

**TOO MUCH HELL IN ARMY**

TOO MUCH HORSE AND TOO MUCH OF SEVERAL OTHER THINGS.

**DOLEFUL PLAINT OF DESERTER**

F. H. Meacham From Ft. Robinson, Held in the Norfolk City Jail—Thought By Officers to be a Little Off in His Head.

"Too much hell in the army; too much horse. I might have starred in the infantry but I never swore to ride a bareback horse"—this was the doleful plaint of F. H. Meacham, deserter from Troop K, Eighth cavalry, at Fort Robinson, held in the Norfolk city jail.

"I enlisted to fight for my country. I was kicked by corporals and sworn at by sergeants and made to ride horses bareback. The meanness of the army is surpassing belief. I am a young man of a good family in Terra Haute, Ind., twenty-one years of age. I love the army—see me willing away the hours in this narrow jail drilling with a broomstick. 'Port arms!' 'Right shoulder, arms!' But do not love to be treated like a dog and I do not love to fall off horses."

Meacham has been thirty days in the army. He enlisted at St. Louis and was one of the boys in blue who passed through Norfolk recently over the Northwestern. He came to Norfolk, clad in an army overcoat and a blue uniform. He was arrested by Officer Livingston and placed in the city jail. Chief Flynn wired the officers at Fort Robinson, who wired that \$50 reward would be paid on the man's conviction.

Meacham puzzled the officers. He is a peculiar case. "A little twisted," remarked the chief. "Maybe too much army hazing." Meacham spent Monday in the city jail going through the manual of arms. He is a slender, nervous youth.

"I should not be in jail," said Meacham, "for I am not a deserter. I was bound for Washington, D. C., to lay my troubles before Roosevelt and the rest. I left the army Thursday. I went to Crawford. A passenger came along and I got to Chadron. Then I made my way to Norfolk. I was going to St. Louis, then to Terra Haute, where I would get money enough to get to Washington."

"I went back to that fort four times before I left. Each time I said that if I heard no horse I would stay, but it was horse, horse, horse. I love my country, but I joined an army not a circus. We had to ride bareback, sideways and standing up. Men fell off. They laughed as they fell but they gulped and lay still afterwards. I fell and my horse came and licked my face."

"The life in the cavalry is a dog's life. The officers aren't so bad but the non-coms are terrible. If a man doesn't drink, treat and blow his money, he gets a hard life."

"A brother of mine enlisted too, but lucky dog, he got the infantry. I would rather walk, walk, walk, and tramp, tramp, tramp, than ride a bareback horse, which isn't riding at all but hell."

"I love the army. See my uniform. If I was a deserter I would have got rid of my outfit but I am still in the blue and the brown, though also in jail, which is no place for an innocent man. I can get good recommendations in Terra Haute."

"So here I am with a broom stick; 'Right shoulder, arms!' 'Port arms!' 'Order arms!' 'Present arms!'"

"If there's anything in this lad's story tis not strange that its hard to fill the army," said a man who heard the story.

Tuesday morning Chief Flynn left for Omaha with his soldier prisoner, taking the young deserter to Fort Crook in response to directions from the army authorities.

Chief Flynn did not expect to return direct to Norfolk from Omaha but intended to go by way of Lincoln attending the big dinner in Bryan's honor Wednesday night.

**REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.**

For First Time in Fifteen Years Cumulative County Board is Republican.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 11.—Special to The News: The settlement committee of the county board of Cumulative county finished their work of examination of the county records on Tuesday and found the same correct and well kept. The old board of supervisors held their last meeting on Wednesday and adjourned sine die. The new board is scheduled to meet on Jan. 14 for organization. For the first time in fifteen years the board of supervisors of this county has a republican majority. On Thursday, the offices of county clerk, superintendent and assessor changed hands. H. W. Harstich, former deputy, was installed as clerk; John Clatanoff as assessor and Miss Emma R. Miller, the lone republican officeholder as superintendent of schools. The following officers succeeded themselves: William Malchow, Jr., sheriff; Louis Dewald, county judge; J. C. Pinker, clerk of the district court; Fred Thietje, treasurer, and G. A. Heller, surveyor. These officers had practically no opposition at the polls, the citizens generally being well satisfied with their service and recognizing them as being an exceedingly high class of county officials, meriting a second term.

