

BUSY WEEK AT NELIGH

TERMS OF COURT FOR NINTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCED.

STRAIGHTENING UP SURVEYS

U. S. Examiner is at Work Overhauling the Surveys of the Western Part of the State—A Busy Week Socially at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 7.—Special to The News: Frank Cool and family are visiting at the home of T. P. McCarty in this city. Last Saturday while Mr. McCool was working around a sausage machine at Hartington, his right hand was caught and injured, making the amputation of his fingers necessary.

Mrs. R. A. Parshall of Waterloo, Ia., who was dangerously injured a short time ago by an accident in the elevator of a department store in that city, arrived in Neligh this week, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Effie. Mrs. Parshall is far from recovered and will remain here for some time under treatment of her brother, Dr. A. F. Conery.

Terms of court for the Ninth judicial district have been announced by Judge Boyd for the year 1907 as follows: Antelope county, April 15, November 11; Madison, April 1, November 25; Pierce, March 18, September 23. Wayne March 4, December 9. The jury will report on the second Monday of each term. The law makes it imperative to set the terms of this court the first of the year and, while Judge Boyd cannot fill all these dates, yet it was necessary for him to make them.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county judge as follows: Herman Henry Venticher of Elgin and Anna Johanna Thiele of Clearwater; Myron M. Farley of Neligh and Thila Bedkee of Neligh (the address of this couple as given by parties who know them is Norfolk, Neb.); Levi Jensen of Creighton and Dora Brokaw of Plainview.

N. B. Switzer, U. S. examiner of surveys, and two assistants, Antony Vitale and John Tufts, who have been stationed in Niobrara for nearly five years, have made their headquarters here and will proceed to overhaul the old and, in some cases, fraudulent surveys made in western Nebraska in early days. As this country is fast settling up and land values increasing, both old and new settlers wish to know where they are at. Roads cannot be built, groves planted or permanent improvements established for the reason that, in many cases in and adjacent to the sandhills, few if any corners of the public land surveys can be located. Vast areas of western Nebraska are now undergoing the relocation of old and obliterated corners under Mr. Switzer's directions. Many complicated questions have arisen in the past, especially the Fort McPherson and the Ponca Indian reservation re-surveys, which were recently adjusted after nearly fifteen years of litigation. These re-locations, following the decisions of the supreme court, locate the corners in the locus of the old ones which have disappeared or where no corners have ever been placed, according to the old field notes, so that old settlers will not be disturbed in their holdings. Judge Boyd in his wise decisions in the Ponca case, has materially aided in the happy adjustment of these complicated resurveys.

Social.

In keeping with the festive spirit of the season, the young people have been enjoying a series of evening parties of late, generally for the entertainment of college students and old classmates who are at home to spend vacation. Two delightful parties were held Saturday and Monday evenings, the former given by Miss Georgia Fletcher and the latter by Miss Nettie Wattles at their respective homes.

New Year's eve the Logos club entertained their husbands at an eight course progressive dinner at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolfe. Dinner was served at 7:30, and for two and one-half hours all enjoyed a delicious menu, interspersed with toasts. Mrs. J. E. Wilder, in sprightly fashion, gave a toast to "Our Husbands," to which J. J. Melick responded in a dignified manner. Mrs. Carl Roben proposed a toast to "Our Babies," the greatest of all which she convinced to be the big baby, who, when he came home, always opened the door with this query, "Where's mamma?" and wore such a forlorn and forsaken manner if mamma chanced to be out of town for a few days. To this N. D. Jackson responded in his usual happy manner. C. A. Hewitt proposed a toast to the Logos "Bachelor Girl," which was responded to by Miss Amanda Wille, which was handled in a masterly manner and was the hit of the evening. Mrs. W. F. Whitmore gave a toast to "Our Absent Member, Mrs. Best." She briefly sketched the life of the club and the inestimable help Mrs. Best had been during the seven years she had been president, paying a high tribute to her worth as a woman and club member. Mrs. F. G. Auringer proposed a toast to "Our Husband's New Year's Resolutions," and the manner in which she handled it proved that she was thoroughly conversant with her subject. Wm. Wolfe, in his response, conveyed the idea that he fully comprehended the binding worth of the same. Mrs. W. S. Cleaver having acted as toastmistress, then proposed a toast to "Our Hostess and Our Committee," which was enthusiastically received.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the gentlemen were requested to describe the costume of his first partner. This they all did in the usual comprehensive man-style. J. E. Wilder certainly proved that his details were his strong point. Music and games followed, and when the old year ushered in the new, all were singing "Auld Lang Syne."

