

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER

WEEKLY CROP REPORT SHOWS BACKWARDNESS.

UNDULY COLD FOR THIS PERIOD

Precipitation During the Week Was Mostly Snow and it Amounted to Practically Nothing in the Northern Part of the State.

Lincoln, Neb., May 7.—Special to The News: The weekly crop bulletin says:

The past week was unseasonably cold and snow occurred in nearly all parts of the state.

The mean daily temperature averaged about 15° below the normal. Severe frosts occurred several nights, and in a large part of the state a frost occurred each night of the week.

The minimum temperatures occurred generally Tuesday morning, and they were mostly 20° or below.

The precipitation of the week was nearly all snow. On Monday, April 29, snow fell nearly all day in the southeastern counties, while a general snow storm passed over the state Thursday night and Friday morning.

Report of Police Judge.

The following is the annual report presented to the city council Tuesday by Judge Westervelt:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes collected in fines and costs (\$543.80), paid to city treasurer (\$161.00), paid to police force (169.00), paid to police judge's costs (212.80).

City Clerk's Report.

The city clerk's report was made as follows:

Norfolk, Neb., May 6, 1907.—To the Honorable Mayor and City Council: Gentlemen: I respectfully submit the annual report of receipts and disbursements of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, for the municipal year ending May 6, 1907, also the financial condition of the city:

Large financial table with multiple columns: Receipts, Disbursements General Fund, Interest Fund, Outstanding Bonds, Sewer construction, etc.

Outstanding Bonds. Water works refunding, due in 1919 \$38,000.00. Fire protection, due in 1911 7,500.00. Fire department refunding, due in 1911 7,500.00. Sewer, due in 1907 8,000.00. Sewer, due in 1936 40,000.00. Certificates of Indebtedness. Amount issued and outstanding to date \$5,089.84.

The following amounts, for which no warrants have been drawn, were allowed Sewer Contractor Herrick for construction work: December, 1906, \$6,574.56; January, 1907, \$8,791.52; February, \$1,488.04; March, \$1,900.54; April, \$5,942.15.

The sum of \$759.50 was drawn from the general fund before the creation of a sewer fund and paid to Engineer Rosewater. This should be replaced in the general fund as soon as the sewer fund will allow of it.

Respectfully submitted, Julius Hulff, City Clerk.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AS NELIGH

Mayor John Kay Takes Office and Machinery Starts Smoothly.

Neligh, Neb., May 8.—Special to The News: The newly-elected mayor and councilmen met last evening. Those taking the oath of office were: Mayor, John S. Kay; councilmen, R. S. Payne and B. J. Wright.

No formal speeches were made and the members immediately got down to business. Saloon licenses were issued

to John Maybury and T. A. Yearshaw, druggist permits to M. C. Remington & Co., and Cole & Davis. W. E. Riley and Bert Egbert were given license to run pool and billiard halls.

The following appointments were made by the mayor and confirmed by the council: Attorney, S. D. Thornton; physician, Dr. W. F. Conwell; park commissioner for three years, Fred Thornton. It is the sentiment of the council to have the water commissioner pay more strict attention to his duties.

MAD DOG SCARE AT PILGER.

But the "Mad" Dog Had Only Been Given a Dose of Poison.

Pilger, Neb., May 8.—Special to The News: Pilger experienced a mad dog scare yesterday afternoon. Resident neighbors to Banker Schaberg saw his faithful old canine cutting circles, falling down, performing the high jump and biting great holes in the atmosphere.

Of course he was "mad." Prudent mothers gathered in the children, thoughtful ones telephoned a hurry-up call to Marshal Montgomery and that officer, by a well directed bullet, put a stop to the expected dangerous career of the dog.

Somebody had given the animal a dose of poison.

INVESTIGATED HUMPHREY CLUE

Humphrey Men Gave Accurate Description of Boche.

Madison, Neb., May 8.—Special to The News: The Humphrey clue as to the route of escape taken by Herman Boche, wanted for killing Frank Jarner in Norfolk just a week ago this morning, and who was last seen when Sheriff Clements shot four times at him a week ago tonight, was looking up this morning, but whether or not it would afford any valuable thread of information that might lead the officers to Boche, was a problem that none ventured to solve.

Deputy Sheriff Elley and County Commissioner John Malone returned last night from Humphrey, where they spent the afternoon in running down the reports that a man answering Boche's description had been seen Friday night in Humphrey. They say that one of the men who saw this queerly acting stranger gives a very accurate description of Herman Boche, tall, slender, of dark complexion and with a brown derby hat pulled down low on his head.

Deputy Elley and Commissioner Malone then followed the direction taken by this stranger south of town and found a farmer who said that a man of this same description slept in his hayloft all night Friday night.

