

NEW MADISON LAW FIRM.

Senator Allen Takes W. L. Dowling Into Partnership.

Senator W. V. Allen at Madison has taken W. L. Dowling, who was recently admitted to the practice of law, into partnership, the firm being known as "Allen & Dowling." Mr. Dowling, who has studied law in Senator Allen's office and who has a thorough grasp of the affairs of the office, has entered actively into practice, filed his "first case" almost immediately and has taken part in district court proceedings. Senator Allen will turn over a considerable part of his work to the junior partner.

Mr. Dowling is a son-in-law of Senator Allen. He is also a Republican, while the senator is of course still a Bryan populist.

GILMORE DIVORCE WITHHELD.

Wife of Actor First to Meet New South Dakota Divorce Law.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 17.—Without evident intent to increase publicity over her estrangement from her actor husband, Mrs. Paul Gilmore finds herself still more prominently before the public than formerly, because of the withholding of her divorce decree by Judge McCoy, of the Fifth Judicial circuit court at Aberdeen.

The action of Judge McCoy is not based upon any opposition on the part of Paul Gilmore, who was present only through an attorney to conform to the law. The case is known in the parlance of the divorce colony as a "friendly" divorce proceeding, but the presiding judge awaits the interpretation of the recently adopted divorce law calling for a year's residence. Mrs. Gilmore has been a resident of South Dakota eight months, but her case did not come to trial until after the adoption of the new law, which became effective as soon as it was approved by the people of the state under the action of the referendum.

Thus Mrs. Gilmore is the first to come under the possible restrictions of the new enactment, and as the law was enacted nearly two years ago and has simply been in abeyance under the operation of the referendum, the question has arisen whether the law does not apply to residence since the time of its enactment. It is possible that Mrs. Gilmore may be obliged to remain another four months before she secures the coveted document.

New Year's Gift for Two Towns.

The postoffices at Long Pine and Lynch in north Nebraska will be advanced to the presidential class the first of the year and will then be entered in the classified service of the postoffice department.

Raymond Would Incorporate.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: The residents of the town of Raymond, situated on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad in the western part of Clark county, have inaugurated a movement to have their town incorporated under the general laws of the state.

GIRL IN KIDNAPPING MYSTERY.

Cleveland Police in Vain Search. Strangely Withheld Property.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Mystery and romance are interwoven in the disappearance and presumed kidnaping of the fourteen year old daughter of a rich New York contractor who was killed while superintending the construction of a bridge in that city seven years ago.

The girl came here some months ago from Oil City, Pa. She was staying at the home of William Endress as a companion of Endress' little daughter. It was the intention of the Endress family to adopt the girl.

It is said that a well dressed gray haired man lately met the girl on the street and in repeated interviews told her of wealth and luxury which might be hers with him.

The girl seemed afraid and reported the matter to Mr. and Mrs. Endress.

Today the family went out and upon returning found the Turner girl gone and a note was on the table, unsigned, which merely said: "We got the girl."

At a neighbor's house a note was left, signed by the girl and addressed to little Nellie Endress, which said: "I may not be back when you come from school." The police are on the search.

Shortly after the Turner girl's father died, it is said, Mrs. Turner sold an apartment house in New York for \$60,000 and some three years ago died suddenly in that city.

When relatives began to search for her property they discovered that the bank book with a credit of almost \$60,000 as well as other papers had disappeared. A sister of Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Earl Redmond of this city, says they were never found.

FRIDAY FACTS.

A. J. Durand went to Meadow Grove yesterday.

Mark Patterson of Verdel was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Ruth McGohee of Madison was in Norfolk yesterday.

E. H. Crook of Meadow Grove was a Norfolk visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reinecius arrived home from Madison yesterday.

Leonard Heinbaugh of Hooper was transacting business in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Dorothea Priestly returned last evening from Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stadelman are home from a visit to Omaha.

