

BOB LUCAS' HOME DAMAGED

Gas Explosion Twisted Fine House at Foster.

IT HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED

The Handsome New Dwelling in Pierce County Has its Walls Sprung, the Foundation Knocked Down and the Windows Broken.

Foster, Neb., Feb. 8.—Special to The News: The magnificent new residence of Robert Lucas, which had just been completed east of Foster, was badly damaged last night by an explosion of gas and a fire which followed.

The new house was one of the finest ever erected in Pierce county, having been built at a cost of about \$10,000. Work has been going on for many months and the workmen had just finished the interior portion a few days ago.

WINSIDE WON.

Beat the Norfolk Team at Bowling Game.

[From Monday's Daily.] The second bowling team of this city went to Winside for a match. The Norfolk bowlers say that they were greatly handicapped by a short alley and only a 10-foot runway, making good scores impossible.

Table with bowling scores for Halverstein, Roberts, Lovelace, Darling, Wilkinson, Total, Winside, M. Boyle, George Wright, L. Boock, H. Siman, Chas. Shaw.

IMPLEMENT DEALERS FINISH UP

Retail Dealers of Northeast Nebraska Disband Their Organization for County Associations.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] The last meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Implement Dealers association will ever hold, convened at the Oxnard hotel in this city last night.

The objects of the organization of implement dealers is to harmonize the feeling between competitors, bring manufacturer, jobber and retailer into closer touch with each other, and so equalize prices that each one may make a fair profit from the business.

It is to eliminate this sort of competition that the dealers get together. Instead of the state association, and the branch associations in various parts of the state, the dealers are now organizing into county associations with a county chairman at the head.

MONDAY MENTION.

S. J. Main was a visitor in Norfolk from Butte.

M. M. Johnson of Lynch was in the city Sunday.

D. C. Best of Battle Creek was in the city this morning.

John Nellore is in the city from Beemer on business.

W. R. Hoffman has gone to Chicago for spring marketing.

F. A. Beeler has gone to New York for the buying of spring goods.

F. Nelson and George F. Bayha of Niobrara are visitors in Norfolk today.

Mrs. Clark and son John were in the city yesterday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Pilger.

The ice men have about all they will need cribbed, but the weather has been industriously adding some inches to the supply and much will be going

to waste when spring opens that the people will wish they had, later in the season.

Miss Mary Horiskey returned Saturday noon from O'Neill, where she had been visiting relatives and friends.

The Ladies Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. McMillan Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Hattie Chapman, who is attending the Wayne normal school, was in the city over Sunday, a guest at the home of Mrs. Pilger.

Dr. A. Bear was suddenly called to Tilden by the sudden illness of Mr. Winder, father of A. H. Winder of this city, who is suffering from a stroke of apoplexy.

William Krotter, owner of the William Krotter lumber yards throughout north Nebraska and of the telephone lines in connection, was registered in the city this morning from Stuart.

The company that is to present the comic opera, "Dorothy," is in the city and will entertain the people at the Auditorium tonight. Inasmuch as Norfolk has not been visited by a large number of opera companies this season, it is possible that there will be a very good attendance at the entertainment tonight.

Friends of B. F. Carter, who has a position in the Brunson livery barn, and Mrs. Lois Hamilton, also of this city, have just learned that they stole a march on them and were quietly married at Pierce on January 18 by the county judge. They are now at home in one of the cottages in South Third street, and have many friends here who will hasten to extend congratulations for some time overdue.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

F. P. Bigat was down from Neligh. Eugene Moore was up from Lincoln. G. B. Gatlin was in the city from Scribner.

W. F. Reetz is a Norfolk visitor from Scribner.

Will McDonald and L. R. Pritchard were down from Meadow Grove.

John Bedel was down from Foster on the early train this morning.

Herman Peters, Wm. Ulrich and Dr. L. R. Pheasant were among those who were down from Pierce yesterday.

W. S. Harlow, W. H. Stocker and J. W. Bush were among those down from Tilden to attend the Luikart funeral.

Sheriff Clements and Deputy County Clerk J. L. Daniels were with the Madison delegation to Norfolk yesterday.

Ex-Senator William V. Allen and Mrs. Allen were in the city from Madison to attend the funeral of G. A. Luikart.

R. G. Appleby, H. D. Miller, F. Loomer, Adam Pilger and James Gratton were up from Stanton to attend the Luikart funeral.

R. L. Metcalfe, editor of the Omaha World-Herald, was in Norfolk yesterday to attend the funeral of his former friend, G. A. Luikart.

