

HEAVY RAIN IN NORFOLK

AN INCH AND A THIRD OF WATER FELL HERE.

TORNADO NORTHWEST OF HERE

Near Center the Storm Approached the Ferocity of a Tornado—Lightning Played Havoc With Electric Wires—Ditches Needed on Avenues.

A heavy rain and electrical storm raged for an hour or so in Norfolk and other portions of northern Nebraska Wednesday night. About an inch and a third of rain fell in this city and lightning kept up a continual display of fireworks during the storm. Norfolk avenue was totally covered with water at the Seventh street intersection, the wetness standing six inches deep on the sidewalk fronting the Mittelstadt lumber office and some water going into the yards. This surplus water came not from the west end, where the new drainage ditch performed its function with ease, but resulted from the drainage waters that poured down from hills in the northern part of town. Lightning played havoc with electric wires about the city.

The exact rainfall in Norfolk amounted to 1.31 inches. The storm followed an intensely sultry afternoon and evening, during which heavy clouds banked up from the northwest. People who returned from Madison on the evening train said that there was a heavy rain in the county seat and that it was necessary down town for business men to sweep the water off the sidewalks in order to prevent its going into buildings.

At Tilden the rain was hard but daylight brought news that the downpour was a good thing, inasmuch as it has laid the dust well for the second and third days of the carnival.

Need More Drainage.

Norfolk people who saw the flood of water that came down to Norfolk avenue from the hills in the northern part of the city, are discussing the need of drainage ditches running east along Koenigstein avenue and Nebraska avenue, in order to relieve Norfolk avenue of the overflow.

The storm approached the ferocity of a tornado at Center, northwest of Norfolk, and as a result of a flood resulting from the storm a tragic dual drowning occurred. William Elliott and wife losing their lives. William Elliott was a brother of J. C. Elliott of West Point, postmaster at that place and editor of the West Point Republican. Mr. Elliott is a member of the Norfolk lodge of Elks.

Gas Main Broken.

There were about six feet of water running at one time in the new gulch. The force of the water must have been very powerful as it dug out the gas mains that run about six inches under the bed of the ditch. The water bent the two-inch main so much that it broke, allowing gas to escape in large quantities. The task of repairing the damage was a very difficult one, but was finally accomplished.

WILL RUSH TO PACIFIC COAST

Milwaukee Railroad Will be Pushed on From Rapid City.

After taking a trip over the St. Paul's new coast line extension, A. J. Earling, president of the road, who recently passed through Norfolk, has decided to employ several thousand additional men and push the work to completion as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Earling made the journey in wagons, on foot, on horseback and in canoes, from Taft, Mont., to Seattle. He was accompanied most of the way by H. R. Williams, president of the St. Paul line in Washington, and by Chief Engineer E. J. Pearce. Mr. Earling said:

"There is an army of men working on the road between Seattle and Montana and there will be more as soon as we can get them. We now intend pushing the coast extension to completion as fast as men and machinery can accomplish the task.

"Our trip was a difficult and arduous one, and all the way I was impressed with possibilities of the country through which the new line will pass. There will be bumper wheat crops in Washington this year, and it may be possible we shall help haul the crops next year. The line to Butte will be in operation next year, probably in May.

"Gangs are getting ready to begin work on the Bitter Root tunnel, which will be 8,500 feet long, and considerable work has been done on the 10,000-foot tunnel in the Snoqualmie pass. From Tekoa to Ellensburg there is great activity, and considerable progress has been made on the bridge work. We do not know when we will begin work on the Seattle division."

NEBRASKA SWITCHMEN WATCH.

Believe They Will Benefit if Men on C. & S. Win Contentions.

Nebraska trainmen and switchmen are watching with great interest the strike of switchmen and trainmen on the Colorado & Southern road. This strike has been in progress for several weeks, and now that the trainmen have joined some results, one way or the other, are looked for in the near future. It is said the men ask, among other things, an increase of two cents an hour in their wages.