WAR UPON HORSE THIEVES.

Major Kelley of the Rosebud Will Wipe Out "Chain Gangs."

Maj. Edward B. Kelley, government agent in charge at the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota, has begun a war to the death against half breed horse thieves who, working in "chain gangs" from one end of the reservation to another, have driven off thousands of head of horses and sold them to dealers in northern Nebraska. He will not rest until every member of the gang has been sent to the penitentiary or driven from the Rosebud country.

Capt. "Jack" Foster, special detective on Maj. Kelley's staff, passed through Norfolk and told of the efforts of the authorities to break up the gang. He is still on the trail of two "squad men" who were the accomplices of Tom Ferron in the theft of forty head of horses from Harry Preme, a ranchman in the Rosebud. Ferron is now in jail at Sioux Falls.

"The way Ferron had it doped out in an interview was substantially correct," said Capt. Foster. "The reservation has been full of horse thieves, and there is a gang up there composed of as tough a lot of men as I ever saw." Maj. Kelley has been in charge of the reservation only about a year, and already he has done more toward corralling the bad ones than was ever done before. He has begun a campaign against the use of liquor by the Indians and every form of vice and petty crime. His greatest task, though, will be to rid the country of the band of horse thieves who have terrorized ranchers for years.

Capt. Foster recently took part in the capture of four horse thieves from the Cheyenne reservation in northern South Dakota. He understands Indians and reservation "bad men" about as well as any man in the country. During the Spanish-American war he was captain of a company in Col. Grigsby's regiment of rough riders.

DENOUNCED AS BUNCOMB

RESOLUTION AGAINST LOBBYISTS DEBATED.

BURNS CALLS IT GRANDSTAND

Senator Wisley's Resolution to Exclude Lobbyists From the State Senate Hails is Jumped on by Joe Burns of Lincoln—Action Goes Over.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—Special to The News: Senator Wisley's resolution to exclude lobbyists from corridors of the senate and the house of representatives, was today denounced by Senator Joe Burns of Lancaster county as "buncombe."

Action on the resolution, which was to have been taken today, went over until tomorrow.

The resolution of Senator Wisley was introduced on the first day of the present session of the legislature, and a similar resolution was introduced in the house.

Senator Burns declared that the resolution was unconstitutional and that it was introduced as a "grand stand play."

STAMPING OUT EXTRAVAGANCE.

Nebraska Legislature Defeats Resolution for 15 Cents Postage.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—Special to The News: The Nebraska state legislature today took steps toward stamping out extravagance within itself. A resolution to allow each member of the legislature fifteen cents in postage each day was defeated.

Harrison of Otoe county was made chairman of the railroad committee in the house.

Root of Cass county introduced a bill providing for the payment of \$2,500 per year to each of the members of the new state railroad commission, and giving them power over railroads.

Warnerville.

N. L. Taylor of Lincoln was transacting business here Thursday.

The Omaha Elevator company shipped a carload of hogs to South Omaha Thursday.

Robert Dwyer of Lincoln is the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. J. Lodge.

John Conley was down from Elgin Saturday greeting his old time neighbors.

Mrs. J. A. Chamberlain returned Thursday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Blair.

Milt Webb has leased a farm one mile southwest of Enola and will take possession the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stenge of Nebraska City are the guests of Mrs. Stenge's brother, F. Z. McGinnis.

BADLY INJURED BY FALL.

Arthur Graham of Humphrey Drops Thirty Feet.

