

STRANGE DISEASE IN HORSES

State Veterinarian Thomas Frazler Over Book County Case.

CALL FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Sprague Man Buys Drug Store with Cash Capital of Four Cents and Borrows Money from His Attorney.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—State Veterinarian Thomas has just discovered a disease in horses heretofore unheard of in Nebraska that is causing the death of a number of animals in the neighborhood of Bassett. He was called upon to examine a colt. The colt died and the doctor held a post-mortem examination and found that the caecum, one of the intestines, was filled with little worms, imbedded in a circular shape. Some of the circles were no larger than a pin head, though there were thousands of them in the intestine. While it is not uncommon for parasites to be found in horses this is the first time in the history of the state, so far as known, that anything like this case has ever been found. The effect on the horse attacked is to cause general debility and a wasting away until death. A number of horses that were not examined have died in the same neighborhood with symptoms similar to those of the colt.

Dr. Thomas will take his specimen to Kansas City tomorrow, where on Monday he will exhibit it at a meeting of the Missouri Valley Veterinary association. It is said the first time anything of the kind was ever heard of was in Scotland some years ago, and the old textbooks contain pictures of the worms as found by Dr. Thomas. Just what causes the worms is unknown and how to get rid of them is a question that is yet to be studied out. Whether the disease was brought to the state or whether it was caused by something the animal ate is another question that will have to be looked after by the doctors. In the neighborhood where the disease was found the land is sandy and water is close to the surface, but whether this had anything to do with starting the disease is yet unknown.

First District Convention.

The republicans of the first congressional district will hold their convention in Lincoln, March 22 at 10 a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and two delegates to the national convention. The representation is based upon the vote cast for Burdett two years ago, and will divide the delegates as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Delegates. Includes names like Oles, Nemah, Johnson, Fawcett, Richardson, Lancaster.

It will require eighty-seven votes for a choice and will thus prevent any two counties from forming a combination for the selection of the two delegates, as it has been possible to do in the past. It is generally believed that Congressman Burdett will be re-nominated without opposition.

Bankers' Union Hearing.

The hearing before Referee Ryan in the case of the Bankers' Union of the World is still in progress and it is probable that it will not be completed in time for Judge Ryan to submit his report to the supreme court at its next sitting. Supreme Banker Swartz was on the stand today and told how the company secured its income. The state has based its action on the testimony of Examiner Wiggins, but will want time to offer evidence in rebuttal to what the defense has put in.

Contest Death Claim.

Because the grand judge of the Degree of Honor of the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge believed that Mrs. Katherine Merriman made false statements to become a member of the order, it has refused to pay the claim of \$1,000 which the husband of the woman, now deceased, holds, and has filed an answer to the suit filed against it. In the answer it is stated that Mrs. Merriman said that she had never been afflicted with paralysis, when in fact the brief said she had been thus afflicted almost a year before.

Champion Financier.

In Charles G. Barnes, now under arrest here, the police believe they have the

champion all-round financier in the world. According to the stories told of Barnes, who says he is not Barnes, he went to Sprague and bought a drug store, having at that time a cash capital of 4 cents. He took charge of the store and conducted it a week and was then thrown out because he hadn't paid, and the door was locked after him. Barnes is alleged to have told the former owner that he had the money in the safe and would pay if they would let him back into the store. When the door was opened the money was not forthcoming, and another one. He was then brought to the county jail, and still has the 4 cents. He has been bound over on a forgery charge in the sum of \$50, which he has not yet secured. He expects to make it warm for his enemies as soon as he gets clear of the courts, so he said.

Questions to Be Answered.

The monthly examination questions to be sent to the county superintendents for February have been compiled by Superintendent Fowler and will be sent out in a short time. With the questions will go an outline map of the state, which, it is stated, applicants for certificates will have to fill out. The questions will be familiar with the geography and agricultural portions of the state and things along these lines.

Catsup, is Adulterated.

Deputy Food Commissioner Thompson and his chemist are still looking up impure catsup, with the result that out of fifteen samples tested only one was found to be free from some adulteration, and this one showed something foreign, but just what has not yet been ascertained. Under the present food laws of the state the commissioner will not be able to prosecute the offenders, but he expects to prepare a list of the bad brands for publication and in this way possibly stop the people from buying.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings this afternoon awarded the contract for putting in a new pump at the penitentiary to Joseph Burns for \$40. W. C. Bailey bid \$75 and W. E. Chase \$50. An engine was not bought because there was not sufficient money on hand to pay for it.

Pay for Getting Seared.

Hannah Bevard was on a street car the Fourth of last July when a torpedo exploded under the car, blowing open a trap door and sending flames and smoke into her face with sufficient force to scare her until she jumped from the car, badly bruising herself. As a result of all this Miss Bevard has sued the company for \$2,000. Her attorney today argued that the company should have had the trap door fastened down, and that while the revelers were at work it should have had its right-of-way policed to prevent the placing of torpedoes on the tracks.

