

LIGHTS GO OUT AT PIERCE

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT HAS ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

A BROKEN SHAFT THIS TIME

Merchants Who Depended Upon the Lights to illuminate Their Stores Left in Bad Condition During the Holiday Season.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 19.—Special to The News: The culmination of a chapter of mishaps to the Pierce electric light plant came Monday evening, when the main shaft of the engine broke, instantly leaving the whole town in darkness. The worst feature of the mishap is that the merchants of Pierce have been depending upon the electric light as their means of illumination to display their holiday goods, and as the system here is of new invention the repairs are not likely to be obtained until after Christmas, as they must be of special make and shipped from Kansas City. While the blow is most severe upon Mr. Hensler, proprietor of the system, it is felt by all, as it comes at the time of the year when lights are most needed by the merchants.

Mike Hensler, who owns and operates the plant, seems to be having his full measure of grief. Since starting the plant some time ago he has had a series of mishaps at almost regular intervals. The latest and worst is the one that has just happened, which occurred just as people were on their way to attend the play at the opera house.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Fred Klentz, sr., is on the sick list. Joe Hight is in Stanton on business. E. M. Nelson of Plainview is in the city. Mrs. Fred Klentz, sr., returned from Omaha last night. Mrs. L. M. Justice of Meadow Grove is visiting in the city. Mrs. P. H. Salter was a passenger for Omaha yesterday. A. Eastman of Bonesteel was a business visitor in Norfolk. W. P. Miller of Spencer spent the day in Norfolk yesterday. G. A. Gass of Pierce was a business visitor in the city yesterday. County Attorney Jack Koenigstein is transacting business in Stanton. E. B. Taylor, brakeman on the C. & N. W., is taking a few days' lay-off. Mrs. Steele of Foster is a guest of Mrs. A. J. Durland on The Heights. Fred Rementer of Wayne passed through Norfolk enroute to Madison. W. J. Martin of North Bond was in Norfolk yesterday looking after business. Mrs. D. Hall and son Rolly returned from David City last night, where they had been to attend the funeral of Adam Hall. Mrs. O. R. Eller and son Henry of Lincoln will arrive in Norfolk tomorrow night to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Matrau. Mrs. F. E. Davenport and children left this morning for Atchison, Kan., to spend the holidays with her father. Mr. Davenport will go down for New Years and return with them. Miss Mildred Beach passed through Norfolk yesterday on her way to Bonesteel from Colorado Springs, where she is attending school. She goes home to attend her sister's wedding and spend her vacation. Little Edward Loucks is quite ill at his home on South Tenth street. Rock Bros. have again flooded their skating pond and the ice will soon be in condition once more. Rev. Geo. Oake, formerly of this city but now of Council Bluffs, is reported very sick with pneumonia. Word has been received in Norfolk of the birth of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Lockwood of Omaha, formerly of Norfolk. C. P. Christenson of Spencer will move to Norfolk about the middle of next month. Mr. Christenson will buy stock at this place from this time on. Will Evans is acting as helper to the express messenger between Norfolk and Omaha on train number 6, during the rush through the holidays. He began work yesterday. John Ballantyne, who has been at the Parish bakery, is laid up with a broken arm, as the result of getting the limb fast in a motor coffee mill. Mr. Ballantyne attempted to start the motor and in some way grasped the switch in such a manner as to receive the full voltage of the machine. Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Clara Beach to Mr. Dixon of Bonesteel, which is to take place on Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents, on the ranch twenty-two miles from Bonesteel. Miss Beach was raised in Norfolk and has many friends here who wish her much joy. The weather for the past twenty-four hours has been much more to the liking of humanity than for the previous days. The coldest point reached here was 47 degrees above zero, while the day before the mercury dropped to 3 below. The forecast for this section today is fair tonight and Friday with cooler tonight. A false fire alarm last night brought out a hustling lot of firemen with their carts. After starting to make the run down Fourth street it was discovered that the trouble all came from the M. E. church where a chimney was burning out. It looked like a sure-enough fire to someone and the alarm was the result. The bell was rung but the whistle was not sounded. The city council of Fremont are being urged to call a special election

this winter for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of \$40,000 paving bonds to pave street intersections. It is urged that by having the preliminaries all out of the way before spring that better terms may be secured on contracts than if the matter is allowed to wait until the busy season is under way. There is a suggestion in this movement on the part of the Fremont council.

