

TO REJOIN NOTED 25TH

CAPTAIN MAPES GETS CABLE TO SAIL AT ONCE.
FORMERLY WAS AT VALENTINE

Army Officer Known Here Gets Cable Order to Return Immediately to Regiment Whose Officers Are Being Courtmartialled for "Brownsville."

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blakely have just received a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Mapes, formerly Miss Lota Blakely of this city but now in the Philippines, stating that her husband, Captain Mapes, well known in Valentine and Norfolk, formerly with the Twenty-fifth infantry at Fort Niobrara, and who has been doing duty as captain of scouts in the Philippine islands, has been ordered to sail from the orient on the first available ship and to rejoin his regiment immediately. This came as something of a surprise as the detail of Captain Mapes did not expire until February 28.

The regiment which Captain Mapes has been ordered to rejoin is the famous Twenty-fifth, whose discharged soldiers have taken up most of the present session of the United States senate.

Captain Mapes was formerly at the head of a company of these troops at Fort Niobrara, but he was transferred to the Philippines before their trouble in "shooting up Brownsville" occurred. Captain Macklin and Major Penrose, well known at Valentine, are being courtmartialled in connection with the Brownsville affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakely expect their daughter and Captain Mapes about the last of March and joy reigned in the Norfolk home when the letter was received just before noon.

EPIDEMIC OF "POEMITIS"

Beatrice Reader of The News Has Another Sadie Rhyme.

Here's another rhyme for which Sadie and her sheep are responsible. At least the poems that were written about Sadie and the sheep are responsible for it. But it's a good one—too good to put in the waste basket. It came from Beatrice and this is what it says:

An epidemic has appeared,
With which we cannot cope;
The doctors fail to keep it down
With any kind of dope.
Norfolk is certainly in for
A Dickens of a time,
For all the prosy folks in town
Are breaking into rhyme.

Oh lady fair, tell us, we pray,
Why were you not content
To keep your little lambs at home—
Those lambs on mischief bent?
We fear you started, Sadie dear,
Something you cannot stop,
When you allowed your little sheep
To run against the cop.

They butted in, so we are told,
With neither rhyme nor reason,
And poemitis has set in,
Regardless of the season;
None are immune; while other ills
Are following thick and faster,
And finite mind cannot foresee
The end of such disaster.

On mutton stew we daily dine,
Our breakfast is of Hay,
While Sadie is served a-la-mode
For luncheon every day.
Unless our bill-of-fare is changed,
Right soon, there is no question
But Norfolk will a victim be
Of chronic indigestion.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Real estate transfers for Madison county for the week ending February 9, 1907, reported by Madison County Abstract company, office with Mapes & Hazen, Norfolk.

C. J. Chapman and wife to J. W. Ransom, W. D., consideration \$1,500, lots 20 and 21, block 2, Norfolk Junction.

Kate Noxon and husband to Martha Crawl, consideration \$1,550, W. D., part of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, 5, 21, 1.

Margaret Hite to J. W. Ransom, W. D., consideration \$1,150, lots 3 and 4, block 6, Koenigstein's First addition to Norfolk.

George H. Gutru and wife to Erik Nelson, W. D., consideration \$550, E 125 feet of lot 0, block 8, R. R. addition to Newman Grove.

William Low and wife to A. C. Daniels, W. D., consideration \$1,600, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, 25, 24, 1.

Wilhelmina Voecks and wife to W. M. Rainbolt, W. D., consideration \$825, lot 6, block 2, Koenigstein's Third addition to Norfolk.

Oscar P. List and wife to V. B. Nethaway, D., consideration \$200, lot 1, block 18, Western Town Lot Co.'s addition to Norfolk Junction.

John F. Newell and wife to Ernest Hans, W. D., consideration \$1,200, part of lot 3, Battle Creek.

Stephen W. Ames and wife to Carolina Mefford, W. D., consideration \$450, part of NW 1/4, 25, 24, 1.

