

# GERMANY HAS CHANGED

G. L. SIECKE OF WISNER VISITS THE OLD HOME.

'TISN'T LIKE IT USED TO BE

Father of Mrs. C. C. Wehrer of Norfolk is Not as Well Pleased With the Fatherland as He Thought He Would be.

G. L. Siecke of Wisner, who was formerly a member of the Nebraska legislature and who has been a frequent visitor in Norfolk with his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Wehrer, has addressed a letter from Germany to the Wisner Chronicle.

Mr. Siecke writes of Germany in an interesting vein.

We did not travel as much as we intended. In the first place the weather was very disagreeable the first six weeks of our visit, cool and rainy with very little sunshine. In the second place the excitement of railroad traveling bringing back the old dizzy feeling again, which had disappeared during the voyage on the ocean. During the last month the weather has been fine, but it is getting late in the fall and the weather is getting cool. Therefore we will only see Berlin on our way coming home. Visited Mrs. Siecke's old home in Selchow some time ago. The house where Mrs. S. was born is still standing. It is occupied by a young couple, who made us take luncheon with them and treated us real well. Mrs. S. enjoyed this visit very much, and although she was only nine years of age when she left the place, it is very interesting to her and memory came back to her when objects were viewed again. But she missed the big pear tree she used to climb as a child, the tree had died of old age.

Visited the birthplaces of F. Koch, E. Brettkreit, Wm. Glaubius, F. Kaul, Wm. Kind and others, all in this country. Also found two cousins of my wife's living in Voigtendorf, where we went and had a good time and a fine view of the country on the way. Passed the old town of Morin, where there is a large inland lake close by. According to tradition this lake is inhabited by a large lobster and to keep him out of mischief he was finally chained to a rock in the lake, but when a railroad was built a few years ago and the first excursion train passed the lake the animal most broke its chain to get aboard the train and join the procession. You are at liberty to believe all of this. My brother lives close by the river Oder, a large stream spanned by a large iron bridge close by, built strong enough for a railroad to use. Road has been surveyed and will be built in a short time.

It is quite interesting to me to watch the traffic on the river from the bridge. Rafts of logs and lumber floating down stream, also freight vessels and steamers passing up or down the stream, having sometimes as many as six merchant vessels in town. Two miles down stream where the old river used to be is a large lock. It is double, one side for passage of vessels and the other for rafts. There are lots of sawmills and brick factories along the stream and causeways that were empty of buildings years ago are occupied and form streets now. The highways, which thirty years ago were miserable between places in rainy seasons, were all paved now, and a great help to the traveling public. Great changes have taken place on every side.

Wages for laborers are higher than forty years ago and the farmer here has the same difficulty to procure help when needed as is the case in America. In fact, the industrial world takes lots of help from the country and this is really the loss of agriculture. We do not like traveling here. The railroads are not as comfortable as in America, so it seems, the employes are not as polite. They have all served in the army and some of them have the short and rough habit of the drill-master still with them. The system of giving and demanding tips to waiters, servants and porters is strange to us and sometimes disgusting and it commences as soon as one gets on board the vessel at New York.

When I first left here in 1856 the raising of sugar beets was quite an industry and a good many factories were working. Now only one factory is running because the soil has given out to furnish the amount of sugar stuff required. The old honored wind mills here are getting less, steam and water taking the place. As children we used to play on the hill near the mill and when the wind was slow we used to run between the wings until I was struck and recovery was slow. The old mill is still standing, but I didn't go as close this time. For fear of tiring you I will close, and let me tell you that I wish I was back home again.

Respectfully,  
C. L. Siecke.

Home Goes Up in Smoke.

Ainsworth, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: W. D. Dyer, who lives twelve miles northwest, lost his home by fire Tuesday night, the fire resulting from a lamp explosion. The family saved only the clothes they had on. The house was partly insured.

HOSPITAL AT LYNCH.

Dr. Ira Has Fine New Building in Which to Start.

Lynch, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Dr. G. B. Ira has just closed a deal wherein he becomes owner of the fine new three-story brick

hospital in the building. This is a much needed establishment in this section of the country as there is seldom a time when there are not someone from this vicinity in Omaha at some hospital for medical treatment.

New Catholic Church.

