

DOCKSTADER NOT IN IT

FIRE DEPARTMENT MINSTRELS ARE THE REAL THING.

BIG CROWD MONDAY EVENING

A Large and Well Pleased Audience Attend the Minstrel Entertainment Given Under Auspices of Norfolk Fire Department.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] And who was Louis Dockstader? The six hundred Norfolk people who went to the Auditorium Monday evening were not surprised because they saw Norfolk minstrel boys doing minstrel stunts in a clever professional way; they were not surprised because last spring Norfolk had another minstrel show and Norfolk has learned that she has plenty of young men in the city who are there with the real minstrel goods in a black face show.

The Norfolk Fire Department minstrels, given Monday evening in the Auditorium, were a success. A popular cause, a real high class minstrel performance and Norfolk young men in the cast, these elements combined in the success. And the Creighton band, in the second part of the program, gave a short concert of twenty minutes which has seldom been equalled in Norfolk by a professional band organization.

Tickets to the number of 571 were sold to the minstrel show, the proceeds from the ticket sale amounting to \$363.50. From the souvenir program the fire department took in \$240 in advertising. This will give the department about \$600 from which the expenses of the minstrel show will have to be deducted.

Norfolk has no organization of which it is more proud than its volunteer fire department and the friends of the department who crowded the Auditorium Monday evening were prepared to view the show with friendly eyes. But the minstrel boys made good on their own account.

The Auditorium curtain ascended on a pretty stage picture Monday evening, an effective stage setting for the minstrel circle and the orchestra in the rear. J. Sylvester DeForest, the young actor who directed the performance, was seated in the center of the stage as interlocutor. In the circle was the black face chorus, clad in white sailor suits, the chorus being composed of William Wetzel, Charles Holloway, Will Davis, W. Evans, Jack Napper, M. Burnett, Nick Carstensen, Fred Hellerman, Charles Stoeber, Harry Faucett, Hans Vogt, Edward Kline, Jack Davis and John Schelly.

The first of the fun-makers to enter were the end men, James Peters, Jess Beemer, Lorin Brueggeman and H. Wichmann. Later the principal comedians, Charley McMIndes and Bob Ballantyne, made a dramatic entrance.

In a musical program interspersed with the snappy witticisms of the comedians, encores were received by the following minstrel singers: Lorin Brueggeman, William Wetzel, James Peters, Edward Kline, H. Wichmann, Charles Holloway and Bob Ballantyne. In the second part of the program a band concert and specialty work were features.

The Georgia quartet, made up of James Peters, Charles Holloway, Harry Faucett and Bob Ballantyne, was well received.

The Creighton band, in a short concert of four numbers scored one of the hits of the evening. A trombone solo by Director DeForest was an especially effective feature. The band was heartily applauded.

Charles McMIndes gave a monologue stung under the caption of "Ten Minutes With a Real One and Dan Patch." He made an effective entrance on a Dan Patch of home manufacture and immediately launched into a monologue talk that had several local hits.

Allee Trulock won applause in his fancy steps before the footlights.

Drum Major Chappel, an ex-show man, gave a pretty exhibition of the drum major art.

"Good Night" came with a heroic rescue of a little girl by a Norfolk fireman from a fire-lit house, the chorus swinging into a grand march.

Part of the minstrel success is credited to the staff, to W. P. McCune as manager, to Jess Beemer as assistant manager, to J. E. Haase as treasurer and V. V. Light as secretary, to Lorin Brueggeman as stage manager, Ed Brueggeman as electrician, Jess Beemer as stage manager and W. E. Mullen as transportation manager, to V. A. Newen and F. Hellerman as press representatives and J. S. DeForest as band and orchestra leader.

Mayor C. B. Durland, Councilmen Anton Buchholz, Henry Haase, E. B. Kaufmann and S. W. Garvin and Chief of Police Flynn occupied a box at the minstrel performance, representing official Norfolk at the entertainment given by the city fire department.

Big Parade Yesterday Afternoon. A big minstrel parade with cry-bands, bedecked minstrel men, two bands and uniformed representatives of both the Norfolk and Creighton fire departments, had the right of way up and down Norfolk avenue early Monday afternoon, announcing to the crowds that lined the street the big minstrel program at the Auditorium under the auspices of the fire boys in the evening.

