

# 1,000 PHONES IN NORFOLK

THIS IS THE GOAL TOWARD WHICH EFFORTS ARE BENT.

REACH THIS POINT IN 1907

Norfolk Now Heads the List of Telephone Exchanges in Nebraska for Local Connections and Connections With the Outside World.

A thousand telephones on the Norfolk exchange in 1907 is the goal toward which District Manager Sprecher of the Nebraska Telephone company is striving. The exchange now has over 700 telephones in service, which is an increase of 100 per cent over two years ago. To this he expects to add 200 more phones during 1906 and then will push over the 1,000 mark with the very beginning of the next year.

There are a number of streets in the residence section of the city, where nine out of ten houses have telephone service now. But other streets have only a scattering of telephones on them. It is on these streets, in particular, that efforts will be made to increase the service.

Mr. Sprecher believes that the telephone becomes more valuable to the renter every time a new name is added to the exchange and with a thousand phones the exchange will be worth half as much again to every user of a telephone than it now is. The projected scope of the local exchange is far greater than that of any other city of the same size in Nebraska and will put it at the head of all Nebraska telephone exchanges from the standpoint of local service and benefit.

In the Rosebud country and all over the reservation the use of the telephone has grown remarkably and today there are scarcely any trading points on the entire reservation that are not connected with long distance telephone wires and within easy access of Norfolk and the east. Not only do the telephones reach into the trading points, but the farm houses and ranches all over the reservation are well supplied with phones which communicate with good sized local exchanges. The telephone business on the reservation and west of Norfolk is practically all local or cooperative. They have arrangements with the Nebraska Telephone company for long distance connections.

This year the local companies are not only putting in new lines and extending their service but they are bettering it with better connections, new instruments and appliances. The toll line from Stuart to Bonesteel, over which all messages between Norfolk and the reservation are carried, is to be re-strung with copper wire, making a better circuit than the old grounded line they have been using. In other places plans are making for other copper lines for long distance talking so that the distance talks will be made clearer and more distinct, but can be handled in all kinds of weather, which is often difficult if not impossible now.

Among the list of telephone magnates who are to improve their service the coming year and who are, for that matter, continually improving the service in their districts, are M. C. Theisen of Creighton, owner of the Camp Dewey system which has stretched its wires clear up into the Rosebud territory and is giving a most excellent service, and A. R. Eng, owner of the Plainview telephone line, which has branched out into the country around Plainview extensively.

## THAT LIBEL CASE.

### Bad Mess for McCarthy.

Wayne Democrat: The Norfolk News of last Saturday drew a character sketch of Congressman J. J. McCarthy that ought to be sufficient to put that gentleman away to the bad in the future politics of the state.

### Feeling Hard to Down.

Dakota City Eagle: W. N. Huse, editor of The Norfolk Daily News, has settled his libel case with T. J. Shelby of Ponca, by paying the costs and a little on the side. The case emanates from Congressman McCarthy's first campaign and has stirred up a feeling that will be hard to down by Mac in his effort to capture a third term.

### Prepare to Retire.

Madison Star-Mail: The scathing rebuke administered to Congressman McCarthy the other day by The Norfolk News was no more than his nibbs deserved. It's a cinch Huse has the undivided support of the newspapers in the Third district regardless of politics and McCarthy might as well prepare to retire from the fight at once for his name is "Dennis."

### McCarthy Can't Run.

Newman Grove Herald: W. N. Huse in his Norfolk News renounces Congressman McCarthy in terms of bitterness so bitter that one is led to believe that he dipped his pen in ox gall and aloes. He refuses to allow the present incumbent to again be a candidate for re-election. Why not bring out W. M. Robertson? We believe, from present prospects, that he will stand much better show of obtaining the congressional plum than the governorship.

### Not Any Too Severe.

Madison Star-Mail: W. N. Huse, editor of The Norfolk Daily News, has settled his libel suit out of court and in speaking of the matter said

while it cost him some hard earned dollars to bring the settlement around the punishment was not any too severe. This certainly showed a brotherly spirit in Brother Huse. He got into trouble while defending McCarthy's somewhat spotted record and the best he got in return was a severe criticism from the hard-hearted Irishman. Well, good-bye, McCarthy, you ran your political race in a hurry.

