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Nelson of Neligh, Celebrating in Oakdale, Tried to Return Home on Freight—Claimed Crew Ejected Him While Train Was Moving.

Neligh, Neb., July 7.—Special to The News: Ejected from a moving freight train, as it is claimed, a young man by the name of Nelson from this city is in a serious condition as a result of the action of the train crew. Part of his foot was crushed and it was later found necessary to have two toes and part of the foot amputated. Blood poisoning is feared.

Mr. Nelson, who has been working for sometime in the Northwestern brickworks here, was in Oakdale on the afternoon of the Fourth. The passenger from the east being late, Nelson, desiring to return home as soon as possible, boarded a freight train, said to be No. 119. It is claimed that he was ejected by the crew while the train was in motion.

The young man was taken to a hotel in Oakdale, where the company surgeon, Dr. Milton, amputated two toes and part of the foot. From information received here this morning by friends, the young man is in a very serious condition and is supposed to be suffering from blood poisoning. The accident may cost him his life.

TUESDAY TOPICS

Mrs. Fix left for Idaho today. E. P. Olmsted was in Albion today. Burt Mapes was in Madison yesterday. Fred Haase left for Stanton Tuesday.

Mrs. E. L. Beveridge went to Hadar today. Mrs. J. B. Barnes is visiting in Denver. Mayor Sturgeon was in Madison Tuesday.

Miss Maude Clarke went to Madison today. Mrs. J. K. Smith returned to Plainview today. C. E. Doughty went to Chadron today on business.

Mrs. L. E. Mayhew went to Meadow Grove today. Mrs. Will Hall left for Albion Tuesday morning. Elmer Byerly left today for Hot Springs, S. D.

Rome Miller of Omaha was at the Junction today. O. N. Stukej and family went to Plainview today. Miss Bessie Riehlie went to Foster on the noon train.

Willis McBride was in the city yesterday from Elgin. W. Z. King of Humphrey was in Norfolk yesterday. Carl Schulz of Wayne was in the city Monday evening.

Miss Nona O'Brien returned from Nebraska last evening. Councilman P. J. Fuesler celebrated the Fourth at Altona. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wheeler returned at noon from Chicago.

T. Bell of Wayne is reported very low with typhoid fever. Miss Thelma of Creighton arrived in Norfolk last evening. Miss Clara Wolf went to Long Pine Tuesday to visit a sister.

Miss Fay Livingston came home from Madison last night. Mrs. Kerr of Pierce was in the city Tuesday between trains. Mrs. Fred McDonald came home from York last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Koutz of Hoskins were in the city yesterday. Spencer Butterfield returned from the Rosebud country at noon. G. P. Strelow left for Long Pine last evening to spend his vacation.

Mrs. E. Cuckerswert of Omaha is visiting Mrs. E. A. Mergardt. Miss Lillie Long of Beck Island is visiting at the home of F. Schelly. Mrs. O. L. Hyde and children returned from Winnetoon yesterday. Miss Grace Kidder of Stanton is visiting the family of A. M. McGinnis. Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport of Madison are visiting Mrs. Mary Davenport.

has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson arrived today to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Margaret Johnson. Mrs. R. F. Schiller is in Toronto, Canada, where she will spend the next month or six weeks. R. Solomon has gone to Chicago to take a special course in the Northwestern Conservatory of Music.

Ralph Birchard is in the city from Omaha, visiting friends. He is a junior in Wisconsin university. Charles Rice and C. H. Groesbeck, who attended the Hoskins Fourth celebration, say it was unusually fine. Misses Lydia Rohrke and Clara Barrie returned yesterday from Madison, where they spent the Fourth.

Mrs. Jessie Reynolds of Denver, returned to her home today. She was accompanied as far as Columbus by her mother, Mrs. I. G. Westervelt. Will Davenport and children will arrive in the city this evening to spend a few days camping with F. E. Davenport and family on the Ray farm.

Frank Barnes arrived in the city yesterday from Rushville for a visit at the home of his father, W. J. Barnes. He said that Norfolk had grown amazingly in three years. It is said that the strawberry season has about reached the end. The Catholic church at Pierce will let the contract for a new school building this week.

It was a cold night in Norfolk. The thermometer got down to within twelve degrees of a frost, registering forty-three. Mrs. Guy Peyton, living at 310 South Eleventh street, is suffering from a badly wrenched side as the result of a fall on a sidewalk yesterday. Carl Schlampefeng slipped on a ladder last Sunday and falling to the ground struck his shoulder with such force that he was unconscious for a short time. Fortunately no bones were broken but he was so badly shaken that he will be unable to get around for a few days.

