

KILLED UNDER THE CARS

BRAKEMAN W. H. PEPPER MEETS DEATH NEAR CHADRON.

HE WAS MAKING A COUPLING

Not knowing that the engine was on that track, he was unprepared for a jolt from the train—One Truck Passed Over His Limb.

Chadron, Neb., Nov. 22.—Special to The News: At an early hour, while making a coupling of the air on a freight train at Crawford, twenty-six west of here, W. H. Pepper was crushed beneath the wheels of the train.

Not knowing that the train was on his track he was making the coupling and the car suddenly bumped him over and then one truck passed over his left leg, grinding it almost to a pulp. Dr. Meredith of Crawford was called and bandaged the limb so as to stop the flow of blood and then brought the man to Chadron where he was placed under the care of Dr. E. A. Weir, railroad physician. He was taken to the Y. M. C. A. rooms where he died at 12:50.

His folks at Mankato, Minn., were notified by wire and a relative is now on the way here to take charge of the body.

News of West Point.

West Point, Neb., Nov. 22.—An athletic club with a large membership has been organized by the young men in the village of Bancroft. Energetic steps are being taken to find occupation for the young men of that vicinity during the long winter evenings.

On Friday evening a largely attended reception was tendered to Doctor and Mrs. Crofts by the members and friends of the Congregational church of West Point at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Losch. Doctor Crofts is the newly appointed pastor of the Congregational church of West Point, coming here from Ellettsville.

Monroe Kuntz, who had the misfortune to break a leg in a football skirmish, is reported as slowly recovering.

E. G. Gregory, a well known merchant of West Point sold his stock and business to Paul Dewitz of Wisner. Mr. Gregory will engage in a similar undertaking at Bancroft.

Fred Thietje, the newly elected county treasurer, has sold his butcher shop and meat market business to the Stallbories brothers who will conduct the business in future, leaving Mr. Thietje free to conduct the affairs of the county treasurer's office.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. August Koudele of Schuyler reached West Point this week. Mrs. Koudele was a young woman, married three years ago to a brother of the Messrs. Koudele, prominent citizens of West Point. She leaves an infant child, a husband, aged parents and several brothers and sisters. The deceased was a former resident of Monterey township, in this county. The remains were interred at Schuyler under Catholic auspices.

Mrs. Mary McDonald, mother of Station Agent W. A. McDonald and of Mrs. P. Stafford of Norfolk, is seriously ill and grave doubts are entertained of her recovery owing to her advanced age.

Anton Engleman left today for his new home in Chicago, where he is located in the jewelry business. The local Liederkranz society tendered him a banquet last evening.

Battle Creek.

Mrs. Annie Severa, Ludwig Kerbel and Attorney H. H. Kilburn were transacting business at the county capital Friday.

Miss Pearly Burch has rented her nice residence on Depot street to T. D. Preece. Miss Burch went to Sioux City, where she will make her future home with her sister, Mrs. J. Murphy.

The Misses Margaret Lund, Clara Risk and Josephine Hedman were Norfolk visitors Friday.

A foot ball team was organized here Sunday afternoon by the high school boys.

John Jost has sold his 160-acre farm four miles north to John H. Linderman. In this bargain Mr. Jost takes Mr. Linderman's town residence, known as the Brechler property.

County Surveyor A. J. Thatch of Madison has been in this vicinity about one week on official business. He went home Tuesday.

County Commissioner J. H. Harding of Meadow Grove was here Monday on official business with other county officials.

G. G. Salmon, who lives on the Whitla place east of town, is going to ball his immense hay crop for shipment to the eastern market.

Mrs. Johnson and three youngest children arrived here Friday from California for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Habekost.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Huddle of Emerick were visiting here Saturday with Mrs. Huddle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Craig.

Rudolph Fuerst has taken a position in O. H. Mass's general store.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Marsh of Meadow Grove were visiting here Saturday at the Ralph Simmons home.

Mrs. O. H. Maas and little son Alvin were visiting relatives at Norfolk Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Hogrefe has been on the sick list this week.

