

WALTERS MADE MANAGER

GEORGE F. BIDWELL IS TO RETIRE FROM SERVICE.

A NEW NORTHWESTERN CHANGE

Assistant General Manager, Who Only a Little While Ago Promoted from Assistant General Superintendent, Goes up—Other Rumors.

Another big change among Northwestern officials, so far as the territory west of the river is concerned, is about to be made, according to a story which comes from Chicago. Frank Walters, now assistant general manager of the Nebraska and Wyoming division, is to become general manager, to succeed George F. Bidwell next Monday, Mr. Bidwell retiring, according to the report. This will leave a vacancy in the position of assistant general manager, and it would not surprise railroad men were this office to be filled from Norfolk.

A change was recently made to fill the vacancy of assistant general superintendent, which had just been created by the promotion of Mr. Walters to the office of assistant general manager. The position of assistant general superintendent was filled by the promotion of Mr. Braden from Chicago, and he is now in Norfolk filling not only the position of assistant general superintendent but performing the duties of general superintendent, since General Superintendent C. C. Hughes, whose headquarters are also here, left on the day of Mr. Braden's arrival for a vacation. At that time it was announced that Mr. Hughes was to be gone for two or three weeks but it is now said that he is not expected back for some time. At the time of that change, it was announced from Sioux City that Mr. Hughes would retire, but that was denied at headquarters here.

In the meantime there have been rumors of a coming change, and it is supposed that the promotion of Mr. Walters is the shift that had been meant.

Mr. Braden's car of household goods has arrived in Norfolk but it has stood on a siding for several days without being unloaded and it has not been at all sure that this delay in unloading the household furniture of Mr. Braden was not occasioned by some intended change in his position by the Northwestern.

The promotion of Mr. Walters to the office of general manager, the seeming uncertainty as to whether Mr. Braden should remain here permanently and the sudden departure of General Superintendent Hughes, on the day of his new assistant's arrival, for a trip which was at first announced to last three weeks but which now becomes one for all winter, have formed the foundation for numerous rumors of approaching changes.

Mr. Walters, the new general manager, was stationed in Norfolk for a very brief time when he was made assistant general superintendent under Mr. Hughes. Then he went to Fremont and soon he was advanced to the office of assistant to Mr. Bidwell.

Concerning the new change, the Lincoln State Journal says:

Frank Walters has been made general manager of the Northwestern's lines west of the Missouri river. It is understood that he will take charge of the business on December 17, and that the resignation of George F. Bidwell, manager, was sent in some time ago. He leaves the service on account of poor health. These statements come from Chicago, and no information concerning the changes has so far been given out at Omaha. The changes have been forecasted, though, and it is believed arrangements looking to this end were made when Frank Walters was brought to Nebraska from the Iowa lines to be assistant general superintendent. Mr. Walters was moved up from assistant general superintendent to assistant general manager, and for several months the active management of the property has been in his hands.

Mr. Walters came to the lines west of the river from long service on the eastern divisions, and is noted as a peculiarly able and efficient managing officer. He has pleased the men on the lines west of the river and stands high with them.

For many years George F. Bidwell has been the managing officer of the Northwestern west of the river. He was manager of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, before its absorption by the Northwestern, and has remained as manager of the properties since. One year ago Mr. Bidwell took a trip to Japan and was absent for several months. Since his return it has been evident that he did not take the active interest in the management that he formerly did.

MR. HUGHES TO RETIRE

Veteran General Superintendent is Said to Have Quit.

In commenting on the advancement of Mr. Walters to the position of general manager, the Fremont Tribune says that Mr. Hughes, general superintendent, is to retire and that Stanley S. Braden, now assistant general superintendent, of this city, succeeds to him. It is believed here that Mr.

Braden will, instead, be made assistant general manager. Superintendent Costley of the Black Hills division spent some days this week in Norfolk.

NORTHWESTERN SURVEYS WEST

Chief Engineer Fred Haines to Lay Out Line Toward Coast.

The Northwestern railroad will build west from Shoshoni, Wyo., in the immediate future, according to the statement of Editor F. M. Gill of that place, who passed through Norfolk yesterday. Mr. Gill has just been informed by none other than Chief Engineer Fred Haines, of the Wyoming division of the Northwestern, that that official, with the largest engineering corps ever taken out by him, will begin an immediate survey toward the setting sun.

