

Victor Hangs for Crimes.

Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 16.—Emil Victor, a young man formerly of East Aurora, N. Y., was hanged at 8 o'clock this morning for the most horrible crime in the history of South Dakota, the wanton killing of four persons.

In a confession made by Victor he stated that he hid during the night in the Christie barn, awaiting the coming of Christie to do the morning chores, when he intended to pound him into insensibility and rob him of the large sum which he expected to find in his possession.

His father and mother and other relatives reside at East Aurora, and he has a brother, Charles Victor, in Chicago. His parents, a sister and his Chicago brother came to South Dakota and were present at his trial, but at its conclusion and following the offering in evidence of the confession they immediately departed for the east and have since wholly abandoned the murderer to the fate which he so richly deserves.

Victor, who is only about 20 years of age, will be the seventh person to end his life on the gallows in South Dakota since the state was admitted to the union of states on November 2, 1889. The six who have been hanged were John Lehman, Jay Hicks, Two Sticks, (a Sioux Indian), George Bear and Allen Walking Shield, also Sioux Indians, and Nathaniel K. Thompson.

It is an interesting coincidence that of the six persons hanged in South Dakota since statehood, three were executed by the state authorities, while the other three were executed by the United States authorities for South Dakota. The three executed by the state authorities were white men, while the three executed by the federal authorities were Sioux Indians.

Since Victor was sentenced to be hanged there has been much discussion and controversy as to the identity of the first person hanged in the state since South Dakota was admitted to the union. This doubtful distinction belongs to John B. Lehman, who was hanged in Custer county on February 19, 1892. This is a case which appears to have been entirely forgotten by the newspaper men who thus far have written of the historical cases of hanging in South Dakota.

Activity in South Dakota, it has not been a year of actual railway construction. With all the stir, the year is likely to end without a single mile of new line in operation in the state. A lot of grading has been done, however.

Everything is in shape for a large addition to railway mileage next year. The Milwaukee road has rushed work on lines west of the Missouri river in territory which is to be opened to settlement next April, and is in shape where it can quickly get the lines in operation for the handling of the new settlers. The grading work is practically completed on the line from Moberg to the Thunder Butte section of the state. On the Fox Ridge line south of the Moreau river graders are still at work.

The Northwestern road while it has been fully as active as the Milwaukee in preliminary work, has not pushed grading to such an extent as has its rival. Grading outfits are yet at work on the line from Blunt to Gettysburg by way of Onida, connecting the Pierre line with the Gettysburg extension. The company is also pushing grading work on the extension east from Belle Fourche. Beyond this its activity appears to have been along the line of preliminary work in the engineering department, getting into shape for real active construction work next year. The survey of the line from Hitchcock to Onida is practically completed. It has also completed its survey of a line from Iroquois to Doland. It has also been active west of the Missouri, pushing its engineering forces east from Belle Fourche into the White Owl country, it having fled with the secretary of state a resolution of extension from Belle Fourche almost to the east line of Meade county.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis, while starting surveys west of the Missouri last spring, allowed the work to lag, until the Hawley interests secured control of the property, since which time there has been more activity. Material is being placed on the ground for a bridge across the Missouri at LeBeau, on what is said to be the coast extension of that system. Division headquarters have been established at Watertown for the pushing of work. The company has also filed with the state railway commission a plan of an extension from Aberdeen to Pierre along the old grade put in years ago. It has an option on the grade as a donation in case it begins construction by next July.

The proposed electric line from Sioux City into the state appears to retain some life, and the promoters, who are securing rights of way, say they will next year build through the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, Turner and Hutchinson.

Taken altogether the situation appears to be favorable for a great increase in railway mileage in the state in 1910.

ENDS LIFE WITH A GUN.

Gage County Farmer Commits Suicide in Home. Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 16.—Andy Ridgely, a former resident of West Beatrice, but for the last few years a farmer near Pickrel, this county committed suicide by blowing his brains out with a shotgun.

A Unique Shower. Neligh, Neb., Nov. 16.—Special to The News: An original shower was given for Miss Amy Melick, by the club girls of this city, known as the Pleiades (representing seven stars), at the home of Miss Mae Hall. As Miss Melick will be interested in the telephone at her future home, the club girls devised a way by which she received upon calling for a number, all of the shower gifts over the telephone wire.

The house was profusely decorated with hearts and cupid's shooting their arrows right and left. After the guests had amused themselves writing telegrams to the bride from the dainty refreshments were served. You'll find it in the want-ad column.

