

**SOUTH DAKOTA PLUMS.**

**Gov. Vessey Has Many Patronage Problems to Solve.**  
 Pierre, S. D., Dec. 2.—Though a full month remains before the Vessey administration is inaugurated, a swarm of candidates for appointment to state offices is already buzzing about him. Governor-elect Vessey will have moved here by the latter part of the week and his private secretary, J. L. Wingfield, who has been secretary of the state committee, may join him before he takes office. The governor-elect will find plenty to do in considering the endorsements and qualifications of the numerous candidates for honors at his hands.

The terms of all the members of the board of charities and corrections expire this winter. William G. Powers of Yankton, is the only one of the three who is a candidate for reappointment. Whether W. E. Tipton of Mitchell and D. C. Thomas of Watertown, are expecting to retire because they did not support Vessey for the nomination does not appear. It is not unlikely that Powers, who was a Vessey man and has the advantage of experience on the board, will be reappointed. For the other two places, five candidates are already in the field, with possibilities of more to follow. These are Arthur Linn, editor of the Canton Leader; S. H. Bakewell, an attorney of Plankinton; W. H. King, editor of the Parker Press-Leader, and now secretary of the board; S. H. Packard, of Redfield, a well known progressive Republican, and Dr. E. Klavens of Sioux Falls, president of the Republican state Scandinavian league, which endorsed Vessey and Crawford last spring.

E. A. Spafford of Flandreau and A. W. Burt of Huron will retire from the board of regents of educational institutions. To succeed them three men are being actively supported. Major O. W. Coursey of Mitchell, who served with distinction in the Philippine war; J. O. Dobson of Mitchell, presiding elder in the Methodist church and brother-in-law of Congressman-elect E. W. Martin, and Rev. H. Reinhardt of Eureka. All three of these men have strong endorsements and even if no more candidates appear, the contest between them will be interesting. It is understood that Martin will be insistent in support of his brother-in-law, and the outcome of Dobson's candidacy will bear an interesting relation to the entente cordiale arranged last summer between Martin and Burke, of the "stalwart" branch of the Republican party, and the "progressive" wing. Ed A. Murray of Milbank, state committeeman for Grant county, would like to be appointed oil inspector for the northern part of the state, and I. A. Webb of Deadwood, interested in the Deadwood Telegram, a progressive Republican paper, is a candidate for appointment as assayer. He is himself a mine owner.

Adjutant General C. H. Engles of Watertown, is a candidate for reappointment and presumably will be given the place.

The president will soon make appointments to the positions of register and receiver of the land office at Pierre. One of these goes to Senator Kittredge and the other to Senator Gamble, John L. Lockhart of Pierre, who was the stalwart candidate for the Republican nomination for the state senate, against A. W. Ewert, and was defeated, is a candidate, as is E. A. Platts, now assistant secretary of state.

It will be observed that the stalwart wing of the Republican party is not represented among the active candidates for recognition by Governor-elect Vessey, with the single exception of Elder Dobson of Mitchell. This may be due more to the readiness of the progressive leaders to seek honors, than to diffidence on the part of the stalwart candidates. Governor-elect Vessey has kept his own counsel and the stalwarts are waiting in a mood of critical expectancy to find if their existence is to be noticed by him.

**Battle Creek News.**

"Be satisfied for whatever you get," says Chas. Fenske, Jr., "because we did not have a turkey on Thanksgiving, but we received a fine little daughter at our home that day."

Robert Pugh was here Saturday from Tilden visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hansen and two children were visiting the latter part of last week with his father-in-law, Rev. Oscar Eggleston, and family at Ewing.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman was christened at the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

Fred Kiner, better known here as "Deutscher Fritz," returned Saturday from southern Illinois, where he has been about ten years.

Emil Mertz was here Saturday from Creighton visiting relatives. Mr. Mertz is manager of O. H. Mans roller mills at that place.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thomsen Saturday night and left a bright little son.