"If the Colorado & Southern men get an increase in their wage scale

that will eventually spread to the other roads connecting," says a switchman, "and for that reason we are watching their fight with much interest. It is almost sure that the results, if favorable to the men will affect very many more men than are now engaged in the strike. We are hoping they will win."

The stubbornness with which this strike has been carried on, both with the men demanding and the railroad resisting, has in a measure interfered with the service in the Denver yards of the railroads doing business there. Many of the industries are located on C. & S. tracks in Denver, and roads having consignments for these industries have been employing the C. & S. to do switching to these industries.

In this way trouble has followed, the railroads offering cars being unable to get them delivered and unloaded. The situation has not been very serious, but it has been an annoyance of some duration.

The Colorado & Southern road reaches many of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's properties, and some interruption to the movement of coal and ore has followed.

It was reported yesterday that a number of strike breakers went west on the Union Pacific to take the places of the men who have quit pending a settlement of their grievances.

DRINKING MEN OFTEN KILLED.

Railroad Engineer Says Intoxication Causes Many Accidents.

In an experience of thirty years George E. Abbott, an engine driver employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, has run over and killed nearly forty persons, three of whom were added to the list Sunday afternoon, near Naperville, Ill., says the Chicago Record-Herald.

Looking back over his railroad experience, Mr. Abbott said yesterday that he seemed to have been a marked man since youth. His life has been one long series of horrors, with the shrieks of women and the cries of children continually ringing in his ears.

"I have been the most unfortunate railroad man in the country," said Mr. Abbott, as he oiled his engine at the union station last night. "I have more than thirty years' experience as an engineer and I have never been accused of carelessness or incompetence, and yet in those years I have seen nearly forty men, women and children hurled without warning into eternity by my engine. It is an awful thing to think of, let me assure you, and for many, many years the death screams of those unfortunates rang in my ears day and night.

"I have seen some terrible sights. One of the earliest accidents of my experience, and one that I never can forget, was the suicide of a demented woman under my engine, many years ago in the east. I was running a fast train on the old New York, New Haven & Hartford road down a steep grade. I saw a woman walking along the tracks about a quarter of a mile ahead. I whistled a warning and she stepped from the track and descended the embankment.

When my engine was about one hundred feet away, the woman, with a wild cry, dashed back on the track and deliberately dashed her head on the rails. Before I could stop the train I had run over the woman, severing her head.

"The accident of Sunday was quite as distressing as any I have ever experienced. There is a sharp curve where the three boys were killed, and they had little warning of their fate. Two were brothers, and they were walking with linked arms. When we picked them up dead, their arms were still twined together.

"I am told the young men were on their way home from a camp meeting and that is some consolation to me, for at least 80 per cent of the persons killed under my engine have been intoxicated.

"Other engineers have told me that their experience corresponds to mine in this respect. The great majority of people killed while walking on railroad tracks have been intoxicated. That only adds to the horror of such accidents, for I always think of the eternal fate of men hurled before their Maker with all their sins on their souls."

Mr. Abbott has a good record as an engineer. He always has been absolved of blame for his accidents and he is known to his superiors and associates as a careful, conscientious and capable engineer.

An Expensive Vacation.

J. B. Long, pioneer, poet, philosopher and theologian of Madison county, was in the city today from his home at Pilot Knob. Mr. Long was one of the first settlers in this part of the country, having come here before Norfolk and Madison were located. He told a story on Chemist Wiley of the agricultural department at Washington, who was his classmate at college. Wiley, who lived near Hanover college, invited Uncle Jerry out to his home to spend Sunday. The latter had just purchased a new graduating suit, for which he had paid \$70, war prices. While at Wiley's a fellow with a house boat on the Ohio stole the suit and it was never recovered.

SENATOR BEVERIDGE MARRIED.

Ceremony at Berlin Which Makes Miss Eddy His Wife.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Miss Katherine Eddy of Chicago, sister of Spencer F. Eddy, first secretary of the American embassy here, and Senator Beveridge of Indiana were married here today.