Humphrey, Neb., Jan. 8.—Special to The News: Arthur Graham, employed by the Omaha Elevator company, erecting a new elevator three and a half miles north of town, fell a distance of thirty feet to the floor below, and received serious though not fatal injuries.

He is a young man nineteen years of age and resides with his parents here.

THINK GAMBLE WILL WIN

YANKTON-NORFOLK RAILROAD MAN TO BE SENATOR.

CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM

Enemies Declare That His Son Acted as Private Secretary While Attending College, and Drew Federal Pay. Friends Go Through Norfolk.

Dozens of Rosebud and Black Hills politicians, members of the South Dakota state legislature, have been passing through Norfolk during the past few days enroute to Pierre, where the session convenes. Among the vital features of the legislature will be the election of a United States senator. Robert J. Gamble, who is one of the projectors of the newly proposed Yankton & Norfolk railroad, is a candidate for re-election but has been opposed with charges that his son has been drawing the pay of a private secretary while attending college.

That the charges are practically groundless, that the senior senator will get the solid vote of the republican members of the legislative delegation from the Black Hills, and that he will be re-elected on the first ballot is the opinion of members of the delegation from western South Dakota in Norfolk yesterday on their way to Pierre to be present at the opening of the state legislature today. There were eight here, five republicans and three democrats.

Most outspoken in his commendation of Senator Gamble was Representative Newton Freeze, of Pennington county, the original insurgent county of the Hills, the county which endorsed Dr. Emrick, mayor of Rapid City, for congress.

Senator Gamble has not given out statements for publication in regard to the matter of his sons' drawing private secretary salary while attending college but it is said that he has freely discussed the affair with friends and that he feels confident of re-election.

He is said to have declared that his son has only served as private secretary during vacation months or when his other secretaries would leave.

TUESDAY TIDINGS.

Will O'Brien went to Pierce yesterday.

A. C. Warner of Butte spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. Peter Dooce of Enola spent yesterday in the city.

Miss Lulu Johnson returned from Winside yesterday.

Guy Fox returned to his home in Chicago yesterday.

C. A. Johnson of Fairfax was in the city yesterday on business.

R. C. Smith has returned from his trip to Fort Madison, Iowa.

Mrs. J. A. Van Wagenen of Pierce was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

E. Frink of Tilden was in the city Tuesday on his way to Bonesteel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ringenheimer of Creighton were in the city yesterday.

Jack Slaughter and Percy Strawn of Wayne were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seliger returned to their home in Bay City, Mich., yesterday.

Mrs. O. R. Eller and son returned to their home in Lincoln yesterday after a two weeks' visit in Norfolk.

Victor Brocklin of Creighton is here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rish.

Miss Lottie Pilger of Plainview is visiting at the home of Mrs. Bertha Pilger.

Mrs. A. B. Sokes, daughter of Rev. D. K. Tyndall, left yesterday for Minneapolis.

Hubert Robert, after a few days' visit in Norfolk, has returned to his home in Tecumseh.

Miss Nora Jounge returned to her home in Osmond Monday after several days' visit with friends in Norfolk.

John Wehenke of Ewing, Wm. Dinkel of Emerick and August Dinkel of Emerick spent Saturday night in the city.

Miss Enla Satterlee entertained a number of her friends last night at her home.

Misses Zetta and Helen Bain returned from Fremont last night where they had been visiting with their aunt, Mrs. Clint Bain, formerly of Norfolk.

Jake Christensen, the boiler maker, went to Bonesteel yesterday to make some repairs on a leaky engine.

M. P. Nelson, an old time resident of Norfolk, but now of Missouri Valley, is here visiting and looking after his property.

Jean Crotty returned home from Missouri Valley last night where he had been visiting with friends.

Z. Bateman is quite sick. A paralytic stroke is feared.

Miss Florence Cummins and brother Harry returned from Battle Creek last night where they had been visiting.

There will be no meeting of the Wednesday club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wallerstedt have moved into a suite in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hull, No. 1,000 Norfolk avenue.

