

FARM TOPICS DISCUSSED

Institute in Session Yesterday and Today at Orr's Hall.

INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE

Messrs. Llewellyn of Brownville, Avery of Lincoln, Hull of Alma, Winter of Norfolk, Worker of Pierce and Lyon of Lincoln Talk.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The annual session of the Norfolk farmers' institute opened in Orr's hall yesterday morning, President A. L. Carter presiding, with rather a meager attendance, but much interest was manifested by those present and they found that the instruction received was fully worth the time they had given to attend. The attendance improved during the afternoon and in the evening there was a good audience out. The session continues through today and will close with the meeting tonight.

Dr. Samuel Avery of the state university was the first speaker of the session. The subject taken up was "Sorghum Poisoning of Cattle." Dr. Avery and other officials at the experiment farm have made exhaustive investigations on this subject and he told of the results in an interesting and instructive manner. The doctor speaks right to the point and those who heard him talk received some complete and valuable information of interest to anyone connected with farm work. Of especial danger is sorghum and kafir corn of stunted growth which develop a violent poison. Experiments have demonstrated that this is prussic acid. As an antidote glucose, molasses or milk is recommended.

Dr. Avery was also to speak on the subject of maintaining the fertility of the soil, but by request gave his attention to the cornstalk disease instead. Science has not yet determined all the phases of the corn stalk disease, but it is known that it is not limph action, nor chinch bugs nor poisons extracted from the soil by the roots that occasions the trouble.

Following his remarks several interested hearers propounded questions to the doctor that were carefully answered. The report of the treasurer, T. C. VanHorn, closed the morning session. This was read by Secretary Gaylord and showed that the expense of the last meeting was \$25.71, which was paid, but there was no money on hand.

O. M. Llewellyn of Brownville opened the afternoon session at 2 o'clock, with a talk on "Alfalfa Pastures and Meadows." He proved himself a master of the question and gave his hearers many new points on the value of alfalfa as a forage plant and its cultivation. It was a splendid address and those who heard him will ever have occasion to remember Mr. Llewellyn as one thoroughly familiar with the subject. He recommended that the ground for alfalfa be prepared without plowing and that it is necessary to do all the cultivating the crop requires before seeding.

Commissioner H. W. Winter of this city was given twenty minutes of the institute time in which to present a paper on "Good Roads." The subject was treated effectually and thoroughly and numerous points were made that would be of advantage to farmers and all others interested in making and maintaining good roads. In his official capacity Mr. Winter has had much experience on the subject and his paper covered what is required to improve the roads for the convenience of farmers and others who have frequent occasion to use the highways for travel. L. D. Stilson of York followed Mr. Winter with a few remarks regarding his observation of "oiled roads."

"Economic Pork Production" was the subject discussed by O. Hull of Alma. The speaker has had a wide range of experience in growing and fattening hogs and his hearers found it both entertaining and profitable to learn of his experiments and successes with different foods and methods. His address was made readily understood by the use of timely illustrations.

The evening session opened shortly after 8 o'clock with singing by a large class of school children, the audience being favored with three numbers. This was followed by a reading by Miss Glennie Shippee, who recited "Patsy" and on an encore responded with "And so am I." An instrumental duet—organ and tambourine—by Misses Clara Brueggeman and Florence Gaylord rounded out a very much enjoyed introduction to the regular institute program for the evening, which was an address by Mr. Llewellyn on the "Care and Management of Poultry." The speaker did not attempt to go into the details of breeds and the many other features of poultry raising but gave particular attention to the every day raising of poultry that would be of use by the town chicken raisers as well as those of the country. He spoke particularly of the necessity of keeping the poultry and the coops and yards free from lice. He found that on numerous occasions where he had been asked to investigate, that trouble reputed to be cholera and other diseases, were nothing but lice, and that if poultry is kept free of lice the biggest part of the work is done toward keeping them healthy. He protested against the use of liquid lice killers as being injurious to the fowls, and recommended that dust baths be maintained summer and winter in a warm, sunny spot of the yards, and in-

sisted that the houses be warm in winter if it is desired that hens should lay. This morning Col. Charles Worker told of his experience in raising and Prof. T. L. Lyon spoke on the breeding and selection of fowls.

