

HOMESTEADERS ORGANIZE.

150 Winners Lay Plans for Mutual Advancement of Claims. Omaha, Feb. 9.—One hundred and fifty winners of homesteads in the Rosebud Indian reservation...

Falls On Ice, Is Killed.—Ashton, S. D., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: John Sullivan, while working on the Milwaukee railroad bridge...

Conditions of Hotel Scene Reproduced as Nearly as Possible. Washington, Feb. 9.—A little talk with an open notebook and a Bible upon it was ready today when the Lorimer investigation was resumed for J. E. Sheridan...

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The Money Trust Probe. Washington, Feb. 9.—Representative Pigo of Louisiana, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency...

Old Murder Is Out. Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 9.—Moses N. Gattiff of Mount Vernon, Ky., asked the chief of police to lock him up, saying that he had killed Robert Rigby...

Need Wireless in Orient. Washington, Feb. 9.—A system of wireless telegraphy in the Philippine islands was recommended by President Taft in a message sent to congress...

Rothschilds Rule England. The Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 9.—"The ungodly empire of finance" in its control over affairs of Europe, and the policy of rulers in continuing the practice of contracting war debts...

Fowler Ends His Fight. Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9.—Robert G. Fowler of Gilroy, Cal., the ocean-to-ocean flyer, officially finished his long trip across the continent when he landed at Monico park at 4:45 o'clock...

Insurgent M. W. A. Order. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9.—A separate organization, chartered under the laws of Kansas with insurance rates the same as in the past, will be set up by a majority of the camps of the Modern Woodmen of America in Kansas...

Kansas decided to issue a call for delegates from Kansas camps to meet there the last week in February to form a separate organization and to arrange for the filing of an action for a charter from the state of Kansas...

HONDURAS BREAKS CONTRACTS.

Ulcé Sam is Watching Developments In This Dispute. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Feb. 9.—The congress of Honduras has declared that all contracts made with the American, W. S. Valentine, in connection with the Puerto Cortez railroad wharf and lighthouse are cancelled...

Washington, Feb. 9.—The state department is watching developments in the dispute between the Honduran government and representatives of the Valentine syndicate. Recently the notice to terminate that without the approval of the government, the Honduran officials were about to seize the Valentine properties...

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Gov. Aldrich discussed the good roads problem. "When the next legislature meets," he said, "I wish men could be sent to the legislature to have roads put under a systematic management. We should pass laws authorizing a highway commission and have the state divided into districts of the commission..."

Gov. Aldrich was applauded frequently during the course of his address. He was introduced by President W. A. Wittzman of the Norfolk Commercial club, who was chairman of the evening.

On behalf of the Norfolk and Norfolk farmers, President Wittzman thanked the members of the Country Life commission for the program given in Norfolk. He highly complimented the commission on the program and declared the work being done by them was a great one.

Just before the address given by Gov. Aldrich and at the conclusion of an interesting address by Dean E. A. Burnett, Secretary Odell of the Rural Life commission made a motion that the new law in favor of house roll No. 18160 be in congress, a bill asking for an appropriation from the national treasury for the present work being done in all states for improving arm conditions. The president put the motion and it was carried almost unanimously.

Dean E. A. Burnett greatly interested the farmers on how the experiment station can help the practical farmer. Dean Burnett's address was an able one and he told clearly the wonderful work already achieved by the state experiment farm. After telling how it was possible for the station to produce four different strains of turkey red wheat and increase the yield of wheat in the state four bushels to the acre, he told the farmers how to fatten cattle and hogs more economically by feeding them more alfalfa hay and less corn.

In concluding his address he showed the critical nature of the next year's corn crop and explained how to raise good corn. He declared that seed corn from local corn would grow better locally than seed brought here from Iowa, Kansas or Indiana.

"We have found, as a result of work at the experiment station," said Dean Burnett, "that every region must have a type of corn selected. It is far better to find corn on your own farm than to get it elsewhere. We found that you are not likely to get corn from Iowa, Kansas or Indiana that will grow as well as that obtainable from your fields here."

