

ASYLUM SHOULD BE DONE

THE NEBRASKA STATE HOSPITAL IS LONG OVERDUE.

NO ADDED TIME IS GRANTED

State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Has Decided That the Contractors Must Pay Forfeit of \$25 Per Day Since October.

The board of public lands and buildings declined yesterday to grant further time to the Capital City Brick and Pipe company of Des Moines to complete the asylum buildings at Norfolk, says the Lincoln Journal. The contractor agreed to build three cottages and an administration building at Norfolk, to take the place of one large building destroyed by fire. The structures were to have been completed October 1, but are not yet finished. The contractor asked the board to extend the time of completion until February 1. As the contract provides that a penalty of \$25 a day shall be imposed for every day after the first of October, the board did not feel justified in granting an extension, as such action might change the obligation of the parties to the contract. It is understood that it will be impossible to have the buildings ready for occupancy before the middle of January or some time in February. The state will be under no responsibility until the buildings are completed and accepted. Then will come a settlement and an adjustment of the difficulty. It is reported that the contractor will plead too much rain and a strike of workmen and will endeavor to class these as unusual or unforeseen circumstances over which he had no control. The contract price of the work was a little over \$96,000. At the time the contract was let it was predicted that the job was taken at a close margin to say the least. The state architect has watched the work closely and it is said the contractor will make no very large profit on the job.

Men in Norfolk connected with the contracting company state that whenever any change is made in a contract, the contract is annulled. They claim that changes have been made in this contract, and that, therefore, they need not pay the forfeit.

MONDAY MENTION.

- S. E. Overton was in Norfolk from Bloomfield Saturday.
Wm. Wittler was in the city from Wisner over Sunday.
Wm. Wittler of Winside was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.
T. F. McCarthy of Battle Creek was in Norfolk Saturday.
G. E. French was a Norfolk visitor Saturday from Winside.
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Keon of Stanton spent Sunday in Norfolk.
C. W. Hoarland was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk from Pierce.
S. O. Campbell and F. Moore were in the city from Creighton.
Mrs. Lichtenberg was in the city from Hadar to spend Sunday.
Fred Regge of Newman Grove was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.
H. A. Pofje was a Norfolk visitor Saturday from Newman Grove.
Miss Katie Beck was over from Osmond Saturday doing some shopping.
Al. Holtberg of Oakland was in the city this morning enroute to Creighton.
Editor Wm. Warneke of the Scribner News spent Sunday with his mother in Norfolk.
F. H. Courtney and W. W. DeGroat of Lynch transacted business in Norfolk Saturday.
F. L. Putney of Tilden was in the city on his way to Madison to attend the session of district court.
Mrs. L. B. Musselman left today for David City where she will spend the holidays with her children. Mr. Musselman is to join her later at the home of the children.
John King of Foster visited in Norfolk.
Oliver Stickley was in the city from Boone.
M. Gardner was down from Pierce Sunday.
Carl Husman of Leigh visited in Norfolk.
J. L. Lewis was over from Wayne Saturday.
W. S. Morgan was in Norfolk from Atkinson.
Geo. A. Rosburg was a city visitor from Osmond.
H. M. Anderson of Tilden was in town Saturday.
Reuben E. Nichols was over from Madison Saturday.
M. H. Hannion of O'Neill had business in the city.
A. J. Ranney was over from Waverly Sunday.
T. V. Addington of Verdel was a visitor in Norfolk.
Geo. F. Boyd of Oakdale transacted business in Norfolk.
The Ladies Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. McMillan Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
A new Lutheran church was dedicated at Spencer yesterday. Rev. J. P. Mueller of this city went up to preach one of the dedication sermons, returning today.
The four sons of Mr. and Mrs.

Gottlieb Heckman whose sister died from typhoid fever some weeks ago, are sick with the disease at their home near the lower Northfork river.
Harry Oesterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oesterling, is sick with typhoid fever at the home of his parents on East Madison avenue. His condition is not considered serious and the doctor has hopes of keeping it from the serious stage.

A number of the young friends of Charles Ahlman gave him a surprise party last evening at the home of his parents on South Fifth street in celebration of his twenty-second birthday. The time was spent in a most enjoyable manner with the various amusements that are popular at such gatherings.

A snow storm was the development of the weather last night and this morning and at a late hour today there were indications that the storm would increase rather than decrease in severity. Up to noon enough snow had not fallen to make much of a showing but there was a sifting of whiteness over the streets that added to the winterish conditions and made it seem as though Christmas was much nearer than formerly.

