

SCALDED TO DEATH.

Henry Wolfgan, Madison Thresher, Terrible Death.

ENGINE GOES THROUGH BRIDGE

Wolfgan Pinioned in Wreckage in Escaping Steam.

STEAM SHUTS OFF AID.

Accident Five Miles Northeast of Madison — Wolfgan, Unmarried, Lives With Mother in Madison. Threshing Partner a Witness to His Death.

Pinioned under a traction engine, which fell through a creek bridge, Henry Wolfgan of Madison was scalded to death near the Dover farm by escaping steam yesterday.

The accident happened near the Dover farm about five miles northeast of Madison near the noon hour.

The unfortunate man could not be relieved by his partner, Reinhart Meiers, until the steam from the boiler was exhausted. When removed from the wreckage Mr. Wolfgan was scalded from his face to his feet, the skin on his body coming off when his clothes were removed.

Lived Two Hours. Wolfgan lived for two hours after the accident, suffering excruciating agony until death relieved him.

Messrs. Wolfgan and Meiers were owners of a traction engine and threshing outfit and were working in the neighborhood where the accident occurred. They had finished threshing on the Dover farm and were running the outfit across an unnamed creek of a few yards width before returning to the Dover farm for dinner when the threshing hands had previously gone. The bridge was a ramshackle affair of timber. In crossing it in the morning the threshers heard the bridge crack and saw it sag even though planking had been placed on it to strengthen the passageway.

Meiers Feared Bridge. Meiers was fearful that the bridge would go down when it was recrossed to get to the Schnell farm, but Wolfgan, who was running the engine, determined to take chances. Accordingly the planking was laid and Wolfgan started across with the engine.

As the front wheels were crossing the bridge broke, the rear portion of the engine crashing through it. The engine and thresher seemed to buckle and close like a jack knife. Wolfgan was pinioned at the boiler end by the rod that pulled the thresher.

He might have wriggled out if it had not been for the coal boxes on each side of the boiler end with the accompanying side rods. Unfortunately the steam gauge broke, likewise the piston rod, which allowed the live steam to escape directly on the upturned face and body.

Hidden by Steam. Wolfgan screamed from pain, but his partner could only hear his agonized cries being unable to see him for the flood of steam, which enveloped the unfortunate man. Meiers did the only thing possible under the circumstances—he opened the whistle and safety valve and shut the throttle.

It was probably several minutes before the steam subsided sufficiently for Meiers to see where his companion lay writhing in agony. In extracting him he had to pull off some clothing which brought the quivering skin with it. Wolfgan was literally cooked from head to foot, with the exception of his back.

Whistle Calls Threshers. After Meiers had rescued his partner he hurried to the nearby Filpin farm to telephone to Madison for a doctor. Meantime the threshing gang hearing the engine whistling hastened to the scene.

Wolfgan was carried on a canvas to the Filpin farm, where he was attended by Dr. Long, who came from Madison in an auto. No relief could be given, and Wolfgan died in great agony a short time after.

Lived With Mother. The body was taken to Madison, the home of the deceased, Wolfgan was thirty-eight years of age, unmarried, and lived with his mother.

The engine was of sixteen-horsepower and weighed four and a half tons. The bridge which the engine crashed through was of timber, sixteen feet wide, and crossed a creek about four feet deep.

Zahnaw Finds Stolen Team. West Point, Neb., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: A valuable black team stolen last fall from the streets of Bancroft, in this county, were identified Sunday in Omaha by the owner, Robert Zahnaw. The team were among the lot of stolen horses located by Sheriff Bauman of Dodge county in Omaha.

The total reward offered for the recovery of the Zahnaw team and the conviction of the thief aggregates \$335. Part of this was the customary state reward of \$50, part a reward of-

ferred by the citizens of Bancroft and the balance promised by the owner of the team.

The horses were an exceptionally valuable pair of matched blacks and the owner feels considerably elated at recovering his property. They have been shipped to Moseley, S. D., the present home of Mr. Zahnaw.