The institute, this evening with an address by D. Stilson of York on "The Geological Formation of Nebraska" and it is particularly urged that young people should hear this, especially students interested in the subject. There will again be singing by a class of young people and some elocutionary numbers by Miss Glennie Shippee. The hall should be crowded to capacity.

AWAKENING OF THE GULCH.

Waters Get on a Rampage Very Early in the Season.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Corporation gulch has opened the season thus early with great energy and it is presumed that a long and strenuous campaign has been entered upon.

Tons of dirt have been cut away from places where it was supposed to be of some use; sidewalks have been floated or submerged, the streets have been flooded, and barrels of water have been stored in lakes and ponds where the landscape, and general health and convenience least require it.

The thaw cut loose yesterday morning, was energetic by noon and in the afternoon the flood was on. The water came in a rush down the main thoroughfare of the town, it also converted Madison avenue and other streets west of the tracks into rivers and for a time it looked as though it might develop into one of the worst known.

People are complaining, as they have done before, but there may be no result. The ditch down Thirteenth street relieved the situation to some extent but has not proven efficient or sufficient for the purpose for which it was intended. It ran, bank full, during the afternoon, but volumes of water escaped to cover the residence part of town on the west side. It is considered but a foretaste of what is quite likely to occur after each heavy rainfall during the summer, unless something is done, and something radical.

The thaw has likewise effected the Northfork which during the night raised six feet and promised to reach a higher point than ever before. The water below the dam has raised until it is almost level with that above, but there is still sufficient fall to allow it to dash over the apron at a fearful rate and churn into foaming whirlpools below. The ice is not breaking up as usual, but is melting along the edge and slowly working out to the middle of the stream, with the prospect that when it does break some bad gorges will be formed and havoc will take place.

The water has, however, been rising steadily all day and at 4 o'clock this afternoon it had reached a point seven feet above the normal water mark at the mill.

With a little rainfall the work would have been complete and the town flooded. If the thaw had continued during the night the same result might have been experienced, but with the going down of the sun there was a freeze and this morning the wind has been from the north with the prospect that the water already started will be allowed to drain off before warmer weather will add to the surplus of water and bring about a flood.

RIVER IS SUBSIDING.

Danger of Flood by the Northfork is Reduced.

The high water which has been making things look dangerous about the Northfork, has to a considerable degree subsided today and there appears to be no longer any immediate trouble from an overflow. The stream ran high all day yesterday, and raised at the rate of three inches an hour for a long time, but this morning brought a slight fall above the First street dam, so that now the banks are considered safe. A force of men was kept at the bridge all day yesterday and through the night, breaking the mammoth blocks of ice that threatened the piles, and keeping watch lest the dikes should give way.

It is now thought that the bulk of the surplus water from above Norfolk has gone through, though several days will be required to drain off the present excess. Engineers on the Northwestern railroad report that there will be trouble in the Elkhorn river shortly and an overflow may be expected.

Think Waugh was Murdered. Grand Island, Neb., March 9.—The body of A. C. Waugh who died at St. Francis hospital in this city on Tuesday, February 24, still lies at the morgue at Sondermans undertaking room awaiting instructions for burial. It is the opinion of the county coroner, George Roeder and Undertaker Sonderman that something will develop which will implicate some one for the murder of Waugh. Deceased was sent to the hospital in this city about three weeks ago direct from a cattle company's ranch at Hickley, Nebraska for treatment.

When he entered the hospital he was in a serious condition and on his death bed confessed that he had been roughly handled by a one armed man in the employ of the cattle company and that he had been in a mix up with some one in which both of his jaw bones had been broken, from the effects of which an abscess formed in the bronchial tubes of his neck and caused his death, the dying man's statement being that he had been assaulted with the one armed man's club.

