

AMPUTATED HIS OWN LEG

LATE CAPTAIN JANUARY SHOWED REMARKABLE NERVE.

FUNERAL OF WAR VETERAN

Many South Dakotans Paid Last Respect to Soldier Who Suffered So Much for His Country—His Story of Pocketknife Surgical Operation.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 17.—Capt. J. W. January, who has just died in his 59th year at his home at Dell Rapids, after an illness extending over a number of months, was one of the most famous men who ever resided in South Dakota and had a most wonderful career. While a prisoner in the south during the war of the rebellion, with a rude jack-knife which he had in his possession up to the time of his death, he amputated his own leg, this being necessary to save his life.

The following account of his experiences in a rebel prison was written by Capt. January:

"I was captured by six rebel soldiers, sent to Andersonville, and there kept until the fall of Atlanta made it necessary for us to be removed to prevent falling into the hands of the union forces. I was taken to Charleston, S. C., with others, and placed by the enemy under fire of our soldiers and gunboats; remained there ten days and was taken to Florence, S. C., where we passed the winter of 1864-5, and on or about February 15 I was stricken down by an attack of 'swamp fever' and for three weeks I remained in a delirious condition; the fever abated and reason returned.

"I soon learned from the surgeon, after a hasty examination, that I was the victim of scurvy and gangrene and was removed to the gangrene hospital. My feet and ankles, five inches above the joints, presented a livid, lifeless appearance, and soon the flesh began to slough off, and the surgeon, with a brutal oath, said I would soon die. But I was determined to live, and begged him to cut my feet off, telling him if he would do that I could live. He still refused, and, believing that my life depended upon the removal of my feet, I secured an old pocketknife (I have it now in my possession) and cut through the decaying flesh and severed the tendons. The feet were unjointed, leaving the bones protruding without a covering of flesh five inches. At the close of the war I was taken by the rebels to our lines at Wilmington, N. C., in April, 1865, and when weighed learned that I had been reduced from 165 pounds, my weight when captured, to 45 pounds. Every one of the union surgeons who saw me then said I could not live, but, contrary to this belief, I did, and improved.

"Twelve years after my release my limbs healed over, and, strange to relate, no amputation has ever been performed upon them save the one I performed in prison. There is no record of any case in the world similar to mine. My own theory of the cause is this: While delirious I was so weak that the pulsations of my heart were too feeble to throw the blood to the extremities, and below the point of circulation death took place."

Capt. January was well known throughout South Dakota. Several years ago he made a lecturing tour through the state, and thus was brought into contact with thousands of people. His funeral this week was attended by a great concourse of people, who gathered to pay a last respect to a hero who had suffered so much for his country.

TUESDAY FINDINGS.

Mrs. John Frey of Stuart is in the city on business.

Emil Moeller made a business trip to Omaha Tuesday.

H. J. Herber of Humphrey is a business visitor in the city.

E. E. Moore of Bonesteel is making a short visit in the city.

C. G. Prischmann is a business visitor in the city from Creighton.

W. C. Elley of Madison was a business visitor in the city between trains.

J. B. McEans of Niobrara was a business visitor in the city during the day.

C. Huff of Wisner was in the city for a visit with E. M. Ziesche yesterday.

S. E. Debalt of Humphrey was a business visitor in the city between trains.

G. A. Eberly of Stanton was a business visitor in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham have gone to Omaha to attend the bankers' convention.

C. J. Schroder and wife of Battle Creek were visiting in the city Tuesday morning.

Mrs. I. G. Westervelt returned Saturday from her trip and visit to Denver, Colorado.

F. L. Wetzel, a Rock county homesteader, is in the city for a few days' visit with friends.

A. C. King was in the city Tuesday morning from Orchard for a visit with his son, George. He was enroute to Omaha for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McFayden of Gregory were visiting in the city Tuesday between trains.

Mrs. Hopkins, who has been visiting friends in Norfolk for the past few days, returned to her home in Ewing last night.

