

STATION WAS DEDICATED

NEW NORTHWESTERN DEPOT SEEN BY NORFOLK PEOPLE.

AUSPICES OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

Handsoms Structure Just Completed Was Inspected and Turned Over to Railroad Use by an Informal Function Wednesday Evening.

The new city passenger station of the Chicago and Northwestern was thrown open to the inspection of the public Wednesday evening, the function being held under the auspices of the Norfolk commercial club. The club was represented by President Burnham, Secretary Gow, directors and members, while the railroad company was represented by General Manager F. Walters of Omaha, General Superintendent Braden, Division Superintendent Reynolds and others of this city.

A representative crowd of people attended the function, which was informal throughout and was devoid of speech-making or other ceremony. People came, were shown through the building, listened to the music par-took of the refreshments, and went at will. There was a mingling of Norfolk business interests and railroad interests and the glad hand was freely extended on both sides.

During the progress of the inspection, Vradenburg's orchestra, from a corner of the large waiting room, discoursed some of its best music. Thiem the caterer served sandwiches and coffee, using the ticket office for a kitchen. The hours for inspection were from 8 to 10, and during that time many hundreds of people passed judgment upon the building. The station was lighted throughout and along the platforms by electricity.

The new city station of the Northwestern is constructed in bungalow style, giving it a low, long appearance from the exterior. The building itself is about 200 feet long, with the addition of a substantial shed on the north end. In width it is twenty-eight feet. The track platform is 480 feet, and extends from Madison avenue to beyond Phillip avenue, the platform crossing the street at Phillip avenue on grade with the rail.

The main entrance is on the west side leading from the track platform to the main waiting room, which occupies the central part of the structure. A carriage entrance is on the east side, leading through a lobby to the main room. To the north of the main room is a ladies' rest room and toilet room for both ladies and gentlemen. Immediately adjoining the main room on the south is the ticket office and an entry hall to the baggage room, which is beyond the ticket office. The building has tile floors throughout, except in the baggage room, and is finished in solid oak with walnut stain. The main room has a high-valued ceiling with solid oak beams, while the side walls are finished in light green. There is an abundance of large windows, while electricity is used freely at night. The building is heated by steam, and the furnace and coal rooms are in the basement, built of solid masonry.

A person gets a very inadequate idea of the real beauty of the new station from the exterior, being built evidently rather for comfort and convenience than outside show. It is substantially constructed throughout and will be a credit for a good many years to come. The station was occupied by the railroad company for business on Thursday.

Battle Creek.

Adolph Schilling of Enola was visiting here Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Kurrgewelt.

F. G. Aurlinger of Neligh was here on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tegeler and youngest son, Theodore, departed Tuesday to Concordia, Mo., for an extended visit with relatives.

Dan Wingate was here Wednesday from Tilden.

Joseph Flala was here from Spencer the fore part of this week visiting at the home of her friend, Lambert Kerbel.

The old Wm. Bates store building on Main street was treated to a new roof this week. The place is occupied by F. Koester.

John Lorenz arrived here last week from Platt Center to work in the Hansen blacksmith shop. He moved into the Haas house west of the village jail.

Joseph Maas is here from Creighton visiting relatives.

Wm. Hale was here from Butte this week visiting relatives and friends.

G. M. Wright and family arrived here last week from Virginia with the intention of making this place their home.

Wm. Barnes, Jr., a well-known "print," is here from Paris, Ill., for an extended visit with his parents and other relatives.

ity to secure cash to pay for labor or material. This order emanated from President Harriman in New York and affected all parts of the Harriman system.

For ten days rumors have been current that this order had been revoked and that thousands of men were being re-employed. Heretofore Union Pacific officials have refused to either confirm or deny the rumors. In making the announcement today General Manager Mohler said:

"When work was stopped we were having difficulty in getting both men and material, but so many men have been laid off elsewhere that we find we can get plenty of men for this class of work, and are glad of the chance. Material, which was hard to get for bridges and culverts, is also coming along, and we have decided later this winter to go ahead. When we shut down five weeks ago we feared it would be for a longer period."

Mr. Mohler said further that all the men that can be obtained will be put to work as long as the weather permits. Mr. Mohler said he was unable to speak for other lines of the system, but from other sources it is learned 6,000 men have been re-employed within the past few days. They will work on the northern lines while the weather remains mild, later being taken to the lines of the Southern Pacific, where work will continue through the winter.