STORM BURNS OUT WIRES

THE NEWS TELEGRAPH REPORTS ARE CRIPPLED.

BUT "BEATS" SCORED ANYWAY

All of the Fresh News of Throbbing North Nebraska, Following the Terrible Storm, is Given Exclusively in Norfolk's Paper.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Among other disastrous results of the terrific electric storm which raged in this state during the night, telegraphic and telephonic communication with the outside world was shut off from Norfolk during the day and The News was prevented from receiving its regular telegraphic news service from all parts of the state and world.

The Western Union telegraph office at Norfolk has four direct wires to Omaha and not one of them would carry a spark.

Telephone communication was in the same condition.

Frenzied efforts were made by The News to get its dispatches by way of Columbus, by way of Sioux City and by every other way known, but the wires refused to work.

Finally late in the afternoon a wire was secured to Omaha but by that time business had become so congested along the line that it was practically impossible to get much of anything through. The morning markets at last came limping into The News office but much other news was side-tracked for commercial telegrams.

Telephones in northern Nebraska are working for some distance, so that many exclusive news occurrences of this part of the state are given to News readers, despite the lightning handicap.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Hy Closer of Bloomfield is visiting here.

Miss Ellen Newton of Neligh is a city visitor today.

Miss Jessie E. Odell of Fullerton is visiting friends here.

C. Schmidt of Bloomfield is a business visitor in the city.

L. A. Rothe was in Meadow Grove yesterday on business.

C. A. Abell of Brunswick is a business visitor in Norfolk.

Julius Schwichtenberger of Pierce was in the city over night.

M. H. Christanson of Plainview is seeing the sights here today.

Miss Vae Hoeszdael of Niobrara is shopping in the city today.

Chas. Apfel of Meadow Grove spent the day in Norfolk yesterday.

Calrence McFarland has returned from a short visit in Madison.

Gus Kuhl and daughter, Birdie, are attending the Tilden races today.

Jas. Prevo of Oakdale was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Geo. Hetchem came down from Plainview this morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Clark left yesterday for a trip through Wisconsin.

W. P. Kennedy and family of Madison are visiting relatives in the city.

Harvey Mason of Meadow Grove was in the city on business yesterday.

Mrs. Willis McBride and children of Elgin are visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Birdine Whips of Fremont is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerecke.

G. M. Frazer and family of Salt Lake City, who have been visiting here, left today for Long Pine.

Superintendent Bell and Auditor Pixley of the Nebraska Telephone company are here from Omaha.

Miss May Johnson has accepted a position as stenographer at the Norfolk National bank, succeeding Miss Matrau.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davie, who have been visiting relatives at different points in Michigan, have returned to their home here.

Judge N. D. Jackson of Neligh arrived in Norfolk on the early train and returned at noon to Tilden to take in the carnival and races.

Mrs. A. Bear and daughter, Robinette, leave tomorrow for Richmond, Va., to attend the Jamestown exposition. Miss Bear will remain there this winter and attend Hollins Institute.

Miss Walker of Chicago, who has been visiting at the home of her brother, M. C. Walker, left this morning for a short visit in Plattsmouth. Mr. Walker accompanied here to that place.

Misses Ruth Pfunder and Myrna Wright are attending the Tilden races.

P. F. Ahlquist has resigned his position at the C. & N. W. offices and leaves tomorrow for his home in Beattie.

Chas. Kilian arrived home today from New Mexico, seriously ill. The Order of Railroad Trainmen brought him home.

Mrs. R. M. Upton and Mrs. Brandt of Madison, who have been visiting friends in this city, have returned to their home.

Norfolk's delegation to the Tilden races today were: Sol Mayer, J. S. Mathewson, Dr. Tashjean, Mr. Cantwell, Will Ahlman.

Commissioners Taft and Harding went to Madison today to attend the commissioners' meeting which is held there today. At this meeting the levies are made.

