

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Peters Miller came up from Fremont to spend a few days on his farm.

A. T. Wenberg of Spencer has sold his bottling works to O. W. Monson.

A special meeting of Mosaic lodge, No. 55, will be held this evening at 8 p. m. for work in the M. M. degree.

Dr. H. T. Overacker will erect a cottage in a short time on a lot he has purchased on South Eighth street between the H. A. Drebert and R. H. Reynolds residences.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. George B. Christoph with Mrs. H. Pasewalk assisting. All the ladies and their friends are cordially invited.

Norfolk democrats who were influential in electing the present administration seem to be favoring T. C. Cantwell for chief of police in their recommendations to Mayor Friday. The latter, however, has made no announcements relative to his appointment.

Vogel's concert orchestra went to Stanton Monday in an automobile to furnish the music in a private dance there. Otto Vogel will render a violin solo before the Wednesday club at their banquet here Thursday evening, but will first play at a banquet at Winslow Tuesday and at Wayne Wednesday evening.

The fire department at its meeting Monday evening will elect officers for the coming year. John Krantz has declined to serve longer as chief of the fire department. The new charter makes the office of chief an appointive one but any choice taken by the department would probably be ratified by the mayor in making the appointment.

George Dudley, sr., selected his Tripp county farm last week. Mr. Dudley's home is ten miles west of Dallas and three miles north of Colome. He is well pleased with his farm which lays well and which is of good soil. Mr. Dudley's number was 471 in the drawing. He was the only old soldier in the list of the fifty-seven Norfolk winners.

Governor Shallenberger has written to Dr. O. R. Meredith of this city, president of the Madison County Sunday School association, in reply to resolutions adopted at the recent Sunday School convention at Tilden commending the governor for signing the daylight saloon bill. The governor's letter is as follows: "Dear Doctor: I have your letter endorsing my action upon the daylight saloon bill, and wish to thank you and the association which you represent for the kind expressions. With assurance of my respectful respect, I am, very respectfully, Ashton C. Shallenberger."

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: H. A. Cheney, Creighton; P. J. Laughlin, Dallas, S. D.; C. F. Pratt, Wagner; William Lierman, Pierce; F. W. Deecharin, Burke, S. D.; J. D. Jamison, Jamison; A. G. Felter, Broxburg; H. A. Nord, Spencer; Sigwald Olsen, Winslow.

Columbus Telegram: Twenty years ago Daniel Hines, the veteran engineer of the Union Pacific Columbus-Norfolk passenger, began study on a patent process connected with the welding of boiler flues on locomotive engines. At last his perseverance has been crowned with success, the government having recently granted the patent. Dan has just returned home from a long leave of absence, and is being congratulated by all the railroad boys on the success of his plans. His patent is now receiving consideration of several railroad officials and will soon be given a trial.

Friday and New Council.

John Friday since 10 o'clock Tuesday morning has been mayor of Norfolk. Mayor Sturgeon and the retiring councilmen stepped out of office at the same hour. Councilman Schwenk in the Second ward by E. E. Coleman and Councilman Julius DeGner in the Third ward by August Fisher.

Shortly after it had been called to order the new council adjourned until 8 p. m. in order to give the councilmen time to file the bonds required by the new charter.

The most important committee is possibly the ways and means committee, the city's finance committee. The committee most in touch with the public is the street committee. Another hard working committee is the auditing committee.

Appointments Tuesday Evening.

Mayor Friday's appointments were postponed until the evening session. There was one exception to this. August Brumund was announced for the post of water commissioner. The council was about to confirm his nomination when the question of bonds led to adjournment until 8 p. m. The mayor announced that a partial list of appointments would be filed then. It was understood that the office of chief of police was not to be filled until later.

The Saloon Ordinance.

The new council inherits from the retiring council two saloon ordinances, one removing the limit on the number of saloons and permitting the introduction of tables and chairs and the other ordinance reducing the license fee from \$1,200 to \$1,000. Both ordinances have now been read once before the old council and must still be read on two different days to be voted on.

Debate Saloon Question.

Tuesday morning's session of the old council brought a continuation of Monday afternoon's debate. Councilman Schwenk explained that the ordinance had come up Monday afternoon on such short notice and at so near the end of his term that he had refused to vote. He had thought about the matter over night and now took a different view. He wanted to

do the right thing for the upbuilding of the city and said that if the matter came up for a vote he would not be on the middle of the fence.

