

Mrs. D. E. Thompson Dead. Lincoln, July 22.—Private telegrams received in Lincoln tell of the death yesterday at Mexico City of Mrs. D. E. Thompson, wife of the former ambassador from the United States to Mexico.

Showers at Niobrara. Niobrara, Neb., July 22.—Special to The News: Light showers of rain fell here Monday and Tuesday and a heavier one Friday morning. The corn is in good condition.

Several hundred feet of cement walk is being laid on Main street. Workmen have recently finished walks on several residence properties.

District Deputy Grand Master T. A. Tilkalsky of Verdigris, assisted by C. W. F. Paul of Creighton as district deputy grand marshal, installed the officers of Niobrara lodge, No. 82, I. O. O. F., at their last regular meeting.

Judge Cobey in Town. Hon. J. E. Cobey of Beatrice was in town during the forenoon, in the interests of his candidacy for supreme judge on the republican ticket.

Two New Features Added. Two new features have been added to The News telegraphic report, at the request of subscribers.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE. Over 4,000 Indians met at Kakapala in a religious gathering of the Episcopal church.

S. Brown, a pool hall proprietor at Sioux Falls, was fined \$15 for permitting minors in his pool room.

A \$14,000 school house is soon to be erected at Wolsey. It will be of brick and entirely modern throughout.

The files of a yankton newspaper were used to prove the birth of two former residents now residing in England.

Lewis Larson, formerly city auditor of Sioux Falls, has been appointed assistant clerk of the senate committee on claims.

The Missouri river undermined a bank, on which stood a top buggy belonging to Chris Nelson of Yankton, and carried the buggy away. It was recovered three miles down stream.

The 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Gamber of Centerville was lost during an entire night. Over 200 people joined in the search and the child was found playing in a ravine late in the morning.

An auto driven by Glen Maynard struck a rock in the road near Tyn-dall and turned turtle. Joseph Forrest of Dante, an occupant of the rear seat, had his leg broken, and other passengers received minor injuries.

ON GUARD IN PORTUGAL. Republican Guards Occupy Entrances to University. Coimbra, Portugal, July 22.—Republican guards now occupy the entrances to the University of Coimbra in order to prevent the "striking students" from going into the building.

New York's Marriages. New York's marriages decreased 3,568 in the year following the financial flurry of 1907. Since then they have gained steadily, recovering the loss and bringing the figures higher than those of any year before 1907.

A classified advertiser, who "means business," will get business. If he has something to sell that is worth while, he will advertise it in a confident and convincing way—and he will sell it.

BANDS OF ASSASSINS HOLD POWERFUL SWAY

The trial of a band of Camorra rists at Viterbo, Italy, draws attention to the secret societies of Europe which have for their object murder or any form of violence and crime that will promote their views or fill the pockets of the scoundrels who belong to them.

The whole continent is honeycombed with such societies, who set all laws at defiance and are a constant terror to law abiding people.

Morountzeff, the man who died through being accidentally shot by a fellow criminal during the attempted burglary in Houndsditch, was known to the continental police as the desperate leader of a gang of hooligans and thieves which he had got together, known as the "Znova Balgoticza," the members of which devoted their energies to robberies with violence and attacks upon banks and commercial houses.

Includes All Classes. According to M. Gianelli, the Mafia is "an unapproachable and multifarious union of persons of all classes, who aid each other, in spite of the law and morality, to murder, to intimidate and sequester landed proprietors, to raise a ring in the corn market, to forge wills, to influence the results of trials and to push their best men into government offices."

At one time this remarkable band confined its efforts principally to kidnaping the sons of rich families and to coining false money. Now they draw most of their revenue from levying blackmail on wealthy landowners in return for their protection and by assisting smugglers.

How powerful the Mafia is shown by the following stories: One day a large case arrived at the Palermo customs labeled "Biscuits." The customs officials opened it and discovered 500,000 francs in forged banknotes.

Forty Years in Bed. Self Chosen Fate of Man Prevented From Marrying Girl of His Choice. Because Joseph Plummer of Milton, N. H., was prevented by his father from marrying the woman of his choice he has remained forty years in bed.

French Aviator to Attempt Trip From France to Algiers. The revival of interest in aviation in France continues to be marked. Brague, who recently made a notable flight from Nice to a little island between Corsica and the Italian coast, says it was purely experimental and that he intends eventually to fly from France to Algiers, making Ajaccio his midway station.

He declares that to succeed in this voyage an aviator must possess the essential things—a good motor, an absolutely accurate compass and exact meteorological information. He considers that the superior speed of aeroplanes makes the escort of fast war vessels wholly useless unless they be scattered at regular intervals along the greater part of the route.

