

FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

Question is Now "Up to" the City Council.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY.

Sidewalks Must be Repaired, Street Names Posted, Houses Systematically Numbered and Lighting Facilities Improved.

From Saturday's Daily:

D. J. Sinclair of Omaha, postoffice inspector of the district of Nebraska, has been in the city and looked over Norfolk's fitness for the establishment of a free delivery of mails through a carrier system.

In an interview with a News reporter he was most free in condemnation of the city's sidewalks and stated that they were in very bad condition, about the worst piece considering the frequency with which it is used, being that in front of the postoffice.

In giving the essentials for the establishment of a free delivery system he clearly indicated that the matter is "up to" the city council and intimated that, until they make a move along the lines indicated, the city cannot hope to enter the free delivery class.

He said: "The sidewalks must be placed in proper repair; houses must be numbered systematically; the street names must be posted at their intersections; and the city must be properly lighted in the territory traversed by the carriers."

It is rather humiliating to enterprising citizens to be told this by an outsider, especially when all have been cognizant of the fact for months; nay, years. But the fact remains that before Norfolk can hope to deserve the respect of the postoffice department or of outsiders—or even her own citizens—there must be a vigorous movement by an enterprising government on the lines mapped out.

Mr. Sinclair stated that it was not necessary for the carrier districts to take in the entire city limits, nor was it necessary for them to be confined thereby, thus admitting of an arrangement of districts that would take in all the more populous sections of the city.

All these matters are to be presented to the city council and when the terms have been complied with, Postmaster Sprecher will make a certificate to that effect and Mr. Sinclair or some other official will come and put in the service.

At least one carrier will be mounted and probably two.

The matter of having free delivery of mail, as was mentioned before, is "up to" the council and it is hoped by enterprising citizens that they will not be long in making a move in the right direction.

Taken as a whole Mr. Sinclair was very much pleased with Norfolk and gave it as his opinion that it came out of the hard times in the best shape of any town he has seen.

A Strange Story.

A young man was given lodging by Marshal Widaman last night who had a strange story to tell. As may be imagined he was out of money, else he would not have applied to the marshal for a place to sleep.

He said that in company with another young man he answered the advertisement of an Omaha agency which called for from 300 to 500 men to work in coal mines in northern Wyoming, offering from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a day wages.

The agency charged him a snug commission for securing the job for him and he also had to pay his railroad fare out to the mines. When he arrived at the mine he was again compelled to pay his transportation in work, and before he could go to work he had to buy \$16.00 worth of tools.

He was charged \$20.00 a month for his board and \$5.00 a month for a place to sleep. After he had worked 30 days on this basis other raw recruits came in and he was discharged with a number of others, who had only worked a short time. When he went for his pay he was informed that the paymaster would not be out from Omaha for ten days yet, and he would either have to wait or take an order on the paymaster.

Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

Dan Ducey, a young man 25 years of age, whose home was a mile south east of Newman Grove, was shot a week ago Sunday by the criminal carelessness of a young boy in handling a rifle.

shoot him. Ducey said: "Don't point that thing at me; it might go off." Young Hames answered that there was no danger as the gun wasn't loaded. He had scarcely made the statement when the fire arm was discharged and Ducey fell to the ground with a bullet hole through his abdomen. The boy stood as though paralyzed for a moment and then ran off leaving the young man to care for himself.

Telephone Items.

E. A. Dugan, the new assistant at the central office, reported for duty yesterday.

The telephone company is getting material on hand for the metallic circuit between Norfolk and Sioux City.

The telephone line to Neligh and Elgin was completed yesterday, and an office was opened for business at Neligh.

A. G. Stors of Omaha, superintendent of exchanges for the Nebraska Telephone company is looking over the Norfolk exchange and figuring on needed repairs.

Death of E. G. Hyde.

From Monday's Daily:

Edward G. Hyde died yesterday morning at 2:10 from heart failure at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Chapman in South Norfolk. He had been sick for about a year past and last winter had been bedfast for three months. His illness dated from the time he learned of a sister's death when he apparently broke down in health and has been failing ever since.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. John Jefferies of the Second Congregational church. The remains will be taken to Dunlap, Iowa, his former home, tomorrow morning and buried in the family lot by the side of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bell, Mrs. Chapman and son and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyde and daughter will form the party which will accompany the remains to their last resting place.

Edward G. Hyde was born at Staffordville, Connecticut, July 23, 1821, where he lived for many years. He was united in marriage with Sarah Bamstead on August 5, 1845, and four children were born to them.

On account of his wife's failing health he disposed of his business interests and moved to Rockford, Ill., in 1865. They resided there about four years and then moved to Dunlap, Iowa, where he lived until Mrs. Hyde died in 1876 when he came here to make his home and has since lived with his daughter, Mrs. Chapman.

In addition to the sons and daughters above named he leaves a brother, S. Hyde, and sister, Mrs. Fox, both of whom reside at Hartford, Conn., these being the only members of his immediate family who survive.