Geo. Souvenier was here Sunday from Inman visiting relatives.

A. E. Atkin of Neligh was here Saturday on business.

Ed Maher was here the forepart of this week on business from Platte Center.

Col. T. D. Preece was crying a large sale at Lindsay Saturday.

Christ Beeler is here on a visit with relatives from Lander, Wyo.

John Reitor is building a large barn for M. J. Hughes on his farm two miles north of town.

Miss Maud Whitla was a Norfolk visitor Monday.

Chris Pope is going to New York state this week for an extended visit

to Ira Burnham at Wisner. Mr. Ott intends to move to Texas.

John Hengstler was here the middle of this week on business from Creighton.

German Eucker, who is in business in Spencer, has sold his farm four miles south of Battle Creek. The place is occupied now by Henry Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Collins of Blakeley were the recipients of a fine boy Tuesday.

**THURSDAY TIDINGS.**

E. P. Weatherby was in Omaha today.

Dr. P. H. Saiter was in Omaha yesterday.

Gustave Wachter is home from New Ulm, Minn., where the school he attends has been dismissed on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pfunder of Great Falls, Mont., are visiting relatives in Norfolk.

C. J. Fleming is back from a visit in St. Paul, Mrs. Fleming remaining for a longer stay.

County Commissioner John Malone of Madison was in Norfolk Wednesday consulting Commissioner Taft.

Miss Kezlie Cooper, who has spent the past year in Norfolk, left at noon for her home in New York City.

R. L. Hight and son, Joseph Hight, have gone to Denver where Mr. Hight will put up a house on some Denver lots he owns.

District Judge A. A. Welch was in Norfolk Wednesday, leaving Thursday morning for Neligh where court is held during the rest of the week.

Col. Frank Haulon of Omaha and Senator F. J. Hale of Atkinson were in Norfolk Wednesday to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Norfolk National bank.

Mrs. Carl Zuelow, who has been in the Methodist hospital in Omaha for three weeks, was brought home last evening. Mrs. Zuelow was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Minnie Zuelow, and a trained nurse, Miss Allen, who will remain with Mrs. Zuelow.

Miss Jessie Drebert is home from a short Omaha visit.

Mrs. A. L. Killian and little son are home from a visit to Chicago.

Henry Woerth and Walter Busch of Pilger were in Norfolk Tuesday.

Adam Pilger and family from Stanton were in Norfolk yesterday afternoon.

Attorney Burt Mapea went to West Point this morning to try a case in the county court.

B. E. Huffsmith, who moved some months ago from Norfolk to Omaha, was in the city Wednesday.

J. R. Carter went to Wakefield and Emerson yesterday in the interest of the Nebraska Telephone company.

H. F. Arnhart went to Center Thursday morning to help in the defense of the Niobrara liquor cases.

Mr. and Mrs. William Neuman of Halan, Neb., who have been in Norfolk on a short visit with Mrs. Neuman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moldenhauer, have returned home.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: J. Barth, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harkey, Fairfax, S. D.; C. F. Dickinson and family of Butte; H. C. Fried, Sulpher, S. D.; P. H. Osborn, Lynch; John Buschkamp, Crofton; C. E. Jeff, Utica; F. W. McGowen, F. H. Guenther, J. A. Hofer, Dallas, S. D.; J. A. Horsch, McLean; E. J. Connelly, Piers; J. P. Glaze, Lynch; B. M. Minix, Stanton.

The Norfolk school board will meet next Monday evening.

Friday night of this week the Eagles will initiate five or six candidates into their order. A lunch will be served later in the evening.

Arthur A. Cronk of Norfolk and Miss Cora Belle Henderson of Madison were married in Madison Monday by County Judge William Bates.

John C. Todd and Miss Vine B. Colby, both of Norfolk, were married in Madison last Saturday in the county court room by Judge William Bates.

