

WRECK A FREIGHT TRAIN

SIX CARS, SPLINTERED, IN DITCH NORTH OF NORFOLK.

MORNING PASSENGER DELAYED

Train From Bonesteel Dropped Into a Ditch, Tangling up Live Stock. Last Night—Wreckers Worked all Night. Track Torn up Badly.

Hadar, Neb., Jan. 10.—Special to The News: Northwestern freight train No. 72 was wrecked three miles north of this place at 9:45 o'clock last night, six cars being ditched and some of them utterly demolished. The wrecking crew from Norfolk worked all night in an effort to clear the track, and at 10 o'clock this morning the gang was still hard at it, with indications that if they finished the work by noon they would do well. Some stock was killed but no person was hurt.

The early morning passenger train, No. 2, from Bonesteel to Omaha, was tied up at Pierce by the wreckage and waited there for the clearing of the track. The passengers arrived in Pierce shortly after 5 o'clock this morning and skinned about town for their breakfasts.

Track Torn up. The wreck occurred near a bridge three miles north of here. A long stretch of rails was torn up and tossed into the ditch. Six cars went into the hole, four cars of live stock and two of corn.

One head of stock was killed outright and a number of the animals suffered injuries which caused them to be killed this morning. None of the people on the train were in any way injured. The caboose did not go into the ditch.

Mangled Stock. The wreckage was a horrible sight. Some of the cars were completely overturned, with the wheels pointing toward the sky. In these the cattle and hogs were churned and mangled. Rolling about, jammed together and frightened by the shock, the animals began a stampede, trampling one another under hoof and lacerating their neighbors badly.

Animals Have to be Coaxed. The cattle were so frightened that they dared not march out head foremost. Down in the ditch the trainmen had a difficult task to pull them out of the wrecked cars backward.

The stock was driven to a nearby farm and sheltered through the cold night. The grain cars were splintered and corn is scattered all over the ground in the vicinity of the wreck.

The moaning of the injured stock was frightful. A number of the animals broke their necks, and groaned in their agony.

NORFOLK CREW WORKING.

Wreckers Hasten to Scene, to Help Clear the Track.

News of the wreck near Hadar reached Norfolk by wire shortly after the accident, and a wrecking crew was sent with all haste to the scene. The men worked all night long on the track, and fresh men were sent out at 8 o'clock this morning. It was thought at headquarters that the Bonesteel passenger train would be able to get through by noon.

Train No. 72 left Bonesteel yesterday morning at 10:30 and would have arrived in this city at about 10:30 last night. Conductor Shippee and Engineer Imlay were in charge.

A broken flange was given as the cause of the trouble.

This is the first wreck that has occurred on this division in a long time, which is quite remarkable when it is considered that this is the largest division on the Northwestern system.

A collision is an unknown quantity on the Nebraska & Wyoming division, a wreck of last night's sort being due to unforeseen circumstances.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

E. C. Burns was up from Scribner yesterday.

F. M. Ferguson was in town yesterday from Wayne.

C. H. Stenson was in the city from Plainview yesterday.

Superintendent C. H. Reynolds was in Lincoln yesterday.

Alf. Whitaker of Cameron was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Fritz and Danny Lampe were in the city yesterday from Pender.

Mrs. E. Crowley was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beebe were city visitors yesterday from Petersburg.

Wm. Schulz, sr., Wm. Schulz, jr., and Earl Schulz were Norfolk visitors yesterday from Dodge.

Dr. C. A. McKim was called to Windsor yesterday on professional business.

Mrs. Charles Dudley is suffering from what is supposed to be gallstones.

Hon. J. J. Williams of Wayne, senator from this district, passed through Norfolk today enroute to Lincoln, where he goes to attend the present session of the legislature. While here, Dr. Williams went out to the new state hospital for the insane, to inspect the grounds and buildings.

