

LOOKS FOR NELS HANSEN

NORFOLK DRUMMER HAS SUD- DENLY LEFT COUNTRY.

REWARD OF \$100 IS OFFERED

Manager Du Tell of the F. A. Brown Company at Lincoln Has Arrived in Norfolk and is Making a Search for the Missing Drummer.

A reward of \$100 is being offered by the F. A. Brown & Co. of Lincoln for information as to the whereabouts of Nels Hansen, a commercial traveler well known in the Norfolk territory, who has been representing that firm here for several years and who left the city a few days ago.

It is claimed by Manager Du Tell of the company, who arrived in Norfolk last night looking for Hansen, that the drummer had made collections in the firm name and failed to turn in the money. Hansen left P. A. Shurtz in the lurch for house rent, it is alleged, and it is also said that he has left other creditors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen left the house in which they lived last Saturday. They told Mr. Shurtz that they intended to go to Lincoln.

TUESDAY FINDINGS.

E. B. Hansen of Tilden is in town.

U. Richardson of Madison was over yesterday.

Adam Pilger was up from Stanton yesterday.

J. M. Pile of Wayne was in Norfolk yesterday.

John S. Kay of Neligh was in the city Tuesday.

J. L. Hancock of Stanton was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. N. Provost of Ewing was in the city yesterday.

T. E. Alderson was over from Madison yesterday.

J. L. Daniel of Madison was in Norfolk yesterday.

J. L. Eshrett of Fairbury was a city visitor yesterday.

Sam Greene of Ewing was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

H. D. Bryan was in the city yesterday from Decatur.

W. C. Caley came down from Creighton this morning.

S. F. A. Marsh of Seward was in the city yesterday.

Harry Shaffer of Plainview was in the city yesterday.

W. G. Fletcher of Orchard was in the city yesterday.

John P. Kayl of Bonesteel spent Sunday in Norfolk.

John Williams of Chadron was in the city on Tuesday.

W. P. Remender of Creston was a city visitor yesterday.

Dr. N. Matzen was in the city yesterday from Columbus.

Ed Maris was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Belle Fourche.

Chris Christensen came down from Spencer Tuesday morning.

J. L. Rynearson of Madison was a Norfolk visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Canfield of Stanton were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

Miss Dora Jacobson was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Madison.

W. B. Donaldson and Woods Cones came down from Pierce yesterday.

John Meinst of Osmond was transacting business in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Selma Johnson of Newman Grove was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

F. G. Aurlinger of Neligh was transacting business in Norfolk yesterday.

F. Remender, W. Rouse, F. H. Honsford were in the city yesterday from Wayne.

E. I. Parker, H. Dorethy and James Myers came down from Spencer Tuesday morning.

D. L. Best and T. M. Morris came from Battle Creek to attend the race circuit meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware returned to Norfolk last night from their wedding trip. They have been in Oklahoma, and will remain in Norfolk for a few days before returning to Omaha.

There will be a meeting of the Browning club this evening with Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Erskine.

The family of Ed Conley is moving from 415 South Third to 314 North Eighth street.

Anoka Herald: Leo Elseley made up the paper this week. G. W. Whitehorn pinched a couple of fingers of the right hand half off, the typewriter balked and this is scribbled left handed.

On account of the death of W. M. Robertson, past exalted ruler of Norfolk lodge No. 653, B. P. O. E., the annual ball, which had been set for next Friday, has been indefinitely postponed.

One of the improvements in the Auditorium which will not be in the public eye is the installation of a new asbestos electric light switchboard, to replace one of wood which formerly served. This new board is a much better one in many ways for the house.

Norfolk lodge, No. 97, A. O. U. W., will meet in regular session this evening, when a full attendance is desired. Deputy A. B. Dillon, who has been working in the city the past week, will be present at the meeting tonight, and he wants to see every local member of the lodge.

Alberta Gallatin, the excellent actress who is to open the Auditorium here next Tuesday evening with "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," is booked for the Boyd theater in Omaha on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The company plays in Sioux City Monday night.

Word has been received from a large number of towns around Norfolk

that there will be a number of out of town visitors for the opening night of the Auditorium next Tuesday evening when the pretty play, "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" will be presented by the well known actress, Alberta Gallatin, and an excellent company.