The pallbearers at the funeral of Miss Belle White were Warren McClary, John Davenport, Ray Hayes, Mason Frazer, Julius Weichert and Rudolph Weichert.

P. A. Shurtz has traded his jewelry stock, which he has had in a Norfolk avenue building, to C. W. Niess of Sioux City for some Wayne property. The stock is being taken to Sioux City.

T. L. Cantwell has purchased what was formerly the Slaughter ten cent feed yard on Third street and Braasch avenue from John Haley. Cantwell will run the yard. John Wise will also remain with the feed yard.

A little son of Conductor E. C. Adams, living at 602 South Sixth street, is so far as reported Norfolk's only scarlet fever patient. He is said to have contracted the disease while away visiting.

Court officials have made A. J. Durland mayor of Norfolk or have at least given him the dignity of an ex-mayor. In the last district court docket a case against the city of Norfolk is set forth as against "Andrew J. Durland, as mayor, et al."

Norfolk attorneys estimate that Judge Welch may be required to spend as many as three days in this city when he comes here to hear cases, beginning January 5. The Herrick suit, it is announced, will be heard whether Mr. Herrick appears or not.

The material for the new First street Elkhorn river bridge has arrived and is being hauled as fast as possible from the Northwestern freight depot to the river. Work will start at once and it is hoped to have the bridge up by the first of the year.

The new officers of the Norfolk Odd Fellows will be installed next month. The new officers recently elected are Ed Brueggeman, noble grand, and J. T. Wolf, vice grand.

re-elected at the same meeting.

The Nebraska Telephone company is constructing two rural lines out of Hadar, one twelve miles northeast, the other nine miles east. Each has four subscribers, who will have Norfolk connections. The telephone poles for these lines were hauled from Norfolk last week on fifteen wagons pulled by four horses each. The procession of wagons in Norfolk resembled a circus parade in length.

Christmas toys in profusion are beginning to show up in Norfolk show counters. Few startling changes in toys are seen this year. Mechanical toys which run with a heavy friction drive still retain their popularity of last year. Something new is a cash register bank which registers the amount of money which is on deposit. A unique unloading machine working on an incline plane is another toy.

Election of directors held by the stockholders of the Norfolk industrial company, holders of the sugar factory property, has resulted in the re-election of the old board. The canvass of returns shows the board for the coming year to stand: N. A. Rainbolt, A. J. Durland, Dr. A. Bear, C. F. A. Marquardt, H. A. Pasewalk, A. H. Klesau, A. Degner. The directors will meet in Mapea & Hazen's office Monday night to elect officers.

The junior class of the Norfolk high school will give its class entertainment in the high school auditorium on December 11, a week from Friday. The junior program will be along the same lines as the program recently carried out by the members of the senior class and will be the second of a series of four class entertainments given to pay for the new high school plant. The senior program was enthusiastically received by a large audience and the junior program will undoubtedly meet with the same reception.

A gift of \$500 alimony to Mrs. C. F. Davis in the Davis divorce suit at Madison was one of the court surprises of the week. The divorce was brought originally by Davis. Mrs. Davis sued on a cross-petition, setting up among other things the nature of the petition filed against her. Davis did not appear and Mrs. Davis secured the divorce. Mrs. Davis did not ask for alimony and the announcement by Judge Welch surprised the court room. Mrs. Davis declared that she did not want the money but it stands as a judgment against Davis.

Never having saved any money, deserted just now by relatives and friends, Pat Chandler, ordered to pay \$600 into district court and possessed neither of the funds nor of security for their raising, has been in a sorry plight in the county jail since court adjourned. Attorneys in Norfolk are in dispute as to whether or not Chandler will have to serve a life term in the county jail if he does not raise the money. His own attorneys contend that he can "lay out" the charge and secure freedom after 200 days. Other attorneys say it is jail for him until the money is forthcoming.