Since coming to Norfolk Mr. Hyde has been deeply interested in the welfare of the city and especially the Junction and was several times honored with a seat in the city council, representing the Fourth ward which is composed of the Junction. During his connection with that body his business sagacity and interest in the public welfare was of value in administering the affairs of the city.

Southern Literature.

Interesting literature regarding the South is now being distributed by the Southern Railway—"Southern Homes" folders, large map folders, "Land of the Sky" booklets, Southern Fields, "Minerals and Mines" books, etc., mailed free to any address.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate are reported by Chester A. Fuller, manager of the Madison county abstract office at Norfolk:

Daniel Holloran and wife to Charles Springstube wd sw 1/4 33-23 1.....\$2,200 00

Andrew J. Durland and wife to Hannah Jane Bowman wd lot 13 block 4 C. S. Hayes' addition to Norfolk.....\$ 50 00

S. B. Crain and wife to A. E. Lind wd commencing at the ne corner of Pine street in A. C. Johnson's addition to Newman Grove and running east 10 rods then south 16 rods then west 10 rods then north 16 rods to place of beginning..... 100 00

The Variety store sells bargains in dolls, toys, games, chinaware, albums, etc.

BUSINESS WAS LIGHT.

The City Council Held a Brief Session.

CLERK'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Shows that the City Has Been Running at a Loss During the Year—A Deficit of over \$4,000—Minor Matters Were Taken Care of.

The regular meeting of the city council was held Thursday night with Mayor Simpson and Councilmen Brummund, Bucholz, Degner, Dexter, Uhle, Viele and Heckman present. Absent Councilman Bullock.

Minutes of meetings of Nov. 2 and Dec. 2 were read and approved.

The treasurer's statement for November was read and approved. It showed the following balances:

General fund, \$5.74. Interest fund, \$4,015.00. Water fund, \$548.13. Road fund, \$861.89. Sinking fund, \$2,521.94. Fire department fund, \$214.00.

The statement of police judge for November showing \$18 in fines paid and \$29 unpaid, was read and referred to the auditing committee.

The treasurer's statement for October was reported back as correct by the auditing committee.

The water commissioner's report for May 1 to November 1 was reported back by the auditing committee as correct.

J. A. Light was, on motion, allowed a day license for the balance of the year and the full year in advance, upon the payment of \$14.00.

Moved that the city purchase of Mr. Steinbrecher a strip of land 33 by 292 and also a strip 33 by 71 1/2 for \$70 to open up one-half of Hayes avenue, the payment of same to be deferred two years without interest.

Motion was withdrawn and the matter was referred to a committee on streets and alleys and the city attorney.

The water commissioner reported that the Union Pacific Railway company requested permission to tap the water main on Norfolk avenue to supply water for locomotives. The matter was referred to the committee consisting of Degner, Dexter, Uhle and the water commissioner.

The city clerk's annual statement for the fiscal year ending August 12, was read and referred to the auditing committee. Following is the report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council: I herewith submit my annual report showing the receipts and expenditures of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, for the fiscal year ending August 12, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

From saloon occupation tax \$ 2,250 00 From insurance companies' occupation tax..... 270 00 From miscellaneous licenses..... 452 43 From dog tax..... 246 75 From sidewalk repairs, etc..... 118 33 From county treasurer, road taxes..... 703 94 From county treasurer, general taxes..... 11,627 73 From water rentals..... 2,547 95 Total.....\$18,252 12

EXPENDITURES.

General fund: For salaries.....\$ 2,892 59 For lighting..... 1,125 69 For elections..... 1,823 96 For printing..... 107 10 For office supplies..... 28 14 For fire department..... 288 20 For miscellaneous..... 703 27 Water fund: For salaries..... 1,045 00 For coal and supplies..... 1,892 77 For repairs and extensions..... 6,043 90 Road fund: For street work..... 619 06 Interest fund: For interest on bonds..... 5,582 37 Fire Department fund: Cash to fire department..... 275 00 Total.....\$22,439 73 Excess of expenditures over receipts.....\$ 4,187 61 Amount of floating indebtedness outstanding against water fund.....\$ 1,960 98 Respectfully submitted, J. C. STITT, City Clerk.

Blizzard Raging in Iowa.

CELEBRITY RAPIDS, Dec. 12.—A hard snowstorm, approaching a blizzard, is raging over eastern, northern and northwest Iowa. Reports show the storm is general. Several places report a foot of snow. Many wires are down.

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The New Orleans arrived at Singapore Sunday, three days behind the Brooklyn, en route for Manila. She lost fully two to the Brooklyn on the run from Colombo.

The first body to come to the surface of Lake Erie from the wreck of the steamer Niagara was found on the shore near Port Maitland Monday. It is that of a sailor named Knowel.

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Governor Bradley of Kentucky has offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the members of the Maysville mob, who lynched and burned Dick Coleman, the negro who brutally murdered Mrs. Lashbrook.

George C. Seiple, former teller and bookkeeper in the East Stroudsburg, Pa., National bank, Monday pleaded guilty to having made false entries in the books of the bank. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

VON BUELOW URGES BILL.

