

MERCHANTS MEET TONIGHT

TO DISCUSS MEANS OF DEVELOPING TRADE.

TOWN HAS VAST TERRITORY

Secretary C. C. Gow of the Commercial Club Addressed a Letter to Merchants of the City Stating Purpose of the Meeting.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Norfolk merchants will meet in the city hall tonight in response to a call from the Norfolk Commercial club. "How to increase Norfolk's trade" will be the subject for discussion and a plan to further the trade interests of the city will probably be formulated. Today the following letter was addressed to Norfolk merchants by the special committee appointed by the club for the purpose of presenting to the merchants a plan for increasing Norfolk's retail trade:

"There will be a meeting of the merchants of Norfolk on Wednesday evening, May 22, at the city hall at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the organization of the business men to encourage and stimulate the trade of outside towns.

"We have a territory 50 to 200 miles to the north and west and a certain distance to the east and south of us that is distinctively our own, and by proper inducements this trade can be kept and increased for Norfolk.

"Free transportation to shoppers has proven a great success in Minneapolis, Sioux City and other cities, and ought to prove a good thing in Norfolk.

"Will you not be present yourself and encourage others to come who may be interested?

"Yours very truly,

"W. R. Hoffman,
"C. C. Gow,
"Committee."

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Judge A. A. Welch of Wayne passed through Norfolk Wednesday morning on his way to Madison to hold a brief session of the district court preliminary to the jury work next week. At Norfolk Judge Welch was joined by County Attorney Jack Koehnstein and Attorneys H. F. Barnhart, M. C. Hazen, Burt Mapes and M. D. Tyler. The district court jury has been called to meet at Madison on Monday.

General Manager Walters of Omaha arrived in Norfolk Wednesday noon from an inspection trip over the Deadwood line, leaving on the noon train for a trip over the Bonesteel branch accompanied by General Superintendent S. M. Braden and Superintendent C. H. Reynolds from this city. The visit to Bonesteel was merely for inspection purposes, it was stated.

H. E. Close of Hoskins is in Norfolk today.

John Anderson of Wayne is in the city today.

E. B. Sherman was up from Columbus yesterday.

Gust Gartner of Belden was in Norfolk over night.

J. D. Sturgeon was in Winside and Carroll yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Talbert went to Fremont yesterday.

Morton L. Adams of Niobrara spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. West of Grand Island are in the city today.

Hon. George L. Loomis of Fremont was in Norfolk this morning.

M. F. Wolfe of Spencer was in Norfolk between trains yesterday.

Charles Huddin of Gregory was a South Dakota visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Lucile Watson of York is in Norfolk the guest of her cousin, Mrs. E. O. Meunt.

Mrs. John H. Hulff and daughter, Miss Gretchen, spent yesterday afternoon in Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Durland drove to Winside this morning.

Dave Huston, a Ewing real estate man, was in the city yesterday.

C. J. Deupree and G. R. Sellar returned yesterday from a business trip to Neligh.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Hart were Norfolk visitors in Battle Creek yesterday.

E. P. Weatherly leaves this evening for O'Neill in his capacity as commissioner in bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Setzer of Neligh stopped in Norfolk yesterday. Mr. Setzer is proprietor of the Atlantic hotel in Neligh.

Father Thomas Walsh was in Bloomfield today. Bishop Scannell of Omaha administers the sacrament of confirmation in Bloomfield today.

store to accept a position with the Norfolk Shoe store.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Dean, a daughter.

The Hadar Concordia band will give a concert in the Hadar grove next Sunday.

Mrs. Ballantyne will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Pioneer Hook and Ladder company will hold a special meeting at the city hall at 7:30 this evening for the purpose of considering a plan to attach a swinging harness to the hook and ladder wagon for special night service.

Campbell Bros. circus will arrive in Norfolk early Friday morning to pitch their tents for two performances, afternoon and evening.

Charles Kirchoff is building a tenant house at 603 South Sixth street, just south of his own home. The house is constructed of artificial stone.

A representative of an Ohio steel culvert company has been in Norfolk inquiring into the facilities that this city would offer as a distributing point for this territory.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas very pleasantly entertained a small company of friends at 6:30 o'clock dinner last evening in their beautiful home on Madison avenue.