H. L. Snyder Walters' Chief. H. L. Snyder, lost and damaged freight inspector for the Northwestern with headquarters at Norfolk, has been appointed chief clerk to General Manager Frank Walters, with headquarters at Omaha, his new appointment being effective today, and Mr. Snyder will leave this week to take up his new work. Mrs. Snyder will accompany him and they will reside in Omaha.

Order of Hearing of Final Account. In the matter of the estate of Phillips W. Hull, deceased, in the county court of Madison county, Nebraska. Now on the 4th day of November, 1909, came Annice Elizabeth Hull and Jack Koenigstein, the executors of said estate, and pray for leave to render an account as such executors.

It is therefore ordered that the 6th day of December 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m., at my office in Madison, Neb., be fixed as the time and place for examining and allowing such account. And the heirs of said deceased, and all persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at the time and place so designated, and show cause, if such exists, why said account should not be allowed.

It is further ordered that said Annice Elizabeth Hull and Jack Koenigstein, executors, give notice to all persons interested in said estate by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, a newspaper printed and in general circulation in said county, for three weeks prior to the day set for said hearing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 4th day of November, A. D., 1909. Wm. Bates, County Judge.

W. B. Golden, now chief dispatcher at Fremont, succeeds Mr. Snyder in Norfolk, with supervision over territory east of Long Pine. J. C. Northrop, formerly station agent at Valentine, is appointed for territory west of Long Pine. His headquarters will be at Valentine.

Mr. Snyder has been with the Northwestern for many years. He was formerly chief train dispatcher and later chief clerk to General Superintendents C. C. Hughes and S. M. Braden. Some months ago he was appointed lost and damaged freight inspector.

MANY DRUNKS AT NELYGH.

Several Visitors in the City Were Arrested During Day. Neligh, Neb., Nov. 15.—Special to The News: Saturday afternoon and evening was an unusually busy time for the police in arresting drunks on the charge of disturbing the peace of the city. B. N. Nemeis of Waterloo, Ia., and Art Brown of Nebraska City, Neb., were the first arrested in the afternoon.

C. E. Scott, George Nelson and Tom Bullock of Omaha, and Ed Keeler of Neligh were arrested in the evening for fighting on the corner of the Yearshaw saloon. All were brought before Police Judge McCaig, who assessed each a fine of \$5 and costs, which amounted to \$750. He also administered free gratis a lecture that no doubt will be of benefit in the future. The men, with the exception of Keeler, are strangers in this city, but are husking corn a few miles out of town. All the fines are expected to be paid today.

Meadow Grove. Miss Claire Hughes spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents near Battle Creek. R. H. Rohrk spent Saturday in this city visiting his many friends. Many of our local ninruds have been getting a good many ducks the last few days. Lucius Green leaves Monday to spend the winter on his homestead in South Dakota. Ed Crook returned from Madison where he had been serving on the jury.

The first snow of the winter fell here Friday. Miss Nellie Hays has given up her school work here and will stay at home this winter.

Forest Jones spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, north of this city. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walling of Anthon, Iowa, are visiting at the Mason home this week. Mrs. Walling is a niece of Mrs. Mason.

Charles Church is the new mail carrier on route No. 1. He succeeded Harry Nye, while Mrs. Arthur Colegrove succeeded Mr. Church as manager of Mrs. Wadde's store.

The people of Meadow Grove are beginning to see what can be accomplished when the right man gets a hold of her only newspaper. The new editor, Mr. Clifton, is an enterprising and ambitious young man, and as soon as possible will give us a weekly paper to be proud of.

Work on the new mill commenced this week. This is one more good addition to our enterprising little town. Under the direction of G. M. Hopkins our schools are in a flourishing condition. The Meadow Grove high school has been placed on the accredited list for three-year high schools.

Mrs. J. M. Pile, of Wayne normal, will be in this town in the near future to give one of her lectures on her European tour.

Now at Work On Airship. David Smith, the young farmer of Devere, Neb., who was here starting the work of building the flying machine which he has invented, returned to his home Saturday evening. Before leaving Norfolk Mr. Smith and William Ahlman drew up a contract for work on the flying machine. Mr. Ahlman is to be paid 65 cents per hour for all work he does on the machine, and he also gets a lien on the machine in case any money is due him. Mr. Smith advanced Mr. Ahlman part of his salary as builder of the machine and also money for material, for which Ahlman has already signed. City Engineer Brown was employed by Smith to draw plans and maps from the original copies. These are already completed, and Ahlman begins work on the flying machine immediately.

Smith is a bachelor and lives with his mother on his 200-acre farm near Devere. He will return to Norfolk in two weeks to direct the work on his machine. The trial flight will probably take place here.

MONDAY MENTION. Fred Kero returned from Syracuse. Dr. J. C. Meyers was here from Butte.

