

# BONESTEEL SCANDAL

WATKINS, THE YOUNG ATTORNEY, IS BOUND OVER.

THE WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

AFTER SHE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON A SIMILAR CHARGE.

THREATS AGAINST THE JUDGE

After the Close of the Sensational Trial at Bonesteel, in Which Dramatic Interest Ran High, the Complainants are Arrested.

Bonesteel, S. D., March 17.—From a staff correspondent: There are stirring times in Bonesteel. The excitement which has been aroused here as a sequel to the sensational scandal that was made public a week ago, and the dramatic episodes which have followed the closing of the trial of E. D. Watkins, the young attorney against whom charges were preferred by Frank Nunnemaker, has rivalled the Rosebud rush of last summer, for interest.

As a result of the trial, which occupied a week and which was attended every day by enormous crowds of eager spectators, David Watkins, the young attorney, has been bound over to the circuit court by Judge Howlsey; warrants have been sworn out against Mrs. Nunnemaker charging her with the same offense alleged against Watkins, and also against her husband, Frank Nunnemaker, for "shooting with intent to kill."

And as a sequel to this series of events in the law, which followed one upon another in rapid succession, there were threats to tar and feather the presiding judge, Mrs. Nunnemaker has taken a dose of poison with suicidal intent and a confession, it is said, has been made by her to the effect that she testified against Watkins on the stand falsely, and that she did it because she was forced to.

### Faction Against Faction.

All Bonesteel is divided into two parts. One part is strongly with the handsome young attorney, a graduate of the state normal school of Peru and also of the law school of the University of Nebraska in the class of 1904. So strong was the feeling between the two sides of the question that after the long and sensational trial had been brought to an end and the young man had been bound over, there were ugly threats in the air and Judge Howlsey considered it policy to become a scarce commodity. It is said that the feeling went so far as to produce a rope noose in the court room, fastened from the ceiling and hanging down in a menacing manner.

The saloons all night were filled with angry men, who cursed the judge and the Nunnemakers and the defendant.

### Story of the Trouble.

It was on the morning of March 6 that Frank Nunnemaker, who is a polished looking individual and wealthy, went to the home of Mrs. Beck in Bonesteel, accompanied by two men at witnesses, and there found his wife and young Watkins. This was Watkins' boarding house. Stories as to just what happened at that moment vary. The testimony goes to show that Mrs. Nunnemaker was in the parlor and that Watkins was in another room; and that Nunnemaker was angered.

Watkins claims that Nunnemaker offered to settle the affair right then for \$1,000; that when he saw the trouble that might ensue, if he offered to fight, he sat down in a chair; that Nunnemaker then struck him violently in the face, making a black scar which still is worn by the lawyer. After that, Watkins says, Nunnemaker drew a gun. Watkins alleges that he grabbed the other's hands to prevent a shooting and that, shortly after, realizing the undesirability of the scandalous publicity which must ensue if he remained in town, even though he were innocent, he determined to leave the country and started, in a rig, for Nebraska.

### Husband Pursues, Shooting.

Nunnemaker pursued, with the sheriff and a warrant. After a race of three miles, at the close of which Nunnemaker fired a bullet after Watkins, the latter was overtaken and brought back to Bonesteel. Two days later the trial began and it has just closed. Watkins was bound over for the preliminary in the sum of \$1,000, and for the circuit court in the sum of \$500. His bond was immediately furnished by prominent business men in the town.

The whole social strata of Bonesteel was stirred by the story. Men and women from the best families in town, have flocked to the trial to listen to the evidence introduced in the case. It was the talk of the streets, the homes, the churches.

### Woman Testifies Against Him.

On the stand Mrs. Nunnemaker testified against Watkins. She testified to all of the circumstances which

might tend to throw suspicion upon the young lawyer. In doing so she of course compromised her own honor. During the trial she lived at the home of State Attorney Backus, who was so fiercely prosecuting Watkins. Backus did not issue a warrant against the woman.

When the trial was done, a warrant was issued against Mrs. Nunnemaker on the same charge. If Watkins is guilty, his friends argued, the woman was equally so. A warrant was also issued against the husband for shooting with intent to kill, the incident being that of the pursuit.

### Woman Then Takes Poison.

When she had been arrested on so serious a charge, realizing that her own testimony, if it were true, would convict herself as well as Watkins, Mrs. Nunnemaker is alleged to have eaten a dose of blue ointment, wrapped up in a paper. In four hours it began to take effect. When she had come to what she thought was her dying moment, she called hysterically for Watkins. "I want to see Watkins," she cried.