ENJOYED NELIGH HOSPITALITY

Party of Norfolk People Helped Open the New Auditorium.

Quite a party of Norfolk people went to Neligh Friday afternoon to attend the theatrical entertainment in Neligh's new auditorium. Arriving at about 3 o'clock, the afternoon was spent in inspecting the business portion of that thriving city and meeting old friends and making new acquaintances. The opera house was the attraction in the evening, and it is a building that the town of Neligh is fully entitled to take pride in. Forty by one hundred feet, two stories high, substantially built of brick, located on one of the prominent corners of town, it is a most creditable affair, and the town seems to be united in trying to make it go.

The first floor is the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 500 people, and every seat was filled and many were standing in the aisles during the Friday evening performance.

The house is being opened this week by the Arlington comedians, one of the best repertoire companies in the west, and the attraction Friday evening was "A Texas Ranger," a play that always draws big houses under another name. It was well presented at Neligh and seemed to please the large audience. After the theatrical part of the program was finished, the seats were cleared from the floor and to excellent music furnished by Polmatier sisters' orchestra dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

The Norfolk party was given the glad hand by the people of Neligh and their stay in that enterprising town was enjoyable from the time the train landed them at the depot until they left late in the morning. Favors galore were heaped upon them during the time of their stay, and each one returns under many obligations and with kindliest feelings toward their neighbors in Neligh. Those who went were Superintendent and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stitt, Mrs. C. R. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD?

Yellow Metal Reported to Have Been Found in Quantities Near Fairfax.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 9.—Considerable excitement has been created here over the reported find of a considerable quantity of gold quartz on the Whetstone creek, a small tributary of the Missouri running east through this country northeast of Bonesteel. A prospector was here a few days ago placing a mineral filing on some of the rough lands of the section said to be included in the new "gold field."

While the extent of the discovery is yet unknown to but a privileged few it is claimed that some years ago small finds of the yellow metal were picked up along the "Big Muddy," but its source was then and has since remained always a mystery.

It is now thought by some, at least, that the present find may account for the former finds and it is hoped it will yield millions to the lucky ones.

This, coupled with the fact that considerable coal of a fair quality was recently found near the "Burning Bluff," on the Missouri in this county, may lead to the development of the mineral resources of a section heretofore presumed to be fit only for "goat grazing" purposes.

If these finds prove to be what they are thought to be this section will probably receive another "rush" even before the scheduled Tripp county rush begins.

GREGORY IS ON THE BOOM

Lively Times in New Hustling City of the Rosebud Country.

People arriving in Norfolk from the Rosebud country tell of great activity at Dallas and Gregory.

At Gregory the basement for a fine new city hall is now complete and when material arrives the work will begin. The hall is to be 36x30. Contract has been let for a new \$10,000 Catholic church.

CHASED AS A HORSE THIEF

A NEW EXPERIENCE OF LEON TOMPKINS OF NORFOLK.

WAS FOLLOWED BY OFFICERS

Captured at His Father's Home, Where He Had Driven a Team From Norfolk to Take Charge of a Big Ranch in Holt County.

Were you ever chased across country as a horse thief? Leon Tompkins of Norfolk, taken for a horse grabber, was pursued by a posse of officers from Norfolk to Inman. At his father's home where the trail ended he was run to earth Wednesday night by a deputy sheriff. The "capture" was not reported by the officers but details of the chase have just been received from Mr. Tompkins by Norfolk friends.

Early in the week Mr. Tompkins, who has been employed as billing clerk at the Northwestern freight depot, left for Inman where he is going to take charge of a 1,200-acre ranch belonging to his father, a merchant at Inman. He was on the road two days driving a team belonging to Carl Austin, who is to join him on the ranch next Monday.

It was not until after he reached Inman Wednesday night that he realized that he had been followed across country as a horse thief.

No sooner was Tompkins seated at the supper table than a deputy sheriff from O'Neill, gleeful at having run the pursued to earth, drove up to the house the young man had entered not long before. Then it was up to Tompkins to prove that he hadn't stolen the team.

The deputy sheriff told Tompkins, after he had cleared himself of the charge of horse grabbing, that he had been followed by ex-Sheriff George W. Loscy of Battle Creek, an officer from Neligh and two or three from Ewing. Later in the evening three anti-horse thief men from Ewing drove up to the Tompkins home and they too had to be satisfied that young Tompkins was not a desperately bad character engaged in unholy traffic in other people's horses.

