

Mystery in Boat Theft.

Enthusiasm marked the meeting of the entertainment committee for the Fourth of July last night, which was called to order at 8:30, with Chairman A. L. Killian presiding.

The final program, which has not as yet been completed, was talked over and it is to be a program that will excel anything Norfolk has yet had on any Fourth of July.

The free attractions are to be many and some of the most clever artists that can be had will treat the visitors and people to more fun and interesting amusement have been before.

The concessions will be of great number and kind. Ferris wheels, merry-go-round, "Maude" the mule, lunch stands, peanuts, ice cream cones, soda water, etc., will be among the many which have already applied for grounds.

The decorating of the streets is to begin immediately. Abundant foliage will cover the telephone and telegraph poles, red, white and blue lights will illuminate the streets by night, and bunting and flags will cover the stores and places of business.

The W. C. T. U. will erect a ladies' rest room, and it will be for the accommodation of ladies and children only. Other rest rooms will be erected by the committee for the same use.

The large Methodist meeting tent has been engaged for the speaker's stand. It will be placed on Fourth street and Norfolk avenue, where also an information bureau will be established for visitors and strangers in the city.

The parade is to be the feature of the day, and it will probably be the longest parade that has marched through Norfolk and Madison, brass bands from Madison and Norfolk, Madison and Norfolk fire departments, floats, automobiles, etc., will figure prominently in the parade.

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Beaver City, Neb., June 26.—A number of small whirlwinds turned to a tornado cloud south of Beaver City which did great damage in the country district between this place and Woodruff, Kan.

The town of Woodruff is reported almost entirely wrecked, but there were no fatalities or serious injuries, so far as can be learned.

At the Bronquette ranch, near here, forty-seven head of cattle were killed and the outbuildings destroyed. Half a dozen houses and barns in the path of the storm were demolished, but the inmates escaped by taking refuge in cellars or caves. The school houses were carried away.

At the dairy farm of Priests Selby eight milch cows were killed, the carcasses being carried half a mile away. The storm passed through Almena, Kan., doing minor damage. Crops are ruined for a considerable distance.

Shakeup in England's Officials. London, June 26.—The resignations of two members of the government were announced. Ostensibly they were handed in on account of ill health, but it is believed they were due partially to the disapproval of budget.

St. Petersburg, June 26.—Ninety-nine new cases of cholera and forty suspected cases were taken into the municipal hospital during the twenty-four hours ending at noon. There were thirty-four deaths from the disease.

Northwestern Filling Cut. Valentine, Neb., June 26.—Special.—The new cut-off and bridge that the Northwestern is building here is taking shape rapidly as they have a large force of men at work.

Commercial Club Helps Build Roads. Hartington, Neb., June 26.—The Hartington Commercial club, with the county commissioners, are putting in \$1,000 each toward grading four miles of road straight north from town.

Carnival at Niobrara. Niobrara, Neb., June 26.—Special to The News: This week at Niobrara the people from home and neighboring towns are enjoying the good attractions of the Walter Savidge Carnival company.

Meat After Fifty Years. Sioux Falls, S. D., June 26.—"Joe" Dunn and "Bill" Hazelton are the names of two veterans who attended the G. A. R. encampment in Sioux Falls this week, and who were the principals in a reunion after a separation of nearly fifty years.

PARKSTON CHAMPION. Mt. Vernon Takes Hook and Ladder Event; Wagner Wins Coupling. Rapid City, S. D., June 26.—Mt. Vernon won the 200-yard hook and ladder race in 32:55; Lead second in :34, and Huron third in 34:25.

Secretary Dunn of Clear Lake, second.

Henry of Platte, McElroy of Rapid City, and McBride of Lead, also ran.

The foreman's foot race was won by Joslyn of Platte, in 10:45; Cooper of Vermillion, second, 11.

The championship horse race was won by Parkston in 30:55; Parker, second, 31; Lead, third, 33.

There were six entries in the ladder climbing contest with a run of 100 yards. Hoffman of Parkston, took first; Paulson of Vermillion, second; Johnson of Parker, third. Time, 17, 18 and 18:25 seconds.

Jeff Davis Roasts 'EM. Washington, June 28.—Couched in characteristic language, an address was delivered in the senate by Senator Davis of Arkansas, in opposition to the pending tariff bill.

Stanton Pickett. Rev. J. F. Poucher has arranged for an appropriate celebration of St. John's day at the M. E. church in Stanton next Sunday.

Story of the Killing. Stuart, Neb., June 26.—Special to The News: A Greek railroad laborer named George Patectius was shot and mortally wounded this morning by Pearl Young section foreman, here for the Northwestern railroad.

Foreman Assaulted by Greek. The foreman was called and he was assaulted by the man whom he shot. The Greek was armed with an iron bar. They drove the foreman back perhaps one hundred feet before he shot.

Church at Butte Struck. Butte, Neb., June 26.—Rain fell in sheets here and there was a great display of lightning. One bolt struck the Methodist Episcopal church at the highest point on the belfry, tearing off shingles and sheeting and passing out of the corner of the building about half way down, going out on the electric light wires.

Boy Dead From Lockjaw. Sioux Falls, S. D., June 26.—Special to The News: Maurice Stegner, aged 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stegner of this city, is dead as the result of lockjaw resulting from cutting his foot on a piece of glass.

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learn if the city kept such a record, in the hope of finding out in that way.

She thinks she was born in 1888 or 1889, but unless it should chance that mention of the fact can be found in the old files of the Chronicle, she may have hard work in proving it.

New County Judge Britton. The county commissioners of Wayne county this week selected James Britton, a pioneer, as county judge to fill the vacancy resulting from Judge Hunter's resignation.

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The strike will be resumed on the Ewa and Wallu plantations in July, when they would call out 3,000 Japanese who have returned to work.

This would mean that the Japanese would have to vacate the homes furnished by the planters and thousands of them would be homeless.

Speaker Cannon was the guest of honor at the dinner. President Taft gave encouragement to the promoters of the measure by dropping in upon the diners shortly after 9 o'clock, remaining for a short time.

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