

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Burt Mapes was at Madison on business. Miss Lulu Cronk has returned from Pierce. Mrs. W. R. Peters of Stanton was in the city. Miss Mae Higbee of Meadow Grove was here. Mrs. August Deek of Hoskins called on friends here. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleming have returned from Columbus. J. H. Mellick, a Carroll lumberman, was in Norfolk over night. Gustave Rehlow of Hoskins was in the city calling on friends. Mrs. J. F. Faubel has gone to Gilard, Neb., to visit with her parents. D. Mathewson has gone to Sioux City and Walthill for a couple of days. Dr. J. B. Peckival, superintendent of the state insane hospital, went to Lincoln. Frank and Charles Tepper of Plainview were in the city visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Huebner of Hoskins were in the city visiting with relatives. L. W. Schlotte of Tilden passed through Norfolk enroute to Foster on business. Charles Uecker, who has been here visiting with the William Uecker family, has returned to his home at Miller, S. D. Peter Stafford is ill. W. L. Lehman is ill. The Norfolk Mandolin club held their rehearsal at the W. C. Ahlman garage last evening. New soda fountain counters have been placed in the drug stores of C. J. Fleming and Asa K. Leonard. The Norfolk Commercial club directors held their regular weekly meeting at the Oxnard hotel Tuesday afternoon. Norfolk is given a clean bill of health by Dr. Mackay, city physician. There is not a quarantine card in the town. Miss Julia Blaha of Schuyler died at the state hospital for the insane Sunday morning. Miss Blaha had been confined to the hospital but two weeks. The Burns club of Norfolk will give a Scottish concert at Marquardt hall on the anniversary of Robert Burns' birthday, January 29. Professor Mackle is president of the club and W. E. Graham secretary. William Brady, traveling salesman for an implement house at Lincoln, is moving to Lincoln. Mr. Brady has made his residence at Ninth and Koenigstein avenue. The Ladies' Aid society of the First Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Fox on Koenigstein avenue, with Mrs. George H. Burton assisting, Thursday afternoon at 2:30. A large number of people have been reported suffering with grip. Among those who have been attacked by the ailment recently are: Ben Hecken-dorf, H. S. Overacker and Carl Falk of Hoskins. Constable John Flynn has gone to Bloomfield, where he will serve papers on A. R. Walters, owner of one of the houses in the restricted district. Walters' case will come up before Justice Eiseley. Walters is charged with renting a house for disorderly purposes. Bishop A. L. Williams of the Episcopal church in Nebraska, arrived in Norfolk at noon and spent the afternoon at the home of the parish pastor, Rev. J. C. S. Weills. A reception will be held at the parsonage this evening between 8 and 10, to which all members of the parish and their friends are invited. Hay is getting to be a scarce product around Norfolk, according to a number of buyers who have been glad to pay \$10 a ton for it here. In the western part of the state stock is suffering from the scarcity of feed. Hay from Norfolk has been shipped as far as Lander, Wyo., as have also eggs, within the past few days. A collection of pottery, sent by Mrs. Anna R. Morey, chairman of the art committee of Federated Woman's club, will be on exhibition at the home of Mrs. N. I. Owen, 405 South Ninth street, Wednesday afternoon and evening. All members of the Woman's club and those interested are invited to call and inspect it. If the people of Norfolk would seize upon the opportunity afforded by such warm days as these to clear off the walks of slush and snow, the icy sidewalks which are a constant menace to life and limb might easily and quickly be made safe. With slight melting, it becomes easily possible to get under the crust of ice and snow with a shovel, and every householder should get busy. As the result of a red hot heating stove upsetting in his office, Dr. W. H. Pilger last evening badly burned his hands while attempting to place the stove back into position. The red coals fell all over the floor and only the quick action of the doctor, who finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames which had already started on the floor of the office, saved the building from probable destruction. William Bishop, the crippled peddler who, after his horse had run away, slept in the snow through an entire night and terribly froze his hands, is now thanking his physician that he will still be able to have use of those members. It was at first thought that Bishop's hands would have to be amputated, but now his physicians report Bishop will lose nothing but his finger nails. Bishop has but one leg. His home is at LeMars, Ia. Up to this time no word has been received from David Smith, the inventor of the flying machine. W. C. Ahlman, who has been engaged in building the machine for Smith, before leaving for Texas last evening, said he had waited for an answer to a letter which he sent Smith some time ago, but nothing has been heard from him. Mr. Ahlman has in his possession a number of parts of the Smith machine

