

WIND AND HAIL STORM

SEVERE TORNADO STRUCK LONG PINE SATURDAY.

WAS SEVERE HAIL AT GREGORY

The Northwest Was Dotted With Very Severe Tornadoes Saturday Evening, Much Damage Done at Various Places.

Long Pine, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon Long Pine was visited by the heaviest wind, rain and hail storm in the history of the town. In some instances the storm took on the force of a cyclone and almost everything movable was carried from its place.

The Methodist church had just recently been remodeled and rebuilt, was completely wrecked and the whole structure is now in ruins. On Sunday afternoon the members of the church had a meeting to make arrangements for a new building.

The storm came from the north and a light wind was blowing from the south, the two winds meeting and coming to the ground at a point just above the town. Many people saw the storm approaching and hastened to their cellars and caves. The streets were crowded with farmers buying their weekly supplies. The business houses were soon packed with badly frightened people; men were yelling, women were fainting and above all the dreadful roar of the wind as it picked the shingles from the roofs of houses and in many cases carried away the whole roof. The first real thought of danger was when the large fire bell over the town hall came crashing to the sidewalk and the large timbers from the bell tower went flying through the glass windows on the opposite side of the street. One of the timbers passed into the front part of the meat market, which was crowded with men, women and children. Thos. Wright, a farmer living north of town, was struck in the abdomen and suffered internal injuries from which he probably will not recover. A number of other people were slightly injured by flying glass and timbers.

The interstate telephone company is perhaps one of the heaviest losers, as almost all of the telephone poles are broken off at the ground and wires are broken and scattered throughout the town.

The large carpenter shop belonging to E. E. Ansminger and containing much valuable machinery, is a complete wreck, as is also a large number of barns and other smaller buildings. Large pieces of timber were carried for half a mile and were sent through the air with such force that they were carried through the roofs of different buildings. The old Northwestern roundhouse was completely unroofed as was also the coal sheds and a number of other buildings belonging to the company. A number of barns and windmills were literally torn to pieces and twisted out of shape. Several new houses which were almost completed were carried and twisted from their foundations. Many trees were torn up by the roots and carried blocks away. Almost every business house had one or more windows broken by flying debris.

Arba Robinson, manager of the Long Pine dray line, had just put his horses in the barn when the whole building went up in the air and dropped with a crash about eighty feet away. Mr. Robinson had a very narrow escape. One of the horses was carried with the barn, but was not in the least injured. There was hardly a house in the town that was not damaged in some way.

An estimate of the damage as given out by some of the leading insurance agents is \$20,000, about half of it covered by tornado insurance. The hail did little damage as it came after the wind had subsided and the hailstones were very small.

Hail Damage at Gregory.

Gregory, S. D., July 8.—A big hail storm struck here at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Thirty-five store windows were broken on Main street. Hundreds of windows were smashed over the town.

Small grain has been damaged one-fourth. The damage is mostly local.

Destructive Wind at Creighton.

Creighton, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: Severe wind Saturday evening moved three barns from their foundations, totally demolishing one. Two houses were moved from their foundations. Thirteen windmills were demolished and two miles of telephone poles and wires destroyed. The storm was three miles wide and occurred three miles east of here.

Wind and Hail at Niobrara.

Niobrara, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: Severe rain, wind and hail struck here at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, doing great damage to shade and fruit trees and almost ruining small grain. Considerable damage to corn is reported. Gardens were ruined by the rain and hail. A large barn on the Persons farm south of town was blown to pieces. The large government wagon bridge west of town crossing the Niobrara river had sixteen feet of the approach taken about 125 feet out into the stream where it caught on some piling. Much apprehension was felt at first as the clouds were of unusual color. So far as is known no lives were lost.

Woman Killed on Rosebud.

Valentine, Neb., July 8.—During a severe electrical storm, which passed

over the Rosebud agency, north of here, Mrs. Alfred Bordeaux was killed by lightning. Telephones were burned out and several horses killed. The storm was accompanied by a high wind, which did considerable damage.