Although Watkins did not respond to the woman's dying summons, it is stated by persons who were present that she declared that she had sworn untruly on the stand and that she had perjured herself in testimony against Watkins because she had been forced to do it.

This statement, coming from the lips of the only person who really could tell the true story, has made friends for Watkins, who claims that the whole scheme is one for blackmail. He says that because the Nunnemakers thought he had money, they took this way of getting a portion of it.

### Mrs. Nunnemaker is Handsome.

Mrs. Nunnemaker is a beautiful woman, striking in figure, clever and extremely attractive. The first time she ever met Watkins was at a dancing party given in Fairfax, when the young attorney was rather impressed with her appearance and took the liberty of dancing three dances with her. This, Watkins alleges, so aroused the jealous anger of Nunnemaker that the latter was anxious to score against the single man, who is just as attractive as can be, smooth shaven, clear cut and stunning.

Watkins alleges that the woman tried to make engagements with him on a couple of occasions, but that he told her to come to the office if she wished to see him. On the morning when she came to his boarding house, after she had arrived, Mrs. Beck, the landlady, went down town. It was during her absence that Nunnemaker arrived on the scene, with his witnesses and bullets.

Back of the dance there is said to have been another reason why Nunnemaker should bear malice against the former Nebraskan. Driving from Naper to Bonesteel one day, Watkins' team ran into the rear end of the buggy driven by Nunnemaker. Watkins says that he paid the damages in this case.

### Watkins' Former Record.

Watkins is a Nemaha county boy, in Nebraska. He taught school in several places and later attended the colleges mentioned. His family are good people, his sister being a teacher at Lincoln now. His record, so far as known, is excellent. The prominent business men in the town here sympathize with him, believing that he has committed no crime and that he is being persecuted.

The Nunnemakers are said to have come to Bonesteel during the rush with the people known as the "Oklahomans." There has been a rub here along between the Oklahomans and the opposite factions. It is claimed the witnesses who accompanied Nunnemaker to the Beck house were "Oklahomans." There has been strong feeling for months between the factions, as each wants control of the town.

### Will Sue Nunnemakers.

Watkins says that he will win. "I have been damaged by this affair," says the young lawyer today, his eyes flashing in spite of the scar that curls beneath the left. "I shall clear myself of this fearful charge, though the blot can never be erased. I have been damaged by it for life, and I shall sue the Nunnemakers for \$10,000."

## OLD SOLDIER PASSES AWAY

Veteran of Madison County Succumbs to Paralysis.

Samuel Damon of Meadow Grove, the father of John G. Damon of Tilden, is dead of paralysis. Mr. Damon, who was 90 years old, was the oldest soldier in Madison county.

Perhaps the oldest veteran still surviving in Madison county is A. B. C. Davis of Madison, who is nearly ninety years of age, and who served in the Mexican war. Mr. Davis, whose brain is still as active as it was when he followed the flag through the southland to fight for his native country, tells many intensely dramatic tales of the battle in which he was engaged. After the war had subsided he came to Madison county and has been living a quiet, peaceful life ever since. He is very much interested just now in the Russian-Japanese activity in the far east and shows keen enjoyment in reading the accounts of the big battles.

Repairing—neatest, best, cheapest. Paul Nordwig, harness man.

## IN RUSS ARMY FIVE YEARS

NORFOLK MAN SERVED UNDER CZAR'S RULE AS SOLDIER.

HAS NO SYMPATHY FOR CZAR

"The Landlords Take Nearly all That the Peasants Make," He Says, "And the Farmer in Russia is a Slave and a Poor Pauper."

(From Friday's Daily.)

The love of fatherland, that inherent feeling in the human heart that leads men to sacrifice everything for their native land is the spirit that really wins battle when nations go to war. Scott's patriotic "Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land?" strikes a sympathetic chord in every man's heart. The utter absence of this feeling among the Russian masses explains largely their utter lack of success in recent engagements. The reason for it is described succinctly by Wm. Deins, who in an interview with The News relates his own experience while a citizen of Russia. Mr. Deins lives on the Haase farm north of town. He said:

"I have no sympathy with either nation. Naturally I could not favor the Japanese, but Russia deserves no sympathy. I served five years in the Russian army without compensation and had to get aid from my people to return home. They treat a common soldier like a dog. All the land is owned by the aristocracy and is divided among the peasants in lots too small for them to make a living from. Nearly all they make is taken by the landlords. There is no farm machinery and the peasants have to work hard to support a system in which they are slaves and paupers."