The marriage of Miss Jessie Waugh, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Waugh of Omaha but formerly residents of Norfolk, and Mr. Walter Moyer of Crawford, Neb., occurred today at the home of the bride's parents in Omaha.

The Norfolk board of education will meet this evening in the Lincoln building for the purpose of passing final approval on the plans and specifications submitted by Architect John Latenser of Omaha for the new high school building.

Prices for "The Wizard of Wall Street," a musical comedy that comes to the Norfolk Auditorium May 30, will be 25c, 35c and 50c. This is the company in which Mrs. Daye and daughter, Phyllis, formerly of Norfolk, will be seen.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield and Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson left at noon for Omaha where they go as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz at a house party. They will return the latter part of the week. During their visit the Norfolk guests will see Maude Adams in "Peter Pan."

For the first time in Verdigre's history that town had a tight lid last Sunday when Attorney Frank Lundak of Niobrara, on behalf of a number of Verdigre women, filed papers forbidding the opening of saloons on Sunday at Verdigre. The matter is said to have been kept very quiet but on Monday it is said one of the Verdigre saloon men went to Niobrara and promised Lundak an egg.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone of Chicago arrived in Norfolk at noon for a visit with General Superintendent and Mrs. S. M. Braden. Mr. and Mrs. Stone were met at Missouri Valley by Mr. and Mrs. Braden. Mr. Stone is manager of the mechanical portion of the Chicago Daily News and is the inventor of remarkable improvements in printing presses. He is recognized as one of the most advanced press experts in the country.

The officers of the new Red Men lodge in Norfolk were installed in office last night, the final steps in the organization of the new lodge being completed to last evening's meeting.

The new Red Men tribe in Norfolk has a list of thirty-two charter members. Col. J. G. Albright, the national representative of the order who organized the local tribe, left at noon for Lincoln to organize a fourth tribe of the Red Men in that city.

The Nebraska Newspaper Folding machine, of which C. S. Evans of Norfolk is the inventor and patentee, is now being manufactured at a printing press factory at Adel, Iowa. A company was organized in Norfolk two or three years ago, of which Mr. Evans is president, to put the machine on the market and an attempt was made to have the machines built here.

The machines that are being built at Adel are said to be first class and are giving excellent satisfaction. They are being put on the market in Iowa, near the point of manufacture, and as soon as those orders can be filled a few of them will be brought to Norfolk for distribution around this part of the country. The machine is said to be of the simplest construction possible and just the thing for country offices where professional pressmen can not be employed. Mr. Evans says he regrets that it was impossible to establish a plant in Norfolk to build the machines, as it is, he says, bound to grow into a good sized and substantial industry.

J. H. Van Wageningen of Pierce county attorney of Pierce county, has succeeded in organizing an extensive theater booking circuit over several states which promises much for this portion of the west. It is known as the Van-Short theater booking circuit and through its New York and Chicago agencies it will be able to offer strong inducements to the best companies to come into this part of the country. The Norfolk Auditorium, among others, is included in the circuit and will prove a strong factor in maintaining the prestige of the circuit. Norfolk will be the headquarters for the circuit in this section, though Mr. Van Wageningen at Pierce will manage the bookings from there. The new circuit will be able to secure a better class of attractions for this territory than in the past and to protect theaters included in the circuit. Mr. Van Wageningen will have charge of the territory of Nebraska and South Dakota west of the Missouri river.

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Food Comes in Caravans. Aden is a city of more than 60,000 people on the Gulf of Aden. Planted on a narrow strip of land between the mountains and the sea in the sphere of British influence in southern Arabia, Aden exists largely as a sea port. Here ships sailing through the Red sea stop to take on coal, ice or fresh water. Ice is manufactured. Two plants also manufacture the water supply, converting salt water into the fresh article, which has a high commercial value in Aden. Food is brought to Aden by the ships from over the seas and by the caravans of camels from the interior.

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will be the first time the Omaha juvenile court has ordered a surgical operation to cure the disease of delinquency.

Davy has been before the court a number of times and has been forgiven on his promise to be good. When it came to keeping the promise, however, Davy always failed.

Then physicians discovered that adenoid growths were pressing upward from the neck and back of the nose, and, pushing against the brain, constricting its growth. The removal of these is not a dangerous operation, and, it is believed, will remove the cause of the boy's wickedness.

