

OLSEN GOES BACK HOME

NOTHING NEW IS UNCOVERED IN DISAPPEARANCE MYSTERY.

WAS ALL A WILD GOOSE CHASE

The Sheriff Believed What That Sioux City Clairvoyant Said and That's One Reason For Kicking up This Commotion.

Pender, Neb., March 6.—Special to The News: Sheriff Dorsey, Olaf Olsen and the Sioux City female clairvoyant who yesterday revisited the old Olsen farm here in search of some clue in connection with the disappearance of little Lillie Olsen, returned to town last night with nothing new. Olsen climbed onto the train and has gone back to his home in Knox county.

The sheriff, who acted so mysteriously and with such dramatic effect, has little to say other than that the clairvoyant had promised that if she could get Olsen on the ground, she could solve the mystery. More than that, the sheriff gives as his excuse for the fast drive the statement that Olsen had expressed a desire to prosecute the hired man, if the hired man were ever found, and that the hired man was found this week and Sheriff Dorsey wanted to get Olsen before the hired man could escape.

Olsen Gets Cold Feet. But when Olsen came to Pender he got cold feet on the hired man prosecution. Olsen had gone to Indiana some time ago. A woman there had told him that his hired man, with whom he had had trouble, had had something to do with the disappearance of Lillie Olsen. So Olsen told Sheriff Dorsey that if he could find the hired man, he'd like to prosecute. The hired man was found this week and Dorsey says he rushed up to Bloomfield to tell Olsen and bring him back so that the hired man might be prosecuted, if Olsen desired.

Had Faith in Clairvoyant. And the sheriff had faith in the clairvoyant of Sioux City who claimed she could find Lillie Olsen. So he got the woman and took her along to Rosalie. But she failed to make good.

And Olsen has gone back home, with absolutely nothing new having been brought out in the mystery.

Hole Dug Near House. Sheriff Dorsey says that there has been found near the house—between the house and the summer kitchen—fresh turned earth, showing where a hole had been dug. The sheriff has probed this hole and found nothing.

The sheriff also says that whenever this hole is referred to, Olsen dodges the question. He doesn't want to talk about it. Whenever that hole is mentioned Olsen wants the sheriff to go to Meade, S. D., from which place he says gypsies have a little girl who is claimed to be Lillie Olsen.

"Olsen doesn't act right about that hole," says the sheriff.

But that's as much as anybody has found out. The melo-dramatic drive and chase of the officer bore little fruit.

COMING TEACHERS CONVENTION.

Superintendent Perdue Urges Teachers to Attend.

Touching the north Nebraska teachers' convention which is to meet in Norfolk the first of April, County Superintendent F. S. Perdue has issued the following communication to Madison county teachers: It is not necessary to urge your attendance at this meeting. Madison county teachers know the good to be derived from attendance at former meetings. Practically all of our teachers were in attendance last year. The meeting will be held at Norfolk again this year April 2, 3 and 4. The first session will be held Thursday morning and the closing session Saturday forenoon. This will enable teachers who can leave their schools for only one day to dismiss Thursday evening and be in Norfolk for the Thursday evening session, attend all day Friday and Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. We expect every teacher in this county to attend this meeting.

RAILWAY BUSINESS BETTER.

Men Who Were Away on Vacations Are Being Returned to Service.

Fremont Tribune: The opening of spring has brought a marked revival of business for Nebraska railroads. This has resulted in an order for the re-employment of about forty men at Fremont and Norfolk who were laid off because of the dull season. The men, many of whom had gone off on vacation trips to different parts of the country, have been asked to come back and as fast as they arrive will be pressed into service.

It is the usual spring movement, heavier than was expected in view of the recent "dull times" that has set the railroad wheels to moving full speed again. Farmers are making their usual spring moves from one place to another, taking their household goods with them. Grain shipments are reviving. A good many carloads of hay are finding places in most freight trains. March deliveries of nursery goods are being made, and it appears that tree men have secured as many orders as ever. Merchandise shipments are showing a marked increase. "This was bound to come," said a railroad official this morning, "had we just stopped to think of it. While merchants hesitated about replenishing their stocks in view of the financial situation, the farmers and town people kept right on buying. Of course the time came when the mer-

chant had to order and perhaps heavier than ever." There has been an increase in passenger business, too, though it has not been so noticeable. It has just been a year now since the two-cent rate went into effect in Nebraska. In point of movement of passengers the year is said undoubtedly to have been much the heaviest in the history of Nebraska railroads.