Rev. Mr. Mallard returned here from a visit at Wayne. John Huebner and family, who were here visiting friends returned to Hoskins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ballantyne of Gregory are in the city visiting with relatives. Mrs. C. E. Schulz and family of Wayne are in the city visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Schulz for a short time before going to their new home at Humphrey.

Mason Frazer is on the sick list. News has been received here from Alfred Stein of Marshalltown, Ia., son of Mrs. P. A. Stein, reporting the death of his infant son.

Mrs. W. C. Roland, who has been ill at Omaha, has returned to Norfolk. Mrs. Roland's health is considerably improved.

The Norfolk "Boys' Club," composed of a number of young men of Norfolk,

will give a dance at Marquardt hall Thursday evening. At a special initiation at the Elks club Saturday evening four members, all of Albion, were initiated. After the initiation a social session was held.

A dog belonging to C. H. Groesbeck fell into a cesspool which had been left open on Koenigstein avenue Sunday, and a lively time was experienced in rescuing the canine.

Rev. Mr. Spiering of Melville held services at the Christ Lutheran church here Sunday, in the absence of Rev. J. P. Mueller, whose time was fully occupied with funeral services.

Ed Becker took over the Finkhous cigar store, which he has purchased, and is busy invoicing the goods. Mr. Becker will remodel and re-furnish the cigar store with many new conveniences. The fire department made a run to the Hartford barber shop at 7 a. m. in answer to an alarm. Some waste paper in the rear of the barber shop, which was burning, caused the alarm to be sent in.

The West Side Whist club, scheduled to meet with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock Monday night, has been postponed until Tuesday night on account of a theater party planned for "The Heir to the Hoopah," at the Auditorium Monday night.

An error was made in the names and lots which were offered for a Y. M. C. A. site. The lot on the south-west corner of Madison avenue and Fourth street was offered by T. E. Odiorne for \$2,000, instead of by J. W. Ransom for \$2,750.

Miss Lela Williams, daughter of George Williams of Norfolk, was brought home Monday from Columbus by Mrs. Williams. Miss Williams fell on the ice a week ago and sprained her ankle badly. She was attending the sisters' school at that place.

Four Norfolk witnesses for the prosecution in the Hadar bank robbery case went to Pierce. Among them are: J. W. Fetter, Myron Farley, Louis Schenzel and E. F. South. Mrs. Stanfield of Norfolk is also a witness in this case, but owing to her illness she will probably be unable to attend the court. The Norfolk witnesses were called for 2 o'clock.

George E. Nevins, son of Mrs. Minnie Nevins of the Union Pacific restaurant, on North Fifth street, died at 6 o'clock Sunday night of membranous croup. Funeral services over the remains were held at the house at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. C. W. Ray of the Methodist church, after which the remains were interred at the Prospect Hill cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Augusta Leu, wife of Robert Leu, one of the pioneers who came here with the German settlement, were held at the family home five miles north of here at 12 o'clock Saturday. The church services were held at the Christ Lutheran church at 2:15, after which the interment took place at the new Lutheran cemetery. Many floral offerings were made by friends. The pallbearers were: C. F. Haase, Carl Schwichtenberg, Fred Oestrich, Julius Degner, August Kaun, August Grescher.

Funeral services over the remains of John E. Boeck, who died after a lingering illness brought on by stomach trouble and old age, were held at the family residence at 50 Madison avenue at 2:15 Sunday afternoon, and at the Christ Lutheran church at 2:30. Rev. J. P. Mueller officiating. Interment took place at the Prospect Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock. Many floral offerings as a last tribute were made by friends of the family. Mr. Boeck was born in Germany in 1836. The German Relief association was fully represented at the funeral, the following pallbearers being chosen from the membership: William Ahlman, Herman Winter, Fred Nordwig, Chris Kreuch, August Helleman, Fred Schradner.

George H. Spear, S. F. Erskine, E. C. Engle, F. D. Lowery, Hupp Tavls and C. H. Taylor, who were delegates to the U. C. T. convention which was held at Omaha last week, returned to Norfolk Saturday night. They report the entire program, which was published by The News last week, was carried out and 104 were initiated in the afternoon. The banquet, which was held at the Royal hotel in the evening, was a success. A six-course dinner with covers for 200 was enjoyed. At this banquet S. F. Erskine of Norfolk was among the principal speakers. The Omaha council initiated thirteen candidates, which increases the membership to the second largest membership in the state. The Norfolk council will hold their regular meeting next Saturday evening.

