

G. A. LUKART BADLY HURT

Face Chopped to Pieces by Sharp Shod Hoofs of Horse.

HIS SKULL IS FRACTURED, TOO

While Crossing Norfolk Avenue Saturday Evening, Mr. Lukart Was Run Down, Stepped on and Kicked—His Condition is Critical.

With his skull fractured, his head beaten and battered and bruised, and his face chopped and slashed and gashed by the sharply shod hoofs of a wickedly kicking horse under whose feet he had fallen, G. A. Lukart, president of the Citizens National bank of this city, president of the Norfolk commercial club and a leading democrat in Nebraska, lies at his home, 1401 Norfolk avenue, in a very critical condition today.

It has been found that the skull is fractured at the back of the head and meningitis has come on. The fracture at this point is thought to have resulted either from the horse's whole weight being crushed upon the head or from the blow which was given when it struck against the buggy wheel. It seems that after the wheels had passed once over the body, the horse was backed up enough that its rear feet could tread upon Mr. Lukart's face.

Mr. Lukart realized this morning how he was hurt and became clear in his mind.

Story of the Accident.

The distressing accident, which has come as a shock to all Norfolk, occurred at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening, during a congested condition of traffic in Norfolk avenue, just in front of the Vail jewelry store, between Third and Fourth streets. Mr. Lukart had left the Johnson dry goods store a moment before, was walking briskly across the thoroughfare and had almost reached the other side of



the street when, in attempting to dodge a team which was approaching from the west, he ran directly in front of a horse driven by August Schultz and was struck with sufficient force to drop him to the pavement. An effort was made by Mr. Schultz and by E. H. Gerecke, who sat with him in the buggy, to draw up the horse in time to prevent the collision but before the reins had checked the spirited young animal Mr. Lukart had been knocked down and the flying feet of the carriage horse had, in struggling, kicking and churning about because of the sudden stop, pounded and mashed and terribly torn the head and face of the helpless victim beneath its erratic heels.

An attempt was almost made by the driver to turn his horse to one side and thus escape the man in front but another wagon blocked this course and there was no alternative. G. F. Davis was the man who drove down the street from the west and whose horse Mr. Lukart had dodged. Mr. Davis saw the fall and thought that the horse also stepped on Mr. Lukart's stomach but internal injuries from this source did not develop.

As soon as possible Mr. Schultz drove on so that help could get to the injured man. Quite unconscious from the severe blows he had received and his face bathed in blood, he was carried by a half dozen strong men into the pharmacy of the Kiesau drug firm. Here, behind the prescription case, his form was laid comfortably along a table and the wounds dressed and sewed by surgeons.

Face Terribly Mutilated.

The face was terribly mutilated by the drives of the keen edged steel. One cheek was sliced clear through, the upper lip was shredded, a long gash lay upon the forehead and just above the eye, which is the most alarming of all the gashes, one of the calks of the animal's shoe had punctured down into the skull and fractured it. The cuts were the more severe from the fact that the horse had only been shod on the previous day.

As his wounds were being cared for and sewed up, Mr. Lukart suffered pain during the moments that he was revived but he would continually lapse from one spell of stupor into another. He bled somewhat from the ears, thus indicating the injury inside the skull. One of the cuts required seven stitches to bring the flesh together again.

When the head and wounds had been tenderly bandaged, the banker

was carried to a cab awaiting and taken slowly to his home at the corner of Fourteenth and Main. His bed had been prepared before the horse drew up and he was made as comfortable as possible in an upstairs apartment. All through the night he remained practically unconscious, lapsing from stupor to stupor continually and at no time being able to rationally reply to questions asked of him. This condition still clung to the patient throughout the day Sunday.

All Injuries About Head.

It was feared for a time that internal injuries might have resulted in the region of the stomach but it now appears that the only blows were received in the head and face.

The minute that Mr. Lukart dropped under the horse, a great crowd of men—police, physicians and citizens gathered about the spot to render any aid possible in the saving of his life or the comforting of his wounds and bruises. For an hour while the surgeons were working over him in the pharmacy, the store was filled with men who were anxious to learn of the seriousness of his hurts and to be of any possible assistance.

Among the crowd was August Schultz, whose horse had dealt the dangerous blows. A big, strapping fellow that he is, he was ready to weep because of the disaster. For a long time he was unable to speak at all. Then he told his story.

The Driver's Story.

"I was driving down Main street from the west," he said, "and met Ed Gerecke at the corner of Fourth street. 'Don't you want to see my new horse?' I asked him, and he got in."