R. B. Hall, who has been traveling out of Chadron all fall, has returned to Norfolk for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grucher of Creighton are visiting at the home of Mrs. August Grucher in Norfolk.

U. S. Olson, an automobile driver

yesterday on his way to Amarillo, Texas.

M. F. Morton, J. P. Blehn and D. E. Coffey of Fairfax, S. D., passed through Norfolk yesterday on their way to Omaha.

Mrs. Jasmer of Creighton, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon, left yesterday for Denver and will later go to California.

D. F. Nichol of Neligh passing through Norfolk Thursday morning enroute to Osceola, Ia., where he will spend a few months with F. M. Edris.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: W. D. Darr, Creighton; G. Hansen, Plainview; F. A. Hesse, Verdel; Rudolph Lindeman, Creighton; C. P. Wimbler, Genoa; F. M. Robbins, Gregory, S. D.; William Mohr, Spencer; Jake Fergen, Dallas, S. D.; H. L. Call, Naper; Fred H. Free, Plainview; J. F. Edelstein, Dallas, S. D.; F. M. Brooks, Dallas, S. D.; Roy Wagner, Pierce; Earl Brown, Spencer; Casper Thiesen, Humphrey; J. Midgeley, Winnetoon.

Lee Lamar, a Sioux City traveling man, has moved to Norfolk.

Friday is the last day of school in the public schools before the holidays.

John Davenport has moved into the B. T. Reid property on North Twelfth street.

Paul Draeger, who has been seriously ill for some time, is still in a dangerous condition.

Alfred Lantz was called to Tecumseh by a telegram announcing the sudden death of his brother's wife.

Ernest Raasch is building two cottages on North Eighth street between Koenigstein and Nebraska avenues.

A little son came on December 7 to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrell in Fort Hutchinson, Texas.

Mrs. Harrell was formerly Miss Eleanor Coffeen of this city.

A little trip down stairs to the dining room of the Oxford hotel on Christmas day is one of the Christmas presents that is promised Tow Brice, the popular north Nebraska traveling man who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever at the Oxnard.

An inch of snow covered the ground Thursday morning in Long Pine, according to word brought to Norfolk. In this city a quarter of an inch of rain and sleet fell, a very thin coating of the latter covering the ground at day break. "Fair and much colder Friday night," was the weather man's greeting.

The U. C. T. is making active preparations for the appropriate celebration of the eleventh anniversary of the local council on January 22, 1909.

The "birthday committees" are at work and one of the things that they aim at is the attendance of all of the charter members of eleven years ago, now scattered from coast to coast.

A ball and banquet will make up part of the anniversary program.

Sample pages of the new telephone directory recently issued by the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company and printed in the printing department of The News, are reproduced in this month's issue of the Western Telephone Journal with the following comment: "We are reproducing herewith the front cover and one of the inside pages of the new directory issued by General Manager W. J. Stadelman of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone Company of Norfolk, Nebraska. In regard to this directory, Mr. Stadelman has a right to feel proud, as everything considered, it is one of the best that we have seen. It is not an expensive affair, or overdone in any particular, but is simple, plain, clear cut and well arranged and printed throughout. The type and figures used are especially well suited to directory work, and the absence of the leader or dotted lines, is a decidedly noticeable improvement. On the back outside cover there appears a half tone cut of the company's new office building, which we are also reproducing herewith. Both the front and back covers are printed in two colors, red and blue, and altogether presents a very attractive appearance. Let us have more directories on this order."

A Northwestern extension north from Midland, S. D., on the Pierre-Rapid City line, through Leslie, S. D., to tap the Indian country in the northwest part of South Dakota, was confidently predicted in Norfolk this morning by Edward I. Senn of Osceola, S. D., in a private conversation. This extension north from Midland, Mr. Senn said, would in time be part of a direct line from the northwest part of South Dakota when the Bonesteel line was built on from Dallas to Midland. The reason the north part of the line was to be built this spring was to let the Northwestern get within reach of the Cheyenne and Standing Bear reservations, where the big land drawing is expected to take place next year.