This is taken to be the Northwestern's part in the race recently reported from there, between the Northwestern and the Burlington. Editor Gill says the Burlington will build south from Shoshoni.

The extension of the Northwestern to the coast would mean much for Norfolk, as it would add to the territory available as tributary territory to this city, and Norfolk will hope that the Northwestern will drive through the rocks, regardless of the Burlington.

Shoshoni is counting much on the order of surveyors into the field.

SAVED HIS FOOT

Charles Flores is Out of Hospital After Months; Fish Did It.

Charles Flores has just returned from an Omaha hospital, after many months of suffering as the result of blood poisoning due to the insertion of a bull head's prong into his foot last summer. Mr. Flores has come home much improved in condition. It was feared for a time that he might lose his foot, but the poison was killed after he had gone to the hospital.

The fish fell from Mr. Flores' hand to his foot and the prong stabbed into his flesh. He has been in a hospital ever since.

STANTON FIREMEN TO DANCE.

Annual Ball New Year's Eve—Other Items of That City.

The Stanton fire boys are preparing for their annual ball on New Year's eve, December 31. An invitation it is said, will be extended to the Norfolk fire department.

The Modern Woodmen of Stanton initiated four members Thursday night and enjoyed an oyster supper.

The new opera house at Stanton is rapidly nearing completion.

The new bakery and restaurant at Stanton, owned and operated by John Leik, formerly of Norfolk, will open to the public Saturday.

Cold Wave at Butte.

Butte, Neb., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: The cold wave the weather man predicted is here and the streets and walks are a glare of ice from the recent rain and sleet.

BRYAN NOT BEHIND MOVE

HE HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED REGARDING CONVENTION.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP CLUBS

M. F. Harrington Says That, While Mr. Bryan's Assistance Will be Appreciated by the Founders of This Movement, it is Not His Idea.

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 14.—Editor News: In your issue of yesterday you make reference to the proposed government ownership meeting to be held at Omaha, December 31. You offer the suggestion that Mr. Bryan is behind this meeting. Permit me to say that while we will appreciate the assistance of Mr. Bryan and every other friend of the movement, that he has not even been consulted with reference to the calling of this meeting. The meeting is being called by those who were the friends of government ownership of railroads long before Mr. Bryan gave it his influential indorsement. The organization will be an educational one and will be used to further the cause of national ownership of the railroads. And whether any candidate shall benefit or not by the organization will depend upon his attitude on the question.

Yours truly,
M. F. Harrington.

SCOTT HOLBROOK IS DEAD.

Former Omaha Conductor Succumbs After Suffering From Cancer.

Scott Holbrook, for years a conductor on the Omaha road between Norfolk and Sioux City and a resident of Norfolk during the past seven years, since which time he has not been connected with the railroad work, died at noon yesterday at his home on South Eleventh street.

He had been an invalid for the past two years and had been in bed most of the time since last March. He had suffered very much from cancer. The remains will be taken to Omaha tomorrow for burial and the funeral service will be held there.

The deceased is survived by a widow and one son.

Mr. Holbrook was well known in Norfolk and in the Bonesteel country, where he made his headquarters during the days of the rush.

Try a News want ad. for results.

HOLD-UP AT BONESTEEL

TWO RAILROAD LABORERS RELIEVED OF THEIR MONEY.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED AT FAIRFAX

The Men Were Badly Used up in the Encounter—Night Watchman Dean Plays a Clever Part and Secures the Arrest of Parties.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: One of the boldest and most daring hold-ups ever attempted in this part of the state occurred in Bonesteel about 9 o'clock at the alley west of the Pike saloon in the north part of the city.

It occurred at the time when Night-watchman Dean was engaged in the ringing of the curfew. Nicholas Kalena, an Austrian, and Jacob Zarnatzka, a Pole, were going to the depot to complete their arrangement for a return trip to Chicago, which they expected to make on the midnight passenger leaving that night. They turned the corner at the Pike saloon and as they reached the alley were met by a couple of men—one a large man and the other a short man, who stopped them and immediately dealt violently with them. Mr. Kalena was badly bruised about the head and his wounds were thought to be quite serious for some time after he was found. He was relieved of \$40 and a ticket to Chicago. Jacob Zarnatzka, Kalena's companion, escaped with less injuries though roughly used, and he was relieved of \$50. These men were both engaged on the steel gang for the past two months and came here from Chicago together to work on the extension.