LYMAN J. GAGE TO MARRY. A San Diego Divorcee to be the Ex-Secretary's Bride. San Diego, Cal., Nov. 16.—Announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Lyman J. Gage, executive secretary of the treasury, under the administration of President McKinley, and Mrs. Ada Ballou of San Diego. Although the date of the marriage has not been made public, it is said that the wedding is to occur Thanksgiving day at the home of the bride.

The wedding will be a quiet affair with only a few relatives and intimate friends present. It is said that Mr. Gage's attentions to Mrs. Ballou have been most marked for more than a year. Mr. Gage has been a resident of San Diego for about three years, living for a considerable time on Point Loma, close to the Theosophical home, of which Mrs. Katherine Tingley is the head. Mrs. Ballou is considerably younger than Mr. Gage, and she has been active in San Diego and Coronado society. About six years ago she was married to a Mr. Crane of Pittsburgh, but lived with her husband only a short time, returning to her parents in this city and later obtaining a divorce.

Three years ago Mrs. Ballou became engaged to W. Moore, a millionaire resident of Kansas City. Mr. Moore, just previous to the date for the wedding, left for Kansas City on a brief visit. While in that city, he contracted a severe cold, which, because of his advanced years, quickly resulted in his death.

ROOSEVELT IS WITH TAFT

Former President a Foe to Critics of Present Administration. Washington, Nov. 16.—John Callan O'Laughlin writes:

Any attempt on the part of men who were subordinates of Theodore Roosevelt, when he was in the white house, to discredit President Taft not only will be deprecated by the former chief executive but will be strongly condemned by him.

This is the firm belief of every one in Washington, including Mr. Taft himself, who was associated with the former president and who realized the depth of his friendship for his secretary of war. For some days reports have been current, and before Mr. Taft's arrival in Washington were discussed by his cabinet, that there was a conspiracy on foot, the object of which was to make Mr. Taft's administration a failure and bring about the return of Mr. Roosevelt to the white house. It was frankly stated by the officials who talked about the matter that Mr. Roosevelt had nothing whatever to do, even in the remotest way, with inspiring any of his friends to make any move hostile to Mr. Taft.

They regarded what was being done merely as the work of a number of zealous individuals who had been close to the ex-president and who were anxious to have him return to power.

They claimed to find sufficient evidence to indicate collusion in discrediting men associated with Mr. Taft and they could only see in this situation an effort to prevent the re-nomination and the re-election of the president and the creation of public sentiment which would demand that Mr. Roosevelt should once more serve the people in the white house.

There is not the slightest reason to believe that Mr. Roosevelt has any knowledge whatsoever of any activity on the part of men with whom he was associated in the interest of his resumption of power. Those aware of his state of mind before his departure realize that he wanted above everything else the execution of the policies he had initiated. He believed Mr. Taft to be the man best qualified to carry on those policies and to round them out. He knew the difference in temperament between himself and Mr. Taft. He did not expect the latter to enjoy the office, and the struggles attached thereto as much as he enjoyed it and them. But he did have the fullest confidence in the ability of his successor to discharge the difficult tasks he transferred to him.

It is the claim of men in the administration of Mr. Taft that some Roosevelt adherents object to the difference in the method of the present administration and they are showing their resentment by embarrassing the new government. I have made careful inquiry among the men close to Mr. Roosevelt and I have failed to find any other disposition than an earnest purpose to do everything in their power to aid Mr. Taft in carrying out the policies his predecessor inaugurated and which he pledged himself to observe.

This is true especially of Gifford Pinchot, chief forester. Mr. Pinchot, unfortunately, has come in sharp conflict with Secretary Ballinger, due originally to the latter's revocation of certain orders issued by the last administration of the interior department, has sought to apply the law as it stands. It was Mr. Roosevelt's theory that if there were no legal obstacles in the way, and the public need justified it, the government properly could act. It is the theory of the present secretary of the interior that the duty of a government officer is to enforce the law as it stands and not go beyond its plain authorization.

This also is the view that President Taft holds. Such an attitude is natural to men who have been trained in law and who believe that when a condition exists requiring new legal safeguards congress should be called upon to supply them, and when they are obtained then the executive is in a position to take action. In a speech he delivered at Macon, Ga., Mr. Taft spoke of the wisdom and necessity of following the law as it is.

"I know," he said, "that sometimes, in the zest and enthusiasm of reform, there is an impatience with legal limitations and statutes that seem to be directed against that reform or to prevent its immediate accomplishment, such as to lead us to disregard it or ignore it. I do not think, and I am sure you will agree with me, it is the best way of getting rid of legal interpretation that interferes with progress.