The parade was headed by Will McCune, manager of the minstrel show, who wore a bright silk tie of proper minstrel proportions. Most of the Norfolk young men who were to take part in the evening's entertainment were in the line of march. The Norfolk band and the Creighton band alternated in playing during the parade and joined in a short street concert at the close. A delegation of Creighton firemen

were sent down to show the good will of the Creighton department and these men in the Creighton uniform marched with the Norfolk fire department. The city was represented in the parade by Councilmen Haase and Degner and Chief of Police Flynn.

In addition to the Creighton band and the Creighton firemen Creighton sent down a number of other visitors for the minstrel attraction.

PLAN TO STOP LOG ROLLING.

Proposal that New Method be Adopted for Securing Appropriations.

Lincoln, Dec. 30.—It is not improbable that in his message to the next legislature, Governor Sheldon may make certain recommendations that if acted upon will forever end the present system of securing appropriations for the maintenance of state institutions. The plan under consideration is for the governor to visit in turn each state institution and confer with the head of it and with the various boards which have control over the institution. When an agreement is reached regarding the improvements needed at the institution and the amount of appropriation which should be made for its maintenance, the governor will make the recommendation to the legislature. The appropriation bill would then have the backing of the administration and doubtless would be passed with little or no trouble. Inasmuch as the governor would be in thorough touch with the finances of the state, said a prominent educator, and would be familiar with the needs of the institutions, each would be well cared for and none would secure an appropriation larger than actually needed.

Birthday Surprise.

J. E. Haase, cashier of the Citizens National bank and city treasurer of Norfolk, was twenty-eight years old Sunday. A birthday surprise party was arranged for the evening, some twenty-five friends gathering at the Haase home. A pleasant evening was spent at cards.

SUICIDE NEAR HASTINGS.

Body of Man Had Been Hanging About a Week in Haystack.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 30.—Special to The News: An unidentified man was found three miles north of this city hanging by his neck to a stick in a haystack. He had evidently been hanging there about a week. The man was found by two boys hunting. Livingston Bros. of this city were immediately notified and took charge of the body. The man is about forty years of age, slim, thin, no beard and was evidently in poor health. When found his legs were in such shape as to indicate that he had had to struggle to keep his feet off the ground.

The overcoat which the man wore contained a manufacturer's tag with the name Mr. Ambros on it but it is impossible to tell whether he bought the coat or not.

Booming Editorial Convention.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Henry C. Richmond, president of the State Editorial association, was in Lincoln last night stirring up some interest in the meeting, which is set for the latter part of February. President Richmond lives at Fremont and is editor of the Fremont Herald. He has been mentioned on several occasions as the democratic sacrifice to be offered up in the Third district next fall when congressmen are to be elected. Last night Richmond said he was making no fight for a congressional nomination and had come to Lincoln in the interest of the editorial association and not for pointers on how to conduct a campaign.

WOMEN MAY SMOKE.

New York Proprietor Arranges New Year's Eve Gift.

New York, Dec. 31.—James B. Martin, proprietor of the Cafe Martin, let it be known today that he is arranging a holiday gift to the women of New York City which is to be a milestone in restaurant development.

On New Year's eve "all ladies" may smoke cigars in any of the rooms of the restaurant at Twenty-sixth street and Fifth avenue, and this privilege may become permanent thereafter if all goes well. "Smoking by women is never objectionable," he said. "The smartest women in New York smoke, so why should puritanical proprietors rule against this mode of procedure any more than against drinking cocktails or highballs?"

DISTRICT COURT FEBRUARY 10.

The Boche Case Will be Up For Trial at That Time.

The next term of the district court at Madison will convene on Monday, February 10. This will be a jury term and the Boche case will be among the cases brought up.

The date for the next term was announced at Madison Monday evening by Judge A. A. Welch, who held a short session in Madison during the day.

Mrs. Bertha Endres was given a decree of divorce from her husband, Michael Endres. The replevin suit brought by the A. Hospe company against Mrs. W. Stevens was decided by Judge Welch in favor of Mrs. Stevens. Judge Welch and the Norfolk attorneys present came back to Norfolk on the evening train. Just Disorderly Conduct. As a result of a raid on an up-town block last night by the local police force, Carl Romine, employed in a livery barn, and Mrs. Cora Yeoman, employed in a local restaurant, were brought into police court during the morning. They were each fined \$25 and costs for disorderly conduct.

BATES AND MATRIMONY

HAS DONE MORE MARRYING THAN ANYONE ELSE HEREABOUTS.

SEVERAL HUNDRED CEREMONIES

The Judge Has Started More Than Half a Thousand Young People on the Journey Matrimonial—Thirty Weddings the Past Year.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 30.—From a staff correspondent: For ten years William Bates has been county judge of Madison county and he comes pretty close to having married more young people than any other man in north Nebraska. It is something to have officiated at several hundred ceremonies, to have started more than half a thousand young people on the journey matrimonial.