ANNUAL CANDIDATE HUNT

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS LOOKING FOR OFFICERS.

OFFICERS ARE SEEKING THE MEN

Mayor Durland Does Not Care to Serve Another Term, and it is Hard to Find Anyone Who Does—Some Official Possibilities.

With the city conventions only the matter of a week or so in the future Norfolk democrats and republicans are just beginning to enter on their annual candidate hunt.

As usual there is no man actively seeking the privilege of heading his party ticket. Mayor Durland does not want the office again. Most of the preliminary talk as to the mayor's successor has centered about Jack Koenigstein. J. D. Sturgeon, who made the race last year, and H. A. Pasewalk have also been discussed in regard to the republican nominations.

Here are some of the mayoralty possibilities among the democrats: Former Mayor H. C. Matrau, ex-County Commissioner H. W. Winter, Councilman Henry Haase and Councilman E. B. Kauffman. H. C. Matrau was twice mayor of Norfolk. Now that he has resigned as Northwestern agent it is urged that he might find it possible to serve as city mayor for a year. Mr. Matrau, however, is secretary of the school board and will probably interpose objections. Councilman Kauffman may very possibly be the democratic nominee.

W. P. Logan has been talked of as the republican candidate for city treasurer. For city clerk George H. Burton has been talked of and C. C. Gow also suggested in the same connection.

The four members of the city council who retire this year are inclined to shy away from a re-nomination. Councilmen Craven in the Second and Spellman in the Fourth have seen so many years of continuous service that they may find it difficult to persuade their constituents to drop them for other candidates. Mr. Buchholz, who was appointed by Mayor Durland to fill a vacancy, has said that he will not run this spring. Mr. Haase is also inclined to withdraw from the council.

Pressure will probably have to be brought to keep the retiring members of the school board, Dr. P. H. Salter and President Viele, on the board. The city election comes on April 7.

ACTS IN WAYNE MATTER

Governor Sheldon Finds Way Out of Wayne Saloon Fight.

Lincoln, March 7.—Because of doubt concerning the duty of Wayne councilmen to revoke a saloon license Governor Sheldon will not at present use the drastic remedy of trying to remove the councilmen from office. He has directed Attorney General Thompson to file an application in the supreme court to compel the councilmen to revoke the license. Permission has been granted by the court and an effort will be made by the attorney general to make a voluntary appearance and settle the matter speedily. The suit for a mandamus will determine whether or not it is the duty of the councilmen to revoke the license. After that is determined the governor can take whatever course he sees best. Under the Sackett law an officer may be removed from office on quo warranto proceedings instituted by direction of the governor, if such officer has wilfully failed or refused to enforce a law that it is his duty to enforce. Three of the six councilmen of Wayne were complained against by the anti-saloon league.

HON. F. J. HALE AS DELEGATE

Will Go to the Democratic National Convention.

Norfolk delegates to the democratic state convention who came back from Omaha Friday night were greatly elated over the selection of Senator F. J. Hale of Atkinson as one of the four delegates-at-large to the national convention. Senator Hale was a "dark horse" but north Nebraska got behind him and he defeated W. H. Thompson of Grand Island.

Madison county claimed Senator Hale as a former citizen and worked enthusiastically for his selection. John F. Flynn of this city acted as chairman of the Madison county delegation.

Dr. A. Bear, C. S. Bridge, J. F. Flynn, E. B. Kauffman, S. G. Dean, W. F. Winter and Alex. Morrison, the Norfolk delegates, arrived home Friday night. Senator Hale came from Omaha with them and stopped in Norfolk until Saturday noon.

This will not be Senator Hale's first national convention. He was a district delegate at the last Cleveland convention. In 1896 Senator Hale was a democratic candidate for presidential elector, standing second only to M. F. Harrington in the vote polled. M. F. Harrington was recommended by the state convention as one of the candidates for elector this fall. He was nominated by the whole convention. Douglas Shawyan of Albion was the choice of the Third district, Dr. A. B. Cameron of Greeley county of the Sixth district.

DEAD IN STORM OF THURSDAY NIGHT

BURT EMMONS OF ELGIN FOUND DEAD IN HAYSTACK.

HE SUCCEMBED TO EXPOSURE

HE AND COMPANION, BOTH DRUNK, LOST THEIR PATH.