"We drove down to First street, wheeled about and were returning up Norfolk avenue. In front of Vail's two teams approached me. One was directly in front of me and the other on the left side. The curb ran close by on the right. All of a sudden Mr. Lukart jumped in front of my horse. The instant he appeared I pulled back. I was not driving fast. Gerecke reached far out with his left hand and jerked back hard on the reins. But it was too late. The man had fallen beneath the heels of the horse and the horse, frightened and young, began to kick. I thought he was dead. The minute that I could I drove over the body and the crowd carried it away."

Davis, who was approaching from the other direction, saw the whole affair from a point of vantage.

"I saw him dart from in front of my horse and against the nose of the other," he declares. "That minute he went down. He fell into a sitting posture. The horse raised his hoofs and in one drive sent the man's head with tremendous force against the buggy wheel. That rap laid him out, senseless and he was unable, as he had done before, to dodge the blows of the animal's feet."

A Public Calamity.

The news of Mr. Lukart's pain and dangerous condition came as a terrific shock to the whole city and has been the principal topic of conversation since. Always a leader in any public enterprise, his misfortune is a public calamity. Only a half hour before he was hurt, a long interview had been issued in The News urging the city to take up a new business proposition that had been presented and it was in the interest of this very movement that he was rushing across Norfolk avenue on Saturday evening.

Many friends from throughout the state have made inquiries as to his condition. He is president of a bank at Tilden and one at Meadow Grove; was at one time a strong candidate for the nomination of state treasurer on the democratic ticket; has been representative in the state legislature from this district and was slated by Bryan for the German ambassadorship in 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lukart of Tilden arrived in the city by a freight train which was headed for Norfolk and their carriage drove to the home just as Mr. Lukart was being brought up in a cab. The three cabs—that bearing the injured man, that bearing the surgeons and that which carried the son, arrived simultaneously at Fourteenth street.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Mr. Lukart passed a perfectly restful night throughout. He dropped to sleep early enough in the evening to give him a long period of sound comfort and this morning he was pronounced to be in a better way to recovery. He is clear in mind today and more rational than at any time since he was injured.

Mr. Lukart suffered a great deal of pain all day yesterday from the numerous severe gashes and cuts about his head. It was the first time that he had really appreciated the fact of his injuries and, being quite conscious, he experienced great agony from many sores. Today that suffering is not quite so burning.

The fracture is near the left ear. It is thought to have resulted from Mr. Lukart's first fall to the ground. Striking upon his head near the right eye, the pressure forced the skull out near the opposite ear. The symptom which assured the surgeons of the fracture of the bleeding from the ear.

The spot where the fracture occurred is not necessarily a dangerous one. All fractured skulls are dangerous, of course, but a recovery from fractures in this particular location are not infrequent, and unless some unforeseen infection sets in it is believed that Mr. Lukart will get along nicely.

FALL FRACTURES SKULL

George Fink Drops Down Elevator Shaft on Head.

MIGHT HAVE WRENCHED NECK

In Getting Off the Cage at the Government Building Yesterday Afternoon Fink Rang Signal Bell to Drop Cage and Then Tumbled After it.

[From Monday's Daily.] George Fink, a German laborer employed by the concrete company who are putting floors in the new government building, had a fall yesterday afternoon which has laid him up in his home, 611 South Seventh street, with a fractured skull and a broken thumb. He was a victim of his own act and has several circumstances to thank for the fact that he has nothing more than a crushed skull.

Fink fell from the second floor of the building to the first, through the cage or elevator shaft. On the way down he struck the platform of the cage, glanced in a somersault to the floor beneath, broke his head upon it and was picked up with his face hanging downward in the shaft toward the basement. But for the cage he would have shot on down and bumped against the floor of the basement below.

The man was taking material from the first floor to the second, on the elevator. Arriving at the level of the second floor he started off the platform, pushing a wheelbarrow ahead of him. Having stepped completely off he intentionally pulled the signal cord, or, not having gotten clearly off he accidentally pulled the string for the lowering of the cage. At all events George Frinrock heard the bell ring, released his ropes and the cage started to drop. It was then that Fink lost his balance, slipped from the wheelbarrow and tumbled backwards down the shaft, following the cage.

George Felt Weight.

