

New Fast Army Balloon.

Gotha, Duch of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Germany, Feb. 7.—The dirigible balloon Gross III left for Metz at 6:05 o'clock this morning...

"Insane" Murderer Given Freedom.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 7.—Robert Bachman of Nazareth, the number of the religious sect known as the "Holy Rollers" who killed his little niece in a religious meeting at his home in 1908, has been given his freedom.

Madison Marriage Licenses.

Madison, Neb., Feb. 7.—Special to The News: Judge Bates issued marriage licenses to the following persons: Oscar Henry Zessin and Miss Bertha Helen Sattler...

Introduce Many Bills.

Lincoln, Feb. 7.—Pursuant to Friday's adjournment, the house convened yesterday at 2 o'clock. Although the session was of but an hour and a half's duration, a record in the introduction of bills was made...

BEHIND THE SENATE SCENES.

Repatriate That Delights the Galleries Often Rehearsed. Washington Feb. 7.—Plays, weddings, coronations and most ceremonies are first rehearsed in private. Why, therefore, should not two senators, while ostensibly opponents, confer in the cloakroom before meeting in debate on the floor?

Mr. Bailey—The senator, of course, justifies his position by showing he knows nothing about the case.

Mr. Heyburn—Who does? Mr. Bailey—The senator from Idaho.

Mr. Heyburn—That is rather a fresh statement, saying that I know nothing about the case.

Mr. Bailey—Absolutely nothing.

Mr. Heyburn—I do know something about the case. If the senator knows more, it will be a duty devolving upon him to make the senate aware of that fact.

There was an excellent opening for Mr. Bailey, who frequently doesn't wait for a "duty devolving upon him" to make the senate aware of things he knows. But Mr. Bailey sat down.

But what is to be said of an exchange that occurred between two senators when one repeated verbatim a long paragraph from a not very widely known book from which the other was reading? The two senators were engaged in a colloquy when one attempted to clinch his argument by reading from the book in question a statement which apparently left his opponent no ground to stand upon.

The senator who was being crushed listened patiently and then said blandly: "Ah, will the senator please read the next paragraph?"

No, the senator wouldn't. He didn't see what that had to do with it.

Then, with the senator's permission, he would himself attempt, in his poor, weak way, to apprise the senate, from his own imperfect memory, what the language of that next paragraph was.

Whereupon he repeated it word for word.

The senate gasped, the galleries marveled and the triumphant senator sat down, understanding well enough that in the general admiration for his feat of memory his auditors would not stop to consider whether the paragraph in question had any bearing whatever upon the argument in point.

TEN MEN BLOWN UP.

Gelatine Powder Explosion Results Fatally for Workmen. Marquette, Mich., Feb. 7.—In one of the most disastrous explosions ever recorded in upper Michigan ten men met death at the plant of the Pluto Powder company on the outskirts of Ishpeming late yesterday.

One explosion took place in the

gelatine powder house. Every man in this building was blown to pieces.

What caused the explosion will never be known. Gelatine powder is largely composed of nitrocellulose and it is supposed that the mixture was being stirred in the big crucible within the house when the stuff let go.

Weaverling Sells Ewing Store.

Ewing, Neb., Feb. 7.—Special to The News: J. B. Weaverling, of the firm of Weaverling & Wanner, has sold out his interest in the dry goods and grocery business to his partner, Mr. Wanner, inventory of the stock being already in progress. The new firm will be installed by February 13.

New Teacher at Valentine.

Valentine, Feb. 7.—Special to The News: Miss Joyce of Atkinson, Neb., arrived and took charge of the sixth and eighth grades in the Valentine schools, which have been without a regular teacher since the Christmas vacation, when Mrs. Miller, the regular teacher, resigned.

The government weather bureau reports nearly six inches of snowfall in the snow of Saturday night and Sunday, and as it turned off warm on Monday, melting it before a wind had a chance to blow it away. The farmers got just what they have been wishing for, as it will sink in and help the soil.

Begin Peace Conference.

Puerto Rico, San Juan, Feb. 7.—The preliminary conference relative to armistices in the Honduras conflict was held aboard the United States steamer Tacoma yesterday afternoon. The conference on the proposal of the United States for a cessation of hostilities will begin in earnest tomorrow.

