

FEDERAL COURT HERE THIS MONTH

FAMOUS \$13,089.25 TRUNK CASE IS ON FOR TRIAL.

ECHO OF NORFOLK DEPOT FIRE.

Five Cases Have Already Been Enlisted for Trial at Norfolk Term by the Attorneys—Federal Court Here September 21.

Cases already listed for trial at this month's term of the United States court in Norfolk:

- Abbott vs. the Northwestern.
McGill vs. the Northwestern.
First National Bank of Mercer, Pa., vs. Citizens National of Norfolk and Meadow Grove state bank.
Joseph W. Blaben vs. T. N. J. Hynes et al.
A. R. Graham et al vs. Nebraska Land company.

With patience acquired through many years of disappointed federal court aspirations, Norfolk this month will again give an eager welcome to a term of the federal court in this city promising more than any of its predecessors to be a "real" term and not a brief farce at "play court."

Federal court will convene in the Norfolk court house on September 21. A federal judge and federal court attaches will be in the city and probably a federal jury but whether their stay will be limited to a few hours or will include a real term of court is for the future to disclose.

What lends encouragement to the hope that this approaching term is to bring a United States court to Norfolk in substance rather than in shadow is the fact that the attorneys in five cases have already sent in trial notices to Miss Olga Grauel, deputy clerk of the Norfolk division. These cases, which will be tried in Norfolk if the opposing lawyers do not secure continuances, are nearly all cases of importance.

One case especially has one of the most unique petitions in federal history.

Story of the \$13,000 Trunk.

This case, as North Nebraska people will remember caused a state wide smile when it was filed. The case is brought by Rev. Alfred M. P. Abbott, who through his attorneys, M. F. Harrington and A. F. Mullen of O'Neill, seeks to recover from the Northwestern railroad \$13,089.25 for the contents of a trunk destroyed in the uptown depot fire in Norfolk in December 1905.

The jury in this case will be asked to pass upon the value of a human skull, of a family bible, of fifteen written lectures, of 100,000 stamps, of the text for a book on philosophy and of 100 written sermons.

What the Trunk Held.

Here are the items which the trunk is alleged to have contained and upon which the railroad company is asked to pay damages: 1 trunk, \$15; 3 straps, \$4; 3 suits underwear, \$6; pair of shoes, \$3.50; gaiters, \$1; overshoes, \$0.75; 6 pairs cuffs, \$1.50; 10 linen collars, \$2.50; 6 white linen shirts, \$6; 2 white negligee shirts, \$1.50; 1 night shirt, \$1; 6 pairs woolen socks, \$1.50; 6 pairs of cotton socks, \$1; 3 neckties, \$1.50; 1 silk muffler, \$1.50; 1 light suit of clothing, \$15; 1 suit clothing medium weight, \$20; fall and winter suit, \$50; shoulder braces, \$3; kid gloves, \$1; silk gloves, \$1; heavy gloves, \$1; 1 fish roe and paraphernalia, \$5; 1 nail puller, \$2.50; 1 chip diamond, \$5; 5,000 printed phenological charts, \$10; old family bible with record, \$100; 1 phenological outfit for demonstrating and illustrating lectures and containing human skull with history, \$1,000; 1 plaster of Paris bust, \$15; 50 hand written "ads" for lecture signs, \$25; 50 printed lectures, 16-20 pages; \$500; 1 large hand painted phenological bust on canvas, \$10; 1 lot of scientific data, partly arranged for the publication of a text book on philosophy, \$5,000; 1 book, "Heads & Faces," \$1; "Constitution of Man," \$2; book by L. A. Vaughn, Chicago, \$1.50; other books, \$10; 25 charts for lectures, \$25; 1 hand drawing of the human brain by the plaintiff, \$100; 100 sermons closely written, 16-20 pages, \$1,000; 1 very old and rare violin, \$100; 100,000 stamps, civil war, etc., \$5,000; also 1 bicycle, \$35.

