

MILWAUKEE FOR NORFOLK

STORY THAT THE OMAHA LINE IS TO BE EXTENDED.

CONNECT WITH BLACK HILLS LINE

Would Touch Fremont, Norfolk and O'Neill and Then Turn North into South Dakota to a Union With the Chamberlain-Rapid City Line.

The following story was printed in the Omaha World-Herald within the past few days. The possibilities for Norfolk that are contained in the story mean a great deal for the future of the city, and it is only hoped that the World-Herald may not be mistaken. Here is what the paper says:

In order to connect with its Pacific coast extension, the Milwaukee road will, it is said on the authority of a prominent Milwaukee official, build an extension of its line from Omaha to some point on the Chamberlain-Rapid City extension in South Dakota, and thus Omaha will get a new outlet to the west.

This information comes from a man who has been associated with the Milwaukee for years, and who is in on the "inner councils" of the road. The line will not be begun, he says, before spring at the earliest, but when it is begun, will be taken up and pushed to completion with all possible speed.

The new line will in all probability run from Omaha to Fremont, thence to Norfolk, thence to O'Neill, then in a northwesterly direction, through northern Nebraska into southern South Dakota, striking the proposed Chamberlain extension of the Milwaukee a little west of midway between Chamberlain and Rapid City. This is given as the probable route, and yet is only conjecture. It is known that a party of Milwaukee surveyors have been at work between Omaha and Fremont; also from Fremont to Norfolk, and on to the northwest. This work has been done quietly, and no one has known until recently that the surveying outfit in that section of the country was the Milwaukee's.

The new line, it is argued, would be of tremendous benefit to Omaha. It would afford a new outlet for Omaha and the lines radiating from the east into Omaha to the northwest. It would also bring the northwestern part of the United States into closer communication with Omaha. The Pacific coast extension of the road will bring an immense volume of business eastward, part of it to go through St. Paul, and a great part of it through Omaha if the new line is constructed.

A part of the territory that would be traversed would be entirely new, and its development would open up a new field for Omaha.

WEDNESDAY SIFTINGS.

Miss M. White of Pierce was here over night.

Miss Helen Miller is reported on the sick list today.

Miss Fannie Norton has returned from a visit in Sioux City.

H. A. Barnes of Battle Creek was registered at the Pacific last night.

Ed. S. Eaves of O'Neill was a visitor to this city yesterday and today.

C. F. Kaul and Jacob Henderson of Madison were city visitors yesterday.

T. F. Stone of Sioux Falls is in the city visiting relatives and old time friends.

Floyd Hull of Butte has been spending the holidays with his parents in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Niedig of Madison are registered at the Queen City hotel today.

Thomas Levy of Oakdale came down last night and is transacting business in town today.

Harvey and Beulah McDonald of Pierce are in Norfolk visiting their uncle, H. L. McCormick.

Chas. Heckman has accepted a position at the Fair store as assistant butcher in their meat department.

J. S. Daniels of Madison was doing business in town today. He reports everything flourishing at the county seat.

Mrs. Parish of Pender, wife of a physician of that place, arrived last evening to visit at the hospital for the insane.

Hugo Rohrke, son of M. G. Rohrke, and Charles Braasch, son of Fred Braasch, have gone to Grand Island to enter the business college at that place.

W. H. Harding of Meadow Grove, son of J. H. Harding, went to Madison this morning, through Norfolk, to accept the position of copyist in the county clerk's office.

Clyde Hayes, who has a run on No. 1 and 2 of the Bonesteel line, laid off yesterday and spent the day under the parental roof. He indulged in home-made pancakes and other good things the poor railroad man does not get in his trips up and down the road.

S. E. Auker of Wayne passed through town this morning with a car load of cattle which he had purchased at Gordon. Mr. Auker is one of Wayne's leading cattle men.

Miss Bessie Harding, attending Work's dressmaking school here, has returned from Meadow Grove, where she spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harding.