Just now when the horse thief fighters are scouring the country it isn't exactly safe to drive a strange team too far in one direction.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Deputy United States Marshal J. F. Sides of Dakota City was in Norfolk Thursday evening.

E. S. Mickey, state bank inspector, was in Norfolk over night. Mr. Mickey has his headquarters in Lincoln and is a son of ex-Governor Mickey.

Among the out of town visitors in Norfolk were: E. S. Smith, Newman Grove; County Commissioner John H. Harding, Meadow Grove; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones, Carroll; F. F. Towle, Plainview; Er. Sherer, Magnet; Mrs. W. B. Carlock, Gregory, S. D.; N. B. Witheatch, Foster; H. M. Scott, Plainview; E. Evans, Creighton; August Zeimer, Hoskins; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brion, Jr., Ewing.

Mrs. A. Low of Stanton was in Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. H. K. Schemel of Hoskins was in Norfolk Thursday.

Commissioner John H. Harding of Meadow Grove was in town on business.

Mrs. G. O. Rankin of Cody, Neb., was expected in Norfolk on a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. Graul.

Dr. J. C. Myers returned Thursday noon from Niobrara, where he was seen as an assistant state veterinarian.

Miss Patricia Kenney of Schuyler, returning home from a visit at Inman, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Edna Loucks.

Division Superintendent L. M. Cost-tley and family passed through Norfolk Thursday on their way from Chadron for an eastern visit in Pennsylvania.

Christmas and New Year's this year fall on Wednesday.

The Norfolk Workmen lodge will elect officers next Tuesday evening.

Thomas Cowger, formerly connected with the bank at Newport, was in Norfolk Thursday on his way to Gregory, S. D. In Gregory he becomes connected with the Gregory state bank.

Neligh Register: The Neligh Dramatic company is an organization that has been in existence about three weeks. It consists of about twelve members and rehearsals are held once a week. Several plays will most likely be presented during the winter. Neligh has several people who have had more or less experience on the stage and there is no reason why we should not have some very good performances right here at home and by home people.

M. C. Hazen, after making a recent trip on the new Bonesteel motor car, predicts a great future for the cars in solving the problem of short distance travel. "The car is cleaner and less noisy than the steam train," he said. "To the railroad company more economical and to the passengers it offers a very pleasant way of taking a short trip. I was surprised at the speed possible with the new car. We made up time from Niobrara to Verdigré, getting over the eleven miles in thirteen minutes."

Bassett Leader: The wrestling match between Allen Edgington and Lloyd Bates was held at the opera house Saturday evening. The crowd in attendance was not large. Only one fall was wrestled which was won by Bates in 20 minutes. Bates refused to wrestle longer stating that he was not feeling well. Edgington is a professional welterweight wrestler, who formerly resided here but is now known as Jack O'Leary of Omaha.

John Dingman, the Northwestern

brakeman and former Norfolk boy who was crushed between two freight cars at Blair several weeks ago, has recovered from the injuries which at the time were thought to be necessarily fatal. Wednesday Dingman left the hospital at Blair and was taken to the present home of his parents near Missouri Valley. He was able to walk without the aid of crutches, Norfolk friends will be very glad to learn that he has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital for injuries were known to have been very serious.

"I'm organized against horse thieves," said Sheriff Bauman of Dodge county in Norfolk Thursday, commenting on the recent revival of horse grabbing in north Nebraska and the widespread attempt to organize against it. "The records will show that it is many years in Dodge county since a horse thief got away with his booty. Quick work, open eyes and co-operation on the part of officers over the state is the prescription for horse stealing." Sheriff Bauman came to Norfolk to get the two Fremont girls with ambitions theatrical, who ran away from Fremont homes to join a show troupe at Winslow and who were stopped in Norfolk. He took the girls back to their parents.

Manager C. J. Haviland of the Norfolk office of the Western Union telegraph company is to be transferred to Concordia, Kan. His transfer will take place as soon as his successor, P. Paul, arrives in Norfolk and is checked into the office. This will be within a week. The transfer will be a promotion as the office at Concordia handles a greater volume of work and carries an increase in salary over the Norfolk office. Some weeks ago arrangements were made to transfer Manager Haviland to the managership of the Iowa, Kan. office and when the expected vacancy did not materialize he was kept in Norfolk to await the next vacancy in a better paying office. Haviland has been in Norfolk since last January.

