

Fund Increased Half a Thousand.

The general "snowball" Y. M. C. A. A. campaign will not begin until after the committees have finished work among the fifty Norfolk men, who are coming forward enthusiastically for the completion of the Y. M. C. A. building. Four men subscribed \$100 each since the last report and one \$150 subscription was secured. The grand total of the preliminary work of the "snowball" campaign is now \$6,725. No work has yet been done on the general subscriptions.

The committee is hastening as fast as possible and does not want to start the general campaign until this preliminary work, which is shaping up very well, has been finished. It is the report from an executive session of the four team committees.

THREE MURDERED IN HOME.

Then the House Is Set Afire by Man to Cover His Crime. Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 5.—Indications that Harvey Hurst, his wife and Elsie Adams, 16 years old, were murdered before their home at Delaware was burned, were found in the ruins of the residence today. Each of the victims had evidently suffered frightful wounds about the head before they were cremated. A coroner's jury today reported that both Mrs. Hurst and Miss Adams were in a delicate condition. Witness told of having seen a man run from the direction of the Hurst home last night.

LA FOLLETTE MAY WITHDRAW.

He Will Rest for Several Weeks and May Take a Trip. Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator La Follette was reported better today. He will take a rest of several weeks, but has not indicated whether he will take a trip or not, although that is under consideration. He visited Providence hospital today to see his daughter, who is improving. Progressive republican senators who have been closely associated with Mr. La Follette say the question of a withdrawal in the presidential race has not come up.

Stanton.

Stanton, Neb., Feb. 5.—Special to The News: Ex-County Treasurer Feyermans has the plans for the new modern residence that will be built this summer. It will be a story and a half, built in bungalow style with a basement. It will be another of the fine homes that Stanton is noted for. The special referendum election for the purpose of authorizing the city council to purchase a steam plant for the city electric light plant, will be held Monday, Feb. 12th. The new plant with the building will cost about \$8,800 and the financial situation of the city is such that the engine and building can be paid for, out of the revenues of the city by the time the plant is finished without issuing any bonds. A priest Heliodorus, the abbot of Tarsitsyn who also was ordered to be banished to a remote monastery in the government Vladimir for championing the bishop Heimgenes, is still in hiding and an active search is being carried on by detectives to find his whereabouts.

Will Public Let a Girl Go Blind.

There's a chance for a little charity work in Norfolk today. A 13-year-old girl will go blind if she is compelled to return to her father's homestead near Dallas. If she can have two weeks' treatment here, for which she needs money, her eyesight in one eye may be saved. The young woman, Miss Louise Hafn, has been employed as a servant in the home of J. Baum. She has been sending money back to her father, who has eight other children and who wants to buy a team of horses. A cancer in one eye will probably destroy that optic and the other eye has become infected. The girl is without money and unless generous Norfolk people come to her assistance, she will have to go back to her father's homestead. It is feared that she might thus catch cold and lose both eyes. Miss Hafn is just now at the Kitz home, 202 Braess avenue, where Miss Kientz, a nurse, is taking care of her. The unfortunate girl is not asking aid. County Commissioner Burr Taft has interested himself in the case and it was at his instance that the girl was taken to the Kientz home. It is a case which the county has no fund to help and it is at Mr. Taft's suggestion that an appeal be made to the public. It is thought that Miss Hafn could recover sufficiently within two weeks to be able to go to work once more and earn her own living. Her father, himself, is said to be destitute and in need of assistance.

FIGHT WOODMEN RATE RAISE.

Thousands of Circulars Issued to Call Mass Opposition Meeting. Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5.—Thousands of circulars have been issued by the Modern Woodmen assembly, or organized here Jan. 31, to fight against the adoption of insurance rates of the Modern Woodmen of America, to leaders of the organization in all parts of the United States. The circular asks all councils to send delegates to a mass meeting to be held here Feb. 22 at which plans will be made for fighting the so-called mobile bill adopted by the organization at its convention in Chicago a short time ago.