Hail at Petersburg.

Petersburg, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: A heavy wind and rain storm visited this section of the country. The wind brought rain and hail which fell for about fifteen minutes, doing great damage to crops west of here. The hail fell in streaks. East and north of here no hail fell but a heavy rain, and west considerable damage was done to winter wheat. For four consecutive years hail has done damage to a strip of land west of Petersburg.

The rain was of great benefit to the crops as it had been some weeks since the last rainfall and the ground was quite dry.

BARNES BRINGS SUIT FOR LIBEL

WILL ARREST EDITOR GEORGE A. MILES OF O'NEILL.

UNDER CRIMINAL LIBEL LAW

FOR STATEMENTS MADE IN HOLT COUNTY INDEPENDENT.

MUST NOW PROVE HIS CHARGES

Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes of Norfolk Authorized His Attorney, Burt Mapes, to Commence Action Against O'Neill Newspaper Man.

Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes of Norfolk, justice of the Nebraska supreme court, has authorized his attorney, Burt Mapes of this city, to commence action against George A. Miles, editor of the Holt County Independent of O'Neill, for criminal libel.

Basis for the suit is found in an article which appeared in the Independent last week in which vicious and libelous charges are made against the supreme judge. The charges are so criminal and terrible that Judge Barnes and his friends will give the O'Neill editor an opportunity to produce the proof of his story or face a term in the penitentiary.

This action was authorized by Judge Barnes after he had consulted with friends in Norfolk and other parts of the state who declare that there is not a particle of truth in the charges made by the O'Neill paper against Judge Barnes and say that upon his failure to produce evidence in support of false statements, it may go badly with the Holt county newspaper man. Judge Barnes left on the early train for Lincoln to attend a session of the supreme court. His decision to prosecute Editor Miles was reached late last night, after he had consulted with his friends here.

Some in Norfolk May Get Stung. Along with the determination to prosecute the Holt county editor on a charge of criminal libel, Judge Barnes determined also to give a number of local scandal-mongers who have been retailing stories concerning him on the streets, an opportunity to prove their statements in court.

It will probably be found before they get through that those persons and newspapers who have been busy themselves with the affairs of Judge Barnes will be taught a severe lesson as the judge is determined that those who have been slandering him shall either prove their assertions or suffer the consequences.

DEMENTED MAN IN THE FIELDS

Was Seen Between Neligh and Plainview by a Farmer.

Plainview, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: Will Peterson, a farmer living a short distance north of Plainview, came to town and reported that he had seen a crazy man at the roadside while returning from the celebration at Neligh. Peterson stated that the man was nude and, while crossing the fields, would occasionally run as though pursued. Others saw the unfortunate man but none got close enough to identify him. It was a first thought here that the man might be Ray O. Grooms, who was drowned at Neligh and whose body was not found till Saturday.

LOOK INTO CREAMERY RATES.

State Railway Commission Will Hear Case August 6.

Lincoln, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: Fearing that the big creameries and the Western Freight association are trying to kill the small creameries, the railway commission has called a public meeting of dairymen at Lincoln August 6.

The western association has announced special rates for long shipment and has boosted other rates. The commission will not allow new schedules to become effective until the matter is explained.

There are store-ads. printed today which will quicken the interests even of those curious folks who only "glance over the ads. now and then."

BOND MEN GET COLD FEET

NORFOLK SCHOOL BONDS FOR \$24,000 RETURNED.

PROBLEM IS NOT YET SETTLED

The Board of Education Received Word More Than a Week Ago That the Chicago Bond Buying Firm Had Decided to Accept Bonds.

The Norfolk board of education has the \$24,000 high school bond issue back on its hands again. The Chicago firm of Trowbridge, Niver & Co., which bid in the bonds at four and a half percent at a premium of \$341, has notified the board that the bonds will not be taken up by the company.

