

FOR FEDERAL COURT TERM

JURY SESSION WOULD BE HELD HERE THIS MONTH.

IF FURNITURE WERE READY

Judge W. H. Munger of the United States Court Has Expressed His Willingness and Desire to Hold a Real Session of Court Here.

According to a letter received by John R. Hays, custodian of the new government building in Norfolk, from United States Judge Munger of Omaha, there are to be regular jury sessions of the federal court held in this city just as soon as the courtrooms at the building are equipped with the furniture necessary to a term of court. If the rooms had been furnished during the winter or if they were even furnished before the last of this month, the April session of the federal term of court in Norfolk would be a reality, with attorneys from all over the state, prisoners from a large area and witnesses from the same territory. The furniture not being in the building, Norfolk will lose this spring's term.

It was during last month that Judge Munger wrote to Mr. Hays and in that letter the judge asked whether or not the Norfolk federal building were furnished sufficiently for a court session, stating that if it were he might hold the April term of court here, with a jury, and that if it were not the matter would be taken up at once with the department so that it might be furnished in time for the next term. Mr. Hays, replying to Judge Munger, stated to him that the building is not furnished and has had no further correspondence with the judge concerning the matter.

Want to Hold Court Here.

A. J. Durland of this city, while he was in Omaha the other day, was told by a number of attorneys and also by Judge Munger that they were anxious to hold court in Norfolk during the April term, which begins April 24, and that if the building were furnished for it the session would be forthcoming.

Mr. Durland was impressed with the opportunity to start the precedent and returned to Norfolk enthusiastic over the possibility. "If the department could be urged to get the furniture here for this term of court," he said, "it would mean very much to Norfolk as a whole in a business way. The hotels would be crowded with attorneys, witnesses and parties interested. While Norfolk has been a court town for many years, nothing in the way of a session has been held here excepting the arrival of the federal judge, who would declare court opened and adjourned. Now that there is a building for that court, with a chance according to the law, it seems a pity to miss the chance to establish the precedent by holding court during the first term and while Judge Munger, who is inclined toward coming here, is still on the bench and in authority."

No Word Regarding Furniture.

John R. Hays, postmaster and custodian, has had no word from the department concerning furniture for the federal court portion of the new building. He said, concerning the matter, "I have received no instructions nor information regarding furniture for the federal court room. Whether or not the appropriation included furniture for the court room I do not know. It is doubtful in my mind if furniture could be secured this month in time to hold court here."

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Mrs. Chas. Staley was down from Pierce.

Fred Likes of Concord was in Norfolk yesterday.

A. B. Tyje was in the city yesterday from Winsted.

E. G. Malone was here from Columbus yesterday.

Thos. Irishaw of Neligh was in the city on business.

C. W. Nies was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Wayne.

L. J. Andrews was in the city yesterday from Fremont.

M. C. Hazen was in Pierce yesterday on legal business.

Arnold Romberg was in Norfolk yesterday from Scribner.

S. J. Arnett was over from Madison yesterday on business.

H. H. Cery was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Platte Center.

Mrs. Hutton and daughter Fay were down from Pierce yesterday.

S. C. Christensen was a visitor in Norfolk yesterday from Wayne.

Mrs. H. H. Mohr and Mrs. Douglas Cones drove down from Pierce yesterday.

Miss A. Ulrich and Miss Lena Scholtz of Pierce were in Norfolk yesterday.

Ernest Bridge has accepted a position as book keeper with Blakeman & Coleman.

Attorneys W. M. Robertson and M. D. Tyler tried a lawsuit in Battle Creek yesterday.

Mrs. H. Grunwald and two daughters were down from Osmond yesterday.

Harry Knowles and J. H. Christy were down from Tilden today on business.

J. H. Covert, who has, with his family, been spending the winter at Ewing, is in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lederer of Pierce county are visitors at the home of Martin Brubaker.

Froom Sharpless has left for Duluth, where he goes to join his parents, who recently moved there from Norfolk.

Dr. Thomas White, U. S. veterinarian for the district of north Nebraska, is planning to remove next week to Salt Lake city.

Max Wilde returned last night from California where he has been operating for the railroad company. He went to work at the Junction this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridge of Fremont stopped off in Norfolk yesterday for a short visit with relatives. They were on their way to Wood Lake, where Mr. Bridge has extensive land interests.

A boy has been born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davenport. August Brummund and C. H. Krahn have decided to put in cement walks in front of their respective properties on Madison avenue.

Steward Peters of the Norfolk hospital for the insane was looking for a good farm team in his home county of Stanton the first of the week and offered good prices but found the animals for sale were scarce.

