

BUILDING THE F. E. & M. V.

How Northern Nebraska Became Settled Up.

J. R. BUCHANAN GIVES HISTORY

The Settlement of Norfolk by a Colony of Germans—The Pioneers of Holt County—How the Country was Advertised.

Major J. R. Buchanan, general passenger agent of the F. E. & M. V., in an address before the state historical society at Lincoln last week gave some interesting facts relative to the settling of north Nebraska his subject being, "The Great Railroad Migration into Northern Nebraska." Introducing his address Major Buchanan said:

"The railroads and the Bible are the two most potent agencies of modern times which have operated in the western country. The railroad makes a new or unoccupied country accessible and creates or establishes markets in convenient localities. The Bible with its devotes follows, giving a moral tone to the locality, which means safety, law and tranquility. Only the sturdy, hardy and industrious should—but unfortunately many others do—go to a new country. Usually, however, the percentage of the better class which occupies a new section is sufficiently large to impress its virtues upon the country in time of need. Education follows as a correlative necessity—a prerequisite to good citizenship. A generous and responsive soil and a good climate constitute the reasons for populating a new country and determine its destiny.

Concerning the history of the building of the Elkhorn he said:

"January 20, 1869, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad was organized and commenced building up the Elkhorn valley. I am assured by Judge E. K. Valentine of West Point that he moved the United States land office from Omaha to West Point in May, 1869. There were then only twelve houses in West Point, mainly a little colony of Germans from Watertown, Wis., conspicuous among whom was the father and family of our present state treasurer, William Stuefer. The Elkhorn builded in 1869 from Fremont to Maple Creek, ten miles, and rested for the winter. In 1870 it was built from Maple Creek to West Point, twenty-five miles, arriving there on Thanksgiving day. Small settlements had scattered up along the valley as far as French Creek, now the railroad station of Clearwater.

"Perhaps as conspicuous a settlement as any was a small colony of thirty-seven German Lutherans, also from Watertown, Wisconsin, who sought a new country where with their very limited means all could locate together and support jointly a church of their faith. They were plotted to the present site of Norfolk in 1866 by Mr. Stuefer, their former townman in Wisconsin, who had preceded them, locating at West Point. One of their number, Mr. Herman Braasch, in 1870 platted the original town of Norfolk. Nearly all of that colony, with a numerous growth of children and grandchildren are still living there. A notable fact is cited by one of the descendants to the effect that the children and grandchildren of these pioneers are taller, larger of frame, and usually more robust than their ancestors, and they attribute this to the healthful, invigorating climate.

"As the railroad opened markets and extended its lines settlements became more numerous. In 1871 the railroad was extended to Wisner where it rested until 1879. In 1873 a small colony from Beloit, Wisconsin, headed by one John T. Prouty, settled a little east of the present site of O'Neill but later scattered or replaced by General O'Neill, who with eighteenth Irishmen, mostly Pennians, who had accompanied him in his raid in Canada on the 31st day of May, 1866, and known as O'Neill's Irish brigade—took up lands and settled in Holt county. A party with whom was Mr. Jonas Gise, a civil engineer and member of the city council of Omaha, made a trip in 1873 north to the O'Neill settlement, also from Norfolk to Niobrara. They reported that from about four miles north of Norfolk there was not a sign of habitation on the way to Niobrara, until they reached some branches on the Niobrara river.

"In 1879 the Elkhorn railroad was extended to Battle Creek. In 1880 to Neligh, the county seat of Antelope county, and in the fall of 1880 I came to the road. I found all that northern part of the state very sparsely occupied and in fact but little known about it.