Mrs. H. L. Snyder left for Omaha Tuesday morning on a visit. She was accompanied by Meredith Fulton, who will visit with Marc Poucher.

The coldest point reached during the night was thirteen degrees above zero.

This was an increase of two degrees over Sunday.

The Norfolk river has frozen over under the cold spell.

Congressman-elect Boyd was in Norfolk yesterday on business. He was enroute to Pierce, where he goes to hold court.

The Trinity Social guild, which had been scheduled to meet with Miss Ethel Doughty tonight, has been indefinitely postponed.

People living west of Long Pine, according to report, are delighted with the new train service which has been inaugurated by the Northwestern in that section.

The work of filling up the Thirteenth street ditch has been completed, and all that remains now is for the city to level it off. It will undoubtedly be one of the prettiest streets in Norfolk.

The Union Pacific bridge repair gang that has been stationed here making repairs on the bridges between here and Madison, left for Humphrey where they will resume the same work between there and Columbus.

A skating party consisting of classes from several school rooms, will have fun at Klug's tonight.

D. F. O'Brien of Anoka has rented one half of the room now occupied by the Norfolk Jewelry company, 302 Norfolk avenue, and in less than three weeks will open a variety store. Mr. O'Brien left at noon for St. Paul to purchase his stock of goods.

Yesterday was the first day that the small boy has had a chance to try his skates this winter, the ice being frozen to a thickness that would support their weight. On every pond and slough southwest of town dozens of the merry skaters could be seen. Although the surface is as smooth as glass it is not frozen to a safe thickness and it would be well for small children to keep away until colder weather.

SHOT IN SELF DEFENSE

THIS IS THE PLEA ENTERED BY J. D. HALLETT AT BUTTE.

ON TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURT

Trouble Over Boundary Line Fence Leads to Shooting—Wm. Collins Received One Shot in Eye and Several in Head—Blind in Right Eye.

Butte, Neb., Nov. 20.—Special to The News: The most important case on the docket in the session of district court which convened in Butte yesterday morning, Hon. J. Harrington on the bench, is that of the state vs. J. D. Hallett for shooting Wm. Collins, a neighbor farmer, on April 19th last. It seems that the trouble arose over the boundary line fence between the two farms near Lynch. Collins, it is said, persisted in tearing down the fence erected by Hallett. Caught in the act, hot words passed between them and Hallett shot Collins with a shot gun. One shot took effect in Collins' right eye so that he lost the sight of it entirely, while several other shots are still embedded in his head. The trouble occurred on April 19 and it was thought for some time that Collins could not live, but he is here ready to attend the trial.

H. F. Barnhart of Norfolk, Jennett Taylor of Lynch and A. H. Tingle of Butte represent the defense, while County Attorney Burch and J. A. Davies of Butte, and S. A. Sanders of Lynch are the prosecuting attorneys. The plea is self defense.

POTATOES HIGH DESPITE CROP.

Dealers Say, However, That There Are Heavy Shipments to South.

Sioux City Tribune: With potatoes selling at 50 cents a bushel and every prospect that the price will reach 60 or even 75 cents before spring, householders who failed to contract for a winter's supply are now sorry.

"But why, with a plentiful crop of 'spuds,' is the price so high?" a dealer was asked today.

"Heavy shipments south," he said. "Potatoes find a ready market in the southern states and large shipments are made there daily. This makes a deficit here and a consequent raise in price. One large grower of potatoes here is holding his entire crop for 60 cents a bushel wholesale—and he will get it long before the close of the season. The price is bound to advance."

Celery is about the only homegrown vegetable on the market, aside from potatoes. It sells for 10 cents a bunch. Fresh lettuce is very scarce, but is by far more plentiful than parsley, cucumbers or radishes. All these are shipped in from southern markets or hothouse grown.