Lynch, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: The Catholic church people in Lynch are working on plans for a fine new church building. They are progressing nicely and we expect to see a fine new place of worship built by these people next summer.

# THE BLUFF WAS CALLED

PROF. MEYER WILTED WHEN THE CHALLENGE WAS ACCEPTED.

DEFEATED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In a Game of 300-Ball Pool, Meyer Was Defeated by Max Fidler of Wisner. Undertook to Bluff on Another Game, But Failed.

Wisner, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Prof. Meyer of Fremont and Max Fidler of Wisner played a game of 300-ball pool here for a purse of \$25. Fidler made the run of 300 while Meyer made 211.

During the game Meyer offered to bet \$500 or any part thereof that he could beat Fidler any place outside of Wisner. After the game was over Meyer flashed a roll of bills and challenged anyone to accept his proposition. The bluff was very promptly called, the purse of \$500 being made up by Wisner parties. When he saw that Wisner people meant business, the professor wilted, turned pale and said he was sick and couldn't do anything. The Wisner backers of Fidler offered the professor to play him on his own table in Fremont or any other town within 100 miles of Wisner, but the offer was not accepted and the professor went home still clinging to his roll.

WATERWORKS AT LINDSAY.

Foundation for Standpipe is Laid and Other Work is Following.

Lindsay, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Lindsay will soon have waterworks. The foundation for the standpipe has been laid and about half of the trenches for the mains are dug. A new hose cart has arrived but no fire department has yet been organized for it.

VALUABLE IMPROVEMENT.

Adding Machine Made to Subtract as Well as Add.

The Webster City (Iowa) Tribune states that a valuable patent on an adding machine has just been secured, by which the machine may be made to subtract as well as add. The arrangement was patented by Mrs. Ora Newman of that city, who is a sister of Val Light, dispatching clerk in the Norfolk postoffice. Mrs. Newman formerly lived in Norfolk as a girl and many who will remember her kindly still live here. Following is the article from the Webster City paper:

"Mrs. Ora Newman, bookkeeper in the Mercantile store in this city, received word from Washington, D. C., this morning that a patent had been granted her on an improvement on the Burroughs adding machine. "Mrs. Newman's invention will enable the operators of these machines to subtract thereon, and will add materially to the value of the machine. The invention will no doubt also bring Mrs. Newman a small fortune and her many friends will rejoice with her in her success and good luck."

# AIMED AT MARK: SHOT BOY

YOUNG MAN NAMED IRWIN HITS THE WRONG TARGET.

WAS PRACTICING WITH RIFLE

Williams Boy Received a Serious Wound in the Leg Which Will Lay Him Up for a Month at Least—An Unfortunate Accident.

Spencer, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: A young man named Irwin, stopping at the home of James Williams who lives a short distance north of Spencer, was practicing at a mark with a rifle recently when by some means the gun was discharged when not aiming at the mark and made a serious wound in the leg of one of Mr. Williams' boys. The attending physician thinks that unless complications set in that the lad will be around in a month.

Miss Fairchild, superintendent of our public schools, and Miss Van Gordon, high school principal, also County Superintendent Manville went to Norfolk today to be at the North Nebraska Superintendents and Principals' meeting which is in session there this week. The funeral of the infant son of Dr. Armour took place today.

Paul Sisson Married.

Paul Sisson was married the day before Thanksgiving to a young lady of Meachamsburg, Ohio. He brought his bride to Des Moines, Iowa, where he has been one of the managers of the Des Moines Daily News. He has been promoted by the Scripps-McRae company, however, and will in a short time remove to St. Paul to take charge of their daily there. Paul Sisson has many friends in Norfolk, where he

# HOT AFTER HORSE THIEVES

NORTH NEBRASKA PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION AT WORK.

A HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

Team Taken From Carl Praeuner Near Battle Creek Wednesday Night. Buggy Stolen From Conrad Volk, Another Farmer Living Near.

Horse thieves Wednesday night or Thursday morning near midnight stole a team of horses and a set of harness from the barn of Carl Praeuner and a top buggy from the farmyard of Conrad Volk, both Madison county farmers living about six miles south of Battle Creek.

The horse stealing represented the first loss to be sustained by a member of the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association. Mr. Praeuner, the owner of the stolen animals being a member of the anti-horse thief association. Once discovered, the anti-horse thief fighters were quick to get on the track of the thieves.