W. N. Huse, who was operated on at the Clarkson hospital, Omaha, over two weeks ago, was not so well on Saturday and yesterday, a fever and high respiration following, presumably, the eating of some unfavorable food. He began, however, to feel better yesterday afternoon. Mr. Huse has not yet been able to move his head from the pillow. The wound is slow in draining, not yet having begun. It will be some weeks yet before he will be able to return to Norfolk.

The American Express office has been moved to the room in the Pacific block recently vacated by the post-office, vacating the room in the Holman building that it has occupied for years. The new room offers splendid accommodations for the business. With the steel vault that was built for the use of the postoffice there will be no fear of burglars in the future. It will not only provide for the safe keeping of the books and the money in the hands of the company but for the storage of the valuable packages. The room is large and commodious and has been partitioned off and conveniently arranged for the uses of the company. It will be especially useful in taking care of the large amount of Christmas business that is anticipated and which has already begun to move.

GOV. MICKIE SEES ASYLUM

NEBRASKA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE PAYS A VISIT TO NORFOLK.

OFFICESEKERS SOUGHT HIM

He Spent a Busy Afternoon—Refused to Pardon the Minister Serving Time—Left Last Night for His Ranch in Keya Paha County.

Governor J. H. Mickie of Nebraska spent yesterday afternoon in Norfolk. He arrived at noon, accompanied by Dr. Greene, superintendent of the Lincoln hospital for the insane, inspected the new state institution now in progress of construction here, held a number of interviews at the Oxnard hotel later in the day and left at 8 o'clock last night for his ranch in Keya Paha county. Dr. Greene returned to Lincoln today.

Officesekers from all parts of North Nebraska besieged the governor, during his stay in the city. His time was mapped out very closely for him, and no minute was thrown away in the strenuous string of visitors who had assembled from all directions to make their pleas. The new state hospital here, which will not be finished for some time, but for which appointments may soon be made, was the principal objective feature of the visits.

Before leaving the governor gave out no appointments for publication. In fact such a busy, busy day had been mapped out for the Nebraska executive that he had little time to be interviewed for publication, further than to say that he had nothing in particular to say.

Among the callers upon the governor, aside from those who desire offices and appointments, was H. C. Hull, who presented to the governor a petition for the pardon of a former minister, named Boyd, who was convicted some time ago. The governor refused to grant the pardon.

"That man has committed a crime," he said, "and he ought to be punished for it."

Letter List.

- List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 13, 1904:
Mrs. Reca Anderson, John Banker, John Barrett, Mrs. A. I. Johnson, J. J. King.
If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.
Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."
John R. Hays, P. M.
Monogram Designs.
New, original designs in monograms for correspondence stationery. Very late and artistic. Sample sketches will be made without charge, for the approval of exacting persons who desire this sort of work. THE NEWS.

STUDY OF AGRICULTURE

WINTER COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OPENS JANUARY 2.

MANY SUBJECTS ARE TREATED

During a Month Farmers Will be Given a Course of Advantage at Lincoln—Soils, Seed Corn, Animal Husbandry and Other Data.

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—The winter course in agriculture begins January 2, and closes March 3. Instruction is offered in the following subjects: Field crops and farm management, soils, breeds and judging of live-stock, feeding and management of live-stock, dairying, diseases of animals, horticulture, shop work, farm machinery and English.

The course is a thoroughly practical one designed for those young men who can spend but a short time in school.

The structure and composition of the soil is studied in an elementary way so that the student may have an idea of what substances compose the soil and how they are related to one another, also that he may see that the soil is not a mass of inert material but that it teems with myriads of microbe organisms. The various properties of the soil are studied and the effect of different methods of soil treatment upon these properties. In other words it is attempted to teach the principles of the subject, rather than to write down hard and fast rules for handling the soil. No two soils are exactly alike and conditions in different localities vary greatly, so that it is necessary that the farmer be able to adapt himself to all of these variations if he is to handle the soil properly. It cannot be said that either deep or shallow plowing is universally preferable, but in order that the farmer may know when it is better to plow deep or when to plow shallow, he must understand the principles of the subject. The relation of the soil to water is an important feature in this study and methods for conserving the moisture are discussed. The maintenance of fertility through the use of manures and the plowing under and rotation of crops receives attention.

