

RURAL CARRIERS ORGANIZE

Free Delivery Men of the Country Service Unite for Action.

HOPE TO BETTER THEIR CONDITION

Meeting at Lincoln Attended by About One Hundred Delegates, Who Elect Officers and Name Necessary Committees.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The carriers of the rural free delivery mail service organized a state association here today at a meeting in the postoffice, which was attended by upwards of 100 carriers from throughout the state.

The preamble of the constitution of the purpose of the organization is outlined as follows:

The name of this association shall be the Rural Letter Carriers Association of Nebraska. The purpose of this society shall be fraternal, to promote the interests and to improve the condition of the rural carriers, and to cooperate with the department for the advancement of the rural service.

What They Expect to Do.

The rural delivery service has been installed in all of the states in the union and there are at present more than 16,000 carriers in the service and this number will be increased to 40,000 when the routes outlined at present are installed.

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Country Organizations.

With the exception of eight counties the carriers are organized by counties and the following carriers were nominated to complete a county organization in their respective counties:

T. J. Blackburn, Pawnee City, Pawnee county; John Barton, Wilber, Saline county; A. W. Freeman, Paulsen, Nemaha county; Frank E. Proctor, Siles, Richardson county; E. H. Bush, Tecumseh, Johnson county; Frank W. Wheeler, Hastings, Adams county; F. H. McLellan, Nebraska City, Otoe county; W. H. Miller, Elmer.

The officers of the association elected at the afternoon session are: F. H. Cunningham of South Omaha, president; J. T. Lyle of Waco, vice president; C. C. Barry of Lancaster county, secretary; C. B. Taylor of St. Albans, treasurer.

The following committees were appointed: Nominations—Mr. Lyle, Lincoln; Mr. Brown, Florence; Mr. Talbot, Ways and means—Mr. Eskew, Lincoln; Mr. Black, Pawnee City; Edgar Harkins Falls City, Resolutions—Mr. Yeager, Valley; T. B. Holden, Beatrice; French, Salina; Constitution—Mr. Barber, Stromberg; Mr. Leach, Gage county; Mr. Archer, Nebraska City.

It was decided to send delegates to the meeting of the national association at Chicago on October 10.

Frank Brown of Florence was elected delegate-at-large, and John T. Lyle of Waco, member from Nebraska on the committee of national organization.

Abused Young Girl Missing.

AUBURN, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Mabel Mestre, the 16-year-old daughter of Jean-Mestre, is missing, and has not been seen by any one here at her home since Tuesday.

On that day she hired a team at Nate Cook's livery barn, and at the time informed Cook that she was going to Johnson, in this county, and would return the team Wednesday evening.

She had with her a little sister, only 8 years old. The two sisters left home with the ostensible purpose of visiting some friends for a few days.

Their failure to return on Wednesday evening gave her parents very little concern. When the team was not returned by Thursday evening Mr. Cook phoned Mr. Mestre, and when the father learned that the girls had hired a team he became alarmed, and started an immediate investigation.

He and the sheriff have wired all over this part of the state, but no trace of either the girls or the team has been found. It is known that they started west from this town, but no further information has yet been obtained.

It is suspected that Mabel's purpose was to run away to her lover, Lester Snyder. Her parents objected to her keeping company with this young man, who is a brakeman on the Santa Fe railroad, and it has been learned since she intended to run away to him. But why she should take her little sister is a mystery.

Good Rain at Shelton.

SHELTON, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—This section has again been visited by a heavy downpour of rain. Over two inches of water

fell and all the ditches and low places are level full. The prospect is good for a bountiful crop, and the splendid rain will have to be abandoned on account of the wet grove and wet race track, but the warm weather of the past two weeks has done much to improve the condition of a backward corn crop, and this splendid rain will bloom all small grain and the corn crop, too. The fall wheat and rye will be ready to cut in about ten days and is very promising.

FARM MAY GO TO THE STATE

John King, Who Died Last April, Left Eighty Acres of Good Land, but No Will Can Be Found.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Since the death of John King, a bachelor, on April 30 of the present year parties interested in the estate have been vainly searching for a will which he is supposed to have executed.

