

## FOR Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

### NORFOLK CHURCHES UNITE TO SECURE STATE CONVENTION.

#### WOULD BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

Committee From Norfolk Churches Will Urge Norfolk's Claims—May Mean the Establishment of an Association in Norfolk.

Following the action of the Commercial club directors in endorsing the movement to have the next state convention of the Young Men's Christian association meet in Norfolk, a determined effort has been organized to bring the meeting to this city. The interests of Norfolk in securing the state convention will be looked after by a committee representing the city.

This general committee is expected to unite the churches of the city in an effort to bring the meeting to Norfolk and in arranging for the gathering after the convention is secured. The Methodist church will be represented on the committee by Rev. J. L. Vallow and L. M. Beeler, the Baptist church by Rev. F. W. Benjamin and E. E. Coleman, the First Congregational church by Rev. W. J. Turner and G. T. Sprecher. Other additions to the committee are expected to be announced soon.

It is the practice of the Y. M. C. A. to hold its conventions in some city where the association has no local organization but where the conditions are favorable for instituting a prosperous association furnished with a substantial home and necessary equipment. Assistant Secretary E. J. Simonds thinks that the state executive committee may be shown that these conditions exist in Norfolk. The location of the February convention will be terminated by this committee sometime during the next few months.

Before leaving Norfolk Tuesday Mr. Simonds said: "The last two years have seen a half million dollars going into Y. M. C. A. buildings over the state of Nebraska. Central City, York, Fremont, Hastings, Beatrice, Lincoln and Omaha have built or are building Y. M. C. A. buildings to cost \$10,000 to \$300,000. Towns the size of Norfolk are putting up about \$25,000 buildings."

"The state convention in Columbus last February resulted in the raising of \$30,000 in six weeks for a new building."

"An investment in young men's character is the safest and surest investment the business men of this world are making today. President Roosevelt says the Y. M. C. A. is the greatest trust in America but he calls it the 'Ideal Trust.' With over \$2,000,000 invested in buildings and equipment, it is the greatest physical training school in the world, has the largest night schools in existence and the greatest band of Christian men in the world."

"If Norfolk is to secure the state convention and later a fine \$25,000 building everyone must begin to plan and talk big things."

#### THURSDAY TIDINGS.

S. Beck went to Stanton this morning.

Mrs. Fred Linerode was in Omaha yesterday.

Thomas Brown of Dixon is in Norfolk today.

John Riley of Bridgeport was in Norfolk yesterday.

William Ludden was up from Madison yesterday.

Dr. Bertha Ahlman is home from Hot Springs, Ark.

Dr. J. M. Alden of Pierce was in Norfolk yesterday.

C. A. Robinson of Kearney spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Miss Edna Slaughter of Lincoln was in Norfolk yesterday.

E. L. Carter of Ponca stopped in Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. Thomas of Pierce was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Miss Ruby Tosteins is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. A. Haley.

Mrs. F. L. Estabrook returned from Omaha Wednesday evening.

Dr. H. L. Kindred of Meadow Grove was in the city yesterday.

W. A. Wilbur of Clinton was in the city for a few hours yesterday.

S. T. Napper is back from a business visit to the Rosebud country.

W. H. Clark and son returned yesterday from a visit made to Hot Springs, S. D.

Anton Hakl of Tyndall was a South Dakota visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

H. E. Neff and Andrew Hanson were Plainview visitors in Norfolk today.

O. C. Anderson of West Point was in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday.

A. D. Howe was in Madison yesterday, returning to Norfolk last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Phill Beck and two sons who have been visiting with Mr. Beck's brother, Wm. Beck, returned to their home in Battle Creek last night.

Clyde Beach of Bonesteel, formerly of Norfolk, is visiting with friends and relatives.

John Clark sold his property on First street to Mr. McKiver.

Charley Darnell went to the coal chutes this morning.

Frank Cunningham and Mr. Bradley are having new cement walks put in front of their homes.

Willie Smith of Battle Creek is visiting with his uncle, William Beck and family.