The value of the aeroplane, says Brague, has now been demonstrated to be greater over sea than over terra firma. Many experts in France believe the development of aviation depends chiefly upon the problem of dimensions, and there is a growing opinion that a machine so vast that air currents will have only a minimum effect upon it may make navigation of the atmospheric space relatively as safe as that of the ocean in ships of the type of the Mauretania.

Meanwhile a leading French military organ announces with great confidence that an infallible method of making aeroplanes self balancing has been invented.

More Peanuts Imported. Uncle Sam Increases His Liking For Gobbers. It may have been due to the increase in the number of peanut eating fans at the baseball games or it may have been because of the more extensive demands of the confectioner, but the fact is the imports of peanuts to the United States for the year 1910 assumed unprecedented proportions.

Tag Babies "No Me Bese." Campaign Inaugurated Against Promiscuous Kissing of Children. The latest fad in the nursery is to equip children with printed labels bearing the words, "No Me Bese" ("Do Not Kiss Me").

On hygienic grounds the queen directed that her three children should not be kissed by the sundry court attendants who desired merely to show their loyalty.

Giant Melons. Giant watermelons and muskmelons grow in Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey. Some of them are as large as a four barrel. They are raised in the beds of rivers which are almost dry in summer. Their meat is coarse and not nearly as sweet as that of smaller varieties grown elsewhere.

In th' ole days a girl use t' say "excuse onions" instead o' 'lyin' 'bout bein' at home. False teeth er all right in their place.

Oakdale.

Mrs. George W. Jackson was in town visiting relatives the latter part of last week.

Miss Bogardus of Neligh visited in town between trains last Thursday. Blanche Putney of Neligh spent the latter part of last week visiting Oakdale friends.

Miss Blanche Reynolds, who formerly lived at this place, is spending the week in town, the guest of Miss Verna Nesbit.

C. H. Ray returned from Council Bluffs and Omaha last Thursday evening, where he had been for the past few weeks looking after business matters.

Sunday evening the Methodist and United Brethren churches united their congregations at the United Brethren church and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Snyder of the Methodist church. They expect to carry out the plan of union services for the remainder of the summer, holding the services in each church each alternate Sunday.

A. P. Armstrong, who has been employed by R. M. Nesbit for the past six months, went to Neligh Sunday evening, where he has entered the employ of Shenefield's cash store.

Miss Dora Lorenz returned Monday afternoon from a ten days' visit at Neligh.

Tuesday evening the Epworth League gave a social in the basement of the Methodist church. For part of the entertainment C. H. Torpin threw upon a large screen a large number of views from scenes witnessed while he and the party accompanying him were in Colorado. There was only a fair sized attendance, however, owing to the rainy weather.

Bert Hunter of Elgin, candidate on the republican ticket for county clerk, was in town electioneering the latter part of last week.

Dr. L. N. Nelson last week filed as a candidate on the republican ticket for county coroner, and with the strong support that he has it is not unlikely that he will be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Neal returned the latter part of last week from an extensive visit to eastern points.

Misses Edna Stringfellow and Mattie Tavener were visitors in Neligh Monday afternoon.

A. E. Stubbs and T. O. Ringer of Tilden were business visitors in town Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Miller of Corpus Christi, Tex., formerly of Tilden, and Ed Ruth of Tilden were visitors in town Wednesday afternoon.

Clyde Baskett came down from his claim in South Dakota Wednesday to spend a few days visiting home folks.

The 120 acres of alfalfa on the Ford land, adjoining town on the south, is being put up this week and is yielding about the same as the last crop.

Ivan Torpin left Wednesday afternoon for Wood Lake to attend a wedding at that place Wednesday evening. He expects to spend the remainder of the week fishing near there.

Carpenters are busy this week remodeling and tearing out part of the wareroom used by R. M. Nesbit, which greatly improves the looks of that part of Walther street.

Good rains for the past week have put growing crops in fine condition, and those who have been out over the state say there is not any corn to be found anywhere that equals the crops in this immediate vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Torpin departed on the 9 o'clock passenger train for Spearfish, S. D., for a two weeks' outing. They were met at Neligh by Judge Boyd and a party from there.

Friday Facts.

Misses Lulu and Edna Durland and H. D. Correll and daughter of Plainview are here visiting with the C. B. Durland family.

A. G. Heckman went to Sioux City on business.

H. S. Thorpe returned from a business trip to Wayne.

Rev. Martin Raasch has returned to Leavenworth, Wash.

