

TREASURER TO BRING SUIT

AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES BY LAW.

OPEN UP A NEW HIGHWAY

Commissioners Meet in Regular Session at Madison and Attend to Business of the County—A Grist of Bills is Allowed and Ordered Paid.

Madison, Neb., April 11.—At 1 o'clock p. m. board met pursuant to adjournment. All members were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved. The matter of opening the road beginning at the ne corner of the sec 4 of section 12, 21, 1 w, running thence south on the county line to the se corner of sec 4 of section 12, 21, 1 w, was taken up. A motion was made by Geo. D. Smith to declare the road open. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harding. On vote motion prevailed and said road was declared open. In the matter of the poll tax of J. H. McKay for the year 1885 and the personal tax assessed against him in Grove precinct for the year 1898 were ordered, by the commissioners, to be stricken from the list for the reason that he has made affidavit that he had been erroneously assessed.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

S. W. Hayes, fees, \$3.85, allowed at	3 55
H. E. Hardy, coal for pauper	11 25
J. H. Van Horn, breaking ice	3 75
Emil Winter, recording official bonds, express, postage, etc.	71 82
J. C. Larkin, fees, \$6.55, allowed at	5 55
C. W. Crum, salary for March	100 00
J. B. Donovan, printing and supplies	57 50
H. W. Winter, breaking ice	6 00
Paul Brummond, breaking ice Nebraska Telephone Co, toll and rent	7 95
W. H. Field, fees, expenses, etc.	55 67
Thos. O'Shea, coal	36 95
Madison Telephone Co, phone rent	9 00
Gus Kaul, salary, etc.	48 00
Jno. H. Harding (bill of W. Lowe assigned to him)	20 00
Electric Light Co. (Madison county) light	27 00
State Journal Co, printing	26 36
Perkins Bros. Co, printing and supplies	27 37
Klopp & Bartlett Co, supplies	10 70
Wm. H. Pratt, buggy for poor farm	15 00
Frank McKay, board for jurors	13 00
R. L. Braasch, coal for paupers	24 05
Christ Schmitt, money advanced Mrs. Dugan	10 00
Stanton county, county bridge	35 26
Wm. Bates, postage, express, recording bonds, etc.	35 60
W. C. Elley, balliff fees	8 00
Hume, Robertson, Wycoff Co, lumber	50 00
Bill of A. Wautlin for boarding Mrs. Dugan was rejected.	
Herman Eueker, bridge work	31 70

On motion the following bonds were approved:

Geo. Seckel, sr., road overseer district No. 14.
P. L. Bussey, road overseer district No. 2.
A. J. Thatch, county surveyor.

On motion the following road overseers were appointed:

Jno. Wieland, road district No. 21.
F. M. Dufphey, road district No. 19.

On motion the county treasurer was authorized in all cases of emergency, arising by reason of persons attempting to remove from the county or state, without paying taxes, to commence suit for delinquent personal taxes with the advice of the county attorney.

On motion the transfer of \$1,181.46 from 1903 general fund to 1904 commissioner district road funds, made on February 14, 1905, was reconsidered and cancelled, and the amount of \$1,855.56 was transferred from 1903 general fund to 1904 county general fund.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Christ Schmitt, salary and mileage	73 60
Geo. D. Smith, salary and mileage	52 55
Jno. H. Harding, salary and mileage	76 40

On motion board adjourned to May 16, A. D. 1905.

Emil Winter,
County Clerk.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. M. Krender was in the city from Fremont yesterday.

Max Wilde has gone to Bristow where he will work.

C. B. Thompson was in Norfolk yesterday from Wayne.

J. P. Hoagland was down from Meadow Grove yesterday.

Mrs. Nellie Lowell was in Norfolk from Laurel yesterday.

W. C. Day was in from Battle Creek on business yesterday.

Emil Roerting of Pierce was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

W. D. Sutton of Creighton was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

R. H. Graham was a Norfolk visitor from West Point yesterday.

M. F. Jounge of Osmond is in the city for a visit over Sunday.

Miss Idelle B. Taylor of Battle Creek was in Norfolk yesterday.

L. M. Gish and A. Lundberg were Norfolk visitors yesterday from Bloomfield.

Dr. F. M. Sisson was in the city

over night from Stanton, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ransom.

A great many lilac blossoms were killed by the recent frosts.

Strawberries were on the Norfolk market this morning at twenty cents per quart.

The man who has placed his overcoat in soak for the summer is now as sorry as the one who had removed the base burner to the wood shed.

