aged sixty-two, and Mrs. Nancy E. Bartlett, aged fifty-seven. They are both from the new Rosebud reservation, which shows that age cuts no figure in love making on the reservation.

Similar Case at Winside.

Winside, Neb., Dec. 5.—Special to The News: Jacob Longnecker, aged seventy-two, and Mrs. Mosebank, aged sixty-five, were married at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. P. J. Lawson officiating.

BEEMER BANKER ILL.

R. O. Brandt Will Undergo an Operation for Appendicitis.

Beemer, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: R. O. Brandt, assistant cashier of the First National bank of this place, was taken to Omaha to be operated on for appendicitis. On Monday of last week he was taken with the third attack of this malady, and for several days his life was despaired of. He has improved very much since and is in good condition to undergo the operation.

Elsie Nellor, the eleven-year-old daughter of John Nellor, was also taken to Omaha on the same train to take treatment for spinal trouble.

Elra Harrison, whose parents reside in Beemer, was married on Wednesday evening of last week at West Point to Miss Mamie Camp of that city, Rev. Lipe performing the ceremony.

Mr. Harrison, who has been in the restaurant business at Wisner for some time past, has purchased a restaurant at Dodge and will move to that place soon.

The new Holmes building is nearing completion and will in a short time be ready for tenants. This building is 50x80, two stories, and adds much to the appearance of the business portion of the town.

STOLE NAME OF HARRY BEST.

Stranger in Police Court Attempted to Injure Honorable Young Man.

The name of "Harry Best," given by a stranger who was brought up in police court the other day, appears to have been a fictitious name given in malice with the hope of doing injury to the character and reputation of the real Harry Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Best, who live on rural route No. 5. The stranger was unknown to the police.

At the Best home the publication of the report caused consternation because it worked injury to an innocent man. Harry Best was at home, husking corn, at the time the stranger appeared in court. The real Harry Best is a young man of known integrity and honor and is a man of clean life. It is believed that an enemy, angered at a trivial incident and who threatened vengeance, took this way of getting even.

HERMAN FRITZ RECOVERING.

Man Whose Arm Was Torn Off, Will Live—Fairfax Needs Houses.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 5.—Special to The News: Herman Fritz, whose arm was torn off with a threshing machine, is improving nicely and all danger is over.

Fairfax needs several new houses as there is not a house to rent in town and about a dozen families want to move in here as soon as houses are available.

A contract has been let for a large brick building to be built in the spring on Main street between the Fairfax State bank and the Oline hardware store. This will fill the gap on Main street and make a nice appearing block.

POLICE CHIEF HAY RETURNS

Been Enjoying Leave of Absence—Surprised Some of His Friends.

Chief of Police James Hay returned to Norfolk last night after an extended visit with his father at Henderson, Neb. He had been off duty on a leave of absence until the first of December and some of his friends thought that he had shaken the dust of Norfolk from his boots for good, but the big chief surprised them all and gave them a "horse laugh" when he got off the train.

Try a News want ad. for results.

GOVERNOR MICKEY HERE

ARRIVED AT NOON TO LOOK OVER INSANE HOSPITAL.

FIRST VISIT SINCE TROUBLE

The Governor Said That He Would Make Number of Recommendations to the Coming State Legislature Regarding Matters Needing Attention.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Governor John H. Mickey arrived in Norfolk at noon from Lincoln, to look over the affairs of the state insane hospital at this place. He was driven directly to the institution where he ate lunch with the new superintendent, Dr. Young. Over the telephone Governor Mickey said:

"I have just come to Norfolk for the purpose of seeing how things are running in the state institution. I shall return to Lincoln Thursday morning. I think I have not yet gone through the wards out here, so that I do not know whether the institution is overcrowded or not. Everything seems to be running nicely. I am looking over the reports at the present time."

Asked if he would make any recommendations to the state legislature in regard to the needs of the Norfolk hospital, the governor said: "I expect to make some recommendations to the legislature in regard to matters of the state on which I deem information is advisable. I am not giving out anything of the substance of what I shall say. I am not prepared to say what I may include in the report regarding the Norfolk hospital."

Governor Mickey said that he is now closing up the duties of his office but that he has not yet determined where he will make his future home—it may be in Lincoln and it may be in Omaha. For the remainder of this school year, however, he will remain in Lincoln, for the benefit of his children's schooling.

This was the governor's first visit to Norfolk since the day when he called at the hospital to oust Dr. Alden and Dr. Nicholson, being met with refusals on their part to leave the institution at that time. Since then both have resigned and the new officials, Dr. Young as superintendent and Dr. Singer as assistant superintendent, have been placed in charge of the institution.

WRETCHED MAIL SERVICE

Towns West of Norfolk Suffer Miserably Since Train Was Extended.

There is something radically wrong with the railway mail service between Norfolk and Chadron on the newly extended Northwestern train, Nos. 1 and 2. Apparent lack of sufficient help on the mail cars to handle the bulk of business carried in that train, has so crippled the service that there is practically no dependence to be placed upon it at the present time. People living in all towns west of Norfolk on that line are complaining and the complaints are getting loud.

On several occasions bundles of mail have been taken past Battle Creek, Neligh, Ewing and perhaps other towns. One one day last week, instead of bringing back the delayed bundle on the early morning train, the package was not returned to Neligh until the next forenoon. A train was missed in its return.