and it is believed the inventor will return here. According to John Tannehill, postmaster at Ancon, on the Panama canal zone, who has written letters to Norfolk friends, New Year's eve was celebrated by a swimming party in the Pacific ocean. In this way Americans on the Panama canal welcomed in the New Year. Using Mr. Tannehill's words, "We swam in the old year out and the new year in in the Pacific ocean New Year's eve." The wettest of wet seasons is being experienced on the canal, but the work is going on in the same progressive way. Charles Shipley Denies Theft. Pierce, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: Charles Shipley, living southeast of this town, was arrested and brought to town last evening on the charge of stealing a robe valued at \$14. The robe was stolen at Hadar Saturday evening from Oscar Heckman. Shipley was in town a little before the robe was missed. Armed with a search warrant, Sheriff Goff went to the Shipley place Monday afternoon and, finding Shipley absent, asked of the wife if he had brought a new robe home on Saturday night previous. Mrs. Shipley assured the officer that her husband had brought the robe home and she voluntarily delivered the article to the officer. Shipley states that he found the robe by the roadside on going home from Hadar in the evening, that he picked it up and took it home, telling his wife to put it away upstairs where the children could not get at it to soil it, as in all probability the owner would make inquiry about it in some manner and if he didn't they would advertise it in the paper. Hearing was set for Friday of this week, Arthur Oelke getting bonds for the accused's appearance. Shipley at one time resided in Pierce, where his reputation for honesty was never questioned. For Fourth Elevator at Pierce. Pierce, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: A large number of farmers of this vicinity met in the skating rink and discussed the idea of organizing a farmers' elevator company. Those present seemed to be unanimously in favor of such a project, and a committee of several of the prominent farmers of the county was named to investigate and make proper arrangements for the incorporation of the company. Julius Kuhl presided over the meeting, while H. J. Manske acted as secretary. There are three elevators at this place at present, each being owned by private parties. W. W. CONES EXPIRES. Pioneer of Pierce County, Father of Douglas and Woods Cones. Pierce, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: Douglas Cones was called to Council Bluffs Saturday evening by a telegram announcing the critical illness of his father, W. W. Cones. Word was received today that Mr. Cones died Sunday at midnight. Deceased was one of the early settlers of Pierce county and for many years was identified in its growth and upbuilding. Two sons, Woods, a banker, and Douglas, a lawyer, have resided here for many years and are well known throughout the state. SAYS CLEAR THE RIVER. This Would Relieve Flood Danger to a Certain Extent. Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 18.—Editor News: Permit me to suggest to the city council or the Commercial club that if they will send two men down the Northfork and clear out the jams between the mill and the Elkhorn it will relieve the pressure of water in case of a flood. The river is full of trees that have fallen from the banks, and men with saws could sever their connection with the banks and cut them into lengths easily from the ice. By cutting a hole in the ice trees under water could be reached. The flood water would then carry these trees down stream. In this connection I beg to remind the Commercial club that when the first chautauqua was held here a number of us went up the river and cleared the stream as far as the upper dam for boats. I hired the men at the request of the club and went with them, but our bill has not yet been paid. J. H. Mackay Nearly All Say "Thanks." "Hello, Central. Will you tell me the time? Thank you." Eighty-one Norfolk persons out of every 100 who ask the "information" operator a question, have the politeness to say "thank you" when the desired information is given. The other nineteen forget to say it. Sixty-two Norfolk calls answered by the "information" operator out of every 100 are for the time of day. Twenty-two want to know how the trains are and the other sixteen ask various sorts of questions, including in large measure in summer and early fall, questions as to football and baseball scores. This is the story told by the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company, who have kept tab on calls received by the "information" desk. The people who say "thank you" are known as "telephone polite." The statistics show, also, that whenever there's a fire in the daytime, 300 people ring up on this line to ask where the blaze is; at night there are nearly as many, the record showing 290. During the telephone business hours—7 a. m. to 9 p. m.—an average of thirty-two "information" calls an hour are reported. Five merchants in different lines of business received during the month of December 13,500 calls, or an average of 122 calls a day or twelve each hour for ten working hours, the report shows. During the year the "information" operator acted as an alarm clock 13,505