Miller Mather and wife to Mary Teal, W. D., consideration \$1,600, lot 8, block 4, Pasewalk's addition to Norfolk.

HINES CAME THROUGH WATER.

Union Pacific Passenger Pulled Into Norfolk After Flood.

Engineer Dan Hines drew the Union Pacific passenger train into Norfolk from Columbus late last night after having piloted the locomotive and cars through a flood at Columbus. Water

that overflowed from the Loup river came into the town, within a half block of the railway station, and the train that arrived in Norfolk was two hours late in starting for this point. When the train left Columbus it was thought that a family of four persons had been drowned in the flood and before the train left that point forty hogs and fifty steers in the Columbus stockyards had drowned.

Three or four feet of water over the main line track of the Union Pacific stacked up overland trains westbound and eastbound between the Pacific coast and Chicago.

The flood came at about 7 o'clock. Bridgemen were blasting at a Union Pacific bridge near town, trying to relieve the ice jam. Suddenly the river overflowed at an ice jam two miles north of town, throwing out a river between the bridgemen and town. This current was three-fourths of a mile wide and it shut off the bridgemen from town. It was not known whether the main line track was washed away under the flood or not.

GOVERNMENT BRIDGE OUT

BIG STRUCTURE NEAR NIOBRARA DOWN BEFORE THE FLOOD.

THE RAILROAD BRIDGE IS SAFE

Much Damage Already Done Along the Keya Paha and Niobrara Rivers. Many Bridges Have Gone Out and Many Others Are in Danger.

Niobrara, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: Two spans of the big government bridge, four miles west of here, have gone out in the high water.

The melting snow in the hills along the river has caused such an overflow that the entire river bottom is under water, and every little ditch has been turned into a regular river.

The lower bridge opposite Niobrara is still in good shape and is considered strong enough to withstand the flood. The ice is out of the Missouri so that the old ferry can now be used. This is unusual for this time of the year.

High Water Along Niobrara.

Butte, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: The sudden awm change of weather has already caused much damage along the Keya Paha and Niobrara rivers. Many bridges have already gone out and many others are in great danger, especially the unfinished bridge just south of Butte.

Old settlers of this country say they have never seen the rivers higher than they are now, nor have they done so much damage.

The farmers along the Keya Paha have suffered much damage both to stock and property and many have been compelled to leave their homes for higher ground.

Country is Full of Water.

Butte, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: Boyd county farmers are busy hauling their grain to market and getting a good price for it, and at the same time are getting ready for spring work. The weather is fine and the snow has melted to water. Every ditch is filled. Some hay stacks in the Niobrara valley are surrounded by water.

STOLE HER OWN CHILDREN

MRS. MARTHA LEE KIDNAPPED HER TWO LITTLE GIRLS.

ON THEIR WAY FROM SCHOOL

Divorced Wife After Several Years Suddenly Becomes Dissatisfied With the Decree of Court, Giving Her Husband Custody of the Children.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: Mrs. Martha Lee created no small amount of excitement yesterday afternoon when she kidnapped two of her little girls who were on their way home from school and locked them up in her room.

Several years ago Mr. Lee secured a divorce from his wife, and the court gave him custody of the children. She has been sent to the Lincoln and Norfolk asylums a number of times, but has been discharged on each occasion by the superintendents as being of sound mind.

Mrs. Lee not only defied Marshal Coker from entering her room, but also gave utterances of a threatening nature to her former husband if he should attempt it. Mr. Lee secured a warrant at once and Sheriff Miller proceeded to secure the release of the two children. This was accomplished after the door was broken in, and the little girls turned over to their father.

No reason can be obtained why Mrs. Lee should after so long a time of separation, seek to secure the children at this time.

Funeral of Mrs. Graves.

Butte, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: The funeral of Mrs. A. B. Graves was held yesterday at the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. W. A. Hensel. "Grandma" Graves died after a long and useful life, from a lingering illness.