Minnie Hackler has rented 140 acres

of farm land of the John Lucht place north of the Union cemetery.

Geo. Siekel received a letter from South Dakota stating that his son-in-law, Andy Thomson, lost his dwelling on his homestead in Lyman county by fire last week.

John Ott shipped one carload of cattle to Omaha Sunday night.

P. F. Zimmerman is confined to the room this week on account of rheumatism.

Chas. Fenske, sr., intends to raise a crop on the Gottlieb Zibbel place one mile north next year.

W. A. Sutherland is wall-papering and painting school house No. 2 of the Battle Creek district, located on John Ott's farm, this week.

John Schacher is plastering Mrs. Kirby's new residence in Highland Park.

Rev. Father Cassidy of O'Neill, and Assistant Father Menning of Norfolk were holding services here Sunday and Monday at the Catholic church.

Chas. Hansen is assisting G. W. Losey on his farm this week.

Grandpa Philip Beck, who has been visiting here about one month with relatives, returned to Norfolk Monday to the home of his son, Wm. Beck, who is an employe on the Northwestern railroad.

Sam Kent, sr., of Kent Sidling, was here Monday on business.

J. M. Giltner is compelled to walk with the assistance of a cane on account of rheumatism.

Levi Speicher, accompanied by Chas. Unger, a relative, arrived here Monday from Barnville, Pa., with the intention of locating. They went to visit Mr. Speicher's brother, Cyrus Speicher, who is a farmer in Highland precinct.

J. A. Moore returned Sunday from Hot Springs, S. D., where he has been about two weeks for a benefit of his health.

Ed Little is here from Lucas, Kansas, for an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright and little daughter were passengers to Norfolk Monday.

Frank Massman was here Sunday from Meadow Grove visiting his parents.

Col. T. D. Preece was over to Newmarket Friday visiting his sick "business brother," Col. Geo. Dopson.

John Crooks of Meadow Grove was greeting old friends here Tuesday.

J. A. Wright sold to Frank Ulrich the James house on corner First and Main street.

Herman Hogrefe was at Norfolk Monday where he was visiting the old man Henry Burch, who is an inmate of the state asylum.

Andrew Hengstler and Mrs. K. T. Horn were married at Madison Monday by Judge Bates. Both are residents of Battle Creek. They went to Creighton to visit relatives.

MADISON COUNTY COURT

JURORS WHO HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO APPEAR.

COURT WILL BEGIN DECEMBER 4

Jury Cases Will Be Called One Week Later and the Jurymen are Summoned to Appear at Madison Monday, December 11 at 11 a. m.

Madison, Neb., Nov. 23.—Special to The News: The following jurors have been drawn for the coming term of district court in Madison county and they have been summoned to appear at the court house here on Monday, December 11, at 11 o'clock a. m. Court begins Monday, December 4, and the jury is called for one week later.

The jurors are: Henry Apfel, A. O. Anderson, James Brown, Charles Boebe, Robert Crozier, J. Christensen, Fred Dittberner, Charles Elley, Wm. Erskine, Christ Gosh, Will Herden, A. B. Howery, August Koch, John B. Maylard, C. N. Marsh, Ed Mueck, Tom Mayhew, W. W. Roberts, J. W. Stolle, R. W. Twiss, Wm. Volk, August Volk, T. L. White, Ross Wilberger.

Father Walsh Home Again.

Father Walsh has returned to Norfolk after two months' traveling over the state of Nebraska, during which time he has been engaged in the solicitation of funds for the new Catholic cathedral which is to be built in Omaha. Father Walsh, it is learned, was eminently successful in his work but his parish will be glad to welcome him home again.

Spencer Will Contest.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—A bitter contest for the estate of J. D. Spencer of Oklahoma City was brought to Chicago. Relatives of the man are fighting a will filed by Mary Cartwright, also of Oklahoma. They charge that the document is a forgery. To determine the truth of this charge the will and copies of the testimony in the case taken in the west have been sent to the United States district court here and experts on handwriting will examine the documents, when they will be returned to Oklahoma City.

