

# IS OVERCOME WITH GAS

**PROMINENT NEWMAN GROVE BUSINESS MAN. FOUND ON BATH ROOM FLOOR**

**C. L. Juell Had a Narrow Escape From Death by Asphyxiation—Fumes From a Little Oil Stove Rendered Him Unconscious While Bathing.**

Newman Grove, Dec. 18.—Special to The News: C. L. Juell, a member of the firm of Gunther Gros. & Co. of this city, and manager of their store here, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation in his home yesterday. Mr. Juell was in the act of bathing and had a small oil stove setting in the bath room. He was overcome by fumes from the stove and fell to the floor beside the bathtub, unconscious. A member of the family, noting his absence, began a search and found him lying upon the floor. A physician was summoned and the victim resuscitated. His condition is now much improved.

## TUESDAY TIDINGS.

M. Anderson is a business caller in Norfolk.

A. R. Wilson of Butte was in Norfolk last night.

W. J. Gow made a business trip to Pierce Tuesday.

Mrs. Lou Stern of Butte spent the night in Norfolk.

Herman Petzlaff of Madison is in the city on business.

Mrs. E. M. Cox of Carroll, Neb., is shopping in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Eickoff of Tilden were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. L. S. Justice of Meadow Grove was in Norfolk yesterday.

A. J. Billerbeck, Jr., of Osmond was in Norfolk during the day.

Henry Johnson of Pierce was in Norfolk last night on business.

B. P. Nichol of Madison spent last night with friends in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Denow are stopping in Norfolk for a few days.

T. M. Taglee of Bloomfield was a caller on business men yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hale and daughter of Atkinson are Norfolk visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kienow of Winnetoon were in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. Elfedje, a prominent stockman of Sioux City, stopped on business over night in Norfolk.

Dick MacMillan, F. Brandenburg and Ed Braasch were business visitors in Madison yesterday.

O. W. Goodwin of Omaha, special pension examiner, passed through Norfolk enroute to Anoka.

Teddy Crouse, the Chicago and Northwestern boiler inspector, was in Norfolk Sunday afternoon and Monday making his trip over the line.

John Hinze, one of the day machinists in the shop, has taken the place of one of the night men for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Swertferger have gone to Pierce on business.

Mrs. Allen Kuhn took the train for Omaha this morning.

Dynamite is being used now in the sewer ditch to break up the frozen ground.

Miss Zetta Bain, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bain, is quite sick.

Mrs. George Castle and daughter of Long Pine are here visiting with Mrs. Castle's sister Mrs. C. Dredick.

J. O. Osten of Humphrey is in Norfolk on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield went to Omaha at noon.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham arrived home on the noon train from a visit in Tilden.

J. W. McMillan, a prominent stockman of Anoka, is in Norfolk on a business trip.

R. K. Kuhlman went to Wisner Tuesday to take charge of Mr. Bohn's music class at that place.

Miss Lela Brush, who has been visiting her brother, Dr. Brush, returned to her home at Ashland at noon.

Mrs. A. B. Williams and daughter went to O'Neill at noon to visit her mother, who is quite sick at that place.

A. Bauman, Jr., sheriff of Dodge county, brought a patient from Fremont to the Norfolk insane hospital at noon.

C. S. Bridge has been confined to his bed since last Saturday, but is said to be improving. He was threatened with typhoid fever.

E. B. Henchistke, P. J. Panabaker and J. H. Wright of Wayne were in Norfolk purchasing holiday goods.

Rev. J. H. Schleh of Omaha was in Norfolk on his way home from Lynch, where he went on a lecturing tour.

Mrs. Fred Kenny and two daughters of Schuyler are expected this evening to visit at the home of E. L. Loucks.

W. Manuel of St. Paul, a noted European traveler, was a northbound passenger for Bonesteel, where he went to look over the Rosebud.

John Malone of Enola was in town Saturday afternoon, taking home with him a bunch of cattle which he had been picking up in this neighborhood.

Fred Ely was a northbound passenger through Norfolk. After spending time and money on the coast, he says that Fairfax is good enough for him.

Mr. Hines and wife and his father-in-law, Mr. Farney of Pierce, passed through this place on their way to Phoenix, Ariz., where they are going to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Leo Spalding left Tuesday morning for southern Texas where she will join her husband, who is a railroad man on the Southern Pacific railroad.

Miss Mabel Root arrived last evening from Topeka, Kan., to visit her

sister, Mrs. E. B. Reed. She is just recovering from a severe surgical operation.

Miss Grace Matrau, who has been visiting Mrs. C. E. Stitt and Miss Belle White in Burlington, Iowa, for the past two weeks, returned to Norfolk yesterday.

