

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

A recent British scientific expedition discovered that the Indian ocean floating life is exceedingly abundant at all depths down to about 7,200 feet in seas 15,000 feet deep. By floating life is meant animals which form the food of whales and deep ocean fish and which, up to the present, have been believed to live on or very close to the surface. A variety of enormous squids were fished out, as well as jellyfish, and prawns fully six inches long. Some of these latter were blind, while others had huge eyes, but nearly all of them had phosphorescent organs, which would naturally be due to the fact that they live at a depth where almost total darkness prevails. The blind varieties had enormous feelers or antennae, some of them extending to twice the length of their bodies.

Lord Nelson was a very sparing eater, and never drank more than five glasses of wine. Even had he shown any wish to do so his faithful valet, Tom Allen, who ruled the admiral, would have refused to do so. A biographer tells how at a certain stage of a certain dinner "honest Tom, Allen pushed in his bullet head with an eager gaze at his master, and after a little consideration approached the admiral. 'You will be ill if you takes any more wine.' 'You are perfectly right Tom, and I thank you for the hint Hardy, do the honors. And, gentlemen excuse me for retiring, for my battered old hulk is very crazy—indeed not seaworthy.'

Dr. Lindsay Johnson, the celebrated ophthalmologist, says that the dog has two ancestors, one round-eyed, the other oval-eyed. The first is the hyena, the second the bear, through the raccoon. All dogs descend from these animals. The "corpus niger," or black body of pigment in the eye of the horse, which has puzzled veterinarians, naturalists and zoologists so much, provides, through the ophthalmoscope, a new means of tracing the ancestry and relationship of the horse to the other animals—the onager, the camel and the antelope—for protection from sunlight.

A Swiss traveler, Paul Brun, who has returned from two and a half years' travels among the savage tribes of the Congo, describes in his recently published journal the dreadful burial ceremony of a chief of the man-eating Bakete. The body is set in a chamber hollowed in the side of a deep ditch, into which young girls are thrown, their arms and legs broken with a club. The tomb with the chief's bow and arrows, together with his weapons, and especially his gun, which is broken to save it from theft. The earth is then filled in and his wives and slaves are slain over the grave.

Her stock of German was scanty. The day after her arrival in Berlin she went to make a purchase. After she had made known her wishes in halting German the old woman who waited upon her exclaimed: "Is the fraulein an American?" The fraulein was. "And the tomb with the chief's bow and arrows, together with his weapons, and especially his gun, which is broken to save it from theft. The earth is then filled in and his wives and slaves are slain over the grave."

As a people, the Moors are already well inclined to anything that glids life. A writer says: "Nothing delights them more, as a means of agreeably spending an hour or two, than squatting on their heels in the street on some doorstep gazing at the passers by, exchanging compliments with their acquaintances. Native swells consequently promenade with a piece of felt under their arms, on which to sit when they wish, in addition to its doing duty as a support for the head. The most public places, and usually the cool of the afternoon, are preferred for this pastime."

Liquor drinking is one of the results of European penetration of Morocco. The taste for strong drink, though still indulged in comparatively in secret, is steadily increasing, the practice spreading from force of example among the Moors themselves, as a result of the strenuous efforts of foreigners to inculcate this vice. As yet it is chiefly among the higher and lower classes that the victims are found, the former indulging in the privacy of their own homes, and the latter at the low drinking dens kept by the scum of foreign settlers in the open ports.

This is told by James Lick, the eccentric San Francisco millionaire, who founded the famous observatory bearing his name. When taking any one into his service he always asks the person to plant a tree upside down—the roots in the air, the branches underground. If there were any protests the man was at once sent away. Lick said that he wanted only men who would obey orders strictly.

San Francisco is to have the first exhibition of Japanese paintings ever held outside of Japan, it believes. There will be no prints, because the Japanese say prints are not art, but artisanship. But there will be 150 specimens of paintings in water color or sumi (a black ink), on paper, some of them dating back 1,200 years.