August Schultz is able to be about again, though still lame and sore as a result of his recent fall from a horse. He not only sustained a gash in the head but a fractured rib as well.

The Norfolk band will give the first masquerade dancing party of the season in this city next Tuesday evening, January 15. A costumer will be here from out of town to take care of those who desire to secure unique garb. Details indicate that it will be a complete success.

Guy Barnes, who has been with the

Leavitt sugar factory since the present campaign started, began the new year in the position of foreman, promotion having been made to him as a New Year's eve present. Guy is a capable machinist and the promotion undoubtedly comes to him deservedly.

U. T. Williams, who was badly bruised up in the overturning of his milk wagon Monday morning, will be able to take his route on Wednesday again. Mr. Williams said that some of his subscribers might be missed Tuesday, but that he would be back to take care of them the next day. He was badly bruised about the head and foot but no bones were broken. The wagon slipped on the icy road shortly after he had started out on the route Monday morning.

A public installation of officers of the Iron Hur lodge was held last night in Marquardt hall, the following officers being installed: E. M. Clemmons, chief; Mrs. Dora McCune, judge; Mrs. M. Redmond, past chief; Mrs. E. A. Amerino, keeper of tribute; Mrs. M. P. Snider, scribe; E. A. Amerine, captain; Robert Brasher, guide; William McCune, master of ceremonies; Jacob Custer, Rabbi Joseph; O. W. Rish, Ben Hur; Maude Clark, Mother of Hur. A delightful dance followed.

University and college students who had been spending their vacations in Norfolk during Christmas and New Year's weeks, have practically all returned to their various campus homes. Among those who were home and who have returned were: Miss Josephine Butterfield, Wellesley; Miss Cora Lukart, state university; Spencer Butterfield, Chicago; Roy Lukart, state university; Oliver Utter, state university; Clyde Bullock, state university; Glen Ogden, Wheaton college; Preston Ogden, Moody institute; Charles Verges, Chicago university, medical department; Heman Walker, Nebraska university, medical department; Edmund Winter, New Uln, Minn.

One of the new wrinkles in Nebraska railroading for 1907 has been the abolition of permits to ride on freight trains, other than the regular freights scheduled to carry passengers. Heretofore it has been customary for travelers who spent much of the time "on the road" to be granted permits so that they could ride on all freight trains excepting those carrying live stock. The railroads have determined that this is a form of discrimination prohibited by the interstate commerce commission and the practice has been done away with. In this section of the country commercial travelers, who previously made a great deal of time by their privilege of riding on most any freight trains, are the most extensively affected by the new ruling.

HOSPITAL CASES GO OVER

ATTENDANTS WILL NOT BE TRIED BEFORE SPRING TERM.

WERE NOT READY FOR TRIAL

Jury in the Adjoined Term of District Court Was Discharged by Judge Boyd and Court Adjourned Tuesday Afternoon Till Next Spring.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 8.—Special to The News: The four former attendants from the Norfolk insane hospital who are charged with "assault with intent to do great bodily harm," were arraigned in district court in session at this place and pleaded not guilty. Bonds in the amount of \$1,000 each were fixed and given, and the cases go over to the spring term of district court.

Bert Minnick was arraigned before Judge Boyd last evening and after entering a plea of "not guilty," motion was made for the defense for a plea in abatement. The plaintiff filed a demurrer to this, which was sustained, and the defendant was released under \$1,000 bonds for his appearance at the next term of district court, which were promptly signed.

The other defendants in the case, Joe Wiles, Forest Ellis and Wilson Byerly, were similarly arraigned today, and like proceedings had. This carries the hospital cases over to the next term.

One jury case was on last night in a civil suit. The jury was discharged this morning.

Equity work occupied the court's attention during the balance of the day and court adjourned this afternoon.

EAGLES INSTALL OFFICERS.

Banquet is Served on Occasion of New Officers Stepping In.

The Norfolk aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles last night installed officers for the ensuing year as follows:

E. B. Kauffman, worthy president.

Will Kern, worthy vice president.