WINN GETS FOUR YEARS.

Was Sentenced to the Penitentiary Yesterday Afternoon.

HE ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY.

Forger Who Sold Worthless School Warrants to a Norfolk Bank Escaped, Was Recaptured and Now Goes Over the Road.

[From Saturday's Daily.] L. L. Winn, alias F. E. Mills, alias F. E. Maxwell, forger, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Boyd to serve four years in the penitentiary. When brought before the judge he entered a plea of guilty to the crime of which he was charged.

Winn is probably the smoothest criminal who ever attempted to operate in this county. He was arrested on June 26 of last year for cashing forged school warrants at the Norfolk National bank to the amount of about \$250. So cleverly was the forgery done that it was not detected when the warrants were offered for sale, although some of the names of the school officers who were supposed to have signed the warrants were familiar at the bank. Upon going over the warrants the second time, however, one name was detected which looked suspicious, and the next day when he attempted to sell more warrants at the bank he was nabbed. He worked with the utmost confidence, and it was only through an accident that he was discovered.

After a preliminary hearing he was placed in jail at Madison to await trial at the next term of district court. An adjourned term was held on July 29, but under some pretext he gained a continuance until fall. On October 13 he executed a clever maneuver and escaped from jail and for the time succeeded in making his getaway good. Although Sheriff Clements made a thorough search for the culprit, nothing more was heard of him until November 21, when he was arrested in Chicago by Pinkertons, where he was going under the name of F. E. Maxwell. The sheriff brought him back and on November 24 he again occupied his old quarters in the county jail at Madison. There he has remained until this time. When he found that there was no way for him to escape, and knowing that the evidence would be overwhelmingly against him if the case came to trial, he yesterday decided to enter a plea of guilty. The four years that he is to serve in the penitentiary is small enough punishment when the nature of his crime is considered. He is too smooth a rascal to be allowed his liberty.

Other criminal cases have been disposed of by the district court in session at Madison during the past week, as follows: The case of the State vs. Weber, charged with receiving stolen property, was given a jury trial and the defendant found guilty. The value of the stolen goods was fixed at \$45.00, which makes his crime a penitentiary offense. He has not yet been sentenced.

The case of McClellan vs. Hines was given to the jury yesterday morning and at last report they had been unable to reach a decision. This is a case where Mrs. McClellan sues for damages on account of an accident to her husband when he was under the influence of liquor purchased of Hines. The charge is that when McClellan started to go home that night his team ran away and threw him out of the wagon, mashing him up so badly that he was a long time in recovering. This is the second time the case has been in the district court, having been to the supreme court on error.

Trial of the case of Mary Kuncl against John Freythaler was commenced this morning. This is an action wherein in Mary sues John for slander, the charge being that he made remarks derogatory to her character. She figures that if she could have about \$5,000 of John's money it might even things up a little. A lot of Norfolk people are in Madison today as witnesses, in the case.

The case of State vs. Polenski is set for Monday. As the result of bad blood between the Polenski and Teske families, it is charged that Polenski shot a boy named Schmidke, a step son of Teske. These parties all live near Madison. It is anticipated that court will continue next week and that an adjourned term will probably be held in May.

Farmers Combine. Lincoln, March 10.—The perfection of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock association has organized the third distinct elevator interest in the grain west and a fight between conflicting grain-dealing factions now will become a three cornered affair.

The Nebraska Association, known popularly as the "Farmers' trust," is the first instance of successful state organization by farmers to attempt to control the shipping of grain. The independent elevator men, forming a distinct interest, have long had well-organized state and sectional associations, and the few large line elevators are in themselves almost monopolies.

