

The Cause of Pure Food.

Norfolk club women yesterday afternoon were told how to spot adulterated goods. They were also told what the state food commission has done during the past year in the interest of pure food and correct measures. And they were urged to use their influence in favor of a further extension and perfection of the law.

Mrs. Harriet McMurphy, state food inspector, delivered a pure food talk under the auspices of the household economic department of the Woman's club in the parlors of the First Congregational church. The meeting was well attended.

The work accomplished by the Commission during the past year and a half formed the basis of Mrs. McMurphy's talk. She told of the steps which had been taken against short weights and false labels, of the inspection of dairy products, of cream and milk, of meat markets, of bakeries and grocery stores. It was quite necessary, she said, that care be taken to impress on the legislature the necessity of improving the present laws and to see that no ground is lost. She thought it natural that the efforts of women should be exerted to better the pure food law because they were vitally interested in the law, as upon women falls in large part the task of selecting the family food.

Mrs. McMurphy has been in Norfolk on several previous occasions and has addressed the Woman's club of the city before. She remained in Norfolk until today, going to Hartington to deliver a talk there. Next week Mrs. McMurphy is one of the speakers at the corn show in Omaha, appearing on the program on "stock day" under the auspices of the South Omaha exchange. She will be the only woman who will speak, appearing on the program with Governor-elect Shallenberger, Senator Manderson and others.

In her address at the corn show Mrs. McMurphy will speak for home economics, taking up the point of view of a "stock woman" who is as much interested in the improvements of the present day as men are. Just as men have learned the value of the balanced food ration for livestock, she will urge on women the duty of studying the subject of food as connected with the feeding of the family.

Norfolk Will Wear Diamonds.

Norfolk people are buying diamonds. That sounds good. Diamonds are a good evidence of prosperity.

The diamond sales in Norfolk during the month of December will amount up to several thousand dollars. Up to this time the diamond sales in one Norfolk jewelry store have been just twice what they were during the same period last year. And another store has found its heaviest diamond sale in fifteen years.

The diamond limit in Norfolk has been about \$375. Few stones sell above \$250, and the bulk of the sales come between \$75 and \$150. Some stones are bought as low as \$15 and \$18.

The sale of diamonds in this city throughout the year has shown a regular increase of the diamond business of 1907. And a surprising number of stones are going over the counters this Christmas.

It hasn't been the work of Cupid altogether though a number of Norfolk girls are wearing diamonds on a certain finger. Diamonds have so far represented a safe and even profitable investment. Most of the diamonds bought in Norfolk go as presents to immediate relatives or are bought for private wear. And it would be surprising, local jewelers say, to know the number of Norfolk women who are saving money to buy diamonds for themselves.

KELLY NOW "SUPERINTENDENT"

Title of Indian Agent Changed.—Becomes a Civil Service Position.

Dallas News: Major Edward B. Kelley, the U. S. Indian agent at the Rosebud agency, is no longer the "Indian agent," for Friday he relinquished that title and hereafter the agency and all other agencies will be under the charge of a superintendent, and Major Kelly from today will be known as Superintendent Kelly with the title of major.

This is the result of a sweeping order made by the department under the direction of President Roosevelt, and this position will now be under the civil service and not a political office as heretofore.

The major has qualified and furnished a new bond under the new order of things. The order was to take effect December 4th.

A Shooting Accident.

Fritz Kaul, while hunting southwest of Madison last Sunday, was hit in the corner of the right eye by a stray shot from Fritz Schwank's gun. The shot penetrated about half an inch under the eye ball. Kaul will not lose his eye.

A Letter From Taft.

President-elect Taft has written a letter to Miss Frances McGregor, a Madison high school student, thanking the young lady for a pen and ink sketch made from a photograph of the next president.

PROUD OF Y. M. C. A.

Columbus Proud of Building Just Dedicated and Tells Why.

Columbus is proud of having done what Norfolk is struggling and hoping to do, proud of having dedicated a beautiful and adequate Y. M. C. A. building.

