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GOOD-BYE.

With this issue I lay down the pencil and take a long needed rest from Journalistic work, having sold the NORTHWESTERN plant, including subscription books and good will to J. W. Burleigh who will hereafter conduct the paper both as editor and publisher. In doing so I feel both pleasure and regret. Pleasure because, for a time, we will be relieved from the constant and devoted efforts which are always the lot of an editor who unceasingly labors to make his paper interesting and at the same time a paying investment. All through the long year of my newspaper experience we have endeavored to give our readers a good reliable and up-to-date newspaper and at the same time improve the plant and add to our facilities for turning out good work and giving satisfaction to our patrons. Every dollar that could be spared has gone into new material and the consequences are that I have builded a landmark that is recognized over the state as a substantial enterprise. For our successful efforts in this direction we are pleased.

I regret to say goodbye for many reasons. I like the Journalistic work, I like the printing business and have a warm spot in my heart for all the people of Sherman county where I have ever made my home since its earliest settlement. But in justice to myself I must have this much needed rest. In leaving the work in other hands I do so with the kindest feelings towards all and sincerest thanks to those who have supported and patronized the paper.

Mr. Burleigh comes to us as a practical newspaper man of many years experience. He disposed of his plant at Ainsworth some months since and has had a good rest and will now take up the pen with renewed vigor. He was proof reader in the state legislature for two terms and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the newspaper fraternity in this and other states. In this we are again pleased that we leave the NORTHWESTERN and the interests of our readers in the hands of such an able representative of the press. And now with a feeling of friendship for all and many happy returns of the New Year we again say goodbye.

GEO. E. BENSCHOTER.

P. S.—All accounts on the subscription books with the exception of a few in town, which I will present soon in final settlement with the business men of the town, belongs to Mr. Burleigh. All accounts other than subscription is due and payable to the undersigned.

GEO. E. BENSCHOTER.

We extend Happy New Year's Greetings to the patrons and friends of the NORTHWESTERN. In assuming control of the fortunes of the paper we prefer, largely, to let its columns speak for themselves. We shall aim to make the NORTHWESTERN a newspaper in all that the term implies. Of course, the paper will be staunchly republican in its political complexion—it could not be otherwise under the new management. While being so, it must not be understood that it will be offensively partisan, nor so biased in its views as to see naught but good within the party lines. But above and over all, the

paper will at all times and in all places "Stand Up for Loup City, Sherman County and Nebraska," and nothing shall be considered too good for the people of this favored part of the state. The success of the paper depends in largest measure upon our business men. Their support is necessary to its very existence; without it, however strenuous the effort, we may not hope to succeed. Is it too much to expect the liberal patronage of every enterprising, energetic business man in Loup City? A paper is an index of a town and one of the most potent factors in its upbuilding. The business men furnish the sinews of war, strengthen the arm of the newspaper man and enable him to devote his best energies for the good of the community. The warm support of the business interests insures a live newspaper and a live newspaper is one of the greatest drawing cards for a town. That advertising pays is a so well established fact that comment is unnecessary. May we not confidently expect the heartiest co-operation of Loup City's good business men?

The writer wishes to add to the many kind words spoken of the retiring editor, Mr. Benschoter. We have an especially kindly feeling toward him for courtesies extended. He is a splendidly equipped newspaper man and has given the people of Sherman county the best of his life, talent and industry. The NORTHWESTERN is a living monument to his successful work in his chosen profession. We extend to him our best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

Mr. Henry French has consented to remain with us for a season, taking mechanical charge of the plant, and assisting in making the local new pages up-to-date. He is a live, wide-awake news hustler, as well as first-class printer, and to him will be the credit, most largely, at least for the present, for the local news columns.

And now wishing for all a happy and prosperous new year and many more to follow, the NORTHWESTERN is yours to command.

Some of our exchanges seem to think that the people of Sherman county sanction murder and lawlessness in as much as they did not hang Carl Duesterhoft. If these editors had followed the case more closely they would have seen but little cause for such comment. It is true, as they state, that the prisoner was charged with deliberate and premeditated murder, but it is one thing to make a charge and quite another to prove it.

In this case there was no evidence to show that he murdered his wife even without premeditation. The case was fairly tried at an expense of about \$1,000. to the county and the state was ably represented by counsel. Every effort was made to bring out the facts. It was proven however, that he had beaten his wife and that death had resulted from the effects of such treatment. But in this there was room for doubt as it was also proven that the wife was an insane person and was, on other occasions, in the habit of leaving home. No definite length of time which intervened between the time of ill treatment and death of the wife was proven, it might have been hours and it might have been days.