Dr. Montgomery telephones from Madison that he is quite a ways from being a dead man, that in fact he had not even thought of becoming sick. The report yesterday was that the doctor was down with typhoid fever. This he called up last evening to deny and the correction is cheerfully made.

Estimate of Expenses.

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

Table with county expenses: County institute, County road, County printing, County attorney's salary, Care of paupers, Fuel, postage and expense, Books, stationery and supplies, Election expenses, Salaries for county assessors and deputies, Soldiers' relief fund, Poor farm expenses, County superintendent, County bridge fund, County clerk's salary as clerk of board, County commissioners' salary, Bounty on wild animals, Jailor fees, Janitor's salary and county officers' assistants, District court jurors, Insane fund, Ripping on streams, Aid to Agriculture society, Furniture and repairs on court house, insurance on jail and court buildings, Road indebtedness, Interest on court house bonds between Madison and Union precincts, Sinking fund for same, Battle Creek village jail bonds and interest, Dated Madison, Neb., January 13, 1904.

Emil Winter, County Clerk.

GRAIN RATES ARE ADJUSTED

Agreement is Reached Between Railroads Running East From Omaha.

Omaha, Feb. 10.—Special to The News: After a fierce battle between the railroads over grain rates eastward bound, it is announced this afternoon that an agreement has been reached whereby a steady rate will be maintained.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Contract for Norfolk Hospital to be Let Soon.

WILL CLOSE ON THE TWENTIETH

Secretary Marsh Has Finally Asked the Contractors to Make Their Bids and it Will Cause Them to Hustle to Complete Them in Time.

Geo. W. Marsh, secretary of the state board of public lands and buildings has advertised for bids for the reconstruction of the Norfolk hospital for the insane, the appropriation for which was made at the last session of the legislature, when \$100,000 was set aside for the work.

Bids are asked for the erection and completion of an administration building and three cottages to be erected on the site northeast of this city, according to plans and specifications now on file at the office of the land commissioner. Bunched in with the advertisement are asked bids for the erection of a hospital at the soldiers' home at Milford and a cold storage building for the institute for feeble minded at Beatrice.

It is announced that proposals will be received in whole for erection of buildings and including heating, plumbing and wiring, or separate on heating, plumbing and wiring. Proposals must comply with requirements of specifications regarding certified check, said check to be made payable to the State of Nebraska as a guarantee of the good faith of the bidder, and the board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A Norfolk contractor who has desired an opportunity to figure on these contracts says that the time given is entirely too short in which to prepare estimates and figures, but proposes to go to Lincoln at once and work to prepare his figures. The contract is to be let at noon a week from Saturday, and the extent of the contract will require close figuring and a thorough knowledge of the price of materials, so that the contractor who wishes to bid will be compelled to work day and night to prepare his figures so that he may have the items in hand and be able to give intelligent estimates and be certain of a reasonable profit for his work.

It looks hopeful, however, for those interested in the reconstruction of the hospital, and who have been waiting ever since the appropriation was made available early last summer for work to begin. If a contract is let on the 20th and the contractor is of the hustling kind, he will probably have materials on hand very early for the beginning of work as soon as the ground thaws out in the spring.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Fred Wiggers of Wisner was in the city.

C. E. Burnham returned home last evening.

J. S. Hancock was in Norfolk from Stanton.

C. F. Wild of West Point was in the city today.

W. Schepkey of Sturgis, S. D., was in the city.

A. J. West was in the city from Neligh over night.

E. D. Killoun of Neligh was in Norfolk this morning.

R. C. Caulk of Allen, Neb., was in the city last night.

Charles Spangher of Wisner was in Norfolk on business.

J. H. Sexton, editor of the Naper News, is in the city.

J. B. Southwell of Geneva, Neb., was in Norfolk on business.

Mrs. May Doane was a Norfolk visitor from Fullerton, Neb.

Judge William Bates was in Norfolk from Madison over night.

Fred M. Loomis of Council Bluffs was in Norfolk to meet the implement dealers.

Frank Gross and Emil Gross of Beemer were in the city last night on business.

Fred Feyerherm of Stanton was in the city to meet with other implement dealers last night.

Thomas Johnson, W. P. Alexander, F. F. Bucklen and W. B. Rogers of Emerson were in the city today.

Charles Shultz of Wakefield is visiting at the home of Dr. Bertha Ahlman.

Mrs. W. C. Ahlman and Chas. Shultz went to Pierce today to visit with an aunt who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kauffman, living near the sugar factory, welcomed a boy to their home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Grierke welcomed to their home five miles west of the city a daughter Wednesday morning.