The various bids submitted by the several bidders for the bonds last spring provided that the bonds must be approved by the bidder's attorney. The Chicago company takes advantage of this provision in withdrawing its bid. The history of the school bonds was approved by the state auditor and the position taken by the Chicago company in the matter is declared by members of the board to be a mere subterfuge.

Trowbridge, Niver & Co.'s offer for the high school bonds was accepted by the board on May 6. A few days later a certified check for \$1,000 was filed with the board. After many weeks had elapsed and no word came from Chicago the board wrote to the bond firm asking for action on the bond purchase. In reply the Chicago firm backed away from the transaction.

The next best bid received by the board last May on four and a half percent bonds was the \$51 premium offered by Mason, Lewis & Co. of Chicago. This company has written to the board that it would not duplicate its offer of last May because of changes in the condition of the general bond market.

The Norfolk board of education held a special meeting Saturday evening in the office of President Vile. No action was taken at the meeting in regard to the bond muddle. Members of the board are having the general condition of the bond market investigated before taking further action towards disposing of the bond issue authorized at last April's election.

MONDAY MENTION.

N. M. Johnson was in Omaha today. S. Beck returned at noon from Stanton.

C. S. Hayes left at noon for Battle Creek.

Carl Lehman visited friends in Stanton today.

Jack Wells of Lincoln spent Sunday in Norfolk.

A. J. Hoelue of Osmond was in Norfolk Sunday.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was up from Madison Sunday.

Frank Flinn was in Grand Island over Sunday.

Emil Grosse of Beemer was in Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Wood of Bonesteel is in Norfolk today.

C. S. Smith of Madison was in Norfolk over night.

F. W. Liermann of Beemer was in Norfolk Saturday.

H. M. Scott of Plainview stopped in the city Saturday.

C. D. Case of Wood Lake was in Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. O. R. Meredith was in Stanton Saturday afternoon.

Fred Pilger of Plainview is visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Virginia Hale of Atkinson was in Norfolk Saturday.

Miss Alvira Johnson is home from a visit to Wisconsin.

John R. Hays returned Saturday evening from Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hibben returned Saturday from Oakdale.

Miss Lizzie Schramm returned to the Fremont normal yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farlin were up from Madison over Sunday.

Miss Edith Barrett returned to the Fremont normal this morning.

Miss Bell Temple of Wayne is in Norfolk on a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Gow.

James W. Gordan, connected with the Genoa Indian school, was in Norfolk Saturday evening, returning to Genoa.

Mrs. Charles Lodge left Sunday noon to visit her husband, who entered the General hospital in Omaha last week on account of liver and heart trouble.

J. C. Stitt left at noon on a business trip to Neligh and Oakdale.

Chris Anderson left Monday on a business trip to North Platte.

Miss Birdie Kuhl will return this evening from a visit at Fremont.

County Attorney J. A. Van Wagenen of Pierce was in Norfolk last evening.

Preston Ogden returns tomorrow to Moody Institute in Chicago after a short vacation visit in Norfolk.

Miss Ida Jones of Winnetoon, who has been visiting in Norfolk, left at noon for her home in Winnetoon.

Mrs. Bruno of Columbus, who has been in Norfolk on a visit with Mrs. W. S. Fox, left at noon for a visit at Creighton.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham and daughter, Miss Fale, arrived home Saturday evening from a visit at Adell and Rockwell City, Iowa.

Mrs. L. C. Mather and Miss Harriet Mather left today for Seattle, Wash., where they will visit relatives during the coming year.

M. D. Tyler, past exalted ruler of the Norfolk lodge of Elks, and C. B. Salter will leave tomorrow morning for Philadelphia to attend the grand lodge of Elks. They will go by way

of Niagara Falls, New York City, Washington, and will probably visit the Jamestown exposition.

Frank Clark is quite ill.

Billy Hill went to Omaha this noon on business.

Mrs. Van Evans' sister and two children of Fremont are visiting with her this week.

Mrs. Ed. Adams returned home from Fremont last night, where she had been on business.