Jonathan apples are selling at 45 cents a peck, or from \$4.25 to \$4.50 a barrel. Florida oranges are the only ones in the market at this time, the price ranging from 40 to 50 cents a dozen. California oranges are not ready yet. Bananas are selling at 25 cents a dozen and pineapples at 25 cents each. Figs and dates are on the market. California figs selling at 10 cents and Turkish figs at 20 cents a pound. Dates bring 15 cents a pound.

California grapes are about gone, those on the market being of poor quality. Spanish grapes (white) are selling at 25 cents a pound. New layer raisins, California cluster, made their appearance this week, the price being 25 cents a pound. Nuts of all kinds will be higher, French walnuts being the only kind now on the market.

Dried fruits generally are up, raisins, apricots, prunes, etc., selling at an advance of 2 and 3 cents.

ROADS WANT WAGE COURT

WESTERN RAILWAYS PROPOSE ARBITRATION BOARD.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION TO ACT

Presidents of Railways Suggest Plan to Meet Concentrated Demands For Increased Wages on Part of Engineers—Gardner of Northwestern.

Fearing that the present agitation for increased wages has reached a point where it threatens the successful operation of railroads, the executive officials of all lines west of Chicago have decided to ask the interstate commerce commission to become a board of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes between the employees and the railways.

The question which led to the arbitration scheme is the concerted demand which has been made by the engineers of twenty-seven railroads for an increase in wages averaging from 12 to 15 per cent. This demand has been coupled with the condition that the roads involved cannot deal with their men separately, but that an answer must be made in a wholesale fashion. That is to say, if the men on one road are successful, all must take the same stand. Although no specific conference has been held between the railroad people and the heads of the labor organizations regarding the subject, it is said the labor leaders are not unfriendly to the plan.

Among the railroad officials who are actively favoring the commission plan are President F. A. Delano, of the Wabash; Vice President W. A. Gardner of the Northwestern; E. W. McKenna, second vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Daniel Willard, vice president of the Burlington.

BURLINGTON LOSE IDENTITY.

Great Northern to Swallow the System and Erase the Old Name.

The suggested plan of absolute merger of the Great Northern road and the Burlington system seems about to be accomplished through the elimination of the term "Chicago, Burlington & Quincy" from railroad annals and the final sinking of the identity of the older line in the Hill system, says a Minneapolis report.

Even Vice President Daniel Willard of the Burlington admits that he has heard reports of the proposed change, although nothing official.

James J. Hill is not in the habit of doing things on the spur of the moment, no matter how much the general public, or the railroad world, may be surprised at his coups. When Mr. Hill made his first move to take over the Burlington by securing a majority of the stock, it was predicted that this was the first step in the complete absorption of the tremendous system.

At various times it has been reported that a closer physical union would be made by the operation of the Oriental limited of the Great Northern clear through to Chicago from Seattle, to compete with the other overland systems which have terminals in Chicago.

The time has evidently not come for that move, as the officials of the Great Northern have repeatedly stated that they had no such plan.

While the twin cities will be more deeply interested in the complete absorption of the part of the Burlington system which connects Minneapolis and Chicago and Minneapolis and St. Louis, this is only a fraction of the tremendous system of mileage which will be taken over.

The Great Northern will have a second transcontinental line from Chicago by way of Billings. It will reach Denver and the valuable territory surrounding that metropolis. It will have an entry into the Black Hills to compete with the Northwestern and the Milwaukee systems, with lines to Omaha and Kansas City.

With the absorption of the Burlington road and the erasing of that name, the words "Great Northern" will represent the greatest railway system in the country in mileage and in its ramifications. It will be a system of 15,000 miles, with its grip on all of the important traffic centers west of Chicago and north of the line running through St. Louis and Denver.

With its eastern affiliations over the Erie and the Baltimore & Ohio, the position of the Great Northern under one management will be impregnable and its name will have a deeper significance than when the Great Northern first took over the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba line years ago.

The title of the corporation at that time seemed presumptuous. The dream of James J. Hill is about to be realized, however, and one of the master strokes in the combination will be the final merging of the Burlington and its elimination as a separate organization and under a separate name.

STRUGGLED FOR LITTLE ROAD.