Major Buchanan then detailed conditions as he found them and told of his efforts to induce immigration. He began advertising "Free homes for the Million." The tide of immigration turned toward north Nebraska, attracted by his advertisement of free homes and cheap lands. Now there is little land in the counties he tried hardest to settle that can be bought cheaply. He gave figures showing the increase in population. The Elkhorn had no land grant, while other Nebraska roads had lands for sale, thus drawing settlers way from the northern part of the state. The speaker said while trying to settle

the territory through which his road ran he analyzed the soil and satisfied himself what the results would be. The stockraisers farther west were prosperous, and the northwest corner of the state is now well populated with those people. Samming up results he said: "Now there is a population of over fifty thousand in those new counties which at the time I referred to above were attached to Holt county for judicial purposes. There is an increased population in Holt county and the counties east of our main line of fifty thousand. There are half as many more or an increase of fifty thousand, in that territory west of our main line and along and west of the branch line since built which leaves the main line at Scribner, passing through Colfax, Platte, and Boone counties and joining the main line again at Oakdale."

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Mrs. H. McBride is visiting in Madison.

This is another of those January May days.

Fred Jasper of Plainview was a city visitor over night.

M. H. Lynch of New Castle, was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

The Browning club met last night with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Beels and Miss Jessie Sturgeon are on the sick list.

P. J. Conley, who is a fireman on the Northwestern in Iowa, is home on a visit.

The Baptist Ladies Aid society will meet with Mr. D. D. Hall tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Maylard and Miss Nelle Seymour went to Lincoln Monday for a week's visit.

The few-days-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel of North Twelfth street died yesterday.

W. E. Spencer went to Meadow Grove yesterday where he disposed of a bunch of cattle to a Hoskins feeder.

Mrs. M. D. Tyler left on the early train for Omaha and from there expects to go to Illinois for a few weeks' visit.

The ice is disappearing from the Elkhorn, together with the skating and the immediate hopes of the ice man for a crop.

The medics of Platte county have organized a society with Dr. H. J. Arnold as president and Dr. B. C. Tiesing as secretary. Both officers live in Columbus.

The girls of the High school basketball team have been invited to engage in a contest with the team of Wayne High school, but no date for the contest has yet been set.

The ladies and gentlemen's bowling club of South Norfolk had possession of the Hight alley last evening and enjoyed the amusement most thoroughly. Some very creditable scores were made by both gentlemen and ladies.

The work of repairing, painting and papering the east room of the Star clothing store has been completed and the goods are now being moved back. The west side will now be repainted and repaired, so that it will accord with the bright and clean appearance of the east room.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kenyon have broken up housekeeping and for the present have accommodations at the home of Mrs. Mary Davenport on North Fifth street. They expect to leave for California as soon as Mrs. Kenyon's health will permit.

The High School Athletic association is discussing the project of holding a field day of sports in the spring. It is something never yet undertaken here, but other schools have found such a day both entertaining and profitable and the association should be encouraged to attempt such a feature of commencement exercises.

W. B. Vail, temporary chief of the fire department during the absence of Chief Hartford, urges that all remaining members of the fire department turn out and assist when an alarm is turned in during the absence of other members of the department who are attending the association meeting at Nebraska City.

At the grand lodge Sons of Herman, held in Nebraska City this week, Fred Volpp of Wayne was re-elected grand president. The other officers chosen were: John Mattes, jr., first grand vice president, Nebraska City; Win Piepenstock, second grand vice president, Wayne; J. H. Lohman, grand secretary, Bloomfield; J. E. Melcher, grand treasurer, Wisner; G. A. Nieman, physician, Wayne; H. A. Rothsack, trustee, Schuyler; J. H. Johannes, grand guide, Columbus; Jacob Beutler, grand inside guide, Nebraska City.

The thirty-first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hull was celebrated by a large number of relatives and friends last night at the home of the family on the Thirtieth street road, near the Elkhorn river. A number of the guests attended in a hay rack and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. Games, music, sociability and refreshments were the events of the evening. All guests were cordially welcomed to the Hull home, even the two strolling vagabonds who applied for accommodations.