Mrs. Charley Taylor returned home from Marshalltown, Iowa, last night. She had been visiting with her son.

Mrs. Clarence Hedrick returned from Chadron yesterday where she has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Castle.

Mrs. Mather, who has been here visiting with her son, Miller Mather, left for her home in Seattle, Washington, today.

Mr. Branigan left for Wisconsin today on business.

The west passenger was delayed yesterday noon, until about 6 o'clock last evening, on account of a washout on the line, but an extra was made up at Long Pine with Mr. Case as conductor, which brought the passengers here at about 2 o'clock.

Mrs. R. W. Williams and Helen Beels returned from Columbus Saturday evening, where they spent the Fourth with Mr. Williams.

A. H. Vile left at noon on a business trip to Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich. He will be absent in the east for two or three weeks.

General Manager F. Walters and Engineer of Maintenance A. A. Schenck of Omaha were in Norfolk Monday noon enroute to Chadron.

Fred W. Hoffman of Omaha is in Norfolk the guest of Harold Gow. Mr. Hoffman is a student in the engineering department of the state university.

Commissioner John Malone of Madison was in the city completing the purchase of a bunch of cattle which go to his farm a few miles out from Madison.

Will Hoar of Wayne was in Norfolk last night enroute home from a business trip to Pierce. Mr. Hoar recently graduated from the law department of the state university.

Ernest Bridge has returned to Norfolk enroute to his home in Mount Vernon, S. D., from Spokane, where he went with his parents a few weeks ago. He says that he is glad to get back east.

General Superintendent S. M. Braden of Norfolk, Trainmaster E. O. Mount of Norfolk, Trainmaster J. Leppla of Fremont and Trainmaster M. E. Pangle of Chadron left for Chicago to attend the monthly meeting of Northwestern operating officials held in Chicago Tuesday.

Al Campbell, general agent of Campbell Brothers' circus, a Nebraska enterprise, was in Norfolk the guest of Robert F. Schiller of the Oxnard over Sunday. Mr. Campbell reports that his circus, which left for the coast after showing in Norfolk last spring, is doing a fine business in Idaho, Wyoming and Washington. Details of the contract for the return trip was the principal business that brought Mr. Campbell to Norfolk, where his negotiations were with the Northwestern. Mr. Campbell left Norfolk Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schwertfeger, a son.

Norfolk firemen are discussing plans for the annual picnic of the department. The picnic will be held in about a month.

George B. Christoph was awarded the contract for paints and oils and the contract for drugs for the Norfolk hospital during the coming quarter.

The Ladies Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. O. R. Meredith Tuesday afternoon. The ladies of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to be present.

O'Neill Independent: M. F. Harrington leaves Sunday for Omaha on his way to the Pacific coast and the Clipper mine. His sons will join him at Omaha and go with him. They will be absent until the latter part of August.

The necessary alterations have been made in the banking fixtures of the Nebraska National bank to make the fixtures conform with the bank's new home in the Cotton building. During the past two days men have been employed in setting up the fixtures.

Miss Alta McKiver of this city has been elected to a vacancy in the teaching force of the Norfolk schools. This election was made at a meeting of the board of education held Saturday evening. All vacancies in the ranks of Norfolk's teachers have now been filled.

The Madison Star-Mail subscription contest resulted as follows: Miss Stella Smith, Madison, first, 594,880 votes; Miss Nora Hoskins, Fairview, second, 283,100; Miss Maria Gobleman, Green Garden, 273,549; Miss Carrie Abts, Randolph, 161,600.

July 17 is the date set for the game between the Walthill Indians and the Norfolk Brownies. The game will be played at the driving park diamond. The Indians are from the Omaha and Winnebago reservations and have a fast team. They play at Plainview on July 16.

L. A. Rothe, who is to become vice-president and local manager of the Citizens National bank of Norfolk, has rented the W. H. Johnson residence property on Koenigstein avenue. Mr. Rothe will ship his household goods to Norfolk this week from his former home at Fonda, Iowa.