Robert Uplike of Omaha was in the city over night.

E. Martelle of Lowell, Mass., who is suffering with dropsy at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Groenbeck, is seriously ill and the attending physician said last night that he can not recover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield left yesterday noon for California to spend the winter. They were joined at Omaha by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Butterfield of Chicago, who accompanied them on the trip.

Irvin Barnes arrived in the city yesterday from Rapid City, S. D., to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnes. The prairies of South Dakota were so free from snow that Mr. Barnes turned his horses out to get grass for themselves during his visit to Norfolk.

Louis Heckendorf has a letter announcing that his sister, Miss Josephine Heckendorf, died January 16 at Diggins, Mo. She was also a sister of Mrs. E. G. Holleman, formerly of this city but now of Lincoln.

Herman Koch, who has been running an extra on the main line of a western railroad, is home for a few days. In speaking of the enormous traffic over the western line he stated that fourteen passenger trains frequently with two to four sections, were run daily, and including extras frequently fifty to sixty freight trains were run and all these over a single track. "My running orders," continued Mr. Koch, "the other day compelled me to get into the clear in less than a minute at a way station to let a passenger train go thundering past at a mile a minute. If the least hitch had occurred I never could have got a flagman far enough out to prevent an accident. A fellow gets a bunch of running orders so thick with a dozen trains to look out for in getting twenty miles and when you have only one minute more than your running time to make a siding before a fast train whizzes past it keeps a fellow from going to sleep."

About fifty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Koerber surprised them last night at their home with a granite shower. Mr. and Mrs. Koerber, who were married in Omaha on Christmas, returned Saturday evening from their wedding trip, which included visits at Chicago and Madison, Wis., and the event of last evening was in the nature of a welcome home. High five was the game of the evening and the contests were aggressive and interesting. Miss Nora Burnett won the first lady's prize on a cut with Miss Lucy Schaffer, while Miss Dugan took the booby prize for ladies. There was a strong contest among the gentlemen for first prize, Matt Schaffer, Will Stafford, Walter Recroft, Jack McGrane and Al Wilkinson being obliged to cut, and Mr. Schaffer winning. There was also some contest over the booby prize for gentlemen, Gay Haiverstein winning on a cut with Mr. Harmon and Mr. Stavelly. At the close of the card games refreshments were served, and the guests went home feeling that they had given the bride a warm welcome to her future home.

Clarence Saunders, who introduced cigars among the Indians in Nebraska before the state was settled, was in town recently and was recounting the necrology of the traveling men who had fallen by the way since he first came up the Elkhorn with General Fremont. Going backwards from Nels Hansen, who blew into a town with a bunch of his firm's money and spent it all and his own salary to get business away from his rivals, Mr. Saunders spoke of Bobbie Ellis, who did time in Colorado for getting absent-minded and getting his hands into the pocket containing the firm's money, he ran over a list of two score dead ones. There was Charlie Price, who is mayor of a town or warden of a penitentiary now somewhere down in Kansas. He was a joshier and always looking for a victim. A fairer we called Dr. Deadshot came to Norfolk selling a remedy he called deadshot. One day he got drunk and left his goods in the wagon on the street. Price mounted the wagon, made a spell-binder of a speech and proceeded to sell medicines at cut prices. Everyone bought and he soon closed out Dr. Deadshot's stock and adjourned to the nearest saloon. Price got into the Pop. state convention at Lincoln, although he was a republican, and when the relations between the pops and democrats were strained to the limits over fusion on the state ticket and neither party showed a disposition to budge after an all night session, Price started pandemonium in the sleepy crowd by moving to adjourn sine die.

Attend the rummage sale Saturday, January 26. First door west of Queen City hotel.

FAVOR GOOD ROADS BILL.

Commissioners of Madison and Other North Nebraska Counties.

Commissioners of Madison, Stanton, Antelope, Pierce and probably other northern Nebraska counties are heartily in favor of the new bill which has just been introduced in the state legislature providing for the collection of cash poll taxes and the employment of those poll taxes on good roads. The bill provides for a standard type of road and use of the King road machine.

