

TO ABANDON FREIGHTS

REGULAR FREIGHT TRAINS REST ON THE FOURTH.

RAILROAD MEN TO CELEBRATE

There Will be No Regular Freight Trains Out of Norfolk on the North-western Thursday—Specials Will Carry Live Stock and Perishable.

Along with several million other Americans the Northwestern is going to celebrate the Fourth and enjoy at least a partial vacation day. On the Fourth the Northwestern will abandon all regular freight trains, putting on sufficient special freight services to handle the live stock and perishable shipments.

There will be no regular freight trains out of Norfolk on the North-western Thursday. One special freight train each way will be put on to handle the live stock and to move the perishable goods consigned for shipment. These trains will not carry passengers.

No Fourth of July orders have been received in Norfolk for the local Union Pacific freight. As this freight is an accommodation train and carries mail it is presumed that it will do without a Fourth of July vacation.

Although no definite orders had been received, it was rather believed that there would be no regular freight train on the Omaha road on the Fourth.

BANQUET FREMONT HILL.

Yankton Business Men Gather to Discuss Projected Railroad.

Fremont Hill, president and promoter of the Yankton & Southwestern railroad which is projected from Yankton, S. D., through Norfolk to the Gulf of Mexico, was banqueted at Yankton the other night after leaving Norfolk for that city. Senator Gamble was also present and made a short speech.

The Yankton Press and Dakotan says that the meeting was attended by 100 business men, showing that Yankton people are getting closer together than would have been possible some years ago. In speaking of Mr. Hill's speech, the Yankton paper says:

Mr. Fremont Hill was introduced and met with an enthusiastic reception at the hands of the Yankton men present. As on other occasions Mr. Hill impressed his hearers with his quiet, yet business-like ways. With an entire absence of the "boom" style of talk, he was convincing and showed his evident sincerity and belief in the project he has in hand. He gave the data for the last six months, ran over the present situation briefly yet concisely, and presented the essential points which showed a clear and comprehensive grasp of the whole immense undertaking. He said he started believing the proposed line to be the best railroad in the United States. He based this opinion on actual knowledge as gathered all along the line from Yankton to Houston, Texas. He had found the project indorsed by the best men everywhere along the line of the proposed road and had met with the greatest encouragement and support. He said as to facts, he could state that the preliminary work for seven hundred miles of the road, including the right of way, had already been completed and that by October 1 it was expected that this work would all be completed all along the line. He said this meant actual work would begin early in the spring at the south end, and that the work would be pushed north rapidly. He said he had visited Yankton first and had met some doubters, but he could now say to those who had been with him from the start that they now had the satisfaction of knowing that they had with them the best men from Yankton to the gulf. His support further south is most enthusiastic, where the road is not a strange project, as he had found it was looked upon as a most practical plan and one deserving of the greatest and heartiest support.

Continuing Mr. Hill said the proposed road would be one thousand miles long, running through the "bread basket" of the United States, that it would pass through immense coal beds, magnificent hardwood timber, the best in the United States, and that the last one hundred miles would go through a great pine timber country. He said this section wanted all these things cheaper and could get them with this road in operation, and that he could also state that this road would mean that grain could be shipped to Europe two cents a bushel cheaper from this whole section than is now the case. He then took up the great increase in tonnage of business in this country as an argu-ment for more roads. He said business had increased 119 per cent, while the railroads, in their effort to keep up, had increased hardly 38 per cent. He said the country must have more railroads to meet this great increase. As an illustration he took up cement, something of special interest to Yankton people. He said this product had increased from eight millions to forty-six millions per annum and in the past six years had shown an increase of one hundred per cent.