The climatic conditions that affect the production of crops are studied and a general survey of crops grown in different portions of the world is presented, serving to show the effect of different soils and climates upon the habits of growth and quality of crops. Methods of improving crops, especially the cereals, are studied. These are discussed in a practical way with a view to their use under ordinary farm conditions. A treatment of each of the principal field crops, both for grain and forage, is followed somewhat according to the following plan: characteristics, varieties, fertility, climate, soil, manures, tillage, seeding, cultivation, harvesting, preservation, position in rotation, uses.

Instruction is given in judging seed corn according to a scale of points. The object of this instruction is to familiarize the student with the good and bad points exhibited by ear corn to be used for seed, so that he may be able to select seed that represents a type of the greatest excellence and that may be expected to produce the best crops. This is studied in the laboratory and several days are devoted to judging different varieties of corn.

The instruction in the department of dairy husbandry for the short course is given in lectures and laboratory work. The brief time which the course continues makes it necessary to give a general survey of the subject and only practical lines are dealt with.

The department of animal husbandry offers to winter course students an extremely practical course of lectures covering the management of farm stock. This work includes the study of foodstuffs, how to combine them for best results in feeding all classes of animals, whether for beef, milk, pork, mutton, wool, or work.

Considerable attention is given to practice in judging animals, so that the students may use good judgment in buying both breeding stock and feeders during later years. Attention is given both to the demands of the trade for fat animals and to the qualities which go to make good feeders.

The student is made familiar with the methods which have been used to develop and improve breeds of live stock in the past. In brief, the aim of the whole course is to train the future farmers how to get the most from the husbandry of animals with the least expenditure for food consumed.

Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, via the Northwestern line, will be in effect from all stations January 7, 8 and 9, 1905, with favorable return limits, on account of annual conventions, National Live Stock and Wool Growers' associations. Two fast trains through Colorado daily, only one night. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

A little want ad, which is read by several thousand persons every day, may bring just what you want. One cent a word is not too expensive to try it.

SAY HAMMER WAS KOCH'S.

New and Startling Evidence Secured Against the New Ulm Dentist.

New Ulm, Minn., Dec. 13.—The prosecution asserts that it is daily drawing closer the chains of evidence about Dr. Koch, who is in prison charged with the murder of Dr. Gebhard. Gradually it is transpiring that the citizens' committee has obtained some startling evidence and that a goodly part of it was submitted at the closed-door hearing held before Justice Henningsen.

It is said the committee has evidence to prove that the hammer found in the office of Dr. Gebhard immediately after the murder, and with which the murderer struck a blow that crushed the skull of the dentist, belonged to Dr. Koch and was at his home prior to the crime. Two witnesses, it is positively stated, so testified in the hearing before the justice.

The poison with which Dr. Gebhard's life was first attempted has been traced, there is the best reason for believing, to a doctor's office in the same building with Koch's. The physician had a bottle of strychnine and upon investigation some time since found that part of the contents of the bottle had been removed by some person not known to him.

It was strychnine which Dr. Gebhard received through the mails prior to the murderous assault upon him in his office, and every effort will be made to prove that Koch stole the drug from the office of the physician and mailed it on one of his trips to Hanska, where he had a branch office, to the man whose life he sought.

NORFOLK TO GET Y. M. C. A.

ORGANIZATION IS BEING PUSHED, WITH GOAL IN SIGHT.

FINE GYMNASIUM ATTACHMENT

Such a Movement Would be a Great Advantage to the Young Men of the City—Healthful, Wholesome Recreation and Exercise Would Help.

From Thursday's Date, Norfolk may have a Y. M. C. A. with a gymnasium and reading room and baths and all other modern conveniences which go toward making this association so valuable the world over.

A movement is now on foot for the organization. A number of members have been pledged already. One hundred will be enough. Such an organization would be a great help to the young men of the city. It would strengthen them and give them a place for recreation and amusement.

Young men who are now growing up in Norfolk unrestrained and with resorts which are not the right sort, would be given an opportunity for betterment.

All young men should try to push this movement. The pledge follows: "In the event of the organization of a local society of the Young Men's Christian association at Norfolk, Nebraska, equipped with gymnasium, baths, reading room and field sports, and secretary qualified to direct and instruct in gymnastics, I agree to take a membership in such an organization to last at least five years and pay \$1 per month. Should I remove from Norfolk, this agreement to terminate; but in that event, I agree to, if possible, obtain a member in my stead for balance of the term. This agreement to be void unless signed by 100 or more persons."