Again it was clearly shown that the prisoner was out searching for his wife and called at several farm houses in the hope of finding her, and failing finally reported to the county authorities.

All this, in the absence of any evidence to show any intent on his part to murder or to prove conclusively that he was the direct cause of her death would naturally leave the jury in doubt. While it is the general impression that Duesterhoft was the direct cause of

his wife's death, yet all our best citizens frankly acknowledge that the jury, under the law and the evidence and the instructions from the court, could not have done more than to bring in a verdict of manslaughter without establishing grounds for a new trial and putting the county to the expense of at least another thousand, with little or no hope of securing a more severe sentence.

Notwithstanding the unjust criticism from some of the papers who represent some of our sister counties which have a record of having two murder cases to our one, the people here are perfectly satisfied with the disposition of this case and speak of the jury in terms of praise.

FRANCHISE TO THE LOUP CITY TELEPHONE COMPANY.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 61.

An ordinance granting certain rights and privileges to the Loup City Telephone company, its successors and assigns, regulating erection of poles and wires and protecting the same in the village of Loup City, Nebraska.

Be it ordained by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Loup City, Nebraska:

Section 1. That the Loup City Telephone company, its successors and assigns be and are hereby granted right of way for the erection and maintenance of poles and wires and all the appurtenances thereof, for the purpose of transacting a general telephone and telegraph business through, upon and over the streets, alleys and public grounds of the village of Loup City, provided that said company shall at all times when requested by the proper authorities permit their poles and fixtures to be used for the purpose of placing and maintaining free of charge any wires which may be necessary for the police or fire departments of the village of Loup City, and further provided that such poles and wires shall be erected so as not to interfere with ordinary travel through such streets and alleys.

Section 2. That in no case shall said company charge to exceed one dollar per month for the use of one phone in any private dwelling house and not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents per month for one phone in any business house in said village of Loup City. Any outside line desiring to connect with this Company may do so by the payment of five dollars per month per line, or 50 cents per month for each phone.

Section 3. Whenever it shall be necessary for any person to move along or across any of said streets or alleys any vehicle or structure of such height or size as to interfere with any poles or wires so erected the company using and operating such poles or wires shall, upon receiving twenty-four hours notice, served in writing upon their agent or manager at Loup City, temporarily remove such poles and wires from such place as must necessarily be crossed by such vehicle or structure, and provided that this section shall not be construed to apply to circuses or other parades upon the public streets and alleys.

Section 4. Any person who shall interfere with, cut, injure, remove or destroy any of the poles, wires fixtures, instruments or other property of the said telephone company or its successors, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and any person who shall paste, tack, or fasten on the poles or fixtures of said company, any sign poster, advertisement or banner shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

Section 5. This franchise shall terminate at the end of 20 years from date.

This ordinance shall take effect on and after its publication.

Approved and passed December 17, 1903, and published December 25, 1903.

Attest: E. S. HAYHURST,
Chairman board of trustees.
(SEAL) W. J. FISHER,
Village Clerk.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT Lincoln Neb.
December 18, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. A. Angier, county judge at Loup City, Neb., on Jan. 30, 1904, viz: Ernest D. Voss., for the northeast quarter of section 12 Township 14, Range 16 west, H. E. No. 17317.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jacob Albers, of Loup City Neb. Charles Schoening, of Divide, Sherman county Neb. Ed. Harper, of Litchfield Neb. Henry Bell, of Loup City, Neb. W. A. GREEN, Register.

A. E. CHASE

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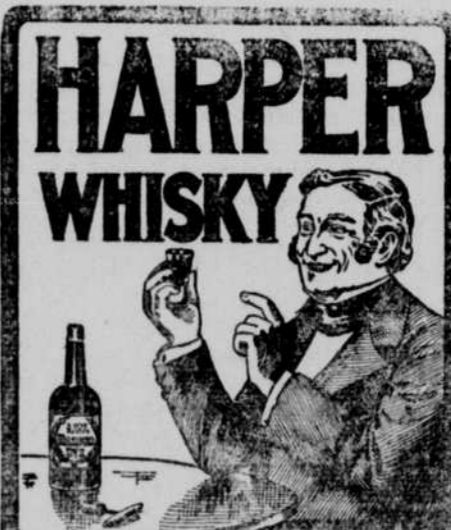
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