TIME FOR SPRING HOTBEDS.

How to Prepare for Early Vegetables for the Table. Radishes and lettuce! The radish sounds like spring, doesn't it? Well, if you are going to get them early out of your own garden it's time to think about constructing a hotbed. A good method, of which the cost is small, is as follows: Dig a hole two feet deep, a little larger than the size of the hotbed frame. If the hotbed is to be permanent, the walls of this pit should be lined with brick, stone or cement. When possible, have a shed or board fence on the north side of the bed; it will take less manure to heat the soil. Put two feet of well mixed fresh horse manure in the hole, wet thoroughly and tamp. Two-inch material makes a better and stronger frame and will last longer. The front of the frame should be six inches high, the back eighteen inches. Put five inches of dirt on the manure, preferably the richest soil you can get. Fill in around the frame with manure and earth and put the cover on the frame. Glass sashes are best for covers. Cloth may be used late in the season. The size of a sash is three by six feet. The bed, then, should be six feet wide and as many times three feet long as desired. The temperature of the hotbed will be high at first. Use a thermometer. When the heat has fallen to 55 degrees, the seed may be planted. Keep the hot well watered, but do not soak. Too much water rots the manure too rapidly. Be sure the hotbed is well ventilated. When sashes are used, they must be raised to let in the fresh air in mild weather. Extra covers should be provided for cold days and nights. Hotbeds for growing early garden truck for transplanting should be made the second or third week in February. If early vegetables for the table are desired, make the bed the last of January.

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News: The tragic death of B. B. Starkey, announced in Saturday's News, and which occurred near Revelstoke, B. C., was indeed quite a shock to the people of this community. Years ago Mr. Starkey was in business here and was quite popular as a business man and as an athlete.

KILL IOWA POSTMASTER.

Fairport Man Caught Robbers in His Store. Muscatine, Ia., Feb. 6.—Bert Hershey, postmaster at Fairport and owner of a general store, was murdered in his place of business while watching for burglars between 4:30 and 6 o'clock a. m. The burglars escaped. The burglars had made repeated attempts to enter the store, and Hershey laid for them. When they entered he gave battle and was overpowered. The robbers were after the money carried in the postoffice money drawer.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers of real estate for the past week. Compiled by Madison County Abstract & Guaranty Co., Office with Mapes & Hazen, Norfolk. Reinhold Maas and wife to John W. A. Oertlich, lot 4 of H. Nowak's addition to Norfolk, w. d., consideration, \$175. Emma Kaul and husband to Bertha Kamrath, Anna Nathan and Mary Knapp, block 16 of Mandamus addition to Madison, and w. d., 22-23-2, and se quarter, 23-21-1; q. c. d.

Anna Dittberner to Bertha Kamrath, Anna Nathan and Mary Knapp, block 16 of Mandamus addition to Madison and w. d., 22-23-2, and se quarter, 23-21-1; q. c. d. consideration, \$1.

H. P. Heusick, guardian to Bertha Kamrath, Anna Nathan and Mary Knapp, block 16 of Mandamus add. to Madison, and w. d., 22-23-2, and se quarter, 23-21-1; q. c. d.

J. M. Lucas and wife to Reinhold Maas, lot 4 of H. Nowak's addition to Norfolk; w. d., consideration, \$100. Joseph Mallin and wife to Anna Schmitt, lot 3, block 91 of F. W. Barnes' 6th addition to Madison; w. d., consideration, \$2,100.

Anna Nathan and husband to Fritz Kamrath, one-third interest in se quarter, 23-21-1; w. d., consideration, \$1. Anna Nathan and husband to Bertha Kamrath, one-third interest in block 16 of Mandamus addition to Madison; w. d., consideration, \$1.