A Careless Will.

By the terms of the will of one Dr. Wilde of St. Ives parish, Huntingdonshire, England, his trustees were directed to spend £50 in the purchase of a piece of land in St. Ives, the annual rent of which was to be set aside for the purchase of six Bibles at a cost of 7 shillings each. To decide who shall have them he requested his trustees to "prepare a saucer with three dice upon the altar table of the parish church and let the Bibles be raffled for."

FOR STATE BALL LEAGUE

DOES NORFOLK WANT TO BE ONE OF EIGHT CITIES?

HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN

W. W. Roberts Received a Letter Today From John Foley, Secretary Last Summer of the Omaha Baseball Association, Asking the Question

Does Norfolk want to be one of eight Nebraska cities to support a state baseball league next summer?

This is the question which is asked of W. W. Roberts of this city today in a letter received from John Foley, secretary of the Omaha baseball association. Mr. Foley, who is manager of the Omaha Originals, is now forming a state league in Nebraska which will include eight of the second class and he wants Norfolk as one of those towns.

It is thought that other towns which will be invited to join the league are Fremont, Columbus, Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings and Wahoo. This, with Norfolk, would make a convenient circle for travel from Fremont to Norfolk, then to Columbus, then to Grand Island, Kearney and Hastings, and back to Wahoo.

Mr. Roberts will reply to Mr. Foley to the effect that he will take up the matter with Norfolk business men and learn what can be done.

It has been several years since Norfolk played league baseball.

Change of Plumbing Business.

The plumbing business of J. M. Long has been sold to the Norfolk Plumbing and Heating company, composed of L. P. Dignan and S. Beck. The business will be continued in the building it now occupies on Main street. Mr. Long has not decided what he will do in future.

Court at Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., Nov. 22.—Special to The News: An adjourned session of court in this district met here and was adjourned sine die by Judge Harrington.

Home Visitors' Excursion Tickets to

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, etc., via the Northwestern line, will be sold at very low rates on Monday, Nov. 27, limited to return until Dec. 18, inclusive. For particulars as to territory to which excursion tickets may be purchased, etc., apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO.

View of the Live Stock Markets at South Omaha, Neb., C. A. Malory, Manager.

South Omaha, Nov. 23.—The decline noted in the general cattle market during the past two weeks, together with the continued good weather throughout the country, has caused lighter receipts and with an improved demand from nearly all quarters, the cattle market shows a good healthy reaction. We believe it conservative to quote the advance this week as being 15¢ to 25¢ on nearly all grades. Good to choice steers, feeders and butcher stock have shared fully in the advance while the common grades of steers have not fared quite so well.

Strictly choice corn-fed cattle are not plentiful but as usual at this particular time of year, the demand is not urgent, although prices for well finished cattle are generally satisfactory.

The decline in the corn market together with a good supply of roughness, has caused some improvement in the demand for feeding cattle and as the range season is practically at an end, we would not be surprised to see a stronger market, especially for the more desirable grades. We look for scattering shipments of range cattle for a week or two and still advise our readers to place their orders with us as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

We consider the prospects favorable for at least steady prices in the near future for butcher stock and fat steers but do not advise marketing short-fed or half fat cattle, especially those of good quality.

Hogs.—The hog trade continues in the even tenor of its way, fluctuations being slight and the range in prices narrow. The bulk of the hogs are selling here at \$4.60@4.70, which is well in line with all other markets. We do not look for much permanent increase in the receipts in the very near future but still believe the packing interests will take advantage of any increased supply to bring about a little lower range all around. The good weather and the continued declining tendency of the corn market will naturally cause hogs to be held back, especially those that are not matured, and while we believe it wise to always be on the safe side at this season of the year we think prospects favorable for hogs bought to sell here around \$4.50 for next week.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts of sheep and lambs show considerable reduction and the decline last week has caused sufficient increase in the demand to bring about a reaction of 15¢ to 25¢ all around. Very little real choice stuff is being offered as the bulk of the supply is on the feeding order.