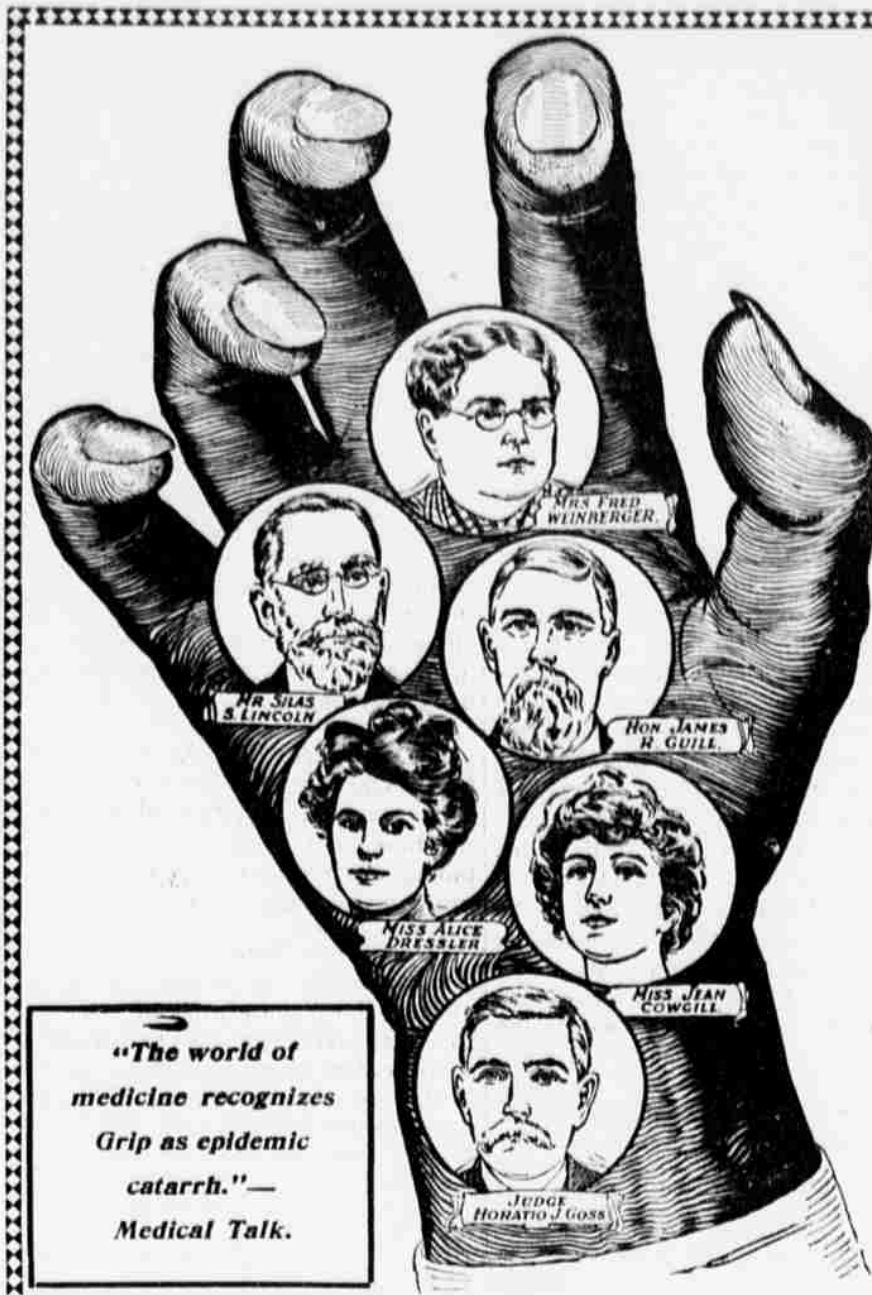
J. F. Kent, J. Suhueth and William Mathieson of West Point were in the city over night to attend the implement dealers' convention.

President Frank McGovern of the Commercial National bank at Fremont, and a director of the Citizens National bank of Norfolk, was here to attend the Luikart funeral and meet with the other directors.

There will be a social session of the Ladies guild at the home of Mrs. Hoagland on Friday afternoon at 2:30.

The Elks have decided to give their euchre party on Friday evening. It

CAUGHT BY THE GRIP. RELEASED BY PE-RU-NA.



LA GRIPPE is epidemic catarrh. It spares no class or nationality. The cultured and the ignorant, the aristocrat and the pauper, the masses and the classes are alike subject to la grippe. None are exempt—all are liable.

After Effects of La Grippe Eradicated by Pe-ru-na.

