

NEW COMMISSIONERS MET

FIRST MEETING AT MADISON WITH BURR TAFT ON BOARD.

THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

County Commissioners Have Begun to Do Business for the New Year—Bills Were Allowed and Estimate of the Expenses for 1906 Made.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 9.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. The following were present: John Malone, Geo. D. Smith and John H. Harding. The minutes of January 3, 1906, January 4, 1906, at 8 a. m., and January 4, 1906, at 2 p. m., were read and approved.

Statement of Franz Dittreich, overseer district No. 20, approved, balance due him... 69 00. V. H. Bryant, wolf scalp... 2 00. Thos. Schlenker, grading, road district No. 25... 30 00. Andrew Schwanik, taking down flag pole... 5 00. L. Ryncarson, assisting county treasurer... 8 00. Fred Smith, delivering county tools to poor farm... 5 00. John Wade, mowing roads, commissioner district No. 2... 30 00. John Wade, road work, commissioner district No. 2... 25 25. H. E. Hardy, coal for paupers... 16 75. C. W. Braasch, coal for paupers... 8 50. Aug. Pasewalk, repairs on plow, commissioner district No. 2... 4 75. W. C. Elley, livery and balliff fees... 74 50. R. W. Linn, commissioners district No. 1... 12 00. Thos. O'Shea, coal for court house... 20 00. C. E. Hansen, repairs, general fund... 1 50. Madison Telephone Co., rent and toll... 29 70. Fidelity & Deposit Co., clerk's bond... 21 60. Bill of A. B. Seannell for \$175 for salary was rejected. On application of Geo. E. Richardson, county clerk, he was allowed the following help in his office for the year 1906: One deputy at a salary of \$800.00 per year, and one assistant at a salary of \$600.00 per year.

CAUGHT IN HIS OWN TRAP

JOHNNY DUMPER TELLS A GOOD JOKE ON HIS "PA."

WAS AFTER CHICKEN THIEVES

The Chicken Thief Dropped into the Pitfall, All Right, But Johnny's Father Fell in, Also, and Both Had to be Hauled Out Next Morning.

Editor News: Pa has had chickens stole two or three times this winter, an' he sed he'd stooed it as long as he's goin' to. You see we live just a little ways out of town an' there's sum of them town folks that can't git no more meet at the butchers shop without payin' for it, so they've taken to stealin' chickens. Pa got a big bull pup an' tide him up nights to the hen-hous door. He hadn't had 'im more'n a week afore he dide of led poison. Sumbdy shot him. Pa sed he'd fix them fellers for killin' the dog, so he set me an' the hired man to dig a hole inside the hen-hous about fore feet square by ate feet deep. It was a corkin' big job an' took us nearly all day. Then pa put down boards all around the hen-hous floor an' over the hole he put sum thin boards that 'ud brake as soon as you stepped on 'em. Then he left the hen-coop door un-locked an' everything handy an' sed he'd bet we'd catch somebody afore a week. But nobody cum around an' the hole was lots of bother. The old custers wud stretch around an' search the boards away from over the hole an' fall in. Then we'd haf to put a ladder down the hole an' go down after 'em. But one night last week while ma waz away visitin' her sister that lives on a farm about ten miles out, pa herd a noise in the hen-coop an' he slipped on his pants an' shirt an' slippered an' tuck the gun an' lantern without wakin' me or the hired man he run out to the hen-coop. There waz two fellers after chickens; one of 'em stayed outside the coop an' watched while the other went inside. When the feller inside fell down the hole an' pa started out with the lantern the feller outside run away an' left the feller in the hole an' pa to file it out. Pa went in the coop an' over to the hole an' waz holdin' the lantern to see who was in the hole, when the bord he'd stepped on broke an' afore pa cud grab hold of anything he went down the hole where the hen-thief waz, the lantern goin' out in the shuffle. There waz about three inches of mud an' water on the bottom in the hole an' pa's slippers wazn't no better'n nothin'. Pa an' the hired man hollered for me an' the hired man to cum an' help 'em out but we never heerd 'em at all an' slept right along till mornin'. Pa told the man he wudn't have him arrested if he'd help him out an' not let it out how he got caught in his own trap.

BOYS WITH "TAKING" WAYS

NORFOLK YOUTHS SAID TO HAVE STOLEN THINGS.

MYSTERY OF THE BIG CANDLE

Mammoth Bit of Tallow That Had Been Burning in Drug Store Window Was Set Outside in a Shed. Pieces of it Were Found Later.

The largest candle in Norfolk is again in the Klesau drug store after having undergone a strange disappearance and a stranger unearthing. Originally the candle was placed in the window of the store and customers guessed how long it would take to burn out and the guesses were quite variable for the candle is five inches through and about four feet long. The candle was lit and the smoke was so heavy and sticky that it was moved into a shed in the rear of the store and left to burn itself out there. In a wink it was gone. This morning it was found in the possession of a couple of boys. About a foot of it was missing and the rest was in two pieces so that the contest is postponed for the time being. No complaint will be filed against the boys, who claim that they found the pieces of the candle. Their parents, however, settled for the cost of the candle. In connection with the loss of the candle was also brought the fact that merchants along Norfolk avenue have lost many small things that have been left lying around the rear of their places and the belief is prevalent that there is a gang of younger boys around the city who have taken to thieving in the belief that it is manly and has a romantic tinge to it.