We quote good to choice feeding lambs \$5.75@6.25; fair to good, \$5.25@5.75; good to choice feeding ewes, 3.75@4.25, fair to good, \$3.25@3.75; good to choice feeding wethers, \$4.60

@4.75; good to choice feeding yearlings, \$4.80@5.15.

We look for moderate receipts the balance of this month, when some of the short fed stuff will begin to come in. We would not be surprised to see a stronger market in the near future for most grades and still have confidence in at least average prices for good stuff during the season.

We trust our readers will not forget the "National" at South Omaha, as well as at all other markets when they are in need of up-to-date information and services.

A STRANGE INSECT.

The Aweto is Half Plant and Is Found in New Zealand.

The aweto, as the Maoris, or natives of New Zealand, call it, or *Hippia viridescens*, as naturalists term it, is found in New Zealand and is a vegetable caterpillar of from three to four inches in length, and so far science has not been able to say whether it is a vegetable or an insect. It is always found at the foot of large myrtle trees that have beautiful red flowers on their stems and a beautiful creeping clematis as white as the snow. The Maoris call this tree by the name of rata. The aweto buries itself among the roots of the rata a few inches below the ground and there lives until it is full grown, when it undergoes a most wonderful change. The spore of a vegetable fungus, termed by naturalists *Sophora robertsii*, fastens itself to the neck of the caterpillar just between the head and the first ring and then grows upward to the height of from six to eight inches. Many people assert that there is never more than one stem, but such is not the case, for some have been found with two stems, although very rarely.

The stem shoots up out of the ground above where the caterpillar is living about two or three inches. Below the earth it grows into the aweto until it fills up every possible space within the outer skin without changing the form of the insect in the slightest way whatsoever, but simply substituting a vegetable matter for animal matter. As soon as this takes place both the plant and caterpillar become dry and hard and die, but retain exactly the same form as when alive. The whole has a brown color, and the insect appears a wooden caterpillar with a huge horn standing up from the back of its neck. How the caterpillar manages to propagate its species no one can tell. Usually the caterpillar becomes a chrysalis, the chrysalis changes into a moth, the moth lays eggs, and these eggs again become caterpillars, and so on without stopping. Many reasons are given why the plant shoots up from the back of the neck of the aweto. One is that the aweto has a slimy substance oozing out from its neck, which while the aweto is boring at the foot of the rata tree for its only food catches the seeds of the fungus and holds it fast there till the latter begins to grow. When it has sucked all the vegetable life out of the aweto it must naturally die, for it finds no further nourishment. The aweto is often found in large numbers.

WHAT IS ROMAN FOR 1905?

Congress, Divided Between MDCCLV and MCMV, Wants to Know.

A classical quandary will be debated in the house of representatives this winter which will draw out the academic accomplishments of a score of members, says a Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Carrere & Hastings, the architects of the house office building, have had cut in the cornerstone of that structure in one long and very plain line the letters "MDCCLV" to tell to this and all coming generations that the great building was erected in the present year of grace. Already a discussion has started among leading officials and government architects as to the correctness of the inscription.

It is urged that it should be "MCMV." Those who have had the temerity to suggest that it should be plainly "1905" have been told that they had no soul for the artistic, and such an inscription has from the start had no chance whatever. Carrere & Hastings insist that they have the Roman way of saying 1905 down fine because it is written in this way on the New York Public Library. In the case of that numeral the whole matter was finally submitted to professors at Yale and Harvard and the French institute. As opposed to this the point has been raised that on the face of the Roman sundial the hour of four is never written "IIII," nor, in fact, are four letters ever used to produce a numeral in Roman method. It is claimed that as long as 19 is indicated by the letter "XIX" and 100 is indicated by the letters "CXC" there is no logical reason for changing the form when indicating 100 times 19 or 10 times 190.

A Letter From College.

Your Henry's fractured, mother, dear, Upon the gridiron sporty; His feet betwixt the goal posts near, At fourteen yards he left an ear.