Councilman Craven said that last year he did the best he could to give the saloons a fair show. The saloons, he said, got what they wanted. A compromise was effected and an agreement was entered into, the other side lived up to their agreement and the remonstrances were withdrawn. The city, however, obtained a year in which to carry out its part of the agreement. Nothing was done except to take out the tables and chairs. Now on account of the daylight saloon some did not want to fulfill their contract. A contract would stand in business and he thought it was the duty of the councilmen to keep good faith.

Councilman Kaufman here insisted that the W. C. T. U. had broken their end of the agreement by taking part in the city campaign by mailing 1,000 circular letters. A sharp controversy between Kaufman and Hibben followed.

A vote to have the new ordinance read was supported by Schwenk, Winter, Dolin, Fiesler and Kaufman with Craven and Hibben in opposition. DeGner was absent.

Could Hold Until May.

Mayor Sturgeon explained that he had been advised by the city attorney that he was legally entitled to hold office until next month if he saw fit. He said he had no desire to inconvenience the new mayor or the new council and would accordingly turn the office over to his successor.

The retiring mayor said that he left office with no sore spots and that he thought a creditable year had been closed.

"We have not done all that we started out to do," said Mr. Sturgeon, "but I think we have done as much as any other council could have done under the circumstances. We have succeeded in placing the city where the new administration may do many of the things which we would have liked to have done. I personally would like to have seen Norfolk avenue paved, a Carnegie library and a Y. M. C. A. building built while I was mayor, but now I hope to see these things done under my successor. I hope to work as hard for the good of our city as when I was mayor."

Mayor Friday Speaks.

Following the transfer of authority Mayor Friday explained that owing to the short time which had elapsed since election and owing also to sickness in his family he had not been able to prepare an address to the council. He had, he said, certain suggestions which he wished to make and at the next regular council meeting would outline to the council the things which he wanted them to help him do. Mayor Friday said that there were many things which the people of the city expected and that they could only be accomplished by every one laying aside party and personal feelings and uniting in an effort to build up the town.

Attack Saloon Ordinance.

Lineup of councilmen at the last formal meeting of the old council: For the removal of restrictions as to the number of saloons, Councilmen Winter, Kaufman, Fiesler and Dolin. For seven saloons and the present ordinance, Councilmen Craven and DeGner. Present but not voting, Councilman Schwenk. A sent but in favor of present ordinance, Councilman Hibben. Today Councilmen Kaufman, DeGner and Schwenk are succeeded by Councilmen Blake, Coleman and Fisher.

The net result of the Monday afternoon session so far as the "compromise" saloon ordinance of last spring was concerned was the introduction of an ordinance removing the limit on the number of saloons and permitting tables and chairs to be placed in saloons, the ordinance being read for the first time as required by law, and the preparation of an ordinance reducing the license fee to \$1,000, half to go to the school fund and half to the city. Although not legally required, a vote was taken on the first ordinance after the first reading, the vote standing as indicated above.

An ordinance to pass must be read before the council on three different days and then receive five votes. With six votes the three readings may be dispensed with and the ordinance passed at the meeting. Those who would like to see the present ordinance amended admit that six votes will not be obtainable and that the ordinance read Monday must have two more readings and the license reduction ordinance three more readings. Those who would like to amend the present ordinance are sure only of four votes in the new council.

Dolin Starts the Fireworks.

Pat Dolin opened the trouble of the afternoon by demanding that the "compromise" ordinance be called up. "In my opinion the council should withdraw this ordinance and put back the saloon license to \$750," declared the Fourth ward councilman delivering himself of a speech. "During the coming year it will be only up to July 6, 1909, that these people will have to get what they call a statutory return for the license they are paying. July 6 we will have the daylight saloon. When this thing gets through we are only going to have three or four saloons. I tell you with a \$750 license, we will have about four saloons up town and one at the Junction." Dolin later declared in favor of six chairs and a table in every saloon but no dice or cards. This found favor and was included in the amendments, it being held to be only fair to the farmers and others who come to town during the day and who were entitled to some place to sit down and rest.

Fuesler Against Ordinance.

Councilman Fuesler stated that he had helped adopt the ordinance in good faith but he had soon seen his mistake. He considered the placing of a limit on the number of saloons wrong. If any licenses were refused he thought they should be refused on the grounds of misbehavior. He did not want discrimination but wanted each saloon to stand on its own merits. He announced that he would vote for a \$1,000 license. "This council voted this in and it should be this council which should wash its hands of the affair," he declared.

Mayor Sturgeon thought that good faith demanded that the ordinance be kept on the books. He was especially opposed to any action during the closing days of his administration. He declared that he could have been re-elected if he would have promised to stand for the repeal of the ordinance. "Then if your position defeated you, you admit that the ordinance is unpopular and that the people are against it," asked Fuesler. The mayor said he would admit nothing of the kind.