Mr. Senn did not know when the road would extend from Dallas to Midland but thought that a small extension might come within a year or two possibly in order to prevent the Milwaukee from taking Rosebud trade across the river. About sixty days ago the survey was started for the Midland-Leslie extension and is being continued. Pierre is just now the Northwestern's nearest point to the north-western Indian reservation. Mr. Senn, who was in Norfolk on his way back to the Black Hills from Fairfax, S. D., owns a long chain of weekly newspapers in western South Dakota in the new country. He is also a Tripp land winner, having drawn No. 330.

Boche Case in February.

Not until February or until sometime in the spring will the decision of the supreme court be known on the appeal taken by Herman Boche from the ten year sentence imposed on him by the district court.

In the supreme court the battle is between Senator Allen and Attorney General Thompson, who by lay repre-

present court.

Allen's Brief is Filed.

Senator Allen has just served his brief on Attorney General Thompson. In this brief Senator Allen supports the contentions he made in asking for a retrial of the case at Madison.

The attorney general has thirty days in which to file his brief in answer. Then Senator Allen has ten days more in which to make answer to the points raised by the attorney general.

The Boche case will accordingly come up for argument before the supreme court sometime in February. Some further time will be taken up by the court in preparing its opinion.

Ottmer Won't Law Again.

Don't go to law, unless you're a lawyer or have a special ability for prevarication; because you have just got to know what to do when you get there.

Ordinary common every day citizens who don't exactly understand the meanings of the words plaintiff and defendant will be money ahead by leaving law alone.

Anyhow Louis Ottmer, a shoemaker, who Tuesday swore out a warrant for the arrest of Charlie Lierman on a charge of assault and battery, is decidedly of that opinion.

It appears that Lierman, abjecting to a somewhat lurid description of himself and character exploited in public by Mr. Ottmer, retaliated by knocking that worthy gentleman down.

Ottmer got back with an arrant charged him with vicious and unprovoked assault.

Hearing was postponed yesterday in order that Lierman, who is a carpenter by profession should not be forced to lose any time. It was not until 7 o'clock last night that the case came up for trial.

After a short hearing Justice C. F. Eiseley, deciding that it was just about "six of one and half a dozen of the other," rendered justice with a division of the costs, and imposed fines on both plaintiff and defendant.

Lierman's fine was \$5 for assault, Ottmer's \$3 for provocation.

As the costs ran up to something over \$14 apiece, Ottmer is sadly wishing that he had let the matter drop and his present sentiments on law in general are scarcely printable.

Battle Creek News.

Mrs. August Steffen is on the sick list.

Holy communion services will be held at the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

John Cejda of Howells, Neb., who owns a farm four miles west of town, shipped his one-third share of the hay crop—two carloads—to his home town Tuesday.

The Modern Woodmen had a big time here Saturday night. Thirteen new members were initiated. After the rituals they had a banquet in the Miller hall.

Chas. Wolski, a bachelor of forty-one, was taken to his father's place, three miles east of town on account of sickness.

Mrs. Rose Avery and daughters, Mrs. T. Morris and Miss Gail Avery, were visiting Sunday at the home of William Cossairt and family at Norfolk.

George Berry shipped three double deck cars of sheep to Chicago Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Avery and baby were here Sunday from Tilden visiting relatives.

The German Frauen-Verein will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. Koester.

Ira Burnham was here Saturday from Wisner attending to business.

M. J. Anderson, well known in this vicinity, arrived here Saturday from Twin Falls, Idaho, where he has been engaged in the sheep business for the past ten years. After a short visit here with his brother, Malon Anderson, he will go to his old home in Virginia for an extended visit.

Wm. Gilman is here from Naper, Boyd county, to visit his mother and other relatives.

Our next postmaster will be F. W. Richardson. He is one of the best known men in the county. He was tried as an officer of the county several times and also in the legislature.