That was the extent of information which could be gathered.

SHERIFF BACK IN MADISON.

Rather Doubted Whether Humphrey Report Would Be of Any Value.

Sheriff Clements, who remained in Norfolk over night on his way home from the Wakefield search, left here at 11 o'clock on the Union Pacific passenger train. He was glad that Deputy Elley and Commissioner Malone had investigated the Humphrey clue regarding Boche and said that as soon as he reached Madison he and the deputy would outline future action. He was rather inclined to doubt if Boche was the man who had been seen at Humphrey, for the reason that this stranger apparently made bold to enter towns and slept at night while Boche, he thought, would be apt to keep away from towns and to sleep in the daytime and walk at night. He doubted further whether this clue, developing so long after the stranger was seen in Humphrey, could be of much real value in the search now, as Boche, if it were he, could have had ample time to get a great distance between Friday night, when the stranger was seen, and Monday afternoon, when the first information regarding the man was received from Humphrey.

Tuesday evening Sheriff Clements returned to Norfolk without Herman Boche and with the Wakefield clue punctured. The day's work at Wakefield had failed to yield results and left Boche's location as much as ever in the dark.

Tuesday Sheriff Clements with Sheriff Mears of Wayne and two deputies made a thorough visit to the home of Max Hensky, a brother-in-law of Boche, living seven miles southwest of Wakefield. The visit yielded no results. It seemed that the earth, having swallowed up Herman Boche during the night following his shooting of Frank Jarner, still offered thorough protection for the fugitive.

Despite the fact that the story of Tuesday's search had been published in The News enough people clung to a rumor that Boche had been captured near Emerson or Wakefield to furnish quite a small crowd that braved the chilly weather to wait about the depot for the man's coming. But Boche did not come and the crowd shivered to no purpose.

Mrs. Herman Boche, who was at the Hensky home near Wakefield on Monday and Tuesday, returned to Norfolk on the Tuesday evening train.

May Day in Nebraska.

Oakdale Sentinel: The early bird catches cold these cool mornings.

York Republican: This weather is something calculated to give anybody brain storms, providing he be supplied with that commodity.

Beatrice Sun: From present indications Miss Spring and Miss Summer will arrive on the same train.

Hastings Tribune: O snow, snow, beautiful snow, why in thunder don't you go?

RULED OUT IN ENGLAND

OPERA PROHIBITED THERE COMES TO NORFOLK.

THE LONG POPULAR "MIKADO"

Comic Opera Which Makes Fun of the Japanese Ruler and Which, For That Reason, is Under British Ban, Comes Here May 16.

Norfolk is to see an opera that has been placed under the ban in old England.

"The Mikado," for many years one of the most popular standard comic operas in this country and England, but which was recently prohibited from further performances in Great Britain because the British government feared it might hurt the feelings of the Japanese and particularly of the real mikado in Japan, will be sung in the Norfolk Auditorium Thursday night, May 16, by the Beggar Prince Opera company, well known in Norfolk and who have been engaged for a six weeks' run at the Boyd theater in Omaha.

This company recently pleased a good sized audience in Norfolk with "Fra Diavolo."

"The Mikado" has not been sung in Norfolk for many years—not, in fact, since the old Andrews Opera company produced it one time in the Gerecke house, just north of the present Auditorium. It is a funny creation of music and jest, based on the autocratic power of the ruler of Japan.

When the little Japanese nation recently gained more power than they formerly owned, and became big enough to create a fuss in the world of politics, the government of Great Britain, fearing that diplomatic relations might be injured if the Japs' sensibilities were stepped on, ordered that "The Mikado" be prohibited.

Only last Saturday, at a small city in England, "The Mikado" was played and the theatrical company hauled into court.

"CORN BELT" LIFE.

The following description of life in a "corn belt" town was written by Miss Helen V. Roberts of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and won a prize in a contest conducted by Collier's. It will be read with interest by people of this section because it is supposed to refer to conditions found in Nebraska and South Dakota as well as in Iowa:

Our town is in the corn belt, and although we are not farmers, and, indeed, quite resent that appellation, if you know what corn means of work and worry, you know our town. The old saying that corn is king simply means that no other human interest is entitled to a moment's consideration if it conflicts with crop requirements.

In January and February the man who rejoices in mild winter weather is put down as a craven ignoramus who sets personal matters like coal bills and influenza above the one public issue. Our real patriot is the man who grins from out his whiskers and his fur overcoat as he takes in his frozen thermometer and says: "This ought to be cold enough to pulverize the soil."