HOBOS HAVE A BANQUET

A HUNDRED BUMS GATHER TOGETHER IN CHICAGO.

SPEAKER FOUND UNDER TABLE

One of the Bums Who Responded to a Toast Was Ordered to Sit Down Because He "Works and Ain't Respectable"—Unique Assembly.

Chicago, May 22.—The hobos' banquet, given by the Brotherhood Welfare association at the Windsor-Cliff hotel was a huge success despite several little drawbacks, such as the nonattendance of Washington Flat, the toastmaster, who was driven out of town early in the afternoon by the police, and the departure of Philadelphia Jack and the Dancing Kid for San Francisco before the beer was served. They explained that they had to catch the 11:15 "Q" freight.

Dr. Ben L. Reitman and his aids in the new organization has searched the highways and byways of the city for a representative gathering of hobos and bums and beggars and they found them.

Speaker Found Under the Table. Several incidents marred the occasion, but no one minded. Fred the Bum, who was down for a speech on "Why I Hang Around Barrel Houses," picked up too many drinks before he came to the banquet and was found under the table when his name was called. "Shoestring Chase," a panderer, scandalized his fellows when he was found improving the golden occasion by passing his hat among the hotel guests during a lull in the banquet.

A No. One, known as the Absent Member ("and never blamed the booze, boys"), whose name is written on every water tank between New York and Boston, and Yoken-Whitney, another professional hobo, threatened to depart at one stage of the speech-making because the speakers were "not representative."

"Why, they don't know the diff between a hobo and a bum," said A No. One. "I wouldn't associate with a snide that carries the banner. Why don't they let a smart man talk?"

Works; Ain't Respectable. Fred the Bum was called on, but could not respond, so his chum, the Rocky Mountain Lemon, got up to respond. He started off nobly, saying: "They do not love who do not show their love," but A No. One yelled: "Sit down. You're no hobo. You work. You ain't respectable." So the Lemon sat down.

Newport News. Newport, Neb., May 20.—Special to The News: The city fathers have served legal notice on the saloons and others not to sell or give vinous or spirituous liquors to certain parties who have fully developed appetites for that class of goods.

Al Willerling says that he purchased 600 fine horses on a recent trip west. The horses were raised by the late Marcus Daly, the millionaire miner, and they come of good sires. They will be shipped to this place during the coming year.

Rev. T. J. Peacock and family made an extended visit with relatives at Gregory, S. D.

R. H. McKeown of Honey Creek, Iowa, who purchased the Wells hay farm, is here to place a man on the property.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, a daughter.

All Willerling purchased the Myers' feed store of Casper Solson, who recently bought it of Mr. Myers.

A fierce wind storm, accompanied by hail, passed north of this point Friday evening at 5 o'clock.

The first game of basket ball for the season was played by the young ladies recently.

NORFOLK TEAM WINS AT NELIGH

Business College Baseball Club Annexes Another Victory.

The Norfolk business college nine annexed another victory at Neligh yesterday, winning from the Gates Academy nine. The final score stood 12 to 8. Norfolk shut out Neligh in the first three innings but wild throwing let the score run up. The Norfolk battery was Haak and Landers. The business college nine was credited with three fast doubles during the game. The Norfolk players returned from Neligh on the morning train.

WILLIAM KILLEN VERY LOW.

Norfolk Man Suffering From Tuberculosis in Colorado.

A telegram was received by Mrs. William Killen Tuesday morning announcing the very serious condition of her husband, who is at Lamar, Col. He has been suffering with tuberculosis. Mrs. Killen is, herself, quite ill and was unable to leave for the bedside of her husband.

WHO WOULD FIGHT AT SEA?

THERE IS AN ANNAPOLIS CHANCE IN THIRD DISTRICT.

FOR SOME BRIGHT YOUNG MAN

Congressman J. F. Boyd of Neligh Would Like the Names of Any Young Men Ambitious for the Appointment to Annapolis.

Is there a young man in the Third congressional district of Nebraska who wants to be appointed a midshipman and take the government course of instruction at the Annapolis naval academy?

This is a question which Congressman J. F. Boyd of Neligh, who was in Norfolk yesterday afternoon, would like to have answered. For if there is a young man owning such an ambition, and living in the Third congressional district, Congressman Boyd is going to give him the chance to "make good."