Auditor-elect Barton has named his deputies, as follows: James Sheehan of Kearney, deputy; C. E. Pierce of Pawnee City, insurance deputy; W. N. Wheeler of Fairfield, bookkeeper; Miss Myrtle Pettijohn of Valentine, second bookkeeper; C. E. Lawrence of Elk Creek, bond clerk; Timothy Farrill of Lincoln, recorder; John Tulleys of Red Cloud, county treasurer examined. Miss Peters of Lincoln will be retained for at least several months as clerk in the office of the insurance department. Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Tulleys and Miss Pettijohn are members of the present auditor's staff.

E. O. Garrett of Fremont, whom the official canvass shows to have been defeated for lieutenant governor by 202 votes, will not comply with the wish of friends that he take the matter before the legislature for a recount. Garrett's unofficial majority was over 1,000 votes. This statement of intentions is given out in a letter issued to friends who helped send the Fremont book man several thousand votes ahead of most of the state ticket. Mr. Garrett will go out on the road again after January 1, having accepted his former position with the American book company. His territory is all Nebraska except thirty counties in the two south tiers.

**Attempt at Suicide.**

Thelma Meeks, an inmate of a house of ill fame over the river, is in a very critical condition as the result of an attempt at suicide. She tried mercury poison and took enough to kill twenty people. Physicians were called in time to give her a chance to recover.

**Butte Register Has New Editor.**

Butte, Neb., Dec. 3.—Special to The News: The Boyd County Register has again changed hands. Editor Demel, who purchased the plant in August and who has run the paper successfully since, has been succeeded by A. O. Maynard, who has been foreman of the Register for the past two months. The new editor is a practical printer.

Mr. Demel will again work in the interest of an encyclopedia company. Mr. Maynard took charge of the paper Tuesday.

**Paster Beats Horse and Man.**

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 3.—Rev. Isaac Potter, pastor of God's Mission church, when arrested yesterday for beating a horse, turned his attention upon Humane Officer Eckles, fighting the officer desperately.

**Hauptli-Nenow.**

Oscar C. Hauptli and Miss Nettie A. Nenow, well known young people of Norfolk, were married at 8:30 o'clock

J. Witte of St. Paul, Ev. Lutheran church officiating. Only immediate relatives and intimate friends were present. The bride was attended by Miss Ella Hauptli and Miss Minnie Verges, the groom by G. D. Bley and Fred Hellerman.

After the ceremony a delightful six course breakfast was served.

The young people left at 11 o'clock over the Union Pacific for Denver, where they will spend a few days. From Denver they will visit at various points in Arizona and New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauptli will be at home to their friends after January 1, 1904.

Wednesday evening a miscellaneous shower was given at the Hauptli home for the bride. At the close of the evening dainty refreshments were served.

Until Wednesday morning the time of the approaching wedding was successfully kept a secret.

**Death of Isaiah Fowler.**  
 Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: Isaiah Fowler, an old and respected citizen of Ainsworth, died at his home in this city last Tuesday night. The funeral services were conducted Thursday from the Congregational church by Rev. Mr. Van Valkenburgh and Rev. Mr. De Long.

The deceased was born in Harrison county, Ohio, August 16, 1834. He was married May 26, 1850, to Miss Margaret McClintock in the same county. He enlisted in company "F," Ninety-eighth Ohio infantry on August 1, 1862, and was discharged June 9, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler came west shortly after the war and settled in Jasper county, Ia. Later they moved near Manning, Iowa, and in 1883 came to Ainsworth, where they have since resided. Five children were born to this union—three living and reside in this county, George, Walter and Miss Addie.

**Mill of Circumstances—and You.**  
 In this city, as everywhere, the mill of circumstances is grinding away 24 hours a day—and, today, it may be grinding your grit. It may be turning one of the incidents of this town's life into an opportunity for you—into an advantage for you.

When a merchant gets caught in "the mill," and is pressed for cash, you benefit in the enforced sacrifice of some of his stock—that is, you benefit if you keep posted on what is going on "at the mill" by reading the ads.