C. O. McDaniel, who has been spending the holidays with relatives at Creighton, has returned to town and will take his route on the road in a few days for the Harper Medicine company.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt have issued invitations for Friday evening.

A large party of skaters partook of

that pastime on New Year's eve and then skated the old year out and the new year in.

Snow fell heavily all day yesterday over northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota, and a colder temperature followed today.

There is a bad hole in the bridge between the farms of Henry Betwichter and Julius Heckman, on the county line, which needs repairing.

The manager's office of the Norfolk Business college is now located in Room No. 1 of the Bishop block, where Manager E. Perry can be found.

Alvin Shipman of Rock Rapids, Iowa, is in the city negotiating for one of the business establishments of the town. He likes Norfolk and the prospects are that he will become interested and remain here.

The new transfer warehouse of Blakeman & Coleman is just about completed. It is opposite the Northwestern city station and helps to fill in a gap in that neighborhood. It will be quite a convenience to that firm in handling their big machinery business and heavy hardware line.

It is reported from Alliance that the Burlington has had much trouble of late because of box car thieves. These robbers get into merchandise cars, throw out goods along the right of way while night trains are moving, and getting off the train later on, go back along the line and pick up their booty in a wagon.

Charles and Otella Pilger entertained twenty-eight guests last night at a card party. Miss Meyers of Chicago led the ladies and Miss Helen Marquardt was second, while Gus Bley carried off first honors with the gentlemen and John Schelly took the looby. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was had.

The board of directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company held a business meeting in this city yesterday, in order to make their annual report to the state authorities according to law. The company is reported in a most prosperous condition and is a boon to the farmers who are interested in cheap and good insurance.

According to the trappers' theory a mild winter will be the program. To date it has proven so but a little later the weather man may get on a foot. The signs of the trapper are that muskrats are building their houses on top of the ground this winter instead of under the water as is usually the case. Trappers say that has not happened for several years.

The physicians are complaining worse than the reporters about the distressingly healthful times and weather that is now on a visit to this section of the world. Some of them have offered the news huster a chromo just to stir things up so that somebody might get a leg broken or an ear "chawed" off, but the pencil pushers who are usually rather enterprising in getting something started, decline to be chromo seekers.

Mike Elmore is a Nebraska contractor whose specialty is building railroads. He has just received a \$600,000 contract on the Gould line extension from Pittsburg to Tidewater near Newport News, Va. It is possible that when the to-be-built Nebraska railroads get ready to let their contracts, the eastern firms who have been knocked out by the western competition will have to be satisfied to take some of the branch lines out in the west, where so many are talked of.

The other morning at the M. & O. station the seats in the waiting room were crowded, when a good looking young woman came in carrying in her arms what she called "her baby," and had the thing all bundled up and was gently patting it. A traveling man was on the point of getting up to give her a seat when she uncovered its head and said: "Well, you dear little thing you're awake." He noticed that she was carrying an ornery little dog and kept his seat, very much to her chagrin. She was not a Norfolk girl, however.

Under the direction of government secret service men, H. C. Dale, who is cashier of the Stockmen's National bank at Rushville, Neb., has been arrested on a charge of subornation of perjury in the land frauds. William C. Smoot, government farmer, appointed under the civil service at the Pine Ridge agency, has also been taken into custody on a charge of subornation of perjury. The arresting officer in both instances was Deputy Marshal Moore.

Both of the defendants are alleged to have secured fraudulent homestead entries for two of the wealthiest cattle barons in Cherry and Sheridan counties. These cattlemen are A. M. Modisett, president of the Stockmen's bank, and his brother, A. R. Modisett, a stockholder in the same bank. Dale and Smoot were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hoyt at Chadron, and each gave bond for \$3,900. They are held to the next grand jury.

The directors of the commercial club are requested to meet at the office of the secretary at 8 o'clock.

New Time Card on U. P.

