

Presbytery to Hold Meeting. The meeting in Norfolk will be in connection with the regular annual conference of the Nebraska presbytery. A statement issued in regard to the conference says:

"The City" will be the center for discussion of agricultural matters in a series of public conferences which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., April 18 and 19; Omaha, Neb., April 19 and 20; Norfolk, Neb., April 21; Gibbon, Neb., April 22; Lincoln, Neb., April 23.

These meetings, to which the public are invited, will be addressed by the expert students of agricultural life in the universities and in the churches: Dean E. A. Burnett of the University of Nebraska, Rev. W. H. Kearns, D. D., of Beatrice, Neb., and Dr. Warren H. Wilson of New York, who will preside. Other speakers will be Rev. Thomas H. McConnell, D. D., of Omaha, Neb., John D. Haskell of Wakefield, Neb., Rev. W. W. Lawrence, D. D., Rev. Barzillai M. Long, D. D., of Lincoln, and Rev. John B. Hill, D. D., of Kansas City.

At Norfolk on April 21 John D. Haskell will speak upon "The Shifting of the Country Population." Rev. Thomas H. McConnell will speak upon "The Church for the People." Rev. Samuel Light upon "The Prophetic Function of the Country Church." Two addresses will be made by Warren H. Wilson, one in opening the conference, entitled "Getting a Living in the Country," and a popular address in the evening upon "The Religion of the Breadwinner." Dr. Wilson will also conduct an "open parliament" upon "The Reconstruction of the Country Church."

"The trouble with the institutions of the country is the desertion of the farm by the country boy who lives in the city. The leading institutions of the country have sent their children to city life, and have prepared them only for city life. The household on the farm, the country school, and the country church have been training the young people of the country for residence in the city alone."

Falls Off the Library.

The first accident since the beginning of construction on the Carnegie library occurred yesterday afternoon when a carpenter named Johns of Scribner fell from the roof as the result of stepping on a loose shingle. He was badly bruised about the face and it is probable that his chest was badly injured.

Johns was walking along the gutter on the west end of the roof of the building with an armful of shingles when he slipped on a piece of shingle and fell thirty-two feet below, on top of some soft dirt. He got up and walked a short distance but fell down again. Other workmen picked him up and a cab was called and he was conveyed to his rooming house.

Johns is a carpenter in the employ of Contractor Woerth, also of Scribner. He is married and has a family at Scribner. He had just got through with one line of shingling on the roof and had gone after more supplies when the accident occurred. His companions working below him were startled by seeing him fall past them to the ground. Unless there are serious internal injuries it is believed Johns will recover.

Dr. J. H. Mackay, who attended Johns after his fall from the roof, says the man received only a few scratches about his face and chest and that no other injuries, except a temporary shock to his solar plexus, were experienced by the carpenter.

South Dakota Cattlemen.

Rapid City, S. D., April 12.—The annual convention of the South Dakota Cattlemen's association convened here. Delegates and representatives from the packing centers were welcomed by Mayor Wood.

"The Traveling Salesman."

The comedy success of the season, "The Traveling Salesman," by James Forbes, the author who gave the public "The Chorus Lady," will be seen at the Norfolk Auditorium Friday night.

This announcement has aroused unusual interest among the theatergoing fraternity, as "The Traveling Salesman" has been heralded for months as the greatest laugh producing play ever presented. The play deals with incidents in the life of the drummer on the road, and besides containing abundant material for laughter, is so true to life that it has received the endorsement of two traveling men's organizations, namely the United Commercial Travelers of America and the Travelers Protective Association. The company which Henry B. Harris will send here is the same that played at the Gayety theater, New York, and at the Illinois theater in Chicago, during the unusually long runs in those cities.

"The Matinee Girl."

"The Matinee Girl," a popular priced musical comedy, will be seen at the Auditorium Wednesday night.

LIVE WIRE NEAR JEFFRIES.