A real estate owner gets into "the mill" and sacrifices some of his property in order to get out again—pays his toll.

The owner of things—automobiles, securities, businesses, machinery, horses and carriages, typewriters, office fixtures, houses, books, pictures—get into this old "mill of circumstances" and out of their troubles come your opportunities. They pay the toll.

Incidentally, it's better to watch the ads and to profit by the products of "the mill" than to get caught in it yourself. Although, if your turn should come, an ad will usually get you out safely.

**Improve Gregory Opera House.**  
 Gregory, S. D., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: E. C. Culp, owner of the opera house here is putting in new scenery and adding a stage with all proper equipment for the use of theatrical troupes. There is no doubt that this will attract the best talent of the road to the town.

**Snow Delays Trains.**  
 Chadron, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: The heavy snows in this section of the state have caused the coldest weather of the season. Much inconvenience in railroad service has been noted on account of freezing and the delay of trains.

**Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 4.—**From a staff correspondent: In the circuit court at Butte Wednesday the "runaway house case," which has been causing untold jocular comment throughout the county for the last week or more, was speedily dismissed by the court after a preliminary hearing of the plaintiff's side of the case. The defendant's were not even called upon to swear.

The contested property, a three-room residence, 15x18, is now in possession of L. Engberg, declared to be the rightful owner, on his place two miles southeast of St. Charles and five miles over the Nebraska line.

J. H. Beltz, Fortz Johnson, L. Engberg and Amos Quamstrom, the four men arrested by Sheriff Coleman, the Boyd county sheriff, and placed under \$300 bonds, are threatening to sue the plaintiff, Powell Danker, for heavy damages on the grounds of defamation of character and false imprisonment.

J. L. Lynn, the Fairfax contractor, who agreed to move the building and upon whom instead of his employes, it is said, the papers should have been served, was paying \$35 a day to the Bullock company of Norfolk for the hire of the engine used to move the building.

The distance covered by the wandering domicile was exactly twenty-eight miles.

**His Heart Too Strong to Ever Win a Fair Lady.**  
 Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Believing in the maxim that faint heart never won fair lady, Wm. C. Ragan made love to Mrs. Elsie Smith, a widow, so persistent that today Judge Brough granted a temporary injunction asked for by Mrs. Smith, which enjoins Ragan from lavishing upon her his unwellcome affections. Mrs. Smith asks that after a hearing, the court forever enjoin Ragan from courting her.

**Elliott Makes Temperance Sech.**  
 Chadron, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: Superintendent of City Schools R. I. Elliott delivered a rousing temperance address Sunday before the railroad association of the Y. M. C. A. A large crowd, composed mostly of railroad men, were present.

**Chadron Defeats Alliance.**  
 Chadron, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: In an exciting game of football here Wednesday the boys of Alliance were defeated by Chadron to the tune of 7 to 9. This closes a very successful season of football for Chadron, having lost only one game during the season.

**Tripp School Land Picked.**  
 Gregory, S. D., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: J. S. Strand and E. Jacobson, of Pierre, S. D., were in Tripp county the last of the week selecting the indemnity land for the school lands taken by the Indians. There were altogether eighteen sections taken. All that unallotted land just west of Dallas was taken except eighty acres. Some was also selected around Lamro and Winona.

**Normal Training in Chadron.**  
 Chadron, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: The state inspector of normal training, I. A. Downey, visited the Chadron schools yesterday, inspecting the new department of normal training in the high school recently introduced by Superintendent R. I. Elliott. Inspector Downey made a very close examination of each phase of the school, complimenting Superintendent Elliott very highly on

ing the department a complete success. The plan as taken up at Chadron is the plan recently put into Nebraska high schools by State Superintendent McErien and the department here is similar to the one now under the direction of Superintendent Hunter of the Norfolk schools.