A \$10,000 Damage Suit.

The suit of Thomas McGill, brought through Attorney Harrington, against the Northwestern asks \$10,000 damages he claims he sustained while working on a pile driver on a Northwestern bridge west of Tilden December 15, 1906.

The Blaben suit against Hynes et al is a foreclosure suit from Holt county filed by Brome & Burrell and R. R. Dickson. The bank suit was filed by Brome & Burrell of Omaha.

\$21,674.27 At Stake.

The suit brought by Andrew R. Graham and the Farmers Loan & Investment company against the Nebraska Land company has \$21,674.27 involved and is based on a big land transaction. The suit was filed by H. C. Brome.

More Cases In.

More cases are expected to be listed for trial by September 11, next Friday, when the time limit expires.

Probably a Jury.

Instructions for the drawing of a

liberal jury will probably be received in Norfolk in a short time. C. B. Dorrard of this city is jury commissioner. The Norfolk division of the Nebraska federal court district comprises the counties of Madison, Antelope, Knox, Stanton, Pierce, Wayne, Holt, Boyd, Rock, Brown and Keya Paha counties.

West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Sept. 3.—Special to The News: Word has been received in West Point of the death and burial of Conrad Helstermann, a former resident of this city. His death occurred at Pasadena, Cal., to which place he went some years ago for the benefit of his failing health.

A largely attended meeting of the Personal Rights League of Cuming county was held in West Point on Sunday afternoon, when arrangements were made to support those legislative candidates who are known to be opposed to the county option measure. The organization is very strong in Cuming.

News has reached the city of the death, at Foster, Neb., of John McKirahan, first treasurer of Cuming county. The deceased was a pioneer settler of Cuming county, coming here in the year 1857. For some years past he has resided in Madison county, leaving there only a few months ago for the home of his niece at Foster, where he died at the age of eighty years.

James C. Crawford, who has lately been appointed assistant curator of the National museum at Washington is a native of West Point, the son of the late Judge James C. Crawford. His promotion is a source of great gratification to his fellow citizens at West Point. He has been in the government service five years, and is a pupil of Prof. Lawrence Bruner, state entomologist of Nebraska.

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas King, late of Council Bluffs, occurred here today. The body was brought here on the Honesteel passenger train and interred in the public cemetery. The deceased was 74 years of age and was the mother of the late J. J. King, former manager of the Beatrice creamery company, who died suddenly two months ago. She leaves an aged husband, Thomas King, residing at Council Bluffs. The family were former residents of this place, taking a prominent part in the early settlement and development of Cuming county.

Mrs. Gerhardt Rohlf, wife of a well known farmer of St. Charles township was interred at St. Anthony's cemetery at this place today.

Vaclav Vanek, a former citizen of Cuming county, died at Madison, Neb. The deceased was eighty-three years of age and a native of Bohemia. He came to Cuming county in the year 1869. He was the father of the late Mrs. Anna Zacek of West Point and of Mrs. Kate Weinberger of Madison, who survives him. Funeral services were held at Madison.

The death of Mrs. Emiel Zahnow, wife of one of the best known farmers of Neligh township, occurred very suddenly on Monday evening. The deceased was thirty-four years of age and the mother of five small children.

DEATH COMES TO MRS. H. T. HOLDEN

DIES MONDAY MORNING FOLLOWING OPERATION FOR TUMOR.

Mrs. H. T. Holden, wife of Dr. Holden of Norfolk, died at 5 o'clock Monday morning, following an operation Saturday afternoon for the removal of a tumor. Mrs. Holden was taken critically ill Wednesday morning. Her sudden death came as a very great shock to the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Holden in this section.

Mrs. Holden is survived by her husband, by a little son and by three daughters, the youngest a babe a week old. Mrs. Holden was thirty-six years old and was born in Austin, Texas, on February 11, 1872. She came to Norfolk as the bride of Dr. Holden and has lived in this city for twelve years.