It is said that soda fountains in

Norfolk will open for the summer's business about April 20.

Ed Fisher, who has been working out of Fremont, came home sick.

Trinity Social guild will give their last dancing party of the season at Marquardt hall this evening.

The Ladies' Trinity guild will meet with Mrs. Troutman Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in social session.

Mosaic lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., initiated two candidates into the E. A. degree of the order Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. O. Mount is rapidly recovering from the effects of the operation for appendicitis and is able to be out a little.

Mrs. T. E. Odiorne was surprised Thursday afternoon by an informal party arranged by friends, the occasion being her birthday.

Mrs. Fricke will entertain the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in her home on North Twelfth street.

H. F. Slaughter, the Gregory county banker, is contemplating the erection of a handsome residence in Gregory, S. D. The new home will cost at least \$7,000. Architect J. C. Stitt has been called on to prepare the plans.

Three of the local fire companies are to elect officers during the next few weeks. The several elections are announced as follows: West Side hose company, May 7; Pioneer Hook and Ladder company, May 1; Queen City hose company, April 19.

Duffy Brothers, Norfolk implement dealers, are going to retire from the implement business. W. P. Duffy will remain in Norfolk as the local representative of the Case threshing machine company, while E. L. Duffy intends to locate on a farm either in the Rosebud country or in western Nebraska.

The collapse of a bridge two miles west of Missouri Valley on the North-western, slightly injured three engineers—F. H. Kinney, Herman Rose and Edward Werle—and stopped trains for a time. A dredge is working at that point. A derrick, which raised up the bridge to allow the dredge to work and which lowered the bridge into place when trains wanted to pass, toppled over and the bridge, derrick and dredge are in the water. Trains got through again by yesterday noon.

Beginning with today, trains between Norfolk and Sioux City will not stop at South Sioux City and tickets bought for the interstate trip to and from Sioux City, will be charged for only at the rate of two cents per mile, with fifteen cents additional for the Missouri river bridge. It is said that this change is in no way an attempt to retaliate upon South Sioux City for the new two-cent rate in Nebraska, but that for years the schedule has not provided for the stop at South Sioux City.

The general committee, which is to represent the churches of the city in the effort to secure the next state convention of the Young Men's Christian association for Norfolk, has been reinforced by Rev. J. W. Morgan and L. H. Lederer from the Presbyterian church. The personnel of the committee as announced is as follows: Rev. J. L. Vallow and L. M. Beeler, Methodist church; Rev. F. W. Benjamin and E. E. Coleman, Baptist church; Rev. W. J. Turner and G. T. Sprecher, First Congregational church; Rev. J. W. Morgan and L. H. Lederer, Presbyterian church.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kent, west of Norfolk at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning Miss Agnes Kent was married to Andrew J. Barnes of Cody, Neb. Father Thomas Walsh of the Norfolk church of the Sacred Heart officiating. The bride was attended by Mrs. Snyder of Battle Creek, the groom by John Kent. It was a pretty home wedding with some thirty relatives of the bride and groom in attendance. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Barnes left on a western trip before making their home at Cody. The bride of Wednesday is the charming daughter of one of the oldest and best known citizens of Madison county.

The minstrel show to be given by the Norfolk band at the Auditorium April 22 will be for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase new uniforms for the organization and it will be the first opportunity afforded Norfolk people to express their material appreciation for the band's existence and to help it along. All winter long, without making any fuss about it, the Norfolk band has been steadily and substantially improving under the leadership of a special bandmaster hired at a good sized salary to give instruction. The band has been able, through dances, to raise enough funds to pay its regular expenses, which amounted to about \$75 per month. And no public contributions of any sort have been asked. Norfolk is trying to make arrangements for band concerts during the coming summer and the suggestion is being received with enthusiasm all over the city. The band feels that the patronage given upon the occasion of its amateur minstrel show will in a large measure gauge the real interest felt in the organization by the public, and therefore it is hoped that the patronage will be large. The band members are now industriously rehearsing their roles for the minstrel show, and it is said that a first class performance will be the result. Music for the event is being arranged by the leader, Mr. Vradenburg, and some of the best talent in the city will be represented in the production. Good specialties will punctuate the program.