Charter Day at University.

The thirty-fifth annual charter day of the university will be celebrated Monday at which time the annual mid-winter convocation will also be held. The following is the program for the day:

- 9:00 p. m.: Meeting of Board of Regents. All departments of the university open to the public. 10:00 p. m.: Musical Concert, Grant hall. Drill by Cadet band, Grant hall. 11:00 p. m.: Annual Indoor Athletic Contest, Grant hall. 8:00 p. m., in Memorial hall: Music—Organ solo, Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond. Invocation—Rev. Dr. H. C. Swearingen. Music—Chorus, "Hallelujah," "Memento." University chorus, with organ and strings. Miss Steinhilber. Music—Overture, "Crown Diamond." Auber, Cadet band. Confering of degrees. Music—Selection, "Coronation March," Meyerbeer, University band. Benediction—Dr. Swearingen.

Hastings Will Clean House.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A petition signed by 207 residents of the South side was presented to the city council at its meeting this week, asking that immediate steps be taken to rid that section of the city of three houses of ill fame reputed to have been in operation there for some months. The mayor at once empowered the city attorney to take steps to comply with the prayer of the petition, and in accordance he has served notices upon the proprietors of these places that they must cease their traffic by February 25.

ROBBERS HOLD TOWN AT BAY

Blow Up a Bank and Steal Some Stamps and a Team.

PITCHED BATTLE AND NO ONE HURT

Five Men Defy the Little Hamlet of Martinsburg and Do Their Work Behind a Barricade of Boxes.

PONCA, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Besieged by an army of infuriated citizens and barricaded behind a row of cuttimbers and dry goods boxes, five bank robbers this morning bravely open the safe of the Martinsburg State bank at Martinsburg, this county, stole \$70 in postage stamps from the postoffice, which is in the same building, and escaped.

The robbers wrecked the safe with ten charges of dynamite and almost wrecked the bank building, but they failed to open the money chest inside the steel safe. While at work they kept up a pitched battle with the citizens, the whole town having turned out to defend the property. When they made their escape in a running fight, the people of the town making a desperate effort to prevent the men from getting away. The robbers, however, stole a team of horses and a buggy, and got safely out of town.

Notwithstanding the large number of shots exchanged, no one was hurt. A Martinsburg is a hamlet of about ninety inhabitants, a few miles south of Ponca, is not on the railroad. The bank and postoffice are in the principal building in the town.

CHICORY MILL WILL GRIND

Probability that the Plant at Schuyler Will Resume Operations—Better Offer to Farmers.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—After being idle for three years the Nebraska chicory factory will attempt to resume operations this morning. A board of directors has decided to offer to contract with the farmers for chicory roots at \$10 per ton. Formerly \$7.50 per ton was paid and many farmers tried to raise them, but often with poor success, mainly because of unpropitious seasons. Lately there have been numerous offers to contract for chicory products at prices that would have made good money. Prices were formerly so low that the business did not prosper and was finally sold under execution and bought in by seven directors, who were on the company's paper, at a cost of \$750. The plant cost \$1,000.

This year there is a good prospect that the factory will be able to run at a profit, as the farmers are taking considerable interest in the offer of the board of directors, believing that they can well afford to raise the plants at \$10 per ton.

FROZEN BABY IN CATTLE CAR

Little Body is Discovered by Brakeman—Physicians Say it Had Lived but a Day.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—As the westbound local freight train was at this depot yesterday the body of a newly born male infant was found by a brakeman in an empty cattle car. The remains were wrapped in a quantity of white cotton cloth and were only partially frozen, indicating that it had not been dead any great length of time. As the car was picked up at Fremont and the train stopped but a short time at Ames, an intervening station, the probabilities are that the child was deposited in the car at Fremont. A sufficient amount of cloth had been used to smother any outcry it might make.

A doctor who examined the body a few minutes after said that the child had been born alive, was exceptionally strong and healthy and had been dead but a few hours. In the absence of Coroner Brown, Sheriff Bauman came to North Bend this morning and held an inquest.

Enforces Civil Rights Law.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—An unusual degree of interest centered in the county court room yesterday afternoon when the case of Mrs. Lizzie Sherwood, colored, against Louis Zobel, proprietor of the Zobel restaurant, was tried before a jury. The charge against the defendant was the violation of a section of the statute of civil rights, which allows no discrimination because of race or color. The defendant was found guilty and the court imposed a fine of \$100. The witness, a colored woman, testified that about noon of February 3 she entered the Zobel restaurant and sat down at one of the tables in the dining room and waited for the waiter to take her order for dinner. Instead of taking her order, however, the waiter appeared after a long delay and told her that the wood that it was desired that she move into a box, an enclosure which shields the occupants from the view of others in the dining room. Mrs. Sherwood demurred and asked why she was asked to take the box, and no definite answer being returned her she signed her name to the enclosure and remain at the table. The proprietor then instructed the waiters not to take the colored woman's order unless she would take the place assigned her in the box. After waiting about twenty minutes without being waited on she interviewed Mr. Zobel, and on leaving said: "If I make this case you something," and proceeded at once to take the steps which led to yesterday's trial. It is Mr. Zobel's present intention to appeal from the decision of the court.

