

10.00 BOOKS IN LIBRARY

NUMBER WHICH THE WOMEN'S CLUB EXPECTS TO HAVE.

BY THE FIRST DAY OF JULY

Fine Collection of Standard Works Which Will be Turned Over to the Committee of the Carnegie Building on the First of July.

The woman's club, whose energy and perseverance are responsible for the starting of a library in Norfolk, expect to have 1,000 volumes of standard works to turn over to the Carnegie library committee on the first of July. The women of this club started a library in a small way a few years ago, gathering together as many books as funds would allow at the outset, since which time they have been accumulating new books and they confidently expect to have a thousand volumes by the first of July.

The library is maintained in a room in the Bishop block, which is opened at stated intervals and in charge of a librarian, and it is well patronized by the people of the city.

The success attending the effort to secure a Carnegie building for Norfolk must very largely be credited to the woman's club.

New Books.

The following is the list of books recently added to the public library: An Encore—Margaret Deland. The Old Peabody Pew—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

At the Sign of the Jack-o'-lantern—Myrtle Reed.

Romance of an Old Fashioned Gentleman—F. Hopkinson Smith.

The Little City of Hope—Marion Crawford.

The Second Generation—Phillips. Satan Sanderson—Rives.

The Stopping Lady—Hewlett. Domestic Adventures—Josephine D. Bacon.

Liza—Turgenieff. When Molly Was Six—White.

Red Coat Captain—Ollivant. With Mask and Mitt—Dudley.

The Crimson Sweater—Barbour. The Little Colonel's Knight Comes Riding—Annie Johnston.

Abbie Ann—Martin. Captain Juno—Alice Hegon Rice.

Motor Boys of the Plains—Young. The Rival Campers—Ashmore—Smith.

Five Little Peppers—Little Brown House—Sydney.

The librarian wishes to call attention to some of the new additions: "The Old Peabody Pew" is a sweet, pure New England tale, in Mrs. Wiggin's best style.

"An Encore" is another of the Old Chester tales in which Margaret Deland has given us a renewed acquaintance with dear old Dr. Lavender.

The library also contains a nice list of the American statesman series. To the books of travels has been added "Through the Gates of the Netherlands," by Mary E. Waller.

The juvenile department is filled with much of the best literature for children, historical and instructive as well as fiction.

Little Colonel Series. The many admirers of the "Little Colonel" have been delighted to see her picture at the library and to know she is a really, truly girl. Book dealers all say that since the days of Miss Alcott no author has taken so strong a hold on the children—that the demand is steady, not fluctuating, for her books.

At the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs Mrs. Johnston was given an ovation. The excellence and charm of Mrs. Johnston's work is absolutely to be depended on. Every young girl who reads her books will be the better for knowing so lovely a character. Mrs. Budenz, well known to people in Norfolk and a writer for the Indianapolis Star and Cincinnati Enquirer, kindly loaned the picture and also writes:

"Mrs. Annie Fellows Johnston, author of 'The Little Colonel,' is not my personal friend, but we have a mutual friend in Mrs. Mary Lawton, widow of General Henry Lawton of Peevée Valley, Ky., who this week terminated a visit here with Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Green.

"Mrs. Lawton and family figure in the Little Colonel series because of their social relations with the Cochran family, 'The Little Colonel' being Miss Hattie Cochran in real life.

"Mrs. Lawton is Mrs. Walton in the books and her daughters Frances, Katherine and Louise are, in the series, Allison, Kittle and Elsie Walton. Manly Lawton, her son, bears the name of Randall, Mrs. Craig, mother of Mrs. Lawton, we recognize as Grandma Melvyn, Aunt Allison is Miss Frances Craig, sister to Mrs. Lawton, and the 'Two Little Knights of Kentucky' are Craig and William Culbertson, her nephews, who live with their parents in Louisville, Ky.

"The Little Colonel" has visited twice in Martinsville for a month each time and I have met her almost daily during her visits. She is a charming young girl not at all affected or in the least spoiled by the prestige that the books have given her. Mrs. Lawton is a devoted mother and constantly with her young daughters. Miss Cochran is with them much at their home and when they are making visits so that their lives are very closely interwoven.