Question of Whether Hard Luck Is On Trail, Bobs Up Again. Benlmond, Calif., April 12.—The old question of whether hard luck is camping on trail of James J. Jeffries, determined to put the champion out for the count before he gets a chance to show what he can do against Jack Johnson on July 4, came to the front again at Jeffries' training camp when the big fighter had a close call from death or injury through a live wire.

Jeffries went out to cut down a redwood, accompanied by Farmer Burns and Jack Wooley, an Oakland sportsman. When the tree fell, it crashed through a string of power wires and the ends of a telephone line dropped close to the Jeffries party, striking within a few feet of where the champion stood. All near the champion

were frightened thoroughly, but Jeffries did not show any emotion. He went right ahead to the work of cutting logs and chopping wood.

"More Daylight" Move is Lost.

Cincinnati, April 12.—Cincinnati's city council today repealed the ordinance passed a year ago whereby "more daylight" was to be secured by setting local clocks two hours fast from May to October of each year.

Shriners at New Orleans.

New Orleans, April 12.—The opening session of the annual convocation of the imperial council of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was held today.

CHICAGO GETS POOR BUTTER.

Washington, April 12.—"Elgin creamery butter" is a myth on the Chicago market at the present time, according to statements made today before the senate committee investigating the cost of living by President Joseph Newman and Vice President D. E. Wood of the Elgin butter board of trade. They stated that the entire output of the best grade of Elgin butter was shipped to New York.

The Elgin officials let out this secret in the course of an examination into the mystery of fixing the price of butter. Messrs. Newman and Wood maintained that the Elgin board followed quotations daily, admitting, however, that the guiding principle was to put the price as high as the market would stand.

"What is known as Elgin creamery butter is the best quality of the Elgin output," said Mr. Wood, "and it all goes to the New York market. I don't know any manufacturer who has shipped any of this grade of butter to Chicago in the last eight or ten years. The butter that goes to Chicago is what we call 'commercial extra,' and is inferior in quality to the Elgin creamery grade."

Mr. Wood stated that about 100 members of the Elgin butter board were Chicago dealers.

Mechanics and laborers were eating a higher grade of butter, Mr. Newman said, which, taken with the increased price of corn, hay, and oats, accounted for the advance in the price of good butter.

Explaining the remarkable six cent drop in Elgin price from Monday to Monday last January, Mr. Newman said it was made to make the Elgin price conform with the New York price, which had been gradually decreasing during the week. Mr. Newman said a great quantity of butter was held up by snowstorms on the way to market during that week and when it finally reached its destination the market was overstocked and the price took a natural tumble.

Bryan Wrote That Letter.

Lincoln, April 12.—C. W. Bryan today declared that the letter mailed to Cotter T. Bride of the general committee of the Jefferson day dinner at Washington was genuine. C. W. Bryan mailed the original from this city and kept a carbon copy. The letters were sent to Lincoln by W. J. Bryan.

Washington, April 12.—Doubt as to the authenticity of a letter received as from William J. Bryan, and received by the general committee of the Jefferson day dinner to be given here next Wednesday night, caused excitement at a meeting of the committee last night and resulted in a special committee to investigate its origin and confer upon its sentiments before it is read at the banquet, which is to be addressed by Mayor Gaynor of New York and Governor Harner of Ohio, and other prominent democrats.

The letter was postmarked "Lincoln, Neb.," and was addressed to Cotter T. Bride of the general committee of the Jefferson day dinner. It contained views on the money question, the tariff, the high cost of living and other issues said to be at variance with accepted democratic doctrine and when read at the committee meeting caused a furor. It was not made public. Several members of the committee said they did not believe Mr. Bryan knew anything about the matter as he is not in this country and will be unable to attend the dinner.

Dickinson Postpones Trip.

Washington, April 12.—Secretary of War Dickinson, who had planned to depart today for Panama, has postponed his trip for at least a week, owing to a press of public business.

Aged Woman Injured.

