

KILLED UNDER HIS TRAIN.

Freight No. 116 Crushes Tom Belt to Death.

CONDUCTOR WAS JOLTED OFF.

Supposing That the Coupling Had Been Released, Tom Belt Was Unprepared When the Pin Caught and Jerked the Car on Which he Stood.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Train No. 116 on the Northwestern road, due into Norfolk last night from Long Pine, jerked its faithful conductor, Thomas Belt, under the wheels at Stuart yesterday afternoon and ground him to death. His right leg was run over, the left leg was broken and other internal injuries were sustained which proved fatal at 5 o'clock when, after a hard fight for his life, Conductor Belt was relieved from his terrible agony by the coming of a merciful death.

Coupling Failed to Release.

Conductor Belt was standing upon the top of a freight car when the accident happened. The train was switching in the yards at Stuart and the car upon which he stood had just been uncoupled from the train ahead. The signal had been given for the engine to move away and Mr. Belt supposed that his car, of course, would remain stationary. Instead of this, however, the coupling pin in some way slipped back into connection and the fatal car was locked tight to the train. The engine started forward, the cars lurched after it and the conductor, with no preparation whatever for a jolt, was caught unawares and thrown off the end of the car. He fell to the track below, between two cars, and the wheels passed over his limb.

Surgical care was immediately given and it was thought at first that the injured man might live. He complained, however, of a pain in his chest and before the Norfolk special train, carrying the company surgeon, Dr. P. H. Salter, could arrive, Conductor Tom Belt was dead.

Special Train.

Word of the disaster was sent to Norfolk at once and a special train was made up to rush toward the scene of accident. This carried Superintendent C. H. Reynolds, Dr. P. H. Salter, Mrs. Belt, the widow of Conductor Belt, Mrs. W. C. Roland, a friend; and Mrs. Al Wilkinson, a niece. The train was sent to Stuart as fast as steam could carry it, but the lifeless body of the man was all that remained to tell the story of suffering.

The remains were brought to Norfolk on the early morning passenger train today and were taken to the home at 1901 South Second street. They will be taken to the old home at Marshalltown, Iowa, for interment, leaving this city Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock.

Tom Belt Was Well Liked.

Tom Belt, as he was known to all the railroad boys, was fifty-three years old and had learned, in twelve years of service, every foot within the right-of-way fence between this city and the end of the line. He was faithful to his train and underneath its wheels he died. He was universally popular among the railroad men and they grieve over his cruel ending. He was a lover of his home, and the little woman who is today watching for the last time over his remains, is prostrate with grief at her husband's terrible fate. There are no children left to comfort the heart-broken woman.

Mr. Belt was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees and the Royal Highlanders. All of these orders have done everything possible today to bring comfort to the stricken home as nearly as the distressing circumstances would permit and their loyalty to the honored memory of Thomas Belt will long endure after his remains are laid to rest in Marshalltown on Tuesday.

Two Victims Within a Week.

A coincident in the distressing disaster which renders it no less sad, is the fact that this same train, No. 116, has now claimed two victims underneath its deadly wheels within less than a week. Just six days before the life of Thomas Belt was taken, No. 116, coming into Norfolk after dark, ran over the form of M. L. Marshall as it lay between the rails, and cut him literally to pieces. Marshall was dead before the train came along, but it was No. 116's wheels that ground him so severely.

REMAINS OF THOMAS J. BELT.

Brief Funeral Service at the Home, After Which the Remains Were Taken Away.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The remains of Thomas J. Belt, the conductor who was killed under his train Sunday afternoon, were taken to Marshalltown, Ia., this morning for burial. Members of his lodge, the Royal Highlanders, met at the Belt home, 1192 South Second street, at 5:30 o'clock and accompanied the remains to the station at South Norfolk. Besides Mrs. Belt, Mrs. Askins, Mrs. W. C. Roland, Mrs. Al Wilkinson, F. Linerode and C. E. Hartford,

as members of the Royal Highlanders and Knights of Pythias, accompanied the remains to Marshalltown. A brief funeral service was held at the home this morning.

WOMAN NEARLY UNDER TRAIN.

Last Night's Passenger Was Lamed Because it Stopped so Suddenly to Save Her Life.

[From Monday's Daily.]

In making an exceedingly quick stop in order to save the life of a woman who stood on the track, the engine which drew train No. 3, the passenger from Chicago, into Norfolk last night, so crippled itself that the train was almost an hour delayed. A woman who had gotten to the center of a trestle bridge near West Point could get neither way in time to save her life, was the cause of it. As the train came upon the bridge, the engineer noticed the perilous position and realized that a few more turns of the drivers would crush the feminine form to death. The lever was speedily reversed, the brakes applied and the whole heavy train brought to an immediate standstill. The engine was lame after that and lost all the way to Norfolk, but the life of the woman was saved.