Sunday morning the engine on the Black Hills passenger out of Deadwood slipped a tire, the accident occasioning delay in the arrival of the north passenger from the hills Sunday. A special passenger train made up at Long Pine arrived in Norfolk on the

scheduled time, the regular Black Hills train arriving in the city several hours later in the afternoon.

One death and one prostration from heat are reported from Valentine in a dispatch to the Omaha Bee. The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of that place succumbed. A crippled man from Lincoln, who was helping to inflate a balloon prior to ascension, was overcome from heat and the gas, and for a time was in a critical condition, but will recover.

J. C. Pageler, farmers line agent for the Nebraska Telephone company, and Miss Lillian D. Neal of Peru were married in Peru on June 29. Mr. Pageler has been stationed in Norfolk since the first of May and has made many friends in the city. Mr. Pageler and his bride have arrived in Norfolk and are making their home with A. H. Bohannon at 200 South Ninth street.

Another soaking rain, just at the right time, drenched Norfolk and vicinity Saturday night. An inch and one-hundredth of water fell in a short time and crops were greatly benefited. While the air was sultry, nothing of the violent storm which raged in the country northwest of Norfolk, touching Long Pine, Niobrara and Gregory, was felt here. The temperature reached only 89 on Sunday. The atmosphere was intensely sultry Monday morning.

Clearwater Record: Plans for the waterworks system are rapidly being completed. It is understood that the tank will be placed in Chas. Neiderhede's carpenter shop so his gasoline engine can be used to do the pumping. The finance committee are meeting with good success in soliciting donations, as the business men and property owners seem very willing to donate sums of fifty or twenty-five dollars for the enterprise. Another meeting will be held in the near future.

Mrs. O. R. Meredith of this city is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Byron McKibben, who was sent to the Orient in the interests of the International Fisheries company. Mr. McKibben wrote from Yokohama in Japan and was preparing to depart for Shanghai, China. Mr. McKibben will have his headquarters in Japan during the year or two that he will spend in the east. Mr. McKibben is a Hastings boy and for three years was manager of the Western league baseball team at St. Joseph.

The Brink farm near Ponca, where lives Frank Brink, the young man released last week from the Norfolk insane hospital after having been an inmate just three months, and who was tried for murdering Bessie Newton, was visited by two lightning bolts Saturday morning and the barn was burned. A report from Ponca to the Sioux City Tribune says that superstitious folk up that way who disapprove of the acquittal of Brink believe that the lightning was indicative of the wrath of the Almighty.

The Norfolk city council this evening will decide whether or not Norfolk is to have an independent telephone exchange. At this evening's meeting of the council the independent franchise will be up for third reading and final action. Other items of business will come before the council but W. J. Stadelman's application for an independent telephone franchise in Norfolk represents the principal business of public moment. It is probable that the council meeting will be attended by many Norfolk citizens interested in the telephone situation.

Bassett Leader: The music loving portion of Bassett was given an excellent treat Friday evening by the Ahlman Concert company. Mr. Herman Ahlman, pianist, assisted by Miss Isabelle Havens and Miss Lizzie Ahlman, vocal soloists, gave the program. Mr. Ahlman is a young man of great musical ability, and music is his life study. He has devoted several years to his study and is now proposing to continue his musical education as far as possible in this country and then go to Germany to the masters. His execution was superb, and expression good. Miss Havens and Miss Ahlman did creditable work in the vocal numbers in which they appeared. The company has talent and is worthy of patronage.

Charles H. Groesbeck of Norfolk, general agent for the Gund brewing company in this territory, has been doing a land office business since the new clause regulating the sale of wholesale liquors went into effect. Under the new law keg beer can not be sold by retailers since this is held to be wholesaling, and retailers are not permitted to wholesale. The Gund distributing house in Norfolk is the only wholesale beer institution in the territory radiating out of Norfolk to Omaha, Sioux City, Columbus, the Rosebud reservation and the Black Hills—500 miles to the west. As a result many carloads of beer have been going out of Norfolk during the past few days into the big stretch of country, developing and settling up, which is tributary exclusively to Norfolk.