The horse grabbers first visited the farm of Carl Praeuner six miles south of Battle Creek. There they secured a bay team of horses, eight years old and weighing 2,700 pounds, and a set of Concord harness. One horse had a small split in tip of ear and wirecut on left foot. The other horse has wirecut on a hind leg above the ankle. The harness had been changed to common harness.

Leaving the Praeuner place for a neighboring farm a top buggy was taken from Conrad Volk. The buggy had red running gears with a yellow stripe. The anti-horse thief association at once offered a reward of \$100 for the capture and conviction of the thief and the return of the team.

Thursday a posse left Battle Creek to run down the thief or thieves. The horse-thief hunt was under the direction of George W. Losey of Battle Creek, chief captain of the north Nebraska association.

A message Friday morning stated that the pursuing party had followed the horse thieves through Elgin and Petersburg, where it was thought they were only about ten miles behind. At Petersburg Losey and his men changed horses and with fresh mounts started on anew with the expectation of capturing the thieves before the day is over. A number of Petersburg horsemen joined the searching party at that place to assist in the capture.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Miss Gladys Weaver is visiting in Lincoln.

Miss Mildred Knight of Omaha is the guest of Miss Edna Loucks.

Miss Melle Bridge is home from the state university for the holidays.

Harry Faucett came down from the Wayne normal for Thanksgiving.

Leonard Hegglund of Lincoln spent Thanksgiving with Norfolk friends.

Mrs. Julius Kirasheum of Rochester, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gentle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greene in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Beels of Galva, Ill., arrived in Norfolk Wednesday for a Thanksgiving visit with Mr. Beels' brother, William G. Beels.

Mrs. E. P. Hummel and son Earl of St. Louis City were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Brummond, Thanksgiving.

Among the University of Nebraska students home from Lincoln to spend Thanksgiving holidays in Norfolk are: Sam Erskine, Elmer Hardy, Charles Landers and Lawrence Hoffman. Ross Tindall came home from Wesleyan university at Lincoln.

Miss Grace Matrau was up from Madison to spend Thursday at home.

T. A. Strong of Windsor spent Thanksgiving with his brother-in-law, E. J. Rix.

Charles Hays of Denver spent Thanksgiving with his parents in this city, Postmaster and Mrs. John R. Hays.

Ex-Senator F. J. Hale of Atkinson was visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. F. A. Peterson of Madison last week; also with his sister, Mrs. John Sutherland, who is a guest at the Peterson home.

Mr. Kibler of Oakdale was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shippee for Thanksgiving dinner. Miss Glennie Shippee, their daughter who is teaching near Tilden, also came home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

N. A. Huse, who with his wife spent Thanksgiving in West Point, was taken suddenly ill during the afternoon and his temperature ran up to 103½ and his pulse to 106. The West Point doctor feared that he was threatened with pneumonia. Friday morning he was somewhat better but not able to come home.

Among the out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Dr. Thomas, Pierce; H. E. Samuelson, Wayne; B. W. Wright, Dixon; W. Z. King, Humphrey; W. H. Tyson, Elmwood; L. C. Rush, Murdock; Charles Black, Miss Sarah Black, Willow Lake; Emil Landgust, Bristow; Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Baker, Madison; Hon. John N. Ellerman, Fairfax, S. D.; George B. Wycoff, Madison; Edwin Barrett, Verdigris; W. F. Richardson, Pilger; Thomas Jordan, Verdigris; Miss Josie Richardson, Madison; B. J. Lindsay, Pierce; E. B. Gilton, Wayne; Miss Josephine Graves, Wayne; F. D. Brooks, Creighton; E. P. Moy, I. W. Alter, Wayne; F. G. Augrigner, Neligh; T. H. Long, Madison; H. Raunback, Wayne; Miss Pearl Elley, Madison; Fred Fisher, Herrick, S. D.; M. O.

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Butte, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Jens Jensen, a young man recently employed in the West livery barn at this place was arrested here by a warrant preferred by County Attorney McCutchan for selling a horse which was pronounced by State Veterinarian McKim to have the glanders. The veterinarian had ordered the diseased animal shot but instead of complying with the orders of the officer Jensen sold it to a young fellow over in Holt county by the name of Crabtree. Jensen entered into a recognition to appear in the county court on December 7, to answer said charge.