"The best way is to have the people understand that the limitation ought to conform, so far as may be, to our highest ideals and ambitions, but that the first thing we have got to do after arousing the people to the necessity of the change is to change the law and not rely on the executive himself to ignore the statutes and follow a law unto himself because it is supposed to be the law of higher morality.

"If you depart in any way from the law as it is, you enter upon the path by which, while entirely certain for one issue in your mind with respect to the higher moral aim of your soul and that of your fellow citizens, you are nevertheless, being led into a wilderness from which you cannot subsequently guide your steps. There-

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Norfolk Boy Dead in Mine? Richard Buckle, formerly a Norfolk boy, is believed by Norfolk relatives to be one of the 200 entombed miners believed to have perished in the St. Paul mine disaster at Cherry Hill.

In making these observations there was no intention on the part of Mr. Taft to criticize the procedure of his predecessor, but merely to express the thought in his mind developed by his judicial temperament and training. The truth of the matter is that the political situation at the present time is not good. This is responsible for a search for "motives," and some administration officials in a zealous attempt to fix responsibility are inspiring statements which it is generally realized are doing no good to Mr. Taft and are placing Mr. Roosevelt in an unenviable light.

Butte Bank Expands. Butte County Register: At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Boyd county, held at the bank on Wednesday evening, it was voted to increase the paid up capital stock of the bank from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

Political Considerations May Make it Embarrassing for Him to Proceed. Lincoln, Nov. 16.—Governor Shallenberger is up against an embarrassing proposition. He is asked by a number of Omaha men to remove Mayor Jim Dahlman and other members of the Omaha fire and police commission because they have refused, after complaints had been made, to prosecute men who had violated the daylight saloon law, and the brewers, who are charged with breaking the law prohibiting them from engaging in the retail liquor trade.

Mayor Jim is now a pronounced candidate for governor in opposition to Shallenberger, and proposes to contest the governor's right to a second nomination at the democratic primary. If the governor removes Mayor Jim he will be accused of having taken that means of disposing of a troublesome obstacle in the pathway of his ambition, and if he doesn't he will be accused by his temperance friends of having been afraid to do his plain duty.

The complaint charges that Omaha restaurant men have been selling liquor in tea cups and by other devices. The governor gave no sign as to what he will do or when a hearing will be had. He has the power, if he finds ground for action, to instruct the attorney general to begin ouster proceedings against delinquent officials.

The petitioners are forer State Senator W. R. Patrick, Elmer E. Thomas, and J. B. Holmes, all of Omaha.

Jury Secured; Trial Is On. Pierce, Neb., Nov. 16.—Special to The News: Just before noon today a jury was secured and sworn to try Morrison and Joyce, the alleged Hadar bank robbers. Then the case started. Following are the jurors:

James L. Morris, Foster; Otto Bucholz, Dry Creek; Herman Peterson, Mills; Guy W. Benedict, Willow Creek; Curtis Francis, Slough; J. Voweller, Willow Creek; Charles North, Dry Creek; Richard Johnson, Eastern; Dennis Malone, Pierce; Ed Boyd, Pierce; J. H. Nelson, Osmond; Carl A. Schulz, Logan. Addresses given are all precincts in Pierce county. Thirty-four veniremen were needed.

Pierce, Neb., Nov. 16.—Special to The News: Up till 10 o'clock this morning no jury had been secured to try the two alleged Hadar bank robbers, Joyce and Morrison, but it was thought that a jury might be secured by early afternoon.

The defense had exhausted four of its peremptory challenges and had four left. The state had exhausted one, and had two left.

The regular panel of twenty-four tatesmen was exhausted and a dozen more called this morning, but out of the first eight, not a single juror was found.

It was extremely difficult to secure a jury because pretty nearly every man questioned was found to have discussed the case and to have expressed some opinion. Pretty nearly everybody had heard of it.

The defense was particularly alert in its efforts to keep Germans off the jury. The community is a German one and there are a number of German stockholders in the bank that was robbed, so that the alleged bank robbers were fighting shy of these.

Notice of Incorporation. Notice is hereby given that articles of incorporation of the Norfolk Ice Cream and Cone company have been duly filed. The name of the corporation is Norfolk Ice Cream and Cone company. The principal place of transacting business is at Norfolk, Nebraska. The general nature of the business to be transacted, is to be the manufacture of ice cream and ice cream cones, and the sale thereof, either at wholesale or at retail; the purchasing and selling of all soda fountain supplies. The amount of the capital stock authorized is \$10,000.00, \$8,000 of which must be paid in at the time of commencing business. Business is to be commenced on November 1, 1909, and terminate in twenty-five years. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation shall at any time subject itself shall not be more than two-thirds of the capital stock paid in. The affairs of the corporation are to be directed by a board of directors, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

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