Neligh, Neb., April 12.—Special to The News: While Mrs. E. A. Dewey was returning home from a play given in the Auditorium last Friday evening she stepped into a hole of a defective crossing and broke her right ankle. Owing to her advanced age the fracture is considered serious and a prolonged period for the mending of the same is evident. It is currently reported that if the city refuses to pay the accumulated physicians' charges that they will encounter a damage suit.

Girls Use Hat Pins.

Marshal Comes to Aid of Plucky Young Women, Robber Captured. Sioux Falls, S. D., April 12.—While in Sioux Falls, Ira Harrold, a business man of Hayti, a small town in Hamilton county, furnished the particulars of a thrilling adventure of which Miss Laura S. May and Miss Agnes T. May, sisters of Hayti, were the heroines. They are employed as stenographers by Mr. Harrold, and had worked late at night caring for a large volume of business which had accumulated.

While nearing the end of a bridge on the way home a stranger suddenly approached the two girls and grasped Agnes. Both girls screamed, but did not remain idle. Laura drew her hatpins from her hat and vigorously attacked the man, jabbing him a number of times with the hatpins and striking him in the eye with one of her fists.

The stranger had snatched at the handbag carried by Agnes, and his hand became entangled in the long chain which is attached to the bag, the other end being over the girl's wrist. Agnes used her free hand to good advantage and left her nail marks on the assailant's face. The man finally succeeded in wrenching the hatpin from Laura's hand and attempted to grab her also, but she eluded his grasp. At this juncture the chain broke and the man made off with the handbag, with the two girls following him, determined to recover it. They pursued him a considerable distance. Observing the pursuit, the town marshal sprang in front of the fugitive and by putting out his foot succeeded in tripping him, fastening the handcuffs upon his wrists before he could regain his feet and again make off. The handbag with its contents was recovered. The prisoner gives his name as Joseph Paisano, and states he has no home. He looked much the worse for the beating the two girls had given him. In default of bonds in the sum of \$5,000 he has been held to the next term of state circuit court on the serious charge of highway robbery, which, upon conviction, will subject him to a term in the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

HUGHES APPEALS FOR PURITY. New York Governor Sends Special Message to the Legislature. Albany, N. Y., April 12.—Declaring that the recent revelations in the Aldrich-Congress bribery inquiry and the facts brought out in the investigation by Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss have caused every honest citizen to tingle with shame and indignation and made irresistible the demand that every proper means should be employed to "purify" Governor Hughes sent a special message to the legislature recommending an immediate, impartial, thorough and unsparring investigation into legislative practices and procedure and into the use of corrupt or improper means for the promotion or defeat of legislation.

Accompanying the message was the preliminary report of Superintendent Hotchkiss outlining the developments of the fire insurance investigation in New York and setting forth the difficulties involved in following up the star leads which have been uncovered. The superintendent says that obstacles apparently insuperable have been developed in the course of the inquiry. Those, in his judgment, need further investigation but he had no power to pursue them, and therefore he has laid the facts thus far developed before the governor for action.

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The regular quarterly meeting of the Norfolk Commercial club will be held at the city hall at 8 o'clock Thursday night. Cigars and a tempting lunch will be served.

It is the hope of the club directors that every business man in town will attend this meeting. There is a very great deal at the present time in interest Norfolk business men, and a number of important subjects will come up for informal discussion at this meeting. The projected interurban to Newman Grove and other topics of interest to every business man in the town, will be talked of at this meeting.

The date was set at the regular weekly meeting of the directors held Tuesday afternoon.

New Council is Organized. John Friday, mayor; H. W. Winter, president; E. E. Coleman, P. J. Fuesler, P. F. Dolin, E. B. Kauffmann, John Koerber, W. H. Blakeman, August Fischer, councilmen.

This is the lineup of the new city fathers. C. J. Hibben and Daniel Craven are the outgoing members who attended their last meeting of the city council which adjourned Tuesday morning. Immediately after this adjournment the new council met and organized.

At 9 o'clock the old city council met at the city hall only to canvass the votes of the last election and to refer the reports of the city treasurer and the police to the auditing committee after which they adjourned.