METHODISTS MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Rev. J. F. Poucher Will Remain in Norfolk Through Coming Year. Wayne Wins.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Rev. J. F. Poucher will remain in Norfolk as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church during the following year. This announcement was made officially at the conference in Fremont yesterday afternoon. Other appointments of interest to this section of the state were made as follows:

Rev. J. M. Bothwell will go to Madison; Rev. Mr. Howe, formerly at Madison, will go to Randolph; Rev. E. E. Shaffer will go to Tilden; Rev. Mr. Shick will go to Dakota City; Rev. C. M. Dawson will go to Wayne; Rev. Mr. Mueller goes to Lynch.

The conference will be held next year at Wayne.

NOT A GIRL IN THE BUNCH.

Welcomed a Boy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kaufmann are the proud parents of a new baby boy today.

A Boy Also.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zitschlag of Norfolk received a son and heir at their home Friday night.

Likewise a Boy.

A son was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Havenmann in Norfolk Saturday evening.

MATHEWSON RESIGNS.

Quits the Omaha and Winnebago Agency on Account of Ill Health. Division of the Agencies.

Pender, Neb., Sept. 28.—Special to The News: Word has been received here from Washington of the acceptance of the proffered resignation of Charles P. Mathewson as superintendent of the Indian schools of the Omaha and Winnebago reservations by Commission of Indian Affairs Jones. Mr. Mathewson resigns because of ill health, but it is possible that a position may be found for him in a climate more to his liking.

Mr. Mathewson's resignation will enable the Indian bureau to place in operation a plan that has long been contemplated, the division of the Omaha and Winnebago reservations, so it is announced.

Eventually there will be a bonded charge of each of these great Indian reservations instead of one general agent as heretofore. This is merely following Jones, who is gradually taking Indian affairs out of the control of agents and placing them into the hands of bonded superintendents.

H. G. Wilson, at present superintendent of the Sisseton Indian schools has been selected to succeed Mr. Mathewson at the Winnebago school, and several men, well known in the Indian service are being considered to take charge of the Omaha schools.

HONORED BY MASONIC BROTHERS

Col. S. W. Hayes, Young and Vigorous at 84, Was Host at a Surprise Party.

In honor of his eighty-fourth birthday, and rejoicing with him over his extreme activity and vigorous youth, the Masons of Norfolk assembled at the home of Col. S. W. Hayes, West Norfolk avenue Friday evening, and tendered him a surprise party which will be memorable. A large number of the local lodge were present for the event and the evening was very thoroughly enjoyed.

As a token of their esteem and well wishing, the lodgemen presented Col. Hayes with a handsome rocking chair. The spokesman led Mr. Hayes to the chair and simply said, "What do you think of it? It's yours. Sit down."

"Well, well, well, it's a daisy," replied the host, with apparent satisfaction.

BAD PLAINVIEW FIRE.

All but Three Buildings in Block are Burned.

IT WAS OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN.

The Fiend Started Flames in Three Separate Places.

HAVE A CLUE TO THE CRIMINAL.

The Whole Section is a Complete Loss, With Exception of About Half of Frost's Merchandise Store and Portion of Fair's.

Plainview, Neb., Sept. 28.—Special to The News: Plainview experienced the most disastrous fire in her history early this morning, starting at 2 o'clock. Seven business houses—all but three in an entire block were consumed. The fire started simultaneously in three places, and was unquestionably of incendiary origin, as the fire fiend had well prepared to burn the town. Liberal quantities of kerosene being used to make food for the flames.

It is the third disastrous fire the town has experienced within a year, and one of the victims of the blaze, Mr. Fair, has twice before been burned out.

The fire was noticed almost simultaneously in the Frost, Fair and Scott buildings, and the fire fighters having no water at hand in sufficient quantities the destruction of a large portion of the business part of town was a foregone conclusion.

The buildings destroyed:

O. J. Frost, general merchandise. About half the goods were saved by the energetic efforts of the citizens.

D. H. Fair, grocery. Some of the goods were also saved from this building.

I. Button, land office.

Dr. F. H. Nye, office.

The Scott machinery house.

Building occupied by the millinery store.

The buildings and their contents were an entire loss with the exception of the two mentioned above.

The loss this morning had not been estimated, but will be up in the thousands of dollars.