Misses Minnie and Mary Newwert were visiting friends in Norfolk Monday.

Howard Miller made a business trip to Omaha Monday.

Mrs. S. Kuhrtz, Mrs. H. Walter and daughter, Miss Emma, were shopping in Norfolk Tuesday.

Lots of changes were made here this week in farm lands and also in business. O. H. Mans has sold his general store to Ernest F. Hans, who will take possession in the near future.

Henry Walter was up to Tilden Tuesday on business.

Tuesday about half a dozen and some more got the Texas fever and went to Randall county, in that state. Some say it is a second Paradise. Wonder if they have any grave yards there? Surely there is room enough for one.

Michael Heller, a retired business man of Bosebel, Wis., arrived here for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

A CANE COLLECTOR.

Gathering Walking Sticks is U. D. Mathews' Fad—Has Forty-Five.

Madison Chronicle: Nearly everyone has a fad, though some scarcely realize it. U. D. Mathews of this city is no exception to the rule. His fad is canes, walking sticks, and he has them until you can't rest. His collection, which numbers about forty-five, and is constantly being added to, as he chances to run across desirable specimens, is well worth anyone's inspection. He values them highly, not

in some cases would be a respectable amount, but in some cases because they are odd, in others because they come from interesting parts of the world, and in still others because of his associations with the parties from whom he obtained them, and in a number of cases for all three or four of these reasons. Mr. Mathews thinks that when his collection has reached fifty in number he will stop collecting, but he probably little realizes the hold the habit has on him, and we look for him to be a more enthusiastic cane collector when his collection has reached 100 than he is now, and we are not the ones to blame him for it if he is.

Railroad News.

N. Oeken, a brakeman who lost his left leg in the Northwestern yards at Hawarden, Ia., a few days ago by falling under a moving car, is under the care of a trained nurse and is making good progress toward recovery.

Fremont railroad men are said to have reached an understanding among themselves and with the three companies that have employes here to resist by lawsuits further efforts of an outside firm to get at their wages through garnishment proceedings brought in other states. The garnishment it is said will be followed hereafter by action against the person who makes the assignment of uncollected bills.

A new department has been installed by the Chicago and Northwestern railroad with offices at Boone, Ia., to be called the bureau of investigation of lost, stolen and damaged freight. The arrangement is effective December 16. The object is to correct the improper handling of freight and insure merchandise reaching its destination promptly and without loss. The bureau here consists of two inspectors and a clerk, as follows: J. H. Mahoney, formerly agent at Denison, and W. W. Carson, from DeWitt, inspectors, and Charles Benton of Montour, clerk. It is understood that all the large divisions of the Northwestern will have similar bureaus.

MARVIN HUGHITT CALLED.

Railroad Presidents Summoned in Pullman Case to Tell of Holdings.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Subpoenas were issued for the appearance of several railroad presidents before the Interstate Commerce Commissioner F. K. Lane to tell of their personal relations with the Pullman car company and of possible ownership of stock.

It was stated by George S. Loftus of St. Paul at the day's hearing into the reasonableness of the Pullman rates that the stock ownership of the Pullman company might prove the all important issue.

"We expect to show," said Mr. Loftus, "that many railroad presidents and executives who have charge of the making of contracts with the Pullman company are themselves influential stockholders of the Pullman company and from information in our possession and from evidence that we hope to elicit we may be able to demonstrate that the ownership of the stock by railroad officials has an important bearing on the nature of the contracts."

Among the railroad men whom Mr. Loftus said would be placed on the stand, besides Robert T. Lincoln, president of the Pullman company, are:

E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe.

A. J. Earling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

Marvin Hughitt, president of the Northwestern.

W. J. Underwood, general manager of the St. Paul.

D. L. Bush, general superintendent of the St. Paul.

Cupid Overwhelms Lonely Bachelor.