Mrs. A. J. Durland has a letter from Mrs. M. A. McMillan, who has been visiting her sister in Carrollton, Ohio, for the past three months. Mrs. McMillan has entirely recovered from the severe attack of illness from which she suffered after she arrived at her sister's. She has now just returned from a visit to Ruth Harding at Vassar and Mack Harding at Yale, and the three spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. McMillan's niece, Mrs. T. P. Welsh, who formerly lived here but who now resides in New York City. Mrs. McMillan expects to return to Norfolk about the first of the year.

By some strange reasoning on the part of the postoffice department of the government, rural mail carriers are not given a holiday on Christmas, but must make their trips regularly with probably heavier loads than on any other day of the year. The rural carriers are allowed six holidays during the year, but Christmas is not one of them. The days allowed are New Year, Washington's birthday, Memorial day, Fourth of July, Labor day and Thanksgiving. All the other days of the year except Sunday they must be Johnnie-On-The-Spot and make their deliveries whether the day be fair or foul. The reason for making delivery on Christmas is undoubtedly so that the multitude of gifts which pass through the mails will reach their destination while the holiday spirit is at its height.

Warnerville.

Milt Webb went to Beemer Monday to visit his mother. Miss Lottie Sleeper, who has been seriously sick with lung fever, is much better. An eleven-pound boy was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed, who reside northwest of town. Geo. Woodworth has bought a quarter section of land three miles west of town of I. S. Carter. Consideration, \$1600. The ladies of the M. E. church held a social at the residence of Marsh Pettitt Friday evening and cleared \$11 for the pastor. The trustees of the Warnerville M. E. church paid off all outstanding debts last week and now have a small balance in the hands of the treasurer, W. P. Rowlett.

AGAIN AFTER THE TRUST

W. H. GREENE OF CREIGHTON SCORES ANOTHER POINT.

IN POSSESSION OF A MACHINE

Trades for a Sheller Gave Out by the International Harvester and Assumes Liabilities—Defense That the Company is a Trust in Restraint of Trade

Creighton, Neb., Dec. 19.—Special to The News: Some excitement was occasioned here yesterday afternoon by a business transaction, the outcome of which may revolutionize business in Nebraska.

W. H. Greene and the International Harvester company were bidding for the sale of a corn sheller and the latter secured the order by cutting the price \$45.

When the Keystone sheller arrived the purchaser did not like it, and W. H. Greene purchased the same from him, trading him a different sheller in part payment therefor. Mr. Greene assumes the purchaser's liability and will set up the defense that the International Harvester company is a trust in restraint of trade and therefore has no rights which the people are bound to respect. Having possession of the property, the trust must fight or lose their sheller.

The quo warranto proceedings instituted by County Attorney Barryman against the Harvester trust upon evidence furnished by Mr. Greene, and which was removed from the district court of Knox county to the federal court at Omaha and which was argued by ex-Senator Allen, has been remanded by Judge Munger.

HE MAY CLOSE THEATER

THE NORFOLK AUDITORIUM MAY CLOSE THIS YEAR.

AFTER PRESENT SEASON'S RUN

A. B. Beall, Owner of the Auditorium, is Quoted as Having Declared That Norfolk Playhouse Will be Converted into Other Use.

A. B. Beall, owner of the Norfolk Auditorium, is quoted as having said when he was in Norfolk recently, that the Norfolk theater will next year be closed up so far as the show business is concerned and that after the present season is ended, there will be no more performances before its footlights. It will be packed up and shipped away and that the building will be remodelled and converted into some other use. Dissatisfaction with the patronage given the theater, is said to be the cause of this determination.