She leaves an aged husband, one daughter and two sons (Geo. S. Graves, one of Butte's leading merchants, and Joe Graves of Carlock, S. D.

You may usually find it in less than 48 hours through a want ad.

KINKAID WINS HIS POINT

CHADRON IS ADDED TO LIST FOR FEDERAL COURT.

IT IS SAID THE BILL WILL PASS

Norfolk Loses Cherry County Cases by the Addition of Chadron—Measure Has Every Prospect of Becoming a Law at This Session Now.

Judge Kinkaid won his point in demanding an additional federal court point in the Sixth district and Chadron has been added to the list. Norfolk loses Cherry county cases by this addition. The bill will be submitted to the judiciary committee of the house of representatives Wednesday and it is reported in a Washington dispatch that a favorable report will be made immediately thereafter. This will practically assure the bill's passing, thus making Norfolk a federal court point in fact as well as in name, and requiring all cases arising in this district to be tried here.

Federal court points north of the Platte river under the new arrangement will be: Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte and Chadron. Those south of the river will be Lincoln, Hastings and McCook. Of these Omaha, Norfolk, Lincoln and Hastings have always been federal court points but until now the law has not required cases to be tried in any particular court town and attorneys have been taking all of these cases to Omaha.

Judge Kinkaid held out persistently for another court point in the Sixth district, claiming it as a right because of the vast territory. He was not pleased with the original Norris bill. Finally the matter was left with the two United States senators, and they secured a promise that Chadron could be added by consent of the judiciary committee.

FOR INCREASE IN POSTAL PAY.

Carriers Are Asking Smaller Percent. Raise Than Congress Got.

Norfolk, Feb. 13.—Editor News: Much interest all over the land is felt in the measure now pending in congress to increase the pay of postal employees. Those who would be benefited by such an increase are barred by the civil service rules from making any direct appeal to congress in regard to their needs. Their only hope lies in the justice of their cause, and the conscience of the national body of law-makers.

These men have just voted themselves an increase of 50 per cent. in salary, which they say was made necessary by the increased cost of living. Every other government employe has to meet the same increase in expenses. How can they do so on their old wage schedule? They cannot, and must either cut down their standard of living, or be forced into other lines of employment, thus crippling the efficiency of the postal service.

The plan submitted by the postmaster general proposes a maximum salary of \$1,200 per year for clerks and carriers in cities of 75,000 population and over, and only \$900 for the same employes in the small cities. This would mean an increase of 20 per cent. in the large cities, but even less than 6 per cent. increase in the small ones.

While the cost of living in some very large cities, such as New York and Philadelphia, is relatively higher than elsewhere, there are many small places in the far west and southwest where expenses of living are much in excess of the cost in the average of cities of over 75,000 population.

It has been about twenty years since any change has been made in the compensation of clerks and carriers. If a change is made now, possibly another fifth of a century will elapse before the subject is touched again. So it is very important that the present action shall be just to all concerned.

The consensus of opinion is that clerks and carriers in second class cities would be satisfied with a maximum salary of \$1,000, and deserve no less. This would mean an increase in their pay of less than 18 per cent., or little more than one-third as much of an increase as the members of congress voted themselves.

First Assistant Postmaster Hitchcock says, "hundreds of the poorly paid clerks and carriers are resigning from the service to enter more remunerative fields of labor, and the resignations are increasing at an alarming rate." Will congress put an end to all this by at last voting an adequate salary to all?

BOYD OFF TO WASHINGTON

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT GOES EAST.

WILL TAKE SEAT MARCH FOURTH

Judge Boyd Passed Through Norfolk Yesterday at Noon Enroute East. Judgeship in Ninth District Now Vacant—Appointment Soon.

Congressman-elect J. F. Boyd of the Third district passed through Norfolk at noon yesterday enroute from Neligh to Washington, where he goes to take his seat on March 4 as a full fledged representative in the lower house.

Judge Boyd recently resigned his position as judge of the Ninth judicial district, to take his congressional

seat, so that the position of judge in this district is now vacant.