Senator Jonathan Prentiss Dooliver of Iowa, who delivered the principal address at the last spring session of the North Nebraska Teachers association in Norfolk and who is to speak at the Knox county institute to be held in Niobrara in August, has been issued a challenge for duel by Senator Benjamin F. Tillman of South Carolina. Senator Dooliver lectured at the Jackson, Michigan, chautauqua and, without attempting to reply seriously to the address of Senator Tillman on the negro question, ridiculed everything that Senator Tillman had said. Mr. Tillman hurried into town and inserted an ad. in the evening paper that he had been grossly insulted and that in the south the way those things

were adjusted was by duel. Dooliver read the statement in the newspaper and met Tillman in the Oswego hotel. A stormy interview followed, Dooliver left town and Tillman remained in the hotel.

Elston Review: An effort was made last Friday to get the National Bloomer ball team to stop off here Saturday morning and play a game of ball in the forenoon. They were passing through here enroute to Petersburg, where they were to play in the afternoon. The team agreed to come for a guarantee of \$15, which they could afford to do, since the stop here did not increase the expenses. The guarantee was secured and the amount raised from gate receipts. A ball team was picked up, and the game played. The result was a score of five to two in favor of Elston. Quite a number of our baseball enthusiasts went to Petersburg to see the game there in the afternoon. The game was a good one, resulting in a score of one to nothing in favor of Petersburg. The National Bloomers is an aggregation of "ladies" composed mostly of gentlemen, and are fair ball players, but met more than their match in the local teams at Elton and Petersburg.

Albert Rabe, arrested in Norfolk Saturday at the request of Marshal Shearer of Emerson, yesterday in Emerson admitted robbing the F. H. Mueller saloon at Emerson. On the Sunday previous to his arrest in a Norfolk saloon, Rabe had broken his way into the Mueller saloon building through the cellar. Rabe was taken to Emerson Sunday by Chief of Police John F. Flynn. After his arrival he admitted his guilt and detailed the circumstances of the robbery. A written statement was obtained by County Attorney F. S. Berry of Dakota county. Rabe connected with \$77.30 in the Emerson saloon. He had walked to Wakefield and taken the first train to Norfolk. With his "easy" wealth Rabe got on speaking terms with the fast life in Norfolk and dropped a little of his coin in Omaha on the Fourth, Saturday when he was gobbled up by Marshal Flynn. Rabe had exactly \$1.08 left. Rabe told the officers that he had been in Charleston, Iowa. He had been in Emerson for about a week. Rabe is a German, a heavy set young man of about twenty-five years and walks with a slight limp that renders his identification easy. He was in Norfolk the greater part of last week, stopping at a local rooming house.

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A MIRACULOUS ACCIDENT

PIERCE BOY WHIPPED AROUND BY REVOLVING CHURN.

DEATH NARROWLY AVERTED

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HE CONFESSES TO MURDER

W. J. SLOANE MAKES FULL ADMITION OF IT.

SAYS HE KILLED FRANK HERMAN

Man Arrested at Gretna, Neb., Two Weeks Ago is Taken to the Town Where the Decomposed Remains of His Victim Were Unearthed.

Grand Island, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: W. J. Sloane, arrested at Gretna about two weeks ago, has been taken to Stock where the decomposed remains of Frank Herman were found, and confessed fully and freely to the murder, adding that he now wants to go to the penitentiary and the sooner the better.

The preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow.

BARKER INSANITY HEARING

Webster County Murderer Must be Heard on Insanity Charge.

Lincoln, Neb., July 8.—Special to The News: Frank Barker, the Webster county murderer, attempted to delay his insanity hearing two weeks in the court of Judge Lincoln Frost this morning. The judge ordered that the case proceed tomorrow.