

AMOUNT FIXED FOR FIRST ARREST AND CONVICTION.

ASSOCIATION MEETING MONDAY

Annual Election of Officers Results in the Selection of Strong Men For the Places—An Enthusiastic Meeting of Anti-Horse Thief Men.

Herbert Rhodes, Creighton, president. John Krantz, Norfolk, vice-president. H. E. Mason, Meadow Grove, secretary.

Adrian Craig, Norfolk, treasurer. George W. Losey, Battle Creek, chief captain.

"Five hundred dollars for a horse thief." That's what the anti-horse thief men said at their annual meeting in Norfolk Monday afternoon. It's the amount the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association will pay for the first arrest and conviction of any thief who gets away with one or more horses belonging to a member of the association.

That the north Nebraska anti-horse thief association, as the N. N. L. S. P. A. is familiarly known, is a "live wire" was attested by the enthusiastic delegations sent to Norfolk from the branch associations Monday. Of the twelve branches all save Madison were represented. There was very nearly a complete attendance of the allotted delegates and the men who came to Norfolk were prominent and representative citizens of the north section of the state.

There were three sheriffs present at the anti-horse thief convention—Sheriff Mears of Wayne county, Sheriff Stucker of Stanton county and Sheriff Marsh of Rock county. The delegates were prominent farmers, stockmen and horse owners, the class of men who are organizing to wage effective war against horse grabbing in this section of the west.

In the annual election of officers, one of the most important pieces of work before the thief-fighters, Vice President Rhodes of Creighton was advanced to the presidency succeeding Herman Buettow of Norfolk, who declined to accept another term. John Krantz of Norfolk, one of the prime movers in the association, was recognized with election as vice-president. G. W. Evans of Norfolk, who has been acting as secretary of the general association, was elected to the position for the coming year but declined to accept. H. E. Mason of Meadow Grove was then chosen secretary. After the names of G. D. Butterfield and Adrian Craig of Norfolk had been suggested for treasurer, Mr. Craig was re-elected to the position. For chief captain George W. Losey of Battle Creek was re-elected with a display of enthusiasm that amounted to an ovation.

There was a healthy amount of discussion and debate in the anti-horse thief convention, an indication of the vitality of the organization. A little difference of opinion, after the matter has righted itself for the future, only serves to bring out the real strength of a growing movement and Monday afternoon's convention was declared a "mighty good meeting."

After President Buettow had called the meeting to order he turned the chair over to Vice-President Rhodes. Treasurer Craig's report showing a balance of \$110.31 was approved. The Wayne association was formally admitted into the north Nebraska organization with the provision that the Wayne branch would be exempt from the January assessment.

A formal vote of thanks was passed for George W. Losey, chief captain, F. B. Massman, captain of the Battle Creek branch, and Ed Losey, a son of the former sheriff, for their good work in recovering the team stolen from Carl Praeuner of near Battle Creek.

The Norfolk Daily News was also given a vote of thanks for the support that it had given the organization of the north Nebraska anti-horse thief association.

The constitution of the association was then taken up and subjected to a certain amount of revision. On motion of H. E. Mason of Meadow Grove the amount to be set aside for the maintenance of the local organizations was increased from ten to twenty percent of all moneys collected, fifty percent of the moneys collected to be remitted to the chief treasurer, the remaining thirty percent to be retained in the local treasury.

That article eight might read perfectly clear in the future the provision that association funds should be paid only for the expenses of searching for stolen property "of the members of the association" was changed to read "of those who are members of the association prior to the loss of the stolen property." This change was made on motion of J. W. Warrick of Meadow Grove, seconded by G. W. Losey.

Other changes gave to the local branches the right to fix the salaries of the local officers, struck out a provision to permit each local association to pay the railroad fare of two delegates to the regular association and changed the manner of the local association drawing on the general treasurer.

At the next annual meeting there will be a systematic revision of the constitution, a special committee having been authorized for that purpose. H. L. Carlson of Norfolk, H. E. Mason of Meadow Grove and G. W. Losey of Battle Creek will constitute this committee.