Immediately after Commissioner Lawson called Thursday afternoon's session to order, C. H. Kelsey, a Norfolk attorney, stirred up some of the greatest discussion heard during the meeting, when he talked on "Landlord and Tenant" question. Mr. Kelsey believed that the farm should be rented in such a manner as to enable the tenant to receive a fair compensation for his labor. The acreage of the farm should be mapped out as to different crops before a rent contract is made. A certain number of

bushels of grain per acre should be paid instead of cash payment. This "piece system" of renting farms, declared Mr. Kelsey, eliminated the inconvenience of crooked work in dividing the crops. In commenting on the ideas of J. R. Ream in the handling of farmers' problems, Mr. Kelsey declared that in case of a crop failure, no rent should be paid. His subject was also discussed at length by Secretary J. B. Grinnell of Papillion. J. D. Ream declared that the rotation of crops should be taken into consideration.

Dean E. A. Burnett also took up this subject, saying that when forming a lease for a farm, both landlord and tenant should be interested in the fertility of the farm. He declared that tenantry was on the increase. Tenant land, he said, does not produce as well on an average as the land owned by the operator. The long term lease he declared to be the best.

County Commissioner Henry Sanderman of Madison related some interesting history of his early days in Madison county. He said the first war tariff system in his home territory and others soon followed his example. The environment of the farm is the key to the question of how to keep the boys on the farm, said Mr. Sanderman. He spoke at length on the good roads problem.

Gov. C. H. Aldrich then spoke briefly on agricultural conditions in this state. County high schools should be erected, he declared. He briefly outlined the work of the country life commission.

A subject of interest to both farmers and school teachers was contained in the address of Supt. A. E. Hilbrand of the Hooper schools. Supt. A. E. Hilbrand of the Madison county public schools led the discussion of the Hooper man's address. "The most vital need of the rural communities today is a school system admirably suited to the environment," said Mr. Hilbrand. "The solution of other rural problems, such as good roads, farm improvement and soil fertility will follow in the wake of a system of public schools giving rural communities the education best suited for farm life."

"Consolidation of the one-room schools is coming, and it is a success wherever it has been given a trial. The establishment of a county agricultural high school and experimental station on the county poor farm in each county of the state will bring returns of the greatest value to rural communities. Boys and girls should be given an opportunity to secure the education which will best fit them for farm life."

In the absence of G. L. Carlson, who was scheduled for a feature address during the afternoon, E. E. Beebe, of the Percheron breeding farm here, spoke on the "Ideal Farm Home."

"There is so much real work connected with farm life that a very vital feature of the real home is often crowded out," said Mr. Beebe—"the culture of flowers and beautifying the grounds. There must also be a careful oversight of wells, drains, pipes and other things." Good roads should be considered not a luxury but a necessity, he said. The best schools obtainable are necessary and parents should co-operate with teachers in creating a homelike atmosphere for the school.

A feature of the afternoon's meeting was the presence of Mrs. Brake of Waverlyville in charge of the entire membership of the Waverlyville schools. The students, wearing badges of the congress, occupied places of honor in the front seats of the Auditorium. Mrs. Brake was highly congratulated by members of the commission on her able address on three subjects: "The Rural School Problem," "The Rural School Home," and "The Ideal Farm Home."

"In our own agricultural state," said Mrs. Brake, "with its few large towns and cities, our leaders in thought and action were convinced that conditions exist which are gradually but surely decreasing rural population and making against the best interests of the agricultural community."

Rides Against Time to File on Land. Valentine, Neb., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: Something like the old-time rush for land took place here yesterday when Frank Sedaleck rode ninety-five miles against time to file on a piece of land. It seems that he had taken a survey out to survey this piece he wanted some where near the Spade ranch, and the survey showed that it included some very valuable hay land that has been used by the Spade and some employees of the ranch, finding out what was going on, started for town at once, but Frank got wise to the move and himself made tracks for Valentine, beating the other fellows in and getting his filing in the first thing Thursday morning.