While the cage was still midway between the second and first floors, the weight of the falling man struck heavily upon it. The man was toppled off the side and struck below, while the cage was brought to a dead stop. George Frinrock, the engineer outside the building, had felt the extra weight upon his cables and, deciding that something was wrong, drew the lever. Otherwise with Fink's neck hanging over the edge of the shaft, his head would have been wrenched off by the descending platform. The end of his thumb bone is shattered.

Superintendent Williams and Superintendent Fain were both standing near the spot when the human bundle dropped. He was immediately picked up and carried to a surgeon, where his wounds were dressed. Four stitches were taken in his head, an opening being left to get at the fractured portion of the skull.

Fink is married and has a family of three children. His wife is unwell. He was not working for the construction company but for the concrete force, an Omaha firm. They will take care of his doctor bills.

Few Accidents.

Considering the danger which is attached to the building of a structure like the government building, there have been very few accidents and Superintendent Williams has cause to congratulate himself. Two men previously have fallen but neither was seriously hurt, which is quite a remarkable record for so long a time and upon such a big building. It has been largely due to the personal cautioning of Mr. Williams that more accidents have not occurred.

FRIDAY FACTS.

W. R. Locke was up from Stanton yesterday.

C. Miner of Clarks was in the city over night.

H. F. Wilson was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Wayne.

Geo. J. Janewah was a Norfolk visitor from Battle Creek.

Ernest F. Hans was in town yesterday from Battle Creek.

C. E. Burnham was down from Tilden yesterday on business.

Fred Brueggemann of Columbus was an over night guest in Norfolk.

Henry Ruebeck and C. G. Ruebeck of Wayne were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

Father O'Driscoll returned to Blair today, after a few days' visit with Father Walsh.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale is very sick at the home of the family in South Sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reckard of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Sharpless on Norfolk avenue.

Mrs. Semmler, who has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Rupert at Sioux City, arrived in Norfolk today for a visit with friends.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Benning at their home, corner Madison avenue and Eighth street. One of the babies lived but a short time and its funeral was held this afternoon.

G. E. Moore yesterday started his car of household goods for his new home in Oklahoma, and the family will

board with Mrs. Desmond until Tuesday when they expect to leave for their new location.

Mrs. L. M. Gaylord and daughter, Florence, left yesterday for O'Neill, and enroute will visit for a short time with Neigh friends. At O'Neill Mrs. Gaylord expects to enter Florence in the Catholic school.

The Hartford barber shop is closed while the room is undergoing repairs. The plastering and paper are being torn off and the room will be thoroughly repaired and renovated, requiring several days.

C. S. Hayes has had a sounder connected with the Western Union wires, installed in his store so that his regulator may be set to the second each morning on the receipt of the time from Chicago—that is if the regulator happens to have gained or lost.

Mrs. J. D. Haskell of Wakefield, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. W. Mathewson of Woodstock, Conn., have been guests of Col. Cotton and Mr. Darius Mathewson for a few days. Mrs. Haskell returned to her home yesterday. Mrs. Mathewson will remain over Sunday.

Plumbers have been in great demand during the past few days. Pipes of all sorts have frozen solid in many places and in not a few instances the freeze-ups have resulted in bursts and flooded floors. The plumbers, in consequence, have been on the jump ever since the cold wave struck the town. They are smiling with the ice-men and the coal men right now.

There's trouble in store for Norfolk. The young ladies of that progressive little city have taken matters in their own hands and formed a Leap Year club, setting a pace that will give the little Chollie boys of Norfolk dizziness on the brain. Each member of the club is pledged to propose to at least one man during the year and \$15 a week is set aside as the "rushing" limit. And won't it look good to the florists and soda fountains?—Nebraska City Tribune.

A USE FOR THE MASONIC FUND

Superintendent Williams Sees to it That George Fink, Injured, is Taken Care of.

George Fink, who fractured his skull by a fall at the government building Sunday afternoon, has a very sore head today and suffers much pain at his home, 611 South Seventh street. It is thought, however, that he will get along all right and recover. The hole in his skull is at the top of the head. The only effect, his physician says, that will be likely to follow the accident will be a quicker temper as the portion affected will tend to be more quickly touched in anger.

Superintendent Williams this morning went to a grocery store and ordered a large amount of good things sent to the home of the injured workman at 611 South Seventh street. Not being himself familiar with the articles of food which a person keeping house might appreciate, the generous superintendent simply instructed the grocer to send down everything that he could think of which might be of any use, and the delivery wagon shortly after noon drove across the tracks and left bundle upon bundle of choice stuff which will delight the Fink family.