Mrs. Fred Weinberger, Westerlo, Albany County, N. Y., writes: "Several years ago I had an attack of la grippe which left my nerves in a prostrated condition. Then I had another attack of la grippe which left me worse. I had tried three good physicians but all in vain. I gave Peruna a trial. In a short time I was feeling better and now I am as well as anyone."—Mrs. Fred Weinberger.

Hon. James R. Gull of Omaha. Hon. James R. Gull is one of the oldest and most esteemed men of Omaha, Neb. He has done much to make it

was originally planned to give a musical and literary program but the card party has been substituted. A fictitious report which was started on the streets of Norfolk, declared that Mark Hanna was dead. Press dispatches did not confirm it and later showed that there was nothing in it. Just how the rumor started is not known.

The Lady Maccabees gave a most enjoyable New England dinner last evening at the home of Mrs. David Kuhn, and there was a good attendance of members of the order and their friends. After the dinner the evening was spent at flinch and in an agreeable social manner.

Columbus Telegram: Conductor Fox and the boys who run the Norfolk passenger are pretty proud these days. The first of the week they received two new passenger coaches fresh from the shops at Omaha. The late arrivals present a fine appearance in the yards, as well as on the road.

Lincoln, Feb. 10.—Governor J. H. Mickey will have a red hot fight on his hands for renomination. J. B. Dinsmore, one of his closest competitors two years ago, last night announced that he would enter the race. J. P. A. Black of Bloomington and W. M. Robertson of Norfolk are expected to follow suit.

One of the followers of Dinsmore declared that republicans in south and southwest Nebraska had informed him that "Mickey wasn't their man" and in answer to their appeals Mr. Dinsmore had entered the race.

Governor Mickey believes he is popular with the people and no one or nobody can defeat him. His political advisers have given him subtle flattery.

"I have decided to enter the race," said Mr. Dinsmore, "and I authorized my friends to make the announcement."

SUN GETS UP EARLIER. And the Meadow Larks Do Not Sing on the Hill. The days—if any one day can really be longer than another day—are getting longer, and the nights—if nights can grow shorter—are growing shorter. The sun sticks its head up over the eastern horizon earlier in the morning and nods behind the western skies later in the evening than it did a month ago.

The windows on the west are getting filled with the golden rays of light and warmth where they used to grow dark during the afternoon, and you don't need to turn on the lights as early as you did a month or six weeks since. It is getting so that you can eat your breakfast without a lamplight overhead—if you eat your breakfast late enough, and you can almost do the same thing with your supper, if you begin in time. It is getting to a point where you can recognize the man you pass on your way downtown to work—that is, if you ever saw him before, and when you quit at night it is still light enough, if you take a notion, to

cast your eyes in any direction and see the spots upon the hill side where the lowing herds of cattle aren't munching fragrant hay; and distinguish, in the far away air, the fence posts upon which, their yellow breasts puffed out with the music that in them is and the melody of their resonant songs bursting forth upon the dewey atmosphere, trickling through the haylands and dying against the distant hillsides, the ever absent meadow larks, garbed in their cloaks of springtime, do not perch.

And with the lengthening days and abbreviated bits of nocturnal darkness, comes, naturally, more of heat and an all around suggestion of the good old summer time. For as the days grow long there is more light on earth. That isn't true, of course, for whenever a day lengthens out in this section of the globe another shortens up in the southern hemisphere, but we're pretty apt to think, after all, that when the days get big with us the whole world is filled with greater light. But there is more heat in this particular zone, at least, for light is nothing more than heat at best and the marks upon the sides of the dining room walls will testify to the fact that the sunlight is an hour or so earlier of late and gets up in time these mornings to start work on the union scale, where it always used to be behind before.

And with the warming air at night, the moonlight, though 'tis hard to believe, seems softer than it was last week and the week before when there wasn't any moonlight at all. And as its silvery rays gleam upon the river's surface, the canoeist notes it with ambitious eye, and watches the paddles, one by one, as they don't dip down into the sparkling current. The trouble with the canoeist and the trouble with the man who looked at the hills where no lowing herds were lowing, is merely a pipe-dream, the natural ailment when the days begin to grow long and the nights to shorten up.

MRS. NIEDERMEYER DIES. Wisner Woman Who Had Been Ill for Some Time. Wisner, Neb., Feb. 8.—Special to The News: Mrs. Niedermeier of this place, who has been ill for a long time with Bright's disease and dropsy, but who was not considered dangerously sick until Friday, died at about 9 o'clock this morning. Her son and daughter, who were sent for in Texas, arrived yesterday. Mrs. Niedermeier was about sixty years old and leaves five daughters and two sons. Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough caused by an attack of la grippe. It heals the lungs. Kiesau Drug Co.