John Bland returned from a business trip to Bonesteel.

County Clerk S. R. McFarland was here enroute to Omaha on business.

Carl Epperly, a well known miller of Knox county, was here purchasing an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gow have gone to Carlock, S. D., to visit with their son, H. S. Gow.

Mrs. Henry Schmode of Scotts Bluff, Neb., is in the city visiting at the L. C. Mittelstadt home.

Harry Wilson returned to his home in Cornin, Ia., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Miner.

Samuel Temple and his daughter, Miss Belle Temple of Wayne are here visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Daniels of Iowa are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koenigstein.

C. B. Durland returned from a drive through Pierce county. Mr. Durland reports the crops in that county very good.

Mrs. Zoe Sutherland of Grand Island is visiting with her sisters, Mrs. W. Z. King and Miss Mayme Kleeberger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keene have returned to their home at Fremont after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary.

Mrs. C. R. Reed, accompanied by

Should Seek Oil Here.

Judge Isaac Powers has received a letter from his son, manager of the Jacksonville (Ill.) Packing company, who reports that the company is burning natural gas in its boilers instead of coal. He also declares that oil has been discovered in the vicinity of Jacksonville and that the first gushing went into the air about 150 feet. It has now settled down to forty feet of good petroleum. Other wells are being sunk to determine the extent of the oil.

In discussing the matter Judge Powers declares the country in which the oil was found in Illinois is almost the exact formation of the country around Norfolk. Although Mr. Powers does not say that oil may be found here, he believes an experiment would do no harm. He does not remember that there has been any attempt to find oil in this vicinity, but believes that it would pay capitalists to make the experiment.

Dr. J. H. Mackay has persistently urged, for years, that oil is a possibility in this region.

FOR WESTERN TENNIS BELT.

Champions of Several States Meet on Chicago Courts. Chicago, July 22.—Tennis champions of several states are entered in the western tennis championship tournament which opened at the Onwensia Golf club today.

Among the title holders entered in the singles were J. I. B. Larned, Wisconsin state champion; Ward C. Burton, champion of Minnesota; Walter L. Hayes, Illinois champion; J. H. Winston, former southern states champion; Heath Byford, champion of Chicago; L. H. Waldner, Northwestern champion; Alexander Squair, former western interscholastic champion and many others.

In the doubles an equally good collection of stars will compete. Matches in the preliminary and first rounds of the singles and doubles were scheduled for this afternoon. It was announced that the entries for the women's events and the mixed doubles would be held open until Monday.

Burke Votes School Bonds.

Burke, S. D., July 22.—Special to The News: At the special election called to vote bonds for a new school house the bonds carried by a vote of 69 to 7.

Stanton County Splits on Bryan. Stanton, Neb., July 22.—Special to The News: Stanton county democrats held their convention here yesterday, electing five delegates to the state convention as follows: Adam Pilger, John Schindler, August Loebbe, John Matheson, Dr. Guttry. Two of the delegates are against Bryan, three for him.

GOLF EXPERTS ON HAND.

Most Formidable Field Ever in West. Chic Evans Fails to Arrive. Detroit, Mich., July 22.—Never in the history of the Olympic cup competition has this golfing classic brought together a more formidable field than that assembled for the contest which began today on the links of the Detroit Golf club.

The honor of leading the procession has been extended to W. C. Fowles, Jr., of Pittsburg and C. A. Hutton, national champions respectively of the United States and Canada.

Fourteen teams in all are entered to compete for the trophy. Great disappointment was expressed at the failure of "Chic" Evans, the new French champion, to reach Detroit in time for the competition but it is announced that he will be on hand for amateur championship play, which begins next Monday.

Guard at Valentine Jail Increased.

Valentine, Neb., July 21.—The night guard at the county courthouse and jail has been increased owing to an alleged plot on foot to release the four prisoners, the Weed brothers, and Heath and Murphy, who are held for the lynching of Sellers. The regular night watchman sleeps inside the jail where he will be handy in case of an attempt to break jail and the city marshal, Peter Hoos, has been loaned by the town authorities to the county officials and he patrols outside the jail armed with a shotgun. Electric lights have been strung outside the jail to prevent friends assisting in the escape of the prisoners.

It is understood that the prisoners have raised nearly \$10,000 for their defense, while the friends of Sellers have raised several thousand dollars to employ additional legal talent to prosecute them. In addition to Tucker and Fisher, the prosecution will be assisted by Attorney M. P. Harrington of O'Neill.