A new time card goes into effect on the main line of the Union Pacific tomorrow. The principal change which will affect this town is that No. 9 which now leaves Omaha at about 9 a. m. will not leave until 1:55 p. m. and reach Columbus at 4:05, which will give passengers from this branch a second train west in the afternoon instead of waiting until late in the evening. The probabilities are that the evening train from Columbus here will arrive somewhat earlier, as soon as the winter schedule is arranged, as the question is now under consideration.

FELL FROM MOVING TRAIN

MISS DERBY BADLY INJURED FALLING FROM BONESTEEL CAR.

YOUNG WOMAN FROM SPENCER

When the Train Stopped at the Crossing, Miss Derby Mistook it for the Station and Ran to Get off—Struck Her Head at Base of Brain.

Miss Ora Derby of Ottumwa, S. D., fell from the Bonesteel train Sunday morning near the Union Pacific crossing and was badly injured.

From what can be learned Miss Derby was coming to Norfolk to change cars to go east, she having come down from Spencer where she had been on a visit. The brakeman as usual passed through the car and announced Norfolk city station before the train stopped at the crossing. When the train stopped at the crossing the young lady left her seat, hurried out to the platform, and as the train had again started she was of the impression that she was going to be carried by. She jumped and fell, striking on her head.

It happened that a man on the train saw her and notified the train men who investigated and found her by the side of the track near Main street in an unconscious condition with an ugly wound on her head.

She was picked up and Dr. Salter sent for, who with assistance took her to the Pacific hotel, where she received proper medical assistance.

She remained unconscious for several hours and much apprehension was felt as to the outcome. The physician, however, after a close examination, decided there were no bones broken, but she is quite badly bruised and will have a very sore head for some time. At the time of this report the young lady is resting easily and if improvement continues she will soon be able to proceed on her journey.

A brother whom she had been visiting in Spencer was notified and he arrived Sunday night.

She is a good looking young lady about eighteen years of age, and until about a year ago lived with her parents at Spencer. The family then removed to Ottumwa, S. D., and she was enroute home when the accident happened to her.

This morning Mrs. W. J. Peck and Harry Dorothy of Spencer, aunt and cousin, respectively, arrived and are now with the injured young lady. Inquiry today developed the news that she was not resting so easily as yesterday.

Ottumwa, S. D., is a small town six-five miles west of Pierre. Miss Derby's father there was notified last night.

FOTEL FIRE AT NELIGH

Small Blaze in Atlantic House Last Night Damaged Furniture.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: A small fire did damage to the extent of several hundred dollars in the Atlantic hotel here between 7 and 8 o'clock last night. The fire was discovered on the second floor and the damage is chiefly to furniture. The fire boys were summoned and in a remarkably short space of time had a hose shooting water through the window. The damage is covered by insurance.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Congregational Church Enters Hopefully on Work of New Year.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational church held last evening was one of the most successful in the history of the society. Reports from all departments of the work were very encouraging, the church being entirely out of debt and the new year opening with unusual promise. The supper served by the gentlemen had a style all its own and more than met the high anticipation of the guests.

McFarland Sells Business.

S. R. McFarland has sold his office business to John Conley, who is being put into the mysteries of the business today. "Sam," as he is familiarly called, will move himself over to the county capital Thursday to become deputy county clerk. His family will remain here until in the late spring, after school closes.

The firemen will miss "Sam" from their organization, and the Odd Fellows, as well as many other fraternal orders, will often wonder how he is making it with the goat over in the capital of Madison.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

Madison Star Mail: W. H. Biggs left Saturday night for Norfolk where he has accepted a position as attendant at the hospital for the insane. Mr. Biggs had previously served in that capacity a period of ten years from 1891, but resigned shortly before the institution was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Emil Winter and three daughters went up to Norfolk last Friday to spend Christmas after which they will leave for their new home at Petersburg, their goods going overland. Mr. and Mrs. Winter and children have lived here a number of years and their host of friends regret to see them leave, but what is our loss is Petersburg's gain.