Father Thomas Walsh and twenty-five other people went to Columbus

yesterday to assist in the organization of a lodge of the Knights of Columbus, a secret organization composed entirely of members of the Catholic church. There were delegations from other towns and the lodge was organized amid considerable enthusiasm.

R. H. Reynolds has returned from Columbus where he went to make arrangements for the hotel accommodations for the Norfolk delegation to the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, which meets in that city on the 17th, for a three days' session. Mr. Reynolds says the Norfolk delegation will go down in a private car, in handsome style, and the delegates anticipate a happy time.

The company which will present "The Heart of Chicago," at the Auditorium tonight, has arrived.

The Norfolk fire department is to meet in regular session tomorrow night at 8:30 at firemen's hall and it is to the interest of every member of the department to be present. President V. A. Nenow desires a good attendance promptly at the hour named.

Last night was another bitterly cold one. The thermometer registered seven degrees below zero during the night. The barometer was very high early this morning, standing above 30.26 inches, but later it began to drop, indicating an approaching low pressure and storm.

A. H. Reinhart of Portland, Oregon, who recently returned to the coast after a visit with his parents here, has favored The News with a new year's copy of the Oregonian, which devotes much space to the coming Lewis and Clark exposition and to Portland, Oregon and the coast in general.

Norfolk Knights of Columbus who attended the meeting of the order at Columbus on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night, are home. Those from here who were present were Rev. Father Walsh, Messrs. Koerber and Maloney. There were a large number, also, from O'Neill, and a special train from Omaha loaded with the members from that city. The address of Attorney Mahoney was said to be very fine.

On Saturday Tracy & Durland closed the two deals in Pierce county, selling 560 acres adjoining the town of Foster, and belonging to A. J. Durland, to Henry E. Miller for \$28,000, and selling a 240-acre farm belonging to A. J. Durland, five miles west of Pierce, to Herman G. Miller, a brother of Henry E. Miller, for \$8,400. Both of the above men are substantial young farmers of Wayne county, Neb., and will take possession of their new holdings on the first of next March.

O'Neill Frontier: The depositors of the failed Elkhorn Valley bank are practically unanimous in favor of accepting the proposition of Mrs. Hagerty for a settlement. It is believed to be much better to effect a settlement than to go into the expense of litigation when perhaps no more would be realized in the end. Receiver Biglin estimates that with the assets in sight and the property Mrs. Hagerty will turn over the depositors may realize 50 or 60 per cent. He values the assets as follows: Good, \$6,000; doubtful, \$14,000; worthless, \$12,000. The bank holds a second mortgage of \$10,000 on 1,400 acres of land in the northern part of the county that is covered by a first mortgage of \$8,000. It cannot be told yet whether this claim will be fully realized upon or not, but if it is paid out in full the bank will pay out independent of Mrs. Hagerty's offer some 25 or 30 per cent.

O'Neill Frontier: The people of this city were nearly or quite as much surprised and shocked when it was announced last week that an examination of the school district books disclosed the fact that the school district was in debt \$22,996.40, as they were the morning after Thanksgiving when the door of the Elkhorn Valley bank was adorned with the white placard bearing the inscription "bank closed," and it was learned that President McGreevy and Cashier Hagerty had fled to parts unknown. McGreevy was treasurer of the school district at the time of the failure of the bank and had \$2,700 of the school funds in that institution when it closed its doors. Soon after McGreevy fled to Arizona the school board declared the office of treasurer vacant and appointed Dr. J. P. Gilligan to the position. Since assuming charge of the books Dr. Gilligan has had a partial checking up of the books made with the astounding result that it is found that the outstanding registered warrant indebtedness with accrued interest to date amounts to the enormous sum of \$22,996.40. The other members of the school board seem as much surprised to learn the magnitude of the district's indebtedness as those who have never attended school meetings or served on the board. This indebtedness is doubtless largely due to a constant increase of expenditures over receipts for a number of years. With the salaries paying a school tax of \$2,000 per year for the past ten years this condition of affairs should not prevail.