The Columbus Telegram says: And the people of Columbus have a right to be proud of that magnificent new Y. M. C. A. building, which is said to

reared by the association in any city of like size in all the world. The Telegram is proud of the new building for many reasons. We applaud the architectural beauty of it, and are charmed with the arrangement and scope of the appliances for entertainment of young men, and for the development of brawn as well as brain. But over all we are proud of the spirit of fraternity engendered among our business and professional leaders by the building of this new house. It has brought together in the fellowship of a good work for God and humanity many men who have hitherto beheld a gulf of difference between each other. It has brought out the better part in men. It has led the community to find the good spots in the hearts of men who had hitherto been regarded as wholly lost to the interests of humanity, and we now behold in the light of real philanthropists some of the leaders in this good cause whom only a little while ago we believed in bondage to a greed for gold. It has been said that the prayers of the righteous avail much, but not much has been said about the prayers of the other fellow, and hence The Telegram is slow to publish a prayer of its own today in behalf of this new house which has been raised in honor of the Son of God. And yet we dare offer a silent plea that the great God may abundantly bless this building to the use of his children in Columbus, as well as to the stranger within our gates, and that upon the splendid men who have helped with voice and hand and purse He may bestow all of temporal needs for their comfort here, and the rich reward of perfect peace in the far hereafter.

Business Changes in the Northwest.

Fred Kaul, the pioneer harness dealer at Madison, has retired, his son, Edward Kaul, taking up the business.

Stanton—Last Saturday Walter Son

nenschlein sold his interest in the Stock exchange to Fred Herschlag, the firm now being the York & Herschlag.

The William Krotter company of

Stuart is to build a large elevator at Dallas.

John McHugh, formerly cashier of

the State Bank of O'Neill, has been elected president of the Iowa State National bank of Sioux City, one of the largest banking institutions in the state of Iowa. Mr. McHugh has been connected with the Iowa State National since 1901, having had the position of first vice president the past two years.

PLAINVIEW NEWS SOLD.

Editor Gunthorpe, Now Baseball Magazine, Sells to A. B. Schoenauer.

J. F. Gunthorpe, who for eight years past has conducted one of the leading weekly newspapers in Nebraska, the Plainview News, and who has ranked high himself as a newspaperman both in popularity and business success, has sold his paper to A. B. Schoenauer of Plainview. The new proprietor takes possession the first of the year and has engaged L. W. Henry, a former foreman of the plant, to take charge of the business. Mr. Gunthorpe goes to Denver to take over the management of the western league baseball team there.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

Narrow Escape from Death of Mr. and Mrs. Weideman in Dallas.

Overcome by gas fumes Saturday last week Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Weideman of Dallas, S. D., lay unconscious until friends broke into the house Monday afternoon. They had left the store and lamp burning on retreating. The first woman to approach the house rapped and was able to catch a faint reply from the wife who was helpless from the slow poisoning she had undergone. Physicians worked over the unfortunate couple for many hours before results were apparent. They were then moved to the homes of relatives in the country.

North Nebraska Deaths.

Mrs. E. A. Keeler died Thursday morning at Neligh.

Mrs. Rebeckah N. Warner, age eighty, died at her home north of O'Neill.

D. C. Morris, who made his home in Wayne with his children, died Sunday following an attack of paralysis several weeks ago.

Ritts' Relatives Prosecute Riley.

Anthony Herald: F. S. Cagley and Bevens Graham arrived in town last Thursday, having come down the Missouri river in a boat from Platte, S. D., to Sioux City, thence by rail to Stanton. Mr. Cagley is a cousin of J. E. Ritts, who was brutally murdered at Burke, S. D., last summer by a man by the name of Riley, and was at the scene of the crime a few hours after it was committed. He says they have hired an excellent attorney to prosecute Riley and that no effort will be spared to send him to the pen for life. Mr. Ritts was the second man Riley had boasted of killing, and his record for crime will help much in getting a verdict for a long sentence. The trial began yesterday.

Railroad News.

Carroll Index: The employees of the Omaha road met at Emerson for the purpose of making some of the necessary steps toward the organization of a protective association. The membership will be restricted to the employees of the Omaha road. The plan is for the members to pay in monthly one per cent of their earnings, which will, in case of sickness or accident, entitle them to receive benefits to the amount of their salary. Any employee who is a member of the association who becomes pensioned by the road will receive as benefits from the association an amount equal to a half of the pension drawn. That such an association is of great value to the railroad employees is self evident.

them by the regular companies are almost prohibitive and again the benefits are not near so great.

Winner Won at Basket Ball.

Stanton, Neb., Dec. 12.—The Winner young men's basketball team came up and beat the local Company B team, 13 to 23.