Manager Sprecher of the Nebraska Telephone company has secured the promise of \$100 in cash from that corporation, provided the W. C. T. U. will secure 100 new subscribers to the telephone service. And it will pay the society another dollar for each additional subscriber.

FOR SLUGGING MR. CAGLE

TRIAL OF JO SCOTT COMES UP TODAY IN MADISON.

CAGLE HAS NOW RECOVERED

For a Long Time it Was Feared That He Might Die From the Effect of the Blow—Scott Was Arrested for the Assault and is Tried This Week.

The famous case against Jo Scott of York, for assaulting Ollie Cagle of Pierce with intent to do great bodily harm, comes up this week in district court at Madison. Chief of Police Kane went to Madison this morning. A number of Pierce people, too, passed through, enroute. The assault happened on the last night of the firemen's tourney in Norfolk last summer. Cagle, walking along the street, was struck a blow on the head which, it was feared for a time, might prove fatal. Scott was arrested for the deed. He was bound over and has been out on bail.

Cagle has now practically recovered from the blow.

Special Bargain in Land.

80-acre tract, improved land; fine location, close in, near town; price and terms right. G. R. Sellar

FAVORITE FOR TOURISTS

WYOMING EXTENSION WILL BE A SCENIC ROUTE.

HOT SPRINGS HEALTH RESORT

Eighteen Million Gallons of Mineral Water Boil Out of the Ground Every Day at a Temperature of 135 Degrees—Waters Analyzed.

Outside of the ultimate intentions of the Northwestern regarding its extension from Casper to Thermopolis railroad interests are speculating on the immediate possibilities of the extension and a movement has already commenced toward the territory that will be invaded by the new line of railway. Beside being a cattle and sheep country through which the line will pass there are possibilities in the mining field, not to mention the scenic and resort phases.

The lines will form a nearly perfect "Y" west from Casper. For about 100 miles the line will follow the trail of the Lander Transportation company and near the headwaters of the Big Horn river one line will run almost due north to Thermopolis and the other southwest to Lander. Material for the construction of the line will be moved out this winter and grading outfits will be started on a portion of the work before the opening of spring. With 240 miles of road to build the construction department of the Northwestern will have more business on hand in the west than it has had since it built from Chadron to the Black Hills country.

The Thermopolis line will be a scenic piece of road. For miles the road will be cut deep in a rocky bed, and its construction will prove a costly bit of enterprise. It is said that an effort will be made early to create at Thermopolis a health and winter resort. The place is fairly well sheltered in the hills and has one of the hottest springs known. The water in this spring is 135 degrees when it leaves the ground. The springs boil out of the ground at the rate of 18,000,000 gallons a day. For bathing purposes some of the water is conducted to a rude cooling bath and then the cold and the hot water are allowed to fall into the tubs in equal streams. By this combination a bath as hot as one can endure is obtained.

Prof. M. P. Schutzenberger of the College De France has made this analysis of the chemical properties of the springs: Sulphuretted hydrogen, .0268; sulphate of lime, .33767; sulphate of magnesium, .3285; alkaline chlorides of sodium and potassium, .5583—of this latter the chloride of sodium prevails four-fifths and the chloride of potassium one-fifth—carbonate of lime, .5259; oxide of iron, silica, organic matter and loss, .1019; fixed residue, 2.1763.

Near the springs are vast deposits of gypsum, which is used for house building.

Tracy & Darland last week sold a quarter section of land ten miles west of Pierce to Catherine Jewett of Stanton county, life consideration being \$27.50 per acre. On Tuesday they sold a half section five miles southwest to Phillip Keller of Leigh, the consideration being \$27.50 per acre. Yesterday the same firm sold a half section three miles southwest of Foster to A. L. Eldenfield of Stanton county for \$20 an acre. The places are all improved and the new owners will occupy them in the spring.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar

Mr. Wm. Thos. Lamonian, provincial constable at Chaplain, Ontario, says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamp last fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than by any other treatment and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

STORY ABOUT DETECTIVE HANS

Got Five Desperados in Colorado Without Assistance.

Fred M. Hans, the railroad detective, who is on trial at Ainsworth, Neb., for killing a man whom he had attempted to arrest, had killed two men in Colorado thirty-one years ago, according to E. J. Garlock, an employe of the Sioux City Traction company, who knows Hans well. Hans has been in Sioux City frequently in the past few years, in connection with his work as private detective for the Omaha railroad.