### McCarthy an Ingrate.

Grand Island Independent: Editor Huse of The Norfolk News, was "let down hard" by Congressman McCarthy, who, if Mr. Huse's version of the affair is correct, is certainly an ingrate, if not more. Under the circumstances no one can blame the Norfolk News for opposing Congressman McCarthy for his re-election. Such conduct as Mr. McCarthy's is alleged to have been toward The News is only exceptional in the degree of indifference shown to the newspaper man by the politician after the former has labored valiantly to aid the latter into positions of prominence, trust and ample salary attachments.

### Don't Like to Let Go.

Creighton Liberal: Chairman Fales came to Norfolk to see how McCarthy's political fences looked. He found little left in the way of fences. He left the impression that McCarthy will make a vigorous fight to attain a third term in congress. And it would take a vigorous fight indeed, to land Mr. McCarthy back in his seat of honor for another term. His chairman left Norfolk quite despondent, it is said, and no doubt there was reason for despondency.—Norfolk News. It is hard to blame McCarthy. When once one of those fellows get hold of the public teat they are like a yearling calf, twice as hard to pry loose as one only six months old.

### McCarthy Responsible.

Pierce Leader: The libel suit of Thos. Shelby of Ponca against W. N. Huse of Norfolk has been settled out of court, the defendant agreeing to pay all the costs in the case besides paying a stipulated amount to the Plaintiff. Congressman McCarthy, who was virtually responsible for the libel suit being brought, treated Mr. Huse in a most shameful manner. Mr. Huse is editor of The Norfolk Daily News, a republican paper, and is recognized as being one of the most brilliant and reliable writers of his party in this part of the state. With Mr. McCarthy he now has no use for and he "believes that he is but paying a fair penalty for being guilty of supporting J. J. McCarthy for congress."

### Mc's Hard Row to Hoe.

Omaha World-Herald: That Congressman McCarthy will have a fight on his hands when he goes after a third nomination in the Third district is certain. Editor Huse of the Norfolk News has let slip the dogs of war. That Huse is mad through and through is not surprising. Huse published a defense furnished by McCarthy's committee to ugly stories being circulated against him. The committee assured him the stories were false and the defense was absolutely truthful and authentic. The result was a libel suit, and Huse was left holding the sack. Now he has settled the suit by paying the costs and a stipulated sum and opened war on McCarthy for ingratitude and worse. And Huse publishes the most influential and widely circulated republican newspaper in this district, not to mention that he has hosts of friends. Mr. McCarthy will have a hard row to hoe.

### The Sting of Ingratitude.

Stanton Register: The Norfolk News has had a touch of "the sting of ingratitude," and has paid quite a bit of good money to boot. Near the close of the campaign two years ago in this congressional district some very damaging campaign thunder was sent out about McCarthy. In answer to the attack, the republican congressional committee prepared an article that was an attack on the author of the first article. Huse, after repeated entreaty by McCarthy's chairman, printed the answer and had a libel suit on his hands. He recently settled the suit by paying the costs and some money to the injured man. McCarthy, when asked to pay the cost of the suit said he couldn't pay for all the fool vapors of the republican editors of his district. Huse now asks that the republicans put up a man he can support. Huse can rest assured that the democrats will put up an honest man.

### Congressional Candidates.

Creighton Liberal: Since the broadside delivered into the McCarthy ranks by the editor of The Norfolk News there is whispering abroad that it would not be safe to fit Congressman McCarthy for another term race. Man proposes and some one else does the rest. It was a clever stroke of politics for Mr. McCarthy to use his influence to get the best federal job in Nebraska for the man most likely to be asking for his shoes—ex-Senator Warner of Dakota county, who was made United States marshal.

Now this is all lost. McCarthy will have a hard row if he gets the nomination and if he does get it he will be defeated whether W. N. Huse unsheathes his knife or not.

As a successor for the nomination Judge Frank Boyd of this judicial district seems to have the inside track at this time. Should the Roosevelt luck continue and a railroad regulating measure go through congress without the democrats getting too much cred-

it out of it Judge Boyd would make a hard race.

### Hon. J. F. Boyd for Congress.

Neligh Register: For many months several of the newspapers of this congressional district have been suggesting J. F. Boyd of this city as the republican candidate for congress and it seems the nomination would not be distasteful to the judge himself. J. J. McCarthy, the present incumbent, has become very unpopular with many of the republican editors who got themselves and their newspapers into damage suits in trying to further his political ends during his first campaign and when these newspapers were cinched by the decision of the supreme court, McCarthy refused to help them out. If these editors don't make McCarthy go some well miss our guess. And then McCarthy has never made much of a mark in congress any way—just filled his seat.