Harry Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and formerly of Norfolk, has been in the city from Omaha during the past few days, connecting cables for the Nebraska Telephone company. The new cables, which have been strung along main streets, are monstrous.

The Browning club tendered a farewell banquet on Friday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Cole, for Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morrow, who are soon to leave for their new home in the west. Toasts of a delightful nature proved a fine feature at the close of the dinner.

H. M. Roberts has a reminder of his boyhood days in the copy of a Racine, Wis. Journal which was established there at the time he lived there as a boy in 1856. He was especially interested in the account of a birthday celebration of a former neighbor who is now ninety-one years of age.

The ladies of Norfolk lodge No. 101, Degree of Honor of the A. O. U. W., entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Linerode of South Seventh street for Mrs. Chas. Durham who has been recorder of the lodge for many years. Mrs. Durham leaves today for Fremont, her future home.

Rock Bros., proprietors of the new Merchants cafe, are preparing to install a number of more private booths in their restaurant, where private dinner parties or luncheons may be served. Already two of these private boxes, where theater parties or where business men may lunch together, have proven popular. The special Sunday dinners are also proving attractive.

The watch thief who had stolen the time piece from Jake Hershiser and who at first refused to admit his guilt, finally confessed to the police, in a sweat box process, that he had taken the article. When he was promised that he should be sentenced to but thirty days in the county jail, the fellow went to a corn crib northwest of the union depot and dug up the watch. He was ordered taken to Madison.

Dr. Charles A. McKim of Norfolk has been appointed state veterinarian for Nebraska by Governor Mickey and will, on the first of July, leave this city for Lincoln to assume his official duties. Dr. McKim succeeds Dr. Thomas and is the only new officer selected by Governor Mickey for the year. Dr. McKim has lived in Norfolk for many years, and has built up a very large and lucrative practice in his profession but with the new position he considers that he will have opportunity to widen his acquaintance very materially. Dr. McKim's many Norfolk friends have been congratulating him today.

A third bank has been organized at Meadow Grove. The new institution will be known as the Security bank and have a capital stock of \$20,000. It will be exceptionally strong financially, its stockholders representing a responsibility of something like a quarter of a million of dollars. The officers are F. J. Hale, president; S. J. Clark, vice president; R. G. Roheke, cashier. The directorate is composed of seven members, viz: F. J. Hale, R. G. Roheke, S. J. Clark, J. I. Beach, John F. Newhall, B. H. Baker and J. I. Niles. Thirteen stockholders were present at the time of organizing and all measures were taken for commencing business by May 1.

Warnerville.

Mrs. Roy Fuller of Holdrege is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Munson.

"Gramp" Powell, after spending the winter in Battle Creek, has returned to Warnerville for the summer.

Mrs. Wm. Lovell has gone to Spencer to see her mother, who is reported seriously ill.

A. H. Cropper, who was seriously ill through the winter and early spring, has recovered sufficiently to resume his farm work.

Miss Olive Munson returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state.

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.

RAISE BEETS THIS YEAR

NORTHERN NEBRASKA FARMERS HAVE CONTRACTED.

TRIPLE LAST YEAR'S ACREAGE

A Weigh Station Will be Established at Norfolk to Handle the North Nebraska Beet Crop for Ames During This Season.

Now that the plant of the American Beet Sugar company which ran for thirteen unlovely years in Norfolk has been dismantled and shipped bodily to Colorado, removing from their midst the wheels into which they formerly were able to pour their beets, the farmers around Norfolk and throughout northern Nebraska have determined to raise beets on a larger scale than ever and contracts have already been signed in this immediate vicinity for almost three times the acreage that was produced a year ago. The beets which shall be grown in northern Nebraska during the coming summer will all be shipped to the Leavitt factory at Ames, Neb., the capacity of which has been doubled in order to handle the crop that comes from the territory that naturally belonged to the Norfolk plant.

One of the visible potent reasons for this remarkable increase in beet raising now that a marketing point has been made eighty miles distant is, perhaps, the fact that the Ames factory will this year pay 25 cents per ton more for the roots than was paid by the Norfolk factory in 1904. The Ames people will pay \$5 per ton flat for beets delivered to them at Norfolk and they will, themselves, pay the freight from here to Ames. In order to handle the crop they have made arrangements to establish in Norfolk a weigh station. The Norfolk factory last year paid \$4.50 flat per ton, with 20 cents per ton extra for hauling to the factory. The Ames people will pay 20 cents per ton extra for sliced beets, which is the same rate paid at Norfolk last year for that class of crop.