The speaker quoted President Underwood of the Erie railroad, whom, he said, got his start in Yankton, in the railroad business, and was now at the head of a road that was acknowledged the head in the cheap handling of freight. Mr. Underwood, he stated, had remarked that in the near future a railroad would be built from Yankton to the gulf, where light grades, the elimination of curves, and a straight line would mean a serious competition and that he was preparing

or that time so sure to come. Throughout his remarks only part of which are given here, Mr. Hill was closely listened to and he convinced his hearers that the long dreamed of southern outlet was now more than a dream and was actually to be had for the grasping, with the necessary amount of cash and energy.

AN EXCURSIONLESS FOURTH.

New Laws Have Put Old Cheap Rates Out of Business.

Norfolk and Nebraska are going to enjoy an excursionless Fourth of July this year. It will also be the first Fourth in years without the "fare and a third" special rates, the two-cent fare bill having superseded or "generalized" all special rates within the state.

This is the week of home comings and Fourth of July visits. Travel out of Norfolk opened strong with the new week. But it will be interesting to watch the effect of the new order of things on the size of the crowds that flock to the Fourth of July celebrations of north Nebraska, now that special rates are no longer heralded in connection with the celebrations.

The old Fourth of July rates have not totally vanished from the face of the earth. You can on the third, Fourth and fifth of July buy round trip tickets as of old—by paying double the single fare. The Norfolk citizen who purchases his ticket both ways before sailing forth in search of a celebration will at least be assured of a safe journey home even if his finances are depleted by the end of the day's jollification.

The Northwestern is arranging for extra equipment to meet all demands of the Fourth but there will be no special trains anywhere.

VETERANS ARE AT NELIGH

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT THERE.

CONTINUES FOR FOUR DAYS

Riverside Park at Neligh is in Excellent Condition for the Four Days of G. A. R. Encampment—Program for the First Day.

Neligh, Neb., July 2.—Special to The News: The Northeast Nebraska district G. A. R. reunion opened in Neligh today and continues four days. Riverside park is in the best of condition, and camp life will certainly be enjoyed to its fullest extent. Following was the program for today:

- 9:00 a. m.—Music by the band. Invocation.
10:30 a. m.—Address of welcome and turning over camp, by Mayor John S. Kay of Neligh.
Response by District Commander J. M. Coleman.
Band concert until noon hour.
1:00 p. m.—Exhibition of speed from stable of John S. Kay, three heats, to go at 1:30, 1:50 and 2:10.
Base Ball—Neligh sluggers vs. Oakdale.
8:00 p. m.—Campfire, conducted by Orange Brittell. Speakers of the G. A. R. and addresses to campfire by E. D. Kilbourn and others.
10:30.—Taps.

FEDERAL OFFICE HERE VACANT

Warren McClary Has Resigned Deputy Clerkship of Court.

A vacancy exists in Norfolk's list of federal officers. Warren McClary, appointed deputy clerk of the federal court in Norfolk on the passage of the federal court bill, has resigned his clerkship in taking charge of the book-keeping department of the Fair store. Mr. McClary's resignation was sent to Omaha last week but he has not been relieved.

The deputy clerk in Norfolk has charge of the papers and court records in the Norfolk court district. The office is a fee office with a possible salary of \$120. The post does not make exhaustive demands on the officeholder's time and affords the honor of court connections.

Appointment to the deputyship is made by Clerk of the United States Circuit Court George H. Thummel and Clerk of the United States District Court R. C. Hoyt of Omaha with the approval of Judge W. H. Munger of the federal bench.

NEW MILEAGE BOOKS HERE.

Commercial Travelers Have Been Refusing to Buy Tickets.

Norfolk commercial travelers may have the satisfaction henceforth of buying 1,000-mile railroad mileage books at \$20. The new forms of mileage books will be placed on sale in Norfolk railway stations in a day or so. The books are issued in accordance with Representative Knowler's bill enacted last winter by the legislature.

Knights of the grip will welcome the new book. They have not enjoyed the necessity of buying separate tickets at every railway station and as a result the passenger conductors have had to work overtime on rebate checks. In many cases the drummers positively refused to buy tickets at all, because of the delay occasioned at depot windows. They would run from town to the train, board the last car just as the wheels began to turn and then pay cash fares with 25 cents extra for a rebate.