In riveting with pneumatic hammers two men and one heater averaged 500 rivets in ten hours, whereas by hand 250 rivets is a good day's work for three men and one heater. The cost for each rivet according to the Engineering Mining Journal, was 1-62 cents by pneumatic hammer, and 3-68 cents by hand.

For days, millions of robins flew southward over Yuba, Nevada, and Placer counties, California, in successive great clouds recently. At night they alighted on trees, shrubs and rocks, and at daybreak resumed their flight. Nothing has ever been seen in California like it.

A very remarkable thing happened in an English almshouse last Christmas. One of the inmates died of overeating, something that had never happened before in England. Said a nurse in testifying to the death: "The old man had a second helping of plum pudding and died happy."

# NEBRASKA SCHOOLS

## ARE STATE'S PRIDE

Has the Lowest Per Cent. of Illiteracy of Any State in Union.

## THE SOD SCHOOLHOUSE

This Kind of School Building is Rapidly Disappearing from Nebraska's Prairies, Giving Place to Modern Structures.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 21.—A source of pride to the people and a testimonial to the public school system of the state is the fact that for years Nebraska has had within its borders the lowest percentage of illiteracy of any state in the union. Today the public schools of Nebraska are endowed to the amount of more than \$6,000,000 and are the leaders and their ways are copied and commended throughout the land.

The total income of all the school districts of the state according to the latest figures compiled by State Superintendent McBrien for the year 1904, was \$5,230,283. Of this sum \$4,890,188 was spent. Of the amount expended \$31,426 was for the construction of school buildings, and this practically represents the amount of school district bonds issued during that year. During the same time bonds to the amount of \$116,051 were cancelled. Throughout the entire state at the time Mr. McBrien made his compilation school districts were bonded to the amount of \$2,750,539, while the indebtedness of the districts not bonded amounted to \$554,457. The total value of all the school district property in the state amounted to \$10,919,921.

During the year 1904 280,000 boys and girls were enrolled in the public schools, and to maintain them required the employment of 9,700 teachers, including 3,250 in the graded schools. The rapid disappearance of the sod school house, which was built by the hardy pioneer, but which cannot fill the present day needs, marks the progress of education in Nebraska. Fifteen years ago 800 of these buildings were found in the state, and at the present time about 250 are used. They have given away to brick and frame buildings and within a very few years none will be left. With the passing of the sod schoolhouse the male school teacher is going also. In the last four years the number of male teachers has decreased 3 per cent, while the salary paid has increased 20 per cent.

During the year 1905 the various school districts of the state paid to male teachers the sum of \$527,728; to female teachers \$2,533,108; for buildings, \$331,333; for repairs, \$208,714; for fuel, \$269,060; for books, maps, charts and apparatus, \$95,915; for textbooks and supplies, \$109,411; for furniture, \$5,541; for other purposes, \$689,855. There was a balance on hand in all the districts at the close of the year of \$1,182,789.

The cost of fuel is quite an item of expense. The county which spent the most for fuel was McPherson—\$111,330.20; while Douglas county spent the most, \$30,205.

## ASYLUM TOO FULL.

Hospital at Norfolk Has Big Problem in Sight.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 21.—Despite the fact that during the past three years in Nebraska there has not been a day's interruption in the building of additions to the state insane hospital equipment, and in spite of an entirely new institution at Norfolk, with four big cottages and a mammoth wing, there are still between 300 and 400 insane men and women in this commonwealth who are at large, living with friends or relatives or in jails, because of a lack of room for them in the asylums. This is the statement of Dr. Alden, superintendent of the hospital at Norfolk, who has made the particular study of the situation and who is worried to an extreme degree as to what he shall do each day with the several new insane patients from the territory under his jurisdiction who seek admission for treatment.