Conduct Not Unprofessional.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. G. H. Brash of this city, one of the secretaries of the State Board of Health, Thursday afternoon received from the state board its findings in the case of Mrs. Annetta Nesbit against Dr. Harry L. Finley of Pawnee City, who was charged with unprofessional conduct. The finding of the Board of Health is as follows: "In the case of Annetta Nesbit against Harry L. Finley, M. D., of Pawnee City, the recommendation of the secretaries of the board that the license of the said Harry L. Finley be not revoked was approved." Dr. Finley is the physician who placed a babe in a box car at Pawnee City last summer soon after it was born. The child was found wrapped in a newspaper and by the address printed on the margin of the paper the authorities were not long in locating the mother of the child, who was a young woman, and the physician who placed the little creature in the car. As defined by the statute of the state of Nebraska, Dr. Finley's act did not constitute unprofessional conduct.

Johnson County Institute Closes.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The attendance at the closing session of the Johnson county farmers' institute in this city today was large and the program was of excellent character. The most important features were a paper by County Superintendent of Public Instruction B. E. Dill, on the subject, "Agriculture in the Public Schools," one by Mrs. A. M. Jury on "Gathering up the Fragments," and an address by Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. L. McBrien. Mr. McBrien is a favorite in this county and his name is usually on the

institute programs. He used as his subject, "The Greatest Product of the Farm, and What Shall We do with It?" and his effort brought forth much applause and many compliments. The session just closed is considered one of the best ever held in the county and the attendance has been large.

SARPY - TAXPAYERS ORGANIZE

Propose to Investigate Alleged Crookedness in Matter of Bridge Contracts.

PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Papillion was again crowded today with the taxpayers of Sarpy county, their object being to complete the organization of the Sarpy County Taxpayers' association. Two weeks ago a temporary organization was formed for the purpose of organizing for the events of the last meeting but nothing sensational occurred.

J. J. Lutz was chosen president; George Zwickel vice president; Art Ireland secretary and treasurer; I. D. Clarke and Conrad Schellert as an executive committee. A constitution was adopted and the association is on a good footing. Its object is to look after the interests and welfare of the county. The alleged extravagant expenditures of the public monies by the county commissioners in the building of bridges by the Sheeley Bridge company will be thoroughly investigated and a damper will be put on any boondoggling that may be uncovered.

WOLVES RAID FARMS IN SARPY

Farmers Propose to Organize a Hunt with a View to Extirminating the Pest.

PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Farmers in the western part of the county are suffering from the frequent raids of wolves upon their poultry and hog pens. The pests have become more numerous than in years and it is the intention of the farmers to organize a hunt and try to exterminate them.

Demented Woman Commits Suicide.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A special correspondent of a local paper at Phillips, relates a most unfortunate affair occurring a half mile from Marquette, in Hamilton county. Mrs. Johnson, the wife of a farmer, a middle aged woman, who leaves a number of children, while demented went to a straw stack, piled up with hay, and jumped into it, where she was found by her husband and taken to the hospital. Her husband was away from home at the time and the children at school. Mrs. Johnson's body was found burned to a crisp. The woman has been dependent for some time and it is the general opinion that the act was committed under a temporary fit of insanity.

Johnson County Corn Exhibit.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The corn exhibit in connection with the Johnson county farmers' institute was an excellent showing of the county's best grain. There were numerous competitors for the premiums and the winning corn was turned over to Prof. T. L. Lyon of the State university and that gentleman will add it to Nebraska's exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. The premiums were awarded as follows: Ten dollars, in three moneys, on white corn—First, R. M. Young; second, Wm. H. Williams; third, R. P. Faris. Ten dollars, in three moneys, on yellow corn—First, S. F. Hays; second, R. M. Young; third, J. W. Harrington.

New Beatrice Street Railway.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—W. H. Nees, a street railway promoter, writes from Independence, Kan., to Alex Graham of this city and makes some inquiries as to the prospect of building a street railway for Beatrice. He also inquired as to the population of Beatrice and surrounding towns. Mr. Nees lives in Brazil, Ind., and now has everything ready to begin the construction of a street railway at Independence, Kan. A move will in all probability be made by the Commercial club to induce Mr. Nees to come here and look the ground over with a view to securing a street railway for Beatrice.