Threw Lamp Out Window.

Tilden City, Mo., Feb. 7.—Special to The News: A lamp standing on a piano stool was accidentally overturned. In a moment the lamp was a ball of flame, which spread to the fringe of a lounge near by. Fortunately Tom Bentley was heading the door at the time and, seeing an unusual light, entered the room and picked up the blazing lamp, which he threw into the street.

His hands were rather painfully scorched, otherwise he was not hurt. Several traveling men united their efforts to smother the fire on the rug and furniture and the damage was slight.

Theft is Charged.

Bristow, Neb., Feb. 7.—Special to The News: Two detectives of the C. & N. W. railroad arrived in Bristow this past week and located several farm places where they found bridge lumber in the owners' possession. The lumber is alleged to have been taken from the railroad company.

They arrested the parties suspected, and, after a preliminary hearing the farmers were bound over to the district court.

The company claim the lumber had been taken last October, at which time they had a construction gang working here, rebuilding the bridge west of town.

One farmer swore on the witness stand that he had given the foreman of the construction gang, eggs and butter in exchange for the lumber.

McFarland Toys With Him.

Pittsburg, Feb. 7.—"Packy" McFarland of Chicago and Bert Keyes of New York fought six rounds in a mediocre display of boxing. McFarland appeared to be trying with Keyes throughout the bout, although the latter, despite his wildness, got in several long range jabs with no steam behind them.

ARREST CRISMORE AGAIN.

William Crismore, who was arrested last week, charged by his wife with threatening to injure her and destroy property, was again arrested this morning by Constable Finkhouse. Crismore is charged with the same offense by his wife. Late last night Mrs. Crismore telephoned the police that her husband, who had promised to keep away from his home until his case could be looked into by the county attorney, had entered the house and was abusing her.

Constable Finkhouse, under whose charge Crismore was placed, was notified, but efforts of that official to find Crismore during the night were unsuccessful. He made the arrest, however, this morning, finding Crismore at the eating house at the Junction. Crismore told the officer that he found a man in his home when he came there and that he had not abused his wife. County Attorney Nichols is in the city and will take up Crismore's case today.

Last week Crismore was released from the Niobrara jail, where he was confined, being charged with assault. His physical condition induced the Niobrara officials to release him.

When Crismore was taken before Judge Lambert Tuesday morning it was decided by County Attorney Nichols, who is prosecuting, and Jack Koenigstein, who is appearing for Crismore, that the case be continued until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Up to this time Crismore had not secured the services of an attorney.

A Basketball Game.

Wayne, Neb., Feb. 7.—Special to The News: One of the most exciting and interesting games of basketball ever played in the state normal gymnasium occurred between the Pierce high school team and the Normal school "Midgets."

The "Midget" team consists of boys averaging five feet and four and one-

half inches in height and weighing 125 pounds. During the first half Pierce made a score of 14 to the Midget score of 8. In the second half the Midgets changed the score at one time to 24 to 18 in their favor, but at the very last weakened and when time was called were but two points ahead. The final score being 24 to 26 in favor of the normal Midgets. The game was entirely free from rough play and the true sportsman conduct was ever present. Prof. W. W. Theisen of Pierce and Director E. J. Hantemer acted as officials.

The Pierce high school team played against the Stanton high school team Friday night at Stanton and by only one point lost the game, the score being 23 to 25 in favor of Stanton.

The Defense of Raaco.

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 7.—Attorneys for Haz Raaco, charged with the murder of the Hubbel family of four out-lined their defense. Reference was made to what is known as the "mysterious stranger". This is said to have been a fourth man in a poker game in which Raaco and Hubbel played. This man, it is alleged, was detained in Weyer, Mo., the day following the murder. He showed fear, it is said, when held, and was much relieved when released. He has disappeared. The defense claims that Raaco was in Rayenswood, Mo., the evening of the murder which occurred near Guilford. The defense expects to get through with its testimony today.