Now it is a fight for survival between the farmer grain dealer; the small, independent elevator-owner; and the large line companies. Within a fortnight announcement by Chicago grain commission men told of the weapons that are to be used by the

independent elevator men to annihilate the farmers' co-operative grain-dealing companies. These commission men said that they had been notified by state grain-dealers associations not to handle the grain of farmer elevators, on pain of losing all the business of the members of the association. And the commission men admit that they have no option but to obey these orders.

STANTON MAN SUICIDES.

Finances and Love Combine to Wreck His Life.

Stanton, Neb., March 10.—John Croezinger, 35 years of age, a farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself with a clothes line from a large spike he had driven in the wall of the kitchen of the house he occupied.

When discovered by a neighbor, the body of Croezinger was stiff in death. The knees were within an inch or two of the floor, the legs being drawn up, showing that he had been determined to end his life, as he could easily have placed his feet upon the floor had he so desired.

Croezinger, at the instigation of a wealthy mother in Germany, came to Nebraska and purchased the farm upon which he lived, giving notes for the same, which his mother was to pay off on maturity. His attachment for a certain young woman in the fatherland was not sanctioned by his wealthy relatives, who would not pay the notes and, consequently, Croezinger lost the farm, which, at the time of his death, he was renting. He then became very despondent.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Ora Sturgeon-Beels.

"Build these more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low vaulted past! Let each new temple nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

The bitterness of that separation, long as the span of the remaining human life, is mellowed when we realize that the spirit that had so long struggled within its earthly confines and fetters, is at last free, and is left unhindered in its Godward course.

Elva Ora Sturgeon was born in Altona, Iowa, February 10, 1876. After living in different towns in Iowa she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon, to Norfolk in 1888, when she was 12 years of age. She entered the public schools in this city and graduated from the high school, a member of the class of '96. On March 17, 1897, when a little past 21 years of age, and richly adorned with graces of body, of intellect and of soul, she was married to Mr. Frank Beels of this city. On January 30, 1900, their union was blessed with a sweet little babe which they named Helen, who lives to feel keenly the loss of an affectionate mother. Mrs. Beels united with the Methodist church when a young girl under the administration of Rev. J. W. Jennings as pastor. She was so devoted to the work of her Master, and in the Sunday school, Epworth league and missionary society she thought no sacrifice too great for the advancement of God's kingdom among men. She gave herself willingly and with great zeal, energy and efficiency to the interests in the midst of which she was placed. She always retained her interest in the best things of the world—of the intellect as well as the soul.

On December 25, 1898, her brother, Frank Sturgeon, passed away, a victim of the dread disease, consumption, and on January 6, 1902, her mother was claimed by the same disease. In her devotion to her mother she contracted the disease and in March of last year she left with her husband for Colorado in hopes of restoring her health. For weeks the balance trembled between life and death and then slowly settled on the side of death. All was done that love and skill could supply, but in vain. In November she returned to this city and on January 2 she took to her bed, from which she never arose. This morning about 9 o'clock Mrs. Beels sweetly went home. She longed to go and often spoke of when she would be released from the body. She made her own preparations for the funeral service, which is to take place at the Methodist church tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. G. H. Main, a former pastor, who conducted the funeral of her mother and brother and who officiated at her marriage, will preach the sermon. Dr. F. M. Sisson and the pastor, Rev. J. F. Poucher, will assist in the service.

Universal sympathy is expressed for the families where she was daughter, sister, wife, mother and queen.

Mrs. Frederick Wilde.

Mrs. Frederick Wilde of Hadar, mother of Carl Wilde and Albert Wilde of this city, died Friday night and the funeral was held from the German Lutheran church at Hadar this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Wilde was 68 years of age and had been suffering for a month from dropsy of the heart. Besides her sons in Norfolk, there survives a daughter, Mrs. Game of Marceline, Mo., who arrived last night to attend the funeral.

Alfred Brummond.

Alfred, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Brummond, died last night at their home on East Norfolk avenue, after a four days' illness of spinal meningitis. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services to take place at Christ Lutheran church. Interment will be in the new German cemetery north of the city.