Anna Nathan and husband to Bertha Kamrath, one-third interest in w. d. of 22-23-2; w. d., consideration, \$1. Ernest Raesch to Allen Gaines, part of sw quarter, 21-24-1; w. d., consideration, \$3,000.

T. E. Odlome and wife to H. W. Galbender, e 42 feet of lot 4, block 2 of Mathewson's 1st add to Norfolk; q. c. d., consideration, \$1,000. J. W. Ransom and wife to A. P. Stearn, lot 8, block 8, Verges suburban lots to Norfolk; w. d., consideration, \$500.

Henry Torpin and wife to William Selling, lots 1 and 2 of block 2 of Colamer's addition to Norfolk; w. d., consideration, \$500. Thos. Jenkins and wife to Ballah Land Company, n. d. of s. 1/2 of lot 2 and s. 1/2 of s. 1/2 of lot 3, block 19, of Haase's suburban lots to Norfolk; w. d., consideration, \$500.

David Phillips and wife to The Public, part of se quarter, ne quarter, 26-24-4; q. c. d., consideration, public good. Fritz Kamrath and wife Bertha to John Knapp, two-thirds interest in w. d. of 22-23-2; w. d., consideration, \$1. Mary Knapp and husband John to Bertha Kamrath, one-third interest in block 16, Mandamus add. to Madison; w. d., consideration, \$1.

Mary Knapp and husband to Bertha Kamrath, one-third interest in se quarter, 23-21-1; w. d., consideration, \$1. T. E. Odlome to Hermine Bartz, lot 5, block 11, C. S. Hayes add to Norfolk; w. d., consideration, \$1.

To Protect Home Insurance.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—State Auditor S. R. Barton has announced that he proposes to disregard a state law which prevents life insurance companies organized in this state from writing health and accident policies. The law does not prevent foreign companies from writing such risks. Barton conferred with the attorney general, and was told that his action was illegal, but announced that he intended to disregard the statutes and allow the home company the latitude given foreign concerns.

Nebraska Peace Society.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—International peace treaties, now pending in the United States senate were given hearty endorsement at a meeting here last night, at which a Nebraska branch of the American Peace society was organized. W. J. Bryan was made honorary president of the Nebraska society; George E. Howard, of the University of Nebraska, president, and A. L. Wearthey, secretary. Following the business session, a mass meeting was held, at which addresses were made by Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago and Charles E. Beals, western field secretary of the American society. "President Taft" said Rabbi Hirsch, "has taken the logical step, and no one should stand in the way of ratification of the treaty. A few minor amendments may be made, but nothing should be done to nullify this great work for peace on earth and good will toward men."

Falling Tree Breaks Leg.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 6.—Hugh Chambers, a well known young man of West Point met with a serious accident while felling a tree near the city limits. He was caught by the falling limbs and suffered a broken leg, a fractured knee and two broken ribs. His condition is considered very serious. Lease West Point Creamery. West Point, Neb., Feb. 6.—Special

To The News: The West Point Creamery has been leased by the owner, J. J. Strangman, to the Beatrice Creamery company for a term of five years.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

I. F. Bruce is quite ill with bronchitis. Miss Alice Hoskins returned from Plainview. R. M. Nesbit of Oakland was here transacting business.

Mrs. Waite of Madison is here visiting with her sister, Mrs. Collins. Charles Trimbom of Plainview has returned to his home after attending the Filter-Brommond wedding.

S. E. Martin went to Omaha to attend the annual meeting of the managers of the Chicago Lumber company. Mr. and Mrs. Filter and Mrs. Louis Fisher have returned to their home at the Filter-Brommond wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lind say a son. Obod Raesch is suffering from an attack of the grip.

City Engineer H. H. Tracey is suffering with an attack of the grip. The West Side Whist club will meet with C. S. Bridge Thursday evening.

Anton Buchholz, who has been critically ill for several months, was able to be out of his home for a few hours Tuesday.

J. E. Jackson, who has been here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dietrich, has returned to his home at Duquesne, Ia.