Elliott's Appointment Confirmed.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 7.—Special to The News: The appointment of Colonel Elliott as postmaster of West Point for the third time has been officially confirmed at Washington. Mr. Elliott has given perfect satisfaction to the patrons of the office during his long incumbency.

FIGHTER STILL UNCONSCIOUS.

George Benica, Knocked Out in the Fourth Round, Hasn't Come to Yet. Chattanooga, Feb. 8.—George Benica, the Pittsburg heavyweight, knocked out in the fourth round of a bout here last night with Jake Abel, is still unconscious. Attending physicians, however, do not apprehend a fatal result.

Central Nebraska Speed Circuit.

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 8.—At a meeting of devotees of the race track in which horsemen from Broken Bow, Ord, Callaway, Lexington, Kearney, Grand Island and other points were participants, the Central Nebraska Speed Circuit was organized, with W. C. Robinson of Grand Island president. Mr. Van Horn of Lexington, vice president; J. H. Decker of Callaway, secretary-treasurer, and Messrs. Koin and Bernard of Grand Island as publicity committee. The organization of local associations in the cities named is in view and it is the plan to arrange a fine series of horse races for the coming summer.

McGraw-Marsh.

Niobrara, Neb., Feb. 8.—Special to The News: Miss Marzella Marsh and Cleber McGraw, two popular young people of Niobrara, were married on Monday evening. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. C. E. Steiner of the Methodist church, at the bride's home, two and one-half miles east of town. The young people were attended by Leslie W. Rock and Miss Sou Brown. Many relatives and invited guests witnessed the ceremony and the gifts were numerous and beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. McGraw will make Niobrara their home for the present.

Negus-Anderson.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 8.—Special to The News: Miss Bernice Anderson and Caleb E. Negus were married this morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the parents of the bride. Rev. Mr. Hinkle of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city officiated.

Miss Anderson is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Anderson, and was born and reared to womanhood in this city. She is a graduate of the high schools of Neligh, receiving her diploma with the class of 1909. For a number of years she has acted as stenographer in the state house at Lincoln. The groom is a young man of sterling worth and high attainments, and has a lucrative position at the capital of the state. The young couple left this morning after the wedding services, to which only a very few of the most intimate friends were invited, on the 11:15 passenger for University Place, where they will make their future home.

A Case of Destitution.

Tripp County Journal: The county authorities were notified the first of the week that the Farley family, who live in the south part of the town, were in destitute circumstances. Upon investigation it was found that Mrs. Farley was quite sick and that the children all had severe colds. They had no fuel and a few quarts of flour and a little coffee was all the food in the house. Mr. Farley left for parts unknown some time ago, since which time Mrs. Farley had been taking in washing to support the large family of small children. It is said that Mrs. Farley's parents are well-to-do and have repeatedly tried to persuade her to leave Farley and bring her children and make her home with them, but this she has always refused to do, preferring a life of poverty with him to a home of comfort and plenty without him. To repay her for her devotion, Farley leaves her and the children in destitute circumstances. It is reported that he was requested to leave town, but he this is it may, Winner is said to be a very undesirable citizen. Should he ever return he will meet with a very warm reception. State's Attorney O'Holloran informs us that they have been supplied with food, fuel and clothing and that an effort will be made to persuade her folks to take care of her and the children. It

is thought that they will be willing to provide a home for her, now that Farley has left her.

RYAN IS MUCH BETTER.

Archbishop Shows Much Improvement. There is Hope for Him. Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Archbishop Ryan is showing signs of improvement that lead to the belief that he at least may be able to be around again.

Freezes Both Feet.

Tripp County Journal: J. J. Keller, a prominent homesteader residing two miles east of Winner, had the misfortune to freeze both of his feet during the cold spell two weeks ago. He was returning home from this city when his team became unmanageable and broke loose from the hungry Mr. Keller being compelled to walk several miles through the snow. Before reaching home, both of his feet were badly frozen. The doctor of this city, who has been caring for him, states that he might not be able to amputate one or both of his feet. Mr. Keller is an honest, hard working man and will have the sympathy of all in his arduous affliction.