Mrs. Holden was a member of the Episcopal church. She belonged to the Norfolk Woman's club, the West Side Whist club, the Ladies' aid society and the Kaffee Klatch. The sick woman was taken to the Norfolk hospital for the operation, which was performed by Dr. Hanchette of Sioux City.

Relatives from Omaha arrived Monday noon for the funeral. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning from the First Congregational church. Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., conducting the services. Interment will be in Omaha, the funeral party taking the noon train to that city.

A G. A. R. Picnic.

All old soldiers and their families and the Woman's Relief Corps and their families, are invited to bring well filled baskets to Pasewalk's grove next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for a picnic supper and a general social time.

Glass Cut Was Serious.

Valentine, Neb., Sept. 3.—Special to The News: Wendel Cramer, the small son of Mac Cramer, a Valentine drayman, cut his foot very seriously by stepping on a piece of glass. The cut was very deep and the wound bled profusely, leaving the little fellow very weak from loss of blood. A doctor's attention was necessary.

NORFOLK CAPS SEASON WITH 5 TO 0 VICTORY

EMERSON NINE LAID LOW IN WINSIDE TOURNAMENT.

As a grand finale of the base ball season of 1908, the Norfolk team served up a nest full of nine goose eggs to the Emerson bunch of picked-up stars, and generously allowed them three measly little hits. Kirkland was in grand form and speeded up the balls to the batters with plenty of speed. The whole team was up on their toes all the time and furnished Kirkland with the very best of support.

Miss Amada Clement, the lady umpire, was on hand, and gave the best exhibition of umpiring the team has seen this year. The only fault that could be found in her umpiring was her inability to get close to the plays as quickly as an official of the masculine variety.

This game ends the base ball season as far as Norfolk is concerned. The record for the season is one to be proud of when the fact is taken into consideration that only two salaried men have been carried on the team this year, the rest of the team being composed of home boys. In a short time a record of the finances will be made public by the board of directors. Prospects are very good for a team next year; a better team if anything, than the one which so creditably represented our city the past year.

Table with columns: Norfolk, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Soxh, Hoffman, Bennett, Kirkland, Rusk, Bovee, Haak, Glissman, Reynolds, Total.

Table with columns: Emerson, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Sparger, Heffeman, Schrenpp, Herz, Heffeman, Smith, Hartnett, Bancroft, Carter, Total.

The score: Norfolk 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 5 Emerson 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Two base hit, Bancroft. Hit by pitched ball, by Kirkland 2. Base on balls, off Kirkland 2, off Smith 4. Struck out by Kirkland 12, by Smith 8. Umpire, Miss Amanda Clement.

PILGER CARNIVAL CLOSES SUCCESSFULLY

AT BASE BALL PILGER DEFEATS STANTON 6 TO 5.

Pilger, Neb., Sept. 5.—Special to The News: With two men out in the last half of the ninth inning of the Stanton-Pilger game, Tifts of Pilger connected squarely with a home run, winning the game for Pilger. The score was 6 to 5.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. C. Stitt returned Friday from Lincoln.

Miss Bertha Wilkins returned from Pierce Thursday.

Mrs. H. W. Hinkey has returned from an extended trip to Boston.

Miss Zetta Northcutt, who has been visiting Mrs. H. L. Snyder, for several weeks left for Omaha at noon.

A. G. Kennedy, a former high school teacher, who has been in the city for a few days left Friday evening for Spearfish, S. D., where he will teach in the state normal.

Misses Emma and Louise Schulz returned from Pierce Friday noon.

Mrs. Walter Severns returned Friday from California and will make her home here.

Mrs. Ed C. Engle and daughter, Shirley, have returned from a ten days' trip sightseeing at Minneapolis and St. Paul, returning home by the way of Sioux Falls, and spending a day with Mr. Engle's parents in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Musselman have been enjoying a visit of several weeks from their two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Kennard of Omaha, and Mrs. L. C. Hurford, formerly of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Kennard left on the early morning train for her home in Omaha.