The new books are good for one year and are made out "good for bearer."

ANOTHER TOY GUN VICTIM

LAD NEAR TILDEN SHOOTS SELF WITH REAL BULLET.

HAND AND FOOT ARE PIERCED

Eleven-Year-Old Son of Al Wills, Five Miles South of Tilden, Got a Full Fledged Lead Bullet Shell into the Gun by Mistake.

Tilden, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: The eleven-year-old son of Al Wills, living five miles south of Tilden, accidentally shot himself through a hand and a foot as the result of loading a toy pistol with a full fledged bullet-cartridge instead of a blank shell. His condition is not considered serious unless complications should set in.

The lad was playing with his toy pistol, intended for blank cartridges, and through a mistake loaded the gun with a bullet which held a genuine lead ball. The trigger snapped and the bullet plowed through his hand and a foot.

WARREN HOPKINS CAN NOT LIVE

Nine-Year-Old Boy Near Tilden Will Die as Result of Wound.

Tilden, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: Warren Hopkins, the nine-year-old lad who accidentally shot himself in the head while loading a 22-calibre rifle last week, is in a precarious condition and it is feared that he can not live.

It has transpired that the bullet, which entered his head near the right eye, struck a bone and glanced into the brain. Parts of the brain are still oozing from the wound and hope for his recovery has been abandoned. Partial paralysis of the left limb has already taken place.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

M. C. Hazen left at noon for Pierce, S. Draper of Niobrara is in Norfolk today.

C. D. Case of Wood Lake stopped in Norfolk.

M. Holbrook of Wayne spent yesterday in Norfolk.

W. R. Locke of Stanton was in the city yesterday.

S. W. Montgomery was up from Madison yesterday.

Henry Thornton of Hastings was in the city yesterday.

R. E. Faith was a Creighton visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

M. Ellingson of Winnetoon spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Charles E. Cobbey of Beatrice was in the city yesterday.

C. Geary of Inman was in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday.

F. J. Hale of Atkinson was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson of Stanton county was in the city today.

Attorney M. F. Harrington of O'Neill was in Norfolk over Monday.

Attorney W. A. Meserve of Creighton was in Norfolk over night.

Mrs. Gus Kuhl arrived home last evening from a southern trip.

John S. Bates and daughter of Fairfax spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Miss Rosalie Sherman of Genoa was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Adams is home from a visit with her parents at Hastings.

John Collins of Marcus, Iowa, visited friends in Norfolk over Sunday.

H. Peterson and John S. Kirving of O'Neill were in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Dudley and sister, Miss Mable Tanner, left today for Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Peter Kautz, D. E. Neller and John Kaulen were Hoskins visitors in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Frances Mrs. Chapman and Miss Etta Napper are home from a visit with relatives in Missouri.

Miss Josephine Butterfield, who has been at Wellesley college, will return to Norfolk by way of the great lakes.

Miss Elsie Marquardt is on a two weeks vacation from her work in Anthes & Smith's department store and will visit friends in Omaha and Bazile Mills.

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Pringle of Pierce passed through Norfolk last evening on their way for a month's outing at Casper, Wyo.

Ludwig Koenigstein left yesterday for a visit with his brother, Arthur Koenigstein, at the latter's home in Arkansas. Enroute he will spend a few days with Hugo Asmus in Kansas City.

Con. Schveigsuth left for Sioux City yesterday.

I. J. Wilson is working out of Missouri Valley now.

Dr. Pringle of Pierce passed through here last night on his way to Casper.

Mrs. Duell and two children left for Iowa this noon to visit with her parents.

Mrs. Hackett and son Paul went to Meadow Grove last night for a few days' visit.

A new cement sidewalk has been put around the house occupied by William Beck.

Mrs. Mike Ryan returned home from Creighton last night where she has been visiting.