BAD FIGHT AT HOCHZEIT

MARRIAGE CEREMONY ENDS IN A FREE-FOR-ALL BRAWL.

SPORN-MELCHER FESTIVITIES

William Sporn is Said to Have Encountered Several Other People at the Marriage Celebration of His Brother. Blood Flowed Freely.

The wedding festivities of John Sporn and Clara Melcher came to an end with a free-for-all fight at the home of the newly married couple Sunday night. The friends of the bride and groom celebrated the wedding all day and early in the evening were gathered in the house, when an altercation arose between Willie Sporn and Fred Melcher, relatives of the bride and groom respectively. It is alleged that Willie Sporn declared that he could whip anyone present to which Fred Melcher took exception. Sporn then slapped Melcher, who retaliated by striking him over the head with a beer glass and cutting a gash in the scalp several inches long. The fight became much more involved immediately after that. Otto Bits, Oscar Wagner and Martin Sporn joined in with Willie Sporn, while Ernest Wagner and his other two sons came to the aid of Fred Melcher. After a few minutes of fighting, which resulted in nothing serious, the guests managed to stop the fight and quiet things, while Willie Sporn drew a revolver and retired by himself to bandage his wounds. Another version of the fight is that Sporn's brother and father joined against him and that both were badly beaten up by William. William Sporn is a farmer about thirty years of age. The trouble is said to have been the result of an old feud existing between the combatants. Definite facts concerning the affair were extremely difficult to procure as the entire neighborhood deeply deprecates the incident and has tried hard to hush the matter up. Wm. Sporn has rented his farm to a farmer by the name of Denny who lives near Stanton, and will move to Norfolk in the spring.

passed through Norfolk today on her way to Atkinson where she will visit for several weeks with her parents.

J. W. Humphrey went to Tilden on business yesterday, returning this morning. George Schademan, a prosperous Cuming county farmer, came up from West Point last night. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brome of Omaha will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Durland over Sunday. Mrs. George Kudder of Meadow Grove left yesterday for California to visit his parents a month. B. C. Gentle is receiving a visit from his mother, Mrs. W. H. Gentle of Creston, Iowa, and sister, Elizabeth. Miss Elvira Durland went to Plainview at noon today for a visit in the home of her brother, G. F. Durland. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brome of Omaha came up last evening. Mrs. Brome will remain several days visiting with friends. B. H. Schroeder and Misses H. E. Conslin and Anna Nelson of Presho, S. D., spent Thursday night in Norfolk enroute east. Miss Laura Schavland of Madison is expected to stop over in Norfolk tomorrow on her way home from Randolph, where she has been visiting. Mrs. J. W. Humphrey went to Sioux City this morning to see Ben Hur and visit friends. Graham Humphrey will go tomorrow to see Ben Hur tomorrow night. The city council had no morning last night and the meeting was postponed. Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Cole have issued invitations for a dinner party Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conley are moving into their home on South Thirtieth street today. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Leach surprised them last evening by calling in a body, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Leach. The evening was enjoyably spent in a social manner. A carload of stoves has been shipped from St. Louis to Blakeman & Coleman. This is the first shipment for their new transfer warehouse and will be distributed among half a dozen towns west and north. Arthur Ahlmann gave a stag dinner last evening to his friends, the occasion being his birthday. Major Gegerer of Madison, who is on an inspecting trip for the First regiment of the Nebraska National Guard, was the guest of honor for the evening. Mrs. T. E. Odiorne and Mrs. Napper very pleasantly entertained a number of ladies at 1 o'clock luncheon yesterday afternoon, eucre and flinch being features after lunch. Mrs. J. B. Barnes won the prize for the highest score at eucre, Mrs. E. P. Weatherly won the shouting prize and Mrs. Mary Davoport won the prize at flinch. The West Side Whist club was delightfully entertained last evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas at their beautiful new home on Madison avenue. The attendance last night was the largest of the season thus far, there being nine tables of whist and thirty-nine present. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Read of Chicago. The annual public meeting and "feed" given by the Commercial club will be given tonight at the city hall. There is every indication of a large attendance and the committee in charge of the affair, C. P. Parish, W. R. Hoffman and C. E. Burnham, wish to urge that every man in the city who cares anything about the town, be present. There is no charge for tickets and business clothing will be in order. Mrs. Anna Heuer, mother of Mrs. C. A. Weston, after a four months' visit with Mrs. Weston, has returned to her home near Red Oak, Iowa. She was accompanied by Ben Weston, Bertha Weston and May Weston. They will go to Burlington to visit with their sister Mrs. Morris, and after a visit at Burlington they will return to Red Oak and visit for a while, after which Bertha and May will return home while Ben will remain in Iowa to work.