**OLDEST IN NORTH NEBRASKA.**

Norfolk Building and Loan Association Was Founded in 1885.

The Norfolk Building & Loan association, which closed the year with assets amounting to \$120,000, was founded in 1885, the year that the Norfolk National bank received its charter from the federal government. In addition to being a pioneer money institution in Norfolk, The Norfolk B. & L. association is also probably the oldest association in north Nebraska.

The association was incorporated by these early day business men of Norfolk: Edwin T. Hoeh, Samuel L. Kinnan, George L. Iles, H. C. Brome, W. Gerecke, R. Miller, C. A. Mast, A. J. Durland, D. Mathewson and D. W. Durland.

D. Mathewson was the first president. He was soon succeeded by H. A. Pasewalk, who remained at the head of the association until the present time. C. A. Mast as treasurer was followed by George Luikart, Herman Bucholz and E. W. Zutz. A. J. Durland was originally named as secretary but C. B. Durland served as acting secretary and was in time regularly elected to the position of secretary.

The Norfolk association was organized to help Norfolk at a time when the city was in its greatest building activity. In time the activities of the association were extended until today the association operates in Long Pine, Atkinson, Neligh, Lynch, Plainview, Wayne and Carroll. In Norfolk alone funds have been provided for the building of at least 200 homes.

It is the saving side of the association that the officers believe give it most distinctive value to a community, its force toward compelling stockholders to save a stipulated amount each month, furnishing not only an incentive but a positive demand for savings.

Stock in the Norfolk association has been maturing for thirteen years. The sum of \$350,800 has been matured to stockholders.

The officers at present directing the affairs of this association, which has had a career of twenty-three years, are H. A. Pasewalk, president; Dr. A. Bear, vice president; E. W. Zutz, treasurer; C. B. Durland, secretary; John Wolah, H. A. Pasewalk, George B. Christoph, S. G. Dean, I. M. Macy, Peter Stafford, Anton Buchholz, Dr. A. Bear and Oscar Uhle.

**FUNERAL OF JOHN GREEN**

Held at the Catholic Church in Creighton Monday Morning.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: John Green, aged 31 years died Sunday morning at 1 o'clock in St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, after an illness of two months of quick consumption of the stomach. The remains were taken in charge by the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a member and escorted to the home of his father, John Green, Sr.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at 10:30 yesterday morning, the Knights of Columbus, the Creighton firemen, of which he was a member, and the Creighton military band attending in a body. The Hazel Grove funeral march was played by the band.

At the church Rev. Father Windolph of Creighton said the requiem high mass and the sermon was by Father McNamara of Bloomfield. At the cemetery the services were conducted by Father Petlock of Verdigris.

Six brothers of the deceased acted as pall bearers, the honorary pall bearers being Pat Reese, James Reese, Frank Kane, M. C. Thiesen, Matt Wagner, Jr. and Henry Micke, Jr.

John Green was a brother of W. H. Green, editor of the Creighton Liberal. He leaves a wife, infant child, father, mother, six brothers and one sister. He was a young man who held the highest respect of the community in which he lived.

**SHORT CUT TO SCHOOL.**

Direct Route for the Small Boy is Through Big Smoke Stack.

E. A. Bullock, if he could only know, would find his name is mentioned in anger in many Norfolk households.

Bullock was once counted a rather popular man but his popularity is waning. And worse yet he has the women after him.

Bullock's offense lay in placing within plain view of every school boy passing his foundry on the "U. P. short cut" a sixty foot smoke stack, the stack being placed and pointed in such a direction that it was necessary for every small boy to crawl through the length of the pipe in order to get to school.

"Grown-ups" would imagine that to reach the stack one would have to go many feet out of the way but every small boy saw instantly that through the stack lay the only short cut to school.

To increase the seriousness of his offense against the community, Bullock had the stack painted red both on the inside and on the outside. He thus not only made it necessary for the small boys to crawl through the pipe to reach school but he marked each boy with red.

It is said that teachers by looking at the boys' clothing can tell at a glance which of the pupils live west of Eighth street and south of Phillip avenue.

It was rumored that the mothers' club might get out an injunction against Bullock.