Mrs. Shippee went to Beaver City yesterday noon to visit a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Wishard of Stanton was in Norfolk yesterday, returning home on No. 40 last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodson of Lynch are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long for a couple of days.

John Koerber, who has been helping his father put up the telegraph wires on the Rapid City and Pierre line,

has come home to spend the Fourth, and Mr. Koerber is expected home in a couple of days.

Otto Shybo of Pilger, who has been here visiting with friends for a couple of days, returned home last night.

Miss Marvel Satterlee, who has been up at Long Pine visiting with her father, returned home yesterday.

Miss Gertrude Wilson is in Clearwater visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, formerly of Norfolk.

Harry Briggs, who has been up at Niobrara watching an engine, came back and is now working in the round-house.

Ed Krohler, who has been here visiting with his brother Frank, returned yesterday on the noon train to his home in Havelock.

Mr. Hurd of Staples, Minn., came here last night to visit with his family who are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burnette.

About two weeks ago Orley Nelson scratched his finger with a pin. Blood poisoning has now set in and Orley has a very sore hand. Leo Williams is now working in his place.

Mrs. Otto Rankin went to Omaha this morning and will return this evening and go on through to her home in Coda, South Dakota. She has been here visiting with her parents, Miss Ruth Grauel, her sister, will accompany her to Cody tonight for a few weeks' visit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry of Warnerville, a daughter. A force of section men have been engaged in removing the switch track that ran across part of the Northwestern's new passenger depot lot.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Overlocker have moved into the residence on South Eighth street until recently occupied by C. P. Parish.

E. Sly is arranging a camp near M. C. Hazen's summer camp on the river near Taft's grove. Mr. Sly with his family will spend the next few weeks in their camp home.

The regular July meeting of the Norfolk board of education was to have been held last evening but for lack of a quorum failed to materialize. The members present adjourned to meet at the call of President Vele.

Norfolk friends have received cards from Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Heckman, formerly of Norfolk but now of Council Bluffs, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Hattie Louise Heckman, to John F. Faubel of Hadar, the ceremony occurring on Sunday, June 30. Mr. and Mrs. Faubel will be "at home" in Hadar after July 15.

Hartington Herald: Phillips Pickels, a well known resident of the north part of the county, was drowned in about fifteen inches of water at the edge of the Missouri river some time Tuesday. Pickels was sixty-eight years old and a well known character along the river. He has worked with a saw mill crew for years and while no definite information can be obtained there is somewhat of a mystery surrounding his death. There are several stories afloat as to the cause of drowning but so far nothing definite has developed.

Elkhorn encampment No. 27, I. O. O. F., installed officers at a meeting held in the lodge room last night. The following officers were installed: E. R. Hayes, c. p.; C. E. Doughty, h. p.; R. W. Boyd, s. w.; J. T. Wolfkill, j. w. and treasurer; M. C. Walker, scribe. After the installation ceremonies the members adjourned to Vail's ice cream parlors and enjoyed refreshments.

Clergymen's half fare permits became void in interstate travel from, through or into Nebraska on the Northwestern Monday. With the introduction of the two cent fare in the state clergymen's half fare permits were canceled so far as state trips were concerned but with the incoming of July the permits become void for any and all trips through two-cent territory.

Herman Mal, the Norfolk section man whose shoulder was crushed in the Northwestern yards Friday morning when he was run down by a switch train, has been improving. It is still considered too early to tell the final outcome of the accident on account of the serious condition in which the man's shoulder was left by the mishap. Mal lives near Fourth street and Lincoln avenue and is married.

Butte Gazette: Mrs. Lena Whistler of Gross, Neb., a Boyd county citizen who has given the world a practical illustration of how a woman may be a successful farmer, was in Butte Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. Mrs. Whistler fled on a homestead about six miles northeast of Spencer, nine years ago, with comparatively nothing to start on, and today she is independently well fixed. She is the owner of a 160-acre farm, well improved and stocked and has eighty acres of fine school land, besides a neat bank account. She marketed \$500 worth of hogs and corn this spring.