Sheriff Bauman, who is credited with locating the stolen Bancroft team, is the same officer who recently located the horse stolen from the Behmer barn near Hoskins and captured the thief. Sheriff Bauman's reward in the Hoskins capture amounted to \$575, which was a record reward. Bauman lives at Fremont and is the sheriff of Dodge county.

Two Operations at Neligh. Neligh, Neb., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: Two successful operations were performed in this city yesterday morning by Drs. W. F. Conwell of this place and son, Paul Conwell, of Elgin.

The first operation was performed upon Mrs. Clarence McCord for tumor, and the second was for an abscess upon Geo. H. Romig. The patients are reported as doing nicely.

Charles Elsinger Drew Two Years. West Point, Neb., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: District court has adjourned after a one-week session. Charles Elsinger, the West Point young man who was found guilty of an assault with intent to inflict great bodily injury upon John Buse, a liveryman, has been sentenced by Judge Graves to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Sheriff Malchow will deliver him to Warden Beemer today.

Spent "Money" Pretty Fast. Neligh, Neb., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: S. L. Rischer, a stranger claiming wealth, "bought" horses in Neligh yesterday afternoon and gave out checks to the amount of \$5,600 on the Security National bank of Sioux City, in which he has not one penny on deposit—and never did have.

The itinerant spender gave a check of \$5,000 to the Atlas bank to be placed to his credit. Then he gave a check to E. G. Roby and one to J. B. Lewenswalder for \$300 each.

He didn't get any horses. He only paid part of the "cash" down to bind the bargains. Telephonic communication to Sioux City developed the fact that the man was a fraud. Rischer went to Clearwater from here and the sheriff is now said to be after him.

SPECIAL ELECTION IN FAIRFAX. Trustees Call Special Election to Vote Bonds.

Fairfax, S. D., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: The board of trustees have called a special election for October 13 to give Fairfax citizens an opportunity to vote on the proposition of issuing \$12,000 general 6 per cent bonds to take up the outstanding indebtedness of the town.

The board has also awarded the contract for pumping the city water to the Fairfax Milling and Electric Light company, who propose to extend their electric lines to the pump station and run the pumps by a motor at a price of \$141.55 per month, the present contract to run one year.

Bishop Was at Pierce. Pierce, Neb., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: Yesterday was an important date in the history of the local Catholic church. Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha, was here to administer the sacrament of confirmation to forty persons. He was assisted by the Very Rev. Father Riesing of West Point, Father Walsh of Norfolk, Father Peltz, Father Grobbell, Father Rappkegel and other priests of northeastern Nebraska.

During the pastorate of Father Mester here the local church has flourished and in the immediate future a number of new buildings are to be dedicated, including a fine school building, a sister's home, a parish home, etc. In his foresightedness Father Mester has built barns that accommodate sixty to seven-five horses of farmers when they come to church or send their children to school.

Three sisters are expected October 1, when they will begin teaching the school. The new buildings are all modern in every way.

RACES ON AT HERRICK. Fine Track, New Grounds, Fast Field of Horses at Herrick Races.

Herrick, S. D., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: The big race meet is at Herrick September 23, 24 and 25. Big preparations are being made for taking care of the crowd and showing everyone a good time. A number of fast horses have already arrived and several more will be here for the races. Herrick has excelled all other towns in the circuit in the construction of a track and barns and as a result all the good horses within reach will be there. People who follow the races say that the Herrick track is as near perfect as any they have seen.

E-C GIRL IS CALLED IN. Egg-O-See Company's Failure is Announced.

That E-C girl, who was in Norfolk the other day giving away dollar bills promiscuously, has been called into the house. She won't give away any more money. In fact the Egg-O-See company, for which she worked, hasn't taken in enough cash to pay what it owes, let alone give away dollar bills. The company has gone into the hands of a committee of creditors. This action followed the A. Booth & Co. receivership.