Bakersfield & Ventura Railway to be Sold at Auction on a Mortgage.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 17.—Foreclosure proceedings have been commenced against the Bakersfield & Ventura Railroad company, to secure payment of mortgages amounting to \$2,000,000, held by the late Eben Smith, who was president of the company.

The action brings to a climax the affairs of a railway venture that was the pet scheme of Maj. H. M. Russell, who says he will fight the foreclosure to the end.

Maj. Russell says that the action is

but another move to keep Gould and his Western Pacific railroad out of Los Angeles. He denies the rumor that Senator Clark has bought the controlling interest in the Bakersfield & Ventura railway, but, on the other hand, admits that it is his belief that Senator Clark is trying to gain control for the purpose of building a railroad from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

According to the trustees' notice of sale, made public by the Title Guarantee Trust company, the property of the Bakersfield & Ventura Railway company will be sold at public auction in the blacksmith shop of the company, at Oxnard, December 5.

PLAN FOR NEW RAILROAD

FREMONT HILL ARRIVES IN NORFOLK TO DISCUSS LINE.

HE MEETS BUSINESS MEN HERE

Mr. Hill Has Been Working for Two Years in New York to Get the New North and South Line Financed—No Plans for Norfolk Ready to Announce

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

As was predicted in the letter of United States Senator Robert J. Gamble to The News, the Yankton & Southern railway company, which incorporated last week at Pierre, S. D., has begun to get in touch with Norfolk with regard to building the line through this city.

Fremont Hill of New York City, who has been working on the Yankton & Southern railway for two years, interesting New York capitalists in the line, arrived in the city and Tuesday morning held an informal meeting with several business men.

The meeting was of a preliminary nature and definite plans are not yet ready to be announced.

DISAGREES WITH HILL.

Edward H. Harriman Says There are Enough Railroads in This Country.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Edward H. Harriman, master of 29,000 miles of railroads, said, in an interview here:

"We have enough railroads now. What is needed is the development of the territory through which the railroads run and improving the lines to the highest standard of efficiency."

"Any proposition which would be agitation or otherwise injure the credit of big transportation companies, so they would not be able to raise capital for improvements, will seriously affect the business interests of the country."

POISON IS SUSPECTED

STOMACH AND BRAINS OF DEAD HOMESTEADER TO BE TESTED.

BOTH PARTS SENT TO OMAHA

CORONER'S INQUEST IN CASE OF LLOYD NOT FINISHED.

SCANDAL ARISES IN AFFAIR

Coroner Kenaston Decided That the Death of the Homesteader in the County Jail Would Mean Investigation.

Fairfax, S. D., Nov. 20.—Special to The News: The stomach and brains of Charles Lloyd, the Rosebud homesteader who died in the Gregory county jail in this city last week after a few days' attack of apparent insanity, have been sent to Omaha for an examination and a scientific test as to poison possibilities. The result of this test will delay the verdict of the coroner's jury. The remains of the man, with the exception of the brains and stomach, have been buried in the Fairfax cemetery.

Dr. H. R. Kenaston of Bonesteel, coroner, made an investigation of the death of Lloyd and determined that an inquest was necessary.

The jury met in session on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There were about a dozen witnesses from Herrick and from the evidence heard it seems as if the man might have been poisoned. The jury, to settle this question, ordered the stomach and brains sent to Omaha for examination so that the verdict can not be given out until these tests are made.

Lloyd came here from Iowa and took a homestead which he proved up a few months ago near Herrick. He is not known to have had any relatives. Suddenly he appeared to be insane. He was brought to the county jail here and died within a couple of days.

FAIRFAX HAS LADY MINISTER

Congregational Church Well Pleas'd With New Pastor.

Fairfax, S. D., Nov. 20.—Special to The News: The Fairfax Congregational church has a lady minister for their pastor. She comes from Wisconsin and evidently gives good satisfaction as she is greeted with a good congregation every Sunday. Her name is Mrs. Hinkley, and under her guidance they expect to erect in the spring a neat church on the lots recently purchased.