TOOK REFUGE IN THE HAY

Emmons and Another Man Started Home, Both Heavily in Liquor, and Lay Down in Haystack—Companion Left Emmons There All Night.

Elgin, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: Burt Emmons, a man about thirty-two years of age, was found dead in a haystack last night, six and a half miles west of town. He had died from exposure during the snow and sleet storm of Thursday night.

Emmons had been staying at the Oscar Moritz farm. He and Moritz had been at the Jo Harbottle farm during the afternoon. Both started home at 5 o'clock, under the influence of liquor.

Lost Path, Lay Down in Hay. They lost their road and drove up to a haystack. Both lay down and went to sleep. During the night Moritz got up and drove away, leaving Emmons without knowing what he was doing.

At noon the next day Moritz turned up. He drove to the farm of Ed Webb. Mrs. Webb is his mother. Not until afternoon did Moritz recall his companion. Then he remembered and told Webb that Emmons was somewhere in a haystack. Webb investigated and found the dead body.

Coroner Conwell and Sheriff Miller were notified and brought the body to Elgin early this morning. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Emmons came to his death from exposure.

The body is in charge of Undertaker Brooks, who is holding it until he can receive word from the dead man's mother, at Shenandoah, Iowa. He has a sister at Cherokee, Iowa, and an uncle at Newman Grove.

A cow belonging to Jo Kent was killed by lightning during the storm.

PENSIONS FOR THIRD DISTRICT

Names of Two Norfolk Men Appear in the List.

Pensions were granted as follows to persons residing in the Third district for the week beginning February 26, 1908:

- Joseph Rish, Winnetoon, \$15; Chauncey H. Sheldon, Columbus, \$12; William Hayer, Craig, \$12; Patrick Melvin, Martinsburg, \$15; Edward Esaw, Decatur, \$12; George Ellison, St. Edwards, \$12; William La Rue, Columbus, \$8; William Karger, Snyder, \$24; Benton O. Lewis, Tekamah, \$12; John H. Rockwell, Homer, \$12; Nathaniel C. Niles, Fullerton, \$12; Norvil Jones, Central City, \$12; Henry C. Matrau, Norfolk, \$12; Andrew J. McKevey, St. Edwards, \$12; B. F. Stetson, Center, \$20; Levi S. Beemer, Norfolk, \$50; John A. Griffith, Randolph, \$15.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

The band have commenced canvassing for their program.

Mrs. Ray Weber has recovered from a long siege of typhoid fever.

A. Low is on the sick list. Mr. Low is troubled with pains in his head.

Judge Welch and Court Reporter Powers will go to Dakota City Monday for a short term of court.

Gilbert Anderson has not resigned his position at the Junction and does not intend to leave Norfolk, as had been reported.

Mr. Robert Klug's cement block cottage on South Eighth street is nearly completed. Mr. Klug will occupy the cottage himself.

The Third district convention of woman's clubs meets at Neligh this week and the date of meeting is March 26 and 27. The program is being prepared.

Ex-Councilman J. S. Mathewson has been again proposed for the first ward nomination. He maintains however that his withdrawal from the city council last spring was final.

March has set Norfolk people to coughing again. There are very few cases of grip left, Norfolk physicians say, but a good many people have worse colds than they had last winter.

Miss Rena Olmsted left this morning for a short visit at Wayne with Mrs. R. W. Loy.

Guy G. Patton of Holly, Colo., is in Norfolk for a few days visit with Elton Sherdeman.

H. F. Barnhart has been in Osmond this week.

Leon Tompkins is down from Inman to visit friends.

Miss Birdie Bordner went to Pilger Friday afternoon.

Niel Haskell, cashier of the First National bank of Gregory, S. D., was in Norfolk Saturday.

Miss Margaret Hamilton, who is teaching school near Creighton, is home for a month's vacation.

Homer and Leo Williams went to Missouri at noon for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Laura Durland, who is teaching school at Platte Center, came home to spend Sunday in Norfolk.

Miss Burns a teacher in the Lincoln school building, left Saturday morning to spend Sunday at Scribner.

Frank Flynn as a special officer went to Madison Saturday afternoon with the Johnson couple, sentenced to thirty days in the county jail for unlawfully conduct the other night.

L. H. Hines, a prosperous retired farmer from Boyd county, has arrived in Norfolk with his family to make this his future home. Mr. Hines considered Norfolk about the best place on earth to live in, from the viewpoint of a home-dweller, and that's why he came.

