

THE FOURTH IS COMING

MADISON HAS INVITED NORFOLK TO COUNTY SEAT.

300 PEOPLE BROUGHT THE BID

Stanton and Battle Creek Will Also Celebrate—Other North Nebraska Towns Are Making Elaborate Plans to Attract Visitors.

In a fortnight north Nebraska people will be called on to take their Fourth of July plans. And as usual citizens whose own town does not celebrate will visit neighboring towns, where they will widen their list of acquaintances and help create closer ties between neighborhoods.

Norfolk has already received an invitation to spend the Fourth of July in Madison. The invitation was officially issued by the Madison Commercial club. It was delivered to Norfolk by 300 Madison people who came to the firemen's carnival with the Madison band to put an exclamation mark after their expression of good will.

The Union Pacific will probably run an excursion to Madison on the Fourth the special leaving for the county seat about 9 a. m. In the evening the regular passenger will probably be held until 10 o'clock.

To the west of Norfolk Battle Creek will celebrate the national birthday. To the east Stanton will celebrate. Both will draw people from this city.

In Holt county Esling is bidding for Fourth of July visitors. In Keya Paha county Burton and Springfield, rival towns, will both celebrate.

Platte county announced a Pierce county celebration. The county military band has been engaged. Brownlee will celebrate in Antelope county.

Knox county people can celebrate in Niobrara. Boyd county will have at least a triple celebration.

Spencer, Butte and Lynch have already been heard from. There will be a race meet at Spencer, a week's carnival at Butte.

TUESDAY TOPICS

W. H. Whitman is compelled to use crutches because of a turned ankle. Monte J. Theobald of Wayne graduated from Wisconsin university with high honors. C. E. Doughty has begun excavating for a new residence on South Ninth street.

P. H. Patterson of Chadron was elected president of the Black Hills Traveling Men's association at the annual meeting and outing at Hot Springs, S. D.

Monday afternoon a force of men with teams removed the rubbish left on Norfolk avenue from the Parker shows.

The street commissioner had the King drag on the streets Monday afternoon, putting them in condition for travel.

The Epworth League convention of the Neligh district in session in Oakdale will close Thursday evening with a lecture, "Our Country" by Dr. Thomas Bithell of this city.

Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid of the Sixth Nebraska, with his secretary A. W. Humphrey, is one of the convention speakers in Chicago. Congressman Kinkaid will return to O'Neill as soon as the convention closes.

A group of Northwestern officials left Monday afternoon in a private car on an inspection tour of the Bonstedt line. The east trains from Fremont are still delayed and running slightly behind time on account of the soft track all along the line.

The newly elected officers of Mosside lodge, No. 45, A. F. & A. M. were installed last evening with the usual ceremonies. The new officers are: W. R. Hoffman, W. M.; H. Snyder, S. W.; M. C. Hays, J. W.; Geo. H. Burton, secretary; L. C. Millstead, treasurer; S. G. Dean, S. D.; Warren McHenry, J. D.; H. Gerecke, S. S.; H. C. Simmons, J. S.

"Blind Tom," who died Sunday at Hoboken, N. J., once gave a concert at the Methodist church in Norfolk. He was a famous negro musician, much like "Blind Boone" except that he was simple minded. Tom used to applaud his own work on the piano, doing this just as he did his music-making—wholly from hearing others do it. He had been living in retirement of late and subsisting on charity.

An amusing incident occurred in Norfolk police court recently. A German woman had been called to the stand to testify concerning a conversation which had taken place between two boys. Upon taking the stand she refused to testify except in German, explaining at the time that she was unable to speak English. The conversation of which she was to testify had taken place in English and the opposing lawyer was quick to see his advantage. He pointed out that it would be impossible for the woman to authentically testify as to a conversation in English when she could not understand it. The point was so well taken that the lady was forced to leave the stand without testifying.

BONAPARTE TO QUIT?

Relations of President and Attorney General Reach Critical Stage.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—That relations between President Roosevelt and Attorney General Bonaparte have reached a point where the latter thinks he should quit the cabinet is the belief of many here. Mr. Bonaparte has not felt at home in the department of justice, it is declared, since the trouble between himself and the president over the proceedings instituted in the case of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad company.

The action of the president in ordering the removal of United States District Attorney Norman M. Rulick and United States Marshal Ruel Rounds of Idaho is pointed out as a new source of trouble. Mr. Bonaparte was opposed to their removal, it is asserted.

STATEMENT SOON.

Carnival Committee Preparing Financial Report to Department.

Members of the committee from the Norfolk fire department, which had charge of the carnival of last week, stated today that they were unable to give the financial results of the carnival but that a statement would be prepared as soon as the bills outstanding were audited. The accounts have not been entirely closed up and members of the committee have not a definite idea of just what was netted.

Case May Be Dropped.

The bond of Dr. Brackling, who was bound over to the district court by Justice Lambert Saturday, has not been fixed. Dr. Brackling is charged with practicing medicine without a license. The case may be dropped as Dr. Brackling has signified his intention of getting a state certificate and thus complying with the law.

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