If we have got to have a republican congressman from this district, we don't know of one we would rather see get the plum than Hon. J. F. Boyd of Neligh.

### Upholds the Position.

Neligh Leader: The Norfolk News has recently settled a libel suit, growing out of the campaign for congress two years ago. Against his best judgment the editor inserted notices in his paper, at the urgent demands of the campaign managers of Congressman McCarthy, that reflected upon Mr. Shelby of Dixon county, who was active in his opposition to the republican candidate. These were the basis of the suit, and after fighting the matter through the courts, the case was to come up again for a new trial. Our congressman failed to take any interest in what might be the result, and this led to the settlement. The News paying all costs, and something more. The editor apparently has grounds for resentment against Mr. McCarthy, and in a recent issue of his paper devotes considerable space to an explanation of the matter and severely censuring that gentleman. Those who are familiar with the circumstances sympathize with Mr. Huse, and will uphold him in the position he has taken.

### A Long Shot.

O'Neill Frontier: W. N. Huse, editor of that cracking good little daily, The Norfolk News, takes a long shot and a hard shot at the Hon. J. J. McCarthy, congressman in the Third district, in an editorial published last Saturday in The News in which he explains that he has settled out of court a \$6,000 libel suit against him. The suit was the result of the publication of an article in defense of McCarthy when he first made the race for congress, which Mr. Huse says he published at the instance of McCarthy's chairman and against his own judgment. The Norfolk editor says that after the libel suit was filed McCarthy never called at The News office to discuss the matter, never uttered one word in regard to the case of the defendant, made it a point to dodge from a conversation, and, further, when it was suggested to him he ought, in fairness to the newspaper, to stand a portion of the expense of trial, it is said in the article that Mr. McCarthy is quoted as having declared: "I do not propose to stand responsible for the vapors of every damned fool newspaper man in the state."

### Bixby Says It's Alright.

Bixby, in State Journal: Colonel W. N. Huse will have the sympathy of a good many of the boys of the newspaper profession who know how it is themselves. The average politician is ungrateful to the last degree.

He thinks any sacrifice made by a newspaper man is for the good of the party and the peace of an approving conscience an entirely adequate and satisfactory reward. It was in the good work of helping to elect Congressman McCarthy that Colonel Huse made the mistake of publishing something that reflected heavily upon the veracity of a man interested in the triumph of the fusion candidate. A suit for damages followed and when Huse, who had published the offensive statement at the instigation of the congressional central committee, under protest, called to McCarthy to come forward and help drag him out from under, Mr. Huse shrank back that he was busy, and so the man who had done a thing he didn't want to do to help the candidate of the party when he needed help, had to wiggle out of the mire alone without so much as a note of sympathy from the beneficiary of his sad mistake. Now he proposes to try to play even, and a good many will think that the provocation justifies the purpose.

### Ingratitude of Politicians.

Humphrey Democrat: The \$6,000 libel suit brought against W. N. Huse, editor of the Norfolk News has been settled out of court, and in suming up the case Editor Huse takes a long crack at Congressman McCarthy which is liable to cause that gentleman many sleepless nights between now and the next republican congressional convention. Editor Huse's denunciation of Congressman McCarthy is well founded and it serves to show the gross ingratitude of many politicians. The \$6,000 libel suit resulted from certain charges made by McCarthy's campaign manager in 1903 and published in The Norfolk Daily News. Mr. Huse questioned the advisability of publishing the article referred to, but did so against his own judgment, upon the guarantee of McCarthy's manager that they were true. While Mr. Huse became involved in this trouble to help elect

McCarthy to congress, the wily congressman has since ignored the News editor entirely and his treatment toward him has been shameful. This cost Mr. Huse several hundred dollars, not one cent of which Congressman McCarthy has offered to shoulder. A paper by Editor Huse on libel suits of this character would be appropriate on the program at the next meeting of the state press association. It would serve to guard other editors against impositions resulting from the defense of unscrupulous politicians.

### Vigorous Opposition.

Wayne Herald: In Saturday's Norfolk News, W. N. Huse announces that the libel suit, instituted against that paper by Thos. J. Shelby of Ponca, has been settled out of court, the defendant agreeing to pay the costs of the action in the district and supreme courts, besides a stipulated amount. It will be remembered that the suit grew out of the publication of a statement at the instance of the chairman of the congressional central committee in defense of Congressman McCarthy at the close of his first campaign in this district. It appears the statement reflected unfavorably on Mr. Shelby who subsequently sought damages of \$6,000 through the courts. Mr. Huse states that McCarthy did not take proper interest in defending the suit and was indifferent to the claims of one who had been dragged into trouble by giving him defense at a critical time—a defense that was urged in the interest of the party and without which it was alleged the candidate would suffer a great injustice. The signed editorial by Mr. Huse handles the subject at length, giving all details of interest and showing the ingratitude of McCarthy in his personal treatment of the defendant and failure to take a willing part in the case.