BULLOCK TO HAVE MODEL GARAGE.

Plans For Remodeling Seventh Street Building.

A MODERN TWO-STORY FRONT

Present Auto Warehouse and Office Building of E. A. Bullock Will Be Entirely Remodeled, Giving a Modern Garage.

The immediate construction of a modern automobile garage and office building is planned by E. A. Bullock who will have his present office location on South Seventh street completely remodeled. The new building operations will be carried on immediately north of the Seventh street foundry, the building to be remodeled being used at this time as an automobile warehouse in addition to furnishing a suite of office rooms.

The remodeled building, which will be virtually a new structure, will have a modern front of brick and plate glass. The first story only will be of brick. The second story will be of cement plaster on metal laths. A basement will be excavated under the building, which is forty feet wide and sixty feet deep. The front of the building, which will be conspicuous from passing trains on the Seventh street tracks, will give a colonial effect. It was designed by J. C. Stitt.

The building will be provided with an elevator and will be used entirely as an automobile garage with a repair department. The plans for the building have been prepared.

The sale of automobiles during the past season, while even above what might have been reasonably forecasted, is expected to greatly increase next season. North state farmers, always prosperous and now opulent with a great bumper crop will be among the most important class of customers.

The Flag in Cherry County. West Point Republican: "Billy" Miller, who is holding down a homestead in Cherry county, recently wrote Harry Jarrett, that he had not seen an American flag since he had left here and that he was hungering for the sight of one. Jarrett, who is an old vet himself, knew just how he felt about it and sent him a beautiful one by return mail. Now, there is going to be a flag raising in that neck of the woods, Sunday. On the tallest peak of his claim, Billy has erected a thirty foot pole with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. The ceremony will be simple, but interesting. As the stary banner is flung aloft to be kissed for the first time by the Cherry county sun, there will be a salute by Theodore Hoefs' double barreled, ten gauge cannon, Miss Gertrude Miller will recite "The Star Spangled Banner" and John Slavinski will sing "Die Wacht Am Rhein" to the accompaniment of a big frog chorus. Then the country's health will be drunk from a bottle of health kindly furnished by ex-mayor Zepin. Once flung aloft, that flag will never be hauled down. Coyotes may make the night hideous with mournful screeching; jack rabbits may leap in unrestrained glee over the unbroken glebe and muskrats may build their habitations in close proximity, but that flag will float on in solitary splendor, undimmed by solitude, rousing the hopes and cheering the hearts of the people there for miles and miles around.

PRAIRIE DOG WAR CREATES INTEREST.

Federal Government Sends Information on Wheat Poisoning.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The recent publication of the work now being done by the United States forest service in the way of killing off the prairie dogs which are so numerous not only upon the national forest areas, but upon practically all the western lands used for general grazing purposes has keenly interested the stock men of the states west of the Mississippi in the regions where the little animals are so troublesome.

The statement in the bulletin that the method of preparing the poisoned wheat and its distribution upon the ranges would be freely furnished to all who care to have it in order that they might make use of it on their own lands, has resulted in a regular avalanche of letters of inquiry in regard to the matter.

These letters have come from every part of the United States. Of course the greater number of them are from the far western part of the country where the prairie dog is most numerous, but from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, New York, the southern states, and along the Atlantic coast came requests for the information.

The eastern inquirers desired to use it for killing off ground squirrels, gophers, and field mice; while others asked if it was possible to kill out badgers, chipmunks and rats with the poison.

To every request the Washington office of the forest service has forwarded a copy of the circular explaining the preparation and use of the

FRITZ HANGARTNER LIVES IN MADISON.

W. E. Taylor is Guardian of Hangartner Lad.

INSANE PATIENT ESCAPED.

August Burmeister Got as Far as West Point.

Little Fritz Hangartner, the eleven-year-old boy whose mother was burned to death in a kerosene explosion last summer, has changed guardians and now lives in Madison, where W. E. Taylor was recently appointed permanent administrator and guardian for the little fellow by County Judge Bates.