The services for the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Paul's Lutheran church, which are to take place next Sunday, will begin at 10 a. m. and the ceremony at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. Prouss of Winside will deliver the principal address.

The band concert which did not take place last evening on account of the rain will be held Friday evening at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Fourth street.

A party composed of Mason Frazer and family, Walter Recroft, Ed Fisher and Misses Carrie Roland and Bessie Williams are camping at the Klentz farm south of the city.

Samuel W. Brian, jr., and Miss Frances Cramer of Ewing were quietly married at the Episcopal church in this city at 5 o'clock last evening. Rev. J. C. S. Wells performing the ceremony.

Fremont has had an experience with a professional baseball team during the present season very similar to that known to Norfolk some years ago. About \$1,100 in debt, the Fremont team has disbanded.

A horse belonging to Dr. W. H. H. Hagey was almost swamped because of a leak in a water main at the Junction. A hole had been washed out large enough for a man before the leak was discovered and stopped.

In some way the valve on the whistle at the candy factory opened last night and the whistle blew for about an hour. It was finally stopped by one of the boys living near the factory, who climbed through a window and shut off the steam.

Ben T. Reid of Norfolk and Miss Sophia Cleveland of Chicago will be married in the near future at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. French in that city. Announcement of the approaching marriage has just been made by Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. French being guardian of Miss Cleveland. Mr. French is director of the Chicago art institute and is known in Norfolk as a lecturer, having delivered a very striking lecture on art in one of the Wednesday club series some years ago.

Mr. Reid is a prominent young business man in Norfolk. The young couple will make their home in this city.

BURNING CATALOGUES.

New Method of Fighting Mail Order Houses.

The Commercial Bulletin of Minneapolis has discovered a new method of fighting catalogue houses that is being practiced in some parts of the country. The Bulletin says:

"Retail lumbermen's associations in several parts of the country are waging vigorous warfare against the big catalogue houses on a new plan. Other associations of retailers are joining in, and the scheme is assuming large proportions. The big catalogues themselves have been picked out as the vulnerable point in the mail order method of doing business and the same is true for every retail dealer to get as many of these catalogues as he can and destroy them. It is said that the big books cost over a dollar apiece, delivered in the mails, and it is therefore figured that if a large number of these catalogues are wasted it will mean the ruin of the mail order houses. Retail dealers write for these catalogues themselves and induce all their friends to write for them and the number of catalogues which have already been destroyed is enormous.

"Furthermore, the mail order houses are made to pay the expense of an enormous amount of unnecessary correspondence. A retailer or one of his friends will send an order for goods, but will not enclose the necessary postal money order, and this of course necessitates much correspondence on the part of the mail order house. Every possible scheme for making the catalogue houses spend money on stamps, stationery and stenographers' time is being worked, and the movement is causing the big catalogue houses a great deal of trouble.

GREAT CURE.

Dr. Flexner Discovers a Serum for Spinal Meningitis.

According to private advices received from New York and Castalia, Ohio, says a Cleveland dispatch, the wealth of John D. Rockefeller has made possible the cure of cerebro spinal meningitis.

Dr. Simon Flexner, New York advices say, has discovered a serum, the efficiency of which has been demonstrated by experiments made at Castalia.

Dr. Flexner is at the head of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York. He will return from Europe in a few days and is then expected to announce his discovery through the proper medical channels.

"It was a remarkable test," said Dr. S. Gorschuk of Castalia. "Not one of the patients could have recovered. A girl, one of the first attacked, was almost dead when the serum was applied. No one thought she would recover. Yet now she is getting well."

"We doctors here have said nothing about the matter because of the fact that the cases were of an experimental nature. We have kept Dr. Flexner in constant touch with the progress of the patients, and feel that the experiments have demonstrated absolutely that the serum will cure meningitis. One of the worst diseases in the human calendar has been conquered without doubt."

Physicians say the serum is the discovery of the age, as it means the saving of thousands of lives. The percentage of deaths due to meningitis is 99 1/2.