Jack Hutch, at whose ranch the lynching took place, appeared before the county commissioners with a petition for an early trial, but the commissioners decided that it was not necessary to rush the cases and the prisoners will remain in the county jail until the November term of court.

English Standpatters Angry.

London, July 22.—Premier Asquith had an audience of an hour with King George at Buckingham palace today, when he placed before his majesty the government's views on the latest phases of the political crisis and made final arrangements to meet the possible contingency that action by the insurgent unionist peers necessitates by the creation of new members of the house of lords. The "standpatters," however, are still in a fighting

Norfolk Juniors Win.

The Norfolk junior baseball team defeated Pierce here Friday afternoon, 14 to 7. Batteries: Norfolk, Glase, Miller and Schultz; Pierce, Miller and Larkin. Glase was batted out of the box in the fourth inning.

South Side News.

Miss Alma Reed of Inman was here on business yesterday.

Miss Elsie Long of Lynch is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long.

Millard Fuller of Stafford was in the Junction last evening between trains.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Wood were called to Avoca, Ia., yesterday to attend the funeral of Mr. Wood's mother.

James Leng and brother Charles of Ft. Dodge, Ia., are visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long.

Lloyd Sarchet started work as night call boy at the general office in place of Carl Hoar, who will move away in a short time.

Mrs. Ed Mullen arrived home from Snyder yesterday and reports that Ed Conley is getting along as nicely as might be expected.

Charles Long has recently built an addition to his house one mile east of the Junction, and also made other improvements about the house.

Work is rapidly progressing on the new depot.

Miss Rebecca Duggan, who has been dangerously ill since May, is able to be around again.

John Johnson, who has been traveling about for almost a year, returned home for a visit yesterday.

Fred Cornell is giving his houses on Hastings avenue, occupied by Frank Hass and Harry Hoskinson and families, a new coat of paint and also varnish inside.

A Chautauqua Headliner.

One of the headline attractions at this year's chautauqua program is Dr. Nancy McGee Waters of Brooklyn.

Born in the south, educated in the Virginias and in Massachusetts, he began his career in the great west.

He is the pastor of the largest Congregational church in the world, and, year in and year out, preaches to the largest Protestant audience in Greater New York.

In appearance and nature he is essentially southern. Southern features, southern ease and grace of manner, even his carriage—indicate his southern origin. Good to look at, genial to meet, fascinating to listen to, he never fails to please, and almost invariably gets a return date. It has been said of his lectures, "They are a message of an earnest soul to men on the burning questions of the hour and ages. They entertain as well as teach. You will laugh but you will thrill with noblest resolve as you listen."

Rev. R. J. Lucas Has Resigned. Rev. Roy J. Lucas has resigned as pastor of the Church of Christ.

Hoskins.

Miss Estella Ziemer spent Sunday at Wayne.

Miss Anna Nelson returned Thursday from a week's stay in Aberdeen, S. D.

Leslie Kranz was a Wayne visitor Sunday.

Mrs. George Cook, who has been visiting at the Louis Ziemer home the past week, returned to her home at Murray, Neb., Thursday.

Frank Hart was a Winside visitor Saturday.

R. G. Rohrke and son Lloyd were Meadow Grove visitors the first of the week.

John Foster, sr., was a passenger for Omaha Tuesday morning.

Earnest Behmer, sr., and Peter Brummels spent Tuesday at Wayne.

Miss Nellie Whaley of Wayne was in town Monday.

Rev. Mr. Gruber returned Tuesday from Garrison, at which place he had been visiting relatives the past week.

Misses Rachael and Lucile Hagar returned to their home in Omaha Sunday after an extended visit at the P. P. Hagar home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Templin of Belden visited at the Robert Templin home over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Esplin of Arlington arrived Monday for a several weeks' stay at the P. P. Hager home.

John Strasser was a Norfolk visitor Sunday.

J. D. Duncan, sr., and Frank Sederstrom are on the sick list.

If there's a classmate ad that you'd like to answer, remember you live in a classified city—making it easy for you to find any address.

Notice of the estate of Thomas C. Cantwell, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Thomas C. Cantwell, late of said Madison county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 17th day of July, 1911.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of July, A. D. 1911.

William Bates, County Judge.

HELP WANTED. WANTED—All parties interested in the Gulf coast, Texas, country to write us for information. Come to a country where two crops can be grown each year, where the soil is good, water sweet and pure, where the sun of summer is tempered by the cool breeze from the gulf and where stock does not have to be fed more than half the year. Get in touch with the Tracy-Enos Land Co., Victoria, Texas.

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