HE FOUGHT INDIANS HERE

HON. GEORGE E. PRITCHETT TELLS OF EXPERIENCE.

WAS FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Hunters Invariably Encountered Savage Redskins up the Elkhorn Valley—How the Leader of the Band of Braves Fell in the Fight.

George E. Pritchett, the millionaire banker and attorney of Omaha whose father reared Grover Cleveland and whose daughter recently became known through her marriage to Congressamn Kennedy, because of the excommunications that followed against those of the Catholic church who attended the service, almost lost his life on the plains where Norfolk now stands, forty-five years ago, and came back this week to renew acquaintance with the eventful spot and to chat a day or so with friends of the white man type who have long since taken the place of reds who nearly scalped him and who, in the battle, were beaten with death.

In the early days Mr. Kennedy, together with a couple of friends—for it was never safe to hunt alone in this territory—used to drive up into this corner of the territory from Omaha about twice a year to hunt. The valley was fairly teeming with antelope, elk, prairie chickens, quail and other game. It was also overrun with a very dangerous band of Indians who looted all travelers whom they could find and killed indiscriminately.

In order to protect the hunting party it was always necessary that there be a shift of guards during the night to keep watch against Indians. The last watch was the most perilous. One night Mr. Kennedy's party camped where Norfolk now stands and the last watch sighted a slight motion in the distance. A little later he noted a line of ponies riding in a long circle against the night sky and then wheeling back, each time getting a little closer to the camp. At length the Indians came near enough to shout to and the watch called out to them to halt.

Head Indian Drops.

When they realized that they had been discovered, the Indians dashed in a bunch toward the hunters' tent. A flash of flame poured forth from the rifle of the guard and in his saddle the leader of the red men sank down, limp and with a fatal bullet through his trunk.

Frightened at the one death, the other Indians scattered and disappeared. This was somewhat unusual, as in such cases it was wont for them to stampede the camp and engage the whites in a pitched battle but it was evident that the reds in this train feared there were too skilful marksmen among the party of which Mr. Pritchett was a member.

In those days the Pawnees and the Winnebagoes, the one from the south and others from near Sioux City, created the greatest disturbance, while the Sioux from the Bonesteel country seldom came down this far.

For many years after that Mr. Pritchett enjoyed coming up the valley to hunt. During Cleveland's administration he was made district attorney of Nebraska, and he says he has done a lot of other things that he never could have done if those Indians had reached his tent. Hunters who did not know the danger went out and never came back, their bones often being found later.

Mr. Pritchett is son-in-law of Millionaire Hanscom, who donated to Omaha one of its best known parks and who now lives at the St. Regis hotel, New York. Mr. Pritchett's father, a Presbyterian minister, was given the care of Grover Cleveland when that child's father, also a Presbyterian minister, died. Grover was three years old at that time.

Mr. Pritchett was a guest of Dr. A. Bear while here a few days ago.

Hadar's Band.

Pierce Call: The Hadar Union band met last Friday evening and held their annual election of officers. Also transacted such other business as was necessary for the good of the band. The following named parties were elected for a term of one year: President, F. G. Miller; vice president, Alfred Bauman; secretary, J. M. Friend; treasurer, Wm. Lichtenberg. Up to date the boys have not given their band a name. It was moved and seconded and carried that the band be called the Hadar Union band. We now have two good bands, the Hadar Concordia and the Hadar Union band. We will go anyone a round for love, money, chalk or marbles that there is not a town in the state the size of Hadar that can beat us. Now any of you who are sports just call around; we are done.

MADISON NOTES.

The pot of local politics is simmering more and more as the time for election approaches. Mayor Clint Smith has finally announced himself as a candidate for re-election. His administration has been of a progressive order, a number of needed improvements have been made at the water and light station, among them the digging of new wells and the installing of a large engine and dynamo. He also advocates the proposed bond issue and all public improvements that will bring and keep Madison on a par with her sister cities and make it a more pleasant place to live in. Speaking of his chances for re-election the mayor stated that since during his administration the city had gone in debt he wants to stay in office and prove that all the expenditures were good investments on which the city will realize not only in added comforts and conveniences but in dollars and cents as well. The lighting system is now on such a basis that it will make enough money for the city to pay for its construction and improvement in the next year.