W. H. Leavy of Omaha, state organizer as well as counsel for the Nebraska

Retail Grocers and General Merchants association, was here Monday in the interest of that organization and has succeeded beyond all expectations, every merchant in Norfolk having joined the association. The immediate and particular interest of the association is to oppose the passage of senate file No. 1020, known as the parcels post bill. The promptitude with which Norfolk merchants rallied to the support of the association is but an evidence of the interest taken by the merchants of other towns and cities in the defeat of this bill, which threatens the welfare of all country merchants. The merchants have been informed of the nature of the bill and propose that the mail order and department houses of the cities shall not succeed in having it made into a law if their stubborn and combined opposition can avail to defeat the scheme.

The body of Thomas H. Tracy was taken to Le Mars, Iowa, on the 6:30 M. & O. train this morning, the party being Col. and Mrs. E. H. Tracy and Mrs. W. T. Baldwin of Milwaukee, Wis., who arrived in the city last evening. Before leaving the house on North Tenth street brief services were conducted by Rev. J. C. S. Wells of Trinity Episcopal church. Several members of the Masonic lodge, G. A. R. post and B. P. O. Elks attended at the house and formed an escort to the depot. Funeral services are to be held at Le Mars this afternoon and interment will be at the cemetery near that city.

A copy of the Riverside, California, Daily Press of January 15, in which was enclosed a spray of the pepper plant with its red berries, has been received containing the following item of interest to Norfolk people. Mr. and Mrs. Tolliver formerly resided here, their marriage ceremony having taken place in the old Reno hotel of this city: "Yesterday was the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tolliver, and they celebrated the event with a very enjoyable little party in the evening at their home on West Tenth street. The rooms were effectively decorated with smilax, peppers, violets and carnations, and the legend 1892-1902 was displayed prominently in the drawing room. This was constructed of tin and from a huge tin punch bowl in the hall delicious punch was dispensed. The scheme was made to include the refreshments, which were served on tin dishes and partaken of with tin spoons. The favors were fine bits of handiwork in tin, and the prizes for the games were of the same material."

W. H. Rish is hurrying up the prospective patrons of his proposed system of sewerage, finding an urgent necessity for having the contracts closed at an early date. The franchise will expire within a few months and unless the contracts are closed up and work begun the opportunity will be lost. Norfolk is very much in need of such a system from several points of view. It is of importance as a sanitary measure, as the sewerage now allowed to accumulate or soak into the soil, to become a disease breeder, will be carried off and deposited where no harm will result. It is a good proposition economically, the use of the system being no more and perhaps less than the cost of constructing and maintaining the germ producing cess pools. It will conduce to the comfort and convenience of the people, the appearance of the city may be materially improved and there are numerous other arguments to be urged in behalf of the system. It would be unwise to pass this opportunity by, with the hope that the city will soon construct such a system, as it is not likely to be undertaken by the city in the near future. One of the obstacles in the way of municipal construction is that the indebtedness of the city is such that bonds cannot be voted for the purpose and while waiting for this condition to be attained the benefits of a good system could as well be enjoyed.

There are Some Simple Remedies indispensable in any family. Among these, the experience of years assures us, should be recorded Painkiller. For both internal and external applications we have found it of great value; especially can we recommend it for colds, rheumatism, or fresh wounds and bruises.—Christian Era. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

We are all familiar with the deep, hoarse bark, grimly called "a grave-yard cough." It is the cry of the tortured lungs for mercy. Give them mercy in the form of Allen's Lung Balm, a remedy for pulmonary trouble, so highly esteemed that it is recommended even in the earlier stages of consumption. In the later stages mortal skill is unavailing. Nobody can afford to neglect a cold.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap? A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boesche's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Get Green's Prize almanac. Asa K. Leonard.

The News keeps its job department up-to-date with the latest faces of type and does its work in approved style.

AUCTION : SALE!