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The Elkhorn Life insurance company have added two additional rooms to their home offices in Norfolk in the Citizens National bank building. H. C. Mason of Fremont, whose title is superintendent of agents, will use one of the rooms and may possibly move to Norfolk at the close of the present school year.

The Belle of Manila appeared before good audiences at the Auditorium matinee and evening Thanksgiving day. The attraction was well presented and seemed to give pleasure to those who attended. The play is a musical comedy with a lot of bright things in it, but it might be wonderfully improved by the addition of a chorus.

A number of the young friends of Miss Mabel Estabrook gave that young lady a shower party Wednesday evening, at the home of her father on South Ninth street. A jolly time was had and when the party was over Miss Mabel was the possessor of a number of housekeeping articles that will help to furnish the new home soon to be established in South Dakota.

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Lincoln Journal: A great deal of coal is moving. It is said that dealers in the smaller Nebraska towns are getting well stocked with fuel and that there is now little danger of a domestic fuel famine with an ordinary winter. There may be a shortage of steam coal because of the slow supply at the mines and the fact that consumers do not carry large stocks of it. It is said that the mines are filling orders for domestic coal rapidly.

Land Commissioner Eaton has returned to Lincoln from Boyd county where he went to look into the matter of getting the land occupied by the Boyd county settlers reappraised in accordance with the orders of the board issued several days ago. The work has been completed and the land in controversy has been valued at an average of from \$20 to \$25 an acre, so Mr. Eaton said. This valuation the settlers thought too high, but it is the belief of the board they will be willing to pay and get titles to the property. The land will be sold on twenty-year payments, interest at 5 per cent.

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With the rest of north Nebraska the Bonesteel motor car enjoyed a Thanksgiving vacation, a vacation that was not on the regular schedule. Thursday the car joined the automobile union and declined to proceed past Hadar, a resolution inspired by the fact that frozen in the coils beneath the car had frozen the night before. Much as the farm horse replaces the auto car under similar circumstances a locomotive and car of the old style were sent up the Bonesteel line to do motor car service. But the triumph of the steam car was only temporary. The motor car was run back to Norfolk Thursday afternoon and the difficulty of the morning soon overcome. And, like the auto car the motor car is thought to have come to stay. The

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# ELOPEMENT AT LINDSAY

Father is Trying to Find Girl But No Trace Yet.

Lindsay, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Peter Barger and Miss Borer are supposed to have eloped, the couple having disappeared at the same time and no one knowing which way they went. Barger was working until about a month ago for Pete Borer, the girl's father, and the girl had been working for Theo. Witner near Cornlea, from which place they left.

The girl is not quite eighteen and the father is on her trail looking for her, but has not yet been able to trace her.

Death of Mrs. Quigley.

Mrs. Hannah Quigley, an old lady of seventy-four years, died Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Keleher at 511 South Tenth street.

Mrs. Quigley had made her home with her daughter in Norfolk for the last two years and had recently been quite ill. She was a native of Ireland and a member of the Catholic church. The remains will be taken, probably next Tuesday morning, to her former home in Danbury, Iowa, for burial. The funeral was delayed to permit the arrival in Norfolk of Mrs. Quigley's sons and daughters from away.

# EARLE HALL UNDER TRAIN

Both Legs Amputated as the Result of Accident.

Earle V. Hall, a son of A. M. Hall of this city and a Norfolk boy, fell beneath the wheels of a switch train in Sioux City and has had both legs amputated as a result of the accident.

# THE WEST IS ALL RIGHT

NO SHRINKING OF VALUES IN THE PRODUCING SECTION.

FARMERS BETTER OFF THAN EVER

While Wall Street Stocks Are Tumbling Farmers and Stock Raisers Are Getting Higher Prices for Everything—Fine Stock Holds up Well.

(From the Omaha Sunday Bee, Nov. 17.)

That real and genuine prosperity abides in the west is best shown by the comparison of values in the stock market of Wall street, with prices in the grain markets of the west. Nearly all railroad, industrial and mining stocks listed on the New York exchange have declined 50 per cent in value since January 1. One year our United States Steel common was selling at 47, today it is quoted at 23. At that time St. Paul railroad stock was worth 184, or 84 points above par; it is now finding a slow sale at 97. Missouri Pacific has dropped from 94 to 54, and Union Pacific common from 184 to 107. This last named stock touched par last week. Reading railroad stock has dropped from 146 to 77, New York Central from 128 to 94, Pennsylvania Railroad from 129 to 106. American Smelting and Refining stock, supposed to be one of the best buys in the market one year ago, has dropped from 156 to 86.