During the year 1902 Judge Bates had thirty weddings to his credit. There were 145 weddings in the county during the year and in thirty cases the knot was tied by Judge Bates. In Norfolk Rev. J. P. Mueller, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, has been officiating at weddings for a score or so of years and his lists would total close to that of Judge Bates. With the returns that had been filed up to Monday, Rev. Mr. Mueller had an even dozen of 1902 weddings to his credit.

Father Thomas Walsh of the Catholic church, Rev. John Witte of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church, and Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Congregational church, among the Norfolk pastors, come next on the 1902 Madison county list with seven weddings apiece listed.

Ten marriage licenses were issued during the fortnight, holiday weddings proving popular in Madison county. Saturday a license was issued to Mont S. Bishop and Miss Gertrude Moon, both of Valentine. Friday licenses were issued to Benjamin F. Palmer and Miss Martha Holy, both of Meadow Grove; to Adolph H. Zink of Concord and Mrs. Frederica Kiesel of Norfolk; to Frank A. R. Jegg and Miss Eda Smith, both of Fildes. Recent weddings were the marriage of Fred Miller and Miss Lotta Walter in Norfolk, of David Varner and Miss Eva L. Tannehill south of Norfolk, of Wilis Decker and Miss Louise Engelbart, both of Creston, in Madison, of Arthur A. Higbee and Miss Audrey B. Cloyd in Meadow Grove, of Christian Lich and Miss Minnie Hecksosk, both of Platte county, in Madison, and Richard Kilmurray and Miss Eva Mihills in Norfolk.

In the ten marriage licenses just issued by County Judge Bates, the ages of the contracting parties was given as follows, the first figure indicating the age of the groom, the second the bride: 22 and 21, 24 and 18, 21 and 18, 25 and 23, 21 and 20, 31 and 21, 27 and 25, 35 and 27, 24 and 23, 21 and 23.

MADISON NEWS NOTES.

Gathered by a Staff Correspondent of The News.

Ernest Gustav Otto Baller, a young German farmer of twenty-four years living with his parents five miles south of Norfolk, is to become a full fledged American citizen and at the same time is to become possessed of a homestead in Loup county. Baller went to Madison Saturday afternoon and made out his declaration of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States before District Clerk Fields and afterwards had the same official draw up homestead papers. Baller's parents brought him from Germany when he was five years old.

County Superintendent Perdue and City Superintendent Doremus arrived home Saturday evening from Lincoln where they attended the meetings of the state teachers' association.

John H. Louisberg of Newman Grove, through his attorney, James Nichols, has brought a divorce suit against his wife, Mrs. Augusta Louisberg. Desertion and other charges are made.

J. C. Andreasen by M. S. McDuffee, attorney, has brought a suit against C. E. Elley to recover money on a promissory note. Andreasen claims \$1,200 and interest at four percent since 1894.

Mrs. Barnhart was not pleased with the appearance of the Madison county jail Saturday afternoon, when her quarters were changed from Norfolk to Madison. "I thought you told me it was better over here," she said reproachfully to Chief Flynn as he was leaving the county jail.

The Madison County Farmers' Telephone company, which has been operated as a county system for three years with an exchange in the country, has installed an up-to-date exchange in Madison and is entering into the Madison field as a regular competitor of the Nebraska company. The independent company has been in Madison for about a fortnight with its new exchange in the Jensen building. The company has 240 subscribers of which fifty are in Madison, the rest on farm lines. The construction work is being rushed for the extension of the system in Madison. Prominent farmers have been back of the company. The officers are O. A. Sundermann, president; Paul Renner, treasurer; H. C. Haskins, secretary. Mr. Haskins, who has lived nine miles northwest of Madison has moved to Madison to manage the plant. The Madison county company has long distance connections to the Little Creek and Newburg and

through those towns reaches other independent connections.

Treasurer Schavand and Deputy Peterson are still busy taking in the taxpayers money. As a result of the payment of taxes the county treasurer has notified City Treasurer Haase of Norfolk that the Norfolk school district could draw \$2,000 and the city \$2,500 from the funds accumulated.

The new town hall at Enole is nearly finished.