There are now three insane asylums in Nebraska, one at Lincoln, the hospital for incurables at Hastings and the hospital at Norfolk. And each one of these three is so badly crowded that the patients are compelled to sleep on the floors in corners of out of the way buildings, in the engine rooms and, in fact, anywhere they can find room to stretch their tired selves at night. Each is filled far beyond its intended and real capacity. The institution at Norfolk, for instance, has a capacity at present of 150 inmates, 100 women and 50 men. And there are today crowded into this hospital 210 patients, 96 of the men and 114 women. In the one cottage which has been allotted to the men there are just about two jammed into the space where one is supposed to be, there being a surplus of 46 over the number which ought to be given treatment for their mental ailments.

It is very probable that the next state legislature will find it necessary to add more cottages to the Norfolk hospital for these reasons and for the further reason that, with the foundation laid here for a much larger institution and with the expense going on, it is economy to add to it, in order to get the state's money's worth.

## CLAIRVOYANT TOLD HER.

Lost Watch Found by Owner in a Peculiar Manner.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 20.—A watch recently found its way back to the owner in a rather peculiar manner. Last April Mrs. Jacob Essam lost her watch. She made a diligent search, but failed to find it. She consulted a clairvoyant, and was told that the watch had been found, also described, though she gave no names. She told the owner that if she did not press the search too hard, the watch would come back. A few days ago a boy who was passing through the yard of the Essams, found the watch. It had been there recently, as it was running and continued to run for ten hours after being picked up. There was no sign of its having been exposed to the weather.

## NEEDLE IN FLESH.

Young Woman Carried the Steel in Hand for Long Time.

# NEBRASKA HORSES

## HAVE THE GLANDERS

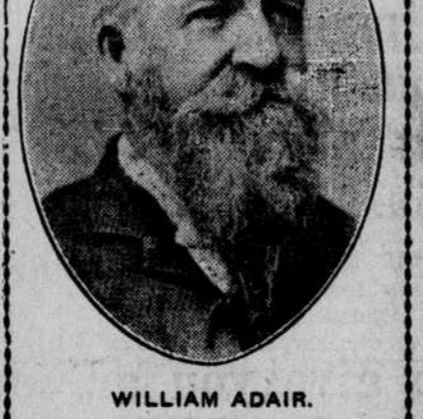
Disease Has Caused a Costly Fight to Be Waged in West.

## ANIMALS ARE BEING SHOT

Wherever Possible All Diseased Horses Are Cremated, Under Direction of State Veterinarian McKim, of Lincoln.

Nebraska, Neb., Feb. 20.—A costly fight has been waged against the glanders in and around Nebraska and Verdel during the past week by State Veterinarian McKim of Lincoln. He has killed and cremated eight horses afflicted with glanders and burned two others that had died of the disease.

The epidemic of this plague had been suspected and was reported to the state veterinarian who found six horses afflicted with it on the farm of John Hans. Their bodies were buried in an old straw stack and were burned. A horse belonging to Joe Miller of Niobrara and one belonging to Arthur Wilson were shot. The dead body of a stallion that had died of glanders was found in an old log barn and both barn and body were burned. In all barns and stables where any trace of the disease was found, every strip of wood or



WILLIAM ADAIR.

William Adair of Dakota City, Neb., who for twenty-five years has been a railroad mail clerk between Sioux City and Omaha, has left the service and gone on a vacation which he says will last the rest of his days.

Mr. Adair was the first mail clerk to handle a sack of mail between Sioux City and Omaha. He made the trip in April, 1881, when it required all day to travel between the two cities on the then new line of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha. Almost every day since he has been on the mail car, and has retired from the highest class in the railway mail service. His son, C. W. Adair, who is a conductor on the Omaha road, lives in Sioux City.

Other material that could possibly contain germs, was burned.

The townspeople in all of this territory are co-operating with the authorities and the posts at Verdel have been white-washed to help stamp out the plague.

## SCHOOL AGAIN OPEN.

O'Neill Grades Closed by a Feud Between Teachers.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 19.—School has been resumed here after an interruption caused by a feud between two teachers, Miss Kay and Miss Hurly. The two young women have been allowed two weeks more as a trial and at the end of that time if they have stirred up trouble again they will be dismissed. Both are good teachers.