EXPENSIVE FLOW OF WORDS

It Will Cost John Freythaler \$300 for Saying Things.

MARY KUNCL IS THE WINNER.

John Failed to Count "Four" Before He Spoke and the Jury Thinks it Will Require the Sum Mentioned as a Penalty.

Mary Kuncl is to get \$300 of John Freythaler's money and John is to pay the cost of having himself brought up before the district court on the charge of slander. The case went to the jury Saturday noon and the 12 men in the box determined that the wicked words John uttered about Mary were worth that much cold cash. She asked for \$5,000, but will take the \$300.

It seems that John one day made a few remarks about Mary which were derogatory to her character. It all started in a meat market where John happened to be making a social call. Mary came in and John started talking. She bumped against him and he fell over backwards. Then he was angry. Instead of counting four he had to swear. It cost him \$300 but he did it.

He said just exactly what he thought to Mary, and about her, and now he is going to pay the price which the jury thinks his notion, put into sharp, clear-cut language, should bring. John thinks it was all a conspiracy from beginning to end, to get his five thousand. He has it sized up that Mary was going to build a house and have a fine lot of horses and carriages and automobiles at his expense. He thinks that now, however, since there isn't more than enough to buy a farm with, he will let the decision stand.

Jack Koenigstein of this city was the attorney in Mary's behalf, and Allen & Reed of Madison stood for John. A number of Norfolk people were called as witnesses, and the jury was made partly from Madison citizens.

TRY TO SAVE MRS. LILLIE.

Motion for New Trial Filed in Famous Murder Case.

David City, March 9.—Attorneys for Mrs. Lillie have filed motion for a new trial. The motion contains 38 assignments of error, charging irregularities in the proceedings of the court during the trial, that members of the jury had expressed an opinion before the trial and the court erred in giving instructions to the jury. It is further stated that new evidence has been discovered which should entitle Mrs. Lillie to a new trial. Judge Good will hear arguments on the motion on March 31. In the meantime Mrs. Lillie will remain in the county jail, and if the motion is overruled she will be sent to the penitentiary for life.

Farmers Take no Interest.

[From Monday's Daily.] The farmers' institute closed its session Saturday night without electing officers for the ensuing year and it is very possible that it will never meet again. The reason for this is a lack of interest among the farmers themselves in the work of the institute and the fact that the burden of the whole affair has fallen to a few individuals for the past several years, who find it heartily discouraging to plan meetings which are not appreciated.

There were at the meeting Saturday night 38 people, of whom six were farmers and 32 citizens of Norfolk. Considering the situation, a few of the leaders decided that they would omit an election and let the affair possibly drop. L. M. Gaylord, who has always been the most prominent in the work and who has tried hard to keep the meetings going, had this to say: "There may possibly be another institute; if there is, it will be the work of someone else besides the few who have done it heretofore. We were willing to stand the burden as long as there was interest in it, but now we are through. If someone else gets into the harness it need not die. The institute will pay out on expenses, and was highly profitable to those who attended, as the speakers were of a high grade."

A Lizard Story.

Mrs. F. Gibout of this city has for years been a great sufferer from some supposed stomach trouble. When Dr. Schlessinger, the spiritualist, was here she called upon him to see if he could in any way enlighten her as to the real cause of her complaint. The doctor went into a trance and his spirit-brother "Ben" said the lady's stomach contained two lizards she had some way taken into her stomach. The doctor said she had possibly drunk them as had been done in numerous cases when in a small stage, in water. He told her what to do to get rid of them and went so far as to tell her about the exact time when they would be starved from the stomach. He said previous to this they would cause her great suffering. Strange as it may sound, he seems to have told the truth. She has been suffering terribly and yesterday the stomach gave up almost a whole lizard.—Hastings Republican.

No Help for Niengenfind.