There still remains a portion of the fund which was made up by the Masonic fraternity at the laying of the corner stone of the building, to be employed for the comfort of any injured men in case of accident. What remains of this fund will go toward caring for Mr. Fink and what else is needed Superintendent Williams will personally take care of, although he is in no way responsible as the man was not employed by his company at all.

ACCEPT PLANS FOR THE HOSPITAL

State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Approves of Tyler's Designs for Norfolk Hospital for Insane.

At a meeting of the state board of public lands and buildings held in Lincoln yesterday afternoon, the plans of State Architect Tyler for the rebuilding of the Norfolk hospital for the insane were accepted and approved and the secretary gives it out that he will advertise for bids for the construction of the new hospital in the very near future. The plans provide for an administration building and cottages, and it is planned to have the work of reconstruction commence as soon as possible in the spring. It is not known what can now further delay the action of the state board in securing the bids and letting the contract at once.

Plans were also adopted for the building of a hospital at Milford and a cold storage building at Beatrice.

FIRE STARTS IN BARBER SHOP

Blaze in Row of Frame Buildings Was Narrowly Averted During Sunday Forenoon.

Fire was narrowly averted in the Reed barber shop on Norfolk avenue yesterday morning. A bunch of towels hanging back of a stove began to blaze and a little more time would doubt have sent the frame structure into the skies above. Water happened to be handy and the blaze put out.

The building stands in a line of little wooden frames which would likely be wiped out if a good flame ever got started.

A SEASON OF ACCIDENTS

Many People of Norfolk Have Suffered During Week.

FRACTURES, BRUISES, GASHES

G. A. Lukart is the Most Seriously Hurt; George Fink Has Broken Head; Alvin Lowe Broke Ribs; Banner Crushed by Cars—Others.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The season of serious accidents to men which has taken hold of Norfolk during the past few days, has seldom been equalled and perhaps never excelled in the history of the city. One after another, strong men have been battered and mashed and cut and today a large number of homes throughout the city contain men with more or less serious injuries. That of G. A. Lukart is the worst. Another fractured skull upon George Fink, who fell yesterday in the government building, has laid him up in his home, 611 South Seventh street; William Banner was mashed between two freight cars at the Northwestern yards and has a broken collar bone as a result; George Stalcopp has a badly split scalp as the result of a fall on ice; and Matt Schaffer and Fred Hollingsworth are each carrying a broken arm as results of slipping on ice; and Alvin Low, a prominent stockman, has been in a very serious condition from a runaway accident which threw him out and dragged him. Jamie Larrabee, who fell from his horse and was stunned, is better.

William Banner Has Broken Shoulder Bone From It.

William Banner, a switchman for the Northwestern railroad, is disabled at his home in the "Y" at South Norfolk, as the result of being mashed between two freight cars which were clugged together with him in the middle. He was working the end of a car which was standing stationary upon a sidetrack at the new yards when another car was "kicked in" upon that pair of rails by a switch engine and before Banner could get to the clear he had been caught and pinned fast. When he was lifted out his collar bone was found to be crushed. He will be disabled for a time but is not seriously hurt otherwise. He was attended by the company surgeon.

THROWN FROM BICYCLE.

Oliver Utter Another Victim of the Wave of Accidents.

Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Utter, was another victim of the chapter of accidents in Norfolk, although he suffered perhaps less than others. While riding on his bicycle yesterday the wheel slipped on the icy surface of the street and went out from under him, leaving him down with a rather severe jolt. He was bruised and battered somewhat, but was able to attend school this morning, as usual.

ALVIN LOW RECOVERING.

Man Who Was so Seriously Injured in a Runaway Accident.

Alvin Low, who was so seriously injured in a bad runaway accident several days ago, is recovering gradually. He is now able to lie down nicely. Mr. Low was thrown out and dragged considerable distance by his frightened horse. He still clung to the lines. Three ribs were broken and torn away from his collar bone. His lungs were very sore and for a time he was unable to lie down at all.

BROKEN ARMS KNITTING.

Men Who Slipped on the Ice are Getting About Again.

Mat Shaffer is around again with his left arm in a sling as a result of slipping upon the ice and falling. In catching himself, Mr. Shaffer cracked the bone in his wrist. Fred Hollingsworth, who suffered from a very similar accident, is now able to be out again, though his broken arm gave him much pain.

JAMIE LARABEE BETTER.

Boy Who Was Thrown and Stunned by the Roadside.