"Mrs. Annie Fellows Johnston was left a widow with three small children to support and educate. Naturally gifted in the line of literary work, in particular that of child life, she was encouraged by her hosts of friends to devote her time and talents to the writing of more books after the first one (which I think was entitled 'Big Brother') was successful on the market.

"During a visit to Peevée Valley

Mrs. Johnston heard so many incidents connected by the babyhood of little Hattie Cochran that she announced her intention to write a story about the child and her grandfather who has since died. The story is true to the letter and when the author began to collect material for the work it grew so fascinating that it was impossible not to continue from volume one to volume two and after they were printed the demand for more came so insistent that they were continued and ten constitute the series. The one which was published for the holidays, 'The Little Colonel's Knight Comes Riding,' it is said will be the last book of the series. A good part of this book is fiction pure and simple, but you will find that Martinsville's famous mineral springs have favorable mention. The visit of which the book speaks was made here in May and June of this year."

ROCKEFELLER'S PROFITS CUT.

The Sun is Helping to Reduce Earnings.

"The sun is putting our mutual friend John D. Rockefeller out of some of his earned profits," remarked N. A. Rainbolt this morning gazing at the calendar. "It is indeed an unobservant person who has not noted that the period of day light is getting gradually longer and longer."

"Today from sunrise to sundown is ten hours, twelve minutes and thirteen seconds."

"Since December 22 the days have been growing longer and the people have been using less light. Rockefeller's profits are being cut, the Norfolk electric light company is having its profits cut each day and the gas company is also losing."

"Now Rockefeller is a canny man and loves his profits. You'd think that he would get out an injunction against the sun. He ought to hold it down to union hours."

MULE GEOGRAPHY.

A Farmer's Place Located Two Miles Beyond the Mules.

A farmer appeared at the Norfolk office of the Nebraska telephone company. He wanted a telephone on his farm. Where did he live? That was the rub. "Well," said the farmer reflecting, "I live just two miles the other side of those brown mules."

The farmer has his telephone but it wasn't located according to the mule geography.

West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: Frederic Gaster, one of the oldest settlers of Cuming county and an original homesteader, died at his farm home this morning at the age of 79. Mr. Gaster has been a resident of Cuming county over forty years and has always taken a prominent part in the upbuilding and development of the Elkhorn valley. He died of cancer of the stomach, his advanced age militating against the cure of his malady. He leaves a large family of sons and daughters and a large estate. He was one of the best known of the early pioneers, a man of rugged honesty and much respected in the community where he lived so long.

The spring term of the Cuming county district court will convene at West Point on February 3 with Judge Guy T. Graves of Pender on the bench. William Dill has been selected as chairman of the county board of supervisors. Dill is a republican, the first one to be thus honored in many years. He has also been elected purchasing agent for the county.

At a meeting of the creditors of Feehan Brothers, who made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors, Otto Kerl of West Point was unanimously elected assignee of the estate and has taken possession. The Feehan Brothers operated a saloon in this city for about eighteen months.

County Assessor John Clatanoff has appointed the following as township assessors for Cuming county: Bancroft, Charles Kramer; Cleveland, M. M. Tyrrell; Grant, John Skala; Blaine, John Lueschen; Wisner, George Lehmkul; Beemer, Birch Bowyer; Logan, Frank Kafka; Neligh, John Koehler; Garfield, Charles A. Anderson; Elkhorn, A. W. Toelle; Mismarck, G. Koopmans; Lincoln, Jos. Schulte; St. Charles, William Oligmueller; Cuming, S. P. Johnson; West Point, F. J. Malchow.

The new officers of the Modern Woodmen of America, who were elected in December, were installed on Monday evening. They are: Consul, Al Hartline; advisor, Frank Miller; banker, B. G. Hermann; clerk, August Hanft; escort, H. S. Radler; watchman, Fred Kloth; squire, Herman Wilder; camp physician, Dr. H. L. Wells; manager, F. J. Brazda.

RACE MEN TO BANQUET.

Delegates at the Monday Meeting to be Entertained.

Next Monday when the annual meeting of the North Nebraska Short-Segment Race circuit is held in Norfolk the delegates in attendance will be entertained at a smoker or banquet in the evening at the Oxnard hotel.