"Hans told a story once down at the Omaha yards in Sioux City," said Mr. Garlock, "while he was examining some cars that had been broken into by thieves. I was working for the Omaha road at the time. Hans said that back in the 70's he worked for the government as a detective. Colorado was sparsely settled then. He was ordered to make a trip of thirty miles out of Pueblo to assist in arresting five men on a ranch who had ruthlessly murdered an old man and his wife for their money. He was to meet five other officers, who were to help him in capturing the desperate criminals. He left Pueblo on horseback at 6 o'clock

in the morning. He saw far ahead of him on the prairie five men approaching on horseback. At first sight he thought they were Indians. In those days the Indians were always on the warpath and he conceived the idea of turning out of the road and if possible getting in a place of concealment until they should get past him. But the men also turned out of the road and followed him.

"There was first a running fight on horseback. Presently his horse was shot and when the animal dropped he quickly got behind the body, using it for a breastwork, over which he pumped leaden balls of his rifle into the onrushing band. He discovered that his pursuers were not Indians, as he at first supposed, but white desperados. He suspected that they were the five men whom he had expected to arrest and he fired to kill. His aim proved deadly, for he killed two men, wounded one and the other two surrendered. Under cover of his gun he forced the two who surrendered to put the wounded man on one of the horses and the three of them were taken to an army post not far away. In the pockets of one of the dead men Hans found the \$5,000 stolen from the old ranchman and his wife. The two men who surrendered were sent to the penitentiary and the wounded man died.

"Hans told this story about five years ago in Sioux City and said it was the closest call he ever had for his life and he always felt proud of having arrested five desperados by himself. He said he still had at his home one of the men he had used in that terrible encounter."—Sioux City Journal.

COURT AT AINSWORTH

FRED HANS TOO ILL TO APPEAR FOR HIS TRIAL.

OTHER CASES THAT CAME UP

Jury Was Drawn for Trying E. Shradler, Charged With Stealing a Watch From a Long Pine Jeweler—Case For Burning a Grove Goes Over.

Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 14.—Special to The News. District court convened here this morning with Judge J. V. Harrington on the bench. The Hans murder case was postponed until January 23, as he is too sick to appear.

The jury was drawn to try E. Shradler on the charge of stealing a watch from a Long Pine jeweler and the case of Alberta, charged with burning a grove, was postponed till spring.

For Christmas Shoppers.

Choosing Christmas presents will be easy if you come here. Large assortments of choicest merchandise to choose from—beautiful and useful presents—goods that you'll find perfect in every particular and offered at very low prices considering values.
Furs.—For handsome fur scarfs or muffs, well made from best quality skins—see us. You'll find here neck furs of all lengths from the short noisy Za-Za or flat scarf for suit wear to knee length. Flat or round muffs to match.

Made from genuine Marten, Sable, Marten, Isabella fox, Sable fox, real squirrel, mink, etc., in all the up-to-date styles. Price single pieces, \$2.50 to \$59.99; sets for misses and children, \$1.50 to \$19.99.

Toilet sets.—A handsome line of toilet sets, manicure sets, and single pieces you'll not find anywhere. All the latest styles and materials are shown here in sets for men, women and children. Sets of gray silver, hand decorated—beautiful patterns, enameled, rose gold, etc., etc., at \$1.50 to \$12.50.

Xmas counters.—On these you'll find handkerchief, tie and work boxes, burnt leather goods in music rolls, etc.; clipping address, golf, score and memorandum books; book marks, hair receivers and opera and shopping bags.

Gifts for men.—Many beautiful gifts here. Men's plain all linen handkerchiefs with 3/4, 3/4, 1/2 and 1-inch hems at 15 cts, 25 cts, 35 cts, 50 cts, and 75 cts each; with initials, 15 cents and 25 cents each. Men's plain and white silk handkerchiefs, 50 cts and 75 cts; with initials, 25 cts and 50 cts.

We are also showing a fine line of umbrellas, military brushes, smoker sofa pillows, smoking sets, leather toilet traveling cases, shaving mirrors, collar, cuff, tie, handkerchief and glove boxes, match receivers, ink wells and pocket, bill, address and memorandum books.

Mrs. J. Benson, 212 South 16th St., Omaha.

Wiggle-Stick Wash BLUE
For Sale By ALL WISE GROCERS
DIRECTIONS FOR USE: Wiggle-Stick around in the water.