Declares Necessity of Greater Navy For Safety of Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The reichstag presented a highly impressive spectacle during the debates on the estimates and the formal introduction of Emperor William's new naval program. Count von Buelow, when announcing the Samoan settlement, was repeatedly interrupted by applause.

His second speech, dealing with the necessity for a large fleet, provoked approval and disapproval almost equally emphatic. The disapproval came from the Radicals. When he declared that Germany did not desire to pursue an aggressive pyrotechnical course, but was equally determined not to be pushed aside politically or commercially by other powers and never to allow an important international question to be settled without consulting her, there was an outbreak of spontaneous applause.

Prince Hohenlohe, whose weak voice was scarcely audible, Admiral Tirpitz and Baron von Thielman were heard. The session was brief, because the house desired to see the speeches in print before considering the proposals. Admiral Tirpitz made a number of statements in explanation of the government's changed opinion. The opposition, which is apparently stronger than had been expected, was dumbfounded by the vigorous joint government onslaught. After the adjournment it was said in the lobby that the emperor had given strict orders for the cabinet consider it unlikely that the bill would pass.

General Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg was joyfully greeted on the streets of Berlin, but the newspapers for the most part are reticent on the subject.

New Building Collapses.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 12.—Owing to alleged use of sand not sufficiently sharp for mortar making purposes, the foundation of a two-story brick building at Mishawaka, this county, owned by Bernard Hoerstrmann, collapsed, letting down the entire structure so that one brick scarcely remained on another.

Charles Schmidt, mason contractor, and Oscar Nichols, mason tender, were killed. Bernard Hoerstrmann, Henry Kiser, Isaac Williams and John Defree were badly crushed.

The building collapsed without a warning crack and fell upon the men who were inside, crushing to death or injuring all of them.

Wabash Wins Its Suit.

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—The Wabash railway has won the suit recently begun in the county court by State Railroad Commissioner Osborne in his endeavor to have the company reduce its fares in Michigan to 2 1/2 cents a mile because its last annual report showed that it was earning over \$2,000 per mile for its mileage in this state.

The company contended that the law under which suit was brought applied only to the earnings of the road for carrying passengers and baggage, and not the entire earning capacity of the passenger trains.

Progress in Molineux Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Roland B. Molineux, on trial for the murder of Catherine J. Adams, was visibly perturbed yesterday, when the prosecution called to the witness chair Mamie Melando, formerly a forewoman in the Newark paint factory of which Molineux was vice president. She was questioned concerning the note paper kept by Molineux in his rooms at the factory, and testified that this same paper was used in a certain incriminating letter whose authorship Molineux denies.

Disinfectant May Kill Politicians.

TOPEKA, Dec. 12.—Colonel James Graham and William P. Cunnegan, two prominent politicians of St. Mary's, drank a bottle containing a disinfectant yesterday, believing it to be whisky, and both are seriously ill and may die. Colonel Graham had bought a bottle of disinfectant to guard against smallpox and also a bottle of whisky and mixed the bottles by mistake. Graham was lieutenant colonel of the Second Kansas regiment in the Spanish war and is well known.

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PROGRESSING FINELY.

Work on the New Opera House Moving Along.

ROOF TRUSSES NOW BEING PUT UP

One Hundred Pieces of Scenery Ordered for the Stage, Which Will Be Put In Under the Direction of an Expert—Interior Will be Quickly Finished.

The large trusses to support the roof over the main portion of the new opera house are now being put up and it is hoped to finish this portion of the work within the next few days, after which the work of putting on the roof will go smoothly and swiftly. The trusses are being constructed on the floor but will be put together on top of the building and moved to their intended location.

The two Norfolk warm air furnaces, one under the stage and the other under the rear end of the auditorium, have been placed and inclosed with brick walls, and will be ready for heating the building as soon as the roof is on. The timbers to support the floor of the balcony have been put in and everything is proceeding most satisfactorily. C. S. Brounough, representing the Kansas City Scenic company, was here yesterday in the interests of his house and, to show what they were able to do, erected a miniature stage in the dining room of the Pacific hotel, which was a marvel of completeness and beauty and was viewed by many who are interested in the building. Mr. Brounough illuminated it with electric lights and showed it workings in detail, which were perfect in every respect.

Although Mr. Warrant had previously placed an order for scenery with a Chicago house he concluded that promptness, accuracy and beauty justified him in cancelling the first order, which was done and Mr. Brounough was given an order for about 100 pieces of scenery, which will be models of the scenic art. When the order and building are ready, Mr. Brounough will come here and set up the scenery. He complimented Mr. Warrant very highly on the arrangement and capacity of the opera house, stating that it would accommodate any company that travels. This, coming from an expert on the opera house question, should be most satisfactory not only to Mr. Warrant, but to the people of Norfolk as well, who will enjoy its capacity and be benefited by what it makes possible. They should need no urging, in view of this, to support Mr. Warrant at all times in his enterprise.

Popular bargains in dolls, doll buggies, toys, chinaware, games, toilet cases and many other holiday goods at the Variety store.

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