Craven and DeGner Stand Pat.

Councilmen Craven and DeGner stood by the ordinance, thinking that good faith demanded that it be kept. Craven said that the ordinance had been passed at the request of the saloon men and that they were very anxious to get it at the time and now that the benefits of the compromise had been secured by one side he thought that it would be breaking faith to change the ordinance at this time. As to discrimination he predicted that with a \$1,200 license and a daylight law that there would not be over seven saloons.

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that the road would be built and was in fact one of the first men to receive a letter from Mr. Graham when the project was recently revived.

Mr. Graham left Norfolk with directions that his mail be forwarded to Norfolk, Ohio.

Roar of Niagara Stops.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 12.—The voice of Niagara was mute yesterday for the second time in the memory of man. The river is frozen solid from bank to bank. An ice gorge below the falls has forced the river out of its channel and damage to the extent of amillion dollars has resulted. The only other time was in the spring of 1848.

Anson Wagar is indicted.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 12.—The United States grand jury, now in session here, has returned a number of indictments, among them one against Anson Wagar, formerly United States commissioner at Dallas, Gregory county, who was removed from office last fall by Judge Carland of the federal court, for failure to turn over to the United States land office at Mitchell trust funds which had been placed in his hands by homesteaders in the Rosebud country, with which to make payments on the purchase price of their lands. The amounts which the indictment charges him with having embezzled aggregate in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

From two homesteaders he is charged with having taken the sum of \$485.80 each, this being the largest amount alleged to have been taken from any one homesteader.

Prairie Fire Near Carlock.

Gregory Times: A bad prairie fire broke out five miles southwest of Carlock a week ago and burned over quite a region. Emery Watts was the heaviest sufferer, losing his barn with three horses, two calves, pigs, grain and machinery. He lived in a sod house to which fact is due the saving of his home. Guy Lewis was in Gregory and when he saw the smoke drove at top speed for home which is near the Watts place. He helped fight the fire all that night and it was finally conquered. It is reported that a farmer set a straw pile afire with only a few furrows around and the fire got away. The recent warning of the state fire marshal sets forth the penalty for such carelessness.

Oldest Filler From Osmond.

Gregory Times: C. A. Hutz of Osmond, Neb., No. 183, is probably the oldest man which will file on a homestead during this opening. He is seventy-five years old and is quite sick but was on hand nevertheless to select his claim. He was accompanied by B. S. Leedom, editor of the Osmond Republican, who helped him in his choice. He hopes that the healthy climate here will restore his vigor and that he and his aged wife may long occupy the home on the fertile prairies in health and peace. Their three sons and one daughter are grown, married, and have families of their own, so that the old folks will have to homestead it alone. It is a hard matter for one so advanced in years to change locations but it is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Hutz may find congenial neighbors and a pleasant home in which to spend their declining years.

Death of Henry M. Hayes.

Henry M. Hayes, who came to Norfolk from West Derby, Vt., last summer, died at the home of his son, C. S. Hayes, at 309 North Tenth street Monday evening at 10:30 o'clock. About 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon he suffered a stroke of apoplexy while down town and had to be taken home in a carriage. He became unconscious about five minutes after being taken to his room and remained so until his death.

Mr. Hayes was eighty-three years old last October. He belonged to the Methodist church.

The funeral services will be held in the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ATTACKS ON TAFT UNJUST.

Washington, April 12.—For some inscrutable reason certain retired muck rakers and spasmodic reformers have begun a series of attacks on President Taft on the extraordinary ground that he has not carried out the policies of the Roosevelt administration. These early critics of a new president who is just going through the unpleasant experiences which attend the opening of every administration are much disturbed in mind because, after some four or five weeks in the presidential office, Mr. Taft has not succeeded in completing every policy which Mr. Roosevelt left unfinished after years of the most strenuous efforts ever known in the history of the government.

The charge is such a fantastic one that it would not be given the slightest attention by public men if it were not for the belief that it is the beginning of a persistent effort to discredit the new administration before it has had a chance to show what there is to it. That anybody should expect an American president to revolutionize the affairs of the nation in a month or two seems inconceivable, and yet certain newspapers and magazines are beginning to arrive at the white house all of which contain this preposterous criticism.

It may be said in passing that President Taft is paying but little attention to critics these days. He is too busy adjusting the machinery of the new administration before it has had a chance to show what there is to it. That anybody should expect an American president to revolutionize the affairs of the nation in a month or two seems inconceivable, and yet certain newspapers and magazines are beginning to arrive at the white house all of which contain this preposterous criticism.

Boy Crushed in Cornsheller.