# 1,400 POUNDS OF SILVER

MONEY FOR INDIANS GOES TO THE ROSEBUD AGENCY.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT WAS \$38,000

A Load of Silver Hauled Over to the Agency Under Guard of Indian Police—First Installment of \$110,000, to be Paid to Indians.

Valentine, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Thirteen hundred pounds of silver dollars, amounting to \$38,000, went over to the Rosebud agency yesterday morning, as the first installment of \$110,000, which is to be paid to the Indians before January 1. Each Indian will receive \$30.00. The wagon in which the silver was conveyed to the agency was escorted by fourteen Indian policemen.

# TOO HANDY WITH A GUN

TWO GROSS YOUNG MEN SHOOT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

SHOOT INTO A SCHOOL HOUSE

School Was in Session at the Time But No One Was Hurt—Kill a Steer, Puncture Holes in Mail Boxes, etc. In Jail at Butte.

Butte, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Occupying the Butte battle are two very forlorn looking young men. It was ordained that their Thanksgiving dinner would be on bread and water as will all their other meals until their fine for their misdoings is paid. One, Frank Wiley, son of E. D. Wiley of Mullen precinct, age seventeen, and the other, Verdi Crawford, son of James William Crawford of Sunnyside, Brown county, Nebraska, a lad sixteen years old, were arrested for shooting in a promiscuous way. It seems that young Crawford had been working for S. S. Parsons near Gross and upon receiving his pay purchased a rifle of Mr. Mullik of Gross. The boys started for Bristow in a spring wagon belonging to Wiley and used the rifle on everything that came in their way, such as puncturing holes in mail boxes, shooting windows out of school houses and to flush the job killed a steer belonging to Frank Jones. They were arrested and tried before Meyer Brandvig, justice of the peace, who imposed a fine of \$75 and accruing costs amounting to \$18.75. Being unable to pay the same they were brought to Butte and placed in the county jail.

Four Shots at School House.

Lynch, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Frank Wiley and Verdi Crawford, two Gross lads, shot through the windows of a school house on the road between Gross and Bristow. School was in session in one of the rooms and the teacher and scholars were very much frightened. Four shots were fired, two of them entering the building, one lodging in the partition not far from some of the pupils, after passing through the stove pipe. The lads were arrested and taken to Bristow and fined \$75 each and costs. Not being able to pay they are laying it out in the county jail at Butte. There has also been some rural mail boxes shot up in that part of the country, and an effort is being made to locate the guilty parties and give them the benefit of the law. It does not pay to be too handy with a gun.

Notice to Creditors.

The state of Nebraska, Madison county, ss.

In the matter of the estate of C. W. Braasch, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against C. W. Braasch, late of said Madison county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 2nd day of December, 1907. All such persons are required to present their claims with the vouchers to the county judge of said county at his office in the city of Madison, in said Madison county, on or before the 3rd day of June, 1908, and that all claims so filed will be heard before said judge on the 3rd day of June, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m.

It is further ordered that notice to all persons interested in said estate be given by publishing a copy of this order in the Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, a weekly newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, for four consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd

Western Farmers Have Money.

These fancy prices for individual animals are exceptional, but hundreds of public sales have been held in the west since the panic began and in nearly every instance good prices have prevailed.

That western farmers have confidence in their own resources is indicated by the advertising columns of leading farm papers. One such publication has already claimed dates for 206 public sales of live stock, most of them to be held within the next ninety days.

Officers of Odd Fellows.

Norfolk Odd Fellows have elected the following officers for the coming year to be installed by Norfolk Lodge No. 46 on the occasion of the first meeting in January: John Kuhl, noble grand; L. M. Ogden, vice grand; E. R. Hayes, secretary; John Osterling, treasurer; S. D. Robertson and C. E. Doughty, trustees.

Class Party.

Norfolk high school seniors were entertained Friday evening by Miss Vera Coryell at a class party. The party was one of a series of class par-