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FRY'S FIGHT WITH MADDEN

PUBLISHER GOES AGAINST POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

AN AUTOCRAT AT THE HEAD

Publisher of Fry's Wonderland Magazine Falls to Convince Mr. Madden That Niobrara Man is Real Thing, Madden an Enemy of Country Press

Have any of you ever played the other man's game in a vain hope to break it?

I have just passed through the ordeal of trying to convince Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden that Fry's Wonderland Magazine ought to have the full rights under the law—and I have aided the deficit at the rate of four cents a copy for five months.

I certainly thought that when I acknowledged under oath that this government presented me the gift of a subsidy and lots of other stuff that is not the real truth, I had knocked a dent in my conscience sufficient to pass under the wing of a czar or pass the rapacious jaws of a cannibal.

But that was not enough. A second special, type-written affidavit, with questions too numerous for an honest man to rank he is part of this government still to answer without a jar, aided to antagonize my spirit of a Yankee independence that I was brought up to assert. The last question asks if Fry's Wonderland Magazine desires the privilege of free country delivery.

Of course I do. Then I am deprived of any recognition because "there is doubt as to whether or not Edwin A. Fry is the true publisher of the publication and as to whether or not Niobrara, Nebraska, is the real 'known office of publication.'"

I swore that I was editor and publisher and that I had a 'known office,' and the postmaster of Niobrara under his office of trust said so too.

I indignantly reminded the third assistant postmaster general that if I had perjured myself in my two affidavits that he was derelict of duty in not filing charges against me, which I invited, and as a matter of principle I claimed the full rights under section 452 of Postal Laws and Regulations. (See correspondence in application No. 107177.)

Then came a lot of rulings in which numerous magazines had been denied admission. The reasons, principally, were because the pages did not correspond with those of the syndicate service and the matter was of an advertising nature.

I agreed that these were good reasons but maintained that Fry's Wonderland was not of that character. I desired to write something worth reading—of local history and other themes of local interest—and desired the rights that belonged to me.

But Mr. Madden is an autocrat and no friend of the freedom of the press. He never has been. Why this United States, whose people pride themselves in free speech, a free press and a secret ballot, are to be continually tormented with such a narrow construction of progress, I cannot understand.

The local press must assert itself. We have no reason to feel jealous of the magnitude of the great metropolitan yellows. They can never fill our mission in the rural homes—can never touch the hearts of the hearthstone as we can do. But Mr. Madden, or rather his successor, could despoil the big free circulations of those Maine periodicals that have genuine depravity in their work and no lawful license to the mails as second-class matter.

The Nebraska Press Association a few years ago made a vigorous protest against Mr. Loud. He is silenced. It entered into the spirit of protest against the government furnishing printed envelopes to the public at a loss. An innocent law, with a comma or two, placed here and there to cause ambiguity, stole our fight; and we are to be an excuse for being a big business threatened with the loss of a privilege that will make the public pay the cost.

We should not only demand of our representatives in congress to fix any law that may be passed so strong that the postoffice department may not make laws at its will but follow the statutes with liberality—always, to be sure, with a high sense of moral worth as against the carnal-minded.

I don't like to see such good men as Walt Mason and I die in the ditch. We're too wise to be martyrs.

Ed. A. Fry.

PICKING UP WRECKED BRIDGE.

Kost Bridge Was Total Wreck—Mystery How it Happened.

Workmen have begun picking up the pieces of the wrecked Kost bridge, southwest of Norfolk, which turned over and fell down upon the ice this week. The bridge is said to be practically a total wreck, every casting being broken and the bars being all twisted out of shape. The Towle bridge company of Omaha, who were placing the structure, have not yet decided what they will do and the arrival of their engineer, Mr. Schwartz, is awaited. He is now in Washington.

The county will sustain no loss whatever in the matter, as the bridge was not yet turned over by the company. No explanation of the accident has been made and it is said that it will probably always be a mystery as to how it happened.

The bridge was built eighteen years ago and was being moved about 300 feet down stream. Tubular supports, such as are used for steel bridges, had been placed under it, instead of piling.