The old time postal clerks on that line have long been hard pressed in getting out the mail. The additional territory between Long Pine and Chadron has not in any way lightened the burden. A helper has been added but the force of workmen, apparently, is still insufficient because the most wretched service yet experienced is now being received.

The postal clerks are working till they are black in the face to handle the mail, but the load is too heavy.

The people west of Norfolk want and demand a better service.

GOOD CROPS ON ROSEBUD.

Cornhuskers are Scarce at Four Cents, Gregory to Have a Mill.

Gregory, S. D., Dec. 5.—Special to The News: Fine weather until today's sleet storm continued in Gregory county and corn husking progressed rapidly. The crop is of excellent quality and the yield is large. Many fields are yielding over fifty bushels per acre. Corn huskers are very scarce at four cents per bushel.

The wheat yield was large and quality was good.

Gregory is to soon have a mill. Mr. Rolecamper of Holt county, Neb., has signed a contract to move his plant from Eagle Mills, Neb., to this point. This will be a good thing for Gregory and the surrounding country.

FORECAST OF THE MESSAGE.

The president in Panama. The passing by Guatanamo. To Ponce and to San Juan. And how that Hearst still can go on The Eycles speech at Omaha.

A constitution for Oklahoma. Snohomish flooded and Tacoma. A cyclone crossing Alabama. The Japanese in Yokohama. Cigaretts and their aroma.

The Yankee Dreadnaught's iron keel. And Binger Herman's timber steal. Root's call at Montevideo. Taft's Buffalo presidio. Chicago's record baseball spliel.

At Pago Pago, Samoan group. The Utes upon the road to scoop

The Drago doctrine at The Hague. Aseptic swine immune from plague. The Marquis Boni and his dupe.

The heathen and the washin' he. Had stolen up at Shoshoni. The tricenatennial on the James. The Sandhill fencers and their games. Denatured alcohol made free.

The army post canteen saloon. Fair Cuba and our own Magoon. His hound-like hunt for trusts and crooks. And eke his whack at spelling books. The problems of Poor and Cool.

The breeders' rules for mending man. What kind of canners can eat. Standpatters and the Cummins man. Why silver has gone up again. To dig the ditch on contract plan.

G. W. W.

CORN NEARLY ALL CRIBBED.

Ninety Percent of it in Cuming County is Put Away for Winter.

West Point, Neb., Dec. 1.—Special to The News: The funeral of Mrs. Fred Romberg occurred in West Point Monday, her remains being laid to rest in Mount Hope cemetery. The death of Mrs. Romberg was very sudden, she having been about her household duties as usual up to within a few hours of her death. She was the wife of Fred Romberg, a well known farmer and old settler, living four miles north of town, and was highly respected in the community. She leaves a husband and a large family of grown children.

The new mercantile building of the Stieren-Jerman-Baumann company is rapidly nearing completion. The fixtures are installed and stock is being put in shape rapidly. The building is by far the finest in its size and general appearance between Fremont and Norfolk. The inside fixtures are up-to-date and in the very best material, no expense having been spared by the proprietors. The business conducted by this firm hereafter will be on the order of a department store.

Ninety per cent. of the corn crop of Cuming county is now safely cribbed. The weather for the past month has been highly favorable for gathering corn and every advantage has been taken of that fact by the farmers, every available man, woman and child being pressed into service in the cornfields. Large numbers of fore-handed farmers are finished and are helping their less fortunate neighbors. The yield is universally found to be much more than the usual average, in size, quality and quantity. Should the usual Thanksgiving snow fall it would find very little corn in the field in this county.

TO JOLT DIVORCE COLONY

NEBRASKA AND OTHER STATES TAKE THREATENING ACTION.

MAKING DESERTION A CRIME

The Divorce Colony at Sioux Falls, According to a Dispatch, is Liable to be Broken up at Any Time by New Laws Throughout Country.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 4.—The divorce industry of Sioux Falls is likely to receive a severe jar if a few more states follow the lead of New York, Nebraska and Virginia and declare abandonment of wife or minor children to be a felony. Besides the three states named, the governors of several other states have recommended the same laws.

This action makes the offense an extraditable one, and already Governor Elrod has granted several extradition warrants on that charge, and has several pending. In some of the applications it is alleged that the person wanted is in this state for the purpose of securing a divorce, and this is what will make the "colonies" rustle.

With an unsympathetic sheriff likely to appear to take the divorce applicant on a criminal charge, the gates of the colony are likely to be rudely broken in upon at any time.

IN LEAGUE TO HIDE SLAYER.

Case of Negro Troops in Philippines Much Like the Texas Affair.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt has had brought to his attention another case in which a company of negro soldiers has refused to give evidence. In all its essential features the new case is on a parallel with that which resulted in the discharge of Companies B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth infantry, on October 8 last.

First Lieut. Robert B. Calvert, of company M, Twenty-fourth infantry, a negro regiment, was murdered while company M was stationed in Leyte province, Philippine islands. Quartermaster Sergeant Taylor, who has been twenty-one years in the service, was called to the tent of Lieut. Calvert shortly before the crime was committed. He is, so far as known, the last to see the officer alive. While he was in the tent loud words were heard and shortly afterwards five shots were fired, all of them striking Lieut. Calvert, and one of them piercing his heart.

There is no direct evidence to convict Taylor of the crime.

All the enlisted men of the company have been placed under arrest for their refusal to throw any light on the case.

It is believed that the president will order the dishonorable discharge of all the enlisted men of the company.