The following marriage licenses were issued by Judge Bates the past week: William M. Ahlmann and Alta M. Evans, both of Madison county; William Richard Snyder and Estella Florence Leap, of Madison county;

Frederick Remender and Maggie Ellen Lowman, of Madison county; Alexander E. Cunningham and Effie M. Cunningham, of Madison county; Immanuel Richard Gustav Hinger of Madison county, and Augusta Bartels, of Boone county; Herbert R. Bell, of Douglas county, and Villa Atkins, of Lynch; Enoch Edward Osborn and Luella Cox, of Madison county; Lawrence J. C. Busey and Francis Bowers, of Madison county. The last three named couples were married by the judge.

HOLT COUNTY PIONEER DIES

S. W. Tower, Helpless for Six Years, Relieved of His Misery.

Atkinson, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: An old settler of Holt county passed away and was laid to rest when S. W. Tower succumbed to his last illness. This man has been confined to the house and unable to care for his family during the past six years. Helpless entirely on one side, unable to move hand or limb without assistance, and weighing 250 pounds, he was a tremendous care.

He was cared for by a most faithful wife and two sons. The burial service was conducted in the M. E. church by Rev. Mr. Gettis of Stuart, Rev. Mr. Connel, the resident pastor, being too ill to be out.

Tower was an honored member, at the I. O. O. F. order, of which Mr. Atkinson was a body and had charge of the service at the grave.

DEAVER HAS NEW WORK

WILL QUIT RECEIVERSHIP OF LAND OFFICE AT O'NEILL.

ENTER EMPLOY OF BURLINGTON

To be at the Head of the Homeseekers' Information Bureau, a New Department Being Established by the Railroad to Help Settle Western Lands.

Omaha, Dec. 29.—It is stated that D. Clem Deaver, who is receiver of the land office at O'Neill, has asked to be relieved February 1 in order that he may go into the service of the Burlington road in a new office. That office is agent of the Homeseekers' information bureau. In that capacity Mr. Deaver feels he will have a chance to do a great deal toward settling up more than 2,000,000 acres of land in Nebraska and, being familiar with it and with conditions of settlement, and knowing what homeseekers require to be informed on, he believes he has a great opportunity to serve the state.

Appointed first in July, 1901, and reappointed December 18 of that year, Mr. Deaver has served four and a half years—half a year over the usual term in that office. He names February 1 the time when he would like to be relieved as being the earliest when the government can conveniently put a successor to him in the office.

Mr. Deaver will come to Omaha the 1st of February, therefore. His family will come some time later. He having children in the high school at O'Neill, may conclude best to let them finish the school year there.

L. W. Wakely, general passenger agent for the Burlington, says of the new bureau:

"This bureau will be valuable in assisting bona fide homeseekers in locating on available homestead land along the Burlington road, under the Kinkaid law. It is confidently believed that thousands of acres of desirable lands for mixed farming in the area covered by the Kinkaid law can be homesteaded and developed into successful farms.

"The homestead lands in the state that are yet available have been practically 'nobody's child.' The Burlington now proposes to take up this subject and assist all legitimate homeseekers to find them.

"This bureau will be maintained and operated absolutely and entirely at the expense of the Burlington and in the interests of the public. The work of the bureau will be to locate every available section of farm land which can be utilized for mixed farming and to put a farmer on it. I think this public-spirited move on the part of the road should result well for all concerned."

Sanford Parker of Spencer is likely to be the successor of D. Clem Deaver as receiver of the land office here.

CORN SPECIAL'S TRIP TODAY.

Fair Crowds Greet Professors at Stations on Bonesteel Line.

Reports today from the Northwestern's seed corn special, working back from Bonesteel, where last night was spent, indicate that Boyd, Knox and Pierce counties, Nebraska, and Gregory county, S. D., have given the train a hearty welcome. The train went as far as Niobrara last night, visiting Pierce, Creighton, Plainview, Spencer, Anoka, Bristow, Monowi, Verdel and other points north. The snow has kept down the crowds smaller than they would have been under fair weather.

INJURED GIRL BETTER TODAY.

Miss Derby, Who Stepped Off a Train, Now Conscious Most of Time.