It is said that Governor Sheldon will soon appoint a successor to Judge Boyd on the bench in this district.

A. A. Welch of Wayne and W. W. Quivey of Pierce are the only candidates for the appointment.

Death of Mrs. Ray.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: J. W. Spirk telegraphed from Valentine stating that his wife's mother, Mrs. Ray, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Funeral services will be held today at Chadron. Mrs. Spirk was with her mother at the last, having been called to Chadron several days ago by her serious illness.

GAS PLANT EXPLODES

CAME VERY CLOSE TO COSTING SEVERAL LIVES.

NAPER ACETYLENE GAS PLANT

Machine Which Furnished the Business Houses of Napier With Light Fails to Work and an Attempt to Fix it Makes Trouble.

Naper, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: There was an explosion in the gas plant of Anderson & Co. at 7 o'clock last evening, that came very close to ending the lives of several citizens. Acetylene gas, manufactured in a cave, is used to light the business houses of the city, and last evening it was working badly. Mr. Anderson went into the cave to ascertain what the trouble was, but as he does not regularly attend the plant he could not seem to find the difficulty. Calling Mr. Napier to his assistance, the two men were in the cave, when the machine exploded.

Mr. Anderson was the most severely injured, being struck on the head with a flying rock and badly bruised. Mr. Napier, who was standing above the machine when the explosion occurred, escaped with singed hair and mustache. Mr. Morris, who was standing in the door, was blown quite a distance through the air and his coat was entirely stripped off, but he was not personally injured, other than having his hair singed without the aid of a barber. Mr. Kutzer was also in the cave and his hand was bruised by a flying stone.

The cave where the plant was located was badly wrecked, the top being blown off and the room generally demoralized. The plant itself came out of the mess with less damage than it would be thought possible, and it is believed that repairs can be made within a day or two that will enable the company to again furnish light to its customers.

BRIDGES WERE IN DANGER.

Ice Breaking up in Boyd County Drifted Against Them.

Ice began piling against bridges in Boyd county, Neb., and several of them were reported to be in danger yesterday but no damage was done and the condition was improved this morning, according to a report received at Northwestern railroad headquarters. The Bonesteel train, on its trip to Norfolk, made many stops on account of bridges during the early morning, but all were found safe. Wagon bridges in the county were also reported to be in danger. It is now said that the ice has been pretty well cleared away.

FOR TWO-CENT FARE BILL.

Senator Randall Wants University to Furnish Text Books.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12.—Special to The News: Now that the county option bill has been defeated the members of the legislature are turning their attention to other matters. The two cent fare bill and the anti-pass bill have been introduced and advanced to the general file without going through any committees except the joint committees which framed them. A committee is hard at work on a direct primary law. A railway commission bill, largely the work of Senator Ulrich of Butler and Senator Epperson of Clay, is now practically ready for introduction. Considerable discussion has been held on the point as to whether the commission shall make a classification and announce a schedule of rates on the start, or order changes in the rates from time to time as seems necessary.

Two bills have been introduced in the senate by Senator Randall of Madison providing that state and county depositaries be permitted to give personal bonds, guaranty bonds, or to offer as security United States, state, county, school district or municipal bonds or state warrants of states whose bonds are bought by the state of Nebraska. Further provision is made that when personal bonds are given, the depository may receive deposits from the state or county in an amount equal to one-half the amount of the bond as at present, but in other cases the depositories may receive deposits equal to the full amount of the bond. The bills are intended to permit the giving of other security than that of guarantee bond companies, which are said to charge exorbitant prices.

Another bill which Senator Randall of Madison expects to introduce is one requiring the regents of the state university to furnish text-books to pay the expense. The regents declare that they have no funds for this purpose.

Want advertising sells the no-longer-wanted things.

SURVEYORS IN THE FIELD

TWELVE MEN START FROM YANKTON TOWARD NORFOLK.