CLEANED UP EVERYTHING

RANCH MAN NEAR BASSETT MAKES A GREAT HAUL.

TRUSTED EMPLOYEE GOES WRONG

The Boldest Piece of Wholesale Grafting on Record in Rock County—The Sheriff is Now Searching for the Man Who Has Disappeared.

Bassett, Neb., Dec. 19.—Special to The News: The boldest piece of wholesale stealing on record in this country has just been reported. Edward Ashley, a man who always held the respect of his neighbors and confidence of his employers, was some time ago made foreman of a large cattle and horse ranch owned by Mr. Levi Downs of Atlantic, Iowa. Everything was moving along nicely under his management until a few days ago, when he made arrangements to ship all the stock. He ordered cars at Bassett, drove the cattle and horses over, sold a few head of the horses and cattle here, and it is reported he sold all the hay and feed on the ranch, literally cleaning up everything. The report goes that he shipped out a number of car loads of stock to South Omaha, collected all the proceeds, which must have been in the neighborhood of \$4,000, and slipped out of sight.

For over twenty-five years this part of Nebraska has been infested with horse and cattle thieves, but for a number of years up until the last two or three years, the strong hand of a local vigilance committee had somewhat reduced their activity. In the last year or so the officers of the law have been kept busy chasing down and prosecuting this class of criminals, more especially along the line of the Indian reservation bordering on Keya Paha county on the north. Sheriff Cotterill of Keya Paha county has had his hands full but is doing his full duty toward landing many of them in the penitentiary. In spite of the activity of the officers of the law, horse and cattle stealing is on the increase.

The case just brought to light is the largest confidence deal yet that has been successfully worked on this community. Desperate efforts are being made to locate Ashley, and as Sheriff Cotterill has in the past shown himself to be a hard man to get away from, it is believed he will some day land this man.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Real estate transfers for Madison county for week ending December 15, 1906, reported by Madison County Abstract company, office with Mapes & Hazen, Norfolk, Neb.:

Isaac S. Carter to George H. Woodworth, W. D., consideration \$1,000, NW 1/4, 24, 23, 2.

C. E. Burnham and wife to Mary Hepfinger, W. D., consideration \$1,400, NE 1/4, lot 3, block 4, Pasewalk's addition to Norfolk.

A. J. Durland and wife to William Wagner, W. D., consideration \$125, lot 9, block 33, Queen City Place addition to Norfolk.

Edward Kennedy, Ellen J. Kennedy and Mary A. Kennedy to Timothy Kennedy and Ellen Kennedy, W. D., consideration \$950, W 1/2 of block 22, Fritz addition to Madison.

F. A. Long and wife to Patrick E. McKillop, Q. C. D., consideration \$16,000, S 1/2 of 16, 21, 4.

Frank W. Barnes and wife to Luella Harris, W. D., consideration \$200, lots 2 and 3, block 90, F. W. Barnes' Fifth addition to Madison.

Luella Harris to William Horp, W. D., consideration \$200, lots 2 and 3, block 90, F. W. Barnes' Fifth addition to Madison.

John L. James and wife to Dott F. Anderson, W. D., consideration \$1,100, lot 7, block 8, Verges Suburban lots to Norfolk.

Pioneer Town Site company to George H. Gutru, W. D., consideration \$100, lot 14, block 7, R. R. addition to Newman Grove.

Phillip J. Fuesler and wife to William Bree, W. D., consideration \$200, lot 11 1/2, block 5, Pasewalk's Third addition to Norfolk.

J. W. Hinzla and wife to Archie B. Robinson, W. D., consideration \$6,400, SW 1/4 23, 23, 1.

Lena Miller to Emma L. Beeler, W. D., consideration \$2,150, lots 15 and 16, block 2, Koenigstein's Second addition to Norfolk.