New York, Feb. 9.—It is only necessary to repeal the New Jersey statute authorizing the creation of holding companies to rid the country of four-fifths of the trusts and to repeal similar statutes in some other states to get rid of the remaining one-fifth. Mayor Gaynor so declared in an address last night before the National Democratic club of New York in discussing the high cost of living. "Why is it that no one in office or out of office over in New Jersey has asked the New Jersey legislature to repeal it?" The mayor then asked, "No governor has sent a message to the legislature of any state which has this statute, calling for its repeal, so far as I have heard. From which some people might deduce that the cry against the trusts is wholly insincere. "Since they can be abolished so easily, do you not think they ought

to be, or else that those who fail even to try to repeal them should stop crying out against them at the top of their voices? We must not lay ourselves out to the charge of being mere demagogues. If the people want the trusts broken up or prevented, they need only to elect governors and legislators who will carry out their will."

"We may not prudently entertain the notion of doing away with our immense tariff structure at one stroke. To pull it down all at once would lead to great disaster. Even a tattered bull who has wound around his stake while grazing until he has brought his nose up against it, has to slowly work his way against it, to tear his nose to pieces in an effort to get away."

A review of tariff legislation since 1879 suffices to remind us that the question which confronts us is not one of free trade but of a judicious, firm reduction of the tariff. All its extremes should be cut out. Free trade is a long way off.

"Let us then stand by the assertion of a principle that we recognize no excuse for a protective tariff on any article except to protect the American working man from having his wages run down to the level of wages in the country which produces that article. Also that except for revenue only, there is no excuse at all for a tariff tax on imported articles which from any special and abiding cause we cannot produce at all, or cannot produce enough of them for our consumption."

A protective tariff raises prices. That is what it is designed for. But it should be justly pointed out that our tariff is not wholly responsible for the extent to which prices have risen since 1896 which, I believe, was the year in which the present rise in prices set in. The rise since that year has been general in Europe as well as here.

"I am not able to doubt that the principal cause of high prices is the gold and ever-increasing output of gold since 1883. The output in 1883 was only \$95,000,000; in 1909, \$454,000,000. In 1910, the gross output of gold since 1883 has over \$7,000,000,000. The world has had other periods of great production of the money metals, but never anything so great and continuous as this."

"Will not that period of low and falling prices be hard times? Many people still alive have gone through such a period, and know the hard times brought by low and falling prices. Let none of us therefore be certain that high prices are an evil."

Gregory Has a Narrow Escape. Gregory, S. D., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: Gregory had a very narrow escape yesterday afternoon from a disastrous fire when the two-story building occupied by the Ditt and Oldham ice cream firm and the Ditt tailoring establishment was discovered to be burning. An alarm was turned in, and the department responded promptly, but after connections were made no water was forthcoming, and investigation disclosed the fact that the hose joints were frozen. After several minutes delay a stream of water was finally put to play on the burning building and in a short time the block was out of danger.

The fire started in the cleaning department of the tailor shop, the origin being of rather a strange nature. Mr. Ditt was working in the cleaning room and stepped into another room to get warm. He started to poke the coals when his shirt sleeves became ignited. Mr. Ditt rushed into the back room where he had been working. Gas fumes filled the air and his entrance resulted in an explosion which ignited the whole room, and but for the timely assistance of a passerby Mr. Ditt would have no doubt suffered serious injury.

Democrat Committee Meets. Columbus, Neb., Feb. 9.—At the meeting of the democratic state central committee the following were recommended as electors: At-large—Waldo Winterstein, Fremont; Judge J. R. Debn, Broken Bow; First District—J. W. Cultrick, Lincoln; Second, Sophus P. Nehle, Omaha; Third, W. R. Beum, Tekamah; Fourth, S. W. Bailey, Fairbury; Fifth, P. C. Funk, Sixth, J. J. McCarthy, Ogallala.

A resolution was unanimously adopted, providing that the five constitutional amendments to be voted upon in November be placed on the primary ballot in April. A majority vote on either or all these amendments will be construed as the party endorsement and they will then go on the ballot, and every straight party vote will be counted for them. The amendments are in the initiative and referendum, changing compensation of legislators and changing the time in which bills can be introduced, for a non-partisan board of control of state institutions, providing for biennial elections and giving cities the right to make their own charters.