Acting on the suggestion of the chief captain of the association voted that a reward of \$500 be paid by the association for the first arrest and

conviction and is to be printed on the backs of envelopes used by the association.

Mr. Losey advocated members of the association using a uniform brand, the letter "L" to be placed on the inside of the left front hoof just below the hair. No formal action was taken in the matter but the suggestion will probably be carried out by a number of association men as a means of identifying their horses.

After officers had been chosen and the Nebraska National bank designated as the depository for the funds of the association adjournment was voted.

While the N. N. L. S. P. A. now embraces a membership of between 500 and 600 and has twelve branch associations affiliated, it was felt by the delegates Monday that their association was just entering on a period of rapid expansion which would render it more and more effective. It was pointed out that the absolute necessity of a state-wide organization to successfully meet the operations of the horse grabbers who ply their trade in north Nebraska and southern South Dakota, was beginning to be realized. As a network of organized branches is spread over the north Platte country north Nebraska is going to be made a mighty unprofitable field for horse thieves.

Among the accredited delegates who came to Norfolk for the meeting Monday afternoon were the following delegations: Warnerville, W. B. Rice and F. Z. McGinnis; Meadow Grove, E. H. Crook, H. E. Mason, E. McIntosh, C. J. Hixon, L. L. Frye and J. W. Warrick; Verdigr, Albert Hall and F. J. Studeny; Wayne, Will Lessman, Sheriff Grant S. Mears, A. Blazer, James McIntosh, Chan Norton and M. H. Gildersleeve; Hoskins, T. E. Bernhardt, Peter Brumels, Charles Bernhardt, August Behmer and C. W. Anderson; Tilden, J. E. Bolton, A. M. Jones, George Connelly and H. W. Kingery; Battle Creek, Joseph Orr, Carl Praeuner, George Scheafer and F. G. Massman; Winnetoon, Henry Schwartz, Joe Meyer and Charles Bunge; Creighton, H. Rhodes, Pat Green and Mr. Echtercamp; Pilger, S. D. Denney and A. E. Burnham. The Norfolk delegation chosen was composed of E. A. Craig, G. W. Evans, Frank Lehman, Ed Hammond, F. D. Krantz, Fred Determan, H. L. Carlson, Gus Wagner, John Krantz, R. W. Rohrke, E. C. Raasch, Obed Raasch and George Losey.

With the Anti-Horse Thief Men. A horse thief in the "pen" scares twenty in the bush. The man who has captured a horse thief has only to bow to one man—the fellow who has captured two.

It is stated Monday that during the last two years and a half thirty-eight head of horses have been stolen within a radius of a few miles of Norfolk and that only four animals were recaptured.

Sheriff Stucker of Stanton county told the association that he thought Stanton was beginning to see the need of an anti-horse thief association and that an association would probably be formed there. The Stanton sheriff said that he always did what he could but that no one or two men could do what had to be done to overcome organized horse thieves.

Save those who lived on the west line most of the association men stayed in Norfolk over night and took in the firemen's minstrels. Charlie Anderson of Hoskins, friend and champion of the much abused mule, succeeded in having the official frown of the association fixed firmly on the mule-thief. The ire of the association will be as strongly aroused over the theft of a mule as the stealing of a horse.

Chan Norton, the Wayne county man who recently lost four horses through the operations of horse thieves, was in Norfolk as a delegate from the new Wayne branch of the association. The Wayne association was not affiliated when the robbery occurred. Carl Praeuner, the Battle Creek farmer whose team was returned by Captain Losey and other workers, was another delegate in the annual meeting.

Sheriff Marsh of Bassett, who came down from Rock county for the meeting, is well known in Madison county, where he once lived.

In western Nebraska horse thieves are followed with rifles and ropes, Chief Captain G. W. Losey told the delegates. Mr. Losey spoke of the aid that was everywhere offered him in the western counties during his pursuit of the Battle Creek thieves and he said that from the temper of the people the rope might have been called into action.

How many men can furnish an accurate description of their own horses? Not one in a hundred, so horsemen say. Members of the anti-horse thief association are urged to write down an accurate description of their horses in case horse thieves should make away with their property.

