

NEWS LIBEL SUIT ENDS

Judge Boyd Orders Verdict for Defendant Huse.

DIDN'T TAKE MANY MINUTES

T. J. Sheibley of Ponca Again Loses a Damage Case.

FRANK TANNER FOUND GUILTY

Norfolk Youth Will Get a Sentence and a Little Baby Boy at South Plays Merrily and Unconsciously the Live Long Day—Conley Wins.

Madison, Neb., March 30.—From a Staff Correspondent: The libel case against W. N. Huse is ended. Judge Boyd directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant, at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Madison, Neb., March 30.—From a Staff Correspondent: The jury for the case of Tom Sheibley against W. N. Huse, publisher of The Norfolk Daily News on the charge of libel, was empanelled this morning. The trial will probably take all of today and pretty well through Thursday. The action demands \$6,000 on account of the publication of a statement regarding the Ponca man during the last congressional campaign in which McCarthy was elected.

The jury is: C. M. Boyle, John De Long, John Douglas, August Litke, Thomas Lestina, Dennis McNeil, Fred Pike, L. L. Rembe, A. P. Reaves, Theodore Weeks, John Wakely, George Williams.

Frank Tanner Guilty.

In the case of Della Clark against Frank Tanner, for the crime of bastardy, the young man was found guilty after the jury had been out all night long on the case. The testimony went to the jurors last evening and the twelve men took all of the hours till morning for its consideration. This is a Norfolk case which came up last summer. A little baby boy at the Clark home in South Norfolk, who laughs and plays merrily, doesn't know of the crime that is bound to follow him through his life-time journey.

Verdict for Conley.

The jury in the case of J. H. Conley against W. J. McNamee, arising over a commission in a land transaction, found a verdict for Conley and he will be allowed the commission. In this case Conley found a buyer for the land after the date written in the contract had run out. It was alleged that by verbal agreement the time limit was allowed to extend and that when Conley had secured the buyer and earned his commission, the owner had changed his mind and decided not to sell.

LUTERAN TEACHERS CONFERRING

A Good Attendance at the Conference Being Held in Norfolk.

The Evangelical Lutheran teachers' conference of north Nebraska met in regular session at the Christ Lutheran church. Those present were J. Bernthal, chairman, of Arlington; H. Damaske, secretary, of Fremont; Herman Grosse, Scribner; Herman Foelber, Snyder; P. P. Senske, Omaha; H. F. Lewerenz, of Stanton; W. H. Seltz, Hooper; Ed. Karnatz, Columbus; C. Kollmorgen, Bancroft; M. Doering, Battle Creek; C. B. Niewedde, Omaha; Fr. Meinke, Oldenbush; J. Troester, Pierce; G. Hofins, Omaha; H. Nimmer, Aug. Steffen, M. B. Singer, Norfolk.

The proceedings of the last regular session were read and approved. H. Damaske, secretary of the conference, tendered his resignation and Fr. Meinke was elected. Time to be devoted to the discussion of the various topics before the conference was set at 9, 11:30 a. m. and 2 and 4 p. m. After this followed a general discussion upon a more uniform use of orthography in the German text books. The next paper before the conference read by C. B. Niewedde and presently under discussion is: "The Mistakes in Modern Education and How Can the Same be Remedied?"

PROSPEROUS BUILDING SEASON

Contracting Firm is Engaged for Work Far Ahead for the Year.

"Not in many years has the spring opened up with a prospect as favorable for building and in fact as many contracts ahead as this year," said a member of a prominent firm of contractors. "Our work is now laid out for weeks ahead, and I see no reason to believe anything else than that this will be an unusually busy year in the building trades, and that there will be work during the entire spring, summer and fall. Certain it is that if the building business continues as it has opened, Norfolk will put forth an unusual growth, and the town will expand enormously the coming year. The weather and the impossibility of securing brick has kept back some of the work, and still our firm has been busy for a number of weeks, and with an abundance of brick and good weather it is expected that the work will fairly jump."



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MURDER AT HUMPHREY

Body of Unknown Young Man Found on Farm.

BULLET THROUGH LEFT TEMPLE

No Motive or Clew Has Been Found For Crime.

HE HAS SOME CASH IN POCKETS

On the Graham Farm, Four Miles Northeast of Humphrey, the Body Was Discovered in an Empty Building

Humphrey, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: An unknown man was found murdered in an unused building at the Graham farm, four miles and a half northeast of this town, today. He was murdered after 5:30 o'clock last night, when workmen were last in the building. He is about twenty-two years old, weighs 150 pounds, is five feet, six and a half inches tall and had a card in one pocket which bore the name, "William O'Brien."

This is not thought to be his name, however, as he carried a number of cards written in fancy penmanship. He was shot through the left temple with a revolver, 32-calibre.

The young man was well dressed, wearing a new cap and a new pair of shoes. In his trouser pocket was \$7.35 in money.

The coroner's jury, which was held this morning under direction of Coroner Metz, decided that he had come to his death from an unknown cause. He was smooth shaven and had dark hair.