LINE TO GO STRAIGHT SOUTH

Survey Will be Made Between Yankton and Norfolk East of Old Grade. At Wichita, Kan., Line Will be Two Miles East of Yankton.

Yankton, S. D., Feb. 12.—The actual survey of the proposed new railroad Yankton to the gulf was started Monday, a corps of twelve surveyors being set to work on the first section from this place to the southern border of Kansas.

The survey after crossing the river will take the west side of the divide to the eastward of the old Norfolk grade, which will be followed a slight distance to the east. Crofton will be at the first town that will be reached. After leaving Norfolk the line will pass through David City, Seward, Fairbury and Washington, Neb., and Abilene, Newton and Wichita, Kan.

At Wichita the line will be just two miles to the east of Yankton, which indicates the air line character of the proposed road. From Wichita the expectation is to run the line due south through Oklahoma, Indian Territory, and Texas to tidewater.

CHEYNEY GOES UP.

Former F. E. & M. V. Man Becomes Assistant General Freight Agent.

H. C. Cheyney, formerly southwestern passenger agent for the old Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad with headquarters at Omaha, later general agent at Sioux City and for some time general agent for the Chicago & Northwestern in New York City, is to be made assistant general freight agent with headquarters in Milwaukee.

Railway Notes.

Trains will be running through from Chamberlain to the Black Hills over the Rapid City extension of the Milwaukee railroad by June 1, according to a Sioux City report.

The Northwestern roundhouse at Gettysburg, S. D., burned. Two locomotives, No. 258 and 385 were destroyed.

A bill has just been introduced in the Iowa legislature providing that no person shall be permitted to hold the position of train dispatcher or railway telegraph operator who is not possessed of credentials certifying to his competency. A state inspector is to determine competency. Applicants must be 18 and of moral standing. Examination fees are \$10 and the certificate is good for ten years. Railway companies hiring others than these, will be subject to a fine of \$50 to \$500.

BROWN NAMES SECRETARY

MISS ANNA HOWLAND WILL WRITE HIS LETTERS.

UNTIL THE COMING DECEMBER

It is Rumored That Leon Brown, a Brother of the New United States Senator-Elect, and Des Moines Newspaper Man, Then Gets Job.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12.—Special to The News: United States Senator-elect Norris Brown today announced that Miss Anna Howland would be his private secretary until next December. She has been employed in the state house for some time.

It is rumored that Leon Brown, a Des Moines newspaper man, a brother of Senator Brown, will take the place next winter.

BONES FOUND IN THE SAND.

Dr. Mackay Speculates Upon Geology of Elkhorn Valley.

The excavations for the sewer have revealed an interesting subject for scientific speculation regarding the geology of the valley in which Norfolk is located. At intervals from a depth of from six to eight feet, workmen have thrown out bones in a perfect state of preservation. These have been found in undisturbed sand and loess in the ancient terraces of the Elkhorn river. The bones are chiefly those of the cervidae and are remarkable for the fact that their structure shows no sign of decay. The cancellated portions have not broken down and the tuberosities where the muscles and ligaments were attached are apparently as fresh as if they had been stripped of their fleshy covering but recently. In limestone caves, peat bogs and in the deeper deposits of the loess formation bones are found of great antiquity but in surface deposits owing to the access of air they decay in the course of time. The wide area over which they have been found, covering a distance of two miles, extending from the river and the undisturbed condition of the deposits in which they have been found preclude their having been buried by other agency than the deposits from the river. This brings up the question, when did the Elkhorn deposit from six to eight feet of sand and loess upon the site where Norfolk now stands burying numbers of fresh bones of the deer family?

The latest geological activity in the Elkhorn valley was the melting of

the glaciers that deposited the hematite gravel beds west of town. No bones or fossil remains have been found in these deposits, however, which occurred according to the estimates of authorities from 30,000 to 60,000 years ago. It is altogether improbable that bones would remain undecayed for that length of time within six feet of the surface in a soil as porous as that of Nebraska and their relative age is an interesting question. If within a period of 200 years the river deposited in stratified layers six feet of soil and sand over the entire valley why should it not do so again, and if this has occurred what was the cause of the flood?