Having sold my farm, to give possession March 1st, I will dispose of my personal property at public auction at my farm in Union Creek precinct on the Stanton-Madison road, nine miles southwest of Stanton and nine miles northeast of Madison, Nebraska, on

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1902,

Commencing promptly at 10:00 a. m., property as below described:

100 HEAD OF HORSES.

These horses consist of 40 head of heavy draft horses; 20 head of fancy driving and saddle horses; 20 colts coming two years old; 20 colts coming three years old. Among the roadsters are several matched spans of drivers, fine single horses and well trained saddlers. They are well broken and some are speedy. No matter what you want in the horse line, you can find it at this sale. I will also sell four heavy draft stallions.

160 HEAD OF HOGS.

Sixty head of first-class brood sows and gilts; 100 head of stock hogs. These hogs are of the Jersey-Red breed and are thrifty and in prime condition.

EIGHTY HEAD OF CATTLE.

Of these cattle a number are good milch cows and the balance are steers and heifers now on feed. They are a good lot of cattle.

FARM MACHINERY, Etc.

Four good lumber wagons, two hay wagons, five sets nearly new Concord harness, two sets nearly new double buggy harness, buggy, road cart, three walking stirring plows, sulky plow, three walking cultivators, disc cultivator, corn planter and one mile of wire, four-horse harrow, disc pulverizer, force feed seeder, mowing machine, sulky hay rake, harvester and self-binder, set farm and stock scales complete with frame, and numerous other articles necessary to the conducting of an extensive farm, including blacksmith kit and numerous small tools, etc. Also 75 Plymouth Rock Chickens.

TERMS OF SALE.

A credit of 12 months' time will be given on sums of \$10 and over, purchaser giving note with approved security and drawing 10 per cent. interest from date; sums of less than \$10, cash. A discount of 2 per cent. will be given for cash where a note would otherwise be accepted.

PLENTY OF LUNCH FOR ALL AT NOON.

H. T. SONNENSCHN.

J. R. STUCKER and W. J. PANEK, Auctioneers.
W. W. YOUNG, Clerk.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Rose Wilson of Pierce is the guest of Mrs. Michael.

J. W. Humphrey had business in Madison yesterday.

M. L. Kille was a city visitor yesterday from Creighton.

Sam Friedman of Madison was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Benjamin McKeen was in the city yesterday from Winside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ransom were Lincoln visitors yesterday.

Edgar Knoing was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Central City.

John Morris of Fullerton transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

W. E. Brunson of Albion transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

Thos. Ryan and Phil Maughan were in the city yesterday from Tilden.

Judge W. M. Robertson left today for Dennison, Iowa, on a business trip.

Mrs. Harry Lodor left today for New York city, where she will visit friends for a month or more.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a dinner and supper in the old Fair store building Saturday.

Theo and Beth Sprecher, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Sprecher, have been quite seriously sick from the after effects of scarlet fever.

Geo. S. Bridge, brother of C. S. Bridge of this city, was recently elected director of the Chicago board of trade for the term of three years.

Appropriate exercises will be held by the various city schools next Wednesday in observance of the late President McKinley's birthday.

Martin O'Meara left today for Loveland, Col., where he goes to take a position in the sugar factory. Mrs. O'Meara will follow later.

The North Nebraska High School Declaimatory association has issued invitations to its annual contest, which will be held in Norfolk on April 22.

Helen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Salter, was four years old yesterday and was assisted in celebrating the anniversary by a party of her little friends.

Miss Helen Bridge left today for Lake Forest, Ill., where she starts to school at Ferry Hall. Mrs. Robert Bridge of Fremont, who has been here since the death of Mrs. C. S. Bridge, returned home at the same time.

The Bee's report from the firemen's convention at Nebraska City says there are about 400 delegates in attendance, of which the Norfolk delegation of 22 is the largest and seems likely to carry away the prize offered.

The pupils of the various grades of

the city schools are making a commendable effort to provide their rooms with school libraries and some of them have made considerable progress in that direction. The plan is to encourage each pupil to bring a book or magazine.