W. B. Engle of Sioux Falls, S. D., is visiting at the home of his brother, Ed C. Engle, on North Ninth street. Mr. Engle is just returning from a two months' trip sightseeing through British Columbia, the Pacific coast and Colorado. He expects to leave Monday for his home.

J. A. Valentine is remodeling his home on West Norfolk avenue.

August Pasewalk is building a new ice wagon for the Pure Ice company.

Miss Della Howard has accepted the position of stenographer in Dr. O. R. Meredith's office.

Miss Edith Estabrook has taken the position of bookkeeper with the firm of Baldwin & Monroe.

H. C. Sattler is having a cement

walk placed in front of his property on West Madison avenue.

Sunday school class No. 4 of the Baptist Sunday school had a social at the home of C. H. Jacobs Thursday evening. About twenty were present.

The Nebraska Telephone company has rented the wagon shop east of Peter's blacksmith shop on north Third street. The building will be used as a store house for supplies.

Ed Ahrens, the hack driver, who had the mixup with "Billy" Blati Thursday evening in front of a Norfolk restaurant, was fined \$6.50 Friday morning by Police Judge C. F. Eisleley. Ahrens paid the fine.

The roof of the Seventh street warehouse of the Norfolk Storage and storage company has been covered with a huge sign, the principal feature of which is a view of the new new moving vans which the company has brought to Norfolk.

The News is in receipt of a postcard from John Malone of Madison, who is now at Rosthern, Sask., in which he says: "Will finish cutting wheat this week and will be home about the 10th. Have 450 acres yet to cut. Am running six binders. Crop good." The post-card shows an exact picture of Mr. Malone's ranch.

A branch of the anti-horse theft association will be organized at Randolph September 12. About fifty farmers there are reported to be ready to join. Vice President John Kranz of Norfolk is going to Randolph to organize the branch association. It is expected that an association at Bancroft consisting of 700 members may affiliate with the North Nebraska Live Stock association. A traveling agent may be put on the road shortly to work up membership for the association.

For the last week scores of Indians have passed through Norfolk, some north bound and others east. Friday a party of "reservation police" passed through the Junction from the west on their way to Oklahoma where they intend to visit some of their tribe. Very few of them seem able to speak the English language, though they are inclined to be sociable with travelers. The average Indian carries no grip or suit case but has his belongings rolled up in a blanket. Most of the men are far above the average American stature, but their size seems to indicate a life of ease and laziness rather than that of industry.

COUNTY FAIR THIS WEEK AT MADISON

THURSDAY "NORFOLK DAY" AT MADISON RACES.

STREET FAIR REACHES MADISON

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of This Week Are Big Days at Madison—Baseball Tournament With Lindsay in Place of Norfolk.

This is county fair week at Madison.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are the county fair days. Thursday is "Norfolk day."

County fair exhibits, races, baseball, band concerts, a street carnival, a tennis tournament, balloon ascensions and other county fair delights are on the Madison program.

The Races.

This week the horses in the north state racing circuit go at Madison. The field is crowded and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will witness fast races.

WORK NIGHT AND DAY AT DALLAS

Carpenters Rushing New Cement Building for Registration.

Dallas, S. D., Sept. 4.—Special to The News: The hammer and saw are reverberating through the atmosphere of Dallas twenty-four hours a day. A gang of men are working night and day on the new two-story cement block building, 24x70, to be used for registration and the land office. To pay for this the townspeople of Dallas have contributed \$4,000. Every available man in Dallas is employed and others are needed.

Judge Witton, who will have charge of the drawing, has engaged his offices here and will make his headquarters.

ONLY INSIDE GAMBLING.

Grafters Will Be Put Off the Street at Dallas.