Police Are Warned by Phone.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—This afternoon the police arrested a stranger and lodged him in jail on a charge of stealing a team and buggy from the livery barn of Charles McCullough at Blue Springs. The fellow secured the rig at the barn and after driving to Wynona tried to sell it. Falling in this he drove to Beatrice, where he was arrested by the officers, who had been informed of the theft by Marshal Acton of Wynona by telephone. At the police station the stranger first gave the name of Humphrey and later that of Hanson. The officers from Wynona will be here tomorrow after their man.

Postmaster is on Trial.

HURON, S. D., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of C. N. Cooper, postmaster, on a charge of drunkenness was held here yesterday. Hubbard is Coe J. Crawford as a juror and a jury was today and resulted in a disagreement. Another trial will be held.

Monday is set for Cooper's trial on the complaint of Walter R. Hubbard, whom he assaulted in the Richards Trust company's office yesterday. Hubbard is Coe J. Crawford as a private secretary, and the trouble grew out of a political matter.

For Using Improper Language.

EDGAR, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Complaint was made this morning in police court against a man giving his name as W. A. Gourley, for using improper and insulting language. The complaint was made

by Mrs. R. E. Gillette, who was passing along the street after dark last night and was met by Gourley, who attempted familiarities. Gourley is a traveling sewing machine peddler and has been in the city a number of days. The trial has been set for February 15. Gourley, who was arrested this morning has been released on bail.

Choose Site for Auditorium.

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The West Point Liederkreis has decided upon a site for the new auditorium building. This will be erected on the lot immediately north of the old West Point house, at the northern end of Main street. It will have an east frontage of sixty-six feet and a depth of 132 feet. Work will be commenced in the spring as soon as the ground is open. Sufficient funds have already been subscribed to assure the success of the venture.

Dead Man Was Rich.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The firm of A. C. Dreken, wholesale jewelry, of Chicago, has sent a representative here to secure the goods left at the hotel by Mr. J. E. Pottle, whose sudden death at the hotel took place Monday morning. The remains were shipped to Milwaukee. The personal effects of the traveler were valued at \$15,000. An autopsy at the request of the family, showed that death resulted from neuritis of the heart.

May Have Two Candidates.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Since the announcement of the candidacy of W. H. Harrison for governor, there is considerable speculation among the people here of the probability that Grand Island will have both the candidates for the executive office of the state. W. H. Thompson has often been mentioned for candidates again, the talk about this time among the local democrats having been particularly strong recently.

York Will Do Much Building.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—There is a larger number of contracts for dwelling houses and business blocks in York than at any other time in the last three years. The leading contractors say they have already contracted from eight to twelve houses each and among them will be some very large homes. One of the largest buildings will be the new high school building costing \$25,000.

Request Administrator's Removal.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Before County Judge H. D. Travis a hearing was had upon the application for the removal of C. E. Polk as administrator of the estate of Ernest Kupke. W. L. Brown of Lincoln appeared for the plaintiffs and Byron Clark and J. L. Root of this city for the defendant. The decision was taken under advisement.

Dundas Abandons Chautauqua.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—John H. Dundas, Auburn, who conducted the Tecumseh chautauqua with his own responsibility the last two years, announces that he has given up the assemblies. If this city is to have a continuation of the chautauqua the enterprise will have to have a new management.

Sixty Days for Assault.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—James Maddox, who committed the brutal assault on Ernest Kern, was brought before Police Judge May on Wednesday to answer to a charge of assault and battery and was sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for sixty days.

Lumberman is Bankrupt.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Charles D. Cummins, who was formerly engaged in the lumber business in this city, has had filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court. He places his liabilities at \$15,555.08 and his assets at \$3,660. He claims no exemptions.

Papillion Masquerade Ball.

PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—One of the most pleasant social affairs of the season occurred last night when the Papillion Society club held their annual masquerade ball. Many were present. Miss Lola Snide was awarded first prize as wearing the most handsome costume.

New Building at Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Messrs. Peterson and Erlingsson have recently let contracts for the building of a two story, two room, business block, on North Locust street, near the Koehler hotel. Work is to commence on March 1.

Sterling Bank Changes Hands.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—John R. Pierson and F. E. Bode of this city have sold their interests in the State Bank of Sterling to M. H. Christy of Lincoln. Mr. Christy will move his family to Sterling and take charge of the bank.

Beatrice High School Outing.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The senior class and the teachers of the Beatrice High school, numbering in all about forty-five, visited the state university and other points of interest at the capital city Friday.

Woodmen Have Masquerade Ball.

LEIGH, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Leigh camp No. 1023, Modern Woodmen of America, gave their sixth annual masquerade ball at the Leigh opera house last evening. A large crowd was present. The proceeds were \$135.

Oscola Republicans to Meet.

OSCOLA, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Republicans of this place will meet next Tuesday to organize a Roosevelt club.

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