Sometimes you are delayed in "getting your number" on the telephone—so you must, sometimes, "try again" with a want ad, too!

CREAMERIES WERE KILLED

SPECIAL CREAM RATES RUINED TWENTY IN NORTHWEST.

TESTIMONY OF PROF. BROOKINGS

Representative of South Dakota Agricultural College Says Special Rates Prove the Death of Local Enterprisers.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: Prof. Brookings of the South Dakota agricultural college, testified today that special rates to Twin City creameries, killed twenty local creameries in the northwest. This testimony was given before the commission in its investigation of the special cream rates which are in vogue in this state to creameries in the larger cities.

THE NEW ROME HOTEL

Credit to the West and to Former Norfolk Man.

The new Rome hotel in Omaha, a credit to the west and to Omaha, was built and is owned by a former Norfolk man—Rome Miller. Mr. Miller owns and operates the eating houses along the mainline of the Northwestern from Missouri Valley to the Black Hills, including that in Norfolk. He built and formerly resided in the residence at the northwest corner of the Norfolk avenue and Thirteenth street intersection. Concerning the new hotel the Omaha Excelsior says:

Though yet incomplete in all its interminable and beautiful details, yet presenting to the eye of the layman or that of the expert a picture of gorgeousness, good taste and modernness such as immediately places it among the rights to be seen in Omaha and the middle west, the new Rome hotel opened its wide doors as a guesthouse for the first time at midnight Wednesday. Another month will pass before all the plans of Proprietor Rome Miller and his squad of trained assistants have been entirely completed, but meanwhile the hotel will entertain whoever knocks at its door asking for accommodations, superseding the Her Grand, as it does, in that function.

To those Omahans whose ideas of a modern hotel are confined to their observations of the local institutions which were built twenty or more years ago, and to many others who have made observations in other cities the new hotel will be a marvel of richness and craftsmen's handiwork. For in building, decorating and fitting this hotel, Mr. Miller has drawn from the efforts of men highly skilled in their arts, as exemplified in some of the best-appointed houses in the United States and foreign countries as well. Beginning with the entrance, which has grand and ample width, the visitor goes through a broad, resplendent rotunda, through handsomely finished and decorated hallways and sumptuously furnished rooms, finding at every turn something pleasing to the eye upon which to gaze.

The hospitality of the house is extended from behind a twenty-five foot, white marble desk, and the air of richness and style is at once in evidence. A feature of the room, which is also a feature of every room in the building, is the novelty of the light fixtures, being constructed on an original plan, of gilded iron chains, always hanging perfectly in plumb, and with odd chandeliers. The rotunda, however, does not do complete justice to the rest of the house. Where it is merely smart and precise, everywhere else there is entrancing resplendency and remarkable beauty. On the extreme left, the hallway leading to the gentlemen's restaurant and bar, the walls are finished in Austrian gray, an effect which can be appreciated only by seeing, and is even more striking than the old, dull English. On the right, a more brilliant hall leads to the general dining room, and these two almost beggar description in the richness of their appointments.

All through the upper halls and rooms, mahogany is the prevailing finish, but any attempt to recount the details would merely be repeating what has been said about the richness of the main floor, only, perhaps, with more frequent superlatives at times. A notable feature of the furnishings, is their evident durability and the taste displayed in their choice. Period furniture has been selected for certain rooms, which is one of the main points in the furnishings. For instance, in the ladies' waiting room on the second floor, the style of Louis XV is followed, while in the ladies' dining room the idea is the period of Louis XVI. Again, in the general dining room, it is L'Art Nouveau.

Whether a person approves of bar rooms or not, a visit to that in the Rome hotel would prove a lesson in art. There is nothing like it on this side of Chicago, and its peculiar style and odd attractiveness is bound to make it famous over the west. Austrian gray is again the wall finish, carried to every detail. Long plush seats line the walls in an "alcove" room, along which are small tables covered with leather, supplementing the tables throughout the room, all of the same style and design, and for the use of the men at meals or drinking. This is without doubt one of the most striking rooms in the entire house.

