

MARTIN KANE HAS NEW JOB

BEST CHIEF OF POLICE NORFOLK EVER KNEW, QUILTS.

HE IS NOW FIREMAN-JANITOR

Donning the Clothing of the Citizen, the Ex-Officer This Morning Began Shoveling Off Snow at the Sidewalks Around the Postoffice.

From Friday's Daily. Martin Kane, the best chief of police that Norfolk has ever had, today took off the blue uniform and the star and the gun that he has been wearing for the past ten years, without a rest, and donned the clothing of the American citizen, to become the janitor-fireman in the new United States courthouse and postoffice building of this city.

In competition with nine other men, Mr. Kane won the place at the building, through civil service examinations, and in his new work he has a life time position at the same salary that he received as chief of the police of Norfolk. John Larkin succeeds Mr. Kane in the position of chief of police, the resignation of the one and the confirmation of the other's appointment having been made last night in a rapid manner by the city council.

Fireman-Janitor Kane's first duty at the new federal building today was the shoveling off of a lot of snow that had piled up on the sidewalks. He went at it as though it were a bunch of criminals who he had to convict.

George Webster is the official janitor of the building, under Mr. Kane. Ex-Chief Kane had thought that perhaps Officer Pilger would be made chief of police, but he found on investigation among the business men that Officer Pilger is demanded on all sides as the nightwatchman. "He is the best night watch that ever drew the breath of life," said Kane, "and they wouldn't let him off the streets for anything."

Kane has been chief for ten straight years. His record during that time has been as good as that of any officer in the United States. He was aggressive, steady, cool headed and reliable. He knew every crook in the country, and has sent dozens of men to the penitentiary.

Kane will be missed on the force. He was a good man for the newspaper—he was a good fellow to interview. He was popular with the business men whose interests he protected. And there are dozens of girls in Norfolk today who owe the fact that they were not utterly ruined, to the kindly work of Martin Kane.

Now, though, he is off the force. No longer has he a key to the jail. He can't get in if he wants to, and he couldn't get out if he once got in. As he took off his blue coat this morning and hung it up, with a feeling of regret at leaving the old work that had become a part of himself, he returned to bygone days in a reminiscence vein, and the notes that were jotted down during that little interview with the ex-officer, will be a feature of Saturday's News.

Warnerville.

Al. Lovell returned Tuesday from a visit with his mother at Adams.

One of Fred Terry's children is seriously ill with rheumatism. The M. B. A. lodge will give a dance in their lodge room Friday evening, December 23.

Ellsworth Terry of Tilden is the guest of his brother, Fred. Mrs. Donald McNeil of Elysian, Minn., is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Loebeck.

Marshall B. Pettitt and Miss Iva B. Horner were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Horner, two miles west of town, on Wednesday evening, December 7. Rev. Mr. Bothwell of Madison performed the ceremony. The newly married couple has gone to house-keeping on Mr. Horner's farm.

At the meeting of the M. B. A. lodge the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Mary A. Ranney; vice president, Joseph Kirvonek; secretary, Arthur C. Pettitt; treasurer, I. S. Carter; chaplain, Mrs. Kate Kent; conductor, John A. Kent; watchman, R. C. Sleeper; sentry, William Barnes.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Ed. Brush was up from West Point. G. Hoffman was down from Bloomfield.

C. J. Fish was a city visitor from Winside. J. O. Gallogly was in the city from Chapman.

C. H. Reed was over from Madison Thursday. P. D. Correl was in the city from Plainview.

Wm. Munson of Wausa was in the city Thursday. W. R. Bruegman of Osmond was a Norfolk visitor.

George Knox was in Norfolk Thursday from Wayne. Jacob J. Herbst was a Norfolk visitor from Spencer.

Mrs. M. Foltz of Pierce visited in Norfolk Thursday. F. Moore of Creighton made a visit to Norfolk Thursday.

Chris Sorenson was in the city Thursday from Randolph. John R. Hays is confined to his home with a very severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Briggs of Niobrara visited in Norfolk Thursday.

F. L. Putney was in the city on his way home to Tilden from Madison.

C. C. Fisher and L. W. Schreiber were in the city from Bonesteel on business.

Miss Myrtle Wood of Casper, Wyo., is in the city visiting Mrs. W. H. Blakeman.

Ed. Marty and F. Lessner of Plainview were business visitors to Norfolk Thursday.

Agge Aven, H. Barnes and J. A. Moore were in the city Thursday from Battle Creek.