F. E. Melcher returned from Fremont where he reports he has given out a contract for the construction of a new home.

The 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McCune is threatened with an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. McCune is now at the bedside of her mother, who is critically ill at Platte Center.

Every property owner in paving district No. 2 is urged to attend next Saturday night's meeting at the city hall at 9 o'clock, when the matter of selecting material for the paving will be settled. S. T. Napper is now in Chicago for further investigation of materials. He is a member of the committee which yesterday went to Omaha on this mission.

The board of education held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The regular bills were allowed. Supt. M. E. Crosier, who met with the board, announced that he will attend the national teachers' association convention at St. Louis on February 25.

County Clerk S. R. McFarland is in the city from Madison. He came up to hear the addresses at the farmers' congress on "taxation." Mr. McFarland is a member of the board of equalization and is after all the information along that line that he can accumulate.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: T. D. Proece, Battle Creek; M. E. McLewiston, Gross; C. S. Sear, Springview; Mrs. J. E. Dowling, Madison; W. A. Cameron, Pilger; S. P. Ganey, Spalding; Tom Adams, Pierce; Frank Humphrey, Randolph; P. L. Neely, Wayne; O. H. Wertz, Creighton; H. C. Miller, Pierce; Elias Abauhek, Gregory; W. L. Dowling, Madison; H. J. Backes, Humphrey; S. R. McFarland, Madison; Frank Hart, Hoskins.

Lorenzo Hobbs, Nebraska pioneer pioneer and a member of the Nebraska territorial legislature, once a member of the Masonic grand lodge of Massachusetts, died Monday in the Norfolk state hospital for insane, from old age. He was 85 years old. His son, H. A. Hobbs of Omaha accompanied the remains to Omaha at noon Tuesday. Interment will be at Omaha. Mr. Hobbs entered the state hospital here about three years ago. Previous to that he lived at the Santee Agency.

Gen. Weaver Dead.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 6.—Gen. James B. Weaver, populist candidate for president in 1892, died at the home of relatives here this afternoon. He was eighty years old. He had been ill only a few days.

Girls Propose by Mail.

Norfolk Store Clerk Gets Three Leap Year Proposals, but Is Indifferent. Fred Helleman, a clerk in the employ of the Star Clothing store, declares he has received three leap year proposals by mail. Helleman is a bachelor, and although non-committal when approached on the subject of matrimony, admitted that he had received the three proposals. Helleman even mentioned the name of one of the young ladies who has her optics cast in his direction. "I have dodged this matrimony question for thirty-five years, and I think I can stick out thirty-five years longer," says Helleman.

Ewing.

H. W. McClune went to O'Neill Monday on important business. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Trussell celebrated their forty-first marriage anniversary last Friday. A number of their friends called and paid their respects. Mr. Trussell is one of the pioneers of this county, being twenty-eight years a resident, and well known. Peter Sigler was a Neligh visitor Monday. M. T. Sanders purchased the farm of Gus Bowens last week, southwest of Ewing; consideration not learned. Evo Vandernick sold twenty-two head of fat cattle Monday to Ed Trennepohl of Goose Lake for \$2,006.08. The cattle were fine and were shipped to Omaha the same evening. Herman Brewster of Orchard was visible on our streets Monday. J. C. Wadsworth is here this week from Dixon, Ill., visiting with his cousin, W. H. Graver. Editor Hales of the Tilden Citizen was a pleasant over-Sunday visitor in Ewing. A son of Albert Sharp of Ewing was

operated upon last week for a tumor on the leg, and is said to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McKay went to St. Joe Sunday, where they will combine pleasure with business this week.

Miss Vernetta Butler slipped and fell while skating on the Elkhorn Thursday and received several severe contusions of the face.

Mr. and Mrs. William Libby, east of Ewing, were the recipients Thursday evening of a very enjoyable surprise party by their numerous friends and neighbors.