MARRIED AGAIN.

Page Couple Try Second Matrimonial Venture.—Divorce Sure Now. Nothing daunted Rolly C. Scott and Miss Martha C. Ames, both of Page, have been married again. They were married by County Judge Malone at O'Neill.

Their last matrimonial venture was in April. All went well for thirteen days when another Mrs. Scott was heard from and the groom was arrested for bigamy. The newly made bride declared that she would stand by her husband, who claimed that he thought his first wife had a divorce.

As soon as he could give ball Scott hurried over to Iowa and secured a divorce, returning for a second marriage.

The charge of bigamy is still on the docket.

Northwest Weddings.

W. L. Shoemaker and Miss Marie A. Yantzi, both of O'Neill, were married Wednesday.

District Court Takes Cases.

District court at Madison was adjourned last evening, the session to be resumed Tuesday noon. A number of important cases will be tried next week, among the cases listed being the damage suit of Mrs. Mary Etta Bonney against Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Walcott.

Only one case during the past week got to the jury, Judge Welch instructing the jury as to its exact decision in all cases save the Severa case against Battle Creek.

Neither of the cases heard yesterday got into the jury's hands for a decision. In the case of F. C. Reif against William Upton, involving a charge of alleged misrepresentation in the sale of a Madison meat market, Judge Welch instructed the jury to find in favor of Upton, the defendant.

In the case of Gustine McAllister against Carl Teske, a patient at the Norfolk hospital, over a promissory note, the judge instructed the jury to give a verdict for the plaintiff, Gustine McAllister.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Mrs. T. G. Brackning has returned from a three months' trip that included visits to New York City and St. Louis.

Mrs. E. E. Coleman is visiting her sister at Carroll.

District Judge A. A. Welch was in Norfolk today, returning from the district court session at Madison.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Sheriff J. J. Clements, Madison, District Judge Welch, Wayne; J. N. Marsh, Niobrara; W. O. Gamble, Wayne; M. E. Hughes, Alnsworth; Charles Cramer, Hartington; L. T. Marshall, Verdel.

Mrs. Jack Koenigstein has been suffering the last few days from an attack of blood poisoning.

Mrs. J. M. Pile of Wayne is expected home the latter part of next week from her European trip.

E. N. Vall is recovering from the effects of a severe fall, which was at first thought to have resulted in internal injuries.

The frame work of the new warehouse of the Fred Krug Brewing company is being erected, the old warehouse having been nearly destroyed by fire.

William Bell of Columbus, who is at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. E. Hardy, following an operation for appendicitis in Columbus, is making satisfactory progress.

O'Neill Democrat: Tom Cantwell was in O'Neill Tuesday looking after some real estate business. He has sold part of his Indian ranch to a party by the name of Haley.

H. H. Howarth of West Point, who came to Norfolk this week to obtain an automobile which had been left here for repairs, made the return trip to West Point in two hours.

The members of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church have sent a Christmas box to the Indian mission which the synod maintains at St. Carlos, Arizona. Many useful articles were sent to the mission.

Fremont Tribune: Mrs. Black Horse, a squaw Indian from Norfolk, was at the station today with a huge basket of Indian fancy bead work which she had "made" for the holiday season. The specimens, consisting of moccasins and trinket boxes, were highly artistic. She said she was on her way to Omaha where she expected to dispose of her wares.

Mathewson post, No. 109, G. A. R., this week elected the following officers: W. H. Widaman, commander; J. F. Pfunder, senior vice commander; James Rouse, junior vice commander; H. C. Matrau, adjutant; Dr. W. H. H. Hagey, surgeon; R. W. Mills, chaplain; A. N. McGinnis, quartermaster; J. S. Morrow, officer of the day; George Dudley, officer of the guard. Mr. Widaman as commander succeeds A. N. McGinnis.

The Mystic Legion elected officers this week, selecting the following: John Fetter, commander; Mrs. L. M. Ozden, vice commander; Mrs. John Quick, worthy prophet; John Quick, treasurer; C. W. Lamont, secretary; L. Buckendorf, I. M. Macy, W. R. Hoffman, trustees. Emil Brumund was appointed protector and Mrs. George Dudley, Jr., escort. A banquet will follow the installation of officers on January 28.