SOCIETY IS PICKING UP

A NUMBER OF PRETTY PARTIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

MANY PROMISED FOR FUTURE

It is Declared by Those Who Know About Such Affairs, That There Will be an Unbroken Round of Pleasure Between Now and Holidays.

Things social have been picking up during the past week and social Norfolk has recovered after the lull that came as a result of election. There have been a number of pretty parties during the past week, with dinners, dances and cards prevailing. Next week promises another round of pleasure and it is declared by those who know that from now on until the holidays there will be an almost unbroken schedule of elaborate parties.

Pleasures of the Week.

The West Side Whist club enjoyed a delightful meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield on Monday evening.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells treated Trinity choir boys to a refreshment treat after choir practice last evening. They had a merry time.

Miss Eva Mihills pleasantly entertained a few friends Tuesday evening at her rooms in the Richards block. Music was a feature of the evening.

The Junior Social club held a merry meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Macy Tuesday evening. The meeting next week will be with Perry and Forest Emery.

The Christian Endeavor social held at the home of Rev. W. J. Turner on Tuesday night was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present. Games were played and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Washburn entertained the employees of the telephone company at an oyster supper on Tuesday night. Good music was furnished as one feature of the evening and the party was very much enjoyed.

The Elks enjoyed an informal dancing party in the hall above their club rooms last evening. A large number were present, the music was delightful and the evening's temperature was about right for enjoyable waltzing. Punch was served during the dance.

The members of the M. E. choir met at the home of L. M. Beeler on Tuesday night for an informal farewell reception for Mr. G. W. Drullner, who has been a faithful member of the choir for the past four years. Mr. Drullner with his family left for Benkelman, Neb., on Wednesday morning.

Miss Laura Durland was the victim of a jolly surprise party on Monday evening when a large number of young people, clad in unique and varied costumes, suddenly arrived unannounced to spend the evening. Each afforded pleasure to the masked guests during the evening, after which dainty refreshments were served. The evening's pleasure ended with a song in which the entire masked party joined.

Mr. L. C. Mittelstadt and Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Mittelstadt entertained at two most delightful dinner parties during the week, one on Tuesday evening and one on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. L. C. Mittelstadt, corner Koenigstein avenue and Twelfth street. On Tuesday evening guests were invited from the north side of Norfolk avenue and on Thursday evening the guests came from the south side of Norfolk avenue. Six-hand euchre afforded pleasure after dinner on each occasion. The dinners were served at little tables which had been prepared throughout the parlors of the spacious home. The dinners were in five courses and seasonable duck formed one of the novel and particularly delicious features of the menu.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. J. W. Gibson won the ladies' highscore prize and Mrs. N. A. Huse, on a cut, the ladies' shouting prize. Each received a beautiful souvenir spoon. Mr. Ludwig Koenigstein won the gentlemen's shouting prize and N. A. Huse, on a cut, the gentlemen's high score prize, each being presented with a handsome deck of playing cards.

The same hosts very delightfully entertained fifty guests at a 6:30 dinner on Thursday evening. Five courses were served after which six-hand euchre was the feature of the evening. Mrs. H. T. Holden and Jack Koenigstein won the shouting prizes, Mrs. Hood ladies' first prize and A. J. Durland gentlemen's prize. The prizes were beautiful spoons and cards decks.

Weddings of the Week.

Three weddings of unusual interest at South Norfolk took place Wednesday. The three bridegrooms are all well known young men of South Norfolk and the three brides are all young ladies from other places. All three of the newly married couples will make their homes in South Norfolk.

J. D. Taylor, another South Norfolk man, was married to Miss Loree Huebner of Lynch at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, on Omaha avenue Wednesday evening. Mr. Taylor is a well known Northwestern brakeman and the young couple will reside here.