Rescued from Sinking Steamer. Bremen, Germany, Feb. 10.—The North German Lloyd steamer Chemnitz, which left New York on January 30 for Bremen, reported by wireless telegraph today that she had taken off the captain and twelve men of the crew of the sinking Norwegian bark Euphrates, which left Glasgow last month. The work of rescue was extremely dangerous, owing to the heavy storm and terrific seas.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 10.—Joseph Etor and Arturo Govanitti, who until their arrest were in charge of the strike of textile operatives here, were arraigned in police court here, charged with being accessories to the murder of Anna Lopez, who was shot during the riot on Jan. 29. After hearing

ing in the city hall last night, enjoyed an oyster supper. A meeting of the Commercial club directors will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the club rooms. Ralph Boyd and Mrs. Alfred Palm were called to Columbus, Neb., by the serious illness of their sister.

The Norfolk basketball team is scheduled to play a game with Madison this evening. The game will be played at Madison. Ernest Sasse, an employee on a repair gang of the Northwestern road, is suffering from a bruised foot as the result of an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Nies of Neligh were in the city to hear Gov. Aldrich's speech. Mr. Nies is deputy state oil inspector for the third district. County commissioner Taft asks that no more funds be subscribed for the care of Miss Hauff, the young woman whose eyesight has probably been saved by charitable Norfolk people. About \$90 was received.

John Austin, who married a negro, was taken to Madison to appear before the insanity board. George Houston also was taken before the board. Clarke Bryant was sent to the dispensary hospital at Lincoln. Robert Klug returned from Omaha, where he attended the cement men's convention. At Omaha, Mr. Klug purchased a patent for the manufacture of material for cement block grain silos. New machinery for this work has been ordered.

The burning out of a furnace pipe in the W. E. Pickering home, 211 North Eleventh street, at 8:20 last night brought out the entire fire department. With the exception of smoking out of the pipe, and the burning out of the pipe, which put the furnace out of commission for the night, no damage was done.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: A. R. York, Atkinson; Frank Moore, Stanton; Lars Hansen, Blair; W. L. Stanton, Meadow Grove; S. B. McConnell, Ray McCampbell, Burke; C. M. Fungall, Verdel; C. D. Johnson, M. C. Brown, C. J. Stricker, F. Schinkus, W. F. Guffens, Conrad Werner, Battle Creek; Claus Meyer, Clear Lake.

A meeting of the Ben Hur drill team will be held tonight. The team is now said to be the best in the state. A big meeting of the order is to be held on Feb. 19, at which Mr. Girard, one of the supreme chiefs of Crawfordville, Ind., will deliver an address. About fifty new candidates are to be initiated. Madison, Wayne, Stanton and Pierce lodges are coming to Norfolk with their new candidates.

The fire team ran away Thursday afternoon. Pyre Truelock, accompanied by Driver William Grahman, were thrown out of the wagon when it upset and Grahman sustained several slight bruises. A hook being coming loose raised the accident. The front trucks of the practice wagon became unbolts and the team ran to South Norfolk before they were stopped. The animals were not injured.

Over \$7,500 is now in the Y. M. C. A. fund. The committee continues making good with the first list and have announced today that the first meeting for the planning of the general campaign will take place next Thursday night in the Commercial club rooms, which are to be the headquarters of the solicitors. A meeting will be held every day during the campaign. Lunch will be served and progress of the campaign will be reported. A big supper will be served Thursday night. "If the general campaign is as good as the one held before, we will be able to finish the building," say members of the committee.

Former Norfolk Man Suicides. Omaha World-Herald: Art Van Horn, who committed suicide in Kansas City a few days ago by swallowing carbolic acid, was well known in Omaha as a bartender. He came from Norfolk, Neb., originally, and secured a position behind the bar at Johnny Kibben's old place, now called the Hub on Seventeenth street, between Harney and Farnam. Later he tended bar for Cliff Cole at the Budweiser saloon and then went to the place now called the Antlers, later operated by Cliff Cole. Before going to Kansas City he was employed in the same capacity at O'Brien's cafe, now Wroth's, opposite the World-Herald office on Farnam street.