Stating that he had lost a pocketbook containing \$280 and a draft for \$2,000 while driving out of Wayne,

beth, Colo., was stranded in Norfolk for the last few days. Yesterday he said he had received word that the pocketbook had been found by a farmer and brought to town. Dyer was unable to be identified while in Norfolk and was consequently unable to draw on the banks, in which he stated he had funds, for cash. When he arrived here he was on his way to look after a lawsuit in western Nebraska.

The Teddy bears, so popular the last two seasons that the demand was constantly pressing on the supply, are on the back shelves in Norfolk stores this Christmas. Along with the stuffed dogs and stuffed cats the yellow and brown bears repose, though they are still counted by Norfolk merchants as slightly better sellers than the latter class of animals. The post card business, however, is holding its own in Norfolk. It is not thought that the sale is now largely limited to local views, the general card having little sale.

One prominent member of the city council advocates going away with the office of street commissioner. Instead he wishes to hire some man experienced in city affairs to take over the direction of the city's work. He would have this man take charge of the laying of cement sidewalks and crossings, doing away with the letting of contracts for this work. The man could also act as a sewer inspector in case of more district sewer construction. He would direct the street workers, although not expected to actually do the work himself. The idea developed from the work which Connellman J. Degner, as chairman of the street committee, has done from time to time, saving the city considerable money by personal attention to details.

Old Leaders Re-elected.

Norfolk's delegates to the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association's annual convention in Norfolk December 29: John Krantz, R. W. Rohrke, Obed Raasch, Ernest Raasch, George W. Losey, G. L. Carlson, H. Buetow, A. L. Carter, G. W. Evans, Frank Lau, William Knebel, A. E. Craig, Frank Lehman and Henry Sweet. Alternates elected: Arnold Pasewalk, W. J. Brown and H. Finkhouse.

Officers of the Norfolk branch of the horse thief fighters, re-elected Saturday afternoon: John Krantz, president; R. W. Rohrke, vice president; Obed Raasch, treasurer; Ernest Raasch, secretary; George W. Losey, local captain.

Officers and delegates were chosen

at the annual meeting of the Norfolk branch of the anti-horse thief association Saturday afternoon. A large gathering of representative farmers were present at the city hall.

The Norfolk branch now boasts of 141 active members, giving this immediate locality fourteen delegates in the general convention which will be held at the city hall the last Tuesday of this month. About seventy delegates are expected, the total membership of the North Nebraska Anti-Horse Thief association being over 700.

Mrs. Richardson Better.

Mrs. Charles Richardson, living at 109 South Second street, who has been sick for some four months past, though improving, is still bedfast.

The Dorcas Society.

The Dorcas society meets this evening with Misses Letha and Merle Blakeman.

DEATH OF JOHN McNEIL.

Brother of Miss Anna McNeil—Once Worked for Express Company Here.

John H. McNeil, at one time employed in the Norfolk office of the American Express company and who more recently has been running as an express messenger between Sioux City and Tama, Ia., died last week of cancer of the stomach following a two months' illness. Mr. McNeil is survived by a bride of a year.

The funeral was held in Tama, the interment taking place at Dewitt, Ia. Miss Anna McNeil of this city attended her brother's funeral, returning home yesterday.

MONDAY MENTIONS.

Mrs. J. R. Carter is visiting in Sioux City this week.

Miss Retta Lee left Sunday for a visit in Omaha.

Miss Nora Dixon went to Omaha Saturday to visit the corn show.

W. H. Blakeman returned Saturday evening from a business trip to Omaha.

Mrs. Josephine Hull of Norfolk arrived home from Sioux City yesterday. Mrs. Albert Miller and Mrs. Otto Wickman of Hadar were in town Saturday.

Mrs. F. H. Scott, who has been in a hospital in Omaha, will be home this week. Mr. Scott was home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lamont arrived in Norfolk Saturday evening over the Northwestern. Mr. Lamont having joined his bride at Fremont.

R. W. McEwan, who for the last six months has been in the employment of the Norfolk Plumbing company, has severed his connection with the firm and will leave for Omaha on Tuesday.

Six inch ice has formed on the river. It is possible that with a reappearance of cold weather the ice may be able to start to work on natural ice before the first of the year. Ice is out as soon as it gets eight or nine inches thick. Natural ice will probably be put up this year by George Schwank, John Schelly and the Pure Ice company, the latter company using natural ice as a side line along with the artificial ice.