Walter Cather, cashier for the beet sugar company at Hamilton City, Calif., arrived in Norfolk last evening for a short visit with his brother-in-law, Jack Koenigstein. Mr. Cather is returning to the coast from an eastern business trip.

Special services are held regularly during Lent in a number of Norfolk churches. In the Lutheran churches special services are held every Friday, the practice being generally adopted of alternating the services between the morning and evening. Thus the services at St. Paul's church having been held last Friday morning at 10 o'clock the services at that church next Friday will be in the evening. This arrangement makes it possible for every one to attend at least part of the services.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Miss Maude Walton, Winnetoon; Barney E. Smith, Lynch; R. R. Mitchell, Creighton; N. Clemens, Verdell; E. Schosty, Niobrara; District Judge Guy P. Graves, Pender; George J. Crilly, Bonesteel, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sheeha, Pierce; Mrs. E. W. Jones, Humphrey; S. D. Elston, Elkton.

The Grant school was dismissed Friday afternoon as a special tribute to C. S. McCaslin, whose funeral was held during the afternoon and who for a number of years past had been janitor of the Grant school. Many teachers and pupils attended the funeral services. Floral tokens were sent from the Grant school.

The church windows for the new church building of the St. Paul Ev. Lutheran congregation are expected next week. Considerable delay has been occasioned by the non-arrival of the windows. The new church building has already received the seats, the pulpit and the altar. No announcements can yet be made as regards the dedication of the church. The dedication of the building, the third erected by the congregation, will be an important event in this vicinity and for the Wisconsin synod in Nebraska.

Unless Florence is a close reader of The News she will probably never learn that her friend has been visiting in Norfolk and Neligh and expects her to write to Albion. The post card message was written all right and properly stamped too, but because Florence's address wasn't written it didn't get any further than the bulletin board in the corridor of the Norfolk post-office. For Florence's benefit it may be stated that the writer was having a perfectly fine time in Norfolk.

Writers of post cards very frequently forget to write the address, especially on the cards where they write a message on one half of the post card front. People who missed the Slayton Tennesseans at the Auditorium last night missed one of the musical treats of the season in Norfolk. The company is composed of high class vocalists and the melody of their songs delighted the small audience present.

The work of Charles H. Downs, basso, was particularly fine. Mr. Downs has a beautiful bass voice and sings with equal beauty in soprano. He was considered a marvel by those who heard him. Miss Maude Brown, soprano, was also especially pleasing. The organization deserved a packed house and, should they ever return to Norfolk, should receive liberal patronage.

Henry Herman, a popular Fremont traveling salesman who represented the firm of May Bros., in Nebraska territory along the main line of the Northwestern, died at 9:30 Tuesday night at Grand Junction, Colo., where he went three months after his wedding. Mr. Herman lived the forty years of his life in Fremont, where he was born, and attended the public schools. He was prominent in the Travelers' Protective association. He was a man of robust health until last fall. During the preceding summer he was married and settled with his bride in a new cottage. In November he went to Grand Junction, where he continued to fall rapidly.

Norfolk which is already a district point for the Nebraska Telephone company has also been made a district point for the independent companies. Following out something the organization of the Nebraska company the independent telephone interests have divided the state into twenty-four toll line testing districts. Norfolk will be the center of a district composed of all of Antelope, Pierce and Madison counties, the west part of Wayne and Stanton counties and the north part of Boone county. Arthur W. Sar, wire chief of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company, will be district wire chief. Under the new system a state wire chief is to be installed in Lincoln on April 1, Lincoln becoming the headquarters for the independent toll service.

CONVENTIONS IN NORFOLK

A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS SCHEDULED.

FIRST COMES ON TUESDAY.

The Third Congressional District Convention, Which Will be Followed by Others During the Year, is Next Tuesday Evening.

Next Tuesday evening the congressional convention of the Third congressional district will be held in Norfolk. The convention will meet at the Auditorium at 8 p. m. There will be 189 delegates in the convention.

The convention will be open to the public and as political conventions are going to be something of a curiosity hereafter it is expected that a good many Norfolk people will turn out to see a big convention in working order.

The business of the convention will be to elect two delegates to the Chicago national convention and to choose two alternates. The convention will be a Taft convention.

The congressional convention Tuesday will be one of a dozen or so important conventions which will meet in Norfolk this spring and summer.

Three or four important gatherings such as the winter meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Medical association, the annual meeting of north Nebraska horsemen and the state convention of the Y. M. C. A. have been held here since the first of the year.