With the advent of March definite worry about conditions begins. If the spring is late the outlook is one of general gloom; if it is early and the know-nothing optimist is happy, the pessimist recalls the famous snow-storm of 18—, and casts a shadow over the budding trees and greenening fields that looks like a coming thunder-storm. If it rains too much, how are we ever to get into the fields to do the spring plowing, and if it doesn't rain enough, of what use is the pulverizing cold we suffered during the winter?

And then come the weeds. Like other forces of evil, they seem to need no encouragement. Sunshine and moisture are always proportioned satisfactorily for them, whatever the righteous corn may think about it, and they flourish in a way to offer encouragement to any fowls of the air who are seeking accommodations.

Corn is supposed to be "knee high by the 4th of July," but it seldom is, and the groans of the pessimist on Independence Day are usually louder than the village cannon.

Corn needs hot weather, and, above all, hot nights. The man who smiles over a mild, cool summer is probably the same poltroon who didn't like carrels, and said ten below was cold enough for him. Again the genuine patriot can be easily identified. He discards his coat and keeps on his collar only until the friendly darkness comes. The hot wind which has burnt and blown all day from the south dies down with the sun, and there is not a breath stirring except the breath of our patriot who exclaims, as he mops his brow: "I'll bet you could hear it grow tonight."

But even if it is sufficiently hot and dry to satisfy the demands of King Corn, the fear of a wind-storm to lay the corn flat, or a hail-storm to riddle it, is ever with us during the summer.

But all the anxiety that has gone before is mere soothing syrup compared with the excitement of our annual race with the frost, which takes place during the early weeks of September. The cornstalks stand as high as a man's head. The field is a forest, its strong green leaves suggesting an ancestry as ancient as the oak's, rather than a mushroom growth of only ninety days. But the kernels are still soft and milky, and until they harden the whole crop is at the mercy of the

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

SUPERINTENDENT DAVIDSON OF OMAHA TO COME.

IS SAID TO BE FINE SPEAKER

On Wednesday Evening, May 29, the High School Graduates Will Receive Diplomas at the Auditorium—Preparing for Event.

Superintendent W. M. Davidson, city superintendent of the Omaha schools, will deliver the commencement address at this spring's graduating exercises of the Norfolk high school. The commencement exercises will be held on the evening of Wednesday, May 29, at the Norfolk Auditorium. Mr. Davidson will speak on "The Problem of the School."

Superintendent Davidson is said to be the best speaker in the state among the school men. His presence at prominent gatherings of teachers is in great demand. The invitation to Mr. Davidson on behalf of the board of education was issued by Superintendent Bodwell and President Cole of the old school board. The Omaha superintendent, according to Mr. Bodwell, will both hold the interest of his audience and impress his thoughts upon the class.

The formal commencement address will occupy the principal part of the program on "graduating night." Members of the class will, however, participate in the musical part of the program and two young ladies, Misses Margaret Hamilton and Rebecca Duggan, have been chosen from among the graduates to deliver addresses of welcome and farewell on behalf of the class.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Frank Phillips was in from Hoskins yesterday.

A. L. Nordin of St. Paul was in the city yesterday.

J. Sheldon of Crofton was in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. M. Ambroz of Tilden was in Norfolk yesterday.

Mayor C. S. Smith was up from Madison yesterday.

Mrs. P. Stafford left today for a short visit at Blair.

Mrs. G. Sender of West Point was in Norfolk yesterday.

Banker C. A. Smith of Tilden is in Norfolk on business.

J. M. Woods of Arlington stopped in Norfolk yesterday.

Lee Hershiser has gone to O'Neill for a couple of weeks.

F. J. Ubra of Schuyler was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Miller of Stanton was a visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

L. M. Gish of Bloomfield was in the city between trains yesterday.

J. H. Kemp of Fullerton was in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday.

J. M. Covert has gone to Harlan, Iowa, on a couple of weeks' business trip.

E. C. Burns, deputy oil inspector, was a Scribner visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. H. E. Teachout and grandson, Harold, from Des Moines, are visiting at the Waldo and Dillenbeck home.

Mrs. F. C. Marshall and little daughter have arrived in Norfolk from Center on a visit with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Vicle, Mr. Marshall is county superintendent in Knox county.

Elmer Hight went to Lincoln at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sprecher went to Omaha Tuesday.

Miss Grace Rummans of Madison is visiting in Norfolk.

W. J. Gow left at noon on a visit to Butte and Creighton.

Attorney Burt Mapes is in Lincoln on supreme court matters.

Superintendent Reynoldson and Roadmaster Stafford left Tuesday on an inspection trip west on the Northwestern.

County Assessor John Hanff and wife of Stanton were Norfolk visitors Tuesday.

Julius Hulff, Chris Anderson and H. M. Anderson were in Stanton last evening on business.