The arrangement at the corner of Fourth and Main streets for filling the sprinkler wagon from the city water-works system froze up and burst last night and this morning when it had thawed a fine spray was sent out until the water was shut off by a plumber.

Although the northeast Nebraska baseball league has not developed, the West Point fans are not going to lack for sport in the national game this summer and plans have already been made for the organization there of a cracking good club, such as made the town famous in the days of 1897.

The Hartington Herald has been sold by Editor Nelson to Lister brothers, formerly of Onawa, Iowa, and the new firm takes possession with this week. The Herald has been one of the best weekly papers of northeast Nebraska under Mr. Nelson's management, but the new firm comes well recommended to keep it at its present high rating.

Company L, Second regiment, N. N. G., recently mustered out, have already a successor, the new company being composed of fifty young men of Alma, in Harlan county. The new company is noted for the size of its members. Captain Shallenberger is six feet in height, First Lieutenant Reed is six feet and two inches, and Second Lieutenant Gaskil is a half inch above six feet, while a majority of the members of the company are six feet in height.

OATS AND BARLEY DAMAGED

Fields Look Like They Had Been Swept by Fire.

The amount of damage done by the recent freeze in this section of country is impossible to estimate at present, but it is feared by some of the farmers that the damage, both to fruit and crops, is large. Frank Tannehill, living eight miles south of the city, telephones The News that he has made an examination of the oat and barley fields and it was his opinion that both crops had been ruined. The fields looked as though they had been scorched by fire, and neither of the crops being yet deeply rooted he fears that they are done for or will require re-planting. The sun coming out bright and warm yesterday is what he charges the damage to. If it had remained cloudy or warmed gradually, Mr. Tannehill thinks that the damage would have been reduced to a minimum. On rough ground the oats and barley crops were not damaged to the same extent as on that which had been carefully worked and smoothed. Garden stuff and even the pie plant, which had grown six or eight inches, is ruined.

In Mr. Tannehill's estimation most of the fruit is ruined. The peaches are all killed; cherries and plums are partially killed, while the apple blossoms, not being developed he considers unhurt. The backwardness of some of the other blossoms may save them, but the damage will still be very extensive and had development continued a few days longer before the freeze there would have been no fruit whatever.

New Ceiling.

A new ceiling is being put in at the Oxnard hotel.

Ainsworth Teachers.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: The school board has met and elected the following teachers to conduct the school here for the ensuing year: principal, Edgar Malott, a graduate of the state university; grammar room, Miss Clara Martin; Miss Emma Burritt, Miss Grace Peck, Miss Ada Gould, and Miss Lila McAndrew, unassigned. The teachers are all well recommended and have a high standing where they have formerly taught.

Masons Banquet.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: The members of Silver Cord lodge, No. 224, A. F. and A. M., had an especially interesting meeting Saturday night, when the third degree was conferred upon Wm. M. Ely, the county attorney. After the lodge meeting the members repaired to the parlors of the Shultz restaurant, where a grand banquet was served to thirty-three members, representative men of this section of the county. Visitors were present from Long Pine and Wood Lake.

Two Birthdays.

The M. B. A. lodge gave a surprise party at the home of J. H. P. Munstrom, in honor of the birthdays of Mr. Munstrom and his son, John. The son had a birthday on Saturday and the father on Sunday. Refreshments were served and the fraternalists had a good time.

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.

SNOW EIGHT INCHES DEEP

ONE OF THE BIGGEST STORMS OF THE WINTER AT AINSWORTH.

IT IS MELTING FAST TODAY

The Murder Case of Fred M. Hans, Charged With Killing D. O. Luse, Will Again Come up for Trial on April 24—State News.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 15.—Special to The News: One of the greatest snowstorms of the season occurred here yesterday. Over eight inches of snow are reported, but it is melting today.

FREEZE DOES DAMAGE.

Early Garden Truck and Fruit Injured by the Cold Weather.

Omaha, Neb., April 15.—Special to The News: It is the consensus of opinion over the state that the freeze in the western part of Nebraska has damaged early garden truck and that portion of the fruit crop which was furthest advanced.

NEW PAPER FOR TILDEN

Neligh Yeoman Will Move Down and Elgin Paper Will go to Neligh.

Through a change just effected in the Antelope county papers, Madison county will add another paper to its list of publications, the additional paper being issued from Tilden. The Neligh Yeoman which has recently been under the management of Morris McDermott, and which has been greatly improved, has been purchased by him and the plant will be moved to Tilden, giving that town two newspapers, the Citizen, by Felix Hales, which was established many years ago, being the second. The removal of the Yeoman from Neligh would leave that town with but one publication, the Leader. The publisher of the Elgin Register, E. S. Scofield, quickly recognized the opportunity and will move his plant to Neligh, leaving the Elgin field to B. W. McKeen, publisher of the Review.