times, calling on an average thirty-seven each morning. Bees Said to Be Starving. A honey famine for next summer is feared unless keepers of bees immediately start feeding the insects which, it is reported, have not supplied themselves with sufficient food this year. It is a well known saying that when bees do not make much honey the coming winter will be a mild one. Last year the bees made a remarkably small amount of honey, and a very mild winter was looked for. On investigation by a local beekeeper, it was found the little workers were entirely without food and he immediately commenced feeding them. Unless the bees in this territory are fed without any delay they will all die, it is said. The food of the bee is honey, and the best substitute for this food is brown sugar cooked to a syrup. Nebraska. Boyd Plank of Stuart plays in the band on the U. S. Ship Franklin at Portsmouth, Va. E. R. Moran has arrived from Herman and taken up his duties as depot agent at Hartington. Miss Florence Zink has retired from the office of county superintendent of Holt county and been succeeded by Miss Minnie Miller. John A. Golden, recently resigned as member of the board of supervisors of Holt county, and P. C. Kelly of Grattan township was appointed to the vacancy. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Cedar County Fair association last week the following board of directors was elected: E. B. Hirschman, H. D. Spork, E. W. Childs, Z. M. Board and F. W. Barnhart. A committee consisting of C. P. Garvey, E. W. Childs, H. D. Spork, J. M. Lammers and Wm. Lo-rang was appointed to sell shares of stock at \$50 each to an amount sufficient to pay off the mortgage on the grounds of the association, \$1,500. D. McLachlan brought to Atkinson recently a hog which weighed 785 pounds and sold it to Moss & Son for \$7.80 per hundred, the animal bringing the neat sum of \$61.13. South Dakota. The state corn show will be held at Mitchell this week. William Toomey has been appointed postmaster at Gettysburg. Mrs. Joseph Harker, a pioneer resident of Mitchell, is dead at Los Angeles. County Auditor H. B. Anderson of Mitchell is being groomed for state auditor. One thousand miners have agreed to go back to work in the Homestake mine at Lead on a non-union basis. Prof. E. C. Perisho dean of the state university, who was operated on at Mitchell, is not out of danger but is doing well. The search which has been going on for the past two weeks for the body of Oscar Lindberg, supposed to be lying frozen somewhere between Wessington Springs and Lane, has been given up. It will be resumed when the snow has disappeared. The Brown county commissioners have agreed to let the county funds to the different Brown county banks at 2 per cent interest. The lid is on tight at Watertown. The police have issued a ukase against poker playing and in the past week several games have been broken up. Circuit Judge Frank McNulty has set January 19 as the date for a hearing on the application for the appointment of a receiver of the Aberdeen Hardware company. The last of the surveying of the Northwestern railway which has been going on in the country west of Pierce has been brought to a close and will not be resumed until spring. Battle Creek. F. J. Hale of Atkinson sold a large tract of farm land southeast of town to Fred Hoffman for \$25 per acre. The land was in charge of George Zimmerman last year. Charles Rice was here Tuesday from Norfolk on his regular business visit. Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Callow drove to Plainview Monday for a visit with her folks. Ed Little, a former Battle Creek boy, was here the forepart of this week from Plainview. He is a brother of Mrs. James Rowland. Five Towns to Hold Races. Norfolk will head the race horse meetings next summer with three days of racing starting August 3. O'Neill, Neligh, Pierce and Creighton will follow Norfolk. Madison has dropped out and Stanton, because it is off the line of circuit, has not been admitted into the schedule, making it only five towns in this region which will hold race meets this year. This is the outcome of a meeting of delegates appointed from each of the five towns, held in this city, at the Oxnard hotel, yesterday. After a lengthy argument and long discussion the following dates were agreed upon: Norfolk—August 3 to 5 inclusive, O'Neill—August 19 to 22 inclusive, Neligh—August 17 to 19, Pierce—August 24 to 26, Creighton—August 31 and September 1 and 2. The following officers of the circuit were elected: W. C. Caley, Creighton; secretary, J. L. Ryeuearson, Madison. Among those present were: T. J. Buckmaster, Creighton; John Kay, Neligh; J. A. Mann, O'Neill; C. E. Ahl, O'Neill; T. J. Cox, Neligh; Sheriff Hall, O'Neill; William Zulauf, Pierce; A. H. Backhaus, Pierce; P. M. Barrett, Norfolk; James Wallace, Norfolk. The classes of the races will be as follows: First day—2:40 trot, 2:18 pace. Second day—2:25 trot, 2:35 pace. Third day—2:17 trot, 2:14 pace. Dates for entries will close at Nor-