Any attempt to mention the long list of modern contrivances and little

conveniences of the latterday hostilities for the comfort and greater enjoyment of guests, which have been installed in the Rome, would require too much space. Dozens of things, however, some of them already old in other cities, others new everywhere, but all totally new departures in Omaha, are a part of the hotel's appointments. Nebraska Telephone company's instruments are in every room for local or long-distance use; an electric light is fastened at the head of every bed for reading purposes; the modern door locks, by means of which an indicator tells the chambermaid whether or not the occupant of a room is in, without making it necessary for her to try the door with her key, and perhaps thus rouse a tired traveler from a sound sleep; private elevator from behind clerk's desk for the use of bell boys and porters, so they need not be continually scurrying about the corridor tripping over guests and otherwise annoying them while hurrying upstairs with ice water or answering a call; cleaning will be by the vacuum system; water is secured from a 1,200 foot artesian well; these and many other things which years of experience have taught Bonifaces the world over to be highly appreciated by guests, are all in the Rome Miller equipment.

BARGAIN DAY SUCCESS.

Norfolk Merchants Are on Right Track According to This.

That the bargain day idea, which Norfolk's energetic merchants will soon carry out in one form, is a success in other towns of the northwest and therefore ought to be here, is shown by the following article concerning a bargain day at Rochester, Minn., which recently appeared in the Northwest Trade Bulletin:

Merchants of Rochester, Minn., are sure that the bargain day is a big profit maker for their town. They are planning on making such events more frequent and will add new features.

Rochester is the county seat of Olmstead county, one of the richest counties in America. It is in a region campaigned hard by mail order houses and its farmers are loyal to the home merchant. Getting together on bargain days has helped in promoting this good feeling.

The story of how the merchants of Rochester and the farmers of the surrounding country work together has been told in these columns before. Hitherto gatherings of farmers and merchants have been held once or twice a year with much doing in the way of a good time. Now it is proposed to hold these get-together events or bargain days, as they have come to be known, more frequently.

Rochester has not yet tackled the monthly bargain day but it is coming to it. The last bargain day held there was very successful. Attendance was large and trade was good. A meeting of the farmers' society was held in Rochester on that day and the merchants let loose their best efforts in the way of entertainment and bargain offers. The effect of all this on the merchants' organization was very helpful. It woke the organization up.

M. C. Lawler, president of the Rochester Commercial club, says that every live town should hold several bargain days each year. Back of the enterprise must be a good merchants' organization with a good program for the day, plenty of bargains, and plenty of good advertising.

Advices received by the Bulletin and Trade indicate a rapidly growing interest in the bargain day idea all over the northwest.

FIFTY KILLED IN WRECK

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN GERMANY TODAY.

AMERICAN TOURISTS KILLED

The Accident Occurred Between Posen and Thorn—Among the Dead and Injured are a Number of Rich American Tourists.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Fifty passengers were killed and many others injured as the result of a railway wreck between Posen and Thorn.

Among the dead and injured are a number of rich American tourists.

Threshing is On.

Petersburg, Neb., Aug. 7.—Special to The News: Threshing in this vicinity has been on for some weeks. Winter wheat is running from fifteen to twenty-two bushels per acre. Corn is booming, due to the recent hot weather. Oats are of fair stand, although some have become rusted and others have been hit by hail.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FAULK CO. SOUTH DAKOTA farms. Improved and unimproved at right prices. I employ no agent. You can save money by dealing with me. Write for list or come and see me. Office first door south of postoffice. John W. Hays, Faulkton, S. D.

FOR SALE—My residence property at 312 South Fifth street must be sold before September 1. Submit bid with terms to owner, Howard A. Rowe, Lincoln, Neb.

FOR SALE—Ten thoroughbred Du-ro-Jersey boar pigs, one mile west of Norfolk. Obed Raasch.