Nothing is known of the murdered man except that he was seen six weeks ago at the farm of August Frank, who gave the stranger a good breakfast at the time.

Sheriff Cairig was notified this afternoon at Humphrey and is expected as soon as he can reach here, to investigate the matter. Every effort will be made to apprehend the murderer. The work is made the more difficult because of the absolute lack of a known motive or of any associates of the young fellow.

The scene of the crime is on the farm of G. F. Graham. Upon this tract of 160 acres stand several empty buildings and it was in one of these that he was found. Workmen were around the place after dusk last night and noticed nothing wrong. This morning the body was discovered. There is no revolver anywhere in sight, so that it is a murder without possible doubt.

TO FOLLOW OAKDALE'S EXAMPLE

Norfolk Citizen Thinks it Would be Wise to Get Busy.

"We need a hundred things in Norfolk to help us along," said a citizen of the town today who has been interested in the development of the bigger, busier city which the location must one day mean. "And among those things is a mammoth brick and

tile plant, where all kinds of bricks and building blocks would be manufactured. I was impressed with the fact that the little town of Oakdale, west of this city, has shown enterprise in advertising for a brick maker. And the result was that four men, seeking locations, went to Oakdale to look over the field.

"Norfolk could advertise in the very same way. We could advertise and with good results no doubt. Mr. Gerecke has said that he is anxious for the development in Norfolk of such a plant. We would be willing to go into a company or sell out or do anything to boost the thing along. He has explained to those interested very often, that he is unable to supply even the local demand for bricks, let alone the outside patronage. It is this outside field that counts. It would bring trade into Norfolk, money into the city for the output and those who came to buy bricks would naturally make purchases here in hardware which they were unable to procure at home. It is a practicable measure and we need it."

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Men Who Will Look After Republican Politics in Madison County.

The following named were selected as members of the republican county central committee:

Norfolk, First ward—W. H. Widaman.
Norfolk, Second ward—S. R. McFarland.
Norfolk, Third ward—Jack Koenigstein.
Norfolk, Fourth ward—J. L. Herzhiser.
Norfolk precinct—S. N. Park.
Battle Creek—Edward Tanner.
Union—Claus Young.
Warnerville—B. P. McGinnis.
Jefferson—C. A. Smith.
Grove—C. J. Hixon.
Emerick—S. H. Grant.
Madison city—P. P. Prince.
Madison precinct—Ralph McGehee.
Kalamazoo—Mat Klussen.
Shell Creek—C. A. Randall.
Deer Creek—John Crook.
Green Garden—Jake Gableman.
Schoolcraft—S. M. Dowling.
Fairview—H. C. Haskins.
Valley—A. B. Richardson.
Highland—Henry Massman.
Meadow Grove—M. W. Carmody.
S. R. McFarland was elected chairman of the committee and Jack Koenigstein secretary.

MRS. S. W. HAYES IS VERY LOW

Though She is Still Alive, She Has Noticeably Weakened.

Mrs. S. W. Hayes has shown no signs of improvement during the day and is very, very weak at the home on West Norfolk avenue. Her son, Warren Hayes, arrives today. The many friends in Norfolk who have known Mrs. Hayes for so many years—ever since the town was a town at all, in fact—will be grieved to learn of her serious condition. Col. and Mrs. Hayes are among the few people in Norfolk who have celebrated a happy golden wedding and their fiftieth anniversary was a great event away back in the nineties. No one in Norfolk has warmer friends and none is there who finds more sympathy in illness.

HARRISON OUT OF RACE

Grand Island Man Follows Robertson Lead.

GIVES MICKEY FIELD ALONE

After Having Determined That He Can Not be Nominated the Republican of Grand Island Announces His Withdrawal From the Race.

Lincoln, March 26.—W. H. Harrison, the sole remaining opponent of Governor Mickey for the republican nomination, has withdrawn. He says he had received great encouragement, but that after the Robertson withdrawal he found conditions such that it would be impossible for him successfully to compete with the influences that are back of the Mickey campaign. Those who have been fighting Mickey hardest now declare they will carry the fight into the election.

COUNTY HEALTH BOARD FORMED

Fees of Physicians and for Disinfection is Fixed, by Board.

Madison, March 24.—The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion approved.

On motion the following appointments were made:

J. L. Derrick, road overseer district No. 11.
Wm. Rockafellow, road overseer district No. 12.
Geo. W. Seckel, sr., road overseer district No. 14.
R. W. Linn, road overseer district No. 17.
Jacob Knaap, road overseer district No. 25.
Chas. Rolenske, road overseer district No. 31.
On motion the following bonds were approved:
John F. Wade, road overseer district No. 8.
Wm. Rockafellow, road overseer district No. 12.
Geo. Seckel, sr., road overseer district No. 14.
Geo. W. Ray, constable for Union precinct.
Chas. Lethby, constable for Shell Creek precinct.
Newman Grove State bank depository bond.