While no arrests have been made, there is a well defined suspicion pointing to the one who did the dastardly work, which was planned with careful fiendishness. The blaze was noticed simultaneously in the Frost, Fair and Scott buildings, and those early on the scene noted that liberal quantities of kerosene had been used to give quick fuel to the flames, the fire started being wellsoaked with the oil.

No arrests have been made yet, but that there will be arrests goes unquestioned, and if the fiend responsible for the disaster can be proven guilty it will go hard with him.

Plainview has suffered more from the fire fiend, beyond a doubt, than any town in north Nebraska. Two disastrous fires occurred about this time last year, and at that time the town had been but fairly rebuilt from a previous conflagration.

The fire is still smoldering at this report. Dr. Nye had two tons of hard coal on hand that will be fuel to keep the blaze going for some hours.

PLAINVIEW EMPLOYS DETECTIVE.

Will Go After the Fire Fiend in a Systematic Manner, and Deal Justly With Him.

Plainview, Neb., Sept. 29.—Special to The News: So far the fiend who set fire in three separate places here Monday morning, has not been brought to light and no arrests have been made. The town, however, has determined to employ a detective to hunt down the incendiary and bring him to justice. The citizens are greatly incensed over the outrage and the guilty party will receive no sympathy if found.

Will Build Houses for Rent.

J. L. Hershiser has purchased from S. L. Gardner the two lots on north Tenth street adjoining the residence

of Mrs. Cole, and also two lots at the Junction, the consideration being \$950 cash. It is stated that Mr. Hershiser will build two cottages on the Tenth street lots for rent.

UNIVERSITY WINS FIRST GAME.

Starts Season by Taking One From Grand Island 64 to 0—New Men Play Well.

Lincoln, Sept. 28.—The university football team had little better than a practice game with the Grand Island team Saturday, winning by a score of 64 to 0. The shattered line of the Grand Island college were unable to stop the university backs from plunging through toward the goal line, except at rare intervals. Twenty and thirty yard runs became almost a matter of course before the finish of the first half. The university carried the ball 778 yards during the course of the game, while Grand Island advanced but 63 yards.

The new men on the university team showed up well and the enthusiasts are taking a more cheerful view of the situation, although the Grand Island team is admittedly weak.

At the P. & M. park the Lincoln high school team took a game from the Beatrice high school by a score of 59 to 0.

THE DOCTOR BOUGHT THE DRINKS

Clever, Smooth and Wordy, he Was no Match for the Versatile Proprietor.

A long haired, wise looking "doctor" who struck Norfolk the other day, went into the Trocadero and began to look around. He mixed with the men who were in the room and engaged them, after the matter of his craft, in an interesting conversation.

Corn were his topic. The doctor could cure any sort of corns that ever grew. Slowly and by systematic process, he worked the subject around to his point. He displayed a large variety of corns of different shapes and kinds, explained how they all happened and why. Finally he produced a microscope and allowed the lookers to peek through a magnifying lens at one of the little growths. His speech, as smooth as a flowing brook, was bathed in any amount of the purest Latin, and punctuated with quotations from Shakespeare and Cicero combined, which would have staggered the eminent ancients themselves.

Grasping the microscope in a tragic way, the doctor held it above his hand. "That," he exclaimed, "that is my hand." Then he paused for artistic effect.

"You think, perchance, that you observe that hand by means of the optical, viel. And now I can convince you, also. You perceive, my fellow-men, by the brain, and the eye is merely an auxiliary to it."

Then he stopped. He turned to the proprietor and with a glare that was dramatic to a degree, declared, "Light! What, sir, is light?"

Without a smile or a sign of mirth playing upon his facial features, Harry Lador replied, very calmly, "Business, sir. Business is d-n light."

And the doctor bought the drinks.

FUNERAL OF WILLIE BATES.

Son of Judge and Mrs. Bates Buried at Madison—The Mother is Trebly Afflicted.

Madison, Neb., Sept. 29.—Special to The News: The funeral of Willie, the 16-year-old son of Judge and Mrs. Wm. Bates, that was held from the Catholic church in this city today, was perhaps the largest attended funeral of a young person ever held in Madison. The high school was adjourned and the pupils and teachers attended in a body. The funeral rites were very impressive and the sympathy shown the bereaved parents.

Sympathy is particularly with Mrs. Bates, who is almost trebly afflicted. The news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Adam Kost, at Norfolk, coming with the loss of her son, was bad enough, but in addition to this she has received word that her sister, Mrs. George Fitzgerald is very low at Hot Springs, S. D.