A collar bone at forty.

A doctor now, with loving care, His cartilage is tacking; They say he will not miss his hair, As nearly all his ribs are there.

Though several bones are lacking, He holds his thorax with a groan And says it hurts a little.

His coaches say, in awe-struck tone, They'd not have done it had they known That Henry was so brittle.

They say that Henry didn't lack The talent and the training. At half he was a crackerjack (You couldn't make a quarterback Of what there is remaining.)

Alas, he had the proper stuff, Though rather tall and slender, And, though his fate is somewhat rough, 'Tis not because the game's too tough, But Henry is too tender.

—Wallace Irwin in New York Globe.

T. J. SYKES SUICIDES

FORMER NEBRASKA STATE SENATOR ENDS HIS LIFE.

DEEP TRAGEDY AT HASTINGS

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS, IS NO KNOWN CAUSE FOR ACT.

HE STOOD BEFORE A MIRROR

A Prominent Mason and Old Soldier, Big Brained, Kind Hearted, and Well-to-do, the Suicide is a Mystery Unless Insanity Prompted.

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 22.—Special to The News: Ex-state Senator T. J. Sykes, a fusion member of the legislature in 1896-7, an old and prominent citizen of Adams county, committed suicide early today by shooting himself through the head with a 22-calibre rifle.

There is no known cause for the deed. Sykes was happy, prosperous and well-to-do. He had just sold a fine farm in order that he might move into the city to reside.

Stood Before Mirror.

He stood in front of a mirror this morning and sent a bullet through his brain. It is believed that he was temporarily insane.

Mr. Sykes was a man of splendid temper, of good judgment and was optimistic.

Great Shock to Community.

The tragedy is a great shock to the community. The deceased was a prominent Mason, an old army veteran and pensioner for this city. He was a brainy, big hearted man.

To lovers of intelligent romance the

forthcoming production of "Fabio Romani" at the Auditorium Thursday evening, November 30, will particularly appeal. It is claimed that a possible tenth of the world's entire population has already read Marie Corelli's famous novel "The Vendetta," from which book "Fabio Romani" is an adaptation. The story is one of love and honor and deals with the intrigue of Romani's faithless wife, his false friend, and their successful efforts in having him consigned to entombment for life, during which he registers the vendetta, or vow of eternal vengeance. The terrific volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, however, causes his release and resurrection, after which he puts his oath into execution and then follows the death of the erring wife and false friend. The play is romantic in nature, full of emotion and human interest and while brisk in action, never borders on the sensational. The various picturesque characters are all in the hands of capable players and a most elaborate scenic and electrical production is given.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

W. H. Hough of Pierce is in town. Philip Graves of Wakefield is in the city.

Charles Russell of Albion is in the city.

Dr. H. T. Holden drove to Hoskins today.

Miss Kate Bount is here from Pierce.

D. C. O'Connor went to Omaha this morning.

G. E. Groom of Petersburg is in the city on business.

E. Gerber of West Point is in the city on business.

Mrs. A. H. Bohannon of Oakdale was here this morning.

C. E. Burnham left last night on a business trip to Belle Fourche, S. D.

Mrs. William Ruhlow of Pierce is visiting her son, E. W. Ruhlow of this city.

Seth Jones, the Winnetoon stockman and banker, was in Norfolk today.

J. D. Larrabee, formerly of Norfolk but now of Bonesteel, is in the city today.

H. Borral, M. A. Borral and H. E. Borral of Butte were in town this morning.

E. A. Bullock left this morning for Missouri Valley where he went to inspect a farm.

Mrs. H. L. Whitney of Omaha is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Powers.

A. L. Witherspoon, traveling route agent for the Pacific Express company, was here yesterday.

F. A. Blakeman has returned to Norfolk after an absence all summer in Lincoln, where he has been on business.

Mrs. Harned and daughter, Miss Etta, arrived in Norfolk yesterday from Orchard. They have been out of the city two years but will remain here permanently now.