### Warnerville.

Miss Olive Munson has gone to Holdrege to visit her sister. J. W. Smith rented a farm in Pierce county and moved his family there last week.

Mrs. Clara Hills has leased her farm to Marsh Pettitt and removed to Norfolk.

George Tannehill has leased his farm and will spend the summer on the Pacific coast.

Mont Wheeler is moving his family from Madison onto the Woods farm two miles east of town.

The M. B. A. lodge will give a public entertainment in their lodge room Wednesday evening, March 22.

C. J. Lodge, Jr., who was operated on for appendicitis at St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, last week, writes that the operation was successful and that he is getting along as well as could be expected.

### FRIDAY FACTS.

Mrs. Corl Jenkins of Kalamazoo is in the city, a guest at the home of C. D. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. August Haase have welcomed to their home north of the city a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blank of this city are the proud parents of a handsome baby girl, the first born.

Pierce is planning for an extension of rural route service. According to a postal inspector who recently visited Norfolk, every county in Nebraska might as well have complete service as not.

The republican city convention which will be held at the office of Mapes & Hazen tonight, promises to be well attended. At this convention nominations will be made by the republicans for all of the municipal offices, and the campaign in Norfolk will be on for fair. At the same time the citizens convention, which is called to meet in the city hall at 8 o'clock, will nominate a city ticket. Just what the outcome of the two conventions will be is not known today.

According to farmers, the recent fall of snow and rain was worth a million dollars and more to the broad, flat acres of the northwest. Covered with this layer of moisture which soaked and soaked down deep into the earth, the ground has been put in tip-top shape for a great growth of crops during the coming season. This snow-fall, it is said, has been as much of a benefit to the farmer as so much of a fertilizer, and will mean binsful of grain and bankful of cash next fall. Incidentally it may mean bankful of water this spring, but the northwest will stand for that all right.

The Chase-Lister repertoire company last night played to a full house, the play being a thrilling melodrama entitled, "A Fatal Marriage." It was Eagle's night and the theater was decorated in fantastic display for the occasion. Many local Eagles filled seats in the parquet in honor of the event. During the afternoon a huge banner was carried about town advertising the fact that it was "Eagle's Night." There wasn't any time that dragged. It was something doing all the while, with enough of the sensational to make it interesting. A good play has been announced for tonight and tomorrow night will end the week's stand.

St. Patrick's day in the morning dawned in northern Nebraska without so much of a dawn as it might have been. With a heavy, damp cloak of

dense fog wrapped about the shoulders of Mother Earth, there was little in the looks of things that made it a merry day at the outset. Streets are still in bad condition and sidewalks are damp and slippery as a result of the mists and the recent snows. There was no sunshine early in the day and not a great deal of chance for it, if the signs of the matin were to be believed. Still, it is St. Patrick's day—St. Patrick's day in the morning, and it's always fair weather under that condition. The wearing of the green became a habit when the world began to stir and by noon the shamrock from the Emerald Isle had become a fixed proposition in Norfolk.

A report from Ansley says John E. Chandler was arrested Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Ed McCormick and taken to Broken Bow and permitted to give bond for \$100, signed by George Gross and Will Brown, until the preliminary hearing Saturday. On the same evening Jimmy Rhodes was arrested at Rowe, Monroe county, Ark., by the sheriff of that county, and Charles R. Richardson, sheriff of Custer, left for Arkansas to bring Jimmy Rhodes to Custer county. The charge made against these parties is that on the night of November 6 last they took from the ranch of George E. Porter, which is located half way between Mason and Litefield, twenty-five head of cattle and on the morning of November 7 shipped them to South Omaha from Litefield. The cattle were sold on the South Omaha market and the money was drawn by Jimmy Rhodes.

The blended melody that springs from the throats of many different sorts of birds rang out clearly and sweetly on the misty air of the morning today, to give the people of northern Nebraska a warning that, in spite of the density of the fog that shrouds the world, spring is really and truly coming at last. There was the golden note of the yellow-breasted meadow lark, who poured forth his melody from vantage ground just out of sight and who proclaimed his joy in having returned to his summer home; there was the delicate little song of the bluebird, the loud-voiced utterance of the crane, sweeping far overhead but bound for the north and a cooler clime; there was the well known chirp of the robin red breast, who was glad to be alive. The blue-jay scolded and fussed and from high up in the heavens came the noisy cackling of the geese, making for the springtime abodes. Though all signs fall in wet weather, it really looks like spring were here, and the groundhog ought to venture out once more.