Wm. McComb will move to Lodi, Cal., tomorrow, where he has secured a good position. His family will follow him in a few days. They will make their future home in that place.

Mrs. N. D. Hall, son Rolly and daughter Marie are in David City, called there by the sudden death of Mrs. Hall's father-in-law, Adam Hall, who died early Saturday morning. He had been ailing for some days but nothing serious was thought to be the matter. Upon awaking Saturday morning, Mrs. Hall found him lying dead beside her. The funeral was held yesterday.

Charles Warner and family of Battle Creek passed through this place during the day enroute to Hartington, Neb., where they are going to spend the holidays with Mrs. Werner's sister.

Mr. Tarney of Sioux City stopped over night in Norfolk on his way to Kearney, where he is going to attend the closing of the second semester of the military academy. Mr. Tarney is to give the opening address. W. J. Bryan is to give the address of the day.

Manager Pedersen is busy painting and coating the Auditorium with alabaster. The appearance has been immensely improved.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Holmes, formerly of Norfolk and now of New York City, sailed December 7 for London. Mr. Holmes went on business.

The music pupils of Miss Myrtle Hewins met at her home last evening and gave an informal recital, after which Miss Hewins served light refreshments and presented each pupil with a picture for a Christmas token.

Porter J. White's company, reported to be an excellent one, arrived in Norfolk at noon to present "Faust" at the Auditorium Tuesday evening. Manager Pedersen has personally guaranteed the merit of this attraction and he expressed hope for a large house.

A circular from the Farmers and Merchants state bank of Bloomfield announces the retirement of Sherman Saunders as president and E. H. Mason as cashier of that bank on the first of the year. The new officers are William H. Harm, president; Harry J. Miller, vice-president; Paul A. Tulleys, cashier. Mr. Miller was formerly connected with the Nebraska National bank of Norfolk.

The tenth annual convention of the Nebraska state conference of charities and corrections, which had been scheduled for Norfolk through the influence of A. Kimball Barnes, but which was later postponed, meets in Omaha on Thursday and Friday of this week. Meetings will be held at the Creighton institute. County Commissioner Burr Taft of this city has gone to be present. Rev. Joseph Ruesing of West Point is president of the organization and Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the state university is chairman of the executive committee, of which A. K. Barnes of Norfolk is a member. Among persons on the program are Governor Mickey, Rev. Joseph Ruesing, Judge Howard Kennedy of Omaha, State Superintendent McBrien, Dr. Frank A. Osborn of Beatrice, Dr. Kern of Hastings, Dr. Hay of Lincoln, Warden Beemer of Lincoln, Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Omaha, and Victor Rosewater.

A. N. McGinnis, who was severely burned about the face a few days ago by the explosion of his furnace, had the bandages removed from his face and hands yesterday and hopes to soon be upon the street again. He is now confined to his home on North Tenth street. The explosion occurred while Mr. McGinnis was near the furnace. Coal gas formed over the hard coal and the explosion struck him with much force.

North Nebraska court No. 9 of the Tribe of Ben Hur met at its regular session at Odd Fellows hall last night. The work was initiatory from start to finish, thirty-nine candidates being given the first and second degrees. The work was magnificent, being assisted in by Mr. Powell of Lincoln from court No. 23, with his Ben Hur stereopticon views and slides with illustrated song, "The Holy City," which was well rendered by H. L. Doughty, after which "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee" were illustrated and sung by all members. The candidates and members were then escorted to the G. A. R. hall where refreshments were served. There were about 200 present at the session. C. W. Wilkinson, the efficient deputy and state manager, is said to be deserving of a great deal of praise for his part in the work.

Dr. Frank E. Osborn, son of Mrs. A. Osborn of this city, has received a high compliment from Governor Mickey. Dr. Osborn was formerly a Norfolk boy and has many friends here who will be pleased with his success. The Lincoln Star says: "Governor Mickey was more than delighted with the appearance of the home for feeble minded at Beatrice last night when he inspected it. He stated today that he believed that Dr. Frank E. Osborn was a very competent physician and a valuable official for the state to have in its employ. Governor Mickey went to Beatrice last night and returned this morning. The superintendent and his wife and the forty-two employees of the big institution were busy and seemed to get along remarkably well with the inmates. The buildings have been kept in good repair and the superintendent has been prominent in his buying for the maintenance of the home. He has kept well within his appropriation."