"BILLY" FERGUSON IN TROUBLE Has Dispute With Neligh Marshal and is Arrested There.

Neligh, Neb., July 2.—Special to The News: "Billy" Ferguson of Norfolk, one of the first arrivals at the reunion here, is in trouble. "Billy" arrived in Neligh last night and at once set up a shoe-shine establishment. Before long he had become engaged in a dispute with a policeman and as a result the Norfolk man was placed under arrest. This morning he was brought before Police Judge McAllister and assessed \$10 and costs. Having not the necessary wherewithal, Billy Ferguson will be obliged to remain in the Neligh jail until the fine is paid or until after the reunion.

MAN DROWNED AT NELIGH

RAY O. GROOMS OF ARNOLD, NEB., IS THE VICTIM.

BODY IS NOT YET RECOVERED

Young Man Who Had Been Working His Way Through School Loses Life in Elkhorn—Parents Have Arrived on Scene—Dynamite Unsuccessful.

Neligh, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: The Elkhorn river claimed its annual victim Saturday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock in the person of Ray O. Grooms of Arnold, Nebraska. Mr. Grooms in company with R. L. Haman went to the river for a plunge, and not being acquainted with the stream and unable to swim he stepped off into a deep hole and got beyond his depth. Mr. Haman rendered all the assistance possible to help his companion to shore, even holding his hand as long as possible, but as the current was fast taking him down he soon became exhausted and was compelled to give up. The last words uttered by the drowning boy were: "Come this way."

The alarm was immediately given and soon swimmers and divers from Neligh were doing their utmost to recover the body, but all seemed to be in vain. A hay rake was brought into action and dragged across the river a number of times, but this also proved unsuccessful. The search was continued until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and again resumed at about 8 and continued during the day. At least 200 men and boys worked faithfully all the time.

The water where Mr. Grooms lost his life is from fifteen to twenty feet deep and very swift. He was a young man twenty-one years of age and had been attending the normal college at Kearney. He was working his way through school and was in Neligh in the interest of an educational association. He also represented a firm of St. Louis, selling stereopticon views. His parents reside near Arnold and were at once notified of their son's misfortune. They arrived in Neligh last evening.

Late yesterday afternoon dynamite was used to raise the body, but this also proved unsuccessful. However, the search is still going on.

NEBRASKA CORNFIELDS BEST.

Northern Nebraska Crops Surpass Those Down Bostonway.

Nebraska's crops this year are the best to be found anywhere between Norfolk and Boston, according to W. H. Butterfield who arrived home Sunday evening from Boston. This is not a year for crop pessimists, Mr. Butterfield says, for the crops, though backward, are on the whole promising. But it is the western fields that are the most promising at this time and as one travels east the fields of grain become more backward.

In Ohio and Indiana winter wheat is laying the basis for a good crop but corn is backward. One Ohio farmer, Mr. Butterfield avers, was husking his corn as he rode east and was only completing his planting on Mr. Butterfield's return west. But all in all it was the Nebraska crops that showed up the best, the beauty and the healthy appearance of the green fields increasing as one rides west across the country.

Alva Briggs Dead.

Bristow, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: Alva Briggs, formerly of Knox county, one of the pioneer settlers and a highly respected citizen of Bristow, died at his farm, south of Bristow, at 1:30 a. m. from pneumonia. A wife, three sons and two daughters mourn his death.

Death of Dr. Antorin.

Creighton, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: Dr. J. E. Antorin, a prominent veterinary surgeon here, died yesterday afternoon as the result of an operation for appendicitis. He was operated on Thursday but the disease was said to have gone too long. The funeral was held this afternoon, under the auspices of Masons. He leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters. A brother from Eldora, Iowa, arrived a half hour too late to see Dr. Antorin alive. Dr. Antorin was a successful man in his work and had a large practice.