Matt Shaffer, Jr., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shaffer, yard fore-

man for the Northwestern railroad and a very popular young man, was married to Miss Angie Wilkinson at the home of the bride's parents at Malvern, Iowa, and the young couple have gone to housekeeping in a cozy home recently purchased by the bridegroom.

Howard Washburn and Miss Maude Collins, both Norfolk young people, were married at Pierce on Monday morning. They have settled in a cozy home in this city. Mr. Washburn is a district man in the Nebraska telephone company's employ. Miss Collins formerly was a telephone operator at the exchange here. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn entertained telephone associates at an oyster supper on Tuesday evening.

At the home of F. D. Perry in Stanton the marriage of Milo D. Perry, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perry of South Norfolk, to Miss Frieda Dietz of Stanton, was solemnized on Wednesday. A few friends and relatives were present for the ceremony. The young couple have settled in a home on the corner of Lincoln avenue and Fourth street, recently purchased by the groom. They were greeted by a surprise party of friends when they arrived in Norfolk Wednesday evening. Mr. Perry is a brakeman on the Northwestern.

Clubs.

The Wednesday club enjoyed a meeting with Mrs. W. H. Butterfield this week.

Trinity Social guild will meet with Miss Ethel Doughty on next Tuesday evening.

Coming Events.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds will entertain a company of friends at a supper party on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds have issued invitations for a supper party to be given at their home on The Heights next Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greene and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport will entertain a company of friends at dinner in the home of Mrs. Mary Davenport, North Ninth street, next Friday evening.

"Miss America" Thanksgiving. Manager Pederson wishes to announce to the patrons of the theater that for Thanksgiving day, November 29, he has secured the splendid Irma Comic Opera company, supporting the famous prima donna, Emma Abbott de Bold, in the new three act comic opera, "Miss America."

Special arrangements have been made to give a children's matinee at 3 o'clock. This also will afford an opportunity for out-of-town people to witness a good production and be able to return home by daylight. In order that every child may be able to see "Miss America" the price for children at the matinee has been lowered to 25c for any reserved seat in the house.

For parents who wish to accompany the children to the matinee the regular evening prices of 50 and 75c will be charged. As no other matinee will be given between now and Christmas and perhaps not then, Mr. Pederson wishes the parents and especially the farming community to take advantage of this opportunity to see a good show without having to take the dreaded ride home in the dark.

The company carries twenty people, special scenery and electrical effects of great beauty. The play is made up of beautiful musical numbers with clever dancing, in handsome costumes. The doors will open for the matinee at 2:30 o'clock and the curtain will rise at 3 o'clock. In the evening the doors will open at 7:45, curtain 8:15.

A strong effort is being made to secure the new Norfolk orchestra for both performances, which will add quite a good deal to the success of the day.

LOOKS LIKE NEW TOWN

Elevators to be Erected Three Miles North of Humphrey.

Humphrey, Neb., Nov. 20.—Special to The News: The Omaha Elevator company has purchased five acres of land of C. S. Talbot at \$100 an acre and a half mile north of town, and this is to be the site for a new elevator. The Omaha Elevator company recently sold its elevator at this place to the Farmers Grain and Elevator company. O'Shea Bros. will also build an elevator north of town at the siding referred to.

H. J. Breunig, who recently sold his hardware and implement business, has arranged to reopen an implement house here on the first of January. Mr. Breunig will also open up a hardware store and place the same in charge of his son Arthur, who has had several years' experience in the hardware business.

WANT TERM OF COURT.

Gregory Commissioners Want the Docket Cleaned Up.

Fairfax, S. D., Nov. 20.—Special to The News: The county commissioners at their session last week sent in an order to Judge Smith of Yankton for a term of court here in December to clean up the docket left over from last term and hear some new cases which have come up since then. It is not known whether the judge will grant it or not.

Going Out of Business.

To our friends and patrons: As we have decided to sell out next summer, this is our last winter season in millinery business so we will sell everything in winter hats and caps at cost, beginning Monday, November 19.

We wish to extend our appreciation to those who have so liberally given us their patronage in past years.

J. & E. Durland.