They were able to give quite an accurate description of their assailants and from this Patrolman Dean sent word down the line to arrest parties answering the description. A thorough search was made in Bonesteel for them but to no avail. Deputy Sheriff Lambert was secured over the phone at Fairfax and about 11 o'clock at night he arrested two men at the depot there answering their description and they were taken into custody and lodged in the county jail.

A reporter called at the county jail this morning and interviewed the men. They had little to say. The tall man gave his name as J. F. Williams and his home as Youngs'own, Ohio, and the small man as Wm. P. Pattison of Baltimore, Md. They are both of an age, being about 25 years old. They had been in the employ of the C. & N. W. R. R. on the fence building gang at work near St. Charles. They said they left Bonesteel about 9 o'clock and walked to Fairfax through the rain. The marshal searched them and one of them had \$1.40 and the other \$1.50 on his person. Further than the information given nothing could be learned from them. They were brought to Bonesteel in the afternoon and arraigned before Justice Biggins.

The people of Bonesteel are loud in their praise of the splendid work of Policeman Dean in bringing about the arrest so speedily of these suspects and every indication goes to show that the right parties have been secured.

MAY MAKE RURAL MAIL BOXES

DeGraw in Annual Report Says They Must Conform to Specifications.

In his annual report Fourth Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw has this to say of the rural free delivery service: "The requirements for the establishment of rural delivery have been the same as for the two preceding fiscal years except that since December 1, 1905, it is required, before service is installed, that the postmaster at the distributing office certify that not less than three-fourths of the possible patrons have provided for mail boxes conforming to the regulations. The initial step in securing the inauguration of rural delivery service is the filing of a petition for such service. Formerly it was the practice of the department to accept petitions for investigation as to the advisability of instituting the service without any preliminary inquiry as to whether the petitioners were residents along the proposed route. This petition was accepted, investigated, and in many instances routes were established where there was no general desire for rural delivery, the petitions having been circulated by persons whose sole object was to secure positions as carriers, or in the case of some fourth-class postmasters to increase their compensation, and signed by anyone willing to sign, regardless of whether he resided where he could patronize the service.

"Inquiry is now made through postmasters as to whether petitioners are heads of families or householders actually residing along the proposed route of delivery, and if so, it is presumed they have petitioned in good faith for the service.

"After a petition is accepted an inspector visits the locality and if the conditions are favorable lays out the route to be traveled in the delivery of mail. Favorable conditions are: The roads to be traversed to be in good condition, unobstructed by gates; no unbridged creeks or streams not fordable at all seasons of the year; and a possible patronage of 100 or more families on each route of twenty-four or more miles in length, or a proportionate number of families where it is necessary to lay out routes less than the standard length.

"In 1903 the average possible pa-

tronage per route throughout the United States was 127 families, while the average actual patronage per route was only seventy families. Although the average possible patronage has materially increased since that time, the actual patronage has not increased in the same ratio. On many routes it is apparent that the petitions did not in fact represent a general desire for the service. To insure a reasonable patronage from its inauguration, and almost preclude the possibility of reducing the frequency of delivery from daily to tri-weekly or discontinuing service because of lack of patronage, the rule requiring a pledge of patronage from three-fourths of the families on each route was adopted.

"Persons desiring the benefits of service on a rural delivery route are required to furnish and erect in a suitable place accessible to the carrier, at their own cost, boxes for the reception of mail to be delivered or collected by the carrier.

"All rural letter boxes must conform to the specifications fixed by the department as to size, shape and workmanship must be made of galvanized iron or sheet steel, equipped with some kind of a signal for indicating the presence of mail therein, and must be approved by the department.

"Patrons may make their boxes or have them made to order by submitting a plan of such boxes and sample of the material of which they are to be made or the boxes themselves for approval to the postmaster at a post-office located at the county seat or to the postmaster at any first or second class postoffice located in the county where rural delivery is in operation, and in case rural delivery is not in operation at the county seat and there are no first or second class postoffices in the county, to the postmaster at any postoffice in the county where rural delivery is in operation."

FUEL IS SCARCE.

Rosebud Reservation is Paying \$18 and \$20 for Coal.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: Fuel of all kinds is very scarce on the Rosebud. Soft coal is worth \$18 a ton and hard coal about \$20, and it is very hard to get even at that price.

The Yazoo Mississippi Valley

Is the title of a new pamphlet now ready for distribution and published by the Illinois Central Railroad company.

It describes in detail the resources and possibilities of the richest valley in the United States. For a free copy address the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa.
J. F. Merry,
General Immigration Agent.