Sleighs are Out.

Sleigh bells rang in Norfolk today for the first time during the season. The heavy snow afforded good riding for the cutters and with more falling and prospects for still more snow tonight, the man who owns a sleigh is cheering up.

DR. KOCH'S MURDER TRIAL

ALIBI OF NEW ULM DENTIST IS CRUX OF CASE.

STATE SEVERELY ATTACKS IT

Printer's Boy Says He Saw Dr. Koch Enter the Stairway Leading to Gebhardt's Office, Heard the Door Close and the Machine Stop Running.

New Ulm, Minn., Jan. 7.—The alibi which stands between Dr. George R. Koch and conviction of the murder of Dr. Gebhardt, is being strongly attacked by the state. The alibi is the crux of the whole case, for if the truth of Dr. Koch's story as to his whereabouts on the night of the murder can be established beyond controversy, the entire fabric of circumstantial evidence woven by the state about him, will fall to pieces. On the other hand, if the state can show that the alibi is not perfect and that the account of the defendant as to the way his time was spent while the dead dentist was being sent to his doom, is not true, then the circumstantial evidence of the handkerchief, the hammer, the pencil and wound on the defendant's hand next day, have a damning influence.

So it is evident that there will be a great battle over the alibi. Blows in that battle were struck today.

Several witnesses were introduced to show that Dr. Koch was on the street near Dr. Gebhardt's office shortly after 7 o'clock, at 9:05 and again at 9:20 on the night of the murder.

Hubert Ballrusch, a printer's boy, in the Review office, was at work in the office about eight feet from the window. He saw Dr. Koch pass the window, coming out of the barber shop, immediately after Koch passed he heard heavy footsteps ascending the stairs. Then he heard him open Dr. Gebhardt's reception room door, close it and walk through the room to the reception room. He heard Dr. Gebhardt working on his machine. A moment later the footsteps ceased and the sound of the machine stopped. He remained in the office five or ten minutes after the footsteps ceased, but he heard no noises or the sound of voices. Ballrusch said he did not see any one else pass the office immediately after Koch passed the window. About five minutes after he saw some one go northwest from the window.

ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD

LEGISLATURE PROPOSES TO DO AWAY WITH GRAFT.

SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS

Direct Primary Law to be Considered. Contests in Insurance Circles, Rival Telephone Interests, Elevators. Changes in Present Laws.

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—Special correspondence: The legislature, which has just organized for business, shows signs that it will comply with the demand made by the papers of the state in the matter of economy. The first move is to cut out the horde of useless employes. The senate was organized by the element favoring this policy, and the limit in the number of helpers was placed very low. In the house the speaker was given the power to appoint the employes, and he at once gave notice that the limit should be placed at sixty, and that no idle or disreputable employes should be tolerated. This action on part of the two bodies has been a sad surprise to the grafters who infest the capital every session and work schemes to connect with the pay roll. Two years ago the house had 103 employes on the list, one-fourth of them from Lancaster county. In some sessions in the past the senate has equalled this record. The present session is sure to make a saving of \$15,000 in the employe item alone.

One of the important matters to come before the session is the direct primary system. A bill is to be introduced this week by Dodge of Douglas, embodying the best features of the Wisconsin and Minnesota systems. It provides that all parties shall hold their primaries on the same day, the ballots to be furnished the same as in general elections, the voting to be by the Australian system, and in cities the primaries to include the general registration of the voters. In full detail the bill proposes to bring all nominations closer to the public, and thus do away with the back room caucus system. A number of papers in the state are openly advocating the direct primary system, and the State Journal of today publishes the full text of the Dodge bill. In order that the people of the state may become familiar with its provisions.

In his message the governor advocated the abolishment of the lobby, making the distinction, however, that "untrammelled counselors" were valuable and helpful. It is believed that the governor makes the recommendation because he himself was so far imposed on by a professional lobbyist

last session as to urge by special message the passage of a bill which the supreme court later had to knock out to keep the state from suffering great damage. It seems, therefore, that the state officials, as well as the legislators, need protection from the wiles of the lobbyists.