This, however, does not fully explain just why the acreage should be increased three-fold over the contracts that the Norfolk factory was able to secure for 1905, when the American people offered for the coming season \$5 flat, just as the Ames people are doing. It is a fact, nevertheless, that the American Beet Sugar company were able to secure less than 400 acres of beets from this vicinity last year while the Ames company has already secured 900 from Norfolk alone, with many hundreds of acres more in other portions of this territory. And by increasing their price per ton over last year's contracts the Norfolk people were unable to secure enough new contracts for this summer to guarantee a three months' campaign.

As a result of the lack of beets for the Norfolk factory, its machinery has gone to Colorado, and now that it has gone, on the same offer, the Ames, Neb., factory has had to double its capacity so that it can chop up beets from 13,000 acres instead of the 6,500 it had twelve months ago. The ease with which contracts have been given to the Ames factory is shown by the fact that at Wayne, Neb., in one day 150 acres were secured.

Nothing definite has been done with the 240 acres of land, the boilers and magnificent buildings abandoned by the sugar plant here and given back to the citizens who donated \$150,000 for a bonus to secure the institution here in 1891. It is being offered as a prize to some new industry.

As a result of the peculiar situation, the puzzle that is confronting Norfolk is, "Why weren't the beets raised for the home plant?" It is evident from the tripling of acreage that under certain conditions some farmers in this section at least are willing to devote a portion of their time to beet culture. What it is that has wrought the change in so short a time is quite an unknown quantity. The question that has naturally arisen is, "Would it pay to start a new sugar factory here?" or, "If managed along different lines during its lifetime in Nebraska, could the Norfolk plant have been made a success?"

A GROWING HOME INDUSTRY

Manufacture of Building Blocks is Increasing in Importance.

A coming industry in Norfolk and northern Nebraska—or one, indeed, which may be said to have already fairly arrived—is the manufacturing of cement building blocks for use in both foundations, walls and partitions of homes and business structures. Already the process of manufacturing these blocks in Norfolk, under the direction of M. Endres, who founded the industry here and who has been increasing its importance month by month, has come to be a factor in the commercial being of the town and a half dozen workmen, employed every day at good wages, attest the fact that it has begun to fill.

At his home on South Eighth street—and that home, a two story structure, is a model of the building blocks—Mr. Endres has erected two large buildings, in one of which the blocks are made and in the other of which they are laid for a week to dry thoroughly before going on the market.

The process of making the blocks is an interesting one, from the moment the Portland cement—and two-

ty-five carloads of this material are used during the year—is mixed with the sand hauled into town from a pit three miles away, until, harder than a rock, shapely as a picture and solid enough to maintain the greatest building weights, the blocks are laid into place on a foundation or a wall.

Patent Was Costly.

The patent mold for making the Miracle Cement Blocks was costly, having been bought at a half thousand dollars. In this metal mold the mixture of cement and gravel is tamped and shaped into air-chambered blocks. Two men employed at this machine manufacture 150 blocks every day. Then the blocks are laid in long rows to harden for a week. They are placed for this time in a big, dark building, into which no currents of air are allowed, and water is soaked into them every day so that they may dry under water.

The blocks are so shaped that, by virtue of the air chambers running through them, they are at all times proof against frost, cold or rain. Into any portion of the blocks that a drill may find its way, an air chamber will be struck. It is claimed for them that they are more lasting than bricks and that they compete with brick in price. Imposing, too, in appearance, they resemble carved stone so closely that in some instances the difference is not discernible.

A number of foundations have been made from the blocks in Norfolk, and some houses. More and more inquiries are being received every day. A handsome new home is now being built at a nearby town from Norfolk blocks and many towns along the Bonesteel line of the Northwestern are equipped with the patent process. It is a growing industry and one which has come to stay, from the fact, if for nothing more, that the blocks grow better and better as time wears on, becoming more solid and more strong every day of their lives. A test shows that at the end of thirty days they are twice as strong as at the end of seven, and that at the end of ninety days they are fifty per cent better still this indicating the rate at which they increase in value.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Elks Lodge Has New Officers and More Members.

At the meeting of Norfolk lodge, No. 653, B. P. O. E., Saturday evening, three novitiates were inducted into the mysteries of the order, after which officers were installed as follows:

Exalted ruler—Burt Mapes.

Esteemed Leading Knight—E. H. Tracy.

Esteemed Loyal Knight—M. D. Tyler.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—C. S. Parker.

Secretary—B. C. Gentle.

Treasurer—C. E. Burnham.

Tyler—O. F. Tappert.

Trustee—C. P. Parish.