The fire department which held a meeting Friday evening decided by an overwhelming majority to use its influence in helping to carry the city hall bonds.

The Farmers' Mercantile company is the latest venture launched in our city. Clint Smith is president and Albert Smith secretary and manager. The stockholders are recruited from among farmers and citizens. The concern has taken over the old M. F. Thomas stock of general merchandise and has also purchased the grocery stock of Mrs. P. E. Smith. Both will be conducted for a time and later consolidated.

Company F, First Nebraska National Guards, will stand the annual inspection before an officer of the regular army on March 20, and orders for the event have been issued.

S. C. Blackman, proprietor of the Madison Chronicle, and Ben Hollo, a druggist, have together leased the Thomas theater and will manage it the coming season.

We have it on good authority that Jens Jensen will construct a brick building on the site now occupied by Donovan's print shop.

The citizens' causus is called for March 20.

Fred H. Davis has entered upon his duties as secretary of the Madison County Building and Loan association.

OPINIONS ON THE DEPOT

WHAT NORFOLK BUSINESS MEN THINK OF PROJECT.

WHY THEY FAVOR OR OBJECT

In Order to Express as Nearly as Possible the Beliefs of the Taxpayers and Property Owners of the City, Interviews are Printed.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

That the citizens may more readily understand the feelings of the property holders and taxpayers of Norfolk on the proposition to vacate Philip avenue for the Northwestern railroad depot The News will print from day to day the views of representative business and professional men on this matter. These are opinions that are secured from business men irrespective of the side which they take, and represent the gist of their opinion with their objections or beliefs in a nutshell.

Would Enhance Values.

D. Rees: While I am not in favor of giving away any street to a corporation without good reason I think Madison avenue is preferable to Philip avenue in this instance. Then the platform could come up to Norfolk avenue and the depot would set in between. So far as my property on Philip avenue near the high school is concerned I think the proposed station will enhance its value.

Well Worth Price.

Paul Nordwig: Nine out of ten of the business men in Norfolk don't care if Philip avenue is closed. They don't use it or need it. It is well worth giving to the railroad for a $15,000 depot.

Ought to be Closed.

W. F. Ahnmann: I wish they would close Philip avenue. It is a regular trap as it was with the old Creighton station. Several times I have been crossing in a buggy, when a switch engine behind the depot started up and frightened the horses. I have three large houses on Philip avenue and would be hurt if anyone could by a $15,000 station on Philip avenue.

Good Thing for Norfolk.

F. A. Beeler and L. M. Beeler are in favor of accepting the railroad's proposition. "If we owned property in that vicinity," they said, "we would want the depot. We believe it will be a good thing for Norfolk."

"CHRIS" MADSEN TO WED.

Popular Norfolk Young Man Will be Married in Dakota Wednesday.

Invitations have been received in Norfolk for the marriage of Christian M. Madsen, son of Mrs. Anna Madsen of this city and well known in Norfolk, to Miss Olive Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Holt. The ceremony will take place on the morning of March 14 at 10 o'clock in Larimore, North Dakota, the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. Madsen for many years made Norfolk his home, having grown up in this city. He now is a commercial traveler for Watson & Plummer, a shoe firm of Chicago, and his territory extends from Chicago to Seattle. Mr. Madsen is one of the few traveling salesmen connected with his company who enjoys the distinction of selling more than $100,000 worth of goods every year.

The Madsen family have resided in Norfolk for twenty-eight years, during which the bridegroom, who is the second son, has spent most of his time here. He has many warm friends in the city who will tender congratulations next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Madsen will visit in Norfolk after a trip which they plan.

IS IN FAVOR OF DEPOT

COL. S. S. COTTON HOPES CITY WILL ACCEPT.

OWNS HOUSES ON THAT STREET

Col. Cotton Has Vigorously Fought Railroads, but Says He Would Dislike to Have That Blind Him Now to a Good Proposition.

Col. S. S. Cotton is in favor of accepting the proposition made by the Northwestern to build a fine brick depot provided the city will close Philip avenue.

