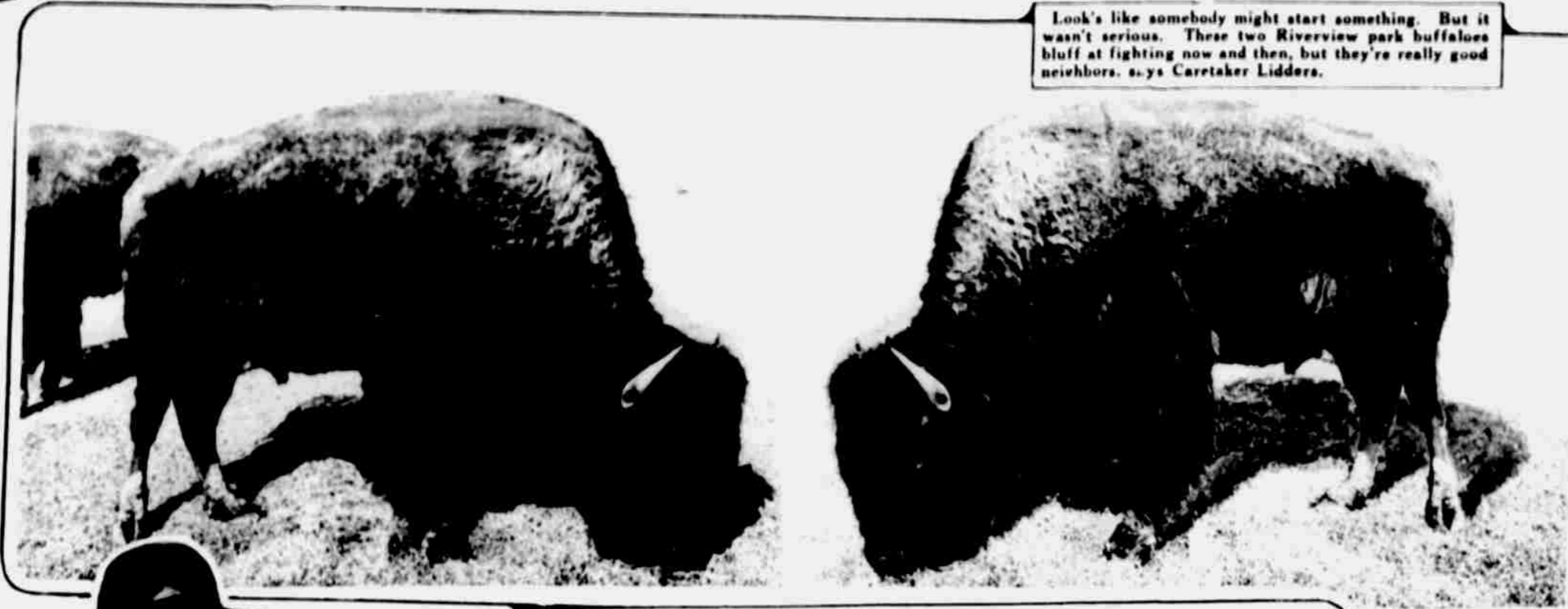


READY TO WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS TO PARKS

Look's like somebody might start something. But it wasn't serious. These two Riverview park buffaloes bluff at fighting now and then, but they're really good neighbors, says Caretaker Lidders.



"Dick," the grizzly, loses his usual grouch at lunch time at Riverview and sits up to be fed.

Photos by Webster Bee Staff



"Bob," pet raccoon at Fairmont park, Council Bluffs, gets all the delicacies his firm friend, Pete Nelson, park caretaker, can forage for him. "Never scratched me yet," affirms Pete, which is quite some record for any proryonoid carnivore, otherwise known as a 'coon.



The red fox at Riverview objected to newspaper publicity and absolutely refused to pose. So the camera man took a snapshot as reynard sped away.



They are fond of confections. See that ice cream cone "Dick" (left) is munching. "Dick" is a ringtail deer at Riverview park. "Pet," his companion in the picture, is being treated to chocolates by William H. Lidders, park caretaker.



Hoot mon, 'tis our old friend, "Sleepy," Riverview park owl.



"Mike's" manners are not what they might be. When he wants food he wants it—and doesn't hesitate to dive into a bucket after it, if need be. Guess what he got? There was half a pound of chocolates in the bottom of the bucket.



"Oscar" wouldn't get far in a beauty contest, but he's not such a bad sort, at that, his keepers claim. He's one of the Riverview park 'gators.



"Mabel," black bear at Riverview park, orders her sandwiches by the pound. The camera man caught her partaking of light mid-day refreshment.



No, "Jumbo" isn't in the act of snapping someone's head off. That's merely a yawn in which he's indulging, preparatory to an afternoon nap. "Jumbo" makes Riverview park his headquarters.



They belong to the same lodge. (Right) Bill, buck elk, and (left) "Nancy," cow elk, two denizens of Fairmont park, Council Bluffs.



This is "Doll," of Riverview. She weighs 900 and is said to be the largest cinnamon bear in captivity.

Riverview park alligators took quarters at the fire station at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets last fall for their long winter nap. They caused a riot among firemen this spring when several of them awoke ahead of schedule and crawled upstairs from the basement in search of food. Firemen scattered precipitately. But Clarence Cone, one of the firemen at the station, had later recovered sufficiently to pose for the photographer with "Geraldine," baby of the alligator crew.



"Heads down!" That's the favorite position of the Riverview park opossum.