The strength of the association is indicated by the following apportionment of delegates, one delegate being allowed for each ten members: Wayne, 12; Norfolk, 13; Battle Creek, 7; Pilger, 6; Hoskins, 5; Creighton, 4; Winnetoon, 5; Meadow Grove, 5; Tilden, 5; Verdigr, 3; Warnerville, 2; Madison, not represented.

G. W. Losey, again chosen chief captain of the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association, probably gets his share of criticism but no one ever disputes his ability as a thief chaser or organizer.

Saturday Dance at Hospital. Saturday evening has been picked as the evening for the holiday week dance to be given at the Norfolk hospital for the officers and employes of the hospital and their friends.

DR. ERNEST KELLEY OF OMAHA IS APPOINTED.

FOR THE NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Governor Sheldon Has Named Dr. Ernest Kelley as Assistant Physician and Pathologist at the Norfolk Insane Hospital.

Dr. Ernest Kelley, who comes from one of the leading families of Omaha, has been appointed assistant physician and pathologist at the Norfolk insane hospital.

Dr. Kelley was appointed by Governor Sheldon to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of Dr. Dishong to the place of assistant physician. Dr. Kelley will take his place Tuesday.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Miss Jennie Schwenk was in Stanton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Mapes went to Omaha Tuesday noon.

Miss Erna Wilde is home from a Christmas visit in Battle Mills.

J. L. Herschler is home from a visit with relatives at Waterloo, Iowa.

Misses Martha Kell and Emma Heckman, the latter of Council Bluffs, spent Tuesday in Hadar.

Miss Laura Buckendorf has gone to Hartington on a visit, before leaving to enter a wholesale millinery house in Minneapolis.

Chris Anderson and Julius Huff were in Stanton Monday evening, attending an inspection of the Stanton company of militia.

Mrs. Mary Hoskins of Plainview, and daughters, Misses Cora and Alice, are New Year's guests at the home of Mrs. Hoskins' brother, J. W. Ransom.

Miss Esta Anderson left on noon for a visit with her sister in Montana. Miss Anderson will spend part of the winter at a wholesale millinery house in Minneapolis.

Mrs. John Gildrea has been quite dangerously ill with pneumonia at the home of her mother, Mrs. Louise Hirsch at Pipestone, Minn., where she went to spend Christmas with her daughter, Miss Lizzie.

Mrs. John Collins of Marcus, Iowa, was in Norfolk Tuesday noon, accompanying her husband to Stanton, where the Collins orchestra played for a Stanton dance. Miss Emma Wetzel of Norfolk accompanied Mrs. Collins to Stanton.

Mrs. George R. Hodson has been spending the holidays in the vicinity of Lynch. Mr. Hodson was at Lynch for a few days, returning to Norfolk after Christmas to give his attention to the Norfolk pickle plant, which he has taken in charge.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: J. S. Smith, Newport; F. G. Koester, Carroll; C. W. Smith, Pierce; Attorney M. F. Harrington, O'Neill; District Judge A. A. Welch, Wayne; Senator F. J. Hale, Atkinson; Attorney R. M. Johnson, Stuart; C. E. Morrison, Plainview; John Boyes, Humphrey; A. O. Perry, Atkinson; W. J. Winder, Meadow Grove; Otto Kamroth, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bingenheimer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bingenheimer, Creighton; A. J. Rudsdill, Dallas, S. D.; W. S. Arnold, Bloomfield; R. C. Hale, Pierce; W. R. Locke, Stanton; D. W. Ziegler, Monowi; H. M. Horn, St. Edwards.

Mrs. O. R. Meredith has been quite ill for some days. Miss Kate Weidenfeller is to enter the Spiesberger wholesale millinery house in Omaha this week. Peter Stafford, Jr., whose arm was operated upon on account of blood poisoning, is doing as well as could be expected.

Little William Reynolds, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, is better after being very sick with pneumonia.

P. M. Barrett returned home last night from Rochester, Minn., where he went to consult with the Mayo surgeons. Mr. Barrett was told that he needed no operation.

Young people in Norfolk last night took advantage of the snow and mild air for bobbed parties and a number of them were in evidence about the city. The sleighing has been ideal in every way.