# NEBRASKA'S PUBLIC ROADS

**FEDERAL BUREAU REVIEWS CONDITIONS IN STATE.**

**LITTLE IMPROVEMENT SHOWN**

**Only Seventeen Miles Laid With Stone and Six With Sand and Clay—Total Taxation for Road Work Amounts to \$878,574 a Year.**

The department of agriculture has just issued a report on the public roads in the state of Nebraska and the tax levy in each county in the state on property valued at \$100 for their support; the number of men subject to labor tax and the total amount expended in each county in the state during the calendar year 1904. The report shows that there were 19,462 miles of public road in the state. Of this mileage only seventeen miles are reported to have been improved with stone and six miles with sand and clay mixtures. A comparison of mileage with population shows that there was one mile of road to every thirteen inhabitants.

The rate of taxation for road purposes on taxable property in the various counties of the state is limited by law to 5 mills on the dollar. County commissioners are authorized to levy a special tax of not to exceed 5 mills on the dollar to pay outstanding road district warrants. In case this 5 mills is not sufficient the county board shall annually in 1904, provide that in counties not under township organization one-half of the road tax might be paid in labor, allowing \$1.50 for an eight-hour day. The law passed in 1905, however, provides that the entire tax shall be paid in cash. In counties under township organization the township and county road tax must be paid in cash. This does not apply, however, to the statute labor tax, which may be worked out.

County commissioners of counties not under township organization may levy the same rate of road tax upon property within cities and towns of certain sizes as is levied upon property within the several road districts. One-half of the funds derived from this tax is used by the county for road purposes and one-half by the cities for similar purposes.

Every able bodied male inhabitant over the age of 21 and under the age of 50 years residing outside the limits of an incorporated city or town, unless by law exempt, is required to pay a labor tax of \$3 per annum. This tax may be worked out, allowing \$1.50 for an 8-hour day.

During the year counties of the state collected and expended \$491,886.40 in cash for the improvement of roads, while persons subject to a road tax performed labor on the roads to the value of \$383,661, making the total expenditure in cash and labor \$878,547.40.

## West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Dec. 17.—The new State bank at Rosalie, a new town on the Great Northern extension, located a few miles from Bancroft, opened for business last week. Its officers are E. R. Carney, president; H. Russman, vice-president; and Felix L. Gallagher, cashier. Mr. Gallagher is a Cuming county man, formerly deputy sheriff of this county and later president of the First National bank of Humphrey.

The West Point Liederkreis held its annual meeting on Thursday evening and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Herman Zepelin; vice president, Louis Dewald; secretary, treasurer, Chris. Hirschman; musical director, Peter Poellot.

Mrs. Anna Limbaugh has filed her petition in the district court against Charles Limbaugh, her husband, praying for a divorce on the ground of abandonment, and for the custody of her two minor children. Limbaugh absconded from West Point some two years ago.

At a regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen camp Monday evening the following were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: Venerable consul, A. Hartline; worthy advisor, H. Heitzman; banker, B. Herman; clerk, August Hanft; escort, Henry Ruediger; watchman, Frank Miller; sentry, Emiel Wilde; trustee, J. D. Romig.

County Judge Dewald has issued a marriage license to Arthur McCowan and Miss Alma J. English, both well known young people of Grant township.

The petit jurors for the next term of the district court of Cuming county have been drawn and court will convene on the morning of January 7.

Alvah Webb, who is one of the best known early settlers of Cuming county, has rented his farm and will move on Monday to Hand county, South Dakota, where he has purchased a section of land. He has been a resident of Cuming county since the year 1864.

A largely attended forty hours adoration has just closed at St. Anthony's church, St. Charles. The services were under the direction of Dean Ruesing of West Point, in whose parish the mission church of St. Charles is located.

Theodore Thoms, eldest son of Theo. Thoms, sr., a well known Cuming county citizen has filed his petition in the district court asking for a divorce from his wife, formerly Miss Ralph. The grounds alleged are extreme cruelty. The couple were married in the fall of 1904.

Hon. Wm. Stuefer was among the fifteen delegates appointed by Gov. Mickey to represent Nebraska in the "good roads" convention at Muskogee, I. T., December 5, 6 and 7. On ac-

count of the illness and subsequent death of his brother-in-law, Hon. D. C. Giffert, he was not able to attend.

John C. Wiesner, a former business man of West Point, who has for some time been located at his new town of Uehling, has sold out his business at that place and is looking for a new location.

