

FORM PACKING COMPANY

NEW INDUSTRY WANTS TO USE SUGAR FACTORY.

\$126,000 HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED

E. H. Luikart of Tilden and Others Have Already Organized a Company to Start New Norfolk Industry—Officers Elected—The Plan.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
A company has been organized for the purpose of operating a packing plant in Norfolk, provided the old sugar factory building may be used without cost, according to the policy announced by the Industrial company, who own the property. E. H. Luikart of Tilden is at the head of the new company and discussed its plans to The News yesterday.

The new corporation will be called the Norfolk Packing company. Its capital stock will be \$300,000, of which \$126,000 has already been subscribed. There will be 100 stockholders of northern Nebraska in the company, and 200 butchers, which will make them interested in sending live stock here and in buying the products. A meeting was held on Christmas day, officers have been elected, a manager chosen and all preliminary plans made. Much more capital stock will be subscribed as soon as Mr. Luikart learns from the Industrial company whether or not the factory buildings can be had for use. Active operations will begin, it is planned, next winter and machinery will be made for the plant during the coming summer.

Mr. Luikart was not ready to announce the names of officers of the company. He said that one live stock buyer has subscribed \$5,000 and another \$3,000 and that there will be no trouble in disposing of all the stock.

He referred to the Beatrice packing plant, recently established, where the citizens of the town took \$50,000 in stock and co-operated in every possible way.

H. A. Pasewalk, president of the Industrial company, announced some time ago that the sugar factory building would be turned over to any industry, free of rent and for the mere payment of taxes, which would guarantee to operate and employ labor in numbers large enough to suit the company. Mr. Luikart states that the packing plant would start in with a good force of men and work up to at least forty.

Only pork and poultry would be handled by the plant.

It is believed that the new plant would be a great benefit to stock buyers, butchers and farmers of the new northwest.

NORFOLK IDEAL PACKING TOWN

Bud Powers, Manager of Big Plant at Jacksonville, Ill., Says So.

Isaac Powers, jr., known well in Norfolk as "Bud," is secretary, treasurer and manager of a packing plant at Jacksonville, Ill., 100 miles from St. Louis, and has built up a large business along practically the same lines upon which it is proposed to work in Norfolk. Mr. Powers spent Christmas with his parents in this city and while here told of his plant and expressed the belief that a similar institution could be made a success in Norfolk. It would be merely a question of getting at the head of the business, he said, a man who thoroughly understands the work.

Mr. Powers took charge of the Jacksonville plant a year and a half ago. The town gave its hearty support by way of patronage to the institution, and has helped to boom it.

Mr. Powers said that he thought Norfolk, with its large territory north and west of here, with stock coming from that section and products going into it, making better railroad rates both ways and therefore a saving for the consumers in the whole territory, ought to make an ideal packing town.

A packing house here, Mr. Powers said, ought to employ 100 men the year around and ought to spend \$1,000,000 per year for labor and stock. He says that at Jacksonville the plant is obliged to ship in from 100 miles and buy in competition with other local plants. He says that nearly all good sized towns in Illinois have one or more packing houses, but that there is no competition among them to undermine one another nor need the large packers be feared. He says that there is a great demand for all products that can be turned out.

SLIPS ON IGY SIDEWALK; INJURED

Madame Strack Sustains Broken Spinal Column in a Serious Fall.

Madame Strack, a fortune teller who holds forth on Norfolk avenue, was seriously injured by a fall New Year's day, occasioned by ice on a cement sidewalk. She was walking along Norfolk avenue between Third and Fourth streets, on the south side of the street, when she slipped on the ice and fell violently.

A cab was called and the injured woman taken to her home. On examination Wednesday morning the attending physician declared that the spinal column was broken off at the end and that it would probably be necessary to operate, removing the broken portion.

She suffers intensely from the injury.

Returns Not Taken Here.