Col. Cotton has lived in Norfolk twenty-five years. He can not be called a "tool of the railroads." He owns a number of houses on Philip avenue, perhaps more than any other man. At times in his life he has fought the railroads vigorously. But he believes building a depot across Philip avenue will increase the value of his property more than decrease; he believes it is to Norfolk's advantage to profit by this one opportunity of filling a long felt want, a station that the city can be proud of.

For the past fifteen years when Col. Cotton has met guests from out of town he has been more or less ashamed of the railroad station here and he looks with pleasure at the prospective new depot.

"While I have at times fought the railroads as vigorously as any man," said Col. Cotton today, "I would feel badly to think that that fact would render me incapable of recognizing a good thing when it appears."

He believes that at least one-half the names that appear on the remonstrance, the same parties having studied the matter more thoroughly, would today sign a petition to accept the depot.

"I don't like to see a waste of money either on the part of the city in defense of an attempt to overthrow this proposition or of individuals," he said. "But the city can ill afford to lose the one opportunity which has come in all these years when the railroad company gives vastly more than it demands."

"My interest is with Norfolk and not with the railroad company."

MONDAY MENTION.

L. T. Allen has returned from Randolph.

Mrs. Albert Breyer of Pierce is in the city.

Thomas Patras went to Stanton today on business.

Walter Plank of Wahoo is in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilde spent Sunday in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Dold, a milliner of Creighton, is in the city on business.

Miss Edith Barrett spent Sunday with friends in Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schultz came up from Stanton for Sunday.

Lyle Nicola of Foster visited with Norfolk friends over Sunday.

Burt Mapes left for Wichita, Kan., this morning on legal business.

Mrs. Joseph Schwartz is confined to her home with a severe attack of grip.

M. E. Lenser came down from Tilden Sunday to visit for the day with his parents.

Harrison Peters returned home from Stanton this noon after visiting there over Sunday.

Peter Barrett left today for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he will stay for three weeks or so.

Walter Tyrrel spent Sunday with his folks at Madison.

William Erdman went home to Plainview for Sunday.

George R. Wycoff came up from Madison last evening.

C. E. Wright of Humphrey spent Sunday night in the city.

L. P. Simonson of Madison stopped over Sunday night in the city.

Miss Agnes Bergstrom came down from Spencer this morning.

Dr. Pheasant of Pierce spent Sunday with friends in the city.

John Bennett came down from O'Neill yesterday on business.

Anton DeGroot went to Madison to spend Sunday with his parents.

Herman Heuerman spent Sunday with his parents in Battle Creek.

J. K. Moon of Bristow was in the city for a few hours this morning.

Miss Kate Arnett of Madison visited over Sunday with Miss Margaret Barnes.

Miss May Kilgore arrived from Chicago yesterday noon to occupy the position as trimmer with Mrs. Stear.

August Erdman left for his home in Plainview Saturday to spend a week while doctoring for an abscess.

F. M. Brown, jr., a commercial traveler, spent Sunday in Norfolk and has decided to make this city his headquarters.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Miss Emma Melcher last evening to bid her goodby before she leaves for St. Louis, where she will visit with friends for some time.

Dr. N. Matzen spent Sunday with Mrs. Matzen at Tilden. Mrs. Matzen was operated upon last Wednesday by Dr. Campbell of Tilden for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely and is considered out of danger.

J. J. McGuire, who has been on the front chair in Hartford's barber shop until recently, has placed a chair in the writing room of the Pacific hotel where he will hold forth hereafter. He intends to install a second chair later if the trade will warrant it.

Stuart Advocate: We learn that Will Hopkins, who recently moved from Bassett to Clarkson, has removed to Meadow Grove, his home town, where he will act as station agent. Will is well known here as he was an operator here for several years.

Butte Gazette: Clarence A. Dutcher was the lucky chap that drew the contract for carrying the mail between Butte and Stuart, by the way of Badger and Ingles. The contract is for four years beginning July 1. Clarence will put on a good double rig and will be prepared to carry as many passengers as may wish to go.