**Suicide Pact.**  
 Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 3.—That a suicide pact existed between Mrs. Eleanor Merron Cowper, the playwright and actress who shot herself at the St. Regis hotel in New York on Friday, and James H. Wallick, the actor manager, who shot and killed himself at the Commercial hotel in Middletown on May 1, became known today through the publication of letters which Mrs. Cowper wrote just before her death.

From statements which Mrs. Cowper makes in various letters which are in the hands of her attorney, H. B. Royce of Middletown, it is evident she and Mr. Wallick as long as a year ago contemplated suicide and that both decided to die in the same manner.

**YOUNG PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.**  
 He places Watering Trough for Man and Beast.  
 Newman Grove, Neb., Dec. 4.—The public watering trough at last is on the way of becoming a reality. Several years ago a committee of the commercial club was appointed to solicit funds for this purpose, but nothing was done. Finally State Representative Young took the matter up on his own account, and now the trough is on hand ready to be placed in position for use as soon as the winter season decides upon its location. This will mean a long felt want, and Mr. Young certainly deserves the commendation of all. The dumb beasts will appreciate this as much as did the school children the other day, when Mr. Young stood in front of his store with a basket of candy and treated them on their way to school.

Nelson and Knudson shipped in 1,200 head of lambs, which they are fattening for the market. This seems to be the first attempt at feeding sheep in this neighborhood and is being watched with considerable interest; but, as Nelson is an experienced stock man, the venture will doubtless be successful.

All the teachers have returned from their Thanksgiving vacation and are again busy at work.

Editor C. A. Miller of the Madison County Reporter has been confined to his home since Thanksgiving.

As the Humphrey football team failed to appear upon the Thanksgiving game, the high school boys played a picked team composed of the players of former years and beat them 21 to 0. The game was both interesting and amusing.

**CHANGES ON NORTHWESTERN.**  
 Circulars containing announcement of a number of changes in officers on the Northwestern's lines east of the Missouri river have been received at Norfolk headquarters. The following changes were made, becoming effective December 1:

S. G. Strickland becomes assistant general superintendent.

G. W. Daily becomes superintendent of the Wisconsin division succeeding F. R. Peckin.

William Bennett becomes superintendent of telegraph succeeding G. W. Dalley.

W. F. Armstrong becomes assistant superintendent with office at Antigo, Wis., succeeding William Bennett.

C. E. Helmer becomes assistant superintendent succeeding W. F. Armstrong, transferred.

**DIRECTOR OF POSTS PLANNED.**  
 Bill for Change in Administrative Methods Will Be Presented.  
 Washington, Dec. 4.—A plan for complete reorganization of the post-office department, creating a new officer to be known as director of posts, through whom continuity of policy may be assured from administration to administration, will be presented in the house soon after congress meets. The measure is understood to have the approval of President Roosevelt, Postmaster General Meyers, Speaker Cannon, and others interested in the subject.

The plan, if put into the form of law, would result in a radical change in the organization of the postoffice department, establishing it on the lines of a number of foreign postal systems. Instead of assistants to the postmaster general there will be deputy directors of posts, who would be stationed in different sections of the country.

The postmaster general would exercise general supervision over the department, especially of the political end of it, while the director of posts, who would enjoy permanent tenure, would be charged with the administration of the practical affairs of the department. The creation of director of posts was recommended last winter by the national postal commission.

**Tripp Opening About March 25.**  
 Dallas, S. D., Dec. 4.—Judge Witten, who returned this week to conclude the selection of the government townsites in Tripp county, says that the date of opening of Tripp county will be about March 25, 1904, and not the first of March as originally reported. The reason for the delay is that the roughest weather of the season often comes about the first of the month, and the later date, while early enough to permit of spring farming operations, is a safer time for the settlers to get out on their land.

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**Massachusetts Executive Says Cannon Causes Disease Spread.**  
 Boston, Dec. 4.—Governor Guild of Massachusetts in an article which will be published tomorrow in the New England magazine, arraigns Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and declares that congress, infatuated by the speaker, has refused needed appropriations for national guard equipment. The passage of an emergency bill was refused.