A railroad man sees in a reduction of business volume which may follow a possibility that a greater effort will be made to install motor cars on many lines of railroad in Nebraska says the Lincoln Journal. He believes that these cars have been developed very nearly to the stage where they may be relied upon for strenuous everyday service, and that the time is not far distant when they'll be used on many lines of road where they are not now in prospect even. "While the railroads were hauling all the business that they could handle it was hard to talk motor service to the general manager," he says. "They had no other projects to look after. When the time comes that they must scheme to reduce expenses they will turn to the motor car for many lines where frequent service must be maintained and where motor cars would answer, but where lighter operating expenses are desirable. There are many such lines in Nebraska. I understand that orders have been placed in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha for twenty motor cars of the McKeen type. These motors, propelled by internal combustion engines, have been in service on a number of Nebraska lines during the past three years, and on the line between Kearney and Callaway regular service has been maintained for all of this time. "The McKeen motors are not perfect, but for that matter one may say the locomotive is not perfect. With as many motors as the service of a road would naturally require it is possible that the operation could be carried on with little more irregularity than is sustained in the use of locomotives. A number of steam propelled coaches are being experimented with in the United States. The Rock Island now has one in use in Iowa. I understand one is being experimented with by the Pennsylvania in the east. Various types of motor cars are being experimented with in the east, and the Northwestern is now giving the McKeen motors a trying out. The use of these cars is bound to become more general."

THINKS HE IS DEAD

Tilden Farmer Refuses to Eat in the Madison County Jail.

"I'm dead. Who ever heard of a dead man eating anything? No, siree, no meal for me."

William Holdrege, sixty-seven, a farmer from near Tilden, languishes in the Madison county jail at Madison awaiting admittance to the Norfolk insane hospital. He thinks that he is dead and, consistent with his theory, steadfastly refuses to indulge in anything so life-like or worldly as beef-steak and coffee. "I'm dead—can't you understand?" This is his explanation.

Holdrege was declared insane yesterday but the return of Dr. Young, superintendent of the hospital, is awaited before the man can be admitted, as the institution is thought to be about filled up to capacity.

Sheriff is in Town.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was in Norfolk Friday. The sheriff was not in the city on account of Thursday's shooting. Nethaway had done his work too thoroughly. The sheriff's purpose in coming up to Norfolk was to secure witnesses wanted at the district court where the Richey cases were up for trial. One of these cases is a divorce case, the other a civil suit to collect a debt. A plea for alimony tends to connect the two cases.

Mrs. Nancy Taylor Dies.

Ninety-four years old Mrs. Nancy Taylor, the mother of William Taylor living north of the Benedict rural, died Friday of old age. The funeral services will be held Sunday in the Methodist church at Stanton. She was ninety-four years and five months old.

ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

ADMITS CONSPIRACY IN LAND FRAUD TRANSACTIONS.

ANTHONY F. HATCH MAKES PLEA

Judge Munger Fines the Defendant \$300, But Allows Him Time in Which to Sell His Cattle at a More Remunerative Price Than Now.

Omaha, Dec. 6.—The example of R. W. Mahaffey in pleading guilty to conspiracy in land fraud transactions seems to be contagious, and as a result of the epidemic Anthony F. Hatch, who was indicted at the same time by the federal grand jury for conspiracy, withdrew his plea of not guilty made Monday afternoon and entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy Tuesday. Judge T. C. Munger thereupon sentenced him to pay a fine of \$300 and stand committed until the fine is paid. In view of the present low price of cattle the court was not disposed to be harsh with Mr. Hatch and consequently suspended the immediate payment of the fine until the market conditions were such as Mr. Hatch might realize from his cattle without any material sacrifice.

It was at first proposed that Mr. Hatch should be tried upon the two charges of conspiracy and perjury, the latter being based upon his procuring witnesses in the final pro proceedings with certain homesteaders who had made fraudulent entries within the Mahaffey enclosure in Hooker county. Judge H. M. Sullivan of Broken Bow, attorney for defense, insisted upon a trial on both indictments, but the government sought to consolidate them, as the evidence was practically the same in both indictments. Judge Munger, however, was disposed to overrule the motion to consolidate the indictments and after a conference with counsel it was decided Hatch should agree to withdraw his plea of not guilty to conspiracy and enter a plea of guilty, without the necessity of the case going to trial. With this understanding the government nolleed the indictment for perjury and Hatch was sentenced on the conspiracy charge alone and the perjury charge was dismissed.