Representative to grand lodge at Buffalo, July 11, 1905—Dr. P. H. Salter; alternate, W. M. Robertson.

Trustee to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J. N. Bundick—J. C. Stitt.

Appointive officers were named as follows by Exalted Ruler Mapes:

R. H. Reynolds, esquire.

F. K. Fulton, inner guard.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells, chaplain.

M. C. Walker, Norris Huse and Ralph Bransch, sick committee.

Sol Mayer, W. H. Johnson, M. D. Tyler, auditing committee.

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

Croup.

An attack of croup can be warded off by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly at the first indication of the approach of the disease. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

Boy Baby Born.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber welcomed a bouncing baby boy to their home on South Seventh street Saturday night.

ANOTHER VERSION.

Attorney for Doctor Koch Offers New Story of Relationship to Saple.

Winona, Minn., April 10.—W. D. Abbott, of Winona, one of the attorneys for Dr. Koch, of New Ulm, to be tried this month for the murder of Dr. Gebhard, is indignant over the story sent out from New Ulm to the effect that a brother of Mrs. E. G. Koch, who is the mother of Dr. Koch, committed a blood-curdling murder in Todd county in 1883. Mr. Abbott has carefully investigated the matter and reports the facts as follows:

Mrs. Koch, who has been dead for several years, never had a brother. The Samuel Saple referred to in the article as being the murderer, was a son of a half-brother of Dr. Koch's grandfather.

Unveiled at Appomattox.

Appomattox, Va., April 10.—The first monument to be erected at Appomattox in memory of the confederate soldiers who fought to the war's end was dedicated today. The monument was erected by the state of North Carolina, whose troops were the last of the confederate forces to hold out against the victorious union army.

The dedication was made the occasion for a great gathering of confederate veterans of both North Carolina and Virginia. Governor Glenn of North Carolina delivered the principal oration. Other speakers were Generals Cox and Roberts, whose commands greatly distinguished themselves in the fighting about Appomattox.

CLUB WILL NOT DISBAND

WILL REORGANIZE ALONG DIFFERENT LINES.

MEETING NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

At That Time a New Constitution Will be Presented and an Effort Made to Secure the Interest of All Business Men.

The meeting of the Commercial club last night at the city hall was well attended and everyone of those present is a representative business man. It was the most enthusiastic and practical meeting that has been held in recent years, and the thought that the club should be disbanded was very promptly frowned down. It was decided to reorganize the club on somewhat different lines, raise the membership fee and place its affairs upon a business basis by giving the officers something to work with in a financial way, instead of expecting them to do a large amount of personal labor and at the same time largely foot the bills for advancing the interests of the town. To this end another meeting will be held next Friday evening, when a lunch will be served and the occasion made a social meeting of business men and property owners.

After calling the meeting to order, President Robertson tendered his resignation as head of the club. This brought on a discussion, in which every member present expressed regret that the judge should contemplate retiring from the active management of the organization. An attempt was made to induce him to withdraw the resignation, and the matter was finally disposed of by a motion that the resignation be not accepted, which received the unanimous vote of all present.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to revise the constitution and that a meeting be called next Friday evening to listen to the report of the committee. The chair named on this committee Messrs. Hazen, Durland and Burnham.

It was decided to serve refreshments at the meeting Friday evening and W. R. Hoffman was selected to take charge of this feature of the occasion, with power to appoint assistants.

It was the sense of the club that the coming meeting be thoroughly advertised and Mr. Hoffman was instructed to issue personal invitations to business men and property owners, the object being to have a gathering of all those interested in the welfare of the city, to the end that projects for the betterment of conditions might be thoroughly discussed and the club given an impetus that should insure the active harmony in their accomplishment. It is well for all business men to meet in a social way and talk things over occasionally and no more opportune time than next Friday evening at the city hall will ever be presented.

Under instruction from the club, Hon. John R. Hays was invited by President Robertson to make an address on that evening, defining the necessity of maintaining the club and outlining its purposes.

OPERATIC STAR TO VISIT HERE

Miss Cecilia Rohde, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rohde.

Miss Cecilia Rohde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rohde of this city, who has been starring as prima donna in operatic productions throughout the east, is expected in Norfolk this week for a visit of ten days with her parents. Miss Rohde has never been in Norfolk, though she received a visit from her mother last winter in Chicago. She was prima donna in "Winsome Winnie" and a number of other popular pieces. She has sung before audiences in all of the European operatic centers and made a hit in Chicago and New York, in both of which she studied music. After her visit here, Miss Rohde will leave for Cincinnati to fill an engagement in another company as leading lady during the summer.