Shercliffe Not Pardonned. Denver, Colo., Feb. 10.—John F. Shercliffe and the state board of pardons deadlocked on the proposal to pardon Sherman W. Morris, alias Frank Shercliffe, who is serving a twenty-year term in the penitentiary for the killing of John Walsh, a Leadville saloon-keeper, in 1894. The board finally struck the case from the docket, so that action may be taken at a future meeting. Shercliffe's application is based on his charge and that of his friends that he has been and is being persecuted by "Tom" Dennison, an Omaha politician.

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a few witnesses the court adjourned until Monday. Two letters written by Vincent St. John, general secretary-treasurer of the Industrial Workers of the World at Chicago, figured in the hearing. One was addressed to Etter and the other to William D. Haywood, the western labor man, who is here assisting the strikers. In one letter St. John wrote: "A win at Lawrence means a start that will only end with the downfall of the wage system."

In the letter to Haywood, St. John said: "I want to suggest that if the strike is to be of any length the practice of trying to carry it on by paying strike benefits and opening a commissary must be cut out. There is no chance to win anything that way. These are out of date methods. Get those 16,000 or 20,000 to break into the jail and make the county feed them while they are on strike. Organize them to go back to the mills and fields there. Get them back as an organization with the understanding that they are there to fight."

That Etter in one of his speeches urged the strikers to "keep the gun-shops busy," and declared that he was going to get a gun himself, was the testimony of two newspaper men who were called to the stand.

Portuguese Floods Continue. Lisbon, Feb. 10.—The floods continue in every part of Portugal, but the southern districts are most seriously affected and reports received today show that the distress among the population is acute. At the city of Oporto a large number of barges on the river have been swept away and several small coasting vessels have been driven out to sea and lost. At the port of Leixoes the damage done by the inundations on the water front is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Brazilian Statesman Dead. Baron Do Rio Branco Dies After a Brief Illness. Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 10.—Baron Do Rio Branco, minister of foreign affairs in the Brazilian cabinet, died this morning at 9:10. He was stricken suddenly ill on the evening of Feb. 5, with uraemia, and the attack was so severe that he never rallied.

Baron Do Rio Branco was probably the most capable statesman in Brazil. At the time of his death he had served continuously for ten years as minister of foreign affairs. He continued in office from purely practical motives, as he had been advised on several occasions by his physicians to resign on account of his condition of health.

Baron Do Rio Branco took a considerable share in the great welcome given to the American fleet when it visited Brazil in 1908.

Kearney Starts Bank. Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 10.—Ed T. Kearney will start a bank in Sioux City at 480 Pearl street about April 1. He has severed his connection with the Davidson Bros. company, where for the last two weeks he has had charge of the publicity department.

Wharton's Name Goes In. Washington, Feb. 10.—John C. Wharton's name will go to the senate on Monday, according to white house advisers, as postmaster of Omaha. Delay has been due to a multiplicity of nominations which have been overlooked by the postmaster general in view of his work with the postal commission.

Won't Associate With Him. Berlin, Feb. 10.—Dr. Spahn, leader of the clerical center party, who yesterday was elected president of the Reichstag, announced that he will resign the chair on Monday. He gives as his reason that he declines to associate with the vice-president. The first vice-president of the house, who was also chosen yesterday, is Philipp Scheidemann, a socialist.

Sight Rebel Fleet. London, Feb. 10.—A fleet of revolutionary warships was sighted off the port of Shanghai Kwan, situated on the railroad line from Peking this morning, according to a news agency dispatch received here from Teln Tsai. Urgent orders have been issued by the commanders of the imperial troops to prepare all available transports in order to resist the landing of the rebel forces.