Lincoln, March 9.—Governor Mickey will not issue an order to stay the execution of Gottlieb Niengenfind, he says, unless some new and unexpected development transpires. The governor says he has been strongly impetioned by friends of the condemned man to com-

mute his sentence to life imprisonment and as strongly urged by others to enforce the death penalty. The governor says he called at the penitentiary twice to converse with Niengenfind at the latter's request and is satisfied that his murder of his wife was entirely without justification. The governor says he has been asked for his opinion on capital punishment as a principle and asserts his conviction that it is a part of the divine law. He is opposed, under general circumstances, to the practice of an executive setting aside the sentence of a court of justice.

TWO CONUNDRUMS.

A Spectator Offers Two Pertinent Suggestions.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The following is offered by a citizen of Norfolk as pertinent at this time:

"To a spectator in Norfolk two things are perfectly unaccountable. The first one is: Why do people want to have smallpox? It is a loathsome disease, and is liable to cause death or deformity. Everybody knows that vaccination, repeated when necessary, is a safe and sure preventive of smallpox, therefore it does appear to a spectator that any person who has the disease now must want it and ought to have it. The only source of regret is that children, who have no responsibility for it, are made to suffer for the prejudice or neglect of the parents.

"The other conundrum is: Why do the people of Norfolk prefer to have a destructive flood of water rush down Main street twice or more each year? One flood over the best part of our town destroys property enough to pay the cost of tearing out those obstructions at Thirteenth and Main streets and putting in a bridge of twenty foot span at that junction, and enlarging the ditches down Thirteenth street. Nothing more is required."

Norfolk Sailor's Application.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] A dispatch from Washington today says that the application of Lawrence McTaggart, a Norfolk boy, for a discharge from the navy, has been refused by the secretary of the navy. McTaggart has been serving on the steamship Franklin. His petition was presented by Senator Millard. His family live in the city now and were disappointed to learn of his inability to come home.

TO INVESTIGATE STUEFER.

House Appoints Committee to Look into Bond Transactions.

Lincoln, March 10.—At 10 o'clock News: Along the line of other investigations now being made under that head, the house of representatives this morning appointed a committee to investigate the school bond transactions of former state treasurer, Wm. Stuefer. Charges were made that Mr. Stuefer was improperly conducting bond transactions previous to the late conventions that nominated the state tickets. The carrying of the matter into the campaign was avoided by the withdrawal of Mr. Stuefer as a candidate for re-election, and it was supposed to be a closed incident until the house recently began investigations against Bartley and other state treasurers, when the matter has been again brought up. Representative Sears of Bart county made the first charges against Mr. Stuefer and it is he that urged the present movement.

FIRE ON SOLDIERS.

Strikers at Colorado City Attack Smelter Guards.

Colorado City, Col., March 10.—Special to The News: Troops guarding the smelters were fired on by strikers from the surrounding hills several times during the night. The shots were returned by the soldiers but no one was hurt. There is no indication of further trouble but the soldiers are on the alert and will be prepared for another attack tonight should it be made.

CRAWLED INTO THE FURNACE.

Drunken Man Fatally Burned at Webster City.

Webster City, Iowa, March 10.—Special to The News: Eli Murphy, an employe at the Mercy hospital in this city, became intoxicated this morning and crawled into the ash pit of the furnace, in which there was a fire. The yells of the man brought assistance at once, but before he could be rescued from his perilous position he was burned so that he will die.

TORNADO IN AUSTRALIA.

Hospital Destroyed and Six Persons Killed.

New York, March 10.—Special to The News: A cable from Brisbane, Australia, states that a terrific tornado visited that place yesterday. A large hospital filled with patients was utterly demolished and six persons killed. Many residences and public buildings were destroyed. The country about the town was devastated.

The Sailer Livery Barn at the Corner of Fifth Street and Brasch Avenue is Being Repaired and Made more Substantial. The Timbers that Form the Barn's Foundation have been Rased out of the dirt and repaired and the floor has been replanked. Other needed repairs are also being made to the structure.