The calendar of conventions already arranged for Norfolk is as follows:

- Third district republican congressional convention, March 10.
- North Nebraska high school declamatory contest, April 1.
- North Nebraska Teachers' association, April 2, 3, 4.
- North Nebraska bankers' convention, April 22.
- U. C. T. state convention, April 30, May 1, 2.
- District convention of Christian church in June.
- Firemen's carnival week, June 29 to July 4.
- Elkhorn Valley Medical association in July.
- Norfolk race meet, August 12, 13, 14.
- Northeast Nebraska dental association, September 15.
- North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association, Christmas week.
- Firemen's state convention, January 19, 20, 21, 1909.

South Dakota News.

Alex. Chris, who was cashing checks of railroad laborers at Deadwood for a per cent, is missing and it is believed that three Macedonian laborers put an end to him. The men are being held until search can be made for the body.

A. C. Hyde, a demented barber of Aberdeen, jumped out of bed, grabbed a razor and ran into a restaurant calling for protection from two negroes. They were in his mind.

Mrs. A. E. Smith of Garretson, is dead as the result of a prolonged drinking debauch.

Meade county elected Kittredge delegates to the state convention.

Senator Kittredge spoke at Springfield.

Small Blaze at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: An alarm of fire was sounded shortly before noon yesterday and the entire department was ready to make the run in a few minutes after the tapping of the bell, but upon a hasty investigation it was discovered that the blaze was at the brick works of T. H. Brenton, entirely outside of the city limits and over a half mile from the nearest fire hydrant, consequently the run was not made.

Mr. Brenton stated that the cause of the fire is unknown. It destroyed the building in which it started. This was used by his workmen as a resting place during the noon hour. He estimates his loss at \$300, with no insurance.

HAILED HEAVILY AT WEST POINT

Storm Accompanied by Severe Electrical Disturbance There.

West Point, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: A heavy rainstorm accompanied by outbursts of hail and a severe electrical disturbance prevailed in this vicinity Thursday night. The fears of many that the ground would to the list. The councilmen were advised by the city attorney and other attorneys that they were not in duty bound to revoke the license of a saloon keeper named Peter Thomsen. The anti-saloon league alleged that it was their duty to do this because Thomsen had been found guilty in a police court of violating the Slocum law by selling to minors. The fact that the offense committed by Thomsen is alleged to have occurred, not under his present license, but prior to its issuance when he was manager of a saloon may figure in the legal aspect of the case.

Later a fourth councilman was added but too dry to germinate the seed are effectually dispelled. The soil is thoroughly soaked with water and mud is the order of the day. Dried-out soil is an impossibility in this section of Nebraska the coming season.

PAID THE CREW FOR FAST RUN

R. J. Adkins of Red Oak, Ia., Handed \$5 to Freight Men. [From Friday's Daily.] R. J. Adkins of Red Oak, Iowa, wanted to be in Norfolk yesterday noon at

a certain minute. He started from Columbus on the Union Pacific freight, which was an hour late. Mr. Adkins was anxious to be here on schedule. So he offered the train crew \$2.50 for each ten minutes ahead of time that they would land him in Norfolk.

The train pulled into the Norfolk station twenty minutes before schedule time. Mr. Adkins paid the crew \$5. And the way freight was tossed off the train on the way up, he said, was a sight to see.

FOUNDATION OF THE FUTURE

Norfolk Commercial Club Engaged in a Good Work.

Just now the Norfolk Commercial club is seeking to lay what they think will be the foundation of Norfolk's future growth. One of the fundamental things that the club is seeking is equitable and competitive freight rates. Another thing that the club has in mind is cheap power which it hopes to in some way obtain from the Elkhorn river.

Norfolk's location and railroad facilities afford the opportunity for growth and the men who are boosting Norfolk are confident of that growth. Just now Norfolk is engaged in pushing out the legal limits of the city. The men who have Norfolk's hopes in their hearts believe that it will not be many years before the city will be itself pushing out of the new boundary lines.

There are many lines of easy expansion for the dwelling section of Norfolk to take and there are many very desirable locations for business blocks waiting invitingly on Norfolk avenue.

Norfolk is just now in a condition where growth of population means an expansion and filling up of the dwelling section and where virtually every additional business will mean a new building. Just now you can travel from one end of Norfolk avenue to the other without seeing a vacant store building. It takes a trained man to find a vacant house. A good many tenement houses in Norfolk have "waiting lists."