Immediately after this C. J. Hibben and Daniel Craven vacated the seats they had occupied, admitting John Koerber and E. B. Kauffmann, who were the new members of the council, which met to reorganize.

After the roll was called H. W. Winter was unanimously elected president of the council. "Gentlemen," he said, "I thank you for the honor which is conferred upon me."

The mayor then appointed the following committees: Ways and means—Winter, Blakeman, Koerber; auditing—Fuesler, Coleman, Kauffmann; fire and police—Coleman, Dolin, Fischer, street and alley—Winter, Dolin, Fischer, Coleman; nuisance—Blakeman, Dolin, Winter; public works—Fuesler, Koerber, Blakeman.

The mayor stated that the work of the old committees was so good that he decided not to make many changes, which practically leaves the committees as they were in the old council.

Next Monday Bond Election Called. The bond election will not be called until the next regular meeting, which takes place next Monday, April 18. The council is anxious to call the election as soon as possible, but, owing to the fact that the city engineer up to this time has not finished the estimates, it will have to be held up a short time.

Act On Licenses in May. Burt Mapes and Jack Koernigstein waited on the council asking for information as to when the council would take action in regard to the saloon licenses. They were informed that council would not be ready to act on this subject until May.

The city engineer having a large amount of information to obtain from the council, it was decided to adjourn until 8 o'clock tonight.

Official Election Returns. The official canvass of the votes of the last election follows: Councilmen: First ward—Winter 102, Daverton 51; Second ward—Kauffmann 117, Koernigstein 82; Third ward—Fuesler 69, A. Kaun 2, J. Degner 1, J. H. Lough 1, O. R. Meredith 1, Banner 1.

The totals of the question of increasing the school board are: For increase, 186; against, 241.

The school board totals are: Degner, 306; Dean, 288; Lough, 127; Meredith, 116.

Norfolk Aroused. Not in years has Norfolk been aroused more intensely than it is today over the failure of the Northwestern railroad to give this city the train service to which the town is entitled. Each day adds to the widespread feeling among Norfolk citizens that the city is being mistreated at the hands of that railroad, and that this is the psychological time for improvement—now when there are no adequate depot facilities at the Junction.

The Railroad's Attitude. The railroad's attitude seems to be this: 1.—"Running trains uptown might be all right for Norfolk, but what good would it do the railroad?" 2.—"Norfolk people should have thought about this forty years ago, when the F. E. & M. V. asked bonds to induce it to build uptown."

And to each of these arguments on the part of the Northwestern, Norfolk can reply with sound logic. As a matter of fact, the situation leaves the Northwestern without any reasonable excuse for refusing to treat Norfolk better than it does.

Norfolk's Good Will Worth Dollars. Norfolk can offer abundant answer to the first point. The city can prove to the Northwestern that the railroad will benefit in dollars and cents by treating Norfolk as it ought to be treated.

The railroad's query as to what good it will do the Northwestern to run trains up town, is based entirely upon the theory that railroads are run for the sole benefit of the stockholders of the company, whereas there is a healthy belief abroad in the land at the present moment that railroads, as public service corporations drawing their profits from privileges granted them by the public, owe some consideration to the public at large and to the communities in which they derive their profits. But leaving that phase of the question out of the argu-

ment—forgetting for the time being that the Northwestern really owes Norfolk decent treatment—the people of Norfolk believe that it will mean dollars and cents to the railroad. Norfolk believes that the good will of this city and of its citizens, including its freight shippers, is worth a good many thousands of dollars every year to the Northwestern railroad. The people of Norfolk likewise believe that the Northwestern railroad is not entitled to Norfolk's good will so long as it refuses to lift a hand toward giving Norfolk a train service to which the city is justly entitled, and toward relieving the people of this city and the traveling public of the entire half of two states, from perhaps as wretched and indifferent a train service as ever was endured by a city and a territory of this class.