Illinois Central EXCURSION RATES

Excursion tickets will be sold by the Illinois Central, to the points, and at rates, as follows:

TOURIST RATES.

Tickets on sale commencing November 1, 1906, and daily during the winter, with long limit, to Hot Springs, Ark., Vicksburg, Miss., Gulfport, Miss., Hammond, La., New Orleans, La., Havana, Cuba, Colon, Panama and many other points in Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Cuba, Porto Rico, Texas, Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California.

Write for rates and free folders or booklets about any of these points. ONE AND ONE-THIRD FARE ON CERTIFICATE PLAN.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Iowa State Dairy association, Nov. 7-9.

Albert Lea, Minn., Celebration fiftieth anniversary of Dano-Norwegian Baptist churches, Nov. 15-18.

OPEN RATE OF ONE AND ONE-THIRD FARE.

Home-visitors' excursion to certain points in Indiana, Ohio and other eastern states on sale Oct. 19 limited to thirty days.

Council Bluffs, Ia., reunion army of the Tennessee, Nov. 8 and 9.

ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00.

Home-seekers' Excursion Rates to certain points in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, on sale each Tuesday until and including December, 1906.

Home-seekers' Excursion Rates South, Southeast and Southwest on sale first and third Tuesdays of each month until and including November 1906.

LESS THAN ONE FARE.

One-way, second class colonists' rates, to certain points in Montana, Utah, Idaho, British Columbia, Alberta, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California. Tickets on sale daily until Oct. 31.

One-way, second class colonists rates west and southwest, to certain points in the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and New Mexico, on sale first and third Tuesdays November to March inclusive.

Vicksburg, Miss., dedication of Iowa monuments in National Military park. Nov. 14-15. Write for free illustrated circular giving program, rates and train service.

Chattanooga, Tenn., dedication of Iowa monuments in National Military park Nov. 19-20.

Shilo, Battlefield, dedication of Iowa monuments Nov. 23.

For particulars as to date of sale, rates, etc., apply to any Illinois Central ticket agent, or address the undersigned.

H. J. PHELPS,
Division Passenger Agent, Dubuque, Iowa.

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Points in Minnesota, North Dakota and the Canadian Northwest. Tickets on sale every Tuesday at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip, good returning twenty-one days from date of sale.

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DISTRICT COURT QUILTS

ADJOURNMENT TAKEN AT MADISON UNTIL JANUARY 7.

HOSPITAL CASES WERE NOT UP

These Cases Stand Just as They Stood at the Beginning of Court Last Monday—Teske Gets Possession of Land in Case of Long Standing.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 15.—Special to The News: District court adjourned late last night, to meet again January 7. The insane hospital attendant cases were not reached at all, and will be brought up in the January term. They stand now just as they stood at the opening of court this week.

All day yesterday was occupied with the land case against Carl Teske, in which possession of a quarter section of land southwest of Madison, sold at sheriff's sale thirty years ago to one Campbell, was involved. A verdict for Teske was brought in, and he gets the land. This case has run for six years.

CHURCH OUT OF DEBT.

Successful Supper and Bazaar at Butte Last Night.

Butte, Neb., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: The ladies of the M. E. church gave a supper and bazaar last night. After supper R. V. Wilson auctioned the many useful and fancy articles off to a crowd that responded liberally, as the proceeds amounted to \$143.00, which will be used in paying off the debt of the parsonage and for the repairs they have recently made on the church. The sum is sufficient to liquidate both debts. The ladies

feel very good to think they will be able to start in the new year with the church entirely out of debt.

Hoarseness Quickly Cured.

"Not long ago I was taken with a severe cold, and was so hoarse that I could only speak in a whisper," says Ernest Sherman of Butler, Tenn. "I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and after taking two doses of it, could speak out plainly." Singers and public speakers will find this remedy especially suited to their use. It is most widely known, however, as a cure for colds. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

HER HIP WAS BROKEN.

Butte Lady Suffers Serious Accident When Going to Church.

Butte, Neb., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: Mrs. Lappe, an old lady of Butte, is in a serious condition caused from a fall which she received while attempting to go to church Sunday morning. As she started to enter the building she slipped and fell in such a manner as to break a bone near the hip.

Make your want ad. explicit—for "few words darken speech."

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The National Food and Drug act which takes effect January 1, 1907, does not affect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold. For sale by Leonard the druggist.