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### Fire is Out.

The fire that has been smouldering in the wreckage of the cold storage plant since it burned a week ago today, seems to have been completely extinguished and today there is no smoke or steam proceeding from the ruins to indicate that they were still alive. A great deal of the undamaged ice has been removed from the wreckage.

### PIERCE DOCTOR RETURNS.

Repurchases His Practice and Will Remain There.

Pierce, Neb., March 18.—Special to The News: Dr. J. T. Pringle, who last January sold his practice to Dr. F. E. Cressler, has repurchased the business and his friends are glad to learn that he intends to remain in Pierce. Dr. Cressler, who came last spring, will likewise remain in Pierce for the practice of his profession.

### CLASS OF '97 ENTERTAINS.

At a Musical and Literary Program They Had a Full House.

The class of 1907, Norfolk high school entertained a packed house of their friends and admirers in the high school room last night with a high grade musical and literary program. Of especial interest was the first public appearance of the high school orchestra of ten pieces which proved itself remarkably clever and brought out demonstrations of approval from the audience. Readings by Misses Glennie Shippe, Lola Lintecum and Roxie Sturgeon were an appreciated feature. Piano solos by Misses May Schwenk and Lois Gibson were clever interpretations. A vocal solo by Prof. Solomon was heartily appreciated, and a double quartet, song by the boys of the class and the class song rounded out an evening of enjoyment to those attending.

Misses Sturgeon and Lintecum, with their readings, contested for the honor of representing the Norfolk high school at the coming North Nebraska contest, and after a careful deliberation in which the judges had difficulty in coming to a decision, the honor was given to Miss Lintecum.

"I can't get a girl," cries the despairing housekeeper. A want ad in The News gets the girl, restores sunshine in her soul, cheerfulness in her home and happiness in her husband and children. News want ads are great stuff, if used.

## COUNCIL NAMES BOARDS

CHOOSES MEN WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE ELECTION.

WILL LAY CEMENT SIDEWALKS

Council Decides to do Away With the Brick Proposition and Relay Condemned Walks Hereafter With Cement—Commissioner to Repair.

The city council met in regular session last night with the mayor and all the councilmen present except Spellman, Walker and Wilkinson. The city attorney reported regarding the Emery building that Mr. Emery had already purchased the brick and other material and would veneer his building as soon as possible.

Councilman Kesau stated that, as yet, he had not purchased the scrapers and plow authorized, on account of the price, but had found where two good second-hand scrapers could be bought for \$5 and a good new plow would cost \$21. The matter was referred back to Mr. Kiesau with power to act.

The following resolution was read: Resolved, That the sidewalks along the following described property, along the south side of block 9, Koenigstein's Fourth addition, along the south side of lot 8, block 1, Koenigstein's Third addition; along the west side of lots 10, 11, and 12, block 3, Durlands First addition; along west side of lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, block 5, Dorsey Place addition; along west side lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, block 9, Western Town Lot Co's. addition; along the east side of lots 1, 2, 3, block 11, and lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, block 12, Durland's First addition; along west side of lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, block 2, Koenigstein's Second addition; along west side of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 6, Koenigstein's addition; be condemned and the owners of the described property be required to rebuild the same within thirty days according to the provisions of ordinance No. 275.

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

Councilman Pasewalk stated that for the sidewalks the city had to put in that they could get cement walks for eight cents per square foot, and recommended that the city use cement instead of brick. The recommendation was adopted by unanimous vote.

The mayor recommended that the street commissioner be instructed to go over the city and repair temporarily the board walks where in need of repairs and could be done and where it could not be done to tear out the walk.

Mr. Pasewalk reported regarding the boiler insurance that it could be written by Mr. Roberts for \$90 for \$10,000 for three years. The matter was referred to the mayor and Mr. Pasewalk, with power to act.

Mr. Goldsworthy requested the council to put a culvert across the ditch in front of his property on Thirteenth street. The matter was referred to the street and alley committee, with power to act.

The council appointed the following persons to act on the election boards at the city election to be held April 4: First ward—J. S. McClary, W. H. Widaman, as judges of election; E. R. Hayes and H. W. Winter, clerks of election.

Second ward—F. A. Bryant, W. B. Vail and A. Morrison, judges; C. H. Vail and H. E. Gerecke clerks, and John Osterling, police.

Third ward—Julius Degner, J. H. VanHorn and Anton Buchholz, judges, and W. L. Kern and Max Asmus, clerks; W. H. Law, police.