## RUMORS OF RAILROAD.

Center Citizens Watch, with Interest, Work of Surveyors.

Center, Neb., Feb. 19.—Surveyors of the Great Northern railroad have been striking lines in this territory during the past week, taking photographs and so forth. It is thought here that the road will be built through here in the spring. The Newcastle branch of the Northwestern to Niobrara, if built, would also come within four miles of here. There is also talk of extending the Bloomfield branch of the Northwestern. Center is the county seat of Kearney county and has a bath, but no railroad yet.

## EDITOR ARRESTED.

Verdigris Man Alleged to Have Slandered Citizens.

Verdigris, Neb., Feb. 19.—John Barrett, editor of the Citizen here, has been arrested through the postoffice department for libel and is held in the sum of \$300, to appear before the federal court. Mr. Barrett is alleged to have said things in his paper which are not true concerning citizens of the community, and the suit grew out of bitter personal fights that have been going on. He has waived preliminary hearing.

Verdigris—A new prophet, Oliver Ninmann, has arisen and by his preaching and praying he is hoping to convert from their wickedness the inhabitants of Verdigris, which he calls the wickedest city in the world. Ninmann declares that he received his mission in a dream and thereupon left his wife and child to devote his whole time to the salvation of mankind from destruction. The new Messiah intends to travel throughout Germany and then turn his attention to the rest of the world.

# CONFESSION ADMITTED

Pat Crowe Wrote Letter to Father Murphy Acknowledging His Part in the Cudahy Kidnaping.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 16.—Judge Eutton this morning decided to admit as evidence the letter written by Pat Crowe to Father Murphy of Vall, Ia., in which Crowe admitted that he was guilty of the Cudahy kidnaping.

The letter is signed "Pat Crowe," and says in part: "I am guilty of the Cudahy affair. I am to blame for the whole crime. After it was over I regretted the act and offered to return \$21,000 to Mr. Cudahy, but he refused to take it, and then I went to South Africa, where I joined the rebel army and was badly wounded, being shot twice. Then I returned to America and have repeatedly tried to make peace with the man I wronged.

## \$22,000 FIRE IN TOWN OF WAYNE

For a Time It Looked as If the Entire Business District Was Doomed.

Wayne, Neb., Feb. 16.—Fire causing more than \$22,000 loss occurred here last night. The general store of I. Reiffel was gutted and the roof also caved in. The merchandise was almost entirely destroyed. The fire communicated to the dry goods store of Chas. Robbins and a fresh stock of dry goods valued at \$3,000, which was being installed preparatory to opening the store on Saturday was burned. Insurance had not been taken out on this stock. The origin of the fire is not known.

For a time it looked as if most of the business part of the town was doomed, but an explosion in the Reiffel store brought the fire down where it could be handled. The explosion blew out the plate glass front of the Ed Raymond drug store across the street.

The losses: Reiffel merchandise stock, \$12,000. Building owned by P. L. Miller, \$2,500; insurance, \$2,000. Chas. Robbins stock of dry goods, \$3,000.

## FIRE AT WINSIDE.

Blaze on Tuesday Did a Large Amount of Damage.

Wayne, Neb., Feb. 16.—H. E. Pockrandt of Winside was a Tuesday morning victim from Winside and brought news of a disastrous fire in that city, which occurred at 1 o'clock that morning. The Monday building, east of A. B. Carter's and west of Tracy's hardware and postoffice, was completely destroyed, as also the stock of general merchandise belonging to George E. Pockrandt. Mr. Pockrandt says that the whole street eastward would have gone up in smoke had it not been for the two-story brick store and postoffice of Frank Tracy. Plenty of oils in the burning building made a fierce fire, and at times both the Carter building and postoffice as well as sidewalks in front were on fire. The reckless and daring firemen got sheet iron and nailed it on the inside of the windows of the adjoining buildings, worked like demons on the roof, and although the postoffice was badly damaged on the interior, the building was saved and the fire checked. The drizzling rain had coated everything with a coat of ice at that hour in the morning, which circumstance "saved the town." Big brands of fire fell on the roof of the depot across the city in front of Mr. Carter, lost about 300,000 worth of goods and \$20,000 worth of property.