The new road grader bought by the city last fall has been pressed into service by Street Commissioner Lee as a gutter cleaner. The light grader gives good service in cleaning the cement gutters of snow.

A great deal of sickness is reported in Norfolk and other parts of the middle west at the present time. There is an epidemic in Norfolk just now of grip, another epidemic of pneumonia and near-pneumonia, as well as throat troubles.

"Now Norfolk looks peaceful enough," said a Madison livery stable man as he looked up and down the avenue. "But Mathews' words were disquieting. Mathews said as I left Madison, 'Be careful of the horses. I don't care whether or not you get shot but don't let the horses get hurt.' Now that's what Mathews said."

W. H. Powers, who has returned from Rochester, Minn., says that his mother, Mrs. I. Powers, was recovering rapidly from the effects of her recent surgical operation at the hands of the Mayo brothers. It is expected that she will be out of the hospital within a few days and she will probably return to Norfolk within a few weeks.

Monday, January 20, 1908, is announced as the date for the first winter sale of horses in Norfolk by the Smith Brothers Land and Live Stock company. The sale barn has not been announced but the sale will be by auction and there will be about 200 horses offered. The horses and mules, which are to be offered every two weeks at

the coming year at their meeting: A. E. Amerine, protector; L. M. Ogden, past protector; Mrs. J. F. Redman, evangel; Mrs. A. D. Howe, counselor; Mrs. C. Rasley, secretary; Mrs. A. D. Howe, treasurer; J. F. Redman, sentinel. Mr. Amerine was re-elected protector. Fred Krantz was elected trustee for a two-year term, Millard Green for the full term of three years.

In accordance with its custom, The News will observe New Year's day by issuing no paper tomorrow. There was one New Year's day, though, when The News did issue a paper—and it was a hummer. That was three years ago. It had been announced that there would be no New Year's paper. New Year's day dawned and telegraph keys began to click in the Norfolk office of the Western Union. The Associated Press began raining column after column of red hot telegraph matter in upon this office. For Port Arthur had fallen. It was the greatest story of the war and so an extra was hurriedly issued and sent out by The News to its thousands of readers in Norfolk and in this territory. A whole page of the great story was ready for the noon edition—and as a result the people of this territory heard of Port Arthur's fall through Norfolk's daily just twenty-four hours ahead of any other paper.

Omaha World-Herald: Miss Ruth Daniel, an Omaha girl, who had the distinction of shooting an elk while on a hunting trip in Wyoming last October, has a wonderful souvenir of the deed. The animal was an unusually fine specimen and when she returned from Wyoming she left the skin with some Indians. Last week she received it, and it is being admired by all her friends. The Indian squaws took the hide and tanned it. After this had been done, one of the Indian chiefs displayed that old art of the red men, known long ago, before they had seen the "talking leaves" of the white man, and which is to them as plain as any book. On it he portrayed in brilliant colors the story of a hunt. It starts with the Indians rounding up their horses, and mounting. Then they proceed in a body to the hunting ground. A herd of buffalo is encountered and the hunt begins. Then comes the return to camp, the skinning of the beasts, and the hunting dance of success. The teeth, wonderfully marked, she presented to her brother, Herbert Daniel, the city prosecutor, and he had them mounted on a watch fob, and displays them proudly as a token of his sister's prowess.

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GEORGE BRERETON, A STANTON COUNTY FARMER, DEAD.

STRUCK GROUND WITH HIS GUN

Stanton County Farmer, Hunting Rabbits, Thought He Saw One and Struck at It With the Gun—The Gun Exploded, Killing Him Instantly.

In the course of a rabbit hunt Tuesday, George Brereton, a Stanton county farmer, was killed by the discharge of his own shot gun, which he had grasped by the barrel and was using as a club in pursuit of an elusive rabbit.

Brereton lived but a few minutes after the accident. The lead from the shot gun took effect in the center of his body near the waist band.

The Brereton farm is eight miles from Norfolk, six east and two miles south.

Brereton is the father of four little children, the oldest, Herbert, a lad of eight. The other children are Helen, age six; Martha, age 3 and one little babe only eighteen months old.