Returns from the Gans-Herman ringside were not taken in Norfolk as had been anticipated by some of the fight fans, though news of the knock-

out blow in the eighth round came flashing over the wire early in the evening. There was not as much interest in Norfolk over the affair as there has been over many another glove battle in the past. While it had been believed in the beginning that Gans was the better fighter, the announcement that much money was being placed on Herman rather "billed" his stock. Chicago's demand for odds on Gans, however, had made people here believe that Gans would win.

MEMORIAL FOR BISHOP M'CABE

Union Service in Ainsworth in Honor of the Deceased Bishop.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 2.—Special to The News: Sunday night all the church denominations met in the M. E. church and held a union memorial service in memory of Bishop McCabe, who was at the head of the M. E. church and was chaplain in the army during the war of the states. The speakers were Elder Bassett of the Presbyterian church, who was a soldier and knew Bishop McCabe, and knew some of the experiences of the latter, as he was also captured and placed in Andersonville prison. Elder Julian of the M. E. church spoke of the bishop in high praise, as he was well acquainted with him in business relation with the church. All the speakers spoke in glowing terms as to his fidelity to the church and the support of this government in time of war and peace. Rev. Mr. Johnson is in charge of the church here.

O. P. MASTERS LEAVES SUNDAY

Veteran Engineer on Northwestern Will Quit the Business.

O. P. Masters, for many years a locomotive engineer out of Norfolk on the Chicago & Northwestern, and who has lived all of his life in Nebraska, will leave this city on the coming Sunday with his family for Long Beach, California, to make their future home. Mr. Masters has not given up his position as an engineer here, having taken a sixty day lay off, but he will probably decide to remain permanently in California. He expects to locate at Long Beach with his son, Frank, well known as a former Norfolk young man, and they will probably engage in the retail cigar business. Miss Loretta Masters will remain in college at Kearney, Neb., and will go west after she has finished her term. She had been spending her Christmas vacation at home but left for Kearney on Monday.

Mr. Masters is one of the best known engineers in Nebraska and is said to be one of the best in the business. He has had two very narrow escapes from death in railroad accidents and it is this fact, partially, that has caused him to look for a new field of work.

The last narrow escape he had was in the wreck last spring near Merriman, Neb., when he ran into a washout that demolished things. The fireman who went into the ditch with him, in the same cab, was pinned fast and, with his face so close to the fire pot that he inhaled flame, was scalded to death by the boiling water that poured out upon him.

On one other occasion Mr. Masters had an equally close call and, while he is not at all superstitious in regard to accidents or death, he has determined that he would enjoy a trade that is not attended by so much risk.

Long Beach, Cal., to which he is going, is a city of about 10,000 people a few miles from Los Angeles, on the Pacific coast. At this season of the year, as at other times, there is bathing every afternoon in the blue sea waves. There are already several families of Norfolk people at that point. The city slogan is "Fifty thousand in 1910," and it is apparent that Norfolk is going to contribute a portion of that 50,000.

LESSON FOR NATION.

B. & O. Wreck Will Bring Federal Investigation of Block System.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Entirely independent of any whitewashing investigation which the Baltimore & Ohio may make of the criminality which caused the loss of half a hundred human lives a few miles out of Washington, the national capital, Sunday night, the interstate commerce commission decided to have an investigation of its own.

Authority for this action on the part of the commission was found under the joint resolution of congress instructing it to make a special inquiry of the block signal system as operated by the railroads. The frequency of rear-end collisions or the telescoping of one train by another, has aroused well as congress and the entire country, to the belief that something is radically wrong in the pretended operation of the block system, and the commission proposes now to find out the facts.

ASTOUNDING STATEMENTS, made by experts of the commission, indicate that the people of the United States have been misled into the impression that the block systems of this country are adding greatly to the safety of travel. On the other hand, the experts say these systems have had no such effect. The commission's statistics prove that a constantly increasing proportion of the members of the commission, as accidents occur.

GOVERNMENT STOCK INSPECTOR

Dr. Noyes Arrives From Cody, Wyo., to Succeed Dr. White.