W. C. GALLAWAY DEAD.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 8.—Special to The News: Word was received in this city the first of the week of the death of W. C. Gallaway at his home in Omaha. He was one of the early settlers of Neligh and Antelope county. Mr. Gallaway was born in Loudoun county, Va., not many 71 years of age at the time of his death.

In the fall of 1839 he arrived at West Point from Omaha and there engaged in the mercantile business for about four years. This apparent made him Omaha was his first consignment point, resented by railroad at West Point. In 1841 he came to Neligh and in company with W. B. Lambert purchased the mills at this place from John D. Neligh. He also secured at that time a considerable of the town site. He was one of the founders of the Grand readiness of Neligh and also a member of the First Congregational church.

Mr. Gallaway has been making his home in Omaha since 1900, but retained an interest in the Okadale mill, now under the management of his son, A. T. Gallaway.

Funeral services were held in Omaha yesterday and the body will be shipped to Okadale today for interment and placed beside the remains of his wife, who preceded him about two years ago.

Settled Out of Court. O'Neill Frontier: The court room spectators who, like the men of Athens in Paul's day that spent their time telling or hearing something new, may feel a pang of disappointment—as the counsel for the plaintiff was very much surprised and began to wonder from whence would come his loss—that the sensational \$150,000 damage suit of Mary A. Canley against Phillip Sullivan has been settled out of court.

The case dismissed and there will be no touching testimony nor fancy flights of oratory nor sharp exchanges between lawyers for them to listen to. The case was to have been tried at the April adjourned term of district court, but now not at all. Attorney R. H. Dickson for the defense secured a dismissal of the case Wednesday, but what the terms of settlement were between the one with the broken heart and the foxey old lawyer the newspapers do not know, as that does not become a part of the records of proceedings in court. The main facts of the case, as set forth in the petition when the suit was filed, aside from a few incidentals that were withheld, have already been published. Mary A. Canley brought suit for \$150,000 damages against Phillip Sullivan, a wealthy but elderly gentleman of Pierre county, for breach of promise along matrimonial lines. The case was slated to make quite a stir, but everything has been amicably mended out of court and there will be no trial of the case.

Fremont Wants Norfolk in It. Fremont Tribune: Whether York will be admitted to the state league in place of Red Cloud will depend on the result of a vote being taken this week among the clubs now holding franchises. President Slevers has sent out from Grand Island ballots to seven clubs at Fremont, Columbus, Hastings, Grand Island, Kearney, Seward and Superior with the request that they vote for or against admitting York.

Fremont will probably cast its vote for York, though the local management would rather see Norfolk get Red Cloud's franchise, according to the best train connections with Norfolk, while the clamps would often have to take a roundabout trip to reach York. Then, too, the Fremont directors feel that Fremont's interests in the league would be better subserved if a town in the northern part of the state succeeded Red Cloud.

The result of the voting will probably be known by the end of the week.

Stockdale to Chadron. Madison Chronicle: The writer, in conversing with Prof. W. T. Stockdale in regard to his acceptance of the deanship in the Chadron state normal school, was informed that in all probabilities he would accept the offer. The position came to him unsolicited and without any work on his part. Besides, this position does not come to everyone.

Fighter in Critical Condition. Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 8.—George Deulea of Pittsburg, a lightweight boxer, is in a critical condition at a hospital here as the result of injuries received in a fight with Jake Abel of this city.

Deulea crawled from the ring after being knocked out in the fourth round, but collapsed soon afterward and has not regained consciousness.

Dr. Roller is Thrown. Toronto, Feb. 8.—George Hacken-

schmidt, the Russian wrestler, defeated Dr. Roller of Seattle in two straight falls here last night. The first fall was secured in one hour and sixteen minutes and the second in thirteen minutes five seconds. Hackenschmidt was the aggressor throughout. Dr. Roller had a cold, which interfered with his breathing. He wrestled gamely, evading many difficult holds, but the Russian wore him down.

Catch Throws His Man. Des Moines, Feb. 8.—Frank Gotch of Humboldt, world's champion wrestler, last night defeated Fred Beal of Wisconsin in two straight falls. Both falls were won by a stretch hold and head lock in twenty-eight and nine minutes respectively. Beal, especially in the first fall, gave Gotch some fast work, because of his speed and cleverness.