## A CLERICAL ERROR MADE

### OLD LICENSES LAPSE WEEK TOO SOON.

#### START BAN ON BRICK WALKS

City Council Discovers That Saloon Licenses Die April 30 and No New Ones Can be Granted Till May 7, But City Will Probably Keep Faith.

Will Norfolk welcome her new city administration into office on May 7 with an accumulated "thirst" of a week's duration? Will Norfolk wrestle with the "old" problem for seven days and enjoy a week's experiment with prohibition?

Apparently there will be no liquor licenses in force in Norfolk between April 30 and May 7 of this year. The city statutes provide that the liquor license granted an applicant shall be in force "from the date of such license to the end of the municipal year." Through a clerical error last year all licenses were advertised and granted to expire on April 30. The new licenses can not be brought into effect before May 7, the beginning of the new municipal year.

The discovery of the mistake created no little excitement among the city officials. As the matter was simply the result of a technical mistake the city attorney is of the opinion that the council can carry out the spirit of the law and take action permitting the saloons to run under their old license until the expiration of the municipal year. The matter will be carefully investigated, however, before the council carries out its part of what the councilmen consider to be a virtual contract entered into in good faith and supposed at the time to cover the regular license period.

Nevertheless the vision of a "dry" town is apt to create something of a stir about the city, when it becomes known that a week of seven "dry" days seems even remotely impending.

C. B. Durland was elected mayor of Norfolk on Tuesday, April 2, receiving a majority of 185 over his republican opponent, J. D. Sturgeon. A new democratic city administration will take charge of the city government on Tuesday, May 7. All this was solemnly announced at the close of the official canvass of election returns made by the city council at last evening's session. It was the first official recognition of the results of this spring's election.

#### Official Returns.

The official returns were virtually the same as the unofficial figures published in The News. The successful candidates and their majorities as canvassed last night are as follows: C. B. Durland, mayor, 185; Julius Hulif, clerk, 47; Julius Haase, treasurer, 267; C. F. Eiseley, police judge, 14; H. Salmon, city engineer, 353; S. W. Garvin, First ward councilman, 61; E. B. Kaufman, Second ward councilman, 74; J. Degner, Third ward councilman, 16; Pat Dolan, Fourth ward councilman, 84; members board of education, A. Degner, 110, S. G. Dean, 49, Thomas Shively, 44. The vote on the school bonds, as announced in The News, stood 575 for the issue and 145 against.

City Clerk Hulif was instructed to issue certificates of election to the successful candidates. The new city officials will take their seats on May 7, the members of the board of education on May 6.

The city council meeting last evening was held in the city clerk's office, the fire department meeting occupying the assembly room at the city hall. The council meeting lasted until near the midnight hour and was attended by all members save Crotty, Craven and Stafford.

At the request of Spitzer & Co., the Toledo bond house who have contracted to purchase the \$40,000 sewer bond issue, a resolution was introduced in the council confirming and ratifying the issuance of the bonds and directing that the bonds be turned over to Spitzer & Co. on the payment of the purchase price into the city treasury. It seems that the council had neglected to take the required technical action after the approval of the bonds by the Norfolk voters. The resolution introduced last night and put on first reading was offered to clear the records.

#### Are After Brick Walks.

The ordinance requested by Mayor Friday placing the official "ban" of city disapproval on brick walks in Norfolk was also offered and placed on first reading. If the ordinance passes all Norfolk sidewalks laid in the future must be constructed of stone, cement or "artificial stone."

#### To Open Avenue.

The council last evening took steps towards opening Pasewalk avenue across the Union Pacific right of way between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. The council voted that that part of Pasewalk avenue abutting on the Union Pacific right of way be opened and that the railroad company be required to construct a crossing over the tracks. A portion of the land to be opened belongs to Carl Wolfe and the council agrees to pay Mr. Wolfe \$150 for the land required. Of this amount A. Fisher, who asked to have the street opened, is to pay \$25 and donate that portion of the street which stands in his name.