## COSTS NOT REMITTED.

**People are Discussing the Fine Assessed Against Pedersen.**

The fine of \$2 against Manager Charles Pedersen of the Auditorium was remitted by the court, but the costs were allowed to stand against his account, making \$6.20. The arrest and fining of Mr. Pedersen for attempting to police his own premises for the benefit of the public, and in line with a very strong demand from the public, has caused considerable comment in Norfolk, the public generally apparently believing that Mr. Pedersen was done a gross injustice. Public sentiment seems to indicate that it is not only the right but the duty of the theater management to keep the Auditorium orderly and that to fine the manager for ejecting a person who is creating a disturbance, is anything but fairness.

# WEST WING IS OCCUPIED

**SIXTY PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL ARE MOVED.**

**IT MAKES A FINE BUILDING**

**There are Now 220 Inmates at the State Hospital for the Insane in Norfolk—Still Need More Room—Furniture Was Secured After All.**

The new west wing at the Norfolk hospital for the insane is now being occupied by patients. Sixty inmates of the institution were moved from the crowded cottages into the new wing this week and Dr. Young, superintendent, says that the new quarters are excellent and the building a splendid one. The patients are much pleased with their new quarters.

It had been feared, last summer, that it would be impossible to furnish the new wing until after the next legislature should meet, but the needs were so pressing that state officials considered it necessary to go ahead and buy the equipment.

There are now 220 patients at the hospital and there is still need for more room.

## FROST SIXTEEN INCHES DEEP.

**That is the Proposition Confronting Sewer Diggers.**

Frost sixteen inches deep—that is the serious obstacle which is just now being encountered by the corps of laborers who are digging the new Norfolk sewer. A crust of frozen earth so thick that it is almost like rock, has been met, and, as reported from the News Junction correspondent, dynamite has become necessary to blast out the pathway.

The sewer diggers are happy, however, in spite of the tough earth, for they received their first pay a few days ago and are jingling the money in their pockets. Most of it will revert to Norfolk business men, so that the investment on the part of the city is already beginning to bear fruit, to say nothing of the added sanitation for Norfolk.

Norfolk. The sum of \$1,000 was thus put into circulation last Saturday.

Contractor Herrick has as yet received no pay from the city but this matter will be discussed at the council meeting this week, and it is said to be probable that arrangements will be made for paying as the work progresses. He is at present in Des Moines but will return before Thursday.

At the coming council meeting, too, an extension of time will be asked for by the contractor, whose contract time limit was up last Saturday. This, it is said, will be given by the council in consideration of the accrued interest on bonds from May to December. The contractor will ask for a next extension from December 15 to July 15.

Now that the frost has become so deep, it is said to be immaterial whether or not a permit is voted to Mr. Herrick to open up the path of the sewer in advance and fill it with litter, in order to keep out the frost, and it is not probable that this request will be made. When Madison avenue is reached the work will stop for the winter and the balance completed next spring.

## HENRY JONES TURNED LOOSE.

**Having Regained a Beastly State of Sobriety, He Went Free.**

Henry Jones, the farmhand who was picked up near the John Ray corner half paralyzed with drink and brought to jail, has regained his beastly state of sobriety and walked out of the jail a free man once more. It had been thought that a complaint would be filed against him by some of the neighbors, because of his continued threats to kill somebody when he began to drown remembrance in that "sweet oblivion drink." Apparently none dared risk Henry's enmity, however, by filing the complaint charging him with being a dipsomaniac, and since there was no law under which he could be longer held in jail, having been picked up outside the city limits, he was turned loose.

If "words are the wings of action," put "want ad. wings" on that plan or scheme of yours—and it will fly!

# TO HOLD CLUB ELECTION

**WILL SELECT NINE DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL CLUB.**

**IN CITY HALL FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**

**On the First Friday in January, between 10 and 4, According to Constitutional Provision, Norfolk Commercial Club Will Choose Board.**

The annual election of nine directors of the Norfolk Commercial club will be held in the city hall on Friday, January 4, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Official announcement has just been made to this effect.

The election is to be held in pursuance to article IV of the constitution which provides that "the annual meeting of the members of the association for the election of a board of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it, shall be held on the first Friday in January each year."

The directors in town at their first meeting will elect a president, secretary, treasurer and other officers.

There is a general hope around Norfolk among members of the Commercial club that the annual meeting and the interest in it, may tend to revive activity in the club. Many believe that the \$1,000 which has been saved up by the club ought to be expended on public improvements and that the expenditure ought to go on constantly.

## WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

John Evans was in Norfolk Tuesday.

Asa Molk of Plainview is visiting in the city.

J. S. Bussenman is in Norfolk on business.

Bas. Smith of Leigh spent last night in Norfolk.

A. R. Mower of Denver, Col., is in Norfolk today.

R. T. King of Watertown, New York, is in Norfolk.

Rueben C. Nichols is in Norfolk on business today.