A month after his death County Judge Douglas ordered Thomas Akeson, the administrator, to visit the premises of the deceased and make a thorough search for the document and other valuables.

Portions of the floor were torn up and every nook and corner was closely examined, but the search was unsuccessful. A few days ago Akeson was turning over the leaves of a bible and found a \$10 bill spread out between two leaves.

This has somewhat encouraged the interested parties and they still hope to find a will. Mrs. Tom Trewin of Louisville was a step-daughter. David M. King of Bushnell, Ill., and George B. King of Glen Rock, Neb., were half-brothers.

The most important question as to their securing the property is the legitimacy of the birth of the deceased.

The estate includes eighty acres of the best land in Cass county, located west of Plattsmouth. The property will revert to the state of Nebraska unless a will is discovered.

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BLIND GIRL NAMES THE FATHER

Sensation May Follow Death of Three-Weeks-Old Child Near Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Sensational developments are likely to follow if the county attorney is successful in his efforts to discover the father of a baby which died suddenly yesterday.

The baby was the child of a daughter of Joseph McConnell, a drayman, residing in Glen Over, who is totally blind. The infant was born about three weeks ago.

Coroner Walden, upon investigation, found that the child died of natural causes and dismissed the charges that had been preferred.

The coroner, however, questioned the young mother, who is not 20 years old, if she knew who was the father of her child, and she gave the name of a married man in the city. Her knowledge of his identity, she says, is only based upon the name which the man gave her.

The mother of the child is a sister of the young woman who caused the arrest of a prominent resident of Beatrice some time ago on a charge of criminal assault.

The man she accused was acquitted of the charge at his preliminary hearing.

FIGHT WITH CLUBS AND KNIVES

Two Brothers, Columbus Saloon Keepers, Badly Wounded by a Couple of Drunken Rowdies.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Lorenz Acher and George Rubenthal filed up on Thursday night at about 5 o'clock they made a murderous attack upon Otto and August Mers, two brothers keeping a saloon on Eleventh street.

They were armed with clubs and knives and as a result one of the brothers is very dangerously ill. The other has several gashes on the shoulder.

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Lena Clause, aged 12 years, was shot in the face this morning by a girl companion with a blank cartridge. She may lose one eye.

HOSPITAL TO GO UP AT ONCE

Norfolk People Rejoice Over Prospect of Early Commencement of Work on Insane Asylum.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Judges J. B. Barnes, candidate for the republican nomination for justice of the supreme court, returned from Lincoln last night with the word that work is to begin at once on the reconstruction of the state hospital for insane at this place.

State Treasurer Mortenson assured the judges that the Norfolk turn now, since repairs on all other buildings have been completed. Mr. Mortenson is a member of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

The appropriation of \$100,000 to be expended in reconstructing the Norfolk building, was passed with the emergency clause by the last legislature. It was expected that work would begin immediately and Norfolk people have been anxious for a start to be made.

Quiet Fourth at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Fourth was a very quiet day in Plattsmouth, many of the citizens going to Omaha, Cedar Creek, Glenwood, Ia., and other points. The banks, Burlington shops, were closed during the day. On the courthouse lawn the band played "Marching Through Georgia." "The Red, White and Blue" and other patriotic selections.

Giant Firecracker Tears Hand.

FALLS CITY, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—John Helke had his left hand so badly injured that amputation was necessary.

He was holding a giant firecracker when it exploded, tearing all the fingers from his hand. Jeff Menall, a merchant, was arrested and fined \$15.00 for shooting a firecracker larger than the law permits.

TEACHER PARTS WITH CASH

Pays Out Good Money to Agent Who Promises Her an Easy Summer Job with a Nice Salary.

HASTINGS

HASTINGS, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A young woman teacher of the East ward school, this city, was recently hounded by \$50 by a sharper who represented himself to be an agent commissioned by a certain firm to establish agencies.

He told the young woman he could give her a position, with nothing more to do, and would yield a weekly stipend of \$18, and would be a very desirable summer occupation.