Commissioners Taft, Malone and Harding yesterday inspected the wrecked bridge. It is not known whether the bridge company will rebuild this or put in a steel, as it is said that it would be almost as cheap to put in a steel at this stage of the game.

W. M. ROBERTSON IS DEAD

HE SUCCEMBED AT HIS HOME EARLY TODAY.

FUNERAL WILL BE THURSDAY

Well Known Norfolk Attorney, Prominent in Republican Party for Many Years, Dies From Attack of Sclerosis of the Liver.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

William M. Robertson is dead.

He succumbed at 1 o'clock this morning at his home on South Fourth street.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church in this city Thursday afternoon, probably at 1 o'clock, with Norfolk lodge No. 653, B. P. O. E., in charge. Exalted Ruler Tyler will read the Elks burial service. Interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery, Norfolk.

It is the wish of the family that the service be brief. The hour will be early that Madison friends may get back home on the afternoon freight train.

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Federal Building His Monument.

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Victim of Old Ailment.

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At that time Mr. Robertson's daughter, Mrs. Williams of Syracuse, N. Y., was notified and arrived today, too late to see her father alive. One brother is here from Madison and another arrived at noon from Omaha. Word was received a day or two ago that Mr. Robertson's mother is seriously ill in Omaha.

Mr. Robertson is survived by a wife, one son, S. D. Robertson, and a daughter, Mrs. Williams of New York.

Mr. Robertson enjoyed the respect and esteem of the legal profession of the state and he was a man with many friends, not only in Norfolk but in all parts of Nebraska.

His Last Public Utterance.

He was often called upon to speak for various occasions. A year ago he delivered an address at Albion at the Commercial club banquet. Three years ago last fall he delivered an address at the Neligh carnival. He delivered the funeral oration over the remains of the late Otto Tappert and on the second day of last month he delivered the address on the occasion of the annual memorial services of the Elks in this city. His closing paragraph in that address is significant at this time. He closed the speech—and it was his last public utterance—with these words:

"We little know what the future has in store for us. We can not lift the veil and get a glimpse of the future, but let us press on doing the best we can, so far as life's duties are concerned, with the hope that the world will be better and not worse on account of our having lived in it."

Native of New York.

William M. Robertson was born in Andes, Delaware county, New York, January 23, 1848. His parents were born and married in Scotland, coming to America in 1841 and settling in Delaware county, N. Y. His father, Col. John Robertson, was a soldier during the civil war, enlisting as a private and rising to the ranks of second lieutenant, which rank he held when mustered out. He served three years un-

GRIME OF AN OLD MAN

SERIOUS CHARGE PREFERRED BY HIS DAUGHTER.

FATHER AGED 70, DAUGHTER 18

Henry Oltman, Living Near Madison, is Placed Under Arrest at the Instigation of His Wife and Daughter, Charged With Incest.

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 21.—Special to The News: Saturday afternoon Mrs. Anna Oltman, together with her 18-year-old daughter Eliza, appeared before County Judge W. P. Cowan and filed a complaint charging Henry Oltman, her husband, with the crime of incest. Henry Oltman was arrested in Madison and has been brought to Stanton to await trial.

The Oltman family, consisting of father, mother, son twenty-two years old, daughter eighteen, and also a younger daughter of ten years, have lived in Union Creek precinct in Stanton county about eight miles from Madison. It is charged that the criminal acts commenced in August, 1905, and continued until just recently. The young woman is about to become a mother.

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William M. Robertson, the son, attended the common schools at intervals until he was about eighteen years old, when he attended Rock River seminary at Mount Morris, Ill., for two years. He studied law and was admitted to practice, and in April, 1874, he removed to Nebraska, locating at Norfolk, and engaged in the practice of his profession. He arrived in Nebraska with a small amount of cash in his pocket and a determination to succeed in his heart and success has come in abundant measure.

After practicing in Norfolk for two years he removed to Madison and practiced for sixteen years. Then he returned to Norfolk, where he has since resided. While a mere boy, sixteen years old, he enlisted in company D, One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois infantry, after being rejected three times because of his small stature and physical condition, his enlistment being secured on May 4, 1864, after successfully eluding the vigilance of the mustering officer.

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