Dr. O. W. Noyes, government inspector of live stock, has arrived in Norfolk with his family from Cody, Wyo., to make this their home. Dr. Noyes succeeds Dr. Thomas White at this point and his jurisdiction is north Nebraska and southern South Dakota.

COUNTY MAY DRAIN ROADS

CASE OF CARL SCHULZ SETTLED AT PIERCE.

IT MEETS GENERAL APPROVAL

Decision Rendered by Judge Boyd in District Court at Pierce Gives Right to County to Drain Out Land Under Swamp Act.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 29.—Special to The News: Hon. J. F. Boyd held an adjourned term of the October term of court here to hear the case of Jackson et al. vs. Cones et al. This case was submitted and several cases decided which have been under advisement for some time. The most important case decided was the case of Carl Schultz et al. vs. Pierce county, involving the question of the right of a county to grade and drain a public road. The decision favors the county and meets with the approval of a great majority of the people who are familiar with the case.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

George Dentler of Omaha is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Frank Davis.

Spencer Butterfield left at noon for Chicago, where he returns to his studies at Lake Forest.

Elmer Hight returned to Omaha Wednesday to resume his studies in a college of pharmacy.

Miss Ruth Shaw and Miss Jennie Wheeler returned to Crete this morning to resume their studies at Doane college.

John Kall has resigned his position with Albert Degner and this morning enrolled as a student in the business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berner, who have been visiting Mrs. Berner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Peters, at the asylum, during the holidays left for their home in Lindsay.

A. N. Anthes went to Omaha on business.

Miss Anna Kall left for Omaha this morning.

Miss Hazel Nisonger of Tilden is visiting Miss Birdie Kuhl.

Miss Edith Estabrook went to Hoskins Tuesday for a few days' visit with friends.

John Kall spent New Years with friends in Stanton, returning last night.

Mrs. Fred Orr of Missouri Valley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Burnett.

Bud Carberry left at noon for Omaha where he went to visit his sister, Mrs. T. J. Donohue.

Joe Hight has been appointed carpenter at the asylum. He began his duties there Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and Miss Bodenbender of Dakota City and Fred Weddingfield of Ponca came over to help Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hull celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Roy Losh of West Point arrived in Norfolk Tuesday night and left at noon for St. Charles, S. D., a new town on the Bonesteel extension of the Northwestern, where he is employed.

Miss Daisy Lawrence returned from Nebraska City last night where she spent her Christmas vacation with her mother. She will resume her duties in the business college again today.

Miss Opal Coryell entertained the "Buster Brown" club New Year's eve. A happy evening was spent and when the new year was ushered in there was an exchange of seasonal greetings.

Mrs. C. A. McKim left yesterday for Salina, Kansas, where she will meet Dr. McKim, who went down before Christmas to spend the holidays with his mother and sister. Mrs. McKim expects to visit in Salina for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seigler of Nodine, Minnesota, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seigler of Bay City, Mich., arrived in the city yesterday to be present at the funeral of Ferdinand Pasewalk. Both the Mesdames Seigler are daughters of Mr. Pasewalk.

L. S. Dickson and bride, formerly Miss Clara Beach, who spent her girlhood in Norfolk, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linderode over night. They were returning from their wedding trip to St. Joe, Mo., and left at noon for their future home in Burt, S. D.

Mrs. E. E. Woods and Mrs. Duit of Fremont, who have been visiting friends, returned home Monday.

John Harshman of Omaha, formerly of Norfolk, is here visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Schwertfeger went to Pierce Monday to get her eyes examined.

Mrs. P. Welsh went to Omaha Monday visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Riordan returned from Ames, Iowa, where they spent the holidays.

Jimmy Shaner took a lay-off and will spend a few days in Battle Creek with relatives and then will go to Kansas on a visit.

Ed Dixon reported for work this morning after a week's visit at Superior.

John Quick went to Omaha yesterday on business.

The shop boys were all busy yesterday putting on snow plows.