Willie Bates had numerous friends among the young people of Madison, who sincerely mourn his death. His long and uncomplaining suffering has seemed to intensify these friendships and the expressions of sorrow today were heartfelt and sincere. He had advanced to the Ninth grade in the high school and was a bright and lovable boy.

OMAHA DOCTOR SUICIDES.

Found on Operating Table With the Gas Turned on at the Jets in His Room.

Omaha, Sept. 26.—Special to The News: The body of Dr. Hamilton Warren, 1310 Dodge street, was found this morning lying on the operating table in his office. The gas jets in the office were turned on and the physician had met his death from asphyxiation.

It was considered that it was a case of suicide.

FOOTBALL SEASON IS ON.

Local Players Have Not Developed Much Enthusiasm.

EASTERN FOOTBALL SITUATION.

University of Nebraska Lines up Against Grand Island College on Saturday Afternoon—List of the Old Men Have Returned.

While the boys of the Norfolk high school have not as yet scheduled any games for the present season, there are some prospects that football may have a turn at attracting the attention of sportsmen in the city before the final gridiron contests on Thanksgiving.

Many people are interested in the University of Nebraska's team. The lineup is a bit weak on account of a dropping out. The old men back are Borg, center; Hunter and Ringer, guards; Wilson and Mason, tackles; Bender, quarterback; Bell, halfback; Benedict, fullback. The first game was against Grand Island, Saturday afternoon, September 26.

Football is here for the season of 1903. Games of the practice variety begin at several of the big eastern colleges this week, and another fortnight will see the playing season inaugurated in earnest. Candidates for the various elevens have been in training at several of the prominent institutions for more than two weeks, coaches have been busy studying the rules and skirmishing for prominent players, and the rooters have already begun to dream of the victories, and championships which are coming to their favorite teams as sure as does Thanksgiving day. From today until the last of November the long-haired youths all over the country will hold undisputed possession of the athletic stage.

There is every indication that the football season in the east will be one of the most successful since the introduction of the game into American college life. With the exception of the differences between Annapolis and West Point all is harmony among the prominent institutions. The schedules for the most part are practically the same as in past years. Where changes have been made they have been in the way of renewing old ties which had been temporarily broken. The outlook is reported unusually bright at Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Columbia, while the smaller institutions, such as Williams, Lehigh, Dartmouth, Trinity and Rutgers, are likewise looking forward to a successful season.

MISSOURI TAKES EIGHT ACRES.

Erratic River Bites a Chunk of Farm Land East of Omaha, and Farmers Object.

Omaha, Sept. 26.—Special to The News: The Missouri river washed away eight acres of land east of Omaha last night.

The farmers who are being injured in their property have called a convention to devise some plan whereby the ravages of the river may be stopped.

WAS SHOT IN SIOUX CITY.

The Inmate at the Jail Has Been Here Often Before.

"I was shot in Sioux City about a week ago," explained the tough looking mark at the city jail, who was taken up by the police. His wounds are quite severe and need constant dressing. He was simply in jail on suspicion and this morning Chief of Police Kane had the fellow carried to a railroad station and told him to get out. He knew all of the police, having been locked up four times before in Norfolk.

NEBRASKA BANKERS TO MEET.

State Association Will Convene in Lincoln October 13 and 14. An Excellent Program.

The bankers of Nebraska will meet in convention at Lincoln October 13 and 14, and a first class program has been prepared for the meeting, that will be attended by all the prominent bankers of the state. N. A. Rainbolt of this city, former president of the Norfolk National bank, is on the program for an address on the subject, "Should the Bankruptcy Law be Repealed or Modified?"

The regular reports of the standing committees will be of more than ordinary importance, as the committee on bank money orders will make an extended report, as will also the committee on rewards for the detection and conviction of burglars. Where a member of this association has been robbed, or any attempt made to do so, the committee has decided to recommend that a large reward be offered. This action is sure to bring a large membership to the association. There is now \$1,400 in the reward fund. Another interesting set of reports will be from the presidents of the nine groups in the state association.

Congressman Hill of the Fourth district of Connecticut, who is also

vice-president of the Norwalk National bank of that state, will make an address upon "Asset Currency." A. J. Frame, president of the Waukesha National bank of Waukesha, Wis., will reply to this, his subject being "New National Financial Legislation." Mr. Frame is well known among the bankers as a man who stamped the Fowler bill men at the Wisconsin Bankers association, and he is a very strong man for believers in our present currency system.

Other papers to be given by state bankers are the following:

"What Are We Here For?" J. R. Cain, cashier bank at Stella.