She, however, was to pay the sum of \$20 to him to guarantee good faith and to enable him to obtain the signed contract from the firm. She paid the money asked and there the story ended.

BIG CROP OF WHEAT IN GAGE

Harvest is Now in Progress and Farmers Are Cutting More Than Last Year.

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FISH AT FIVE DOLLARS A PIECE

Deputy Warden Rainey at Norfolk Seizes Eight Nets and Owners Pay Big Sums Into Court.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—About a thousand dollars has recently been paid into court here by violators of the state fish laws.

Eight nets have been taken from the North Fork river by Deputy Warden J. A. Rainey, and the nets were from a dozen to fifty fish, which cost the catchers just \$5 apiece.

The nets were all destroyed. Fish Commissioner Simpson of Lincoln and Game Warden Carter of North Platte have been in the city several times to prosecute the lawbreakers.

On one trip they deposited \$50,000 cash and pike in the North Fork.

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Have Big Time at Sidney.

SIDNEY, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A big celebration was held here today. Thirty-five hundred people were present to enjoy the day's festivities, which consisted of a parade led by the Sidney brass band, floats representing the business interest, Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, mayor of city and council and all the fraternal organizations.

Addresses were delivered at the courthouse by prominent speakers. The ball game and athletic sports in the afternoon were interesting features.

Tonight a good display of fireworks took place from the hill north of the city and four others went to the hills to get a rock to be used in a drilling contest on the Fourth of July.

He was searching near the bottom of a ravine, when his companions loosened a boulder from a cliff above.

The rock, weighing several tons, rolled down the mountain and plumed Goddard against another rock. When his friends found him Goddard was sitting upright smoking a cigarette.

His legs were almost crushed out at the knees, but he said he felt no pain. The rock was removed from Goddard's legs and he died in two hours.

During this time he was conscious and gave directions as to the disposition of his body. Five minutes before he died he took out his watch, and handing it to one of his companions, said: "You may have this, for I will not need it any more."

Atlantic City is shocked by the sad accident and will have no celebration as a result.

Blair Has a Big Time.

BLAIR, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The most successful celebration ever witnessed in Blair was held here today. The program was carried through without a hitch. Fully 5,000 people were in the city this afternoon and the general expression was that they were well entertained.

The crowd was orderly, only one arrest being made. A man started out early in the day trying to kiss every woman he met on the sidewalk. He was promptly arrested and landed in the cooler.

Proves a Dangerous Toy.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Harvey Hitchcock, business manager of a local publishing company, is to be fined with a damage suit because of too much exuberance in the use of a toy pistol.

While he was engaged in a playful altercation with a 12-year-old boy, Albert Spier, the weapon was discharged, Mr. Hitchcock claims accidentally, badly wounding the lad's neck. The parents of young Spier talk of suing Hitchcock for damages.

Inspecting the Manhattan Branch.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A party of Union Pacific officials comprising Judge J. B. Berry, chief engineer; J. O. Brinker, superintendent, and A. C. Palmer, assistant superintendent, passed through the city yesterday in a special car on a tour of inspection of the southern division of the road between this city and Manhattan, Kan., which has recently undergone considerable repairs since the floods.

Hastings Black Diamond Hunters.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A colored base ball team has been organized in Hastings under the name of the Black Diamond Hunters. They intend to put up some good games during the season. Those in the team are: D. Briley, R. Stewart, H. Sherwood, Ed Early, Sam Jones, Lons Cotton, A. Gates, G. Gates, S. Tomk, D. Capper, W. Taylor, N. Britley.

Call for Central Committee.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A call has been issued by the president and secretary of the Adams county central committee for a meeting to be held in the office of L. J. Capper at 7 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of fixing the date of the county convention.

Cannon Cracker Wrecks Street.