Mrs. Fred Doyle, who has been quite sick the past week, is able to be around again.

Miss Emma Mastic is on the sick list.

Mrs. Frank Hurd of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burnett.

The E. V. P. boys gave a New Year's party in the Railroad hall New Year's eve. The evening was spent with

games and music, and the crowd watched the old year out and the new year in, after which refreshments were served by the boys.

A number of the young people gathered at the home of Roy and Florence Taylor on New Year's night and spent the evening in dancing, a very pleasant evening being spent by all present. A pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pippen at noon on New Year's day, when the Rev. John Hines united John Williams and Miss Rose Morvee in the bonds of matrimony. Mr. Williams has grown up from childhood in Norfolk, and is one of the jolly Northwestern brakemen. The bride is one of Missouri Valley's fairest daughters. The happy couple will room and board with Mr. Williams' grandmother, Mrs. Bondurant, this winter.

Misses Geneva, Nora and Luella Moolick left on the noon train for Niagara for a visit with their uncle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer of Winneton are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Oscar List.

Mrs. Hull of Long Pine, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frasher, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. George Roseberry and children returned home from Chicago Monday where they had been visiting.

Pearl Beemer returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives in Iowa.

The regular annual meeting of the Congregational Aid society will be held on Thursday, January 3, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Huntington, with Mrs. Wheeler assisting as hostess. The members are expected to come prepared to turn in the money they were to earn. Those who have not paid their yearly dues will please do so at this meeting so that the books can be closed for the year.

The New Year's dance given by the band was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

The West Side whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Redmond entertained S. T. Adams and family and F. W. Freeland and family at New Year's dinner.

The business college reopened Wednesday morning, after a week and a half vacation, with a large number of new students enrolled.

Northeastern Nebraska dentists will meet at the Elk club rooms in Norfolk Thursday and will close the session in the evening with a banquet.

An informal reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elseffer last night at their home, by the members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Elseffer leave soon for their new home in Lincoln.

The Odd Fellows have a special program of entertainment at the hall Thursday evening, January 10. The committee invites all members of the order to attend, including camp, Rebekah and subordinate visitors.

Watch services were held in a few churches of Norfolk Monday night. Bells were rung at midnight and guns boomed. No accidents occurred to mar the celebration. Watch parties were held at various homes.

The funeral of Ferdinand Pasewalk was very largely attended Wednesday afternoon. Services were first held in the home and later in St. Paul's Lutheran church north of the city, Rev. John Witte, the pastor, having charge. All living children were present.

The Temple quartet entertainment at the Congregational church last night was very largely attended, aisles being filled with the overflow audience. It was the third number of the high school lecture course and every member of the company was well received.

Miss Dorothy Salter severely sprained her wrist while skating. She put out her hand in order to catch herself against a post and assist in stopping. She partially missed the mark, catching her fingers, and doubled back her wrist with such violence as to sprain it badly.

Miss Lillie Langenburg celebrated her sixteenth birthday Monday evening at the home of her father on Madison avenue. Twenty-eight young friends were invited to assist in the festivities, and they watched the old year out and the new year in, passing the time with games and other appropriate New Year customs.

A small company of young people were very pleasantly entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hight Monday evening. The party was in the nature of a surprise for their son, Elmer, who is at home from a college in Omaha to spend his holiday vacation. Cards were a feature, with a bounteous repast at midnight.

Norfolk Eagles enjoyed one of their most successful annual balls at Marquardt hall Monday night. It was largely attended and a success in every detail. The hall was effectively decorated in colors of the order, with mounted eagles here and there about the room. Collins orchestra furnished the music. Eagles expressed themselves as highly pleased with the success of the event and those who attended enjoyed a delightful dance.

Erratic Weather.

The New Year was greeted by the weather man with a snow storm which covered the earth with a coat of whiteness before night. At no time was the atmosphere very cold and about dark the snow changed to a warm rain. This continued during the greater portion of the night and by morning the snow was practically all melted, and a bright autumn sun was shining. About that time the weather man sent in a forecast that it would be much colder and there would be more snow before night.