The presidents and secretaries of the local associations are delegates to the general association meeting.

COLDS AND GRIP.

Prevalence of Complaints is Charged Against Unusual Weather.

While the "open winter" has led to an unusual amount of sickness in this vicinity, most of the cases of illness have been colds and attacks of the grip.

From the point of fatalities the winter has not been unhealthy in Norfolk. There has been but one death in the city during the present month.

The death rate in Norfolk is always low.

WHY HE BECAME A LAWYER

WHY J. K. MACOMBER CHANGED FROM SCIENCE TO LAW.

N. A. RAINBOLT FIGURED IN IT

Mr. Macomber Was a Professor in the Ames College. When a Little Personal Application of Law Caused Him to Change Professions.

J. K. Macomber, one of the leading attorneys of Des Moines, Iowa, and one of Sewer Contractor O. P. Herick's lawyers in the latter's big suit against Norfolk, owes his present profession to a peculiar incident in which N. A. Rainbolt of Norfolk figured. Incidentally Mr. Macomber was in Norfolk yesterday looking up matters connected with the Herick suit and was the guest of his old friend, Mr. Rainbolt.

Nearly thirty years ago Mr. Macomber was not a lawyer but a professor of physics and mathematics in the Iowa state college at Ames. At that time a new scheme in lightning rods was flourishing over this western country, filling the coffers of the promoters with much gold and silver. This lightning rod graft was based on a claim that lightning rods could be built without ground connections but so constructed that the electricity, once lightning struck the rod, would be diffused again in the air.

Professor Macomber wrote an article characterizing the whole thing as impossible and a fraud. The new rods were bringing in a rich harvest and the Ames professor was promptly sued for \$50,000 damages in the federal courts.

N. A. Rainbolt was one of the attorneys engaged to defend the scientist. In preparing the defense affidavits were secured from a number of the world's famous scientists of America and Europe. The latest knowledge and the most authentic facts that the world knew about electricity and lightning rods were collected.

When the affidavits were filed in court the \$50,000 damage suit was hastily dismissed. But for the defendant the results of the suit did not end with the dismissal of the case. From his forced plunge into law he decided to become a student of law. So Mr. Macomber gave up his position in the college and went into a lawyer's office to read law. And in time he became one of the best lawyers in Iowa.

Mrs. Macomber is well known among students of travel. A remarkably well-traveled woman and a thorough linguist she has conducted many parties of students to Europe and even to the far east.

Mr. Macomber while in Norfolk placed the local end of the Herick suit against the city in the hands of Attorney M. D. Tyler.

Battle Creek.

Lambert Kerbel and his brother, Joseph Kerbel moved to Spencer, Boyd county, Tuesday. Lambert Kerbel still his dwelling in Highland park to Joseph F. Seb, who took possession at once.

Gottlieb Sibbel has rented his farm one mile north of town to Reimer Gardels.

Robert Pierce departed Wednesday for an extended visit with relatives at Rural Retreat, Va.

W. H. Stocker was visiting the latter part of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oliver Miller, at Orchard.

Al Vandeventer was here Friday on business from Madison.

Henry Schmidt of Oakdale has moved here on one of Al Ommerman's farms north of town.

Lots of people are on the sick list at present, at least ten out of a hundred.

Adolph Mantey moved to this place with his family from Meadow Grove Monday and occupy the Connelly house on the west side.

Tom Crook, who is employed at Nerick's meat market, accidentally shot a rifle bullet into his right foot, at the railroad station Sunday night. He immediately was taken up town to Dr. Tanner's office and the doctor tried to do all he could for him, but at present the bullet is still in his foot and causes him considerable trouble. The young man came here about four months ago from Bassett, where he is well known.

C. C. Christiansen was here the latter part of last week visiting his brother, Andrew Christiansen and family.

Al Ommerman was here Tuesday from Norfolk on business.

Tuesday Chas. Miles shipped one carload of cattle and Frank Huddle one carload of hogs.

The Battle Creek "lid" has been screwed down still tighter. Tables have been banished from the Battle Creek saloons. All tables, including both card tables and pool tables, have been ordered removed from the saloons. Dice games are also placed under the lid restrictions. Hereafter the little "bones" won't roll in Battle Creek.