On motion the assessment of Fred Heckman was reduced \$100.00 for the reason that he had been assessed with property not in his possession.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

W. M. Palmer, bridge work	\$ 10 50
Antelope county, one-half expense on county line bridge	20 16
Hinman and South, hardware	9 35
Gust Kaul, salary for February	40 00
Thompson and Stanton, merchandise for paupers	6 95
John Rynearson, assisting county treasurer	50 00
Wm. Rockafellow, road work commissioner district No. 3	9 00
Peter Knott, printing	22 20
Battle Creek Enterprise, printing	34 25
J. A. Sutherland, livery	3 00

Ress Printing Co., letter copying book	2 35
C. Autsh, one wolf scalp	2 00
M. J. Moyer, attorney in LaFarge insanity case	3 00
F. H. Daves, premium on insurance policy	40 00
Geo. E. Richardson, premium on insurance policy	50 00
R. L. Lovelace, bridge work, road work district No. 1	6 40
R. L. Lovelace, bridge work, road work district No. 8	21 00
O. H. Gillispie, merchandise paupers	10 01
J. J. Clements, sheriff	163 29

James Nichols, attorney for commissioner of insanity board, \$27.00, applied on tax as follows: \$10.70 on 1893 tax, \$7.80 on 1894 tax, and the balance on the 1895 tax.

On motion the bill of Frank Jarner, state vs. Collins, \$21.29, was not allowed for the reason that the money had been paid by Glassapp.

Mrs. D. V. Richer and W. H. Johnson having paid taxes under protest and as they did not appear before the board, the treasurer was ordered to apply the money on tax and issue receipt.

On motion board adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

Board met at 1 p. m. On motion the board of health was organized as follows: The board of health shall consist of the following members: Dr. A. Bear, S. J. Finnegan, Geo. D. Smith and Christ Schmitt. The fee was fixed at \$5.00 for disinfecting and furnishing the material and 5 cents per mile in addition to the \$5.00. When a physician is ordered to investigate a supposed case of contagious disease his fee shall be 50 cents per mile one way and 50 cents a visit.

Board adjourned to April 28, 1904.
Emil Winter,
County Clerk.

TRAIN CREW FOUGHT THE FIRE

Orders From Norfolk Brought Train No. 5 to Newport.

The Newport fire threatened the property of the Northwestern railroad and in accordance with instructions issued from the Norfolk headquarters, train crew No. 5 was ordered back to the scene of conflagration. At Long Pine and at Bassett a large number of men were picked up who helped throw a fire line around the town. The wind shifted to the southeast and drove the flames away so that the town was not damaged.

NORFOLK SUBMERGED BY CLOUD

At Noon the City Was Suddenly Darkened from West.

Shortly before 1 o'clock, with a terrific gale blowing from the south, Norfolk was suddenly submerged in darkness by an immense cloud which spread over the city from the west. The cloud seemed to contain smoke from the western prairie fires that have been raging and was of a threatening nature to frighten many people into their cyclone cellars. The wind at the same time suddenly switched to the northwest and came back from that direction, returning all of the dust that had been sent into that section during the past several days.

NELIGH DAM GOES OUT

Three-Fourths of the Structure Carried Away.

THE LOSS IS \$3,000 OR \$4,000

Mill People Suffer a Repetition of Their Last Season's Troubles. Work of Rebuilding is Under Way. Water Was Not High.

Neligh, Neb., March 28.—Special to The News: Neligh this morning "has a mill by a dam site but no dam by a dam sight," and the expensive and thorough work done last summer to build a permanent dam has gone for naught, still the mill people are not discouraged and they now have a large force of men at work to replace the structure that provides the water power.

There was no high water, and the tearing out of the dam is due merely to natural causes. The water that is backed up above the dam secured a seepage through in some manner and before it could be stopped the damage had been accomplished.

It is supposed that a small crack in the concrete or a muskrat hole underneath gave the originating cause for the trouble, and when it was first noticed the water was pouring through a breach about as large as the head of a barrel, but all that could be done was unavailing in preventing the loss of the property. J. W. Spirk, the manager quickly secured a force of 200 men and with bags of sand attempted to keep the dam from going out, but the force of the water behind the breach was too powerful and three-fourths of the structure was washed away.

The loss to S. F. Gilman, the owner is estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000. The dam had just been completed last fall at a large cost, being built largely of concrete, and it was supposed would afford a permanent water power. The old dam went out with the high water of last spring, and the greater portion of the summer was consumed in rebuilding.

Mr. Spirk has gone promptly to work to repair the damage and a large force of men is now engaged in the preliminaries to rebuilding stronger and more permanently than ever before.

The people of Neligh sympathize with the owner and the manager of the property and admire the spirit that prompts them to quickly undertake the repairing of the loss.

The mill furnishes the town with electric lighting and the city may be dark for a night or two until temporary power can be provided while the dam is being built.

Building Kay Brothers' Stables.

Neligh, Neb., March 28.—Special to The News: The work of building an addition to the stables at the park for the accommodation of Kay brothers and their string of fast horses, has commenced.

Thirteen new stalls are to be added and the capacity of the stables will then be thirty-six stalls.

Why don't they put rubber heels on boys' shoes?