Women are funny. When a woman tires of life, she takes a bath, and curls her hair, and then puts on her finest clothes from the skin up. Then she does the deed. A man who is tired of this unceasing buttoning and unbuttoning, with the round of work between, will take his life just as he is, though he may be wearing last week's underwear. No one ever knew a woman to kill herself in her kitchen clothes when it would seem that she felt most like it; she waits until she has on clothes that should make life worth the living.

Half the men seem to have an ambition to invent a new washing machine, and become rich. We seldom enter a hardware store that we do not remark a new washing machine.

**IN JAIL FOR EMBEZZLING**

CHARGED WITH TAKING \$1,500 FROM JOHN DAVENPORT.

**W. M. KEITH, A FORMER CLERK**

While Acting as Clerk in the Store of Davenport at Elgin It is Alleged the Young Man Abstracted the Money—Arrested at Aberdeen.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: W. M. Keith, a young man not over twenty-five years of age, is in the county jail in this city charged with embezzling \$1,500 from John A. Davenport of Elgin, while in his employ as clerk.

Charges were made and a warrant issued and placed in the hands of Sheriff Miller last Wednesday, who in company with Mr. Davenport left on the early train the following morning for Aberdeen, S. D., where the young man had been in business with his brother.

What can be learned as to the facts in the case is merely a matter of conjecture, but it is reported that the young man now in the hands of the sheriff had at one time a deposit of \$500 in a bank of Elgin while in the employ of Mr. Davenport, although in a statement to your correspondent from Mr. Keith, he absolutely denies this fact, and states positively that there is no truth in the statement. He declined whatever to answer questions as to where his parents reside or what the charges are against him, simply stating that it was all a joke.

After much questioning he stated that he had been in the employ of Mr. Davenport for about a year, and admitted that in company with his brother they were in business at Aberdeen, but recently had disposed of their stock of goods, his voice being in a continual tremble while making these remarks.

It was learned that his parents reside at Curtis and are expected here tomorrow or next day. These facts were learned from Sheriff Miller. Upon their arrival will await the preliminary hearing which will be held before County Judge Wilson, probably next Friday.

The prisoner seems to have a great deal of faith in his brother, who he claims is settling up their affairs in South Dakota, and will be here in a few days to render all the assistance possible that can be given to secure his release.

**TUESDAY TOPICS.**

E. P. Weatherby was in Emerson Monday.

E. P. Olmsted went to Niobrara on business.

Miss Mae Barrett returned from Fremont last evening.

Mrs. A. D. Lane arrived home last evening from Omaha.

August Millnitz of Plainview has been visiting Charles Biersdorf.

John Davis is home from a visit with his parents at Battle Creek.

Mrs. O. A. Harshman of Omaha is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. W. Koerber.

Chris Anderson left Monday for Dakota City and is expected home tomorrow.

D. Mathewson of Norfolk and John D. Haskill of Wakefield left Monday noon for Gregory.

Mrs. Bertha Pilger returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with her daughter at Tecumseh.

E. W. Hans has been joined by his wife, who came from Valentine. They will make their home on North Eighth street.

Mrs. Earl Sisk left yesterday for San Francisco after being in Norfolk on a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Keleher.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: H. M. Scott, Plainview; J. E. Peterson, J. Hansen, Niobrara; Ted Peters, Hay Springs; T. J. Simons, Butte; Charles Olson, Wayne; Fred Young, Bloomfield; John Mylet, Platte Center.

Miss Maude Whitlaw returned to her home in Battle Creek on No. 5 last evening, after a short visit with Norfolk friends.

Miss Scheltz of Stanton is in Norfolk visiting friends this week.

Mrs. Ahlman and daughter, Gladys, of Ewing, is here visiting at the home of Mrs. Ahlman's daughters, Mrs. Hush Dick and Mrs. Doyle, and Mrs. Hackett.

Willie Bruce, who is braking on No. 5, went to Verdigris yesterday for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Scheltz of Stanton transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Stansberry and three children arrived home from a visit in Herrick. Conductor Fairbanks who is running into Scribner, spent Sunday with his family.

Frank Kroehler arrived home from Havelock where he had been to attend the funeral of his father.

Ray Satterlee returned home from Mason City, Ia., where he has been braking.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Castle, who have been visiting Mrs. Castle's sister, Mrs. C. Hedrick, for some time, returned to their home in Chadron last night.

Mrs. James Davey is on the sick list. J. H. Fitch of Clinton, Ia., is in the Junction on business.