Aside from the direct primary law, the matters which are expected to create the greatest stir this winter are:

The contest between mutual, fraternal and old line insurance. The usual struggle between rival telephone interests.

Amendments to the revenue law. Attacks on some features of the game law.

Struggle between rival elevator interests.

The interminable row over the Omaha charter.

It is a healthy indication that while these conflicting interests are occupying the foreground, the legislators are quietly getting to work on the theory that the important thing is public economy and business methods, in order that the state debt may be reduced without adding to the burden of taxpayers. A large number of them openly say that they will try to stop excessive appropriations secured by "log rolling" methods, and that they will favor the abolishment of all useless salaries and put a quietus to graft whenever it shows its head.

The people of the state have reason to congratulate themselves that they settled the U. S. senatorial question in advance, leaving the legislature free to go ahead with the regular business. Compared with past sessions the taxpayers will be the gainers to an extent almost beyond computation. So far as is seen on the surface the only losers are the hotels and bars of Lincoln.

BIG MONEY FOR A PATENT

CREIGHTON MEN OFFERED \$25,000 FOR THEIR INVENTION.

FOR LOADING GRAIN IN A CAR

Andrews & Benedict of Creighton, Who Have Been Working for an Elevator, are on the Edge of Getting a Big Profit for Brains.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 10.—Special to The News: Andrews & Benedict, employed by the Uplike Grain company here, are about to realize a small fortune from brains. For a patent which they invented, for loading grain into a car by means of wind, so that no labor is necessary, they were today offered \$25,000 by a Denver firm. They wanted \$35,000.

Representatives of the Denver firm arrived in Creighton to make the purchase. The Creighton inventors would like \$35,000, but the \$25,000 is considered by their friends to be pretty good.

The eleventh annual firemen's ball will be held tonight. It is always a big success and many people will attend.

Commission Met Meet.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 11.—Several hundred members of the National League of Commission Merchants filled the banquet hall of the St. Charles hotel today at the opening of the thirteenth annual convention of the league. President Charles B. Ayers of Chicago presided and delivered the opening address. This was followed by the reports of Secretary A. Warren Patch of Boston, Treasurer David B. Sperry of Louisville and the other officers of the organization. The convention then took up the discussion of various matters relating to the produce commission business. The business of the convention will be completed tomorrow and the following day will be given to entertainment provided by the local members of the league. Delegates from Milwaukee are endeavoring to secure the next convention of the league for their city.

For Epworth League Convention.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 11.—The program committee of the International Epworth league met in Detroit today to discuss the program for the next biennial convention of the organization. The convention will be held in Denver during the coming summer.

The Dairy Cow Discussed.

Rockford, Ill., Jan. 11.—The "Dairy Cow" occupied the center of the stage this morning at the opening of the second day of the annual convention of the Illinois Dairymen's association. Live cows were used to demonstrate the good and bad features which dairymen should note when purchasing or breeding cattle. The demonstrations were in charge of A. J. Glover, of Wisconsin.

The afternoon session was given over to a symposium discussion of "Creamery Needs," the participants in the discussion including managers of creameries, expert buttermakers and dairy instructors. A. W. Mowbray, of St. Charles, Minn., and J. G. Moore, creamery inspector of the Wisconsin dairy and food department, will address the association this evening. The convention will conclude its business tomorrow with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

ACTS MAN TO GET WORK

WOMAN MASQUERADES IN HOLT AND WORKS ON RANCHES.

CHILD AND MOTHER IN IOWA

WORKS LIKE HIRED HAND, OWNING WAGON AND TEAM.