Miss Ora Derby, the young woman who was injured here Sunday morning while stepping off a Bonesteel train, was reported to be somewhat improved in condition this morning. She is now conscious most of the time.

Try a News want ad.

HAS WRITER'S PARALYSIS

TREASURER NIESS OF ANTELOPE COUNTY IS AFFLICTED.

HIS ARM PERFECTLY USELESS

Over Exertion in the Treasurer's Office Incident to the Closing of the Business of the Year, Resulted in Paralyzing Muscles.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: County Treasurer N. I. Niess of Antelope county has been stricken with writer's paralysis as the result of over exertion incident to the closing of the year, and his right hand today is perfectly useless.

How long the uselessness of his hand and arm may continue, Mr. Niess does not know, but every effort is being made to restore activity to the muscles.

SNOW ALL OVER STATE

Ainsworth Reports Heavy Cloak of Whiteness in Western Part.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: Snow fell here all day yesterday and the whole of western Nebraska is covered with a heavy white cloak today. This storm came as a surprise after the summer warmth of the holidays, Christmas having been more like the Fourth of July than Christmas.

The firemen's ball at the Auditorium was a grand success with over forty couples present.

ATKINSON FIREMEN'S BALL.

Affair Highly Successful, Financially and Socially.

Atkinson, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special to The News: The firemen's annual ball occurred January 1 and was a decided success, financially and socially. The boys contemplate buying a gasolene engine and other needed supplies. Quite a number of O'Neill and Stuart people were in town for the occasion.

Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Idelle Taylor of Battle Creek are attending to business and visiting friends in Atkinson today.

THE NORTHWESTERN BULLETIN.

New Publication Devoted to Interests of Company and Employees.

"The Northwestern Bulletin, devoted to the interests of the Chicago & Northwestern railway and its employees," is the title of a publication, the initial number of which has recently come from the press. It is published by the Northwestern line for distribution to station agents and other employees interested in the handling of traffic.

On the various divisions of the road the agents have organized local agents' associations, one for each division, and at their monthly meetings various problems that confront the local agent in the performance of his daily duties are discussed, experiences recited and new methods suggested for the betterment of the service. These discussions result in much practical good to all concerned.

The interest manifested by the management of the Northwestern line in these agents' meetings and the value placed on their expressions, is indicated by the opening paragraph of the Bulletin:

"The papers which have been read from time to time at the meetings of the station agents' associations on the various divisions of the Chicago & Northwestern railway have indicated careful thought and a keen appreciation of conditions. They have been of such interest and inspiration to the officials of the road that it is deemed advisable to secure a wider distribution for as many of them as possible."

When the management of a corporation freely declares that the views of their local subordinates "have been of such interest and inspiration" as to call for the trouble and expense of giving them wider distribution among officers and fellow employees it is obvious to all that existing industrial problems are in a fair way to meet a solution along the most satisfactory lines to all concerned.

The employees of the Chicago & Northwestern R'y. are to be congratulated upon this movement which serves to bring them into closer touch with their superiors, many of whom have grown up with the growth of the road and advanced to places of responsibility from the lowest ranks.

Much of the strength of the railways today is due to this training, selection and promotion, by which the most humble member of the working staff is encouraged to climb the steps of the official ladder by right of individual merit and hard work, and the modest sheet returned to will go a long way toward establishing an increased confidence and good feeling that means much for employees.

MILES OF NEW TRACK.

Railroads Have Extended Their Lines 5,000 Miles During the Season.

Nebraska and other northwest states are far from being at a standstill when it comes to the demands for new lines of railroad. Proof of this is offered in the fact that there are not railroads enough nor cars enough to move the crops of the northwest when time comes for them to be moved.

The reports of railroads for the year 1902 will show approximately 5,000 miles of new railroad track laid during the year passed. Of this 1,000 miles have been laid in Minnesota, Nebras-

ka, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Iowa's great railroad facilities are perhaps the best of any state in the northwest group. The fact that such a large amount of new railroad has been constructed during the year is taken by railroad men to mean that the country is in the greatest era of railroad building since 1887, when more than 12,000 miles of new railroads were laid.