Geo. Brechler, a banker at Page, was visiting relatives and friends here Sunday.

Eugene Crook was over here Wednesday from Foster.

During the first seven days of the month 1,664 head of cattle, hogs and sheep were shipped out of Stanton for the South Omaha markets.

The Battle Creek Enterprise reports the arrival of a little son at the home of T. D. Preece.

J. C. Cottrell, a former proprietor of the Osmond roller mills, is the defendant in a sensational divorce suit filed against him by his wife. The wife asks for \$20,000 permanent alimony, claiming that her husband is worth about \$60,000. Mr. Cottrell is mayor

GOLD CROP IS LOOKING UP

SMALL NUGGETT FOUND IN THE CRAW OF A DUCK.

ON THE FARM OF H. C. STANGE

Piece of Gold the Size of a Small Bullet is Found, Which is Pronounced the Real Thing by Competent Authority.

Madison county's gold crop is looking up. Additional reports of gold being picked up by fowls are coming in.

H. C. Stange, a prominent farmer of Battle Creek precinct, came to Norfolk Saturday with a particle of gold the size of a small bullet that had been found in a duck's craw. Mr. Stange took the particle of yellow metal to George R. Burton's where the metal was tested and found to be gold.

Mr. Stange lives about two miles south of the Elkhorn river and about eight miles southwest of Norfolk. At different times small pieces of gold have been found in chickens and ducks on the Stange farm.

Mr. Stange has no designs on a stock company as he admits that the gold has hardly been found in paying quantities.

Chickens and ducks have been industrious miners on several Madison county farms. Gold has been found on the farm of Peter Bussey.

The jeweler who examined the particle of gold said that it was a gold nugget weighing about a pennyweight. He said that it was about twenty-three karat. The value of the little piece of gold was placed at about eighty cents.

Gold eating ducks are valuable for they easily double their value.

REMOVED THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Dividing Line No Longer Appears on Rock Island's Mileage Book.

The Rock Island Railroad has done a new thing. It has removed the Missouri river from the mileage book map. It announces a new mileage book to be placed on sale February 15, which will be good on either side of the river. The book will be good for one thousand miles and will sell at \$20. It will be good for one year from date of sale. It will be honored on all Rock Island system lines, on the Frisco lines, on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois between Chicago and St. Louis and between Danville and St. Louis and on the Burlington line between Burlington and St. Louis. The book is good for more than one person east of the Missouri river and good for one person only west of the river. In Colorado, South Dakota and Louisiana the equivalent of one and one-half miles will be taken from the book for each mile traveled, while in New Mexico six miles will be taken for each four miles traveled.

NO ICE HARVEST HERE YET.

A Thickness of Only Eight or Nine Inches Caused by Warm Weather.

George Staleup, who is one of Norfolk's big ice gatherers, yesterday investigated the condition of the ice in the lake above the sugar factory and found the ice to be eight or nine inches thick. With favorable weather Mr. Staleup will begin putting up ice the first of next week.

No ice has been put up in Norfolk yet.

G. W. Schwenk's new ice house is completed and ready to receive several thousand tons of ice as soon as the river is frozen sufficiently to permit ice cutting.

DEATH FROM APPENDICITIS.

Another Change Made Necessary in the Norfolk Teaching Force.

There has been another change in the Norfolk teaching force. This time it was due to appendicitis.

Miss Katherine Willis of Dorchester, elected to the Fourth grade in the Grant school following Miss Judd's resignation, has to go to the hospital instead of coming to Norfolk. Miss Willis has had an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Guttery of Pilger, a sister of Miss Addy Guttery who is already on the teaching force, has been called to Norfolk and will be regularly elected to fill the vacancy as soon as the board can meet. Miss Guttery has taught at North Bend.

THE CITY DIRECTORY.

Citizens Should Help Make it as Complete as Possible.

If a young man or woman calls at your home with a pad during the coming week, don't lock your door. It won't be an agent but enumerator for the new city directory that F. S. Robison is to publish in Norfolk.