The meeting of Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W. which was to have been held Tuesday night, will be held Wednesday night, instead, on account of the entertainment at the Auditorium. The class of candidates now numbers 50 and it is hoped to make a still further increase before the night of the meeting.

The board of education met last night to consider the resignation of A. A. Sims, assistant principal of the High school. The resignation was accepted and F. E. McCoy, attending the university at Lincoln, was elected to the position made vacant. Mr. Sims resigns to accept the position of assayer with a Denver smelting firm.

The complimentary reception and ball to be given at the Elks' club rooms tomorrow evening, by Norfolk lodge, No. 658, in celebration of the first anniversary of the organization of the lodge, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. The invitation list is limited to members of the lodge and their ladies. Commemorative exercises will be held in the lodge room, beginning at 8:15, and an hour later dancing will be inaugurated in the large hall above.

On Tuesday evening as the Sir Knights of the Macabees were closing installation ceremonies they were surprised as a call for admittance rang through the hall, and upon ascertaining the cause were doubly surprised to find the Lady Bees in waiting with well filled baskets of provisions. They were promptly admitted and in a short time every Sir Knight present truly welcomed the ladies and their store. The unanimous expression was, "Long live the Lady Bees."

The ministers of the various churches of Norfolk met in the Pacific hotel parlors yesterday and organized a ministerial association with Rev. S. F. Sharpless as president and Rev. J. F. Poucher, secretary. Another meeting to complete the organization will be held at the same place next Tuesday. The object of the association is to draw the several churches together in closer fellowship. The ministers of surrounding towns will be invited to identify themselves with the association.

George D. Follmer, commissioner of public lands and buildings, and his deputy, A. N. Eaton, came up from Lincoln Tuesday and have been taking an invoice of the state property remaining at the Norfolk hospital for the insane, preparatory to giving it in charge of Engineer A. M. Thomas, who is to

be placed under bonds. They are of the opinion that the duties of Superintendent Teal and Steward Walker will be accomplished by the first of February, when the property will be placed in the care of Mr. Thomas.

A bowling party chartered the Hights alleys last evening and remained until a late hour. Some very good scores were made, not the best of which was that of J. C. Stitt, who is credited with having finished one game on 69. When all had bowled until they were tired, the members of the party were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz to a midnight lunch of coffee and sandwiches, with cigars for the gentlemen. Those who participated in the festivities were Messrs. and Mesdames W. H. Bucholz, Geo. D. Butterfield, J. C. Stitt, C. H. Reynolds, P. H. Salter, C. S. Parker, J. N. Bundick, Burt Mapes, W. N. Huse and Mr. M. D. Tyler.

Higgins Bros., the railroad contractors who have been wintering in Norfolk, are loading their outfit and expect to leave Saturday for Reno, Nevada, where they have a contract of grading on the Southern Pacific. They expect that the work will take them two years. It is on one of the cut-off schemes being undertaken by that company to shorten up its line to the coast. The graders have been keeping their horses at the old White farm south of the city, and the harness, tents and other paraphernalia has been stored in the frame building just west of the Pacific block. They are not definite as to how many men they will take with them from Norfolk, but there will be a number from here. The contractors express satisfaction with Norfolk as a wintering point and intimate that they may winter here again in the future.

The Norfolk telephone exchange has been enlarged to take in the subscribers who live in Battle Creek. Manager Sprecher has during the past week closed contracts with Battle Creek patrons, whereby for the same rates they are now paying they are to be connected direct with the Norfolk exchange and given free service with subscribers in this city, while at the same time Norfolk patrons can call up Battle Creek people who have 'phones, which will be given numbers in the local switchboard. A telephone was also ordered placed in the residence of Sam Kent, at Kent's Siding, about half way between Norfolk and Battle Creek. This will be a convenience to both towns that will prove beneficial. If the same service could now be extended to Madison, the telephone situation would be considered fairly good.