J. Dawn of Fremont is stopping in Norfolk today.

Chas. Krueger of Chadron spent the night in Norfolk.

John Gossett of Spencer spent the night in Norfolk.

J. Reynolds of Madison spent the night in Norfolk.

Miss Mary Hopkins of Lenox spent Tuesday in Norfolk.

R. M. Mills of Holdrege is in Norfolk for a few days.

H. H. Hodge of Omaha is in Norfolk on a business trip.

Ed and Miss Alice Wagner drove to Pierce to visit friends.

Mrs. C. W. Priestly of Oakdale was a city visitor yesterday.

John Huelmer of Hoskins was in Norfolk shopping Tuesday.

E. Hulbert of Carlock, S. D., is in town looking after business.

Mrs. Jack McGrane was a passenger for Omaha this morning.

W. P. Mohr of Spencer is in Norfolk calling on business men.

Mrs. Donivan of Hartington stopped over night with Mrs. Val Light.

G. W. Peterson passed through here on his way from Madison to Plainview.

H. M. Scott of Plainview was calling on business men in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. Roland and Mrs. L. L. Fairbanks went to Omaha on business this morning.

C. A. Johnson of Fairfax, S. D., is in Norfolk looking after his banking interests here.

Mr. Moratz and family of Hoskins were in Norfolk doing their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Smith of Winnetoon and Mrs. Berger of Verdel, are guests at the home of O. W. Rish.

Commissioner John H. Harding of Meadow Grove stopped over night in Norfolk on business.

E. L. Loucks, the brick mason, returned to Pilger this morning where he is working at his trade.

J. A. Duncan, a prominent stockman of Wayne county was a caller on business men of Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. Tenny of the American Construction company is here looking after the building of the new gas plant.

Mrs. C. A. McKim of Lincoln will arrive in Norfolk tomorrow night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Matrau.

G. W. Ross of Rushville passed through Norfolk on his way to the Rosebud country, where he expects to engage in the stock business.

Miss Ida Jones of Brownell hall, Omaha, is expected tomorrow to spend a few days with Miss Tillie Herman, on her way home to Winnetoon.

Mrs. C. H. Brake and son Paul will spend the holidays in Sioux City and Woodbine, Iowa.

Miss Lucy Carberry has accepted a position with Anthes & Smith until after the holidays.

S. O. Wisel, H. A. Hendick and H. S. Helms of Leigh are in Norfolk looking after business.

The three Misses Lee of Edmond, Wis., passed through Norfolk on their way to Meadow Grove, where they are going to visit the family of C. J. Crook.

Rev. Mr. Batterson of Kearney passed through Norfolk enroute to Meadow Grove, where he is going to attend the funeral of his brother of that place.

Mrs. Wilson, mother of W. W. Wilson, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, returned home Wednesday after a two weeks' visit with her son and daughter, who live on North Ninth street.

Gilbert Durland returned to Norfolk last night, after a trip to the western part of the state, in the interest of the

Durland Trust company. He returned to his home in Plainview today.

Mrs. Miles Case went to Scribner yesterday where she met Mrs. B. Ryle, and both went to Omaha.

Nick Lund of Battle Creek was here yesterday visiting with W. M. Beck and doing some Christmas shopping.

Mrs. E. W. Ellenwood and children left this noon for Sioux City where she will visit with her parents and attend the wedding of her niece.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Beck and two children went to Neligh today noon where they will visit with Mrs. Beck's parents.

Grandpa Ryle has gone to Wellington, Kansas, to spend the winter with his daughter.

Mrs. John Taylor and sister-in-law, Miss Florence, are in Lynch visiting this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Taylor are the happy parents of a little baby girl.

Grandpa Beck, who went up to Battle Creek about a week ago to spend the winter with his daughter, is quite sick.

Bert Donner took the noon train for Chicago yesterday on business connected with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

Engineer Will Dean has taken a sixty days' layoff and intends going to Idaho.

The train boys reported a light fall of snow in Long Pine yesterday.

The workmen are all through with William Bray's house.

Oertwich & Sporn, ice men, have purchased the lumber with which they are going to build a large addition to their ice houses.

Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, who is visiting her son B. W. Caldwell, has received the drawnwork table cloth made by Mrs. M. P. Sulter.

The fire loss on the E. J. Schorrogge property has been promptly settled by the adjustors and everything has been made satisfactory.

A union prayer meeting will be held at the Methodist church this evening at 7:30. The motive in Evangelism will be the subject under consideration.

The dance given by the band boys last night was a very enjoyable affair. The crowd was not as large as the boys would have liked, but otherwise it was a thorough success.