Martin Slaughter, worthy chaplain.

Ray Weber, worthy conductor.

J. H. Conley, worthy treasurer.

P. M. Barrett, worthy secretary.

C. H. Groesbeck, worthy inside guard.

William Smith, worthy outside guard.

John Friday, Lee Hershiser and C. Matheson, worthy trustees.

A banquet was served by Mr. Kauffman and Mr. Kern and the members greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Every enterprise—especially every store—is advertised occasionally in an adequate way. The aggressive advertiser should aim always to make last month's best advertising this month's average advertising; and this month's best advertising next month's average. This will mean natural and possible evolution and expansion.

BROKE OUT OF JAIL

HORSETHIEF GEORGE GEBHARDT MAKES GOOD ESCAPE.

IS ONE OF ORGANIZED GANG

TWO PALS RELEASED HIM FROM STANTON IMPRISONMENT.

WHILE SHERIFF ATE SUPPER

August Mueller, Who is Under Penitentiary Sentence for Shooting Wife and Hohneke Family, Had Chance to Escape But Remained in Jail.

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 8.—Special to The News: George Gebhardt, the self-confessed horsethief who pleaded guilty in court here and who was awaiting a penitentiary sentence, broke out of the Stanton county jail last night, with outside assistance, and has escaped.

Gebhardt is the man who several weeks ago confessed that he had been a chronic overcoat thief in Norfolk stores for three years. He was fined \$5 and costs at that time, was dismissed and last week stole a team of horses from August Bask of Stanton county. He was captured after a hard chase by Sheriff Stucker of Stanton county and Sheriff Clements of Madison county, near Rogers in Colfax county. Last Saturday he pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and was waiting to be sentenced by Judge Graves in February to a term in the state penitentiary.

Belongs to Desperate Gang.

The release of Gebhardt last night from the Stanton county jail is considered by Sheriff Stucker as proof positive that Gebhardt is one of a well-organized gang of horsethieves who have been raiding this whole section of Nebraska for several years past and who may be linked with the Rosebud reservation thieves and with the gang which is working in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

Two accomplices and perhaps more assisted Gebhardt in his escape from the jail here. The story is told by August Mueller, the man who last spring shot his wife, father-in-law and mother-in-law, the Hohneke family, and who is now in jail awaiting a decision of the supreme court as to a new trial.

Mueller Could Have Escaped.

Mueller was left alone in the jail after the horsethief had gone, and could have walked out of the jail door if he had elected to escape but instead of that he remained and told of the jail delivery to Sheriff Stucker.

The escape was all nicely planned. It was just while Sheriff Stucker had gone to supper that the mates of Gebhardt arrived and broke open the prison door. As a general thing the courthouse janitor and his helper are around in the vicinity of the jail, which stands some distance from the courthouse, but it chanced that they noticed nothing out of the way and Gebhardt walked out unhindered.

Mueller's Story of it.

Mueller and Gebhardt were both outside the steel cell in the jail, because there was no fire in the cage.

"Just after the sheriff had gone to supper," says Mueller, "two men or more—there might have been four—came to the jail door. They had a steel bar three inches wide, three and a half feet long and a quarter of an inch thick. I was in another part of the jail, but heard them talking. Gebhardt had a fur coat and the strangers began talking about wanting to buy the thing. They offered him \$12 but he hung out for \$15 and they ate up time in quibbling over this price. I started around toward the door and when they saw me coming the men cursed me.

Threaten to Kill Mueller.

"Get out of here or we'll kill you, you murderous ———!" they said, and I went away.

"I heard no noise but shortly after I ventured in that direction again and the men were all gone, including Gebhardt."

Sheriff Stucker immediately telephoned in every direction in an effort to trace the jailbreaker, but no trace has been found. One farmer, driving into town at about the hour when they made their escape, says that he met three men in a wagon driving furiously, and it may be that these were the fellows.

Sheriff Stucker yesterday afternoon had Gebhardt photographed and a cut will be made of this.

Reward of \$100 Offered.