folk July 3; at Neligh and O'Neill August 2; at Pierce and Creighton August 19. Conditions of the races will be the same as last year. FIGHTS MAD DOG BAREHANDED. Coleman, Tex., Man Saves Galveston Children from Animal's Attack. Galveston, Tex., Jan. 18.—To save the lives of several children from bites of a mad dog J. D. Morgan of Coleman, Tex., attacked the animal with his bare hands and, after a fierce struggle, the dog was strangled. Professor Byron Cummings, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, will deliver a lecture in Wayne on Friday evening, January 21, on "The Cliff Dwellers of the San Juan Country." The lecture will be illustrated by many beautiful stereopticon views of scenes that carry one back into the dim, uncertain past. Professor Cummings is celebrated as a scientific and scholarly man, whose life for fifteen years has been loyally devoted to the highest interests of his university, the state of Utah, and of education generally. During the past four summers he has conducted exploring expeditions through southeastern Utah, known as the San Juan country, which is rich in ruins of this ancient race, and has not only amassed a vast fund of knowledge regarding them, but has antiquities for the state of Utah. He recently discovered what is, so far as is known, the largest natural bridge in the world. It has a span of 274 feet and its arch is 301 feet from the bed of the stream below. Professor Cummings has been given a two years' leave of absence by the regents of the university for further research in the old world, and at the earnest solicitation of personal friends in Wayne he gives this lecture on his way to New York. There are several in Sioux City, Lincoln and surrounding towns who have signified their intention of being in Wayne for this lecture. In answer to a communication asking how the farms in Nebraska and other states can be improved and made to yield more products, a Norfolk citizen wrote that too many of the best young farmers are made to believe they were made for city life and instead of staying on the farm to help develop it they are usually sent to city schools where they study book-keeping, etc. He argued the best material on the farm is usually sent to the city instead of staying at home to help improve the work of the husbandman. Gregory Man Weds Nebraska Girl. Madison, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: Yesterday afternoon Judge Bates joined in marriage Strans Hebell of Gregory, S. D., and Miss Emma T. Texley of Newman Grove, Neb. At 9 o'clock this morning at the St. Leonard's Catholic church of this city, Rev. Father Columbia officiating, Mark O'Shea and Miss Ruth McGeer were joined in holy wedlock. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGeer; the groom, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O'Shea, both families being among the wealthiest and most highly respected of this city. Mr. O'Shea, although a young man, is the trusted and responsible cashier of the Farmers National bank. These young people have practically grown up here, are leaders in the social life of the community and are among the most popular people of the city. Chief William Pinney, accompanied by William Spence, Sid Miller and Dave Garrett of the Madison fire company, left today for Fremont to be present at the Nebraska State Voluntary Firemen's association, which meets there the 19th to the 22nd. South Dakota. The coal shortage at South Dakota points has been relieved. Great Northern surveyors are said to be running a line from Herried to Wapakala. Prof. E. C. Perisho, dean of the state university, who was operated on last week, will recover. R. A. Romans of Denison, Ia., has been elected president of the Dakota National bank of Aberdeen. An agitation has been started at Yankton for the adoption of the commission plan of city government. A lively campaign is being waged at Watertown for and against the commission plan of city government. Aberdeen is to have an airship factory. It is being started by Prof. Fred W. Smith, science teacher in the normal school. Mrs. Ben S. Williams of Yankton died at the age of 64 years. She was the wife of Judge Williams. Heart trouble was the cause. The interior department at Washington is still retaining its interest in the matter of settlers living on their claims according to the land laws of the country. The city council of Huron has been asked to call a special election at which the voters can decide whether they want the commission plan of government or not. Carl Starch, charged with the murder of his farm hand, Robert Franke, near Aberdeen, has been bound over to the grand jury. Starch says he and Franke quarreled over Franke's alleged intimacy with Mrs. Starch. Mrs. Martha L. Pier has been found not guilty on the charge of forgery in the district court at Huron. She was charged with forging the name of J. A. Larson to a check for \$3,000 at Yale. More than a foot of snow fell in the vicinity of Huron last week. This makes the total snowfall for the winter over three feet—the largest in the records of the weather office. Serious floods are feared when the melting season begins.