NEBRASKA WINS DEBATE.

Beats Iowa University by Unanimous Decision.

Lincoln, Neb., April 15.—Special to The News: The Nebraska university was awarded the unanimous decision over the Iowa university in annual debate last night. Leroy Clarke, the blind man, now a senior, was one of the most forceful speakers at the debate.

Hans Murder Case.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 15.—Special to The News: The murder case in which Fred M. Hans, a former Northwestern railroad detective, is charged with killing David O. Luse near here several years ago, and which has been pending for a long time, will be called again at the district court term which convenes April 24. There are twenty-six civil and four criminal cases on the docket.

C. & N. W. CONDUCTOR KILLED

PETER PORTERFIELD MEETS INSTANT DEATH TODAY.

ACCIDENT IN SOUTH OMAHA

Well Known Trainman of South Norfolk Meets Death From the Cars. Had Been Recently Transferred to Fremont—Brother at Wayne.

Fremont, Neb., April 15.—Special to The News: Peter Porterfield, a Northwestern conductor, formerly of Norfolk, was killed under the cars in South Omaha this morning while coupling a car. His legs were crushed off.

Peter Porterfield was a well-known Northwestern conductor who has until recently made Norfolk his headquarters during the past nine or ten years and was instantly killed in the railroad yards at South Omaha this morning about 8:30 o'clock, having his head crushed between the cars and then run over.

From what can be learned there is some mystery attached to the manner in which the engineer met his death. It appears that his body was found on the tracks, having apparently been crushed and then run over by the cars. Mr. Porterfield has made Norfolk his headquarters for many years, until recently, when he was transferred to Fremont, making a run between that city and Omaha. The unfortunate conductor was between thirty-five and forty years of age. His parents live in Canada, but he has a brother living in Wayne, who will probably arrange the details of the funeral which have not yet been announced.

Mr. Porterfield had many friends in Norfolk, particularly among the railroad men and residents of South Norfolk, and the news of his death has been received with extreme regret and has occasioned something of a shock to his intimates.

The remains of Peter Porterfield, the Northwestern conductor who was killed at South Omaha Saturday morning and who formerly lived in Norfolk, will be taken back to the old home in

Canada for burial. A number of Norfolk railroad men went to South Omaha on Saturday, and others yesterday and some of them who returned last night brought the information that the body would be taken north.

Porterfield had lived in Norfolk for ten years, was an old man in the service and was popular among railroaders. He was considered well off, having, it is said, about \$10,000, \$2,750 of which was found in his pockets in cash at the time of his death.

The first information that came to the Norfolk headquarters regarding the accident stated that Porterfield had been found dead under a train, without any bruises on his body. It was thought for a time that he might have met with foul play. Later reports, however, bore out the fact that he was killed by the cars.

Porterfield Had Money.

When the body of Porterfield was taken to Brewer's undertaking rooms, after the accident in the Northwestern yards, which resulted in death, it was found that the deceased had \$2,750 on his person. This money was all in bills and the condition of the wallet and bills showed that the money had been carried for years. Undertaker Brewer stated that an inquest would be held by Coroner Bralley on Monday. The money was placed in the Packers' National bank for safe keeping. Undertaker Brewer telegraphed a number of relatives of Porterfield. Trainmaster Roach stated that Porterfield lived at Norfolk and was a single man. He also stated that he was worth about \$10,000. At the time Porterfield met his death he was inspecting an air brake on his train and was between a couple of freight cars when the train moved a few feet. Conductor Porterfield's head was caught between the bumpers and crushed. His right leg was cut off. Dr. Slabaugh was called but he declared that death had been instantaneous.

OXNARD WIN THREE OF A KIND

Rattling Good Baseball Game Between Two Hotels Again.

The Oxnard commercial men's baseball team made it three of a kind when they again defeated the boys from the Pacific on the local diamond yesterday afternoon with a bunch of a dozen to eight. Five innings were played between the two clubs, the first four of them rounding into a rattling contest with spectacular slides, long drives into the distant gardens, narrow escapes on the bases, sensational doubles and a whirlwind contest, for fair. It was all same national league, except that there was more genuine fun in it. It was one of those games that is filled with vim and ginger from the moment the first little sphere shoots over the home plate until the last runner of the day is declared out by the umpire.