W. Moeller, brother of Emil Moeller of Norfolk, has gone to Germany for a three months' visit with his parents. He was here to visit his brother and started to New York from Norfolk.

Mrs. E. M. Huntington has issued invitations for a card party to be given next Wednesday.

Miss Elvira Durland and Mrs. Burt Mapes have issued invitations for a reception to be given next Tuesday.

A dancing party will be given at the home of Ed Best Saturday evening, December 2, to which everybody is invited.

Superintendent Bodwell will occupy the house on South Tenth street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. James

A friend of the home—
A foe of the Trust

Calumet Baking Powder

Complies with the Pure Food Laws of all States.

Guldea.
Fred Roberts, formerly of this city and the son of H. M. Roberts, writes from Longmont, Col., where he is now employed in a sugar factory. He states that the factory started October 1 and will run until February, making a run of five months at the rate of 1,000 tons per day.

Joseph F. Kios of Creston and Miss Mary Jane Clark of Norfolk were married last evening by Justice of the Peace Elysi at the home of the bride's parents, South Norfolk.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham was hostess to a number of Madison ladies who drove over yesterday morning and spent the day. The visitors were Mrs. William V. Allen, Mrs. W. E. Ried, Mrs. J. B. Haus and Mrs. W. H. Field. They all returned home excepting Mrs. Allen who left last night for Oakdale to visit her daughter for a few days.

MERIWETHER ON TRIAL

COURT-MARTIAL TRYING MIDSHIPMAN FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

WITNESSES TELL OF THE FIGHT

Inquiry Develops That Cadets in Common Have a Code of Their Own and That Fighting is Frequent at Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 23.—Midshipman Meriwether, Jr., of Lafayette, La., a member for the third class of the naval academy, was put on trial here before a naval court-martial on charges that include that of manslaughter in having caused the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., of New York, a member of the class above him, as a result of a prearranged fist fight, which took place on the evening of Nov. 5 last.

The sad incident of the death of young Branch has called attention to the existence at the naval academy of an unwritten code governing the student body, but quite outside the authoritative regulations, and generally in violation of them. Under the "code" every detail of these fights is fixed, the midshipmen on duty abstaining from reporting them and excusing from formation those connected with them. These facts were very clearly brought out by the judge advocate. The witnesses included Branch's roommate, the referee and timekeeper of the contest and all the four seconds. Midshipman A. W. Firth, who refereed the fight which was followed by Branch's death, stated that he had officiated in nineteen such contests. The testimony also showed that although frequently severe injuries resulted from these fights and the recipients often had to be taken to the hospital, nothing further was ever heard of them.

Midshipman Harold McKittick, who acted as a second to Branch, said that the fight took place in Bancroft hall. The rounds were two minutes in duration, with one minute intermission. Early in the fight Branch had one eye closed, but up to the fifteenth round had something the better of it. Then Meriwether had it a little in his favor till towards the end, when he appeared much fatigued and "clinched to save himself. There were several minor fouls. Once, towards the last, Meriwether fouled by hitting in a clinch and offered to give up the fight, but this was not accepted by Branch and his seconds. Another time Branch was on his knees, and under the rules could have been hit, but Meriwether would not hit him. Both of these were points in Meriwether's favor.

NEW JOB FOR PROF. MITCHELL

Man Deposed for Heresy Appointed to Another Chair in Boston University.

Boston, Nov. 23.—The trustees of Boston university announced the appointment of Professor Hincley G. Mitchell as instructor of Semitic languages and literature in the graduate school of the university. Recently Dr. Mitchell was removed from his chair in the theological school of the university by the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church for alleged heretical interpretation of the scriptures.

American League Meets.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The American Baseball League met in annual session here. There was an apparent feeling of unrest among the magnates, however, and the general belief is that the proposed amalgamation of the American and National Leagues will come up for consideration. Should this proposed scheme be sprung upon the magnates the session will be a warm one, as according to reports of the proposed plan, should the deal go through, it would leave several of the clubs of which the American League is composed out in the cold.

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