In a preliminary act, Jess Reimer of Des Moines defeated Young Sandow in straight falls with a stretch and bay and scissors and toe and head hold in thirty-six and sixteen and one-half minutes respectively.

Fall Breaks Bone. Fairfax Advertiser: On last Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock, while Otto Neuchtel was riding his pony at a rapid speed on the road east of town near the Charles Schmeichel farm, the animal fell and the boy's leg was under it, breaking the large bone just below the knee. The horse jumped to its feet and Otto remained in the saddle, but the horse began to rear and pitch and Otto, with his right leg broken, could not keep in the saddle and was thrown into the fence. He rolled through the fence to get out of reach of the pitching animal. Roy Schmeichel, who was coming down the road, saw the accident and hurried to the boy, who said he had been hurt. Roy went to the house of C. W. Geyer and secured help. Mr. Geyer got a buggy and took the injured boy to his home. Dr. Cook was called and found the right leg below the knee had been badly fractured. The horse Otto was riding is a very spirited animal and is considered almost an "outlaw." The news that the young man had been hurt by the horse was not a great surprise to those who have seen some of its antics.

TUESDAY TOPICS. S. F. Cahill of St. Edwards was here. W. F. Fulton of Pierce was in the city.

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Fresco Kelly of Meadow Grove was here. C. H. Groesbeck went to Dallas on business.

T. J. Little of Winner was a visitor in the city. A. H. Law of Niobrara was a visitor in the city.

Mrs. Fred Lawson of Elaine, Neb., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. R. S. Lackey. R. G. Rohrknecht and son of Hoshing were in the city visiting with friends.

Charles Belersdorf went to Lincoln on business. J. G. Judson and C. W. Hooge of Newman Grove were visitors in the city.

Mrs. Margaret Adams and A. G. Adams of Meadow Grove were visitors in the city. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harrington and their daughter, Mrs. R. B. McKimney, have gone to Iowa for an extended visit with relatives.

Mrs. H. E. Zitzkowski and children, who are here visiting with the Dr. C. J. Verges family, leave Friday for their home at Rocky Ford, Colo.

Al Deigner went to Omaha to attend the convention of the State Hardware Men's association. Mr. Deigner is a member of the executive committee of this association.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, a son. O. M. Boham, formerly a barber in the employ of Elmer Reed, is moving to Chadron, where he has purchased the barber shop of Martin Slawter.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt and C. S. Bridge and his daughter, Miss Melba Bridge, left at noon for an extended sojourn in Cuba and other southern points.

The first broken rail this year on the M. & O. railroad in this division was found last evening by Foreman August Fischer four miles from this city.

G. H. Graham, a former Northwestern railroad telegrapher, has accepted a position as operator for the Western Union company at Grand Island. Mr. Graham leaves Norfolk Friday.

E. R. Pearson, former manager of the H. E. Gooch brokerage office of this city, is now traveling salesman for the General Film company of Omaha. Mr. Pearson was in the city transacting business.

Judge I. Powers will move his old residence at the corner of Ninth street and Koenigstein avenue, so that it faces west of Ninth street, and then will build a new home on his spacious property. Work on the new home will be begun immediately.

The local Burns club will hold another anniversary celebration next year. The local Scots declare they have held two successful meetings and purpose to continue the entertainments every year. A meeting was held by a number of the society and a resolution passed to that end.

While it is reported that men on the saloon black list are being supplied with liquor, a Norfolk citizen makes the offer of \$100 to any man who will give him proof against any one buying liquor for men on the black list. "If I get any evidence against any of these men I will prosecute them," he says.

There was no meeting of the Commercial club directors Tuesday. The committee appointed at the last meeting to secure information as to a paid

secretary is not ready to report. According to one director, the committee is hard at work on a proposition which will be an excellent one when completed. This has to do with the secretaryship.

Fire Driver Ed Monroe had the combination chemical and hose wagon out for inspection yesterday. The wagon was weighed and it tipped the scales at 4,100 pounds, including all paraphernalia. Mr. Monroe, however, declares that with 300 feet of hose taken off, the wagon will weigh but 3,800 pounds and will not be difficult to pull, provided the roads are good. Other fire tractors will be used to pull the wagon.