There was fun for the spectators as well as the players, the long slides of the heavy set fellows and the mysterious curves of the twirlers creating one continued round of sport. Both hotels were represented by a big crowd of eager backers, who got on the coacher's lines and kept things merry all the day.

Although the day was a chilly one, and although the ground had been covered with snow on the previous day, the travelers were not discouraged and appeared on schedule time for the play. Gloves and pads and knickerbockers were unique to a degree and brought forth much comment. Some of the players are developing into all round stars at the game and interest in the battles is increasing with each passing week. The Pacific people state today that next Sunday they will be on deck with real professionals and that there will be nothing to it. The Oxnard boys just smile.

Among those who played on the winning Oxnard team, which is a stemwinder aggregation, were: Well pitched, Rock caught, B. S. Sterns held down first base, H. Snyder played at second, B. Gibson was on third, Daggett played shortstop, Schlinger was at left field, Day was in the middle garden and Wintersten was at right field.

Nye twirled for the Pacific for four innings and was followed by Herbert. Others were Lyman, Herbert, Hulme, Lasky, Miller, Cortright, Cunningham, Amus.

BOYS WHO RIDE ON TRAINS.

They are Giving Trouble to the Police and Arrests Will Come.

A large number of boys who catch rides on incoming and outgoing passenger and freight trains between South Norfolk and Norfolk avenue are giving the police a great deal of trouble and a period of imprisonment in jail is promised if the practice, which is clearly against the city ordinances, is continued. Every now and then there is a railroad accident which arises directly from this sort of carelessness, and the railroad people or the police are blamed for not preventing it. The police are going after the fellows who violate this law, in dead earnest from now on.

China Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Winter celebrated their china wedding anniversary last evening by entertaining a jolly company of friends and neighbors at their home on East Braasch avenue. The evening was enjoyably spent at various amusements and the refreshments prepared for the occasion received merited attention.

Want ads telephoned to The News

up until 2 o'clock will get in that day's paper.

SEVEN HEARTS WERE HERS

NEBRASKA WOMAN'S EYES WORK DAMAGE TO ADMIRERS.

THEY COULD NOT RESIST HER

Mrs. Scott Smedley Married Three Times—She Was Engaged to Four Other Men—Story of the Lincoln Sensation of This Week.

Lincoln, Neb., April 17.—The case of Mrs. Scott Smedley, of Denver, who was charged here with swindling Joseph Wells, a retired farmer, out of \$16,000, is in some respects like that of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, Mrs. Smedley borrowed human hearts.

Mrs. Smedley is tall, slender, and 28. Her features are regular, but she is not pretty. Her voice is rather masculine in tone, but well modulated. Her chief weapon has been her eyes, which are seductive and convincing.

She was born in the small country town of Perry, Kansas, and grew up there. Ten years ago she was married to Emory Willits, a well-to-do farmer of Grantville, Kansas. Her maiden name was Edith Simmons.

A child was born, and when it was three years old Mrs. Willits told her husband that she wanted to attend college at Lindsborg and study music. Willits good-naturedly consented to the project.

A few months afterward J. W. Bundy, a station agent at Ellis, attempted suicide. He left a note stating that unrequited love for Miss Edith Simmons had led him to kill himself. Mrs. Willits had concealed from Bundy the fact that she was married. In fact, she had promised to marry him, but had slipped away just before the wedding.

At the same time at Salina she had enchained the affections of J. H. James, son of a New Mexican mine owner. She accepted his proposal of marriage, and a date for their marriage was set. He spent money lavishly upon her.

Some one hinted that she was a married woman. He demanded to know the truth. She sweetly told him that it was true that she was married, but that the tie was not binding, and her husband had a legal wife living when she married him.

She also told James that she had a fine home in Topeka, and that a fortune would come to her upon the settlement of her deceased father's estate. This was the first appearance of her stories of great wealth coming to her, which she retailed, with variations, to subsequent suitors.

While her love affair with James was still on the met and married a traveling man named Elliott at Manhattan. She told him that she was single, and that her father was Major Sims, a wealthy Topeka banker.

Elliott threw caution to the winds, resigned his job, sent back his sample cases, and took her before a preacher and married her. A reporter tried to interview him as he boarded a train on his bridal trip, and was rebuffed. In return the reporter told him he had married a woman with a husband. Elliott investigated, found that the statement was true, and left her two days later.

Mrs. Willits then returned to her husband, who took her back. She remained at home a little while, and then went to Waco, Texas, where she met Edgar W. Hooker, a young attorney of Center. She soon had him in her toils and he proposed marriage.

She professed love for him, but said that marriage must be deferred till later. She hinted vaguely at a large inheritance over which there were some complications of a distressing character.