WAS A SWELL BEAU AT DANCES

Living at the Dewey Hotel in O'Neill

Since Christmas, With a Strange Man, and Playing Male Role, Woman is Finally Found Out.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 9.—Special to The News: Two supposed young men have been stopping at the Dewey hotel in this city since Christmas, and during the last few days it had been whispered about that one of them possessed features altogether too fine to be carried by a man and it was thought the matter ought to be looked into.

The authorities called on the supposed young man, accordingly, and he at once gave in and admitted that she was a woman.

She gave her name as Mrs. Omer F. Sweigert and her home as Waterloo, Iowa, where she said she had left her mother and a child. She and her husband had parted and she said it had been impossible to sustain herself and child while working as a woman, and she had adopted male attire in order to secure work.

She went under the name of Bert Lewis and had worked as a man on several of the ranches in Holt county and now owns a team and wagon at a ranch south of town.

She had been doing kitchen work and waiting on table at the Dewey hotel and was getting good wages.

Mr. Nace, who was with her, left this morning, evidently having become aware that the game was up. The officers, after a thorough examination of her belongings, finding nothing of a suspicious nature, considering the story she had put up, decided to let her go on the promise that she would leave town at once, which she has done.

She appeared to be well educated and travelled in good society while here. On one or two occasions she attended dances and took young ladies to supper.

Jubilee Singers.

The Dixie Jubilee Singers being the fourth number on the union lecture course entertained a good house at the M. E. church last night. It was the opinion of many that this was not only the best jubilee singer entertainment ever given here but that it was

one of the best numbers of the lecture course. The company is composed of seven members, each of whom is a talented, educated vocalist and their selections were of an excellent standard. The famous Ferguson male quartet was of the company and gave some pleasing and entertaining numbers. Mme. Neale Gertrude Hawkins-Buckner, the prima donna soprano has a voice of marvellous scope and power and her singing captivated the audience as it has done on her previous visits to Norfolk. The patrons of the course were highly pleased with the evening's entertainment. The next number of the course will be on February 11, when Miss Truitt, reader, will entertain.

Warnerville.

Arnold Clayton has gone to Illinois to visit with relatives.

Miss Olive Munson went to Holdrege Wednesday to visit her sister.

Mrs. George Dawson of Spencer is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Lovell.

The Modern Woodmen will give a dance in their lodge room Friday evening, January 20.

George Evans has sold his farm, stock and farming tools to a Mr. Rice and will remove his family to Norfolk in the near future.

Everett Pettitt and Miss Maggie Halpin, two well known young people of this precinct, were married in Madison last week and have gone to housekeeping in H. Warner's house.

DR. NICHOLSON, ASSISTANT.

is Cousin to Drs. Salter of Norfolk. Resides at St. Paul, Neb.

Dr. Nicholson, who has been appointed as assistant to Dr. Alden in the Norfolk hospital for the insane, by Governor Mickey, is a cousin to Drs. P. H. and F. G. Salter of this city and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Salter. He is a son of Mrs. Nicholson who recently visited at the G. B. Salter home in this city. At present Dr. Nicholson is in Washington taking a postgraduate course of a year in the army and navy medical college. He resides at St. Paul, Neb.

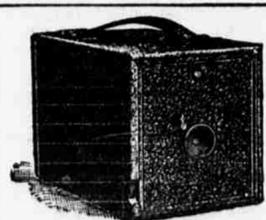
Contest of College Orators.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The chosen orators of a number of leading colleges are here to compete this evening in the annual Hamilton Oratorical contest. The contest is for the prize offered by the Hamilton club for the best oration on the general topic of "Hamilton; His Contemporaries or Events With Which He Had to Do." The institutions representing in the contest this year are Knox college and the universities of Chicago, Minnesota, Michigan and Iowa.

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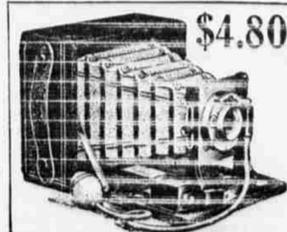
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