Little Fritz has had a cheerful time during the few months that his home has been with County Attorney Jack Koenigstein, his temporary guardian, and he left Norfolk with regret. The boy is the sole heir to a quarter section of valuable land near Enola. The remaining property of the estate includes a house in Norfolk and the sum of \$1,500 on deposit in the bank.

August Burmeister Got as Far as West Point. West Point, Neb., Sept. 21.—Special to The News: August Burmeister escaped from the insane hospital at Norfolk and was captured by Sheriff Malchow and returned to the institution yesterday. Burmeister is at Norfolk from this county, for the second time, his malady appearing to be chronic.

Congregational church, united in marriage Peter Anderson of Foster and Miss Edith Beemer of Garfield township. The couple will reside on the farm of the groom at Foster, Neb.

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week to: Clarence W. Turner of Omaha and Miss Eva Bucklin of Bancroft; Alfred J. West of Wisner and Miss Ethel Ballou of Omaha and to August Blomgren and Miss Bessie Johnson of Cuming township. The last named couple were made one in the county judge's office on Wednesday.

The Republican county central committee consists of the following: West Point, First ward, J. T. Baumann; Second ward, Chris. Rupp; Third ward, Herman Zepin; Bancroft, E. C. Neilsen; Cleveland, Louis Kratoch; Grant, T. C. Bishop; Blaine, Peter Horst; Wisner, August Linnemann; Beemer, Ed. Albright; Logan, L. Farran; Neligh, Chris. Groth; Garfield, C. H. Sass; Sherman, Wm. Granke; Elk-horn, John Eilers; Bismarck, Gustave Mathies; Lincoln, no appointment; Monterey, John Schott; St. Charles, W. F. Haase; Cuming, L. L. Lauritzen. Senator Owens, of Oklahoma, is scheduled to speak at West Point on Saturday, September 25.

John Schmela and Adolph Dauphin, two well known young men of West Point, have left for Kansas City, Mo., to take a three years' course in the College of Veterinary Surgeons at that place.

Mrs. Philip Wagner, an old-time resident of Cuming county, died at Peabody, Kan., last week. She was a member of the well-known Nellor family of central Cuming county. Her remains were brought back here and interred in the Beemer cemetery. She was sixty years of age and leaves a husband.

John G. Mossberg, one of the most prominent men of Cuming township, this county, died at the family home of paralysis, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a native of Sweden and was highly respected in the community where he lived. He leaves six children, his wife having died some years ago.

The weather still remains very warm and dry. The corn crop is now out of all danger from frost, even late planted fields being nearly matured. The yield bids fair to be well up to the average. Grapes are being marketed in large quantities. The yield of this fruit is very large.

O'NEILL ADDS THREE MORE. Defeats Hooper and Reasserts Claim to North State Championship.

O'Neill, Neb., Sept. 22.—Special to The News: The O'Neill ball team strengthened their claim to the championship by defeating the fast Hooper baseball team in three straight games at the Boone county fair at Albion last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Prior to meeting O'Neill Hooper had lost but three games out of twenty-seven played, having easily defeated the fast teams east of Norfolk including the Walthill Indians, Fremont and three Omaha teams. Now they frankly admit that O'Neill is "it" in the baseball line with the strongest lot of sluggers they have been up against this season.

Hooper was clearly outclassed in every department of the game. In the three games O'Neill made 43 hits to Hooper's 24. O'Neill secured 33 runs in the three games while Hooper had to be satisfied with 14.

The score of the three games is as follows: Wednesday's game: Hooper 0 0 0 1 2 2 0 0 — 5 O'Neill 1 0 0 1 0 5 3 1 x — 11 Hits, O'Neill 18, Hooper 7. Two base hits, Bayle, O'Neill. Three base hits, Brophy 2 Bradley and Kelley, O'Neill; Harris, Hooper. Struck out by Bradley 3, by Cass 4. Batteries, O'Neill, Bradley and Wilson; Hooper, Cass and Jensen.