With this conclusion the trial of the land cases went over until Monday, when the Perry A. Yeast of Deuel county case will be taken up. The petit jury was excused until 9:30 a. m. Monday.

United States Marshal Warner does not propose to take any more chances regarding the imprisonment of parties given hostile sentences in and about Omaha by the federal courts, in view of the disastrous results following the six-hour sentence imposed on Bartlett Richards and W. G. Comstock a couple of years ago, whereby a lenient construction of the court's orders accomplished the undoing of a United States marshal and a United States district attorney. Consequently when R. W. Mahaffey was given a jail sentence of forty-five days by Judge T. C. Munger Monday afternoon, the United States marshal could place no other construction on the sentence of the court, and so Mr. Mahaffey was placed in the Douglas county jail, pending his removal to Grand Island, where the sentence will be ultimately carried out. He was taken to Grand Island Tuesday afternoon to begin his sentence.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

D. Mathewson is home from Sioux city.

Chris Anderson spent Friday in Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brion of Ewing spent Friday in Norfolk.

W. A. Witzigman is home from a trip up the Bonesteel line.

E. S. South of Newman Grove was in Norfolk on business Friday.

H. M. Scott and E. P. Olmsted were in Battle Creek Friday on business.

Attorney E. P. Weatherly was in Madison Friday in attendance at district court.

Rev. C. W. McConnell of Lincoln will be in Norfolk Sunday, occupying the pulpit of the Methodist church.

Dr. D. K. Trindall returned to Norfolk Friday from Creighton and Humphery, leaving Saturday for Bancroft and Pender.

Miss Patricia Kenney of Schuyler, who stopped in Norfolk for a short visit with her cousin, Miss Edna Loucks, left yesterday for Schuyler.

Misses Leonora Strik and Clara Palmer of Battle Creek were in Norfolk Friday afternoon on their way home from an extended visit in Duluth, Minn.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: George Dally, Ord; C. C. Tilford, Bonesteel, S. D.; S. S. Potter, Herrick, S. D.; Frank Jarvis, Fremont; Ed G. Johnson, Gregory, S. D.; E. Malone, Columbus; A. Merritt, Creighton; Thomas C. Osborne, Wayne; Henry Schwartz, Winnetoon; Frank Engle, Ponca; B. A. Roberts, Albion; W. S. Crook, Meadow Grove; J. G. Damon, Tilden.

C. A. Wolfe went to Omaha at noon Saturday to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. John Oesterling went to Omaha Saturday morning to visit over Sunday with her son, Will Oesterling and family.

Mrs. J. Baum and little son returned Friday evening from a four weeks' visit in Kansas City, where they were the guests of Mrs. Baum's brother.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jensen, living northwest of Hoskins, a son.

Lou Cousins, who was taken from Norfolk to his mother's home in Bancroft, is said to be recovering from the severe attack of paralysis with which he was stricken in Norfolk.

Mrs. H. L. Snider left yesterday

noon for Omaha, where she was joined by Mr. Snider, who left Norfolk on a vacation of two weeks from the headquarters office of the Northwestern. Mr. and Mrs. Snider leave Omaha to visit Mrs. Snider's father in Ohio, who has been in poor health.

A number of the Norfolk ladies are arranging to send a Christmas box to the child saving institute in Omaha, said to be a very worthy non-sectarian institution. Children's cast-off clothing, toys, picture books and any of the innumerable things that delight the heart of the child on Christmas are to be placed in the box. A general invitation to contribute has been extended. Contributions are being received at Hoffman & Vlele's store and at the residence of O. R. Meredith. The box will be closed next Tuesday.

A change takes place next week at the Norfolk church of the Sacred Heart, Father Alberts who has been assistant priest for some months past being transferred to Greely Center, Neb., where he will be assistant. Father Walsh's new assistant will be Father Tevis, recently ordained. Father Mulligan, who was in Norfolk until last summer as assistant priest has been appointed pastor at St. Edwards.

Battle Creek Enterprise: Some weeks ago the Enterprise suggested that the business men of Battle Creek cooperate to establish a regular market or bargain day. It was pointed out that a feature of this kind would help trade both in the specially advertised lines and in a general way, would make Battle Creek the regular trading place of many people who divide their patronage among different towns and would make the village a better business center. Since that suggestion was made Norfolk has inaugurated a "trading day." Beyond a doubt many people are going there who would come to Battle Creek if the same inducements were offered here. There is no reason why the same inducements cannot be offered. It is not too late to make a start. All that is wanted is a little initiative and the proper spirit of co-operation. Let the business men of Battle Creek lay aside personal feeling and get together in a mutual effort. They will benefit themselves and the town more than they now realize. This is the day of organization and broad-mindedness in business as well as everything else.