J. H. Mackay.

ROPED IN HORSETHIEVES

CAPTAIN JACK FOSTER OF ROSEBUD WAS HERE.

FOUND GANG IN THEIR DIVE

Out on the Rosebud Reservation the Reservation Detective Nearly Captured Bunch Who Have Terrorized That Section for Years.

Foreed by the high water in the streams bordering the reservation to turn back and journey by rail to Sioux Falls where he has business before the federal court, Captain "Jack" Foster, government detective at Rosebud agency, who recently captured a band of desperate horse thieves, passed through Norfolk yesterday.

Captain Foster and Detective J. B. Richard recently caught Tom Farron, one of the leaders of the gang in Sioux City, and he is now in jail at Sioux Falls awaiting trial.

Since then Captain Foster has captured and jailed four other members of the gang which has terrorized the ranchmen and settlers of the western range, as well as the inhabitants of the Rosebud reservation. He accomplished the capture neatly in a deserted cabin on the ranch of David Colomb, a half breed Sioux, who was temporarily away from his home on Big White river.

Trapping the Thieves.

Foster, after leaving Sioux City, journeyed to Murdo, and taking a horse rode many miles with an assistant through heavy snows to the bluffs of the river, where he learned the thieves were in the habit of making a rendezvous at Colomb's cabin.

Arriving near nightfall, he entered the place after secreting his broncho, and awaited the coming of the gang. About midnight a low whistle was heard outside the cabin. Foster responded and in a moment a light tap came at the cabin door.

Making ready, Foster opened the door, and as Bill Moran, one of the much wanted thieves, entered, he found himself looking down the barrel of the officer's ready Colt.

Put Up His Hands.

"Hands up and no noise!" commanded Foster.

Morgan obeyed and after the officer had stripped him of his "artillery" and snapped the bracelets on the prisoner, he made him sit down in a corner and calmly await the next member. Soon Ed Whiting opened the door, to find himself a prisoner as had Morgan.

He was quickly disarmed and seated beside his partner, and then Foster, learning from their conversation that yet another member was outside attending to the horses, he bound the legs of his two prisoners and sallied forth.

Near the corral in which the thieves had placed ten stolen horses, he found Sam Watkins, who, mistaking him for Morgan, was completely off his guard.

Escaped From Police.

Foster escorted the crestfallen Watkins, who is a youngster, to the cabin, summoned his assistant and in a short time had the prisoners safe behind lock and key. Morgan was taken to the Deadwood jail, Watkins to Omaha and Whiting to Springfield, Keya Paha county, where he and Dave Raymond, a quarter blood Sioux, later caught by the Indian police, from whom he escaped and still later captured by Sheriff Simmons of Valentine, Neb., will be tried for cattle and horse stealing in that county.

Ran Off Reservation.

Farron, Watkins and Morgan will be tried in federal court. They are charged with stealing horses from the Rosebud reservation.

Since Captain Foster was appointed government detective at Rosebud nearly a year ago, the activities of the thieves have been curtailed. More than a hundred horses have been recovered by Foster. The thieves were accustomed to running the horses to small towns on the Elkhorn road, where they were shipped east. Some of the horses were taken north of White river and sold to settlers. Captain Foster is now on his way west to arrest several agents of the gang.

The Omaha Bee says concerning Watkins: Deputy United States Marshal Moore returned from Bassett bringing with him Samuel Watkins, an alleged horse thief, and lodged him in the Douglas county jail until arrangements can be made for his transfer to South Dakota.

Watkins is charged with stealing seventeen head of horses from the Rosebud Indian reservation. He was arrested at Springfield and taken before United States Commissioner F. N. Morgan at Bassett, who bound him over to the federal courts of South Dakota in \$1,000.

An order for Watkins' removal to South Dakota was issued by Judge Munger Monday afternoon.