It was a terrible accident to her brother in the plant of the Omaha

called Mrs. William Burtz of Norfolk to that city. Her brother, B. C. Baker, a former resident of Fremont, was wound about a wheel under the belt, receiving a terrible crushing. The man's clothing caught in one of the shaft wheels.

Eileen Alderman, who with her father, James Alderman, a prominent farmer near Elgin, was seriously burned in the explosion of a carbide lighting plant in the basement, will recover. Alderman himself was not so badly burned, being in the very center of the flames. The force of the explosion knocked him down.

It will be a day or two more before the physicians can tell just how seriously E. N. Vall of this city was injured when he fell from a chair. Mr. Vall was taking some can goods from a high shelf in his restaurant and had mounted a chair. He slipped and fell, striking a second chair. Internal injuries are still feared.

Ben Bechtel, who was recently operated on for appendicitis in Lincoln, has been able to return to his work in a drug store at Bennett. He has not, however, entirely regained his strength.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells has been quite

sick.

D. B. Reed has sold his restaurant at Plainview and moved to this city, renting a house on Madison avenue.

A special meeting of Mosaic lodge No. 55, A. F. and A. M., has been called for Friday evening for work in the entered apprentice degree.

The report of the special fire committee to inspect buildings in the fire district was not ready to be presented to the council at its last meeting.

Norfolk drinkers, who are considered "habituals" by their families or friends, are no longer "posted" in Norfolk drug stores since the latter are no longer supposed to sell any liquor except on prescription.

Debating will form an interesting feature of the junior class program at the high school tonight. The time of each speaker has been limited to five minutes, so that the debate will be snappy and short. The "humanitarian" is another feature of the program about which some mystery has been maintained.

No new developments have appeared in connection with the office of county superintendent, which P. S. Perdue is expected to resign soon in order to accept the deputyship under the new superintendent-elect. The county commissioners met at Madison this week but Mr. Perdue's resignation was not presented. An effort is being made to divorce politics from the appointment when the time comes for the commissioners to act, which will probably be January 5, 1909.

Madison Post: T. J. Hunt and wife came down from Pine Ridge Indian agency in South Dakota the latter part of last week and are now guests of Mrs. Hunt's sister, Mrs. George Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are in the government service, being employed as teachers to the Indians. They have been transferred from the Pine Ridge agency to the Apache agency in Arizona and stopped off here on their way through. Mr. Hunt was at one time superintendent of Madison county.

Madison Chronicle: C. S. Smith came in Monday from Custer county with three carloads of thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle which he acquired in a real estate deal. One car of forty-six head of calves was shipped to Norfolk where Mr. Smith has made arrangements to get them wintered. The rest of them are now quartered at the Star livery barn but will be taken out in the country soon for winter. This is an exceptionally fine bunch of cattle and when placed on the market will no doubt bring fancy prices.

The Wichita, Kan., Beacon, in its issue of last Thursday says, relative to the Yankton Southern: The statement printed in Wednesday's Beacon that Senator Stewart of Wichita has gone to London from New York is big news. When Fremont Hill and Senator Stewart left last week for New York it was with the understanding that if the Yankton and Gulf railroad proposition was accepted to the London capitalists' New York representation the senator and Mr. Hill would have to go on to London to sign the contract. The information that they have gone on to London undoubtedly means that the London capitalists have signed their final intention to buy the bonds of the new railroad. Fremont Hill said to his Wichita friends when he left last week that he fully believed that the trip would result in the financing of the road, and that work would start in the spring. It looks as though his expectation is being realized.

Arthur Mullen of O'Neill, recently named as state oil inspector by the governor-elect, was in Norfolk yesterday returning from O'Neill.

General Superintendent S. M. Braden and Superintendent C. H. Reynolds went to Fremont, where they were joined by Trainmaster E. O. Mount on an inspection trip down the Hastings line.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Sheriff J. J. Clements, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mullen, St. Edwards; R. D. James, Spencer; H. Marshall, Verdel; J. W. Barnum, Dallas, S. D.; Mrs. P. Wunter, Presho, S. D.; J. C. Schwichtenberg, Bloomfield; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burns, Randolph; C. S. Smith, Madison; Victor Bird, Wood Lake.

Henry Andel, who recently came to Wisner from Germany, caught his hand in a saw mill. The hand was amputated at the wrist by Dr. Salter of Norfolk and Dr. Riley of Wisner.