Farmers' Insurance Co. Annual report of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company of Madison, Pierce, Wayne and Stanton counties, Nebraska:

Table with financial data for Farmers' Insurance Co. including Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1902, Cash received from membership fees, Cash received on assessments, Cash received on back assessments, Expenditures, Paid thirty-nine losses, Postage, Printing and advertising, Rent and freight, Officers' salaries, Cash on hand at close of year, Risks, In force Jan. 1, 1903, Written during year, Canceled during year, in force at close of year, Net gain during year.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTION

Will be Conducted by Mail—Annual Meeting Tuesday Evening.

The annual meeting of the Commercial club will be held on next Tuesday evening at the city hall. Norfolk business men and all Norfolk boosters will be invited to be present, no line being drawn as to actual membership in the club during the year. As announced some time ago, election of directors will be by mail. Ballots will be mailed at once to members of the club. Each member will be entitled to cast as many votes as he holds shares in the Commercial club organization. The ballots will be accompanied by a printed list of the contributing members of the club who are eligible to election as directors.

At the annual meeting next Tuesday the officers of the club will present their annual reports. The election returns will be canvassed there.

The Commercial club directors' meeting in their regular Tuesday session took steps to look up a complaint made with the directors by some of the farmers of this vicinity. The complaint touched the Norfolk grain market, it being claimed that the Norfolk market had been running about five cents lower on corn and about four cents lower on oats than neighboring markets. The Commercial club appointed a committee to inquire into the local market. The men who registered the complaint said that a possible remedy for the situation might lie in a farmers' co-operative elevator in Norfolk.

SIoux CITY ORDER.

"Lid" Coming Down on Gambling in Reality.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Gamblers must pack their clothes and go. Roulette wheels and faro layouts no longer can grace so-called "clubs." These are the orders Chief of Police Dineen has issued. Since the "lid" came down in Sioux City July 4 last, this has been a closed town—officially speaking. In reality, the games have been flourishing just as of yore. Not one of the notorious members of "the fraternity" was observed to be departing. Places were kept under cover, but the wheels rolled merrily.

Now Mayor Sears and Chief Dineen are determined to stamp out wickedness with a vengeance. The gamblers have been notified that any of their paraphernalia left lingering around after Jan. 1 will be confiscated. Urging the need of improvement of navigation on the Missouri river, the executive committee of the Missouri River Navigation congress is sending out invitations to leading cities of Missouri-river states to be represented at the forthcoming first annual convention of the congress to be held here Jan. 22 and 23.

DON'T SWEAR AT POLICEMAN.

It May be Expensive, as Was the Case With Will Piller.

It cost Will Piller \$16.10 to use "abusive, insulting and profane language" towards Night Officer Kell. Piller is reported to have sworn at Officer Kell. Officer Kell is said to have responded quickly. As an athletic young man he knocked Piller down. Then as an officer he arrested the offender. The fine against Piller was one of the heaviest ever assessed by Police Judge Eiseley. The fine was paid. Piller is head cook in a local restaurant. Don't swear at policemen.

WISCONSIN JUDGE DEAD.

Chief Justice of Wisconsin Supreme Court Succumbs. Madison, Wis., Dec. 30.—Chief Justice J. B. Cassidy of the state supreme court of Wisconsin, died at his home here today.

MRS. BAKER MADE MATRON

NORFOLK WOMAN GETS APPOINTMENT FOR HOSPITAL.

WILL TAKE POSITION JAN. 15

Mrs. W. G. Baker of Norfolk Has Been Named by Governor Sheldon as Matron at the State Insane Hospital Here—An Excellent Selection.

Mrs. W. G. Baker of this city has been appointed matron for the Norfolk insane hospital and will assume the duties of her office Jan. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Baker will make their home at the hospital after that date. The appointment was made by Gov. Sheldon.

The selection of Mrs. Baker for the position of matron at the state hospital here is particularly pleasing to Norfolk people as it is recognized she will be an ideal person for the place. Possessed of rare executive ability and excellent judgment, it is believed by her friends in Norfolk that no person could have been found who could render more efficient service for the state and the institution.

MONDAY MENTION.

Charles Dudley returned last night from Omaha.

Halbert Johnson has returned from a Christmas visit to Omaha.

F. G. Coryell returned home last evening from a trip to Omaha.

S. M. Rosenthal and family have gone to Omaha for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Hannah Beeson of Anthon, Ia., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Keleher.

Miss Emma Heckman of Council Bluffs is in Norfolk, the guest of Miss Martha Kell.

Editor C. S. Evans of the Norfolk Times-Tribune was in Madison Saturday on business.

Frank H. Beels left yesterday for Three Oaks, Mich., to visit his little daughter, Helen.