At the Russian concession in Shanghai Kwan extraordinary precautions have been taken. The approaches to the railway station have been placed under the protection of strong patroles. It is reported that Premier Yuan Shi Kai is about to leave Peking for Teln Tsai.

Commerce Court Upholds Commission. Washington, Feb. 10.—The commerce court today denied the application of the transcontinental railroad for an injunction to restrain the interstate commerce commission from putting into effect its order fixing a rate of \$1 a hundred pounds on California lemons destined to points in the east.

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Cherry County Aroused. Release of Eunice Murphy Still Causing Trouble Among Citizens. Lincoln, Feb. 10.—Cherry county people evidently are not satisfied to let the case of Miss Murphy, whom they hold in a measure responsible for the lynching of Charles Sellers, who was paying attention to her, rest with the refusal of the county attorney to prosecute the case. The men who participated in the affair are now serving a term in the penitentiary, but the case against Miss Murphy was dismissed. At the time a request was made of the governor that he send some judge into the district to take the place of Judge Westover and also to send the attorney general to Cherry county to take charge of the case.

The governor has no authority under the law to send another judge into the district, even had he desired to do so, but since the chief executive has taken a hand in the affairs of Douglas county, Judge Westover has requested to have the attorney general go to Cherry county and appear before the grand jury. County Attorney Tucker was at the state house conferring on the matter. The governor is out of the city, but Mr. Tucker saw the attorney general. Mr. Martin takes the ground that he will not go into any county in the state unless ordered to do so by the governor, as he holds he would be overwhelmed with such requests if he needed to one. As the governor was out of the city the matter rests just where it did.

Clark-Folk Battle Begins. St. Louis, Feb. 10.—Prima's mass meetings will be held in the majority of the counties this afternoon and tonight for the election of delegates to the county conventions which will select delegates to the democratic state convention at Joplin Feb. 29. The result of the primary mass meetings will determine largely whether Speaker Champ Clark or former Gov. J. W. Folk will receive the endorsement for the presidential nomination.

Insanity Board Session. Madison, Neb., Feb. 10.—Special to The News: The case of Mrs. Eva Schinkus, 73 years of age, was considered by the board of insanity. She was unable to be brought before the commission. Witnesses were examined, and Dr. F. A. Long was commissioned to go to Battle Creek and examine the patient and her case was continued until the report of physician is made.

The case of Mrs. Lillian Pike, which was considered by the board Monday, was similar in character, the subject being unable to appear before the board. Dr. Long went to Newman Grove Tuesday and examined the case and Mrs. Pike was taken to the hospital for the insane at Norfolk today.

H. A. Austin and George Hudston, two old men from the poor farm, were brought before the board at yesterday's session. The board investigated the cases to some extent and after some evidence, both parties were placed in the custody of the sheriff and detained at the county jail until next Tuesday for further investigation.

Plan Valentine Auditorium. Valentine, Neb., Feb. 10.—Special to The News: The Woman's Improvement club is making plans of building a large auditorium here the coming summer, and they have all their committees out on the different parts of the work and the prospects of the building being built are most favorable.

It is to cover two lots and have a basement under the whole, with kitchen and dining room for social affairs; also the dressing room for the stage will be in the basement. The first floor will have a large stage and everything fitted up as a first-class opera house. The building itself is to be built of cement blocks of the latest pattern.

Visiting in Germany. British Mission of War on Diplomatic Secret in Germany. Berlin, Feb. 10.—Viscount Haldane, the British secretary of war, accompanied by his brother, arrived here today. Ostensibly the visit is purely private, but it is altogether probable that he will take the opportunity of discussing Anglo-German relations with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chancellor, and Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter, the secretary of state for foreign affairs, and learning from them on what conditions Germany is inclined to listen to overtures for the settlement.

The Bagdad railway and German colonial expansion in Africa have for a long time been under discussion as subjects in regard to which Great Britain might indicate her good will to Germany in a tangible manner. There have been hitherto no negotiations between the two countries regarding these points, but it is quite possible "that conversations" will soon be started through ordinary diplomatic channels if the result of Viscount Haldane's investigation during his visit here should prove favorable.

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