JAMES M'CREA ELECTED

HE SUCCEEDS CASSETT AS PENNSYLVANIA PRESIDENT.

HAD BEEN VICE PRESIDENT

Railroad Official Who Had Been First Vice President of the Pennsylvania West of Pittsburg, Has Been Made Head of the Big Line.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—James M'Creia of Pittsburg, first vice president of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, was today elected president of the Pennsylvania railroad company.

Mr. M'Creia was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of President A. J. Cassatt.

The election of a successor to President Cassatt has caused a great deal of discussion during the past few days among railroad men all over the country, as it is one of the most important positions in the railroad world.

PASSES NO GOOD NOW.

This is One Day When Poor and Homeless Have Laugh on Rich.

This is one day upon which the poor and homeless have the laugh on all other classes of society. The poor and homeless are not prohibited from getting passes upon the railroads. All other ordinary citizens must either pay or walk today.

The anti-pass provision of the new railroad rate law went into effect at midnight. It did not cause any funny situations where a man who started on a journey got caught in the middle of it with a pass staring the law in the face, because the passes all read "Good Until December 31," and attorneys told the roads that a pass was a courtesy and not a contract.

Under the terms of the law passes are prohibited to all persons except:

- Employees and their families.
- Railroad officers, agents, surgeons, physicians and attorneys.
- Ministers of religion.
- Traveling secretaries of the railroad Y. M. C. A.
- Inmates of hospitals and charitable institutions.
- Persons exclusively engaged in charitable work.
- Indigent, destitute and homeless persons.
- Inmates of soldiers' and sailors' homes.
- Caretakers of live stock, fruit and poultry.
- Sleeping car and express employes.
- Telegraph and telephone linemen.
- Railway mail service employes.
- Postoffice, immigration and customs inspectors.
- Newsboys on trains.
- Persons injured in wrecks and nurses and physicians for them.
- Baggage agents.
- Witnesses attending railroad trials.

Only in cases of general epidemic or calamity are the officers of railroads permitted to break the ironclad provisions of the law.

NOBODY IN POLICE COURT.

Norfolk Starts Out New Year Right. Monthly Report for December.

Police Judge I. G. Westervelt had not a single case on the docket for Wednesday and decided that Norfolk was starting out right, at least, in a moral way for the new year.

He spent a portion of the day in preparing his monthly report to the city council, in which it is shown that during the month of December eleven fines were assessed in police court and nine paid, amounting to \$21.

Judge Westervelt thinks it is wrong that fines collected by the city should be turned into the school fund, when expense of maintaining the police judge's office is charged up to the city. This, however, is a state law and can not be helped.

Entertained Forty Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osterling entertained the Machmuller families at dinner on New Year's day. There were forty guests at the dinner and they enjoyed a delightful afternoon. Mrs. Osterling is a member of the Machmuller families.

INDIANA HAS HORSE THIEVES.

President Evans Says There Used to be a Chain of This Gang.

President George Evans of the North Nebraska Live Stock Owners' Protective association says that he has received word from southern Indiana indicating that the same kind of a gang of horse thieves are working in Indiana as in northern Nebraska, and without any better success at capturing the thieves. The horses simply disappear and are never heard of again. Mr. Evans says that there used to be an organized gang that worked in a chain from Indiana down into Missouri and then up into Nebraska.

An effort is being made to extend the organization of the association into every county in this part of the state in the hope that eventually the farmers will be so well organized that no thief can get away.

Chicken thieves are reported to be still doing business in this territory. A large number of farmers around Norfolk and over toward Hoskins have lost their entire flocks.

The annual meeting will be held a week from Saturday.

THE WEEK AT WEST POINT.

Movement for an All-Night Electric Light Service.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 2.—The Ickman, a two story building on Main street, has been sold to the Storz

Brewing company of Omaha for a consideration of \$16,000. This is the highest price ever paid for a 22-foot lot in the business portion of West Point.