ANOTHER SUGAR FACTORY

NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD HAS SECURED MAN FOR NORFOLK.

THROUGH INDUSTRIAL AGENCY

H. C. Matrau, Agent of the City Station of the Northwestern Railroad Here, Has Received Word That the Northwestern Has Man in Sight. (From Friday's Daily.) It is the Northwestern industrial agent that is seeking to find an industry for the now empty sugar factory in Norfolk, and there are prospects right now, according to H. C. Matrau, agent at the city station for that railroad, of securing another sugar factory. George Bonnell of Chicago is the industrial agent for the Northwestern, and this department has been created within the past year for the express purpose of inducing new industries to locate on the Northwestern lines. And for the past two months Mr. Matrau has been in constant communication with Mr. Bonnell for the purpose of refilling the factory. There is a man now thinking seriously of coming to Norfolk and establishing another sugar factory, who has become interested in the plant through the Northwestern's industrial agency.

E. H. LUIKART UNDER KNIFE

Tilden Banker Operated on For Appendicitis—Recovering Nicely.

Mrs. Anna Luikart received word this morning from Omaha that her son, E. H. Luikart of Tilden, is recovering in excellent shape from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, which he underwent in St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, last Friday. Dr. Allison performed the operation.

MRS. SHIPPEE OPERATED ON.

Well Known Norfolk Woman Under Knife This Morning.

Mrs. W. H. Shippee was operated upon this morning for the removal of a tumor by Doctors Salter and Bear. The operation proved successful and Mrs. Shippee is resting easily. Mrs. A. O. Harvey of Beaver City, who came in for the operation, will be with Mrs. Shippee until her recovery.

BURLINGTON APPEALS TAX CASE

Notice is Filed in Lincoln That Suit Will be Carried Up.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: The Burlington railroad today filed a notice here that an appeal will be taken in the tax case, which was decided in favor of the state and against that railroad last Saturday.

WARM WEATHER DULLS TRADE

Summer in Winter is Abnormal for North Nebraska and Can't Last.

Local merchants are bemoaning the unusual dullness of trade since the beginning of the new year. At this season there is generally a slackening of trade but such a great falling off as the present is unusual. Most of the merchants declare that their business is cut in two from the normal. However, everyone is optimistic and declares that another week or ten days will bring it back heavier than before. The reason assigned, of course, is the fact that the winter has been unusually open and the people of this section of the country have not needed the heavier and warmer goods that the merchants had stocked up with. This mild weather is not normal for this territory and dullness naturally follows in its wake because it is human nature to put off buying heavy goods until driven to it by necessity. With a cold snap business will pick up, and a cold snap may be expected at any time between now and the first week in February. There are also other reasons why business in this section can not be dull any length of time, chief of which is the unusual prosperity of the country. This prosperity has meant a great deal to local merchants. It has increased their business in many ways. Everyone is working and buying. Salaries are higher and many of the goods demanded in Norfolk now are of a higher quality than was carried in even small lots here five years ago. So the merchants are selling both better and more goods than they ever did before. That this condition has been reversed in the past two weeks does not worry the merchants in the least. Conditions have not changed and therefore trade cannot change greatly for long.

PERRY LAW IS MARRIED

Norfolk Mar. Weds Mrs. Norman at Neligh—Will Live on Ranch.

Perry E. Law, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Law of this city and well known in Norfolk, was married this afternoon at Neligh to Mrs. Norman of Gordon, Neb. They will make their home at Gordon on the ranch owned by Mrs. Law.

Contract is Finished.

The Norfolk Plumbing and Heating company have finished the plumbing contract, which they secured at the insane hospital recently. The work, which included the placing of six tubs, a lavatory and a closet, involves a contract of \$275.

CHARLIE HEWSTON MADE MONEY

Former Baggageman in Town Today. Third Time in Nine Years.

Charlie Hewston, who will be remembered as a baggage man in Norfolk more than nine years ago and who had operated his line of wagons in the city for many years, is in town today from Battle Creek. This is the third visit Mr. Hewston has made to Norfolk within nine years. Since leaving this city, Mr. Hewston has engaged in farming near Battle Creek, where he owns a quarter section of fine land and where, too, his friends claim, he has made many a thousand dollars. He has applied his aggressiveness, together with everlasting thrift and energy, to agricultural work and has driven it along at the same rate of speed he used to

NORFOLK MAN WAZ THROWN OUT OF A WAGON NEAR PLAINVIEW.

J. D. Sturgeon was thrown out of a wagon near Plainview yesterday and quite painfully, though not seriously, bruised. The wagon was going along the road at a rapid pace, when the wheels struck an obstruction. The jolting of the wagon threw Mr. Sturgeon into the road. Fortunately the road was soft and his injuries are entirely superficial.

TWO BAD FIRES IN STATE

HEAVY LOSS IN DEMPSTER PLANT, BEATRICE.

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