#### Police Court Business Dull.

The police judge's report showed that police court fines during the past two months had brought \$23 into the treasury. A proposition by F. W.

Klentz to sprinkle the streets at a cost of \$20 a month to the city was left to be passed on by the new council.

#### To Flush Sewer.

Water from the Northfork river will be used to flush the new sewer system. The council last evening voted for a sewer extension of twelve inch pipe running about 500 feet beyond Norfolk avenue and carrying the water of the Northfork above the mill dam into the sewer when desired. The extension will be built by Contractor Herrick on the contract price schedule and will cost Norfolk about \$700. The extension was ordered, Brummund, Haase, Klesau and Mathewson voting for and Spellman against. The council also directed that the city water mains should be raised over the sewer pipes where the mains blocked the progress of the sewer system.

A committee consisting of Councilmen Mathewson and Haase was named by Mayor Friday to adjust the damages claimed by Gust Machmueller on account of the sewer system passing over his land south of the city.

The council will meet in adjourned session Saturday evening.

## TOMMY SULLIVAN ON MAT

### LITTLE PUGILIST IS ALSO ARTIST AT WRESTLING.

#### TO MEET ROSEBUD CHAMPION

Chingway, "The Indian Wonder" of Southern South Dakota, Will Struggle for Honors With Sullivan at Bonesteel on April 17.

Bonesteel, S. D., April 16.—Tommy Sullivan and Chingway, "The Indian wonder," have signed articles for a wrestling match, catch-as-catch-can in Bonesteel on the night of April 17. Sullivan is the prize-fighter who recently stopped Jack Farrell in three rounds here. No one knew that he was also a wrestler until he offered to go on with Chingway, who was looking for a watch. It has since been learned that Sullivan was a professional wrestler before he took up the ring as offering a greater field for physical prowess, and a hot contest is looked for.

Chingway is an Indian who lives in Platte, and is the amateur champion of Gregory, Charles Mix and Douglas counties, which title he has thus far successfully defended, having never met defeat.

#### Junction News.

Ray Satterlee went to Creighton today where he will work on the saw mill.

Assistant Road Foreman of Engines, Evan Williams of Missouri Valley was here today looking after the company's interests.

Phill McNeely, William Alton's chief clerk, is now fixed to do his writing on the typewriter.

Engineer Frank Ohler has been assigned to run 41 and 42, between Omaha and Lincoln.

Bill Lewis returned home from Scribner yesterday where he has been on business.

Christian Henrich went to Rainbow, I. T., yesterday on business.

The E. V. P. boys entertained the V. Z.'s and a number of other girl friends in Railroad hall last night with a club dance. All present had a very enjoyable time.

Al Wilkinson drove the wagon yesterday in Nathan Smothers' place. Mr. Smothers is quite sick.

Mrs. Harry Alexandra and Grandpa Purviance both had boilers stolen Monday night. Mrs. Alexandra's was stolen from her porch and Mr. Purviance's from the pump, where he had filled it with ashes. It is thought that the boilers were taken by young scamps for the copper bottoms.

#### CHARLES H. JOHNSON TO TILDEN

Former Furniture Man Has Engaged in Business There.

This week's issue of the Tilden Citizen contains an advertisement of Charles H. Johnson, who has apparently engaged in the furniture business at that place. Mr. Johnson recently disposed of his furniture store here to Klesau & Randklev.

#### FACE SHOT OFF.

Man From Boyd County is Taken to Omaha.

With his ear and a large portion of one side of his face shot off, a man was taken through Norfolk on the early train from Boyd county enroute to Omaha for surgical treatment. It was said he had been in a fight and that his face had been made a shotgun target. A surgeon accompanied the man. His name and details of the fight were unobtainable.

Many of the classified ads. have their origin in "clashes" and "collisions" in business life—and impassionate watchers of the want ads. profit through these things.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured. Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper, Maine. These tablets are for sale by Leonard the druggist.