Plowing Corn.

"Seeding is practically finished and plowing in the cornfields has begun in the western portion of Madison county," said H. C. Pahl of Meadow Grove, who was in Norfolk today. "The wheat needs rain just now but prospects for a good crop were never better."

NEW ADMINISTRATION MAY 2.

Officers-Elect are Getting Ready to Take Their Places.

The first Tuesday in May is the date set for the changing of administrations in Norfolk and preparations are being made for the shifting in three weeks. Judge-Elect Westervell was in the police court room this morning, looking over the situation. Judge Hayes said that he was a prisoner, charged with breaking into the police court; that he had pleaded guilty and been put in contempt of court as a penalty.

VETERINARY PARTNER FOR M'KIM

New State Officer From Norfolk Takes in Dr. J. C. Myers.

Dr. C. A. McKim, newly appointed state veterinarian, has associated with himself and his practice here Dr. J.

C. Myers of Galena, Ill., who will arrive about the first of June for the purpose of assuming charge of Dr. McKim's work. Dr. McKim will render his assistance and advice in all cases to his new partner and will frequently be in Norfolk. The appointment came as a mark of merit to his ability and standing in the state, as it was in no way solicited.

"There is a great deal of work in northern Nebraska," said Dr. McKim today, "and for that reason I shall be thrown in Norfolk often. There is a good deal of glanders up around Osmond which needs looking after now."

FIRE AT MADISON

Hardware Store of Hume, Robertson and Wycoff is Damaged.

Madison, Neb., April 10.—What might have become the most disastrous fire in the history of the city broke out here yesterday in the basement of the Hume-Robertson-Wycoff company's hardware store. It was discovered at 1:30 p. m. and the fire department worked about an hour before the flames were subdued. The fire coming up through a large register in the middle of the store spread to right and left and reached the ceiling, a slylight directly overhead acting as a flue. It was confined to the building in which it originated. The store of M. F. Thomas, general merchandise, was damaged considerably by smoke, as the buildings are separated by a wooden partition only. The loss on the Hume-Robertson-Wycoff company's stock from fire and water is variously estimated at from \$4,000 to \$8,000. The damage to the building is about \$500, and it is fully covered by insurance. A high wind was blowing from the northeast. The damaged building is located in the main business block of the city. The cause of the fire is not known.

GHASTLY ROSEBUD FIND

HEADLESS SKELETON OF BONE-STEEL MERCHANT LOCATED.

A. ABOUREZK, LOST IN STORM

The Head Eaten Off by Coyotes on the Prairie, the Whittened Bones of a Rosebud Citizen are Discovered.

Story of His Disappearance.

Bonesteel, S. D., April 8.—A headless skeleton whose environment indicates it to be the whittened remains of Alex Abourezk, a former business man of Bonesteel, S. D., has just been found on the windbeaten prairies of the Rosebud reservation and the coroner has gone to the scene to investigate. The clothing, consisting of overalls, dark trousers, striped vest, a half dollar and a letterhead bearing the name, "Abourezk, Notions, and Groceries, Bonesteel, S. D.," goes to show that the bones found on the plains are those of a pioneer Bonesteel merchant who was lost in a storm about two years ago and who had never been located, though searched for by many parties, since. It is believed that the head had been eaten and carried away by coyotes. The ghastly find was made by August Koopman, while burning prairie five miles north of Herrick, in the breakers of the Whetstone.

Abourezk disappeared during the fearful March storm of 1903. In company with Elias Saad of Peoria, Ill., he had driven thirty-five miles northwest of Bonesteel, on the reservation, to buy a horse. Returning they drove into swollen Coon creek. Saad jumped from the buggy and escaped alive. The horses and buggy of Abourezk were found later.

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Rural Route No. 3.

Seeding is nearly all done and some of the farmers have already commenced to plow for corn. Small grain is coming up nicely.

R. W. and Ed Rohrke are running the road grader over the road from the bridge east of Hadar to Albert Siegebot's.

C. A. Weston is shelling corn today.

Mr. Wichman, one of Hadar's merchants, is putting up a new store building east of the church, that will give Hadar three stores. They have also a new livery and feed barn and a new house is under construction. Otto Huebner is finishing his new house. He also moved up one of his father's large barns. They used a traction engine to draw it.

Not one live quail has been seen on this rural route since January 20, and only one dead one. Up to that time there were about 100 on the route. Chickens are quite plentiful. At one time there were about 300 prairie chickens in a bunch that had gathered in a spot where corn had been left in the field. It is presumed that that is about when the snow was going off.

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