Thursday's game: Hooper 1 2 2 4 0 0 1 0 — 10 O'Neill 1 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 — 6

Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEE TO MEET. Session Latter Part of Week to Take Up Plans to Finish Campaign.

The executive committee of the Y. M. C. A. will meet the latter part of the week to consider measures for starting the campaign for funds to build the projected new building. It will be necessary to raise the entire \$25,000 by subscriptions outright and pledges before the building can be safely commenced.

FREIGHT RATES THE THEME

Commercial Club Directors Discuss Situation.

OILED ROADS ALSO UP

Secretary Sturgeon Has Not Heard From Trolley Line Promoter—Outsiders Write Concerning Business Chances in Norfolk.

Freight rates were up for renewed discussion at the weekly dinner and meeting of the Commercial club directors yesterday. No definite action was voted, however, either in regard to freight rates or in other matters informally discussed.

The discussion of the present freight rates, which the Commercial club regards as discriminatory against Norfolk, has revived interest in that phase of the club's activities. When directors were preparing a complaint several months ago in an effort to show that Norfolk was entitled to the Lincoln-Duluth rate on grain and merchandise, local railroad employes requested that the matter should not be pressed until after September 1, 1908, or until freight traffic revived in this section, reasoning that lower rates under existing conditions would mean a cut in wages. Now that September has nearly passed and railroad business is believed to be picking up, members of the Commercial club consider that the time is ripe to revive the freight rate petition.

Secretary Sturgeon read a number of communications from outsiders who inquired about the advantages of Norfolk, but none came from anyone wishing to locate factories here. The inquiries were mostly from parties who wanted to start undertaking shops, merchandise stores and the like.

Secretary Sturgeon reported that he had answered the letters of the Tulsa, Okla. party who had hinted that he would like to build a trolley line in Norfolk. He had received no reply.

The most practical inquiry came from a Chicago concern, which makes a preparation for oiling roads, thereby reducing the dust. The Chicago concern was told to come here and give a demonstration, with the chance of selling some of the "dope," if the demonstration worked.

In such a dusty season as now prevails oiled roads would save lots of discomfort. In California oil is used extensively for such purposes on dirt roads. The main objection is that when oiled roads become worn dust from them arises which with its mixture of oil is difficult to remove from clothing.

BODY OF HENRY GREENWALD HOME. Remains of Young Man Who Died in Kansas City Brought to Norfolk.

The body of Henry Greenwald, son of F. H. Greenwald, arrived from Kansas City last night for burial.

The deceased was born in Germany thirty-five years ago, and lived with his parents in Norfolk until 1893, when he went to Kansas City, where he was employed by Swift & Co. For the last six months he has been confined in a Kansas City hospital with paralysis.

Mr. Greenwald was unmarried. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parents' residence, 433 South Fourth street. Rev. J. L. Hedblom will have charge of the services.

HAVE PLANS FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY. Library Board To Meet Friday to Pass On Plans.

President Koenigstein of the library board has called a meeting for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the library room to consider building plans.

The board will consider two plans submitted by Architect Stitt, one or both of which will be submitted to Andrew Carnegie for his approval. The two plans are designed to keep within Mr. Carnegie's promised donation for \$10,000.

WAITING FOR THE INITIATIVE. Republicans Looking for Someone to Start Move for Taft Club.

Republicans along Norfolk avenue concede that a Taft club should be organized before their presidential candidate comes to Norfolk on September 29, although, as Attorney Tyler remarked today, "it is hardly likely that Taft will inquire if a Taft club was organized or not when he passes through."

The delay in organizing a Taft club is due to the unwillingness of the leading Republicans to take the initiative, all waiting on others to start things. Plenty of signers can be obtained. It is said, as soon as somebody will organize the movement.

It is as bad to give a compliment with a "but" attachment, as it is to give a present and grumble about the cost of it.