A reward of \$100 is offered for the capture of Gebhardt.

Two or three years ago another horsethief who was awaiting trial in the Stanton county jail was released by accomplices in the same way. That fellow was caught by ex-Sheriff King near Randolph.

It is impossible for a prisoner to escape by working from within, but outside bars can break off the locks.

West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 7.—Special to The News. O. C. Bone, traveling auditor for the Chicago & Northwestern R'y. Co., for the Nebraska & Wyoming division, has located with his family in West Point, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Giffert, widow of the late Hon. D. C. Giffert, will return home to West Point at the end of January. She has not yet decided where she will make her future home.

Judge Guy T. Graves, of the Eighth

Judicial district, has set the terms of court for Cuming county for the year 1907 for April 29, and September 9. The first day of each term is designated as the time for hearing applications for citizenship. This is in conformity with the federal law, giving the government officials an opportunity to be present if necessary.

The year 1906 was memorable in West Point and the surrounding country for the large number of costly dwellings erected in both town and county. A number of fine residences have been built in West Point, all of them modern and costing from \$3,000 to \$4,000 each. In the country many modern farm homes have been erected and numbers of large barns. The business portion of the city has been improved to the extent of \$30,000 and all classes of mechanics and laborers have been busy the entire year, with a prospect of the same conditions prevailing in the 1907.

The semi-centennial of the founding of West Point occurs in the year 1907. In March 1857 Ulrich Bremer and his brother, John Bremer, and others, came from Omaha, following up the Elkhorn valley in search of a location for farms, and also to spy out a suitable place at which to locate a town. Upon reaching this place they liked the looks of the country and so concluded to "set their stakes" and remain. They claimed lands, and under the name of the "Nebraska Settlement association" platted West Point, first known as Philadelphia. In March, 1858, J. D. Neligh, J. C. Crawford and Josiah McKirahan came in and located near West Point. The first postoffice was established in June 1858, the first one in Cuming county. In April 1870 the place was replatted by John D. Neligh. This opportunity will be taken advantage of by the citizens of this place. It is planned to have a "home coming celebration" next summer of a week's duration and every effort will be put forth to make the occasion memorable.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Madison county real estate transfers for the week ending January 5, 1907, as reported by Madison County Abstract company, office with Mapes & Hazen, Norfolk, Neb.:

Katko E. Rauck and husband to Gustav Paul, W. D., consideration \$1100, part of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, 34, 21, 4.

Anton Savatora and wife to Anton Savatora, W. D., consideration \$3400, NW 1/4 17, and E 1/2 of NE 1/4 18, 24, 2.

Matton Gutru to Geo. H. Gutru, W. D., consideration \$150, lot 2, block 15, R. R. addition to Newman Grove.

Geo. H. Gutru and wife to Herman Johnson and John L. Johnson, W. D., consideration \$325, lot 1 and N 1/2 of lot 2, block 15, R. R. addition to Newman Grove.

Carl Ohrmund and wife to Carl Kirohoff, W. D., consideration 475, lots 2 and 3, block 7, Pasewalk's Fourth addition to Norfolk.

Geo. H. Gutru and wife to O. N. Lindbo, W. D., consideration \$300, lots 10 and 11, block 1, Thompson's addition to Newman Grove.

D. E. Fichter and wife to Martin Buetner, W. D., \$3400, E 1/2 of lots 5 and 8, block 18, F. W. Barnes' addition to Madison.

W. P. Evans and wife to C. B. Durland, W. D., \$1, part of lots 1 and 2, block 5, Meadow Grove.

Thomas J. Malone and wife to Irene Malone, W. D., consideration \$1, lot 8 and the east half of lot 7, block 3, Enola.

George C. Johnson and wife to Heilik Hellikson, W. D., \$1050, part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of 34, 21, 4.

Reuben F. King and wife to Jacob Gabelman, W. D., consideration \$9500, NW 1/4 5, 23, 4.

Total amount of real estate transfers for the week, \$24,730.

Total amount of mortgages, \$19,315.

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