## ROBBERY NEAR LINCOLN.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12.—Before daylight crackmen blew open the safe of the postoffice at College View, the Adventist college suburb of Lincoln, and stole \$700 worth of stamps and \$20 in money. The safe was blown to pieces and the building damaged. Bloodhounds were used on the trail of the robbers, who are thought to be Lincoln men.

## SUFFRAGISTS HOPEFUL.

Rejoice That Finns Have Granted Rights to Women.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 15.—The Women's National Suffrage association has adopted the following resolutions: Resolved, That we rejoice in the decision of the men of Finland to extend full suffrage to women, and in the unprecedented growth of public sentiment in many European countries in the direction of equal rights for men and women.

That we rejoice in the success of the women of Oregon in obtaining the signatures of one-eighth of the legal voters to a petition for the admission of woman suffrage under the initiative and referendum law of that state.

The resolutions urge the introduction into the public schools of the system of self government known as the "school council," also to secure juvenile courts for the reformation of youthful offenders, express grateful appreciation of the action of the American Federation of Labor in passing every year a resolution endorsing full suffrage for women, and continues: Whereas, For the first time in history women have been invited to form part of an official commission to investigate matters of vital importance to women and children; therefore

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to the governors of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Florida, Washington, Alaska for granting the request of the California Woman Suffrage association to appoint women to serve with eminent men on a national committee to investigate the laws of marriage and divorce.

## BUSCH DIES OF INJURIES.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 12.—Henry Busch, W. Herr, an engineer on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Just before the dawn of February 1 Herr in his sleep saw two trains dash together, and then the scene of disaster shifted to a cemetery in which there was a long row of tombstones, each of which bore the name "W. W. Herr." He immediately obtained a leave of absence for twenty-eight days. Peter Murphy, who was given Herr's run, was killed in the head-on collision near Latonia race track Tuesday, and today Herr reported for work, believing that the dream had "run out."

## FARMER'S JAW BROKEN.

Winside, Neb., Feb. 12.—William Schultz was thrown from the vehicle he was driving and sustained a broken jaw.

# CRUSHED TO DEATH

## UNDER AN ENGINE

The Swingman With Bridge Building Crew Killed and Others Injured.

## CRANE CABLE SNAPPED

The Derrick Was Overbalanced and Rolled Down a Thirty-Foot Embankment, Leaving Death in Its Wake.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 17.—The derrick of Frankman Bros. & Morris, who are building the new railroad bridge south of Fremont, tipped over on the bridge island a mile south of this place and rolled down a thirty-foot embankment, killing one man and seriously injuring two others.

The dead and injured are: P. W. BLANKENBURG, swingman, Superior, Wis., aged 33; crushed to death under boiler. Eddy Larkins, swingman, St. Paul; jumped from niggerhead; leg broken above knee and internally injured. J. A. Madrigan, engineer, Minneapolis, thrown against side of engine room. The accident happened yesterday and was caused by the breaking of a steel rope that held the crane. The crane swung to the east of the track and overbalanced the derrick.

## A HEROIC ACT OF BOY.

He Flagged Train by Grain Sack and Saved Wreck.

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 16.—The 12-year-old son of Milton Hudson, residing near Elba, prevented a costly wreck on the Ord branch of the Union Pacific. He discovered that one of the rails near Elba had been broken the night previous by a freight train, leaving a gap in the track of about eighteen inches.

In the blinding snow fall of the storm which was raging yesterday morning he succeeded in attracting the attention of Engineer Rollins, who was in the cab of the engine of the morning passenger train by waving a gunny sack. The train was stopped but a short distance in front of the broken rail.