The following officers of the local branch of the Catholic Knights of America, at West Point, were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting just held: Spiritual director, Very Rev. Joseph Ruessing; vice-president, Frank Rezac; treasurer, William Stieren; recording secretary, John H. Lindale; financial secretary, Ferdinand Walter; sergeant-at-arms, Theodore Gentrup; sentinel, Bernard Kaup; trustee for three years, Conrad Gerken.

The regular meeting of the West Point Woman's club was held this week at the home of Miss Carlotta Crawford. The Christmas theme was observed in an especially prepared program. Christmas and all its observances were recalled from its earliest history to the present day. Quotations bearing on the Yuletide were read at roll call. "Christmas in Different Countries" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. William Gentrup. "Christmas in Sour and Story" by Mrs. Maude Smith followed and at its close she sang a Christmas song. The reading of Henry Van Dyke's story, "The First Christmas Tree," by Mrs. J. C. Elliott was next on the program. Miss Emma Miller then read a paper on "Christmas Legends." The program closed with a monologue entitled the "Christmas Guest," by Mrs. O. C. Anderson. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. S. S. Krake.

The West Point Electric Light and Power company have installed an early morning service of electric light in West Point, which has proved very acceptable to the citizens. An effort is being made to induce the company to maintain an all night service. At present lights go out at midnight, leaving the streets in darkness to the great danger and inconvenience of persons who have business thereon during the early hours of the morning.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTION.

Will be Held at the City Hall on Friday.

The annual election of the Norfolk Commercial club will be held at the city hall on Friday, January 4, and the polls will be open from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 p. m. Each member of the club will be entitled to cast as many ballots as he holds shares.

The election is conducted along the line of a bank election, directors being elected at the annual meeting, and they in turn meet later and elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The directors who have served during the past year are as follows: W. M. Robertson, C. E. Burnham, W. A. Whizman, Chas. S. Bridge, W. H. Johnson, Sol G. Mayer, C. P. Parish, H. A. Pasewalk, John Friday.

NEW APPOINTEES NOT NAMED.

Governor Sheldon Will Not Select Hospital Officers Yet.

Governor Sheldon has not announced new appointees for the Norfolk hospital for the insane, nor will he do so for some little time yet to come, it is said. It is announced from Lincoln that no appointments will be made this month. It is taken for granted that Dr. Young will be retained as superintendent and that Dr. Singer will remain as physician at the institution, but there are contestants for some of the other places and the result will not be known until the governor makes public his selections.

Henry Schultz.

Oakdale, Neb., Dec. 31.—Special to The News: Henry Schultz was buried here by the Knights of Pythias. He was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1849 and had no relatives in the United States that are known of. He had been a member of the Knights of Pythias of Oakdale since 1894. He died at Lincoln of pneumonia. He was an expert cook, having served his apprenticeship in Hamburg, Germany.

A STORMY NEW YEAR.

Most Severe Storm of the Season at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 2.—Special to The News: This vicinity was visited by snow most the entire day the first of the year and toward evening turned into rain and continued until midnight. This is the most severe winter storm we have had this season.

The only entertaining feature last evening in Neligh was a dance in Gieseker's hall given by the young people of town. It was an enjoyable crowd in attendance despite the disagreeable weather that at first assured a small number of the young folks who usually take part in these festivities.

Soldiers Return.

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 2.—Special to The News: Walter G. Sonnenschein and Arnold Schultz, two Stanton county boys who recently completed a term of enlistment in the U. S. army, have arrived home. Both were discharged as sergeants, with character marked "Excellent."

A White New Year.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 2.—Special to The News: New Year's came in yesterday morning looking very white, with a fine snow on the ground, and continued snow all day and night. There is about six inches on the level, as the wind has been quite still all day.

What could be nicer for a little Christmas gift than 100 engraved visiting cards, with plate? Any style, superior workmanship. The News, Norfolk.