The work of listing Norfolk citizens for the directory will begin Monday. The entire city will be covered twice in order to check names and render the directory accurate. The canvass is expected to be completed in a week.

Among Norfolk business men Mr. Robison is finding plenty of support for his directory.

The directory will be published in about three weeks.

DEATH FROM APPENDICITIS.

Joseph B. Gerken, a West Point Young Man, Dies Suddenly.

West Point, Jan. 17.—Special to The News: Joseph B. Gerken, assistant in the office of the county treasurer, died Wednesday of appendicitis. The deceased became ill a week ago and was removed to the Emergency hospital at the Home of the Aged, for treatment and Dr. A. F. Condon, of Omaha, sent for to perform the operation. It developed later that the operation had been deferred too long; the patient being too weak to withstand the shock. He gradually sank until death relieved his sufferings. The deceased was in his twenty-fifth year and was a young man of exceedingly good ability and bright promise. He leaves a widowed mother and a numerous family of brothers and sisters to survive him. The remains will be interred Friday morning under Catholic auspices, the local branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association having charge of the funeral arrangements.

Judge Guy T. Graves has set the terms of court for the year 1908 of the several counties in the eighth judicial district as follows: Cuming county, February 3 and September 14; Dakota county, February 17 and September 28; Stanton county, March 2 and October 19; Cedar county, March 16 and November 9; Dixon county, March 30 and November 30; Thurston county, April 13 and October 5. The first day of each term is set for the hearing of applications for citizenship.

J. H. Conley, of Norfolk is in West Point in the interest of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is state deputy. The prospects for the organization of a strong lodge of this order in West Point are good.

Try a News want ad.

AGAINST THE CONTESTANT

JUDGE KELLY PROMPTLY DISMISSED THE CASE.

NIGHT SESSION OF COURT HELD

Contest Over County Assessorship of Pierce County Results in Failure to Make a Case by Gus Lierman—Other Contest Cases.

Pierce, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: After consuming all day in the trial of the contest case between Gus Lierman of Hadar and E. D. Puleifer of Plainview over the office of county assessor, a night session was held last night to finish the case. After the introduction of the testimony County Judge Kelley without hesitation dismissed the complaint at the cost of Lierman and the probability now is that all contest cases will be dropped. In case Lierman appeals the contests over county clerk and commissioner will come on for trial later.

The Foster saloon license case is again being heard today by the board of county commissioners.

Home Talent at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: What no doubt will be the largest crowd since the opening week of Neligh's new auditorium, will be in evidence tonight at the playhouse, when the Neligh Dramatic company will present "Peris of a Great City," which is given for the benefit of the local I. O. O. F. lodge. Every reserved seat in the house was sold yesterday noon, and it is predicted that standing room will be at a premium before the curtain goes up tonight.

70 MILES FOR FIVE CENTS.

Frank Tannehill Made Trial Trip on Chicago Elevated.

Frank Tannehill, who has just returned, sick with grip, from a trip to Indiana, had the satisfaction of riding seventy miles for a nickel on elevated railroad in Chicago, and could have gone twenty miles more if he'd had the time to do it.

He started out at daybreak to see how far he could go for his five cents. That's a great feat there now, he says. He rode until 11 o'clock and could have gone twenty more miles, but for the fact that he had to catch a train.

Mr. Tannehill stopped in St. Louis and was there when the powder mill explosion occurred. He got the grip back in Indiana—everybody in town got it the same day. It seems to be about the same brand of grip that Norfolk has.

DOCTORS DON'T AGREE.

Fixing Boys' Throat Does Not Remedy His Disposition.

Roy Bortles, the bad boy of Plainview who was to be reformed by having his throat operated on, has at last been placed on the operating table at the General hospital at Omaha. But the Omaha doctors did not agree with the Pierce county physicians that the boy's disposition was due to his throat trouble. The Omaha men said that the lad's disposition was probably due to the way in which he had been reared.

It is probable that a good home will be secured for the boy.

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Dallas Ousts Gamblers.

Dallas, S. D., Jan. 18.—The lid was put on Dallas today when all saloons removed their roulette wheels and gambling devices from their places of business. It is rumored here that the order is general throughout Gregory county.