FOUND DEAD ON FARM.

Mark Moore of Stanton Meets Death Alone.

Stanton, Neb., June 29.—Special to The News: Mark Moore, an old and highly respected citizen of this town was found dead on his farm five miles east of town. Mr. Moore was born in Devonshire, England, in October, 1842. He and his wife came to New York in 1870, where they lived two years. He then emigrated to Iowa, where he resided one year. In 1873 he homesteaded in Colfax county, Nebraska, three miles southeast of the present town of Howells, where he lived until five years ago, when he removed his home to Stanton. He is survived by an adopted son; one brother at Howells; a sister at Armour, South Dakota; and two sisters in England. He was highly respected and a life long christian.

Billiters Are Divorced.

Ainsworth, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: A special term of the district court was held here presided over by Judge Westover, called to try the Billiter divorce case. The case was heard, a divorce granted and an

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equitable division of the property made. Mrs. Billiter was represented by Mike Harrington of O'Neill and Jack Billiter by A. W. Scattergood of Ainsworth. The Billiters are old citizens of this county and were in good circumstances. The separation occurred in the early spring.

SPENCER RACE MATINEE.

Was a Success in Every Particular. Grand Stand Finished.

Spencer, Neb., July 1.—Special to The News: The racing matinee which took place here Saturday afternoon was a success in the fullest sense of the term. The weather was ideal, the crowd was immense and the races were fine, fast and exciting. The new grandstand was completed just in time and much appreciated by the throng of people. The track was in good condition and everything passed off without a ruffle or an accident.

Reichmann Better.

Butte Gazette: We are indeed glad to note that Brother Reichmann of the Bonesteel News is up and attending to business again, after having suffered a severe hemorrhage, from the effect of which he was seriously ill for several days.

BARNUM CIRCUS MAY COME

BIGGEST OF ALL CIRCUSES HEADED TOWARD NORFOLK.

CORRESPOND WITH RAILROADS

It is Believed That the Chances Are Good That Norfolk May Get a Close Range View of the Greatest Show on Earth This Month.

Barnum & Bailey's big circus, the "biggest show on earth," will, it is believed, show in Norfolk during the coming month. The big circus is showing in Minnesota at this time and is headed towards Norfolk.

Barnum & Bailey have entered into correspondence with the railroads on a contemplated trip through Nebraska with Omaha, Lincoln and Norfolk among the towns under consideration. No contracts have been entered into but it is considered very probable that Norfolk may have a chance to see the big circus at close range.

A visit from Barnum & Bailey to any city in the west would be a red letter day in the local calendar of the city. Norfolk would greet the big show with a record breaking crowd. Barnum & Bailey opened the season last spring in Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The show has been working west, having passed through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. The show will be at Minneapolis tomorrow and comes to Sioux City two weeks from today. Press matter was received from the circus by The News some months ago.

CORN FULLY KNEE HIGH

MAIZE OF NORTHWEST REACHES PROPER STATURE.

FIELDS ARE FREE FROM WEEDS

Northern Nebraska and South Dakota Have Advantage Over Southern Nebraska in Regard to the Clean Fields of Grain.

Corn in north Nebraska and the Rosebud reservation of South Dakota will be knee high by the Fourth.

A ride through the country shows that, where cornfields are slightly backward, there is a considerable portion which already comes up to the proverbial Fourth of July height and thus assures a bountiful harvest before the frost.

In many ways northern Nebraska has the advantage over southern Nebraska in the cornfield of this summer. Down in the southern part of the state there was so much rain that farmers were unable to get into the fields to plow out the weeds and as a result the fields are said to be in bad condition. In northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota, however, there has been just enough rain to keep the stalks leaping skyward and not enough to prevent active work in plowing out the weeds.

The past ten days have made a wonderful difference in the condition of the growing crops in this part of the west. While some small grain is going to be light, the high prices will more than make up for prosperity to farmers of the northwest.