They Seem to Court Ill Will. The Northwestern, local business men say, is merely courting this city's ill will when it goes on dumping off Norfolk passengers a mile and a half out in the country, and forcing people who want to take trains to journey that distance from where the depot ought to be, before they can get aboard the cars. By showing a disposition to do the fair thing, Norfolk believes the Northwestern would earn the city's good will. And the people of this town believe that their good will is worth a good many dollars to that line every month in the year.

There's that at least to be said regarding the railroad's self interest in treating Norfolk better than it is. And the second point which the railroad will bring up—"Why didn't you think of that years ago?"—is equally lacking as a reasonable excuse for not treating the Norfolk of today as it ought to be treated.

A Little Ancient History. The Northwestern will probably dig up the ancient history that when the F. E. & M. V. railroad was built, Norfolk was asked for bonds as an inducement to bring the road uptown, and that the people then living in Norfolk voted down the bonds. So the F. E. & M. V. railroad, in spirit of revenge, built its depot a mile and a half out in the country, threatening to kill the town of Norfolk and move it down to the depot.

And Norfolk might have been killed and moved away but for the fact that two other railroads came to town, built depots in the heart of the city without asking for bonds, and have been running their trains uptown ever since.

The Norfolk people of today contend that the quarrels of the founders of the town, a half century ago, with the directors of a now extinct railroad company, have no business to be visited upon the present generation.

A New City to Deal With. The Norfolk village of that far gone day—a mill and a blacksmith shop and a store, perchance—has disappeared in the distance along with the F. E. & M. V. railroad. A new railroad company has taken over the old F. E. & M. V. property and a new city of Norfolk—today the metropolis and commercial center of the entire half of two states—has succeeded the old Norfolk hamlet which refused to vote bonds. And there is no reason why the Northwestern railroad of today, if it is looking after its own interest, should be willing to perpetuate a quarrel that existed between two now extinct corporations and which has been buried with the principals in the fight.

As a matter of fact, the Northwestern can very much less afford to fan that old spark than can the present day Norfolk, though Norfolk contends that the present is the time that concerns the affairs of this city and of the Northwestern in its relations to Norfolk—and not the past.

Norfolk Worth Cultivating. And even if it were not business for the F. E. & M. V. to build into Norfolk a half century ago when Norfolk was no bigger than Hadar, the people of the Norfolk of today contend that a city has grown up here in the tracks of the one-time village which has a right to attract the eye of the new railroad arrival in this territory, and that the Norfolk of today, with its hundreds of thousands of dollars of freight business annually, is justly entitled a little courting at the hands of the Northwestern.

Did It for Omaha. The Northwestern has gone out of its way fifteen miles to reach the union depot in Omaha, and Norfolk people believe they are entitled to one-fifteenth the consideration given to that city.

Local business men point out that the Union Pacific runs trains uptown and that it renders an excellent freight service from Omaha, and there is a growing sentiment that Norfolk ought to practice reciprocity in its shipping and favor the road that shows some disposition to do the right thing by Norfolk.

Walters Not to Blame. The News is informed on good authority that General Manager Frank Walters is wrongly blamed when he is accused of being responsible for the Northwestern's failure to give Norfolk better treatment. It is said that, providing the question came up to him, all he could do would be to recommend to officials higher up and that therefore he could not be personally responsible for a final decision in the matter.

Norfolk business men believe that the "men higher up" ought to act.

TUESDAY TOPICS. Dr. W. H. Pilger was at Pierce. J. C. Frazer returned from Omaha. J. A. Huebner of Hoskins was in the city.

M. Lichtenberg of Hadar was in the city. Miss Bertha Wilkins returned from Pierce.

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Mrs. Fred Salter of Lamro is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Salter. Gustave Drake of Plainview was in the city visiting with the A. W. Finkhous family.

A. Buchholz has gone to Howells, where he will visit with his father and brother, who live near that place. Mrs. Grace Mast, who has been here visiting with her sister, Mrs. Emil Moeller and other relatives and friends,