Miss Ella Cuttill of Beemer came up on No. 5 last evening to visit friends in the Junction.

Harry Cummins returned home from Battle Creek Sunday noon after a two week's visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shippley and other relatives.

Irvin & Melcher's meat wagon driven by Emil Wilde, broke down on Fourth

street in the Junction Monday morning. The wagon was pushed to the side of the road while another was secured from the store, to draw the meat and the other wagon to the store.

Mrs. Fred Ellerbroek and son returned home last evening from a short visit in Fremont.

Mrs. H. C. Straw of Omaha is here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and other friends.

Mrs. Stansberry and three children went to Herrick yesterday for a short visit.

Leon Case, who has been braking in the Black Hills division, returned to that place Saturday evening, after a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Case.

Carl Anderson is suffering from a very sore foot.

Mrs. Frank Russell and son Earl, and daughter, Reba, returned home from a visit with Mrs. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bickell of Exeter.

Mrs. Tony Larson returned home last evening from an extended visit in Savannah, Ill. and also St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Davis of Neligh, who has been here visiting at the home of her friend, Mrs. Dean, returned home Saturday evening.

Miss Elsie Case has resigned her position in C. S. Hoar's store.

George Scott returned home from Dallas Sunday, where he had been doing some repair work on the water supply for the railroad company.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue Holte took the noon train for their home in Wisconsin. They have been visiting Norfolk friends for three weeks.

Mr. Davis of Chicago is in Norfolk on business for a few days.

Miss Mae Barrett went to Fremont Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gory, who have been here visiting Mr. Gory's sister, Mrs. Frank Perry, returned to their home in Inman yesterday.

Pat Crotty is again able to be around after a brief illness.

Charles Shrider of Chadron was in the Junction yesterday on business.

Andy Viele took the noon train to Chicago Sunday.

Charles Miller went to Fremont to visit his father, who is running between there and Lincoln.

Miss Ella Bland returned home from a visit in Felger, last evening.

Miss Rebecca Dugan returned to her school near Pierce Sunday noon after spending Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Axtel Johnson.

Miss Ella Haupli returned to her school in Meadow Grove, after spending Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Push Pender arrived home from Johnston, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Bessie Barrett who has been ill with tonsillitis is able to be at work again.

The West Side Whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock Thursday night.

The missionary society of the First Congregational church met with Miss Elvira Durland Tuesday afternoon.

The sixty-first birthday of Ferdinand Schulz was observed by a gathering of friends at his home in Edgewater park.

A business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Congregational church will be held at the home of Miss Etta Durland at 104 North Ninth street, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening.

L. C. Sparks of Valentine, through the efforts of Senator Burkett, will be given an opportunity to take an examination for second lieutenant of the regular army, his name to be shortly designated by the president for such examination.

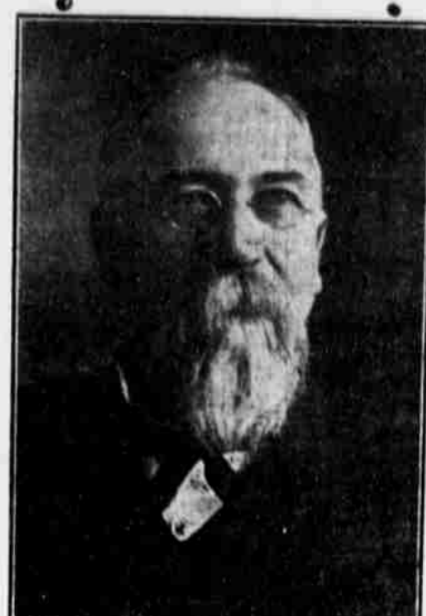
The picturesque Seth Bullock of Deadwood, S. D., and Mrs. Bullock, left for home Saturday according to Washington dispatches, Mr. Bullock paying his compliments to the president before leaving. The United States marshal for South Dakota will accompany Mrs. Bullock to Omaha, where the latter will go on to the Black Hills, while Bullock will go to Sioux Falls to take a hand in the senatorial fight now in progress there. Bullock is for Kittredge.