J. J. McCann, a Dallas druggist, is quoted in the Fremont Tribune as saying: "An officer from every large city will be on hand to spot crooks that are sure to work in a crowd of this kind. No gambling joints will be allowed on the streets or sidewalks and every game of chance will have to be run in a building. This relieves us of a great deal of responsibility as any person going into these places knows what he is up against." Mr. McCann will soon put on a night and day force in his drug store. He is justice of the peace at Fremont, and a former Fremont man.

This Liquor Perspires.

Walthill, Neb., Sept. 1.—Walthill had an extraordinary nature fake a few days ago. A well known citizen shipped in a box of "books" and when they were unloaded on the depot

\$16,500 IN PRIZES GIVEN AWAY FREE FOR CORRECT SOLUTIONS TO THE PUZZLE BELOW

THE line of Pianos carried by The Bennett Co. is of such a high degree of excellence, and the various makes so well and favorably known, that their names are already household words in the majority of homes in Nebraska and neighboring states...

THE RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST Are very simple and will be easily understood. They must be strictly complied with, however.

- 1. The contest is open to all, except employees of The Bennett Company or persons connected with other music houses.
2. The correct names and addresses of 4 prospective purchasers of Pianos or Organs MUST be written in the spaces provided on that purpose in the wheel.
3. The contest will extend over a period of 30 days, beginning August 21st and ending September 19th, and prizes will be awarded and the winners announced as soon as possible after the closing of the contest.
4. No contestant may send in more than one solution.
5. In order that all may have equal chances of obtaining an award, the prizes will be distributed as explained below.

THE PRIZES: 1 Louis XV Grand Piano... Value \$1,400; 1 Magnificent Art Grand Piano... Value 1,000; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 650; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 600; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 575; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 550; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 525; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 450; 1 Upright Cabinet Grand Piano... Value 400; 1 Mahogany Upright Piano... Value 350. And other Prizes amounting to \$10,000 in Cash and Credit Certificates.

CONTEST CLOSES POSITIVELY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, AT 4:30 P. M.

THE BENNETT COMPANY'S LINE OF PIANOS. A large circular graphic with piano models and text: 'THIS SPACE IS FOR CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROSPECTIVE BUYER OF PIANO OR ORGAN'.

Form for contest entry: Name, Address, Street No., Rural Route.

platform a colored fluid oozed out of the box. It is claimed by scientists that this is the first case on record where books were known to sweat, but others, who do claim to be proficient in science, say that it happens often in "dry" towns like Walthill. REMODELING SOME CARS. Northwestern Adds Fine Observation Equipment. Sioux City Tribune: The Northwestern railroad, at the expense of thousands of dollars, is remodeling its cars and observation cars. Two cars just out of the shops arrived in Sioux City yesterday and were put on the Sioux City and Minneapolis run. Conductor William Monte was never so proud in the forty years of his service as when he showed his new car yesterday. Inventive genius has almost doubled the space in the kitchen and pantries of the new cars. Humidors, chill boxes and provision lockers have been added. A cellar beneath the floor extends half the length of the car. The walls and fittings are finished in inland cherry and quarter sawed oak. The observation half is covered with a heavy Wilton carpet and fitted with beautiful upholstered furniture. It is said these cars are equal to any cars of the same type on the trunk lines and are without doubt the best ever seen in Sioux City. S. M. Sorenson, who cared for Governor Johnson's party on its trip to the Democratic convention, is in charge of Conductor Monte's car. The revenues of the road under the law for the year ending June 30, 1907, were \$10,611,259.69 from passenger fares; this represents 353,713.189 miles traveled by passengers of the roads during the year. For the present year under the two cent law, the receipts were \$7,936,599.12, indicating that 369,829,970 miles had been traveled. This was an increase of 43,000,000 miles in the distance traveled in the state. The receipts of the road fell off materially, but there was a greater amount of travel. Battle Creek News. The Battle Creek high school will open its doors Monday. About fifty persons from here attended the Lutheran mission fest at Tilden last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall and lit-