First of all, though, the young man must be able to pass an examination in a number of common branches of study. The examination is said to be not difficult, but it must be passed. The appointment will go to some young man over sixteen years of age and under twenty-one; he must pass an examination in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, geography, United States history, history of the world, arithmetic, algebra, geometry. Examinations are graded on a scale from 0 to 4 and a standing less than 2.5 in any branch gives sufficient reason for rejecting the applicant.

The candidate from this district must notify Congressman Boyd at Neligh immediately in order to get in under the wire, since the appointee must report at Annapolis June 18.

The course is one of four years in college work and two years in naval service. The midshipman gets \$500 per year right at the beginning.

Congressman Boyd says that he considers this an excellent chance for some young man who has not the means for a college education, to secure a first class education and at the same time acquire efficiency in a line that will mean permanent life work.

BREAKS TWO BONES.

Stanton Painter Steps Off Ladder With Disastrous Results.

Stanton, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: When Gus Wagner, one of Stanton's painters, stepped off a step ladder his foot turned and broke both bones of his left leg. One was broken in two places.

Huffback-Dwinell.

Long Pine, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: At the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. G. W. Dwinell, occurred the wedding of Mr. Wm. Huffback and Miss Barbara Dwinell. Rev. Dillon performed the ceremony and only the family and a few friends were present. The newly married couple went west on the 5:30 train for a few days' trip.

PRESIDENT COMING WEST.

Will Make a Trip Down the Mississippi River During Coming Autumn.

Washington, May 20.—President Roosevelt is to make a trip down the Mississippi river. He has accepted provisionally an invitation from the governors of sixteen states to make the voyage, for the purpose of seeing the river and harbor work in progress on that stream. The journey probably will be taken early in October, for Mr. Roosevelt goes to Canton, O., September 30 to speak at the dedication of the McKinley monument. He will go from there to St. Louis or some other point on the father of waters and thence down to Memphis, where he will attend the deep waterways convention. It is believed he will make an address before this convention, although this has not been definitely determined yet. The trip will take about six days and will be made on one of the government steamers. This decision of the president has brought joy to the hearts of the lakes-to-the-gulf advocates, who undoubtedly will make the most of their opportunity in impressing upon the president the necessity for establishing this great ship canal. The president's interest in the question of waterways development is well known, and he is a hearty admirer of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which, composed of business men, shippers and communities throughout the United States, is seeking to have congress appropriate not less than \$50,000,000 a year for the prosecution of this form of internal development. The journey of the chief executive undoubtedly will give a strong stimulus to the work of this organization, which now is endeavoring to increase even further its membership, to the end that the American people may express unitedly to congress their desire that this development be continued.

Illinois gave way to West Virginia last year in the matter of coal production. According to statistics compiled by the geological survey, West Virginia supplanted the sucker state and took position as the second coal producing state of the union. During 1906 it had a total output of 45,276,485 short tons, while the production of Illinois was 41,470,435 short tons. The loss of place by Illinois was due to the almost complete suspension of mining operations in that state in April and a portion of May because of labor troubles. According to the

figures the total production of coal in the United States last year was 414,039,581 short tons of 2,000 pounds, valued at \$512,510,744. Compared with 1905 these figures show an increase of 5.4 per cent in quantity and of 7.5 in value.

HIGGINS IN SULLEN MOOD.

Prisoner Spends Hours in Silence, Smoking Cigarettes.

Omaha, Neb., May 21.—Insanity doubtless will be the plea of Louis Ray Higgins, the slayer of Farmer Cople and his wife at Rosalie, Neb., last week. Thomas A. Hollister has been retained as counsel for Higgins, but the attorney declines to make any statement of what action the defense will take.

Higgins' mother has not arrived from Denver. He has had a letter from her, in which she indicates that her trip has been deferred for financial reasons. She says, however, that she will come to Omaha as soon as she is able to provide for the trip. The letter was full of endearing terms of a mother's love, and she writes that she can never believe that her boy was in his right mind if he committed such a crime as is charged.

The prisoner has taken on a morose disposition and spends most of his time in a dull mood, smoking cigarettes. He has secured a supply of tobacco and cigarette papers and smokes about fifty "pills," as he calls them, every day. He had an influx of curious visitors Sunday and did not take kindly to it. At one time he became insolent and made some remarks about his callers that were anything but complimentary.