George G. Whitney, wife and two children, of Neligh, were over-Sunday guests at the Conger home.

C. E. Churchill of Hartington was looking after land interests here last week.

J. E. Perry of Minot, N. D., was visiting his brother, James Perry, last Friday. Mr. Perry is a passenger conductor between Minot and Williston.

William Horehording of Orchard was buying hay in town Friday, he having C. Poppenhagen help to haul it.

Miss Dossie Huston left Monday morning on a week's visit to Winer and Omaha. Miss Mamie J. Miller is the telephone girl during the absence of Miss Huston.

Wilson Made Bad Blunder.

New York, Jan. 31.—The New York Evening Post has sought, for the sake of justice to a group concerned, to secure the publication of the correspondence between Gov. Wilson and Col. Harvey. In that sense it applied to both of them. Neither wished to be put in the position of giving out private letters, but both assented to the publication, with the distinct understanding that the initiative came from the Evening Post.

Wilson's First Letter.

The first letter addressed to Col. Harvey by Gov. Wilson is as follows: "University Club, Fifth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, December 21, 1911.—Personal: My Dear Colonel: Every day I am confirmed in the judgment that my mind is a one-track road and can run only one train of thought at a time. A long time after that interview with you and Marse Henry at the Manhattan club, it came over me that when (at the close of the interview) you asked me that question about the Weekly, I answered it simply as a matter of fact and of business, and said never a word of my sincere gratitude to you for all your generous support, or of my hope that it might be continued. Forgive me and forget my manners. Faithfully yours, "Woodrow Wilson."

Reply of Col. Harvey.

In reply Col. Harvey wrote to Gov. Wilson as follows: "My Dear Gov. Wilson: Replying to your note from the University club, I think it should go without saying that no purely personal issue could arise between you and me. Whatever anybody else may surmise, you surely know that in trying to arouse and further your political aspirations during the past few years I have been actuated solely by the belief that I was rendering a distinct public service. The real point at the time of our interview was, as you aptly put it, one simply of 'fact and business,' and when you stated the fact to be that my surmise was hurting your candidacy and that you were experiencing difficulty in finding a way to counteract its harmful effect, the only thing possible for me to do, in simple fairness to you, no less than in consideration of my own self respect, was to relieve you of your embarrassment, so far as it lay within my power to do so, by ceasing to advocate your nomination. That, I think was fully understood between us at the time and, acting accordingly I took down your name from the head of the Weekly's editorial page several days before your letter was written. That seems to be all there is of it. Whatever little hurt I may have felt as a consequence of the unexpected perpetuorship of your attitude toward me is, of course, wholly eliminated by your gracious words. Very truly yours, "George Harvey."

Wilson's Second Letter.

Gov. Wilson replied under date of Jan. 11 as follows: "My Dear Col. Harvey: Generous and cordial as was your letter written in reply to my note from the University club, it has left me uneasy, because in its perfect frankness it shows that I did hurt you by what I so tactlessly said at the Knickerbocker club. I am very much ashamed of myself. For there is nothing I am more ashamed of than hurting a true friend, however unintentionally the hurt may have been. I wanted very much to see you in Washington, but was absolutely captured by callers every minute I was in my rooms, and when I was not there was fulfilling public engagements. I saw you at the dinner, but could not get at you, and after the dinner was surrounded and prevented from getting at you. I am in town today to speak this evening, and came in early in the hope of catching you at your office. For I owe it to you and to my own thought and feeling to tell you how grateful I am for all your generous praise and support of me (no one here but to believe myself to be than you have), how I have admired you for the independence and unhesitating courage and individuality of your course, and how far I was from desiring that you should cease your support of me in the Weekly. You will think me very stupid, but I did not think of that as the result of my blunt answer to your question. I thought only of the means of convincing people of the real independence of the Weekly's position. You will remember that that was what we discussed and now that I have unintentionally put you in a false and embarrassing position you heap coals of fire on my

head by continuing to give out interviews favorable to my candidacy. All that I can say is that you have proved yourself very big and that I wish I might have an early opportunity to tell you face to face how I really feel about it all.