West Point, Neb., April 12.—Special to The News: The three-year-old son of Frank Helmann, living west of the river had his hand badly crushed in a cornsheller. The little fellow was playing near the machine.

Judge Witten Speaks.

In a letter recently received from Judge Jas. W. Witten, superintendent of the Tripp county opening, he makes the following statement: "I am informed that objections are being made to that part of the recently issued rules governing the approaching making of Tripp county entries which requires each locating agent to furnish entrymen with sworn statements as to the kind, quality and topography of lands selected for them. Very many of the Tripp county homesteaders will be strangers in this locality, without a personal knowledge of either the lands to be entered or of the competency or reliability of the large number of locating agents who will offer their services, and as it will be absolutely impossible for many of them to safely select their future homes without the aid of some one who has an intimate knowledge of the Tripp county lands, I feel it my duty to give them all the aid and protection possible, and a conscientious discharge of that duty called for the rule complained of."

Hereafter such requirement has not been made, and as a result many homesteaders have in the past been located on practically worthless land by incompetent and unreliable locating agents. No man should accept a fee from another for selecting a home when he has no knowledge of the land

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attention to the likenesses as well as to the differences existing as between the Taft and the Roosevelt administrations.

People who claim that President Taft is forgetful of the policies of President Roosevelt lose sight of the fact that those policies were the joint production of the two men to a large extent. There was hardly an important theory of government adopted by President Roosevelt which did not have the sanction of Mr. Taft at the time and during its formative period. With all due respect to the muck rakers and the volunteer reformers, it may be stated as a positive fact that probably there has been no man in the United States so intimately associated with the latter day public life of Theodore Roosevelt as William H. Taft.

Trouble in Persia Grows.

London, April 12.—The situation in Persia is gradually developing in the direction of Anglo-Russian intervention. British blue jackets were landed from the cruiser Fox at Bushire Saturday after a British resident had issued a proclamation setting forth the necessity of this action because of the inability of local authorities to protect foreigners. It is understood that the landing was sanctioned beforehand by Russia and it is expected that the latter government will be obliged to take similar measures to protect foreigners at Tabriz and Resht.

Much Building at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., April 12.—Special to The News: Improvements of various kinds are being pushed as fast as possible in Neligh. To secure the required help is the only hindrance from an early completion of the buildings now under construction. Unskilled labor is paid for at a rate of \$1.75 per day, and that of masons at \$5.

The excavating of the Conway & Bogardus new building is about completed, and that of M. O. Daxon, which will be a structure 4x100 with a basement eleven feet deep, will be in shape for the masons the latter part of the week. It is estimated that this latter building which will be exclusively occupied by Mr. Daxon with his implement business, when completed, will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Commission Men at Omaha Ask Manager to Close Saloon.

Omaha, April 13.—More than 100 of the live stock commission men of South Omaha have taken peculiar steps looking to the curtailing of business. They have signed a petition asking General Manager Buckingham, of the Union stock yards, to discontinue the saloon in the Exchange building. Here is the reason for doing this: Commission men all know that when their customers come to the yards with stock or to buy feeders to take back to the farms and ranches they must be entertained, and the figures show that there are many instances where the bar bills of some of the firms have frequently run from \$50 to \$100 per month. The signers to the petition take the position that if the saloon was taken away from the yards they could do as much business as now and that all of the money now spent for treats would be velvet.

The commission men all expect to serve meals to their customers, providing they are at the yards at meal time, and they do not object to this, but from now on they are going to try and draw the line on the drinks.

It is reported that Manager Buckingham has told some of the exchange members that if the saloon is closed the dining room must go, for there is no profit in running the latter, though the meals served average about 500 per day.

In South Omaha the saloons pay a license of \$1,000 per year, and it is said that the one at the stock yards is a money-maker. The license expires April 20 and it is certain that it will run until then, but what will occur thereafter is problematic, for right now no one will attempt to say.

Rev. George Lobinger Dead.

Lincoln, April 12.—Rev. George Lobinger, one of the pioneer ministers of the Christian church in this state, died here. Besides his work as pastor and organizer of Christian churches in various parts of the state, Mr. Lobinger held the office of county judge of Thayer county several terms.

Catch Horse Thief at Verdigr.

Verdigris Citizen: Robert Morrison, an alleged Indian horse thief, who is said to have stolen two horses from the mission at Santee Agency Sunday night, was arrested at Verdigr Monday. Morrison disposed of one of the horses to Albert Pavelka. Charles Lawson and Joseph Robinet of Santee, were notified of his arrest and came for the prisoner and took him to Capt. the following morning. We understand that this is not his first offense.