Frank Klentz and wife to J. S. Mathewson, W. D., consideration \$500, lots 7 and 8, block 2, Norfolk.

J. S. Mathewson and wife to L. J. Slaughter, W. D., consideration \$625, lots 7 and 8, block 2, Norfolk.

John H. Diefenderfer to Ernest Diefenderfer, W. D., consideration \$2,000, lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 1, Enola. Total amount of real estate transfers, \$18,550.

Real estate mortgages given, \$6,400. Real estate mortgages released, \$15,050.

SPORTS

O'BRIEN'S LOOKS IMPROVED.

Beating Administered by Burns Resulted in Pug Nose Straightened. Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Everybody who knew Jack O'Brien before his fight with Burns looks askance at him as they see him dressed in the height of fashion with not a sign of the hard cracks he received in the recent mill. And there is a changed appearance, which at first glance cannot be accounted for. And, looking closer, one sees that Jack is better looking—positively handsome. O'Brien's nose, which was broken by

Burns in their recent battle, has been remodeled. The swipe which Burns administered was not without its good results, for Jack's former big proboscis now is changed to a beautiful Romanesque style, which sets off his face in artistic fashion.

Iowa-Nebraska Game.

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 20.—The state university of Iowa may play Nebraska at football during the season of 1907, been made, but it is a well understood fact here. If arrangements can be made, it is probable the game will be played here as the last game with Nebraska was played in Lincoln several years ago. Since that time the Hawkeye managers have not wished to meet the Nebraska team owing to alleged misconduct and professionalism.

While no official statement can be secured, it is believed that the attitude of the university authorities is favorable to such a game. It has been rumored, also, that the Hawkeyes would play two games with conference teams here next fall. It is well known that one of these games will be with the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

M'CAREY TO BEAT 'EM.

Will Put up Diamond Belt for Winner of Burns-O'Brien Fight.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—Tom McCarey, president of the Pacific Athletic club, does not think the Burns-O'Brien fight will go to Rhyolite. He believes the next time the big fellows meet in the arena it will be at Naud Junction. McCarey has announced he will meet the Nevada mining camp's offer and go it some better. The \$5,500 diamond belt, which will go with McCarey's offer is expected to have considerable weight in the final decision of the men.

"I am going to bid for this fight and think I will get it. If the bout is arranged for Los Angeles it will be necessary for me to enlarge the pavilion and prepare for a big crowd, because the contest will be held during the fiesta week when 50,000 Shriners are here."

O'Brien and Burns both are anxious for McCarey to make the best bid, for they prefer to train and fight here.

Gotch in Cupid's Clutch.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—Frank Gotch, ex-champion wrestler, is to be married in June to Miss Annette Barrett of Humboldt, Iowa, after which he will retire from the wrestling game, it being the bride's desire that Gotch shall retire, and to fulfill her wishes, will make the sturdy Iowan wrestle the greatest bout of his career. Perhaps Miss Barrett will accompany a party of friends from her home town and witness the match.

They were both reared in Humboldt, and from their school days they have been sweethearts. Gotch will give his time to his 860-acre farm, acquired by savings from his matches. He is reported to be worth \$100,000.

AMERICAN LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Three Players go Through Season Without Making a Single Error.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Three players in the American league showed perfect fielding during the last season. They were Pitchers Griffith and Leroy of New York and Third Baseman O'Brien of St. Louis. Griffith played in seventeen games, Leroy in eleven and O'Brien in twenty without making an error, and all three are credited with a fielding average of 1,000.

The highest averages were as follows: First Baseman Crawford, Detroit, .993; Second Baseman Sheehan, Philadelphia, .980; Third Baseman O'Brien, St. Louis, 1,000; Shortstop Turner, Cleveland, .960; Outfielders Jones, Chicago, and Freeman, Boston, .988 each; Catcher O'Connor, St. Louis, and Roth, Chicago, .990 each; Pitchers Griffith and Leroy, both of New York, 1,000 each.