R. B. Hall, Mrs. N. D. Hall and daughter, Miss Marie Hall, are home from David City.

Misses Bessie, Ruth and Dorothy Warrick of Meadow Grove are visiting at the Wittzigan home.

Cornelius Keleher of Sioux City was in Norfolk over Sunday on a visit with his brother, J. A. Keleher.

A. J. Durland and family left at noon for Omaha, where they will be New Year's guests at the home of H. C. Brome.

Dr. D. K. Tindall was in Madison Sunday morning, holding quarterly services in the Methodist church of Madison.

John B. Maynard and family leave Tuesday morning to spend New Year's day at the home of George Davenport in Madison.

Frank Renninger of Winslow and Abraham Renninger of Hooper were in Norfolk over Sunday, visiting with their cousin, G. A. Bilger.

Ed Fisher and Miss Bessie Williams have gone to Auburn, Neb., to spend New Year's at the home of Mr. Fisher's brother, Worth Fisher.

Miss Sophia Nethaway, who is attending school in a Catholic school at West Point, has been spending the Christmas holidays in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albery returned Saturday from Clyde, Kan., where they spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Nettie Solinger.

Mrs. W. H. Scothorne of Callente, Nev., who has been in Norfolk a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Keleher, returned home Saturday.

Joe Meyer and Henry Schwartz of Winnetoon were in town to attend the anti-horse thief association meeting and the firemen's minstrels.

Joseph Koptetz of Lindsay, who with his wife has been visiting at the home of A. Peters, has returned to Lindsay. Mrs. Koptetz remained over for the minstrel show.

Mrs. E. P. Hummel and son Earle, who have been visiting at the home of August Brummond since Christmas, returned to their home in Sioux City Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elsassner of Cheyenne, Wyo., who spent Christmas in Norfolk at the home of Mrs. Elsassner's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Mueller, left for Wyoming Monday morning.

water yesterday, where he had spent Christmas with his parents. D. F. Shannon returned home from Ewing last evening, where he had been visiting.

Mrs. Ed Perry and daughter Minnie went to Pierce yesterday and returned home last evening on the motor car.

Mrs. J. Watson returned home from a visit in Fremont.

Pete Brown of Missouri Valley was in Norfolk looking up old acquaintances yesterday.

Miss Mary Kane went to Wisner yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. McCann, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Humphrey, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Des Moines, Iowa.

Little Marguerite Kane is on the sick list.

"Grandpa" Purviance and son John returned home from Iowa last evening on No. 5. They spent Christmas with relatives.

Miss Maude Osborne of Battle Creek is visiting at the home of Charlie Hyde.

Mrs. Sears, who has been visiting in Fremont, returned home last evening.

Arthur Thurber of Missouri Valley visited old Norfolk friends yesterday.

Mrs. Milo Perry went to Pierce yesterday and returned home last evening.

Miss Alice Kampman is sick this week.

George Arp, Jr. of Missouri Valley is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Krohler.

The little daughter of A. H. Holmes is quite sick.

Charlie Long went to Pierce Saturday noon and returned home in the evening.

A carload of forty soldiers passed through the Junction last evening on their way to Fort Robinson.

Miss Anna Chase is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrider, who have been visiting relatives in the Junction, left last night for their home in Chadron.

Mrs. Charlie Reed, who has been here visiting her niece, Mrs. Emerson Stamm, left yesterday for her home in Verdere.

Miss Bessie Williams went to Auburn yesterday for a visit.

Miss Podendorf of Missouri Valley is visiting at the home of Chas. Scharm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Denton and daughter Madoll returned home from Missouri Valley yesterday.

A healthy little nine-pound baby daughter arrived as a Sunday morning guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon.

Fremont Herald: The lid is on at Norfolk. Now, next thing, we'll be hearing of it going on at Columbus and Nebraska City.

Fremont Herald: The wife of a Norfolk lawyer shoots him. It's a cold day when they can't stir something up at Norfolk.

Sunday a new time card went into effect on the Union Pacific. A few minor changes went into effect on the main line trains but the Norfolk schedule was not affected.

Dr. C. H. Davies of Humphrey has been appointed to a position in the Hastings hospital for the insane. Dr. Davies will have care of the wards formerly in charge of Dr. Kuegle of Madison, the latter having received a promotion.

A rumor comes from Bonesteel that Herlick is going to try to wrest the county seat of Gregory county away from Fairfax. Two-thirds of the voters of the county would have to favor it. Fairfax is said to feel no danger of the loss.