In Fremont the terrible news of the tragedy was received by the wife and little children at a family reunion, where at the home of Peter Miller seven sons and daughters were gathered together for the first time in eight years.

Last Saturday Mrs. Brereton and the four little children had left the Stanton county farm for the prospect of a happy New Year's at the home of the wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller in Fremont. Brereton at the station had begged that little Herbert be left at home that the farm might not seem so lonely in the absence of the family. But the little fellow wanted to see his grandparents and when the fatal charge entered the body of the father there were none of his family within many miles.

The brief message that was clicked over Western Union wires to Fremont plunged into gloom a merry gathering of brothers and sisters. Mrs. Brereton is said to have fallen in a swoon on the receipt of the little yellow message that told of the accidental death of the husband at home.

With Mrs. Brereton at the home of her parents were the following brothers and sisters: Seth Miller, who lives on a Stanton county farm near Winnetoon; Chester Miller of Valley, Mrs. James Colten of near Creighton, Mrs. Charles Saunders of near Waterloo, and Mrs. Mary Hunter of Valley.

On New Year's day a group picture of the reunion party was to have been taken. But on New Year's eve Mrs. Brereton was summoned by a message of death to the Brereton farm near Norfolk.

The stricken wife and four little fatherless children came to Stanton on the Tuesday evening train. Mrs. Brereton was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Peter Miller, and by two brothers, Mr. and Mrs. George Brereton. It was on the suggestion of George Brereton that D. W. Lycan and a son, Roy Lycan, joined Brereton in a rabbit hunt Tuesday. Brereton, with his family away, felt them heavy on his hands and called on the Lycans, his neighbors, to equip themselves for a little hunt.

They were on a near-by plowed field when Brereton thought he saw a rabbit hiding under some earth or brush. Calling to his companions, Brereton turned his shot gun into a club and struck at the projection. The gun hit the frozen ground and the jar discharged the load. The shot gun was pointed on a line with the man's stomach and a terrible and fatal wound resulted.

Brereton was hunting with a double-barreled hammerless shot gun. When the gun struck the ground in a blow aimed at the hiding "cotton-tail," something about the gun broke. The load from the right barrel was discharged, the shot entering Brereton's body a little distance below the heart.

The accident occurred in a field some sixty rods from the home of Seth Miller. There Brereton was carried as soon as he had breathed his last, life remaining but a minute or two after the fatal discharge of the gun.

Assistance was useless. Brereton died in a few minutes. Then there was only to send word to the wife in the happy New Year's party at Fremont.

Louis Dern, coroner of Stanton county, went out to the scene of the tragedy although it was not thought that an inquest would be necessary.

Brereton lived on a farm which was one of the Stanton county farms owned by his father-in-law, Peter Miller. A brother-in-law, Seth Miller, is a near neighbor. Brereton's plans were to give up the farm this spring. He had been a railroad man before he came to Stanton some two years ago and it was thought that his intention was to return to railroading.

Brereton was thirty-eight years old. He was counted a popular man and was well known by a number of Norfolk avenue merchants.

The funeral was announced for Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of Seth Miller, the brother-in-law. The body was then to be taken to Stanton, from where the remains would be conveyed to Fremont Friday on the morning train for burial.

FIRST ACCIDENT OF YEAR. The Most Unlucky Man of Madison County Gets in the Game Early. Paul Brumund, "the most unlucky man of Madison county," was the first victim of an accident in 1908.

It couldn't have been otherwise, Brumund's luck wouldn't have permitted any one else to get in ahead

ANOTHER BIG DAMAGE CASE

THIS TIME THE NORTHWESTERN IS ASKED FOR \$35,000.

THIRD SUIT OF KIND IN WEEK

A Total of \$80,000 Claimed From the Northwestern Damage Cases in Past Few Days—And Railroading is All Profit, Too.