Verdigre Progress: Our saloon men and butchers concluded that now was the time to get ice if they expect to get any this winter so they went to Creighton and now every man who wants a job can get one. Anton Tuerkon unloaded three carloads into his house Monday and Tuesday and Maly and Ondracek and Calrk Parkhurst and Vac Propok are busy today filling up their houses. In all there has been ten cars of ice shipped in here since Monday making about 300 tons.

Wisner Chronicle: E. O. Mount of Norfolk, train master of this division of the C. & N. W. railway, was here to investigate the case of the Wisner boys who boarded a freight train at Stanton and rode back one night last week and set the brakes in order to enable them to get off at this station. He obtained the names of the boys, learned what he could of the matter and will lay the information before the proper officers for their consideration.

Spencer Advocate: Mrs. Ethel Tinsley moved to Norfolk Monday. Her brother, Arthur Parker went along to help her get settled. She was also accompanied by Miss Maud Hoeger who will continue to make her home with her. Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley have been residents of Spencer for a number of years and make this move only because it will be more convenient for Mr. Tinsley, who is a traveling man. Their relatives and friends in Spencer dislike to see them go but wish them prosperity.

Monowi News: The location for the new depot at Norfolk which was granted by the Norfolk city trustees, has its opponents and the case may go into the courts. Norfolk, feeling the need of a splendid uptown depot, through the act of the city council, granted Philip avenue to the railroad company for depot purposes, which would partially close this avenue to the public. The opponents now claim it is against the best interests of the city to have Philip avenue closed and will fight the proposition in the courts.

Clearwater Record: Richard F. Marwood is said to have constructed for his personal use a wheelbarrow that is a mechanical wonder. Those who have been fortunate enough to obtain a glimpse of the wonderful device say that the like of it was never seen in the land before. A neighbor claims that the machine performs a great deal of labor, such as feeding cattle, milking cows, etc., but it has one bad habit, that of sucking eggs. He also requests us to warn our townsmen against allowing their children to play in the streets, for Mr. Marwood sometimes uses the wheelbarrow as an automobile and the car goes at such a terrific rate that they might be in danger.

Verdigre Progress: Tuesday evening Richard Charf, living on the Tikalsky farm southwest of here, came to town on horseback and tied his horse on the street. While in town he met two men who claimed they were from Bonesteel and wished to go out in the country near Richling Mills, and asked him if he lived in that direction. He informed them that he did, but as he was with a horse he could not very well take them out with him. Shortly afterwards he got ready to go home and discovered his horse was gone. He immediately made a search for the two men, and made the discovery that they were also among the missing. He was forced to walk home, and the next morning he and his brother traced the horse and two men about eleven miles southwest of here, where they lost all track of them. Postal cards were printed yesterday and sent broadcast all over the state in the hopes of apprehending the thieves.

"Hesper," the realistic story of the Rockies from the graphic pen of Hamlin Garland, which began in Saturday's News and will continue each Saturday until the end, is perhaps the best serial story that has ever been printed in a Nebraska newspaper. Hesper is the story of a New York society woman who went to Colorado with her invalid brother. Most of the action takes place in a mining camp where a strike reaches such proportions as to require the intervention of United States troops. Hesper meets the hero, a young man who had been expelled from West Point. He falls in love with her, furnishing the only element needed to keep the interest at fever heat. Hamlin Garland, the author, has earned a reputation for realism which few authors enjoy today. He knows thoroughly the phases of American life depicted in his stories and gives his readers of the great west as reliable as they are vivid. The New York Tribune, reviewing the story, says, "Hamlin Garland has published through the Harpers a novel called "Hesper," which deals with the conditions of a miners' strike in the Rocky mountains. He keeps in touch with the region by extensive travel every year. A year ago he had covered in something over two years, 25,000 miles of travel, often roughing it through the west. On one occasion he covered 800 miles of hard trail, part of which lay through the snow."

WHY CITY NEEDS A SEWER

NORFOLK IS NOW AT THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

PROGRESS OR DEATH AHEAD

One of the People of the City, Writes His Views Regarding the Sewerage Project—Small Cost to Each Man Each Year—Health Vital.

Norfolk, March 12.—Editor News: It is not desired in this article to appeal to any partisan or factional feeling but rather to call upon the patriotism of the good people of our city who take pride in its present and future welfare.