Just eight days after the death of her husband, Mrs. John Horsham of Madison died during the past week at the Horsham home in Madison. Mrs. Horsham was eighty-two years old and with her husband had been one of the pioneers of Madison county.

course of time. She has written three stories for the Omaha Sunday News, for two of which she has received handsome prizes. The two prize stories were entitled, "Children's Day in the Country," and "Maggie's Cake." A number of other articles written by this little miss have been considered meritorious and have received publication.

In order to make further plans for the first exchange day of the New Year, January 7, a meeting of the exchange day committee was called for Tuesday afternoon to meet at 2 o'clock in the directors' room of the Nebraska National bank. The joint committees include prominent farmers and members of both the commercial club and the trade promoters association. Members of the committee say that there will be plenty of exchange stuff brought to Norfolk on January 7.

Rev. E. F. Eberly of Chadron, who came to Norfolk to fill the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday, was taken suddenly ill Saturday night and was unable to appear at the church. During Sunday the Chadron minister had a high fever and was threatened with pneumonia. Monday Mr. Eberly was some better but was still bedfast. When Mr. Eberly was announced to preach Sunday it was stated that he might possibly be asked to come to Norfolk permanently. He is a guest at the home of George Priestly.

Norfolk was represented by a number of teachers at the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association in Lincoln. In addition to Superintendent E. J. Bodwell, who is a former president of the association, the following Norfolk teachers were enrolled: A. G. Kennedy, Miss Chappell, Miss Grimes, Miss Shonka, Miss Judd and Miss O'Connor. The convention was one of the most successful in years. Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the state university was elected president of the association for the coming year. Among the men who appeared on the program of the county superintendent's section were County Superintendent Perdue of Madison and County Superintendent Coney of Stanton. Teachers who have been attending the meetings returned Saturday from Lincoln.

The commission appointed by the supreme court to take evidence in the disbarment proceedings instituted upon authority of the recent legislature against Captain Allen G. Fisher of Chadron, according to a Lincoln dispatch has set the date of the hearing for January 29. Captain Fisher was in Lincoln and appeared with his attorney, Hallack Rose. The commission organized by selecting Charles Sloan chairman and Walter Anderson secretary. Aside from this nothing was done. The disbarment proceedings grew out of a claim filed with the legislature for an appropriation to pay for lands which were supposed to escheat to the state. W. B. Rose appeared for the state. The defense has until January 14 to decide whether it will consent to the introduction of the evidence taken during the legislature.

SCHOOL BONDS CARRIED

More Room is Provided for Valentine Schools.

Valentine, Neb., Dec. 31.—Special to The News: An election was held here yesterday for the voting of \$5,000 school bonds for the purpose of adding two more rooms to the present school building. The bonds carried by a vote of 202 for and 16 against. With the new addition to the building there will also be added a twelfth grade year which will make this a first class four-year high school. This will bring in a revenue of \$550 a year from the state toward the payment of the salary of the teachers.

CAUGHT A WILD CAT

A Big Beast is Trapped and Killed Near Verdel.

Verdel, Neb., Dec. 31.—Special to The News: Robert King, living three miles east of Verdel, today caught a wild cat in a trap and afterward killed it with a rifle. It was one of the largest caught this season, measuring over four feet from tip to tip.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Three Inches of Soft, Wet Snow Brings Joy at Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 31.—Special to The News: The event of the season has just taken place—it snowed. It began sometime Saturday night and Sunday morning showed a depth of three inches of soft wet snow. It kept it up all day, and until 4 o'clock, melting as fast as it fell, because the ground was getting pretty dry; the business men because this snow means an increase in trade; the young folks because it gives an opportunity for snow balling and sleigh riding, and these are being made the most of. Even the dogs are happy as they run and play in the snow. It is certainly a good thing for Brown county, this heavy wet blanket of snow.

Dennis and Sterling Mutz visited in Ainsworth Saturday and Sunday. They are sons of Hon. Otto Mutz of Burton, Keya Paha county, and both are graduates of the Ainsworth high school. Dennis is clerking in his father's store at Burton, and Sterling is city editor on the Auburn Herald, and is making good. Both are exceptionally fine young men and our people are glad to see them.

District court meets January 6, but it is likely to be a short session as Judge Harrington has dismissed the jury.

There is considerable sickness in the county—pneumonia, typhoid and grip. A little cold weather would help.

Miss Edith Turner, one of the teachers in the Grand Junction, Colorado, high schools, is home for the holiday vacation.