"Bills of Lading," John Donelan, cashier bank of Weymouth Water.

"Address," by E. Roper, secretary State Banking board.

"Trust Companies," Gurdon W. Wattles, president Union National bank, Omaha.

"Commercial Paper as an Investment by Country Bankers," C. F. Bentley, cashier First National bank Grand Island.

"The Prey of the Yeggmen," John A. Morrison, Minneapolis, manager Bank Burglary department, the Ocean, Accident & Guarantee corporation.

"Legal Decisions of Interest to Bankers," Hon. W. G. Hastings, Wilber.

M. E. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Andrews Announces the Locations of North Nebraska Ministers for Ensuing Year.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 29.—The Methodists of north Nebraska, who have been in annual conference here, left for their respective homes yesterday morning. The meeting closed with a sermon by Bishop Andrews Sunday morning, he taking for his text Matthew 10:29, 30, on "The Providence of God." A large audience was present and the bishop's remarks were earnest and touching.

The following appointments were announced for two of the four districts:

Norfolk District.

Presiding elder, F. M. Sisson, Norfolk; Allen, W. A. Rominger; Banner, W. T. Gabley; Beemer, J. T. Loosing; Bloomfield, D. W. Gregor; Bloomfield circuit, supplee, Carroll, C. S. Hughes; Coleridge and Beldou, J. H. Johnston; Creston, H. H. St. Louis; Dakota City, J. G. Shick; Decatur, William Shambaugh; Emerson, W. R. Warburton; Hartington, F. M. Deuliner; Homer, supplee, Humphrey and Platte Center, W. G. Fowler; Laurel, J. L. Phillips; Leigh, M. G. Langley; Lyons, E. E. Hosman; Madison, J. M. Bothwell; McLean, supplee, Norfolk, J. F. Poucher; Norfolk circuit, W. R. Peters; Pender, E. E. Carter; Pilger, E. T. Aarim; Ponea, R. W. Wilcox; Randolph, F. A. Hill; St. James, Moses Anderson; Scribner, supplee; South Sioux City, Allen Bishop; Stanton, C. M. Griffith; Wakefield and Pleasant Valley, C. H. Moore; Wausa, J. H. Smith; Winside, S. A. Drais; Wisner, W. H. Farrow; Wayne, C. N. Dawson; J. A. Young left without appointment to attend school.

Neligh District.

Presiding elder, Thomas Bithel, Neligh; Albion, E. T. George; Battle Creek, Oscar Eggleston; Battle Creek circuit, supplee, Boone, J. S. Greene; Brunswick, Jesse Griffith; Chambers, E. B. Koontz; Clearwater, H. P. Williams; Crookston, J. N. Gortner; Elgin, C. O. Trump; Emerick, G. A. Barker; Ewing and Venus, R. M. Mitchell; Gross and Spencer, David A. Keene; Inman, E. W. Wilcox; Lindsay, R. J. Callow; Loretto, W. C. Kelly; Lynch and Highland, Oscar Mueller; Monon, J. H. Allen; Neligh, J. R. Ramson; Newman Grove, L. A. Cook; Nوبرara, L. H. Hadden; Oakdale, R. J. McKenzie; O'Neill, Amos Fetzner; Osmond, E. J. T. Connelly; Paddock, B. H. Marten; Pace, J. C. Galloway; Pierce, J. H. McDonald; Plainview, J. M. Ledy; Plainview circuit, H. A. Hornady; Savage, T. M. Smith.

Of former Norfolk pastors, not included in these districts: Dr. J. W. Jennings is returned as presiding elder of the Omaha district. Rev. J. E. Priest goes to Blair; Dr. William Gorst to Seward street church, Omaha; Rev. G. H. Main to Walnut Hill, Omaha, and Rev. J. B. Leedom to Silver Creek.

CHIEF OF POLICE WOUNDED.

Martin Kane Was Badly Bitten by a Vicious Cur Dog, Which Fought to a Finish.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Chief of Police Kane is crippled with two badly wounded hands which render him practically helpless when it comes to handling men. The holes in his hands are the effects of a furious fight which the officer engaged in Monday morning, and in which, for the time being, his adversary had the better of the fray.

It was no man who got the better of Chief Martin Kane. It was a vicious dog, whose teeth sank into his palms to the limit, and left them bleeding and gashed. It was a vicious cur dog which has been prowling in the west end, and which last week bit Postmaster Hays. When the officer went after his game, the dog showed fight to a finish. Later the officer went back and shot the brute.