Judge C. F. Escley is still lamenting the annual drop in the police court business. There have been no arrests for several days and the court room in the city hall is beginning to look gloomy and deserted. Chief of Police Marquardt believes the resumption of the paying work has something to do with the lack of business. There were very few arrests in the city for some time, and Superintendent Craig had picked up every available man and employed him on the force laying brick on Norfolk avenue.

Further details from Portland, Ore., have been received concerning the death of Edward Seymour, brother of Mrs. J. B. Maynard, who was killed by an electric car passing over his body in a suburb of Portland. In company with a friend Mr. Seymour rode to a suburb called Beaverton, near Portland, to visit an acquaintance. When the car was ready to start for its destination Mr. Seymour got on, but it did not drop a package. He immediately got off and, picking it up, discovered to him on the back end of the car, 300 feet of wire and the wheels of the car passed over his body, killing him instantly.

Sealed in a fruit jar in the Lark & Maynes grocery store a large tarantula was being exhibited by John J. Lark, one of the firm, who came very close to being bitten by his enormous spider. Mr. Lark calls the tarantula a kissing bug and exhibits it with pleasure to his customers, for whose benefit the jar is shaken to show that the poisonous insect is still alive. Mr. Lark was cutting off a few bananas from a bunch which had just arrived from the western coast, when he attempted to pick out an extraordinarily large yellow fuzzy bit of fruit from this bunch. His eyes were attracted by the "kissing bug," which was probably made uncomfortable in its resting place by being shaken. The enormous legs began sprouting about and Mr. Lark abandoned the bananas. He secured a fruit jar and the tarantula was dropped into this for safe keeping.

Louis Thompson, collector and meter reader for the Norfolk Electric Light and Power company, had an amusing experience yesterday. He called at a residence in the southwest part of the city to read a meter. Trying the front door he found it was locked and he lost no time in discovering the key in a small box on the porch. From this discovery he decided to enter the house and read the meter, thus saving an extra trip. His arrival at the house was, however, noticed by the lady of the house, who was across the street visiting with a neighbor, who also saw Thompson on the porch. Both women screamed when Thompson entered the house and, believing him to be a burglar, they ran onto the porch and commenced calling for help. Thompson soon reappeared from the cellar, having finished his official duties, and was greeted with a storm of words.

According to R. V. Hyde, district plant chief of the Nebraska Telephone company, workmen will commence digging up the ground for the new underground telephone service within the next thirty days. Mr. Hyde was in the city during the day and exhibited his plans for the new work to the city council for their approval. The underground work will run about eight blocks around the business section of the city, taking from the main streets all the telephone poles owned by the company. The first work will commence on Third street, beginning at the telephone office, south to the alley between Norfolk avenue and Madison and thence west to Tenth street and north to the north side of Norfolk avenue, where the main trench stops and small underground cable trenches branch from this point. These smaller trenches will take in Fifth, Eighth and Tenth streets. In crossing Norfolk avenue on Third street some tunneling will be done, but where it is necessary some of the pavement will be taken up and later repaired by the company. The net cost of the entire work is estimated by Mr. Hyde at from \$16,000 to \$20,000.

Veterans Claim the Belt. The Veteran bowling team now claims the championship of the city, having defeated the Peerless team with a big margin. Here are the scores:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2. VETERANS: N. Howe (152, 188), W. Maps (214, 192), Wm. Stafford (150, 162), Kaufman (171, 156). Total 1999. PEERLESS: Glassman (123, 128), Krahn (137, 125), Butler (164, 159), Korth (187, 178). Total 1841.

Fell From Horse. Butte Gazette: Last Saturday morning while out wolf hunting with a number of his companions, the horse which Bill Ford was riding stumbled and fell, throwing the boy in such a manner that his leg was broken just above the ankle. The other boys just seeing the accident did not miss Bill for some time and the helpless lad laid on the ground in the cold for

a half of an hour before being discovered. He was then carried to the home of Orin Hinds, who immediately brought the suffering boy home. A doctor was called and administered to his needs. At this writing Bill is doing as well as could be expected, but he will be laid up for some time.