Miss Schavland of Madison, daughter of County Treasurer Schavland, visited friends in Norfolk Tuesday.

Charles Mihills, who has been suffering for some time from the effects of a paralytic stroke, is quite low.

Miss Alice Kampman is quite sick. S. Pernie, the new machinist, started to work in the shops yesterday.

Mr. Wier's new house on Second street is ready for the plasterers.

Mrs. Roady of Moberly, Mo., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Adams.

Miss Olga Graul returned from Denver, Colo., last night. She has been visiting relatives in the western city.

Mr. Gannon of Fremont, formerly of Norfolk, spent yesterday here with his brother-in-law, Coony Kampman, and family.

Vincent Shillinger of Sioux City, who has been visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. Branigan, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Jackson of Newport is visiting at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Ed Adams, also her aunt, Mrs. F. A. McKeown of Newport is here visiting.

J. C. Larkins is ill with the grip.

Damasus Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, will install its recently elected officers at a meeting tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Johnston have moved to Wayne for a few months. Mr. Johnston's work causing him to

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make his headquarters there temporarily.

Four degrees below freezing was the minimum temperature in Norfolk during Tuesday. The warmest spot during the week was forty-four above zero. The average was thirty-six.

The Marquardt hall dance given last evening by the Modern Woodmen was attended by a crowd that comfortably filled the hall. Music for the evening was furnished by the Norfolk orchestra.

The annual meeting of the West Side hose company failed to materialize last evening for lack of a quorum. President Jonas will call a special meeting for the election of officers within the next few days.

Holding that spring could not have been entirely stricken from the calendar of the seasons all of the uptown drug stores threw open their soda fountains last night. The cold May night, needless to say, did not smile upon a prosperous first day's business.

Miss Myrtle Weaver will leave Norfolk in a short time for Fairfax, S. D., to become deputy county recorder of Gregory county. Miss Weaver formerly lived in Gregory county but for the past few months has been in Norfolk as a stenographer with the Sturgeon music company.

A silver dollar of the mintage of 1799 has come into the possession of J. J. Collins of Norfolk, a commercial traveler for the Sugar City Cereal mills. The coin is in very good condition and was purchased from a station agent along the Union Pacific railroad, southwest of Norfolk.

Geo. B. Christoph is in Lincoln in attendance at the meeting of the state board of pharmacy of which he is a member. Mr. Christoph will probably be in Lincoln until tomorrow evening. Elmer Hight of Norfolk was among those to take the examination before the state board at Lincoln today.

Contractor W. P. Dixon says that work on the gulch which is to drain the northwestern part of town, is finished as far south as he can complete it until water has been evaporated. Mr. Dixon says that grass seed has been sown all along the waterway and that bluegrass will soon coat the new canal.

Four years in the sheriff's office and later service on the Norfolk force made John F. Flynn step easily into the chief's office Tuesday afternoon when the formalities of his appointment at the head of Norfolk's police force had been complied with. Back in the eighties Chief Flynn served two years as deputy sheriff, then adding a term as sheriff to his county service.

A war on rubbish dumped alongside the country roads in Madison county has been declared by the county commissioners and the law in this regard will be strictly enforced henceforth. It is said that people driving in any direction out of Norfolk are confronted with heaps of rubbish that have been dumped along the public highway in unscrupulous fashion and the county commissioners intend that there shall be a cleaning up.

A. H. Vicle was re-elected to the office of worshipful master of Mosaic lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., at the annual meeting of the lodge last evening. Other officers advanced in position were W. R. Hoffman, senior warden; H. L. Snyder, junior warden; L. C. Mittelstadt, treasurer; George H. Burton, secretary. These officers together with the list of appointive officers announced by the worshipful master will be installed sometime in June following the grand lodge meeting in Omaha June 4.

What was once a favorite fishing ground just below the mill dam is now said to be shunned by the fishermen. Ever since Al Johnson and two little companions went a-fishing in the north bend below the mill dam and made the catch of the lifeless body of a little babe, the once crowded banks of the stream are now deserted. Whether the fishing season is "dead" or whether the strange catch made at the spot frightens away the usually care-free fishers, it is said that the river bank just below the dam has forgotten the yellow poles and dangling hooks that used to poke into its waters.

WEEKLY GUN CLUB SHOOT

Number of Good Scores Were Made. Next Shoot May 16.

The weekly shoot of the Norfolk Gun club, held at the driving park yesterday afternoon, resulted in the following scores out of a possible fifty:

Nethaway 44, Gutzmer, 41, Colles 40, Beveridge 38, Anderson 34, Kauffman 32, Foote 32.

The next shoot will be held Thursday, May 16.

The habit of not advertising is a pretty big handicap to impose upon yourself.