## FORREST ELLIS ON TRIAL

### FORMER INSANE HOSPITAL ATTENDANT CASE UP.

#### ALTSCHULER FIRST TO TESTIFY

County Attorney Koenigstein Says State Will Show That Patient Prosser Came Into Hospital Unmarked and Received Bruises From Ellis.

Madison, Neb., April 9.—Special to The News: The case of the state against Forrest Ellis, the first of four cases against former attendants at the Norfolk insane hospital charged with assault with intent to do bodily harm to patients, began here today in district court, Judge Welch presiding.

It required all of yesterday afternoon and until 10 this morning to secure a jury. The first venire was used up, only nine jurors being secured from it. The witnesses for the state against Ellis are: W. H. Biggs, an old man and formerly an attendant; Julius Altschuler, formerly an attendant; and Dr. F. M. Nicholson, formerly physician at the institution.

#### Jury in Ellis Case.

Following is the jury in the Ellis case: Leonard Brown, W. H. Daniel, J. D. Fleiter, William Harms, A. R. Osborne, Tom Reeves, Alex Reeves, E. N. Vail, Henry Witzel, Ben Davis, William Frey, John Wakely.

Attorneys for the prosecution are County Attorney Jack Koenigstein and H. F. Barnhart. Attorneys for the defense are Burt Mapes, M. D. Tyler and former United States Senator W. V. Allen.

#### What State Claims.

In his opening statement to the jury County Attorney Koenigstein claimed that the state will be able to prove that Patient Prosser from Knox county was examined when he was brought to the hospital and that he had no marks on the body; that after death there were large bruises on his body. He said the state would be able to show that these bruises were results of kicks administered by Ellis in the day room. He said that he would prove that when Prosser refused to sit in a chair Ellis took hold of him, threw him down and kicked him.

#### What Defense Claims.

In his opening statement for the defense, Attorney Tyler stated that it would be shown Ellis used only ordinary restraint in preventing Prosser from constantly going out of the room; that restraint straps were used in holding him; that no cruelty was inflicted.

#### Altschuler First on Stand.

Julius Altschuler was the first witness. He said that the first he knew of Prosser was when Ellis called upon him to assist in bathing Prosser when the patient first came into the hospital, as all new patients are bathed the first thing. He said there were no marks on Prosser at that time; that if there had been, he would have seen them. At a later date he came down stairs and saw Prosser lying on the floor. Ellis was kicking the patient.

#### Altschuler Cross-Examined.

On cross-examination several minor points were tangled up. In direct examination Altschuler said that this kicking occurred the second day after Prosser came. Biggs, testifying later, said it was three days afterward. Altschuler in direct examination said he saw Biggs in the room. On cross-examination his testimony before the board which investigated the hospital last summer was brought, in which Altschuler had said that he did not see Biggs in the room, but presumed he was there.

#### Biggs is On Stand.

Former Attendant Biggs was the second witness. He testified that this kicking of Prosser by Ellis occurred the second day after Prosser came. He saw Ellis kick Prosser once, turned his head away and then, returning his glance, saw Ellis lifting up the patient. He said Ellis used profane language. Altschuler said he heard no words.

Mr. Biggs was tangled up on cross-examination, which was conducted by former Senator Allen. Biggs was asked why he had kept silent as to this alleged "brutality" until after he was asked to resign. He replied that he had not. Later he admitted that he had been asked to resign before he mentioned this incident.

#### Defense Rests Case.

Madison, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: The defense in the case of the state against Forrest Ellis, former hospital attendant, rested at 11 o'clock this morning. The state has tried to prove all the way through that the death of Patient Prosser from Knox county, who took to his bed three days after he was brought to the institution by Sheriff Burns, and who died shortly afterward, was hastened by kicks administered by Forrest Ellis. The hospital record showed that he died from "senile decay."