F. M. Hunter Re-elected. F. M. Hunter was re-elected superintendent of the Norfolk public schools for another year by the board of education at a regular meeting last evening. The superintendent's salary was increased \$500 per year, after careful and serious consideration on the part of the school board, who, as a result of the fact that Mr. Hunter was offered a position in the state university with a large increase over his present salary, asked him if he would remain in Norfolk if an increase could be granted him. He told the board that he would remain in any such matter more than half way, and when the \$500 increase was offered he accepted the reelection.

Mr. Hunter, in reviewing the work of the superintendent, told the board that he did not believe an increase could be granted until the schools were larger. But rather than lose a superintendent who has been so faithful and satisfactory as Mr. Hunter, the board felt that the increase of \$500 was well warranted.

Mr. Hunter declared that he was pleased with the outcome of the meeting and that owing to the fact that his present work was in his line, and that he loved Norfolk and the work laid out before him, he would not consider any other position unless there was a decided break in the salary.

The remainder of the work discussed by the board was of routine nature.

New Factory Right Away. The city council last night passed an ordinance granting a permit to the Norfolk Chemical & Oil company to build a factory in this city. The electric light matter did not come up.

W. W. Wasson of the new oil company was present and said his firm would build a factory immediately. The new industry will be located on the old brick yard site, on North Seventh street, adjacent to Northwestern railroad track. The company will manufacture stock dip, axle greases, lubricating oil, poultry remedies, roof paints, etc.

The total amount of the paving cost for the work done on Norfolk avenue is \$52,458.81. The city will hold \$5,200 for a year as a guaranty.

Although Mayor Friday brought with him a typewritten resolution ready to be filled out and passed in favor of a municipal lighting plant, he announced to a large crowd of anxious auditors in the city hall that the lighting proposition would not be brought up at last night's meeting of the council. He gave his reason for this that Councilman Dolph was unable to be present and he preferred to have all councilmen present when the matter was brought up.

Would Norfolk Play Baseball? -- Would Norfolk play league baseball this summer?

The franchise of Red Cloud in the Nebraska state league is for sale. According to information given to The News, the franchise is to be had for about \$600, or thereabouts. One sportsman has suggested that Norfolk fans might do worse than to buy the franchise and put on some interesting baseball, which would be a big advertisement for the city, as well.

An Alfalfa Show Coming. Norfolk is to see a miniature land show on February 21. The Northwestern railroad will bring to this city an exhibit of an alfalfa farm, with feed, hogs, and with miniature stock consisting of cows, sheep and cattle, which attracted a great deal of attention and was highly commended upon at the recent Western Land show held in Omaha.

The Northwestern railroad believes that alfalfa is of growing importance to the settler as well as the railroad adjacent to the settler's land, and has determined to show this exhibit and give with it a lecture at points in South Dakota and Nebraska, including Norfolk on the 21st. Among other towns to be visited are: Valentine, February 20; Creighton, February 21; Bonesteel, February 23; Dallas, February 24.

This exhibit promises to be of great value to the farmers in this territory and should be seen by every farmer within many miles of Norfolk.

AMATEUR AIRMAN'S FEAT. Carries Official Message from One Army Officer to Another.

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 7.—Carrying an official message from Major McMann, commander at Fort Rosecrans, to Lieutenant Ruhlin, commanding the United States troops camped on the American side of the border at Tijuana, Harry Harkness, amateur aviator, made a flight in an Antoinette monoplane early today. He delivered the message and returned to his hangar on North Island, opposite this city and close to Fort Rosecrans, in fifty-six minutes. The distance for the round trip was thirty-two miles.

Harkness flew over the camp of the United States soldiers at a height of 100 feet and dropped the message, which was weighted. He circled above the camp long enough to see the message delivered to Lieutenant Ruhlin and then returned, and after passing over the cruiser now anchored in the harbor, landed in front of his hangar.

This is the first time the airplane has been used in actual military operations in the United States, and doubtless the flight was the most remarkable ever made by an amateur aviator in the United States.