During the afternoon Mrs. Shinrock, a city missionary, held a religious service in the "solitary" cell, and Higgins is said to have been much impressed, although he refused to discuss religion. A liberal supply of religious literature has been placed in his cell by church people, but he has not taken kindly to it.

Today Higgins rolled a cigarette and picked up a Sunday school paper. He interested himself in a story about criminals, and, looking up at the jailer, asked him whether he thought they would hang him. The prisoner seemed, for the first time, to take a serious view of his predicament and made many inquiries about how his case would be conducted. He sent for and had a consultation with his attorney, but refused to talk after that.

Higgins' foot is healing slowly. Blood poisoning developed slightly, but it was checked before it became serious, although the prisoner is still unable to use his foot.

The authorities expect to take Higgins to Pender the latter part of the present week for his preliminary hearing. He will, however, be returned at once to the Douglas county jail for fear of an attempt being made on his life should he be kept at Pender.

"Unreal real estate" is the kind you pay real money for but find it hard to sell for real money. People that are not in touch with the real estate, are the usual investors in unreal real estate.

RACE MATINEE TUESDAY

LOCAL RACING SEASON OPENS NEXT WEEK.

BOOK THREE HARNESS EVENTS

Norfolk Lovers of Fast Horses Flesh Will Enjoy the First Formal Afternoon's Driving at the Local Track Next Tuesday Afternoon.

A driving matinee at the Norfolk race track is definitely announced for this month. The matinee will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 28.

Three races in addition to a quarter mile pony dash are planned. The first event will be open to driving horses, the owners to drive their own horses. Two regular races will be offered. A number of good entries are in prospect for these events which will be run off in half mile heats. The program as planned is considered attractive and is expected to open the racing season with a pleasing local innovation.

The driving matinee, it is said, is planned merely to give an auspicious opening to the local racing season and to furnish an afternoon out of doors to those to whom an informal afternoon's racing would furnish a pleasant holiday. An admission charge of twenty-five cents will admit to the races. There will be no reserved seats.

A good string of speedy horses is expected to be listed on the entries next Tuesday. Several fast horses in training at the Norfolk track with fast ones from other nearby northeast Nebraska towns of the racing circuit are counted on.

The racing events of the matinee will comprise the following classes:

Class A—Gentlemen's roadsters, owners to drive. Horses to be entered by Saturday, May 25.

Class B—Trot or pace, two in three, three heats to end the race.

Class C—Free-for-all, trot or pace, two in three.

Pony race, one-fourth mile dash. The prize for the pony dash will be jockey riding whip. Announcement will be made later concerning the prizes for the several races.

The regular racing season for the North Nebraska Short Shipment Race circuit will open with the racing meet of the Norfolk Driving club, July 31-August 2.

WILL CARE FOR ORPHANS

BROTHERS OF MURDERED MAN TAKE CHILDREN.

THE ESTATE AMOUNTS TO \$15,000

Copple's Brothers Arrived at Pender and Said They Did Not Believe in Lynch Law—No Complaint is Yet Sworn Out Against Burke.

Pender, Neb., May 21.—J. O. Copple, W. H. Copple, Elmer E. Copple and W. W. Reed, the three former brothers of the late Walter Copple, who was murdered last week, and the latter a brother-in-law, came to Pender and made application for letters of administration for their brother's estate and guardianship of papers for the children.

J. O. Copple, formerly a county commissioner of this county, will be appointed to both positions. The estimated value of the estate is \$10,000, with \$5,000 life insurance in favor of the murdered wife and four older children.

During their stay in Pender the brothers stated to a number of parties that they were opposed to lynch law and wanted Burke, alias Higgins, to be tried and receive his just deserts in the regular way. There is little or no excitement here now, and it is hardly probable that any effort will be made to lynch the murderer when he is brought to Pender for a hearing. No complaint has as yet been filed here, and it is possible that nothing will be done for several days yet.

KNIFE TO MAKE BOY GOOD?

Omaha Youth Will Have Growths Cut From Head to Cure Wickedness.

Omaha, Neb., May 22.—Eight year old Davy Markovitz, the boy who simply cannot be good, is to have a surgeon's knife inserted into his head to take the badness out of him. This