#### When Did He Receive Bruises?

The question as to the time when Prosser received bruises which showed up on his body after death, is therefore important and was the point for much conflict. It was proven that he had severe bruises on his body after death. Attendant Altschuler testified that he had no bruises when he came and that he was kicked by Ellis the second day after he arrived; Biggs corroborated; Dr. Alden, former superintendent, testified he was called into the bathroom when Prosser came and found severe bruises which had

apparently been received several days before the man came to Norfolk; Dr. Nicholson, former physician, testified that he examined Prosser after the third day, when he took to his bed, and found bruises in the primary stage, which could not have been inflicted more than one day before; Jo Wiles, also under indictment, testified Prosser had no bruises when he came, Ellis denied every charge made, declaring that the floors were waxed and slippery and that Prosser slipped down and that he picked up the patient without kicking him.

#### Altschuler-Alden Letters.

The prosecution succeeded in getting introduced an interchange of letters between Altschuler and Dr. Alden. Altschuler wrote a letter to Dr. Alden after a Lincoln paper had printed a report declaring Altschuler was cruel. In his letter Altschuler told Dr. Alden that he "had kept the promise to say nothing," and that unless this error was corrected "there would be some interesting reading in the newspapers." He also said that he had refused to join Wile in an affidavit making charges against the hospital. Dr. Alden's letter, replying, disclaimed any knowledge of the report affecting Altschuler and expressed thanks for Altschuler's "kindness" in the matter.

Dr. Alden, on the stand, was pressed for an explanation as to what he meant when he thanked Altschuler for kindness. He said he meant that he appreciated Altschuler's refusal to sign an affidavit making charges against the hospital.

Biggs was the first witness called in rebuttal.

#### Court Adjourns at Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: District court adjourned here last night. There were only a few cases in foreclosure, equity and divorce. Two divorces were granted but Judge Harrington continued the divorce case of George Lambley vs. his wife, Abbie, because she had no attorney.

#### MRS. GEORGE DUDLEY VERY ILL

Life Despaired of Sunday Night But Morning Brought Improvement.

Mrs. George Dudley, sr., was taken dangerously ill at her home in Norfolk Sunday. The attending physicians fear a tumorous growth in the brain. Sunday evening life was despaired of, but Monday morning the condition of the sick woman showed improvement. Two brothers, William McDonald of Meadow Grove and Thomas McDonald of Tilden and her daughter, Miss Mable Harrison of Norfolk, are at the bedside. Burt Harrison of Council Bluffs, sons of Mrs. Dudley, were expected in Norfolk Monday. At noon she was resting easier but was still very ill.

#### Warnerville.

F. Z. McGinnis has resigned as agent of the Omaha Elevator company and H. Warner has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Fred Terry has commenced work as assessor of this township.

Sol. Ranney of Washta, Iowa, is the guest of his brother Frank.

Don. Smith of Neligh is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. H. Warner.

O. D. Munson writes from Omaha that he will return to Warnerville to live before the first of May.

## PILGER IS FIRE CHIEF

### FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION.

#### FLAME FIGHTERS ARE PLEASSED

Excellent Set of Officers Has Been Chosen to Handle Volunteer Fire Department Affairs—Officers Going Out Made Record to be Proud of.

Charles Pilger will direct the fire fighting efforts of the Norfolk fire department during the coming year in the capacity of chief. Mr. Pilger and the other officers of the company were selected at the annual meeting of the department held last evening at the city hall. The meeting was well attended by members of the department.

The annual election of officers resulted in the honors of the year being voted as follows: J. E. Haase, president; Jess Boemer, vice president; H. O. Klesau, secretary; Herman Winter, treasurer; M. R. Green, trustee for three year term; Charles Pilger, chief. Chief McCune, the present head of the department, declined to stand for re-election.

The treasurer's report presented during the evening showed a balance on hand of \$622.63. A committee from the department has been instructed to ask for bids on the erection of a new bell and hose drying tower to replace the present tower adjoining the city hall.

The officers who have had charge during the past year have made an excellent record and members of the department believe that the newly elected officers will also make a record to be proud of.

Advertisers who have messages for people of average, normal tastes and wants should understand that such people, in this city, read a home newspaper.

Not the least interesting thing about these want ads. is the fact that they write the final chapters in many a little story of enterprise in business life, and of many a well-planned but badly managed venture.