Fourth ward—Silas Ball, James Gray and J. V. Johnston, judges; Lee Hershiser and Allen Wilkinson, clerks.

F. W. Klentz asked the council for the usual contract to sprinkle the streets. The matter was referred to Parish, Pasewalk and Kiesau to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Mills of the Trident Water Meter Co., spoke at some length to the council on the subject of water meters.

Councilman Pasewalk reported that the waterworks pumping station was in need of several valves and new plungers for the pumps. Their purchase was authorized and the council adjourned.

### SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Corl Jenkins is expected tonight from Kalamazoo for a visit.

"Bill" Ferguson will join Campbell Bros. circus again this season.

Mrs. A. P. Johnson of Garfield, Wash., is visiting Mrs. C. C. Gov.

Fred H. Free was down from Plainview today.

Clair Clark was a passenger for Omaha on the noon train.

Frank Dederman left on the noon train for a business trip to Bonesteel.

town yesterday endeavoring to interest Norfolk people in the manufacture of a threshold which he has patented.

The woman's club will meet in the Congregational church parlors Monday afternoon at 2:30.

The Northwestern has reduced the expense and added to the efficiency of its switch lights in the yards at South Norfolk by wiring the switches and installing electric lights. Ed. Brueggemann did the wiring.

A novel method of selling real estate has been adopted by Tracy & Durland in disposing of the residence property of L. C. Bargelt on South Ninth street. The price, which was originally \$1,500, is being reduced at the rate of \$5 each day.

There is a lively movement on the part of the ducks that are leaving their southern feeding grounds and proceeding to the north for the breeding season, and the Norfolk nitrods are coming in each day with good strings of the game birds. There seems to be more of the birds in the movement this spring than there have been for many seasons past.

It was a heavy rainfall that swooped down upon Norfolk in the night, three-quarters of an inch of water dropping. The barometer fell from 30.05 to 29.35, indicating the sultry atmosphere of this morning. The highest point reached yesterday by the mercury was 62 and the lowest was 46. For a time yesterday afternoon the sun came out and gave a sample exhibition of what it is really able to do if it takes a notion. As a result of the rain the gutters in Norfolk were filled to overflow and at an early hour today and the streets are still very muddy.

A. E. Groom, who has just returned from Omaha, underwent an operation in a hospital at that point in which his left eye was taken out. Mr. Groom had been blind in that eye for a number of years and the grip this winter settled in that member. His physicians advised him that the only remedy would be the operation, and the surgery was performed by Dr. Gifford. Dr. Gifford ran a knife blade around the lid of the eye before the patient had taken chloroform, in order to show what he would do, as a number of students watched it. After the operation, Mr. Groom left the table and walked up stairs.

Frank Schiedlag, who lives near the line between Stanton and Madison counties, has a broken leg as a result of trouble with two men who approached his farm and dammed the drainage culverts. In driving away the two men shot a gun either at Schiedlag or up into the air and in the pursuit which followed the latter was thrown from his horse when the animal stumbled, went over its head and was stepped upon by the beast, crushing a bone. The trouble all arose from the direction in which the culverts ran. Last fall the Stanton county commissioners closed the culverts, sending the water north. There was an element on the north who didn't like the idea and who made it a point to dam the culverts. Schiedlag watched for them and saw two men approach after dark. He rode up to them and the men, firing a gun, turned and fled. In the chase that followed, Schiedlag was injured. Schiedlag formerly lived in Norfolk. Dr. P. H. Salter was called to set the limb.

### Irish Specialties Tonight.

The Chase-Lister repertoire company will tonight present a clever lot of Irish specialties, in honor of the day. There will be good songs and plenty of them. The Wearing of the Green is not the name of the play tonight, but everyone will wear three green leaves. East Lynne, that ever popular success, is on for tonight. The management will give away three green leaves to all tonight, and the genuine Irish ivy. The house will probably be packed. Get seats early.

### South Norfolk Card Club.

The South Norfolk card club gave a very enjoyable party in Railway hall last night, about fifty persons participating in the progressive high five games that were the principal amusement of the evening. A dainty luncheon was served at the close of the games.

### WATERWORKS FOR ANOKA.

Village Board is Requested to Investigate the Matter.

Anoka, Neb., March 21.—A citizens' caucus nominated H. Bauman, P. R. Crum and L. Engberg for village trustees. It is probable no other board will be nominated. The convention recommended that the board investigate the matter of bonding the village for waterworks and submit the matter at an early date.

Recent snow and rain have made the roads very muddy but have benefited the crops.

### 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 to Colorado daily, only one night. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

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