It seems that William Elk and his squaw were at the Roy place and about midnight Elk's attentions to Mrs. Roy so aggravated Mrs. Elk that Mrs. Elk secured an ax and proceeded to chastise her husband brave. She was making great headway, having succeeded in landing several times, any one of which would have been a knock-out, when Mrs. Roy went in as a peacemaker.

Her Skull Cracked. Mrs. Roy came out with her skull showing the landing place of a well directed blow of the ax in the hands of Mrs. Elk.

Roy then went to the rescue of Elk and Mrs. Roy and he "got his" in a broadside blow which forced him to take the count.

During the row someone delivered Mrs. Elk a blow on the right arm, causing her to drop the ax.

Then Uses Her Left Wing. She secured it again and with her left arm put the whole lurch to flight.

Roy came to town to get help. Mrs. Roy and Elk were brought in and a physician dressed their wounds.

Mrs. Roy is in a very critical condition with her skull split open and brains oozing out. Her recovery is doubtful.

Elk has a badly battered head and is doubtful if he will recover.

"Financially Well-to-do." Elk is the Indian who owned the Elk addition to Verdel. He is well-to-do in a real estate way.

The Roys live two miles east of town on their allotment and have a large family of children.

5 PRAIRIE CHICKENS COST \$30

William Blatt Pleads Guilty in Norfolk to Old Bonesteel Shipment.

Pleading guilty to the charge of illegally shipping five prairie chickens from Bonesteel to Nebraska City, William Blatt was fined \$25 and costs, amounting in all to \$30, in Justice Lambert's court in Norfolk just before noon. The case was the outcome of an old charge filed in Omaha last September.

It was charged that Blatt shipped five prairie chickens to his wife in Nebraska City. The birds were intercepted at Omaha and confiscated from the express company. A warrant was sworn out for Blatt in Omaha. In this city County Attorney Jack Koenigstein swore out a complaint against Blatt and a plea of guilty was entered. "I'm not guilty," said Blatt, "but it's cheaper to plead guilty than to fight the case."

The birds were shipped September 17.

Hoskins Briefs.

Miss Stella Weatherholt of Norfolk is in charge of the millinery store of Miss Minnie Cain while the latter is visiting out of town friends.

Among the Norfolk visitors Wednesday were Wm. Sentez, Fred Zeilmer and Fritz Faus.

John Kaulen is in St. Joseph, Mo., visiting with friends and relatives.

Peter Kaulen is in charge of the local barber shop during the absence of his brother John.

The band boys of Hoskins and vicinity have organized for the winter. Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday in the Woodman hall.

The new residence of Mr. Buss, Sr., in the north part of Hoskins is nearing completion.

Mr. Simonan, a teacher in the local schools, was badly injured Wednesday while walking on the sidewalk just north of the drug store he fell and severely hurt his knee. Though badly injured he will continue in his work.

The work in clearing the continuation of main street to the first section line north has been nearly completed and grading will be started next spring.

While chopping wood last Wednesday John Frances severely skinned his nose, his hatchet becoming entangled in a clothesline overhead.

Among the visitors to Norfolk Saturday were Will Luck, Ed Schemel, Will Morris, Fred Erniehl, Arnold Itial, Ed Beemer, Frank Phillips, Mr. and Miss Teemer and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duncan.

TWO SKULLS ARE BADLY BATTERED

FOUR INDIANS HURT IN FIERCE ROW NEAR VERDEL.

TWO WILL PROBABLY SUCCEMB

MRS. WILLIAM ELK USES AX ON THREE OTHER REDSKINS.

HER HUSBAND ONE OF VICTIMS

At the Allotment of James Roy, an Indian Near Verdel, Mrs. William Elk Proceeded to Do Heavy Execution With an Ax at Midnight.

Verdel, Neb., Dec. 9.—Special to The News: In an ax fight at the home of James Roy near here early Sunday morning four Indians were hurt, two probably fatally. The injured are: William Elk, head badly battered; will probably die.

Mrs. James Roy, skull split open, brains oozing out, condition critical. James Roy, slightly hurt.

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