Mrs. Herman Hogrefe and Mrs. E. Tanner and daughter of Battle Creek were in the city doing some shopping.

J. M. Covert came over from Madison last night and left on the noon train to join his family at Ewing. He has been doing jury duty at Madison during the term of district court, but says that the service was very brief, the jury receiving its discharge yesterday afternoon.

W. I. Kortright of Fairfax, a newspaper man, was in Norfolk today en route from Sioux City to Winona.

Charles A. Madsen of Chicago writes to his friends in this city, saying that he will be in Norfolk for the holidays.

Mrs. L. Melcher is quite seriously ill. A report from W. N. Huse states that he is very much better today.

Tonight a number of Norfolk young ladies will entertain their friends at a dancing party in Marquardt hall. This will be the last session of the leap year club during 1904.

Ed. A. Fry of the Niobrara Pioneer plans the starting of another daily paper at Mitchell, S. D., to be known as the Mitchell Daily Star. It is planned to issue the first paper on January 9. Mr. Fry also owns a paper at Lake Andes, S. D. The north Nebraska friends and admirers of Mr. Fry will wish him success in his new venture.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield again very delightfully entertained a party of friends last evening. At 6:30 the guests sat down at little tables for a prettily served dinner, following which came an evening filled with pleasure at military euehre. The same effective schemes in color decorations as on the evening previous, abounded. The dainty carnations, the tiny green sprigs of holly tied in red ribbons, and the leas in Yule tide colorings of red, white and green, all tended toward artistic ends and added pleasure. At the euehre, the team captained by Mr. Bullock was victorious. They were Mrs. A. P. Pilger, Mrs. Doleson, Mrs. G. D. Butterfield, Mr. Erskine.

Funeral of Hugh House.

The body of Hugh House, the prominent farmer who died at his home six and one-half miles northeast of town Saturday of typhoid fever, was taken to Wayne this afternoon on the 1 o'clock train and funeral services will be held there. Members of the family accompanied the remains to remain to Wayne where the funeral was held today. Mr. House leaves a wife and three children, and was thirty-seven years of age. He was well and favorable known to a large circle of friends. James House, brother of the deceased, was formerly in the meat market business in Norfolk, but now lives in the same neighborhood as his brother's family. Mr. House was a member of the A. O. J. W.

David M. Owen.

D. M. Owen, well known in Norfolk and throughout the state for many years as a grading contractor, died at his home, 2017 Binney street, Omaha, Saturday afternoon. He was born October 28, 1860, at Kanosville, Ill., and came to Stanton county in 1886, where he engaged in the stock business, later going into the grading business with his brother, H. E. Owen of Norfolk. For the last three years he has made his residence in Omaha. Mr. Owen was prominently identified with the Union Pacific, Northwestern and other railroads as a grading contractor. He had the contract for the Great Western grading in Omaha. Despite his poor health for fifteen years he was a tireless worker, was generous to a fault and liked by his associates. He was single. Mr. Owen was a member of the Order of Elks and of the Knights of Pythias. He is survived by seven brothers and two sisters, four brothers being in the farming and stock business in Wayne county, a brother at Colorado Springs, another brother at Laramie, Wyo., and another at Norfolk. One sister lives at Pine City, Neb., and another at Evanston, Ill. He was of Welsh parentage. Both parents are dead.

The funeral was held at Kaneville, Ill., the birthplace of Mr. Owen.

Shooting Scrape.

Last Friday night about 6:30, some little trouble arose between Philo Sherman and the saloon keeper, John Kremer. The saloon keeper just reached back in one of the drawers of the bar (as the witnesses told it) and pulled out a revolver and fired at him three times, but failed to hit him. Sherman had him arrested and taken before Justice McClintock for trial. He was put under \$500 bonds and bound over to the district court. Verdel Outlook.

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THEY PAY MANY DEBITS

COMMISSIONERS DEVOTE TIME TO MEETING EXPENSES.

SALARIES AND OTHER EXPENSES

At the Last Meeting There Was Little Done Beside the Paying Off of Accounts and Making Settlement With Road Overseers.

Hadison, Neb., Dec. 15.—Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. All member present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The sw14 of 16-21-3 for the year 1903 was assessed as deeded land and the clerk was instructed to notify the treasurer to reduce the valuation to \$100.

On motion the question of correcting the erroneous assessment of F. Soltow was referred to the county attorney.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Table listing various bills and expenses, including items like Chicago Lumber Co., road district No. 1, and various road work expenses.