Orchard News: M. M. Sornbarger, an old resident of Antelope county, but who, for the past few years has been interested in all lands near Cleveland, Okla., has been visiting old friends in this section the past week. Owing to ill health the doctors ordered him to come north until fall. Mr. Sornbarger has been connected with the horse trotting associations of this section of Nebraska for more than twenty years and numbers his friends by the score. He was instrumental in organizing the short shipment racing circuit in this section.

G. B. Salter and Dr. D. K. Tindall left today for a two weeks' trip in the mountains of Colorado and Wyoming. After spending a few days at the democratic convention and taking a few scenic side trips they will return to Wyoming and fish in the Laramie river around Wheatland. "We will constantly be on the look out for bear," said C. B. Salter. "Yes, we will constantly bear them in mind," said Dr. Tindall.

D. Mathewson of this city, who recently returned from a New England visit, was a victim of one of the poisonous "black tail moths" during his visit. The black tail moth has been imported into Massachusetts for the purpose of exterminating the Gypsy moth, the Gypsy moth having been a pest in destroying tree foliage. The black tail moth, while deadly to the Gypsy moth, also proved poison to many humans. The caterpillar, crawling across one's skin, leaves a poisonous trail and inflammation follows. The Gypsy moth is said to have been originally introduced into Massachusetts through an accident. One man had brought a number of the little insects to this country in the thought that they might produce silk. A storm came along, overturning his cage of them, and the moths soon spread over the state. Massachusetts has already appropriated several hundred thousand dollars in its fight against the insect.

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STATE SECRETARY WILL MEET Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEE.

FINAL CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

Arrival of State Secretary Bailey for a Day's Conference Will Mark Revival of Building Campaign—Will Leave a Worker Here.

Immediately after the arrival of State Secretary Bailey in Norfolk Wednesday evening, an important conference between the state secretary and members of the Norfolk executive committee will be held in the office of Burt Mapes, chairman of the committee. With Mr. Bailey's arrival will begin the final campaign to complete the Y. M. C. A. building fund, \$14,000 of which has been raised already. The state secretary will be in Norfolk a day, leaving for the Rosebud country to see the Y. M. C. A. work among the Indians. With Mr. Bailey will come an experienced Y. M. C. A. worker who will remain in Norfolk until the building fund is raised.

Before Mr. Bailey leaves Norfolk he is expected to map out a plan of campaign. A Y. M. C. A. building enclosed before the winter months is the purpose of the concentrated effort planned. Wednesday evening's meeting in the Mapes & Hazen law office is called for 8 p. m.

BASE BALL CAPTAIN LEAVES. E. C. Shafer Closes Cigar Factory and Will Locate Elsewhere. E. C. Shafer, captain of the Norfolk base ball team, has closed his cigar factory and will leave the city. Mr. Shafer may engage in the cigar manufacturing business in Iowa, possibly at Farmington, Ia. He came to Norfolk the first of the year from Missouri Valley, opening a cigar manufacturing shop on the third floor of the Mast block. He did a good business locally but did not attempt to extend his territory beyond Norfolk.

As captain of the new Norfolk base ball team Shafer has made friends in Norfolk. His removal from the city will leave a gap in the local line-up. Mr. Shafer will not leave Norfolk until the end of the week.

Real Estate Transfers. Real estate transfers for the week ending July 3, 1908, compiled by Madison County Abstract & Guarantee company, office with Mapes & Hazen: Daniel Scheer to John Bohlsen, W. D. Cons. \$11,000.00, sw 1/4 2-2-1. Bernhard C. Walter to J. M. Parker, W. D. Cons. \$90.00, lot 6, block 11, C. S. Hayes Addition to Norfolk. C. F. Eiseley to Clara Grace Parker, W. D. Cons. \$140.00, lot 1, block 6, C. S. Hayes Addition to Norfolk. David Phillips to George W. Phillips, W. D. Cons. \$1.00, nw 1/4 ne 1/4 and e 1/2 ne 1/4 of 18-24-2.