TUESDAY TOPICS

Miss Minnie Weblor of Pierce was in the city Monday. G. D. Butterfield and Burt Mapes were in Omaha Tuesday. G. E. Durland of Plainview visited his brother, C. B. Durland. Mrs. C. E. Doughty has gone to Belle Plain, Ia., for a few weeks' visit. On her return she will visit her son, Lorin Doughty, at Ames. Mrs. M. D. Nicholson of O'Neill was a Norfolk visitor Monday. Miss Clara Burner went to Sioux City Sunday returning today. Superintendent Reynolds of the Northwestern went to Lincoln yesterday to be absent two days. Mrs. Fred Kinney of Schuyler has been called here by the sickness of her nephew, Edward Loucks. Rev. B. Martin of Boone, Neb., visited the family of E. L. Loucks on his way to attend the Stanton conference. Knox Tipple of Stanton was in the city yesterday. Attorney M. F. Harrington of O'Neill was in Norfolk yesterday for the federal court session. Mrs. Arthur Thurber of Missouri Valley is in Norfolk on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reinhart. W. K. Green of Creighton, Douglas Cones, S. D. Berg and H. H. Mohr of Pierce; M. S. Thormren, A. B. Richardson and B. W. Wilkins of Battle Creek were visitors yesterday. H. F. Barnhart is recovering from a recent attack of sickness. City Clerk Ed Harter is barely recognizable to his friends, with his upper lip mustacheless. Mrs. G. A. Young is so much improved in condition that a surgical operation, which was contemplated, will not be performed for the present at least. As indicating something of the crowds which are beginning to flock towards the Rosebud, a Norfolk man who recently returned from Gregory states that the Edwin Strong company, which is known in Norfolk, played one day last week to 800 people in Gregory. W. P. Mumaugh, contractor for the new lateral sewer systems, started work in district No. 5 yesterday at the corner of Fourth and Park. He started with ten men, which was the most he could hire. He will add to the force when he can secure more laborers, who seem to be scarce here. The new laterals are expected to be completed this season. State Evangelist Samuel Gregg of Fremont will begin special services at the Christian church on Thursday evening of this week. The evangelistic service will be continued every night for a month, the regular Sunday services also being carried out by Mr. Gregg during that period. The special services were to have begun the first of next month but have been advanced a week. John Flynn has just returned to Norfolk from Gregory, where he visited his son Frank. Mr. Flynn says that Gregory is crowded with people awaiting the forthcoming Tripp county rush and that the Rosebud county is very much alive. He has just been made special representative in Norfolk for William McDonald of Gregory, a real estate dealer. Gregory was yesterday engaged in a special election to determine whether it should be made a city or not. Morris E. Best fell unconscious to the sidewalk in front of Friday's hardware store on Norfolk avenue yesterday afternoon, due to heart weakness. He was revived and taken to his home. A short time before Mr. Best informed an acquaintance that his aunt, Mrs. Catherine Satterlee of Battle Creek, was dying. This is supposed to have depressed Mr. Best and have occasioned the heart attack. Mr. Best, who was a veteran of the civil war, returned home last week from Arizona, where he spent two years for his health. An exhibition of fancy pool shots which would have done credit to a metropolis, was given at the Oxnard billiard rooms Monday night by a Nebraska expert, A. Meyer of Fremont. A variety of shots impossible for amateurs to make was executed by Meyer with apparent ease. After the fancy shooting was done Meyer played a pool game with his traveling companion, Mr. Fatchild of Lincoln, who defeated him, 59 to 41. The collection was barely sufficient to take the pair of experts to Creighton, where an exhibition will be given tonight.

JOHN DAVENPORT'S SON BETTER. Encouraging Telegram Received From Mrs. John A. Davenport.

A brief message received in Norfolk from Mrs. John A. Davenport in New Matamoras, Ohio, stated that her little two-year-old son, who accidentally drank ammonia, was better. Mr. Davenport was in Norfolk yesterday on his way from Elgin to Ohio.