Jamie Larabee, the lad who was thrown from his pony and lay stunned in the road with the temperature at 15 below zero, is now getting along nicely and has quite recovered from the effects of his fall and the frosty spell of unconsciousness.

R. A. STEWART HURT.

He Has a Broken Wrist From Getting Off Cars.

It is reported from Omaha that R. A. Stewart has a broken wrist as a result of being run into by a street car. It is said that in going behind one car and across the track Mr. Stewart was struck by a car which he had not noticed.

GEORGE STALCOP HURT.

Slices a Gash in the Top of His Head on Chunk of Ice.

George Stalcopp is asking his friends today how they would like to be the iceman any way. He has an ugly gash in the top of his head because he happens to be one. While working upon the ice Saturday evening,

superintending a crowd of workmen, he was suddenly struck with a chunk of crystallized aqua which came shooting from behind him. The force took him from his feet and dropped him over backwards. As his head went down it struck the sharp corner of another block of ice and sawed a gash into his scalp. If the block had been the least bit nearer to him his head would have struck it dead instead of taking a carom and merely slicing a gash.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

A. B. Gatlin of Scribner was in the city.

Allen T. Goldet was up from Scribner.

J. Denner was a city visitor from Creighton.

A. H. Baskhams was down from Atkinson yesterday.

Miss Ida Hetrick of Madison visited in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. M. P. Ahern of Wayne visited in Norfolk yesterday.

Allen Walker of Weeping Water had business in Norfolk.

C. M. Carpenter was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from York.

Thomas Chivers of Pierce was a business visitor in Norfolk.

J. A. Allison of Newman Grove had business in Norfolk yesterday.

W. L. Bickley was a Norfolk visitor from the county seat yesterday.

Louis Schenzel returned last night from Fremont, where he transacted business.

W. H. Johnson has gone to New York to purchase the spring stock for the Johnson Dry Goods company.

The Wednesday club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. McClary.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Richard Wachter and Miss Lizzie Nimmer.

E. J. Schorregge is confined to his bed by an attack of sickness, which took him since returning from Wakefield, where he visited his mother.

Henry Heubens of Omaha, vice president of the Storz Brewing company, is in the city to investigate for himself the condition of his old-time friend, G. A. Lukart.

E. M. Zeische of this city and his brother, Richard Zeische of Pierce, left this morning for a visit with their mother at Giddings, Texas, expecting to be absent about three weeks. Enroute they will visit with friends in Arkansas.

The cold wave which swept down from the northwest, came after a warm day with a low barometer. At 10 o'clock in the evening there was suddenly a swirl of air as the heavy wind swept into the southeast and from then on the temperature speedily fell. Norfolk avenue was this morning lined with overturned boxes which had stood along the front of the sidewalks at various business houses and had been toppled down by the blowing blasts. The wave is not a permanent affair, it is thought, and warmer weather has been promised.

OMAHA GRAIN EXCHANGE OPENS

New Omaha Market Venture Inaugurated This Morning Despite the Further Reduction in Rates.

Omaha, Feb. 1.—The new grain exchange opened this morning as had been planned by the members of the organization, and despite the announcement of another cut in the grain rate to the east by the Northwestern. The members of the commercial club are fully determined to test Omaha's adaptability for a grain market and will maintain the exchange if that is possible.

Estimate of Expenses.

Following is the estimate of expenses made by the county commissioners of Madison county, Nebraska, for the year 1904:

County institute	\$ 125 00
County road	10000 00
County printing	1500 00
County attorney's salary	1000 00
Care of paupers	3000 00
Fuel, postage and expense	1500 00
Books, stationery and supplies	2000 00
Election expenses	3000 00
Salaries for county assessors or deputies	3500 00
Soldiers' relief fund	2000 00
Poor farm expenses	1500 00
County superintendent, salary	1400 00
County bridge fund	20000 00
County clerk's salary as clerk of board	500 00
County commissioners' salary	2500 00
Bounty on wild animals	1000 00
Jailor fees	1500 00
Janitor's salary and county officers' assistants	3000 00
District court jurors	8500 00
Insane fund	1500 00
Ripraping on streams	2000 00
Aid to Agriculture society	700 00
Furniture and repairs on court house, insurance on jail and court buildings	1500 00
Road indebtedness	5000 00
Interest on court house bonds between Madison and Union precincts	600 00
Sinking fund for same	400 00
Battle Creek village jail bonds and interest	150 00
Dated Madison, Neb., January 13, 1904.	

Emil Winter, County Clerk.