Madison, S. D., Dec. 17.—A stenographer is now an actual necessity for a bachelor of Ramona, who advertised in a local paper for a young woman who would marry him.

He has been flooded with replies from willing ones, and while a stenographer will be kept busy she will not be barred from the list of possibilities.

Politics in It, Too.

Republican politics can be discerned in the contest, Congressman Martin and Senator Kittredge are for Dallas.

Land Office Said to Favor Dallas.

It is the claim of Dallas people made here that the government land office favors Dallas. The decision, however, is pretty definitely understood, will rest with Senator Gamble, now the dominant political factor in South Dakota. And political reasons would indicate that Senator Gamble would favor Gregory, which is recommended as the "metropolis of the Rosebud," rather than Dallas, the town five miles west near the line of Tripp county, just opened. For the Dallas leaders and politicians are "stalwarts" and supported the Kittredge organization in the recent Kittredge-Crawford senatorial fight.

Death of Allison Enters.

An outside factor in the fight is the death of Senator Allison, who was a firm friend of the promoters of Dallas and of the town. Now Allison is succeeded by Governor Cummins and Kittredge's star is already obscured by Crawford's victory.

Looks Like Gregory.

Senator Gamble has declared that he will not be influenced by reason of local politics in the location of the land office. But no reason exists for thinking that he will fall to line up for Gregory when the selection is made.

Pays \$500 for a Boy's Eye.

Madison Post: While playing along the Northwestern tracks near the Junction in the city of Norfolk on November 5, Reynolds Johnson, a nine-year-old boy, saw something on the track that aroused his curiosity and as it was held fast to the rails and had a peculiar appearance he thought he would hit it and see what would happen. Of course he had no idea what it was and so took up some solid

United States District Attorney Stinson, who, it is believed, took the matter up and who is instituting libel proceedings against the persons who made the charges.

It is said that the president requested Stinson to make an immediate inquiry into the New York state law, with a view of ascertaining if the prosecution of a libel can be successfully undertaken.

KAISER REPORTED "BROKE."

The Sale of a Castle or Two on the Rhine Will Help Some.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—It is reported that the emperor's present financial standing is in such an embarrassing state that the imperial castles of Benrath and Jagenschloss, near Dusseldorf, are about to be sold to satisfy his majesty's creditors and provide him with funds for immediate future.

According to the declaration of officials in position to know, it is the emperor's expensive gratification of his artistic tastes that reduced his fortune. It is notorious that the emperor needs money badly, and that this worry contributed not a little to his recent defeat.

Under the impetuous advice of his counselors and to avoid prodigious and possible imminent financial scandal upon the heels of that just passed, Wilhelm suddenly began a retrenchment of the sternest sort. It is believed that this program, assisted by the sale of the great castles in Rhine province, will bring him out of this trouble, temporarily at least.

His annual income is stated conservatively at \$10,000,000.

A Rainy Night.

Walt Mason in Emporia Gazette: How sweet is home on a rainy night, when the sad wind whiffs at the window pane; alas, alas, for the homeless wight, who roams abroad in the dark and rain! There's comfort here by the evening lamp, the fire in the chimney gaily roars, but what of the traveling tramp, abroad tonight, while the torrent pours? But shed no tears for the pilgrim lone, who sadly follows a sodden path, and give no thought to his plight and moan—for it's doubtless true that he needs a bath.

JNO. D.'S XMAS GIFT \$4,000,000.

Share of Standard Dividend for the Last Quarter.

New York, Dec. 17.—John D. Rockefeller got a Christmas present of \$4,000,000 from the Standard Oil company today, a check for that amount is his share of the company's dividends for the last three months of the year.

The total dividends for the quarter amounts to \$10,000,000, or \$10 a share on its capitalization of \$100,000,000 of which Mr. Rockefeller owns 40 per cent, it is generally believed.

UP TO KITTREDGE.