Henry Kloemper to Fred Lau, W. D. Cons. \$3,000.00, ne 1/4 of se 1/4 of ne 1/4 and part of the nw 1/4 of se 1/4 of ne 1/4 of 21-2-1. Ferdinand Pasewalk to James Gray, W. D. Cons. \$350. Lots 19 and 11, block 7, Pasewalk's Fourth Addition to Norfolk. Ferdinand Pasewalk to James Gray, W. D. Cons. \$200.00, lot 12, block 7, Pasewalk's Fourth Addition to Norfolk.

George A. Scott to Andrew J. Durland, W. D. Cons. \$100. e 69 acres of s 1/2 sw 1/4 of 23-2-1. Andrew J. Durland and wife to Norfolk Building & Loan Assn., W. D. Cons. \$1,200.00, lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 7, Pasewalk's 2nd Addition and lot 15, block 4, Pasewalk's 3rd Addition to Norfolk.

Mary G. Mathewson and S. S. Cotton to Henry E. Owen, W. D. Cons. \$25.00, w 1/2 of n 1/2 of lot 2, block 3, Haase's Suburban Lots to Norfolk. Thomas Elliott to Jacob Vlazney, W. D. Cons. \$1,100.00, pt of nw 1/4 of nw 1/4 5-21-1.

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located at some point in the west. First they will go to Denver to remain at least several weeks and permanently if they like the town. The removal of Mr. Garvin from the city will leave a vacancy in the First ward's representation on the city council. Mayor Sturgeon, according to the law, will appoint a new councilman to fill the vacancy. Mr. Garvin's term of councilman runs until next spring. He is a republican and has served on a number of important committees, always with efficiency. Mr. Garvin recently sold his home on Koenigstein avenue to John Koenigstein. Ralph Garvin, now connected with the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company, will accompany his father west.

GREGORY WINS 2 OUT OF 3. Defeated by Burke, Gregory Wins From Butte and Herrick. Gregory, S. D., July 7.—Special to The News: Defeated by Burke 7 to 5 at Butte on Friday, the Gregory "Champions" suffered their third defeat in the fourteen games they have played. At the last moment Gregory's battery failed to appear, forcing the management to pick a battery from the infield and to use two Butte players. In their crippled condition Gregory was only beaten by two scores. At one time the score even stood 5 to 4 in Gregory's favor but by a few errors in the seventh inning Burke ran in three scores.

On the Fourth Gregory took Butte into camp by a score of 13 to 10. The game was poorly played but the rapid base stealing of Gregory defeated Butte. On the fifth the crack Herrick team was defeated 5 to 1. Gregory secured four runs in the first inning. The remaining innings were completed in fast order, each side securing but one score.

Beginning Tuesday and continuing until Saturday of this week Gregory has five ball games scheduled, Burke which but Gregory at Butte, will be played Wednesday and Saturday.

FALLS DOWN STAIRS. August Helleman Cuts Gash in Back of His Head—Not Serious. Falling the full length of the stairs leading from the second floor of the Citizens National bank building, August Helleman, janitor of the building, was severely injured last evening. A gash about three inches long was cut in the base of his head, requiring several stitches to close up the wound. Mr. Helleman's injuries were not considered dangerous.

Helleman was working on the third step from the top when he fell down the east flight of stairs. He was hurried to his home on South Sixth street and Dr. J. H. Mackay called. The injured man has lived in Norfolk for about twenty years and was until recently janitor of the Norfolk high school. This morning he was reported as feeling decidedly better.

SOON TO RESIGN FROM COUNCIL. S. W. Garvin Will Tender Resignation at an Early Meeting. S. W. Garvin will resign his seat in the city council as one of the representatives of the First ward, at an early date. He has not yet determined whether it will be at the forthcoming meeting or the meeting two weeks later, but probably the latter one. Mrs. Garvin is a sufferer from rheumatism and it is her ill health that causes the removal of the family. If relief is found at Denver, that may be selected as the permanent home. If no locality is found which seems to bring relief, the family may ultimately return to Norfolk. Their household effects will not be shipped from this city until they have found a permanent location.

Burned His Hand. George Davenport of Madison was one of the Fourth of July accident victims this year. Holding a thirty-half roman candle in his right hand, he was very severely burned in the hand when the candle exploded. His palm and thumb were injured. This accident is doubly inconvenient because his left arm is just recovering from the effects of a surgical operation.

Order of Hearing. At a County Court held at the County Court Room, in and for said County, July 7, A. D. 1908. Present, Wm. Bates, County Judge. In the matter of the estate of James N. McCarty, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Catherine Heitman, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Catherine Heitman as administratrix.