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PEARL PORTER'S FUNERAL

LAST SAD RITES OVER YOUNG MAN FROM FAIRFAX.

HIS MOTHER ILL FROM SHOCK

The Remains Were Taken Home to Fairfax Through Norfolk Yesterday Afternoon, and the Services Took Place at Methodist Church Today.

The remains of Pearl Porter, the Fairfax citizen and assistant postmaster, who ended his life in Omaha Friday afternoon, were taken home to Fairfax, through Norfolk, yesterday at noon, and the funeral was held from the M. E. church in the Gregory county seat today.

A brother from Madison joined the sad party here, accompanying his brother and the remains of the dead brother to Fairfax.

Orrin Porter, brother of the suicide, arrived in Omaha from Fairfax Saturday morning, accompanied by W. R. Day, one of the prominent citizens of the town.

The brother says Pearl was neither short in his accounts nor in any embarrassment.

Pearl Porter left Fairfax Thursday night at 12 o'clock for Wayne, went from there to Omaha. He had \$72 in cash when he left home. Previous to his departure he bought a draft of \$242, which was sent to the postmaster general in payment for stamps sold at the postoffice in Fairfax during the last quarter.

Porter was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which lodge he carried \$1,000 worth of insurance. He had lived thirteen years in Fairfax, where his aged parents and two brothers reside. His brother, Carl, is cashier of the Gregory County State bank.

When the news of the suicide reached Fairfax the mother was so shocked that she is now ill in bed. She is 72 years of age and it is feared that she will not survive the grief occasioned by her son's death. The father took the shock severely also and was unable to come to Omaha.

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FORMERLY LIVED AT PILGER.

Second Son in Same Family to Commit Suicide.

George W. Hibbard, aged 38 years and the son of Frank Hibbard, a well known and prosperous farmer of Irvington, hung himself to the girder of a railroad bridge a mile from his father's house Sunday afternoon. The body was discovered by a small boy walking along the tracks and the relatives of the dead man were notified.

Hibbard has been for several years the manager of a farm owned by his father at Pilger, and left his wife and three children there a few days since to visit his father.

The latter is utterly at a loss to account for his son having made away with himself, as he says there was no unpleasantness between himself and

his son. Neither is any domestic difficulty known of. The dead man's actions for the past few days have not been unusual or such as would indicate that he intended taking his own life.

The last seen of him alive was at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon when acquaintances noticed him standing on the track with the rope which he afterward used to hang himself in his hand, apparently casting about for a convenient place. The rope he had purchased an hour before at at Irvington store.

A sad feature of the case is that about two years ago another son of the same family killed himself by shooting.

Coroner Bralley viewed the remains, but decided that an inquest was not necessary.

MONDAY WILL BE HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE WILL HOLD GOOD DAY AFTER.

IN THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

Postoffice in Norfolk Will Close Excepting During Certain Hours—The Banks Will be Closed on Monday Instead of Sunday, for Holiday.

The day after Christmas will be very generally observed in Norfolk as a holiday, because of the fact that the real Christmas day falls this year on Sunday. In many lines of business down town there will be little or nothing doing on Monday, December 26, to indicate to the outside world that it is just an ordinary wash day after all.

Pursuing a precedent set six years ago, when Christmas and New Years fell on the Sabbath day, Norfolk banks, the postoffice and other institutions will observe the festive spirit of the year next Monday.

Postoffice Hours.

The postoffice will open on Christmas day between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and noon, and at night between 7 and 9. The identical hours will be observed again on Monday.

These are made in the morning in order that people may get presents on Christmas day which arrive on the trains Christmas eve. On that night thirty-five extra sacks of mail are expected—the heaviest run in the entire year.

All three banks in Norfolk, the Citizens National, Norfolk National and Nebraska National, will observe Monday all day and there will be no business transacted on those days. The same rule will apply one week later when January 2, also Monday, will be made a holiday in observance of New Year's day.

The News, observing its custom and also the holiday spirit of the moment, will issue no paper on Monday.

Special Bargains in Land.

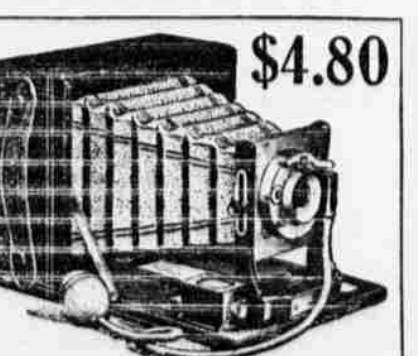
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