Another big damage suit against the Northwestern railroad, this time for \$35,000 on behalf of John B. Williams, a Norfolk breakman, is to be filed in the district court at Madison. The papers in the case were drawn up in Norfolk Tuesday by Attorney M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, attorney for Williams. This suit is the third to be brought against the Northwestern during the last few days on behalf of Norfolk railroad men or their families. The damages asked for in the three suits represent in the aggregate \$80,000.

J. B. Williams, who is to sue the Northwestern for \$35,000, lives in Norfolk at the corner of Indiana avenue and Fourth street. He is a young man and is married.

Williams' claim for damages is based on injuries received on September 1, 1907, when he fell from a Northwestern box car. He claims to have been hanging onto the hand hold on the car when a bolt came out, throwing him to the ground. Williams says that the train was going over twenty miles an hour and claims that his spine was permanently injured by the fall. The plaintiff claims that he is still compelled to use crutches.

The accident happened near Fremont. Williams was employed as a Northwestern breakman at the time. The suit will be filed at Madison at once.

Last Saturday Attorney Harrington filed a \$20,000 damage suit at Madison for T. A. Taylor, who claimed serious injuries resulting from an accident in the Norfolk roundhouse last September.

About the same time a \$25,000 suit was brought against the Northwestern in Sioux City by the widow and children of Albert Stark, who was killed in the Norfolk roundhouse on August 31, 1906. This suit was filed by Judge A. Van Wageningen of Sioux City.

Y. M. C. A. Convention. At a meeting Sunday afternoon of the general committee in charge of the local end of the Y. M. C. A. convention in the city in February, a number of local committees were outlined. These committees will be ready to be announced as soon as the men suggested can be interviewed and their acceptance secured. The meeting Sunday was held in the office of Mapey & Hazen.

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In the first minute of the first hour in the first day of the happy New Year Brumund shot off a good portion of his right thumb.

When the Norfolk fire whistle sounded the death knell of the year 1907 Brumund picked up an old fashioned breach loading shot gun and stepped out in the open air to fire just one salute for the new year. His wife and children who know Brumund's proverbial bad luck, pleaded with him not to go, but Brumund wanted to get on the good side of the new year and to answer the guns which were beginning to boom out the tidings in Norfolk.

When Brumund pulled the trigger most of the shot came out the back end of the gun. The flesh on his thumb was badly torn. Dr. Pilger was called upon from Norfolk. No serious results are expected from the accident unless infection sets in.

Brumund lives on a farm two miles southeast of Norfolk. His continued ill luck has won him the title of "the unluckiest man in Madison county."

His last accident was at Hoskins a month or so ago and resulted in the amputation of two fingers of the right hand.

THURSDAY TIDINGS. E. W. Uecker of this city is to engage in the harness business at Lake Park, Iowa.

A number of young people enjoyed a party New Year's night at the home of I. T. Cook in Edgewater Park.

"Josephine" is the name decided on for little Miss Sturgeon, who arrived on last Sunday at the J. D. Sturgeon home.

Crandall's orchestra, of Sioux City, will furnish music for the Elk dance to be given Friday night. Dancing will start at 8:30 sharp.

The employees of the Anthes & Smith department store were entertained Wednesday evening by Mrs. A. N. Anthes at the Anthes home.

Dwight Reed of Nebraska City, a traveling man who once made this territory, has taken a territory tributary to Lincoln for the E. E. Bruce Drug company of Omaha.

Miss Emma Mueller, who is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. William Elsaesser in Cheyenne, Wyo., is reported as being in much better health than when she left Norfolk.

Peter Bussey has just found more gold in the craw of another duck killed on his farm. Last year a considerable quantity was taken from fowls which he killed. Mr. Bussey is going to have a tooth filled with some of the gold found.

The Norfolk Pickle & Vinegar company, under the direction of George R. Hodson, is now actively engaged in introducing its product to the Nebraska market. The company has placed three men on the road and intends to increase its traveling force to six.

An interesting post-card from Frank Tannehill says he is now visiting in his old home town, Bedford, Ind. When he came west that was a town of 2,000 and now it is a city of 15,000. The coldest weather yet experienced in that vicinity this winter was twenty above zero.