The Great Northern Railroad company has been the greatest builder during the past year. It has built five branches, aggregating 126 miles, north of its main line. Other lines have swelled the new mileage of the Great Northern to 243 miles of track.

NATURAL GAS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Discovery at Depth of 100 Feet Near Highmore.

Yesterday's Daily News contained in item about Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stoner of Highmore, S. D., who are here visiting. Last evening's Sioux City Tribune contained a special from Mr. Stoner's town stating there was considerable excitement over the discovery of natural gas on a farm near Highmore, at a depth of about 100 feet. Mr. Stoner was seen and asked what the prospects were for gas, when he left home. He said there had been considerable speculation regarding the matter. Should natural gas be found in commercial quantities it will mean the saving of thousands of dollars annually to the people of Hughes, Sully and Hyde counties, as coal is very expensive in that country and of course timber is almost unknown as fuel. Mr. Stoner was very anxious to have further particulars. Gas has been known to exist west of Pierre, and has been put to practical use on some of the ranches for the past two years.

A "BULL'S HEAD BREAKFAST"

Meat of the Head of a Bull is Delicious—Not Fish at All.

To the average citizen of the central or eastern states, the announcement of a "bull's head" breakfast savors of fish. A trip to northern California takes away all odor of sea-being and brings the breakfaster face to the plains.

The party of newspaper men who made the trip on the new Los Angeles limited train in its initial run, heard one before they crossed the Rocky mountains and glided down through the desert of Death Valley, that they were to be feasted when they arrived, with a bull's head breakfast. Alfred Brown, the genial advertising manager of the Union Pacific, and E. L. Lomax, general passenger agent, who had charge of the party, refused to give an inkling into the details of this delicious and unique meal.

At 11 o'clock in the morning the newspaper men went aboard a special train that carried them through orange scented groves and far out into a beautiful valley.

Two old Mexican cooks, white aproned and dusky, were leaning over a mound of earth which resembled a newly made grave. Within, they said, were the bulls' heads. Digging open the grave, they jumped into a deep oven and tossed out, all wrapped up in burlap, five sizzling heads of as many gigantic bulls. The heads had been chopped from the animals in their entirety and had been roasted all night. At noon the meat—delicious meat it was, too—fell from the jaw bones just as thoroughly cooked turkey meat drops from the wishbone. The meat resembles that of a juicy roast beef, and was a most delectable feast. With the bulls' head meat, baked beans were served in Mexican fashion. And meanwhile a little girl and boy, both Mexicans, sang and danced in Spanish style.

Neligh Notes.

Cole and Davis are removing their drug stock to the new brick formerly occupied by F. M. Boush.

Mrs. R. S. Payne, wife of R. S. Payne of the Atlas bank, is suffering with an attack of mumps.

W. G. Romig, assistant cashier of the Atlas bank, is visiting in Rockford, Ill.

Revival meetings are being held in the M. E. church here now. A deaconess from Chicago is assisting in the services.

Geo. W. Hutton will remove his large stock of goods from Orchard to the room vacated by Cole and Davis at once, and will conduct a general store here.

Plans have been laid for the erection of a brick opera house by the Odd Fellows on their lots just south of the court house as soon as spring opens. The structure will be modern in every respect.

S. N. Hoff and wife are visiting in Pawnee City this week.

T. B. Ford and a party of cattle men were in the city yesterday via the automobile route. They made some fast time between here and Central City.

Court Adjourned Until January 15.

The sessions of court in chambers held in this city yesterday by Judge F. Boyd did not conclude the case of the Citizens National bank vs. S. W. Deed in the matter of foreclosure proceedings.

No witnesses were introduced or testimony taken and owing to the judge having notified the Wayne county officers that he would hold an adjourned session there today the matter was continued until January 15.

Attorneys Brome and Stewart returned to Omaha this morning.

What could be nicer for a Christmas gift to a young man or young lady than beautifully engraved cards?