A party of fifteen Stanton ladies came to Norfolk yesterday to attend the party given during the afternoon by Mrs. J. Piliant and Mrs. W. A. Kingsley at the Pacific. The guests

Mrs. Will Trent, Mrs. James Peters, Mrs. Joseph Hardy, Mrs. Emil Nuderberg, Mrs. Ed Baer, Mrs. Morris Meyer, Mrs. R. Y. Appleby, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. O. Scott, Mrs. Albert Kenney, Mrs. James Kenney, Mrs. Charles Sheldon, Mrs. F. H. Shultz and Mrs. William Locke. Mrs. Willard Krieffler of Battle Creek was also a guest from away. The Northwestern attached a special coach to the east bound freight in the evening as an accommodation to the visitors from Stanton.

Madison Post: George Raymer accompanied by Dr. Smart and Tom Wells went up to Norfolk Saturday night in Raymer's machine for the purpose of getting Senator Allen who was returning from Neligh. They were also accompanied home by Jesse Whalen and Clarence McFarland. Just as they were crossing the Northwestern tracks on South Thirteenth street in Norfolk they ran square into a switch engine hitting it midway between the drive wheels. Fortunately the engine was moving slowly and the engineer was able to stop within a foot or two. All of the occupants of the automobile jumped except Senator Allen and he stated that the only reason he didn't jump was on account of the fact that he was so wedged in between grips and robes he couldn't get out. The lamps on the automobile were somewhat damaged but outside of this there was nothing serious.

The marriage of Miss Jennie Nyland of Norfolk to J. E. Martin of Madison took place in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nyland, 600 South First street, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Rev. Mr. McGregor, pastor of the Methodist church at Madison, performed the ceremony. Only immediate relatives were present. The groom is a son of Joseph Martin, owner of the West Virginia ranch at Madison and one of Madison county's old settlers. The bride's father is a well known commercial traveler of Norfolk. The young couple left at noon for Omaha and will spend most of the winter on a honeymoon trip. They will live on that portion of the West Virginia ranch owned by the groom. Among the out of town relatives were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Martin, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loonan, Farragut, Ia. (Mrs. Loonan was formerly Miss Grace Martin); and Mr. and Mrs.

Case Against Bank Will be Appealed.

C. F. Eiseley will appeal his suit for \$3,500 against the Norfolk National bank, to the supreme court. He says he is not discouraged.

Yankton Southern Officers Elected.

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 10.—The stockholders of the Yankton Southern railroad held their annual meeting in this city Monday night, and the following officers were elected:

Fremont Hill, president; J. L. Bowditch, vice president; W. J. Burns, secretary, and J. H. Stewart, treasurer. These gentlemen, with W. C. Lusk, P. V. Healey, A. A. Hyde, J. H. Stewart, E. O. Waldren, I. Piles and W. J. Fante, form the board of directors.

In this list are Yankton and Wichita, Kan., business men. Senator Stewart is at present in London, where he is reported to be meeting with some success in floating the bonds for the road.

SEVERA CASE TO THE JURY.

Big Damage Suit Against Battle Creek on Trial at Madison.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 10.—Special to The News: The damage suit filed by Mrs. Anna Severa against the town of Battle Creek, a sidewalk case, was taken up yesterday evening after Judge Welch had instructed the jury to find for the defendant in the case of A. B. Robinson against I. W. King. The latter case was dropped before any great amount of progress had been made.

The Severa case went to the jury about 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. An effort was made last night to have the case dismissed by Judge Welch.

The next case to be taken up following the Battle Creek case, was the A. C. Williams sidewalk damage suit against Norfolk.

The damage suits of D. B. Duffy against Fred Scheeger and of Thompson et al against Cooper, et al were continued until the next term.

Court will probably adjourn Friday night until next week.

Rosebud Jury Convicts Riley.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: "Manslaughter in the second degree" is the verdict of the Riley jury.

The circuit court jury which has tried W. A. Riley for the murder of J. E. Ritts last July in Burke, brought in its verdict shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday evening. The case went to the jury during the afternoon.

Out Several Hours.

The jury was out several hours before returning their verdict to Judge Smith of the circuit bench. After having agreed on Riley's guilt, it was necessary for the twelve men to come to an understanding as to the legal nature of the crime, which was decided to have been "manslaughter in the second degree."