A bankruptcy hearing was held Tuesday in the court of E. P. Weatherly, referee in bankruptcy, on objections that had been filed to the discharge from bankruptcy of Leroy A. Angel of Spencer. Attorney M. F. Harrington of O'Neill appeared for Mr. Angel. Attorney Matt Miller of David City for the creditors.

The first firm alarm of 1908 was sent in from the home of S. T. Skeen at the corner of Seventh street and Hayes avenue. A burning chimney caused the alarm. There was no damage to the house and the services of the department were not needed. Mr. Skeen is a traveling freight auditor for the Northwestern and is working out of Rapid City just now.

A reunion of the Schiller family was held on New Year's day at the Oxnard hotel. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Schiller, sr., of Ida Grove, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Schiller, Miss Hazel Schiller and Harry Schiller of Central City, Frederick Schiller of Ida Grove, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schiller of North Platte and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Schiller of Norfolk.

Pierce Leader: Mrs. Walter Hamm of Springfield, Ill., arrived in Pierce Sunday afternoon and is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Koltermann, living north of town. Mrs. Hamm was formerly Miss Dora Smith, and as was stated about a month ago in the Leader her husband was taken sick and died. Later on she may decide to buy a home in Norfolk and live there.

Sliding down the short incline at

the end of the platform at the Northwestern freight depot Tuesday Ralph Randkley, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Randkley, went off of the platform, falling in such a manner as to strike his leg against something sharp. A gash of some length was cut in the calf of the leg. Several stitches were taken by Dr. Salter to close the wound.

Norfolk friends have received word of the death of Walter Singer, a son of Max Singer who until three years ago was an instructor in the Christ Lutheran school in Norfolk. The Singer boy was a lad of about twelve years and was raised in Norfolk, where Mr. Singer lived for about eleven years. Death occurred in Chicago, which is now the Singer home. The funeral was held on New Year's day.

The city council meeting Thursday evening is the first meeting of that body in the new year.

J. H. Conley, who has been appointed deputy grand president of the Eagle order, intends with the new year to give considerable attention to his territory, which consists of the north Platte country exclusive of Omaha.

Mr. Conley's work consists of visiting lodges in the interest of the order and organizing new aeries of Eagles. One of the first towns that Mr. Conley will visit for the purposes of organizing a new Eagle lodge will be Bloomfield, in north Nebraska Eagle lodges already exist in Blair, Fremont, North Bend, Grand Island, Alliance, Crawford, Chadron, Valentine, Norfolk, Wayne and Hartington. Among the towns which do not have Eagle organizations but which are considered as good places for local aeries to be started are Columbus, West Point, Long Pine and O'Neill.

Notice to Bridge Contractors. Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the county commissioners of Madison county, Nebraska, for the furnishing of all the necessary materials and labor for the erection and completion of the following wooden bridges, or so many thereof as shall be ordered built by the said county commissioners, for the year beginning March 20, 1908, and ending March 19, 1909, to-wit:

One thirty foot, 16-foot road way, pile bridge across a branch of Union creek between sections 16 and 21 in township 22 north, of range 1 in said county.

And such other bridges of like class as above as necessity or emergency shall require said county commissioners to order constructed during said period.

All such bridges shall be what is commonly called pile and stringer bridges, to be built in accordance with plans and specifications heretofore adopted by the said county commissioners.

At the same time and place as heretofore specified, bids will also be received by said county commissioners for a yearly contract for the repair of all bridges and approaches to bridges which may be ordered repaired and maintained by said county commissioners during the period above specified.

No bid will be considered unless it is accompanied by a certified check for \$250 payable to the county clerk of Madison county, Nebraska, which shall be forfeited to the county of Madison in case the successful bidder refuses or neglects to enter into a contract if the same shall be awarded to him.

The party receiving the contract, or either of them, will be required to give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$2,000, or such other amount as the said commissioners may designate, conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract.

Bids will be received at any time prior to 12 o'clock noon, of February 1, 1908, by the county clerk of said county at his office in Madison, Nebraska, and said bids will be opened at the commissioners' office at Madison, Nebraska, at 2 o'clock p. m. on February 5, 1908.

All bids shall be made on bidding sheets furnished by the county clerk on application.

The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Done by order