The greatest number of errors in the league was made by Parrot, shortstop for Boston, who played in 143 games and made 56 errors. His average was, however, .993, and he ranked sixth out of a total of thirteen shortstops.

Cleveland carried off the honors in fielding as well as in batting, and ranked the highest as a team, its average being .965; Chicago was second, with an average of .963. Boston was last, with an average of .948.

Murphy and Young Corbett.

New York, Dec. 19.—Young Corbett and Tommy Murphy, with their managers yesterday signed articles for a fight before the National Athletic club of Philadelphia, January 9. The men are to fight six rounds under the same conditions that governed the Corbett-McGovern match and are to divide 70 per cent of the gate receipts. Harry Pollok, Corbett's manager, wanted more than 35 per cent for his charge, but Johnny Oliver, manager of Murphy, finally prevailed upon Pollok to accept the club's offer.

Nevada is Fight Crazy.

Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 19.—This particular portion of the world is fight crazy. The Goldfield Gans-Nelson fight touched the fuse. Now Tonopah has the Gans-Herman battle coming up, and Manhattan, a camp sixty miles away, with no railroad connection is so anxious to butt into the game that the leading citizens of that place have gathered together \$40,000 and want to put it up as a purse for a fight to be held between the winner of the combat between Gans and Herman and Battling Nelson. They want to see the Dane meet the winner of the New Year's day fight.

When a young man asks a girl to give up dancing and quit using face powder, that settles it. She thinks he means business.

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CAPTAIN STOREY REPLIES

WRITES AN OPEN LETTER TO CHANCELLOR ANDREWS.

SAYS CHANCELLOR IS IGNORANT

Claims That Mr. Andrews Knows Nothing of What He is Talking About in His Criticism of the Methods of the Salvation Army.

[From Thursday's Daily.]

Staff-Captain Storey, in charge of the Salvation army as divisional officer for Nebraska and South Dakota, has mailed an official reply to the statements recently made by Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, says the World-Herald. Captain Storey's letter follows:

"Chancellor Andrews, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.—Dear Sir: As the divisional officer for this section of the country, I have had forwarded to me your letter to Captain Kindler, who is now stationed in Lincoln.

"It is evident from your letter that you know absolutely nothing about either the methods we adopt with respect to the publishing of our accounts nor of our work. The utter ignorance displayed by your letter upon these points proves my statement. I am not surprised that you should be without knowledge respecting our work, because you have never been to see for yourself, nor have you even inquired of us as to what methods we adopt, in either phase mentioned in your letter.

"It would appear to me that, as an intelligent man, you would not make such rash statements, especially when you make them public, without first knowing what you were talking about. Once again, we find that it is not difficult to get an ass to bray, but were you to put him in harness to do what he is braying at, it would be a much more difficult thing to get him to do the work.

"In the first place, with respect to our accounts, there is issued every quarter a balance sheet, which is read in public, in connection with every one of our corps, including Lincoln; and if you care to be present when this report is read, as any citizen of Lincoln may be, you will find that you have told an untruth in stating that the army 'makes no statement accessible to the public, either of its income or what it does with the money.' If A. J. Sawyer, Father Shine and Max Westerman are particularly interested with yourself in knowing what is done, you have the privilege of being present at our quarterly meeting when the balance sheet is read. Should these balance sheets not be satisfactory to these gentlemen, they would not be refused the privilege of examining our accounts. Nay, rather, we would court an investigation, and may be if some of these friends would be kind enough to see what we are doing, we should then be saved the great struggle that we now have with the finance problem.

"Captain Kindler has given up his life to the work of the Salvation army, having sold his ranch and given up all worldly prospects to do so; is now preaching the gospel every night on the streets as well as in our indoor meetings; is seeing men and women converted weekly, and is doing what you term 'fake charity.' For all this effort he puts forth, he was able to receive out of the funds obtained in Lincoln, after paying all expenses, an average of \$5.60 per week during October, and of \$4.60 during November, for the support of himself, his wife and two children. May be you might find here an instance which would give you opportunity of showing your 'favor of the real thing in charity,' by sending this man a little toward his own support.