J. E. Waggoner's Nomination Again Heard in the Senate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The senate committee on judiciary had a meeting and nominations of Judge M. D. Purdy of Minnesota and J. E. Waggoner, for U. S. district attorney of South Dakota came up, and the same action was taken as that of last May. Purdy's nomination was referred to Senator Nelson and Waggoner's to Senator Kittredge who was opposed to confirmation.

Fight on For Land Office.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States land office, which is to be removed from Mitchell to Gregory county, is the subject just now of a hot fight between a number of Rosebud towns, Bonesteel, Burke, Gregory and Dallas being in the lists. Delegations from both Gregory and Dallas have visited Washington from time to time and have active representatives here watching every move. It is between these two towns that the chief contest lies.

Northwest Weddings.

News has reached West Point of the marriage at Denver, Colo., of Howard R. Flores and Miss Sarah Emily Pearce, which occurred at the residence of H. R. Adams, of that city. Mr. Flores is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flores of Cuming county and is now superintendent of the street railway system of Denver.

John A. Moffatt and Miss Emma Louise Prosser were united in marriage at Rhysville, Nev. The bride is a former teacher of Cuming county, subsequently removing to Cedar county and later teaching in Nevada where she met her future husband. Mr. Moffatt is a resident of Rhysville and a broker by profession.

Dr. C. E. Belzell and Miss Katie Minton will be married in Oakland December 22.

OAK PARK PRAYS FOR HIM.

But the Banker Thinks Applications Should be for the Ministers.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—"The week of prayer in Oak Park is for my benefit," said John Parson in a spirited interview at his office in the First National bank building. "Oak Park, properly speaking, doesn't need a week of prayer. It's the nicest, cleanest little town in the state. If I didn't think so I'd move out."

"The only trouble here is with the ministers themselves. They are a set of jealous men, fighting among themselves each wanting to run the town and all determined that no one shall go to heaven except by personal direction of the ministry of Oak Park."

"These narrow minded preachers and deacons are so bigoted that I am actually afraid to speak."

"I am quite positive when the people are gathered together during the week of prayer I shall be favored by many petitions for my betterment. They don't like my clothes, they say I am too radical, and according to their point of view, I am sadly in need of salvation."

REPUBLICANS ARE JEALOUS.

Brazil and Argentina Have Private Opinions of Each Other.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 18.—The relations existing between Brazil and the Argentine are distinctly strained as a result of the jealousy following the

the matter of increasing its naval force. The incident of the recent telegram said to have been intercepted and published by a former cabinet minister of the Argentine adds to the ill-feeling which shows no signs of decreasing.

Madison Skaters Escape.

Madison Post: Ned Smart, Ralph Rynearson, Arthur Smith and another young man were skating at the foot of Pearl street Saturday afternoon when the ice gave away and let them through. Fortunately there were several boys on the ice who went to the rescue and managed to pull them out with the use of shiny clubs.

Columbus Beats Madison.

The Columbus high school defeated Madison high school at basket ball in Columbus last week, 18 to 13.

Judge Cuts Off Marriages.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 19.—Judge Charles Nowland, appointed by Gov. Folk presiding judge of the Buchanan county court, announces he will perform no marriage ceremonies.

"I believe marriage," he says, "too solemn a rite to be performed by laymen.

"One reason why there are so many divorces lies in the fact that marriage is too easily taken on or put aside."

Depositions in Sully Case.

Depositions in the famous Sully case have been taken in Dallas this week according to a report from that Rosebud town. The depositions were taken by United States District Attorney Wagner representing the government and George A. Jeffers, the Rosebud attorney, who represents Mrs. Jack Sully and the Sully heirs in their efforts to secure fifty-nine sections of Tripp and Meyer county land through the Indian blood in their veins.

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers for the week ending December 12, 1908, compiled by the Madison County Abstract & Guarantee company, office with Maps & Hazen.

C. F. Haase to Ferdinand Wachter, W. D. Cons. \$5,600. 8 1/2 of nw 1/4 of 9-24-1.