The law under which the proposition to vote sewer bonds has been submitted, provides there shall be a system of sewer mains for which city bonds may be voted, and a lateral system of sewers discharging into the mains, the cost of which is paid by the property benefited. In accordance with this most excellent law, the mayor and council have adopted plans prepared by Mr. Andrew Rosewater for a complete system of sewers for the city, including a main and lateral system. The location of these main sewers and the streets traversed thereby can best be known by consulting the map prepared by Mr. Rosewater now in possession of the city council. The location of the lateral districts, while suggested by Mr. Rosewater, may still be changed by the city officials as may best be suited to the public need, but the expense will be the same on all property in a lateral district, each lot paying its proportionate share. The cost of these laterals, which will be from 65 cents to 85 cents per front foot, may be paid in the first assessment of the property, or may be divided so as to be paid in installments extending over several years as may be provided for by the ordinance. When the main system is built, it will be entirely optional with the residents of any given section of the city whether or not they have their property made into a lateral district and have laterals constructed, but a petition to the council signed by the owners of the majority of the lots in a given section will bring laterals ready for connection.

It is believed that with the presentation of the sewer question Norfolk stands at the parting of the ways, and it's up to our people to say whether they propose to let their town stagnate and go backward or whether they are in favor of progress and improvements. There may be some parts of the city, upon the higher ground, that could get along without sewers for some time, but the filth from surface closets and cesspools is gradually impregnating the soil and endangering the health of the whole city. Malaria and typhoid fever, which in the past have afflicted the city, are without doubt due to unsanitary conditions. Sanitation is an exact science; sickness follows unhealthful surroundings as surely as night follows day.

The limit of taxation under the law to pay interest and provide for a sinking fund for $40,000 sewerage bonds is not to exceed 4 mills. That means the payer who owns $1,000 of taxable property, including his home, assessed at one-fifth valuation, taxable value $200, has but to pay 80 cents a year sewerage tax. This is, in any event, a mere trifle compared with the expense of maintaining cess pools and surface closets. The total amount of taxes that would be produced by a 4 mills levy in the city at its present valuation, would be $2,040.

Vastly more than this amount is expended every year in labor which a sewerage system would do away with. At least 75 per cent of the cost of putting in the sewerage system would be paid out in wages and would circulate in our community, stimulating business of all kinds, besides the money that would be expended in new buildings and enterprises that would be encouraged by a good sewerage system.

As has been seen by the published statements, the bonded indebtedness of our city is far below the average city of our class, and not nearly the figure permitted by law.

Let me repeat, Norfolk stands today at the parting of the ways, and it is up to our people to say whether the coming season shall be one of remarkable prosperity, plenty of work for every one, and consequent good business, or a continuance of that which has marked the past few years, devoid of public improvements.

To expect Norfolk to become a rapidly growing, hustling city without sewerage, is absolutely hopeless. Not to vote the necessary bonds to carry out this project would be a "withholding that tendeth to poverty."

Even geographical advantage can not overcome the lack of public enterprise, and Norfolk must be up to date if she would continue to hold the position of the foremost city of northeast Nebraska. For a city of inhabitants to be without a sewer system will inevitably give to it an unsavory odor both at home and abroad. The voting of bonds has in all modern time been an indispensible factor in the building up of cities—over-conservatism that has refused to vote legitimate bonds has always stood in the way of a city's progress.

Norfolk will one day be a great city if her people use her right.

One of the People.

A Runaway.

The Bee Hive delivery wagon took a short spin up Norfolk avenue this morning and finally turned into the barn without doing any damage. The horses were standing outside of the store, when they picked up the weight and dragged it along with them at a good pace down the avenue and into the barn.

$35,000 FIRE AT LIBERTY.

Four Leading Business Houses of the Town Go Up in Smoke.

Beatrice, Neb., March 12.—Special to The News: An early morning fire at Liberty, Neb., today destroyed the four leading business houses of the town. The loss amounts to $35,000.

Man Adjudged Insane.

Butte, Neb., March 10.—Special to The News: Don A. Durham was adjudged insane by the county board yesterday and was taken down to Lincoln by Sheriff Coleman last night.