"With warm regards, cordially and faithfully yours, Woodrow Wilson."

Col. Harvey's Answer. It is noted in the foregoing that mention of the Knickerbocker, instead of the Manhattan club is obviously a slip of the pen.

Col. Harvey's reply was as follows: "Jan. 16, 1912.—My Dear Gov. Wilson: Thank you sincerely for your most handsome letter. I can only repeat what I said before—that there is no particle of personal rancor or resentment left in me. And I beg you to believe that I have not said one word to anybody of criticism of you.

"I have to print a word of explanation to the Weekly's readers, but it will be the briefest possible. "Very truly yours, "George Harvey."

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.

Hot Springs is expecting the inauguration of a free mail delivery in that city after July 1.

The postoffice at Viborg has been advanced to the presidential class with an increase in the postmaster's salary. The athletic club recently organized at Hurley has 65 members. A fine gymnasium with much improved apparatus has been secured.

R. W. Dickenson, appointed on Jan. 16 as public censor at Sioux Falls, has resigned. He found the duties of his office entirely too arduous.

Unusually large profits on the year's output of the Big Stone Canning Co. at Bigstone has led to action looking to a much enlarged plant next season.

Three young boys were seriously injured at Aberdeen when a "bob" on which they were coasting collided with a team of horses. Others were badly bruised.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the farmers' institute to be held at Aberdeen on Feb. 1 and 2. Many excellent speakers will appear on the program.

The Society of Black Hills Pioneers at its annual session held at Deadwood reported that but five deaths occurred among its membership during the year 1911.

The killing of wolves in the state during the past six months has broken all records. Bounty claims have reached \$9,951, as against \$5,966 for the corresponding period a year ago.

The Second Christian Science church at Watertown has dissolved and will unite its forces with those of the first church. It is thought that one church will serve the denomination in that city.

A move is on foot throughout the state to demand the removal of all state institutions from political influence.

R. J. Woods, of Sioux Falls, has been appointed to the mint commission which is soon to make an examination of the mint at Philadelphia.

The citizens of Britton will vote on the proposition to issue \$10,000 to build an addition to the school house. The vote will be taken on Feb. 2.

Charles Smith was arrested at Aberdeen for peering into windows and frightening women and children. He was sentenced to 25 days in the county jail.

A vote is to be taken again on the location of the county seat of Gregory county. Fairfax will have to defend itself against the claims of Burke, Gregory and Herrick.

Thomas Edwards of Yanhook, who disappeared from his home a week ago, returned and left again. His family will make no statement as to his whereabouts.

Citizens of Pierre are subscribing to an enterprise which will drill for gas to be used by the city and residents. It is believed that gas can be secured at a depth of not more than 3,000 feet.

Some of the men who aided in an effort to get an anti-speeding ordinance passed at Hot Springs a year ago are now threatened with arrest for violating this law.

C. H. Payne of Glanham, a man of unusual religious views, has addressed communications to many papers of the state predicting that the end of the world is near.

A branch organization of the German alliance has been formed at Parkston with a charter enrollment of 200 members. The first regular meeting will be held on Feb. 10.

The city council at Pierre voted recently to join the association of commission governed cities.

The stockholders of the State bank of Doland have increased the capital stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Three members of the Moosson family at Howard were overcome with gas from a coal stove and their lives were saved with difficulty.

A special train carried Mrs. Harry Piner, of Armour, to Sioux City in time to save her life by an operation for a peculiar form of appendicitis.

Members of the Masonic bodies at Belle Fourche are making plans to erect a temple there which will include a home for aged and infirm Masons.

John D. Carlin, of Watertown, was found dead on the tracks of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway near that city. He had evidently been struck by a train. A baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs.