

ICE FAMINE THREATENS

ONLY ONE-FOURTH ENOUGH UP FOR NORFOLK'S USE.

THE SITUATION LOOKS SERIOUS

Unless a Week of Zero Weather Should Come to Norfolk's Relief, the Prospects For an Ice Famine Next Summer Are Mighty Discouraging.

With March, which holds the beginning of spring, but two weeks away Norfolk is facing the probability of an ice famine next summer. About 1,000 tons of ice have been housed and this amount represents only a fourth of the city's ice consumption during the hot months. No ice is being cut this week and no ice can be expected unless north Nebraska is granted ten days or a fortnight of real winter weather.

Situation is Serious.

The open winter has made the ice situation in Norfolk serious. Neither G. W. Schwenk nor John Schelly, two of the three local ice men, have been able to secure ice up to this time. J. W. Oertwich has filled his ice house from the Boche lake and his supply represents Norfolk's provision against the ice-consuming months.

Ice was to have been cut on the Northfork this week but the warm weather with which the week opened has put the ice in this vicinity to the bad.

Need a Zero Week.

A week of zero weather is needed, it is said, to make a harvest of river ice possible. With a short spell of cold weather some ice might be secured from nearby lakes and ponds but the condition of the roads and the location of the empty ice houses has caused the ice men to pin their hopes on river ice. If zero weather does not come within the next fortnight the ice men will give up for they say that by March the sun is too far north for the average March brand of coldness to help them.

The large consumers of ice in Norfolk, the brewing companies and others who have private ice vaults, will not be affected by the ice famine because their supply of ice has been housed during the past month from Krug's pond.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was up from Madison over night.

Miss Luree Beemer of Beemer has returned home after a visit with Norfolk friends.

G. A. Lindsay of Creighton was in Norfolk visiting his son, returning to Creighton Friday.

Harry Schiller of Central City is among the convention visitors in Norfolk this week.

Perry Covert, who has been with the Northwestern at Lander, Wyo., was expected home Friday.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Mrs. J. O. Barron, Coleridge; Ray Martin, Pierce; O. P. Kennard, Plainview; I. W. Donohue, Creighton; M. Nichols, Henry Weinberger, Foster; W. A. Rominger, Pilger; William O'Keefe, Verdigris; Miss Lillian Lucke, Hoskins; H. Magdanz, Pierce; T. C. Fleming, Beemer; John Shindler, Stanton.

R. V. Lundburg of Hoskins was in Norfolk.

Burt Mapes arrived home Friday morning from O'Neill.

Miss Lulu Nethaway is in Norfolk on a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. E. Nethaway.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse are in New Orleans today, enroute home from Florida, where they have spent the past week.

Born of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sterns, a son.

W. A. Emery has a slight attack of the grip.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Delahunt, Northwestern agent at Hadar, a son.

Charles Kienow of Wulnetoon, formerly in the implement business here, died Thursday, according to word received by Norfolk friends.

Madison and Newman Grove tie this time on baby crop statistics. County Clerk Richardson has received the birth statistics for the last quarter which follow: Norfolk, forty-five births; Madison, eighteen; Newman Grove, eighteen; Tilden, seventeen; Battle Creek, thirteen; Meadow Grove, five.

The basket ball team of the Madison high school lost two games at Genoa, being defeated by the Genoa high school 23 to 21 and on the following evening by the Genoa Indians 33 to 19.

George H. Spear of this city, after suffering with rheumatism for over six weeks, went to Hot Springs, S. D., a week ago and is now, according to a letter received from him yesterday, feeling very much relieved. In fact he is practically recovered. He writes that "you can't beat these waters up here for rheumatism in my honest opinion."

An additional teacher has been added to the high school faculty at Madison, the extra teacher being secured on account of the work in normal training which the Madison high school introduced last fall. The new teacher is Miss Warnek of Wayne, a graduate of the University of Nebraska at the mid-winter commencement this month.

Omaha Bee: Twelve members of the Young Men's Christian association will go to Norfolk Saturday to demonstrate to the Young Men's Christian association of that town the work which is being done in the Omaha gymnasium. Those going to Norfolk are J. C. Pentland, S. G. Roberts, N. O. Rasmussen, F. Kavan, F. E. Mel-

cher, J. Jerig, T. Burrell, W. E. Roestig, W. H. Ellis, F. J. Tricka, H. Cousman and R. A. Wendell.

Sam Morton, formerly of Pilger, has moved to Norfolk with his family.

O'Neill Independent: Owen Meredith son of J. H. Meredith, graduates at the West Point military academy on the 14th of this month. Owen was one of the three who stood high in their averages and was put ahead of the class which graduates in June. This was done on account of shortage of officers in the navy. You always find O'Neill in the front wherever she is represented.

The little Shippee boy has not been taken to the reform school at Kearney yet is still in Madison. The school at Kearney is said to be under quarantine on account of smallpox and Sheriff Clements has delayed taking his fourteen-year-old charge south. It is possible now that the boy may not be taken to the school at all as a grandfather has stepped in and arranged to have the case reviewed by District Judge Welch. Senator Allen has been retained to appeal the case from the action of the county judge.

OIL PROSPECTORS.

Three Concerns Make Leases and Will Start Drilling Near South Shore.

Watertown, S. D., Feb. 17.—Whether petroleum exists in paying quantities in the northern portion of Codington county will soon be determined. Drilling to penetrate the layer of shale which underlies this region will be commenced early in the spring; in fact, C. W. Gilmore of Pipestone, Minn., and Lyman Alford of Robinson, Ill., already have a complete drilling outfit on the way and work will be begun in a few weeks. They have leased 4,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Punished Woman's lake, near South Shore, a village on the Great Northern railroad twenty miles northeast of this city.

Messrs. Weaver and Gilbreath of California, oil prospectors, also have large tracts of land under their control. A Mr. Breckenridge, another prospector, has likewise secured control of many hundreds of acres, the area which these three combinations severally have under leased contracts aggregating between 10,000 and 12,000 acres.

Some months ago a man named Doremus, whose home is in Illinois, purchased a quarter section in the vicinity. The peculiar seum forming on the stagnant pools during a period of high water caused him to speculate upon the possibilities of oil. He induced D. F. Jones, a pharmacist of recognized reputation in the state, to visit the tract, and both were greatly surprised to find every little depression, such as indentations made by the feet of the cattle grazing on the land, filled with what appeared to be a good quality of petroleum. Samples were collected and tests proved their surmises to be well founded.

That oil lies beneath the surface is certain, but whether it is confined to a mere "pocket" or exists in large quantities is to be determined by tests. Gilmore and Alford expect to expend at least \$7,000 in penetrating the earth and shale to the sand below wherein oil, if found at all, is deposited.

The geological charts made by the federal government place the greater portion of South Dakota within what may be called the oil belt. The frequent discovery of gas in sinking artesian wells has aroused much speculation. All up and down the Missouri river valley, and in many places within the James River valley, a flow of gas is frequently characteristic of artesian wells. As yet no artesian well has been sunk in the upper portion of the Sioux valley, but the geological charts estimate the depth, basing the figures upon drillings to the north and east and west of the immediate region mentioned, at which oil or artesian flow of water may be secured, at 1,200 feet—that is to say, that the bottom of the shale which underlies the greater part of South Dakota is 1,200 feet below the surface.

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NAME Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS

GEORGE G. WALLACE OF OMAHA IS MADE PRESIDENT.

OPENING SESSION WELL ATTEND

When President E. E. Bennet of the Nebraska Y. M. C. A. Called the Convention to Order, More Than the Usual First Day Crowd Was in.

Officers of the twenty-eighth annual state convention of the Young Men's Christian association elected at the initial business meeting in Norfolk Thursday afternoon:

George G. Wallace of Omaha, president; W. D. Mead of York, W. G. Bishop of Wesleyan university at Lincoln; C. H. Tully, sr., of Grand Island, M. C. Steele of Omaha and D. Matheson of Norfolk, vice presidents; G. A. Young of Omaha, secretary; M. Neligh, Cotner university, Lincoln, assistant secretary.

Sixty delegates had already reached Norfolk and had gathered at the Methodist church when E. E. Bennet of Lincoln, the retiring president, called the convention to order for its first business meeting. The attendance was said to be unusually large for the opening meeting and was materially increased during the afternoon.

The convention was opened with an invocation for the divine blessing by Dr. C. W. Ray, pastor of the Methodist church.

W. W. Hughes of Central City, J. W. Good of Chadron and C. M. Kearney of Stanton were named as the nominating committee. The list of officers for the convention was reported back later in the afternoon and ratified.

The report of the state executive committee, prepared by Chairman W. J. Hill, was read by C. M. Mayne of Lincoln.

Following the report two of the officers-elect, Vice-Presidents Mead of York and Steele of Omaha were introduced to the convention by State Secretary J. P. Bailey.

The half hour devotion exercises with which the meeting closed were conducted by Mr. Steele.

Prof. Lyman of the Franklin academy of music, placed in charge of the convention music by the executive committee, led the singing.

Hoskins News Notes.

Samuel Nelson was in Norfolk Saturday to see about the Hoskins cable, which is out of order.

Ed. Wilkinson is spending a few days in Hoskins visiting relatives and friends.

The wrestling match between Walton and Pereba last Saturday night resulted in a fall a piece.

Miss Francis Leslie is recovering from the appendicitis.

Some Hoskins boys have the wrestling and boxing fever and are practicing daily.

Reveling meetings are being held in the German Methodist church.

The eldest son of Ed Beehmer's is down with the measles.

Some Omaha parties were in Hoskins looking over the restaurant proposition.

Rumor is afloat that Hoskins is to have a new brick school house next fall.

Fred Miller has installed a 5-horse power engine in his blacksmith shop.

Frank Benser will build a house on the lot opposite the hotel.

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PORTLAND THE GOAL.

Milwaukee Building West to the Coast May Run to Portland.

at Puget sound the road would build into the Oregon Metropolis. With other officials of the road Mr. Earling made an examination of the harbor and of the connecting terminal locations.

When asked as to the probability of his road building to Portland Mr. Earling returned the same answer he has given a number of times before—that the time is not ripe for such an announcement, as his company is now engaged in completing its extension west to Puget sound. His remark prompts the inference that as soon as that is accomplished he will turn his attention to this territory. On the occasion of this last visit he also said:

"We expect to have trains running into Tacoma and Seattle by April of next year, in time to get our share of the 1909 exposition travel. Within the next two months we will be running into Butte, Mont."

The remarkable record made by the Milwaukee in construction work on the coast extension in North Dakota and Montana during the present winter was emphasized recently when the first train to run between Forsyth on the east, and Harlowton, on the west reached the latter place, a distance of 170 miles.

WILL GO AFTER BUILDING

CITIZENS ORGANIZATION FORMED FOR Y. M. C. A.

C. S. BRIDGE IS CHAIRMAN

G. T. Sprecher Was Made Secretary and Will Stafford Treasurer of the Committee—100 Norfolk Men Will be Asked to Assist Movement.

C. S. Bridge, chairman, G. T. Sprecher, secretary, Will Stafford, treasurer.

By selecting permanent officers and by outlining a plan for a citizens organization, the movement to secure a Y. M. C. A. building for Norfolk was formally launched at a meeting of the provisional committee in the city hall Monday morning. This preliminary meeting had been announced at the closing session of the state Y. M. C. A. convention Sunday night.

The men at the Monday morning meeting did proceed hastily. Officers were elected in C. S. Bridge as chairman, G. T. Sprecher as secretary and Will Stafford as treasurer. It was determined to have a general city committee of a hundred citizens as the backbone of the projected organization.

The committee of 100 was in part outlined Monday morning and it was said that it would be completed at a meeting of the nominating committee in the evening.

As present formulated the general committee will probably be called on to choose an executive committee of about seven, this latter committee to get the building and subscription proposition ready for the people.

State Secretary Bailey of Omaha, International Secretary Parsons of Minneapolis, Mr. Mead of York, Assistant Secretary Simonds of Lincoln and Secretary Hughes of Central City remained in Norfolk until Monday noon in order to attend the meeting.

Secretary Bailey spoke encouragingly of the Norfolk prospects and promised the assistance of the state committee in the canvass.

COLORED TRAMPS ARRESTED.

Pair of Black Faced Hoboes Jugged in Norfolk.

The first colored tramps seen in Norfolk in twelve months were arrested last night by Chief Flynn and Officer Kell. The hoboes were found by the officers in the Union Pacific yards. The two negroes were on their way from Omaha to Denver.

Black-faced tramps are uncommon. The two black "bums" arrested last night were the first colored tramps seen in Norfolk since Chief Flynn took up the chief's office.

The two black men were in the city jail over night. They had no weapons more dangerous, than three knives. One knife being longer than the regulation length was taken from the men.

Large Crowd at Shaw Sale.

C. F. Shaw had a large crowd at his farm sale and Col. C. W. Anderson received many compliments for his ability as an auctioneer.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

It is harder to hate folks than it is to like them.

When you want a thing, an hour is a long time to wait.

You can easily play a joke on a man who likes to argue; agree with him.

Most men make the mistake of underestimating the strength of the enemy.

When a man is in danger it is not gossip to tell him so, if you are his friend.

Do something for the town in which you live, and you will do something for yourself.

When a man suffers with insomnia, he wants to wake up everybody else in the house to prove it.

If you can't resist the temptation to do an enemy harm, the only way is to wait for an opportunity and then hit him hard; but you should not spend your time in "talking" about him. You can't hurt an enemy that way.

FARMER BADLY BURNED

RICHARD WHITWER, NEAR TILDEN, SUFFERS IN FIRE.

WAS A GASOLINE ACCIDENT

Mr. Whitwer Touched a Match to the Gas-Filled Atmosphere and Instantly Was Wrapped in Flame—Body is Painfully Burned.

Tilden, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: Richard Whitwer, a farmer living three miles west of Tilden, was seriously, though not fatally, burned in a gasoline accident at his home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Whitwer, in filling the tank of a gasoline engine, split some of the contents of the can around the machine. He was going away from home and, fearing that the sun might come out and heat the gas to the explosive point, decided to burn up the gasoline on the ground.

He touched a match to it and instantly the atmosphere, which was filled with gas, became a mass of flame.

Mr. Whitwer took off his coat and began trying to whip out the fire but failed. His clothing caught fire and he was badly burned. His left arm was burned from elbow to finger tips and his shoulder and back were badly burned.

He seized a barrel of gasoline and rolled it through the fire, in an effort to extinguish the flame. Fortunately the barrel did not explode.

This morning Mr. Whitwer was suffering severely from his painful burns, but he will probably recover.

Neligh News Notes.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: Kryger Bros., of this city will open an electric theater in Romig's hall on February 24. It is planned to give entertainments twice each week to begin with, and if business warrants, exhibitions will be given each night. They have a fine line of moving pictures, and new sets will be received right along, so there will always be something new to add to the attraction. The hall has been newly painted and other improvements made. At night the front will be illuminated by colored electric lights.

The roller skating craze has struck this city. On Monday evening the old I. O. O. F. hall was opened to the public by Ira L. Johnson of Austin, Minn., who has been installing rinks in different parts of the state.

At a meeting of the school board a few days ago, Prof. Fisher of Beemer was elected to the principalship of the city schools next year. The resignation of Miss Maude Johnson, who had charge of the first and second grade was received and accepted.

Perdue Speaks at Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 14.—Frank S. Perdue, superintendent of the Madison county schools, was in Fremont. Mr. Perdue is one of the popular educators of the state who is receiving some mention for the nomination for state superintendent on the republican ticket. He was re-elected in Madison county last fall without opposition and polled the largest vote on the ticket. Mr. Perdue visited Fremont college this morning and made a brief address to the students at chapel exercises. He put in the remainder of the day calling on Fremont school men.

William Thatch, Stock Breeder.

Madison, Neb., Feb. 14.—Madison county bears an enviable reputation in the live stock world as being the home for breeders of high class pure-bred stock. Her breeders have taken numerous premiums at stock shows through the west and her product has been in demand throughout the entire country.

Among her youngest breeders is William P. Thatch who within a few years has forged to the front and now ranks as one of the best posted men, on what is good in live stock, in the state of Nebraska.

"Bill," as he is familiarly known, is a Madison county boy, the son of A. J. Thatch, county surveyor, and one of our most highly respected citizens. Soon after reaching his majority "Bill" married Miss Lola Stork, a Madison county girl, the daughter of Wm. Stork, one of the county's prominent farmers, and they decided to cast their lot in the pursuit of agriculture. They now occupy an elegant home on the outskirts of Madison and have around them all the many comforts that go to make life worth while.

"Bill" when a boy acquired a great loving for live stock and nothing suited him better than to be given the care of a cow or a team of horses and it is said he would often avoid his playmates to drive a team or to herd a bunch of cattle. In this way he fast gained a thorough knowledge of what qualities were necessary to breed good stock and now he is able to put the knowledge gained into practice. Within the past few years he has gathered around him a herd of cattle, horses and hogs that for excellence in breeding are not excelled by any herd in the state. "Bill" has been a consistent student of the business for years and does pretend, like some breeders, that he knows everything about the business but makes it a point to gain valuable information from other breeders. He has attended all the fairs and big stock shows in this section of the country and when something good took his eye did not hesitate to make a purchase and the result is a splendid herd of showy and toppy live stock that has the quality as well as the looks.

On February 22, 1908, Mr. Thatch

will hold a public sale at the Palace barns in Madison and at this time he will make a strong offering of pure-bred Percherons, Shorthorns and Poland-Chinas. This stuff is classy and select and should attract the attention of breeders from contiguous territory as well as abroad, and there is every reason to believe that this sale will prove an epoch in the sales of live stock in this section of the state. Each individual animal has been selected for his or her individual merit and the selection was made by Mr. Thatch in person with a determination to give buyers the best of the herd. All offerings have been fed on a balanced grain ration and are not loaded up with surplus fat which is detrimental to good breeding.

Harcourt, the herd boar, comes as near perfection in hog breeding as will be found in hogdom. He was bred by Harcourt & Johnson of New Augusta, Ind., famous breeders, and was finally purchased by A. A. Bley of Madison who in turn sold him to Mr. Thatch at a considerable figure. He is a splendid fellow with good size and quality unexcelled. He has all the points of the champion class to which he belongs, and is only a good specimen of the other members of this herd. There will be about twenty-five hog offerings.

Clapet 54476 who heads the splendid offering of Percherons, was imported from France in 1905 by Watson Wood Brothers & Kelley of Lincoln, Neb., who have an international reputation as importers of horses. This excellent animal is registered in the Percheron Register as number 41623 and by sale day will have been registered in the Percheron Society of America, thus making him doubly registered. This great fellow is Mr. Thatch's pride and will should be for he bears the record of never having failed to take a ribbon when entered in horse shows in this country or his native land. A number of mares with the same excellent breeding as Clapet will also be offered to buyers.

Among the leading offerings in Shorthorns will be Sarepta Archer 19th 264445, a likely fellow who has all the qualities of this famous blood and a more worthy individual will be hard to find. He is only one of a number of attractive offerings to be placed on sale.

Buyers attending this sale will run no risk in making purchases, as Mr. Thatch is permanently located. He has made all necessary arrangements for accommodating those in attendance and a good crowd is expected. This will be an opportunity seldom afforded lovers of high class live stock in this section of the country.

FARMER LOST FROM VIEW

FRANK GASTER, NEAR WEST POINT, DISAPPEARS.

NO KNOWN CAUSE FOR ACTION

Leaving Home Presumably to Visit His Brother-in-Law and Neighbor, Max Gehrhardt, He Has Not Been Seen Since.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 17.—Special to The News: Frank Gaster, a middle aged farmer, living on the old Demary farm, midway between Beemer and West Point, has mysteriously disappeared.

After supper on Wednesday evening he left home ostensibly to call on his brother-in-law and neighbor, Max Gehrhardt. Falling to return on Thursday morning it was ascertained that he had not been at Gehrhardt's the preceding night. Organized search was made but up to this time without result.

The father of Mr. Gaster died some weeks ago and during his sickness Frank stayed at his bedside constantly, depriving himself of needed rest and sleep and almost breaking down, physically, in his zeal for his father's comfort. It may be that the burden and strain of his long vigil has unsettled his mind and he has wandered away, otherwise no reason can be given for his disappearance.

He is a model citizen, born within a mile of his present home, a sober, industrious man of unblemished character.

CANVASSER FINED FOR INSULT

G. E. Harrington, One of a Bunch of Agents, Arrested.

G. E. Harrington, one of a bunch of picture artists representing a Chicago house in a Norfolk canvass just now, was arrested twice yesterday and finally convicted in police court on the charge of insulting a woman at a house where he has called. The complaint was signed by Gust Bathke.

Harrington called for a trial and was fined \$5 and costs. His attorney thought the fine large and wanted it cut down to the regulation schedule for disorderly conduct, \$2. The court finally compromised, changing the fine to \$3.

A charge filed against the canvasser by another party not pressed.

Arrested For Swearing.

Gus Kerber had Adam Schaeffer arrested yesterday for swearing at him. In justice court Justice Eiseley preached the doctrine of brotherly love and the men went up by dividing the costs between them and dropping the case. Both are laborers. Because Schaeffer could not speak English the court proceedings were in German.

Julyan Held.

Pierce, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: County Judge Kelley has held Charles Julyan of Plainview to the district court on the charge of administering medicine with criminal in-

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