County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement.

Statement of F. A. Peterson, County Treasurer of Madison County, Nebraska, showing balances of all funds in the Treasury on July 1, 1909; taxes and other items collected, warrants redeemed, and other disbursements from the first day of July, 1909, to the thirty-first day of December, 1909, and the balance on hand on the first day of January, 1910:

Table with columns: NAME OF FUND, Balance on July 1, 09, Collections, Total, Disbursements, Balance on Jan. 1, 10. Includes State General, State School, State University, etc.

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Table showing receipts: Balance on hand July 1, 1909, Taxes Collected, State School Land Collections, etc.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table showing disbursements: Warrants, Bonds and Coupons Paid, Redemptions Paid, Salaries Paid, etc.

CASH BALANCES ON DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Table showing cash balances in various banks: First National Bank, Madison, Neb., Madison State Bank, Madison, Neb., etc.

OUTSTANDING REGISTERED COUNTY WARRANTS, DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Table showing outstanding warrants: 1891 County General Fund, 1898 County General Fund, 1899 County General Fund, etc.

AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATE.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, County of Madison. I, F. A. Peterson, do solemnly swear, that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of my receipts and disbursements as County Treasurer in and for Madison County, Nebraska, from the first day of July, 1909, to the thirty-first day of December, 1909, inclusive; that the same is also a true and correct statement of the amount of money in each fund; the amount of outstanding and unpaid, registered county general, county bridge and county road warrants and the total amount of cash on hand at the close of business on the thirty-first day of December, 1909, to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God. F. A. PETERSON, County Treasurer. S. R. McFARLAND, County Clerk. We, the undersigned County Commissioners, in and for Madison County, Nebraska, do hereby certify, that we have carefully examined the accounts of F. A. Peterson, County Treasurer, of said county, and have found the foregoing statement thereof to be correct. Dated at Madison, Nebraska, this 12th day of January, 1910. HENRY SUNDERMAN, BURR TAFT, County Commissioners.