Ordered, That August 6, A. D. 1908, at one o'clock p. m. is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held at the court room in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, a weekly newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.

Wm. Bates, County Judge. [Seal.] The way to please a man is for a lot of women to get up a picnic and let him be the only man invited.

PAVING COMMITTEE BUSY

NORFOLK PAVING COMMITTEE PROCEEDS TO STUDY UP.

WILL GO TO OMAHA TOMORROW

The Committee, Just Announced, Consists of Mayor Sturgeon, Councilman Kauffman, Councilman Craven and P. Stafford.

The Norfolk paving committee will go to Omaha tomorrow, if present plans carry, to get in touch with the general paving situation. The committee will also spend some time in Fremont, which has several miles of paved streets. The paving committee, created by the city council, consists of Mayor J. D. Sturgeon, chairman, P. Stafford, Northwestern roadmaster, Councilman Dan Craven and Councilman E. B. Kauffman. The mayor was placed at the head of the committee by the council. The full membership of the committee has just been announced by Mayor Sturgeon.

The paving committee was created to make a definite report on the local situation to the council. It will visit different cities and will also take up the question of local finances. The report is expected to touch in a concrete fashion on all phases of the paving problem.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES. I. Nightingale went to Pierce today. Dr. Bear was in Hoskins Tuesday. Henry Schulz went to Hoskins yesterday. R. E. Williams went to Bonesteel this morning. C. P. Christanson went to Humphrey yesterday. Lawrence Hoffman went to Battle Creek at noon. P. E. Lehman of Kansas City is in town on business. Miss Lillian Luckey of Hoskins was in town yesterday.

Mrs. M. J. Winter returned from Omaha last evening. Miss Laura Durland returned from Plainview last evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Bernard have returned from Plainview. E. P. Weatherly left for Creighton this morning on business. Will Zutz has returned from a vacation visit to Watertown, Wis. Mrs. Anna Hofman of Warnerville was in town yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hazen returned from their eastern trip last evening. Dr. Edgar of Fonda, Ia., was in the city yesterday visiting L. A. Rothe. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster were to Creighton on the morning passenger. Frank Pilger, county superintendent of Pierce county, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. Austin and her daughter, Miss Margeret, were in Sioux City yesterday. Mrs. Sornberger came down from Plainview last night to visit her son, Bert Sornberger. Mrs. Wichman and Miss Emma Wichman of Hadar were in the city shopping yesterday. Martin Wagner returned Tuesday from Watertown, Wis., where he has been attending school.

Miss Ethel Erford, principal of the Central City high school, is a guest of the Schiller family at the Oxnard hotel. Ex-Sheriff G. W. Losey of Battle Creek was in the city yesterday. He said that farmers were ready to cut winter wheat. The day's out of town visitors were: Mrs. E. S. Eley, Genoa; County Surveyor A. J. Thatch, Madison; S. W. Lightner, Lynch; A. N. Matheny, Wayne; H. L. Clossen, Seward; Wm. F. Mohr, Spencer; B. E. Buckmaster, Creighton; Miss Mary Badnes, Creighton; Joseph Krause, Platte Center; A. Curray, Ponca; Mrs. A. B. Eastman, Bonesteel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mashek, a daughter. Miss Frieda Korth is on a vacation from the Beeler store. H. F. Barnhart is fixing up an office above the Bee Hive store. C. Evans is excavating for a new seven room cottage at the Junction. Miss Julia Kelleher is working as bookkeeper in the city treasurer's office. Owing to the absence from the city of J. D. Sturgeon, the directors of the Commercial club did not meet Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Verena Nenow has resigned her position with the Norfolk Shoe company. Dr. Brush and family are moving into the Durland property on South Ninth street. The foundation for J. L. Weaver's new two story house on South Ninth street is being laid. A Sunday base ball game is being planned between Norfolk barbers and a joint nine representing the cooks, waiters and bakers. Messrs. Kent and Sprunt shipped a special train load of cattle to Chicago the Fourth which they expect to top the market. The Northern touring cars of J. W. Ransom and Messrs. Irvin, Melcher, arrived yesterday afternoon from Detroit in good condition. Mr. Homer of Warnerville, whose strawberry plants each year produce later than almost every other bed, is still supplying the market. Lorin Doughty has resigned his position as haggageman at the Northwestern's uptown depot. The place will be filled by Lester Weaver. A large number of delegates passed through the city on their way to the

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