"Now, a word with respect to what you are pleased to call 'so-called relief work,' which you illustrate with our effort for giving 500 persons a Christmas dinner, and which will also give me a text for enlightening you upon our relief work. In the first place, let me say that you display the utmost ignorance with respect to the condition of Lincoln when you state there 'are not even a hundred persons unable to get suitable dinners Christmas day without charity.' (Perhaps you would define the word 'suitable.') If you would deny yourself your own comfort, as Captain Kindler does, and

go with him visiting, he may show you something that will open your eyes and make your heart ache and cause you to blush for ever having made the utterances you have. You evidently do not know Lincoln.

"Let me say that the Salvation army methods are diametrically opposed to common charity. Anyone who has studied the Salvation army methods at all knows this only too well. Our principle is to help the helpless to help themselves, and it is only such people as are proving their endeavor to help themselves that once a year we especially help to a good dinner. Many a family in Lincoln, whilst not absolutely destitute, rarely see on their table anything that would approach what we call a Christmas dinner, and surely it is pauperizing them to add a little to their income, whereby they may enjoy a Christmas feast with such as yourself. Our only object in making the present of a Christmas dinner to any person is to encourage the worthy and bring little cheer and light into the monotony of their lives.

"I am convinced that if you will investigate these matters for yourself, you will change your mind; and, like a man, retract what you have said; and in the future be a little wiser, jump at conclusions less quickly and be more careful not to expose your ignorance before a well informed public. Yours respectfully,

T. H. Storey, Divisional Officer."

BIG DISTRICT MEETING

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA PLAN A GREAT AFFAIR.

HELD HERE LATE IN JANUARY

Members of the Order From a Number of Towns in This Section of the State Will Convene in District Session—Large Class to Initiate.

A district meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America is being planned to be held in Norfolk during the last of January, probably on the 31st. For this meeting both the Auditorium and Marquardt hall have been secured, and W. C. James, district deputy, places the number of people who will be present from out of town at 1,200 to 1,400. The prime object of the meeting is the initiation of a big class of novitiates, the effort being to take in a class here that will be larger than the class of 560 recently initiated in Omaha. Members of the order and candidates from Pierce, Foster, Plainview, Hoskins, Winside, Wayne, Stanton, Pilger, Wisner, Battle Creek, Meadow Grove, Tilden, Okadale, Elgin, Petersburg, Albion, Newman Grove, Warnerville, Enola, Madison and Humphrey will be in attendance, and the session will continue during the afternoon and evening.

Drill teams from Madison, Wisner and Albion will be present and assist in conferring the degrees. Prizes are to be offered the different towns for the largest attendance of members and the largest classes of candidates. Deputy James says the Modern Woodmen of America, which is a fraternal beneficiary society, is enjoying a wonderful growth in Nebraska, and this particularly true since the recent scandals over the old line insurance companies. He thinks the meeting here will inaugurate a big impetus in the work of the order in this section of the state. He says the local members will leave nothing undone to make the meeting a gala day for Norfolk. Business houses will be asked to decorate on that day with the colors of the order.

A Remarkable Funeral.

C. T. Muffy, formerly of this county but now of Hot Springs, S. D., was in the city during the day on his way home from Des Moines, Iowa, where he went to attend the funeral of a sister. The sister was 77 years old at the time of her death and was the mother of twelve children, nine boys and three girls, the youngest 36 years old, all living and all present at the funeral. The six older sons acted as pall bearers and tenderly conveyed the remains of their mother to her last resting place.

WANTED—To hire out two serviceable Duroc-Jersey boars. Also, wood for sale, by cord or load. Price, 50c to \$1.00 per load. Ash poles, \$2.50 per load. Phone Cedar 1081. Raasch Bros.