By the use of some blocks the track was fixed so as to permit the train to pass over slowly. The train at the time was going about twenty-five miles an hour and had not the boy discovered the condition of the road a bad wreck would have been the result.

## TO THE SUPREME COURT.

Treasurer Mortensen Wants to Be Candidate for Governor.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—Treasurer Mortensen is in favor of having the supreme court pass upon the constitutionality of his candidacy for the governorship before the republican state convention meets.

It had been pointed out that, according to the Nebraska statutes, Mr. Mortensen, who is now state treasurer, cannot legally enter the race for the governorship while he is state treasurer.

Now, in order to settle the dispute, a friend of Mr. Mortensen may get out an injunction, announcing that the secretary of state is about to place Mortensen's name on the ticket, and urge that this not be done. Then the supreme court can decide the matter.

## STANDARD WANTS OIL.

Trust Endeavoring to Gain Foothold in Nebraska.

Humboldt, Neb., Feb. 16.—Representatives of the Standard Oil company arrived at this place and will endeavor to obtain leases to land in the supposed oil section, but it is not believed much success will attend their efforts. The farmers seem to be in favor of doing their own prospecting, as they fear if it is left to a concern of this kind no real effort will be made to locate the valuable deposits. A practical miner from Alma, Col., was here this week also figuring on bringing in a drill and sinking a shaft if he could get proper encouragement. Indications are that those interested will not be content with anything less than a thorough season of prospecting.

## FEUD CLOSES SCHOOL.

Differences Result in Fight Between Teachers and Students.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 16.—An O'Neill report says that school had to be dismissed there because of a feud which exists between two teachers, both women. Relations became so strained between them that when they met they almost came to blows and in order to preserve the peace and dignity of the schools at large the superintendent dismissed the pupils. The board of education has taken up the matter.

## FOLKS CRITICISED HIM.

Then Farmer with Large Family to Support Committed Suicide.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 16.—Because his wife and seven children are said to have been cursing him constantly for the past two weeks for buying a new farm, August Schenzel, a well to do farmer who formerly lived at Wisner, Neb., and who had just moved to his new farm home near Creighton, Neb., committed suicide by cutting his throat with a butcher knife. The knife was so dull that the man did not succumb to the gashes in his neck for three or four hours. After he made the trade and had moved on the new place Schenzel became dissatisfied himself, and this, together with the criticism which he received from his family caused him to use the knife.

## A GIDEON'S RALLY.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 16.—A Nebraska state meeting and grand rally of the Gideons will be held at Norfolk Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25. Five meetings have been arranged for Sunday.

## WOULDN'T CONSIDER IT.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The house refused to consider the Payne bill to consolidate the customs collection districts by a vote of 87 to 163.

## FIRE CHIEF DIES.

W. T. Cheswell, of Boston Department, Stricken Suddenly.

# SMALL BOY INJURED;

## AWARDED DAMAGES

He Was Run Over by Swiftly Driven Automobile at Omaha.

## THE MATTER ARBITRATED

As There is No City Ordinance Against Reckless Automobile Driving, a Board Was Appointed to Investigate.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15.—An editor, doctor and an undertaker, serving as a board of arbitration, have awarded damages to the amount of \$500 and costs to 6-year-old Johnnie Gross, who was run down by the automobile of S. Sleuman, who was driving it in an exceedingly reckless manner upon one of the crowded downtown thoroughfares just at dusk recently.

The little fellow received injuries which were at first thought to be fatal and as Sleuman has gained considerable notoriety for having run into pedestrians who inadvertently got in front of his fast moving \$12,000 auto car in times past, a wave of popular indignation resulted in threats of a suit for heavy damages being instituted.

There is no city ordinance against the reckless driving of automobiles in this city and a criminal procedure against the automobilist was impossible and as he declared his desire to make reparation for the injuries inflicted upon the boy, arbiters were chosen with the above result.