SCHUYLER, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Some one set a ten-inch cannon

Pointers for Business Men. THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES. No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK. OMAHA, July 1, 1903. Mr. Wm. Henry Brown, Cashier, Omaha, Nebraska. Dear Mr. Brown: I am just in receipt of the check of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in the sum of \$2,000. - payable to my order, in payment of my claim under policy No. 848,849, which I held as a creditor. This is a sight draft at maturity. "Proofs" were handed you June 26th, and this morning, just five days later, I am in receipt of draft. This is an illustration of what I have maintained for years and years, that it would be one of the wisest and best things banks and business men generally could do, to have those who are indebted take out policies running to them. A double blessing is thus bestowed, - the creditor gets his money quickly and the debtor's estate is left in good shape. I carry a number of similar policies in different companies; in fact whenever possible I make it a point to have those indebted insure their lives in my favor. You are at liberty to use this letter as you see fit. Yours truly, H. D. Neely.

firecracker in the middle of the street last night and it tore a great hole in the street and broke several windows in buildings on the street. The man who shot the firecracker has not been found.

Smokes with Legs Crushed.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Pierce Goddard, a miner employed at Atlantic City, met death in a horrible manner this city and four others went to the hills to get a rock to be used in a drilling contest on the Fourth of July.

MOB ASSAULTS AN OFFICER

Local Authorities Helpless to Quell Riot and Outside Aid is Summoned.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., July 4.—A mob of young men, angered by the arrest of one of their number, during the night, wounded a deputy sheriff by shooting him in the face with a blank cartridge, assaulted a policeman, bombarded the house of a police judge and stoned and stormed the town house in an attempt to release the prisoner.

ITALIAN LABORERS IN RIOT

Five of Rowdy Crew Seriously Injured, Two of Whom Will Die.

PITTSBURGH, July 4.—The Italian laborers employed at the Wabash tunnel workings near Greentree, Pa., rioted today and a number were seriously injured. Five are now in hospitals and two will die.

KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLES PROMPTLY CURED

A Sample Bottle Sent FREE by Mail

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in promptly curing kidney, bladder and uric acid troubles, rheumatism and pain in the back. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

DEATH RECORD.

Missie Miles. BEATRICE, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Missie Miles, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Miles, formerly of this city but now of San Bernardino, Cal., died in that city Monday. Her parents are on their way to this city with the remains, and are expected to arrive tonight. The burial is to be made in the Tecumseh cemetery.

Dora Dunlap.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Dora Dunlap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunlap, who died at Crawford, Neb., last Tuesday, was buried in the cemetery here yesterday. The remains arrived at

HUSBAND FINDS WIFE DEAD

Mrs. Rose C. Johnson Locks Doors and Shoots Herself in Breast.

NO CAUSE ASSIGNED FOR THE SUICIDE

Married Life Had Been Happy and Sudden Insanity Believed to Be Responsible for Deed Which Was Planned.

Apparently without cause or reason for wanting to die, Mrs. Rose C. Johnson, aged 22 years, ended her life at her home, 104 North Thirty-second street, yesterday afternoon by shooting herself in the left breast with a shotgun. The body was found by her husband about 1:30 o'clock lying in a pool of blood in the dining room, the gun lying across it. Near the body was an iron poker with which she had worked the trigger.

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Now at 304-10th St. Next Door to Wabash Ticket Office. Phone 1808.

OWN REVOLVER SLAYS MAN

Tries to Ward Off Arresting Detective, but Only Hurts Self.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Joseph Agener Lamotte, wanted for murder at Lowell, Mass., resisted arrest by Detective Sergeant Brecker today. He drew a pistol which went off during the struggle, shooting him in the abdomen. He is in a critical condition.

SALOON KEEPER SHOTS THREE

Says Trio Attacked His Bar and Person and Shots Were Merely Defensive.

DETROIT, July 4.—Emil Toblan died today from bullet wounds in the stomach received in a fight last night, in which two other men were also probably fatally wounded.

The men were shot by Anthony Soloski, a saloonkeeper who claims they were members of a gang who attacked him and his place of business. Soloski is under arrest.

HERE'S THE CAUSE OF THE CAVES

The cause of the cause. What's the cause of most of the crime in the world? Drink! And what's the cause of the drinking? Thirst! What's the cause of so many children's deaths? Old Sol! Cool togs! And whose the cause of cool togs? MacCarthy! Porous, perfect fitting suits—\$28 to \$48. Just as light Trousers, \$6 to \$15.

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