The governor says that troops first to go to the front in the Spanish war died because their old fashioned rifles made them inefficient and kept them within range of the modern rifles of the Spaniards. He declares the speaker's attitude on forest preservation is spoiling the water power and spreading disease in New England.

The article is part of a symposium on forest preservation.

**SPOT RAILROAD SURVEYORS.**  
 Two Railroad Men, Presumably Surveyors, Seen in Keya Paha County.  
 Gregory, S. D., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: It is reported from Mills, Neb., a town thirty miles south of here, that two railroad men, presumably surveyors, passed through that section last week. They seemed to be following the survey which traversed the county east and west but were very careful about their movements and gave out no information regarding their business.

**GREGORY'S NEW OFFICIALS.**  
 Successful Candidates Will Hold Office Until Next April.  
 Gregory, S. D., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: Gregory's first city election, in which the citizens ticket was elected by large majorities, places the following men in office: E. Woolhiser, mayor; John Storms and John Butler, aldermen of the First ward; S. C. Young and A. G. Felton, aldermen of the Second ward; Tom Carey and Bruno Kloke, alderman of the Third ward; J. G. Sanford, city treasurer; H. E. Hiatt, assessor; Clark N. Ditto, police justice; W. D. Wilson, justice of the peace. This is the first election under city government. The successful candidates hold office till the next election in April.

**PASSING OF THE VETERANS.**  
 Ainsworth G. A. R. Post Disbands. Can't Fill the Offices.  
 Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: The members of the George H. Thomas post of the G. A. R. voted Wednesday afternoon to surrender the charter as there was not enough members left to hold the offices. A new organization was effected to look after needy old soldiers and their families.

**Gregory Mothers' Club.**  
 Gregory, S. D., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: The Gregory Mothers' Club meets every two weeks and discusses questions educational and otherwise of deep concern to mothers. There are already twenty in the club and more are expected at the next meeting. Mrs. W. Griffith is president of the club.

**Disappointed Landseeker Will Stay.**  
 Gregory, S. D., Dec. 4.—Special to The News: A. M. Ziegler, who came here from Burwell, Neb., before the opening of Tripp in the hopes of drawing a farm but did not get one, has settled here and will probably put up a steam laundry second to none outside of the large cities. The institution is needed and will do a thriving business.

**Cupid Caught Wilkes Family.**  
 Kimball, S. D., Dec. 4.—Father, daughter and grandson married in the same week. This is the record established by ex-Senator John Wilkes, who married Mrs. Emma Stevenson last week at Chamberlain, the event being followed by the marriage of his daughter, Miss Lena Wilkes, to Guy Frick, of the same place, and this served as inspiration to young Leo Wilkes, who held him away to White Lake and brought home a bride in

county, but Judge Witten is of the opinion that nothing can be done along that line until after the date of the formal opening of the county to settlement. "It yet remains an Indian domain," says he, "and those who are frequenting Tripp county without a permit are liable to arrest for trespass. Literally speaking, no white man without a permit has any right on the reservation, and those who are living there could be ordered off by the government authorities."

Speaking of the plan pursued at Dallas and other points in the registration and drawing of lands, Judge Witten said:

"There is only one thing that might make it more equitable and avoid speculation to an absolute certainty; the right for the people all over the United States to make their applications at their homes before an authorized oath officer and forward their applications to a central office and file the same as was the case in those filed here and sent from Presho, Chamberlain, O'Neill and Valentine. When these applications are made and filed it should be compulsory that each application accompanied with a draft for \$100 as evidence that he registers in good faith and that if he draws a number that he will file, if he fails to make his filing he forfeits his money. During this drawing the people who participated in it expended more than \$2,200,000, most of the amount being spent with the railroads of the country. Under this system this would be eliminated and only those who really wanted to enter government lands would take part. Those who fail in the drawing would have their money returned to them."

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