The northwest is well known throughout the world as a darling driver who is never content unless he is driving his huge machine at full speed and he has made several record runs between Omaha and the Twin Cities of Minnesota, as well as to various points on the eastern boundaries of Iowa.

## SETTLERS ON CLAIMS.

Recent Troubles of Western Landholder Make Them Determined.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 14.—Last August, 1905, found North Platte well filled with strangers, who were in the city on the heels of the soldiers and sailors. This month brings a goodly number to their lands, and others hunting for more lands. Every day a number come to this city, and from here go to the lands upon which they filed six months ago. Most of them are in wagons with a supply of provisions and some with tools for making preparations to build their homes and then go back and get their families. The Kinkaid, or one-section homestead law, is bringing in settlers, although perhaps 50 per cent. of those who file never go upon the land, yet others who are practically nomads, are coming to secure a claim, hunting up these sections and filing contests against them to secure their cancellation. Trouble with the cattlemen is practically at an end and that does not deter those who want good grazing land for the living on it.

## ILLEGALLY CUT TIMBER.

Another Case Involving Blackbird Island in Federal Court.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 14.—Next week in the United States district court will be called the case of the United States against George E. Phillips and William Johnson, who are under indictment for cutting timber on public lands on Blackbird island, which is a part of the Omaha Indian reservation and was filed upon by Phillips and Johnson through the Iowa land office under the presumption that the land was open for public entry. The Omaha protesters against the timber cutting, as they held that the island was a part of their reservation. The island was reserved, the contention of the Indians found to be correct and the entries of Phillips and Johnson cancelled. Suit was thereupon brought against the two men for trespass and illegally cutting timber upon government land. The case will be bitterly fought.

## DROVES ARE DEPLETED.

Nebraska Farmers in Vicinity of Norfolk Lose All Their Hogs.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 14.—Half the hogs belonging to farmers living north, northwest and northeast of Norfolk have died of the hog plague within the past three months. The disease has spread slowly from farm to farm wherever it has been introduced. It is now spreading in numbers until two-thirds and even more of a drove have died. The disease, which is commonly known as the hog plague, is a contagious pneumonia. The diseased animal first shows signs of illness by coughing. It goes off in its droppings and then slowly away, perhaps living a month or more for its dies. The farmers have found it almost impossible to cure a hog once infected with the disease or to stop its ravages when found in a drove of hogs. Not a single case of the disease has been reported south of Norfolk.

## WHERE WILL THE ROAD END?

Hartington Citizens Watch Surveyors in Vicinity of Crofton.

Hartington, Neb., Feb. 14.—An element of uncertainty has developed as a result of knowledge that the railroad surveyors who run a line from here to Crofton are now at work on a line out of Newcastle. After completing the Hartington-Crofton survey the crew were instructed that there was a month's work before they were surveying out of Newcastle. Where they are instructed to survey a line to the west and there is plenty of speculation as to what this move means. Some say it is to find it would not be better to extend the road from Newcastle by way of Lime Grove, St. James and crossing the north part of the county about two miles south of St. Helena. This move has had a very encouraging effect on St. James and citizens there feel confident that there is going to be "something doing" in that locality.

## YOUTHFUL ELOPERS.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 13.—Oliver Doderford, aged 15 years, and Harry LaFage, aged 18, both of Boone, Ia., were arrested here as they were about to leave town here. They are being held by police authorities until the former's parent can arrive. Their arrest does not seem to cool their youthful amorous ardor as they both say they will be married despite all efforts to the contrary.

## WAS BRIDGE BUILDER.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 13.—What looks like an important find in the murder mystery came to light this morning when Johnny Porter, of the railroad builders, Porter Brothers, discovered on the time books of the company that George W. Mower was missed the last of December from the bridge near Yutan. The laundry marks of the under clothing worn by the murdered man was Mawrer. The gang worked near Yutan and went away five weeks ago. An effort is being made to locate some of the men. It is not known where Mower lived.