The bronze medal, which was awarded to Col. S. W. Hayes of Norfolk by the Masonic grand lodge of the state in recognition of Col. Hayes' unique position as the oldest Mason in Nebraska, has been changed to a solid gold medal as a more worthy expression of the sentiments of the grand lodge towards its oldest past grand master. The two medals are the same in design, the medal of solid gold simply being substituted for the medal formerly presented to Col. Hayes. The substitution was made at a meeting of the Norfolk blue lodge, where with appropriate words the new medal was given Col. Hayes and the medal formerly presented returned to the grand lodge. It was something of a coincidence that Past Grand Master C. E. Burnham, who made the presentation of the new medal, is the youngest past grand master of the Masonic fraternity of Nebraska. The Norfolk lodge consequently claims both the oldest and the youngest past grand masters in Nebraska.

**THE NORFOLK MEN NOW LIVING WHO HAVE BEEN MAYOR OF THE CITY**



HERMAN GERECKE  
Three terms, 1886, 89-90.



JOHN KOENIGSTEIN  
Three terms, 1887-8-91.



S. W. HAYES  
One term, 1892.



H. C. MATRAU  
Two terms, 1893-4.



M. C. WALKER  
One term, 1895.



DR. A. BEAR  
One term, 1896-7.



M. C. HAZEN  
Two terms, 1903-4.



JOHN FRIDAY  
Two terms, 1905-6.



C. B. DURLAND  
Present Mayor.

Norfolk is proud of the city's list of former mayors. The city has been judicious in the distribution of its highest office and the town's mayors have been representative citizens and worthy men. Different policies in city government have been carried out by different mayors but the interest of Norfolk has been the shaping policy. It was a vigorous lot, those early mayors. The first six mayors of Norfolk, the men who stood at the city's head from 1886 to 1898, are all prominent citizens of Norfolk today.

Herman Gerecke was the first mayor

of Norfolk. He and John Koenigstein held the office between them until 1892. Each served three terms. Then came the other four—all living today—Col. S. W. Hayes, H. C. Matrau, M. C. Walker and Dr. A. Bear. Their record brings the city down to 1908.

The three mayors who followed Dr. A. Bear are dead. Norfolk lost former mayors in the death of J. E. Simpson, who was mayor from 1898-9, in Judge W. M. Robertson who stood at the city's head in 1900 and in D. J. Koenigstein, who followed Judge Robertson

with two terms. D. J. Koenigstein died in Los Angeles, Calif.

M. C. Hazen served Norfolk as mayor for two terms. He was succeeded by John Friday who held for two terms. C. B. Durland, the present mayor of Norfolk, succeeded Friday last May.

Mayor Durland is the twelfth mayor of Norfolk. Norfolk has made twelve men mayor and nine of them are living.

There have been several exceptions but most of Norfolk's mayors have been democrats.

in Nebraska banks are to be guaranteed against loss on account of bank failures without the aid of new legislation, if the plan now being evolved by Gov. Sheldon is carried out.

In a letter to A. P. Tukey, an Omaha real estate dealer, Gov. Sheldon says: "I agree with you that the state should guarantee the deposits, but I do not think that it is necessary to call a special session of the legislature."

"I have given this matter much thought and do not believe it will be necessary to pass any law in order to arrange it. I believe that it is within the scope of the work delegated to the state banking board. I mean that the state banking board could possibly secure a fund by assessing the banks, with their consent, of say, \$50,000 at first, to be used for making good any losses from bank failures. This fund could be invested in such a way as to be available at all times, and would soon become self-sustaining by reason of the interest on the securities."

"I have thought that I would write to the bankers of the state myself and see if such an agreement could not be reached, but I have been waiting for the reports to come in that I might know the condition of the banks."

Gov. Sheldon is quoted as saying that he wants to see the bankers of the state "take the bull by the horns," and that Nebraska shall be the first state to fall into line in safeguarding its banks against runs.

**PLANS BANK PROTECTION**

**GOVERNOR SHELDON TAKES UP GUARANTEE IDEA.**

**HE WOULD ASSESS THE BANKS**

**HE SAYS HE THINKS A LAW TO THAT EFFECT IS NOT NECESSARY, AND THAT THE STATE BANKING BOARD ALREADY HAS THAT AUTHORITY.**

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 14.—Depositors

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, 18-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 of the county commissioners, at Madison, Nebraska, this 31st day of December, 1907.

Geo. E. Richardson,  
County Clerk.

**\$100 Reward, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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