This condition makes the prediction of a healthy volume of building operations in Norfolk a very safe prophecy.

NO DIVISION YET.

Battle Creek School District Fight Brings No Results.

Battle Creek Enterprise: The petition for and remonstrance against the division of Battle Creek school district were presented to Superintendent Perdue at Madison last Thursday.

The superintendent found that of the original petitioners for the division, numbering about 150, over eighty of these had signed a petition asking their names to be withdrawn. It is estimated that 300 votes can be mustered in the district, so after deducting names withdrawn, the petition did not carry the number necessary to give the superintendent authority to act upon the matter.

It is hoped an amicable settlement may be made later, and plans to that end are now under consideration.

A DIFFERENCE IN ENGINES

TO A LAYMAN THEY LOOK ALIKE, BUT THERE'S A DISTINCTION.

HAVE JUST BEEN RE-CLASSIFIED.

Of the 1,452 Locomotives on the Northwestern System About One-Tenth are in Use West of the River in Territory of Superintendent Braden.

There are 1,452 engines on the Northwestern system. A new classification of these engines has just been received in Norfolk, a classification that fills a book of 180 pages. All engines, save for their stacks and the presence or absence of a "cow-catcher," look alike to the average man but the technical railroad man may be able to find enough difference to fill ten pages of fine type.

About a tenth of the engines belonging to the Northwestern are doing service in the territory west of the river under General Superintendent Braden's jurisdiction. Just now there are about 150 engines in service on these lines but in the busy season the number has gone as high as 195.

The last week has seen something rather out of keeping with the general drift of railroad affairs just now. The new federal law making a nine-hour day for telegraphers resulted in an increase in the "key and sounder" force in a number of the continuous service stations. Seven new operators were added on the Northwestern in the territory of Superintendent C. H. Reynolds while ten new men have been added in the Black Hills division of the road. Considerably over that number of men are employed ordinarily under normal traffic conditions, but the force had been cut with the introduction of a general policy of retrenchment on the part of the railroads.

The Omaha road has made a small increase in telegraphers on the Nebraska division.

A second federal law also went into effect this week limiting the hours of duty of train and engine crews to sixteen hours. The Northwestern road has been working under the provisions of this new law relative to the hours of duty for train and engine crews since last August, and the men have been given thorough instructions and training in what the law demands. According to the provisions of the statute a crew after being out sixteen hours must stop and take ten hours' rest.

There are a good many varied opinions about the new nine hour law for telegraphers. The law was modified greatly in regard to the "broken-time offices" where the Northwestern system itself fixes a shorter working hour than that imposed by the new law for stations of that class, which by the way comprise about 120 stations out of the 150 stations on the lines west of the river.

It is said that the 1908 expenditures for improvements and betterments by the roads of this vicinity will be less than half of what they were in 1907. This will be, too, in face of the fact that labor promises to be abundant and probably at reduced price.

It is not generally recognized that expenditures for betterments do not come from the earnings of a railroad, in fact have no connection with the earnings. To improve the track, to lay a double track, to increase terminal facilities or to build a branch line is just as much initial railroad construction as the original construction of the road and consequently has to be financed by new capital secured by the sale of bonds. All the earnings of a road can be expected to do is to keep up repairs and pay interest on investment.

Just now of course the stock market is in no condition for new bond issues and without bond issues there can hardly be expected any move in the direction of extensive improvements.

A slight increase in the stock movement is one of the noticeable features of north Nebraska railroading just now. The emigration movement has also been on for about two weeks. The freight traffic movement as a whole is said to be below normal.

Passenger traffic through Norfolk has been heavy the last few days. Political conventions have helped and as the politicians line up before the ticket windows nowadays they count just like anybody else.

The Columbus branch of the Union Pacific did a big business out of Madison during the seven or eight days that the Boehe trial was on. As many as sixty people went down from Norfolk some days—and there were no mileage books in evidence.

The new steel coach on the Union Pacific between Norfolk and Columbus continues popular. There is no denying the convenience and easy riding qualities of the new car. There is a general fear, however, that the car will be uncomfortably hot in the summer on account of the ease with which steel conducts heat. Against this it has been pointed out that steel cools rapidly in motion. An air space is also provided in the top of the car by a double roof. An attempt at something like systematic ventilation has been made by the Union Pacific in the design of these cars which are made at the shops in Omaha.

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