She left Waco and came to Lincoln. Here she met at the hotel table, a handsome young clerk named Scott Smedley. He was head of the cap department of a clothing store. Within a week she landed Smedley, and they were married.

She told Smedley that her husband was dead, but that he had left her a large amount of property at Portland, Oregon, in trust for their daughter, the income only being hers. Smedley believed her, but was later un deceived when he took a trip to Portland to find out why the income had stopped.

Joseph Wells, a pink-cheeked, elderly farmer who had by hard work and economy accumulated a fortune of about \$25,000 in farm lands in Butler county, Nebraska, had come to Lincoln a short time before and invested part of his money in city property. One of his houses was occupied by the Smedleys.

The woman soon found him to be soft hearted, a widower of two years' standing, and the owner of money. She told him that she was very unhappy in her marital relations. Her husband did not treat her properly, and she was going to secure a divorce.

Wells made haste to offer himself as a substitute when the separation occurred. She admitted that he had touched her heart. She told him also that she was the owner of an orange grove plantation in Florida, and that she needed money to improve it.

She got \$150 from him in October of last year. She kept borrowing additional sums on various pretexts until the sum reached \$10,000. She went to Denver and said she was going into the clothing business.

On March 17 she came back to Lincoln and asked Wells for \$6,000, saying that she had a chance to buy out

her partner at a big bargain. Wells hurriedly put his town property on the market, sold it for \$2,000 less than it had cost him, gave her a cashier's check for \$6,000, went down to the bank with her, identified her and watched her stuff away the bills.

Some of the money had been given by Wells so that she might go away from Lincoln and get a divorce from Smedley. Later she wrote him that the divorce was coming all right, and that as soon as she was free she would marry him.

The old man sent her money whenever she asked for it. With scrupulous care she insisted that each advance was but a loan and executed a note for it. When she effected the final loan of \$6,000 she told Wells that she was free to marry him and would return the following Sunday.

She did not come to Lincoln and Wells went to Denver to investigate. He found her still living with Smedley in a handsome home. They had an automobile, a chauffeur and several servants. Mrs. Smedley was dressed expensively.

Wells took dinner with the couple, and the husband rather jollied him on the way the woman had led him on. When they asked him how much money he had left and he told them \$3,000 it dawned upon him that he had been deceived. He returned to Lincoln and caused their arrest.

When the officers went to take the Smedleys into custody they found Mrs. Smedley in Colorado Springs. A few minutes after her arrest the young Texas lawyer, Hooker, called at the hotel. He said he had an appointment with her to marry her that day.

Her arrest he denounced as the result of a plot of her relatives to separate them. He declared that they had always opposed his marriage to her, so she had told him, because she was rich and he but a country lawyer.

When informed that she was married, he said he did not believe it. She had told him that through the provisions of an uncle's will she had been compelled to marry Smedley, her cousin, or forfeit her \$100,000 share of the estate. She did not love Smedley, however, and had written him (Hooker) that she had secured the divorce and was then living with an uncle on her mother's side in Denver.

Hooker had actually visited her in Denver, it appears, and gone away with his eyes unopened. He said he had known her two years, and she had explained her comparative poverty, while an heiress, by saying that a cruel uncle in Louisville, Ky., was fighting for possession of the property.

After the arrival of the party in Lincoln in custody of the officers Wells called on her to effect a settlement. She asked for a private interview, and within a few minutes she had resumed her old sway over the old man.

He called his lawyer in, instructed him that he had decided to withdraw the complaint and accept an offer of settlement made by the woman. His lawyer demurred, but Wells, with his hand resting on the woman's, declared he was satisfied.

A little later Wells signed a \$10,000 bond for the accused couple, and when they left that night for Denver again he accompanied them. He also signed an affidavit that no false pretense had been employed by the woman to secure the money from him, and when this was presented later in court, when the criminal case was called, a dismissal was entered. Wells got notes from both parties for his claim, and will seek to force collection on installments.

A complication in the case developed a little later, when it was found that a man named Emory Willits is a member of the Smedley household at Denver. This is the name of her first husband. Wells said he was introduced to Willits, the latter being represented as a single man, younger brother of the woman's deceased husband.

Mrs. Smedley is always well gowned. She is an enthusiastic automobilist.

West Point Wins Game.

West Point, Neb., April 14.—A game of basketball was played between West Point high school and Liberty, at West Point. The score was 17 to 19 in favor of West Point. The score was a tie, 17 to 17 until the last two minutes of the game and the captain threw a goal and made the score 19 to 17.

Whooping Cough.

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