"Assured by the chairman of McCarthy's committee that the articles were true, and accused of disloyalty in case they were not published," says the editorial, "there was nothing left to do, according to local politicians, who brought pressure to bear, but print, in order to save McCarthy." The News will wage vigorous opposition to McCarthy's renomination.

### Portends Mighty Struggle.

Creighton Liberal: W. N. Huse pushed out a thirteen-inch gun loaded with slugs, shells, vitrol and other death dealing missiles last Saturday. The range was taken and when the fortress of Congressman McCarthy was measured off the lighted fuse was applied. Pieces of debris are still in the air and falling.

We quite forget the particulars of this case but page ten of the Norfolk News of March 10 is a hard proposition to go against.

After just stepping out of one expensive libel suit it is hardly likely that Brother Huse would leave himself liable for another.

Congressman McCarthy has some good friends, who were bitter political enemies, and they hope that he has some answer to this vitrol letter.

The sympathy is due Mr. Huse who out of the party fealty has been the victim of a great deal of annoyance and a heavy loser financially. Looking at the matter from the point of political critic it portends a mighty struggle this fall.

Thus far the Nebraska delegation in congress has had easy sledding. Conservative opinion from Washington and elsewhere goes on record that the Hepburn rate bill will never be passed by the majority party except in an emaciated form. Should this take place the prairies would begin to burn out here even before the snow goes off.

It is just possible that those gentlemen who manipulated the blocks of five and those who unselfishly joined the mid-road pop party may yet get their proper due.

### Serves McCarthy Right.

Hastings Daily Republican: Col. W. N. Huse, editor of The Norfolk Daily News has the sympathy of the publishers all over Nebraska. The colonel has just found out to his great humiliation and mortification that he made the greatest political blunder of his life when he helped to boost and elect Congressman McCarthy. During the heat of the campaign Mr. Huse was called upon to publish some statements supplied by McCarthy's henchman which reflected to a damaging extent upon the record of one Thomas Shelby of Ponca. Mr. Huse had lived in Ponca and knew Mr. Shelby to be an honorable, upright and respected citizen of that place and rebelled against publishing the allegations presented him. The central committee persisted in demands for the publication of the articles, and he was given positive assurance that the facts were true, and likewise that the central committee would stand by him—that he (Huse) published them under the strongest pressure and assurance as to reliability of facts given. Not long after, Mr. Shelby brought action against Mr. Huse for \$6,000 damages. Now what did McCarthy do in the premises? McCarthy and his henchman were the ones responsible for the suit and McCarthy should have been the first man in the world to come to Mr. Huse's aid. But he did just what a lot of politicians have done before. He steered clear of Huse and the News office as though it had been a skunk hole and when friends suggested to his congressional nibs that he should go to Huse's support with money and good legal aid, he said he was too busy and that he "didn't propose to stand responsible for the vapors of every damned fool newspaper man in

the state." This undignified and unstatesmanlike retort would not have been so badly out of place if Mr. Huse had belonged to the "damned fool" class of newspaper men. It is well known that Mr. Huse is one of the most level-headed, reliable and able newspaper publishers in the state and deserves no such classification and ingratitude at the hands of McCarthy. We don't blame any reputable citizen or office holder from holding aloof from the "damned fool" class of so-called editors, for, as in every profession, there are fool editors of the unreliable, characterless and grafting class, but in the case at Norfolk Congressman McCarthy should be taught a lesson that will serve as a lasting warning to other politicians, that such examples of ingratitude toward an honorable publisher will not be tolerated by decent partisans and citizenship. Editor Huse, when convinced that McCarthy intended to let him paddle his own canoe, did the honorable thing by going to the plaintiff in the case and offering to settle, which he did by paying costs and a stipulated sum besides. In last Saturday's issue of his News, Huse comes out with all the facts in the case which show rank ingratitude and cowardice on the part of McCarthy. Huse declares he will fight the renomination of McCarthy to the last ditch and he will be doing the people of the district and the state a good turn in doing it, for a man of McCarthy's stamp should not be allowed to sit in congress.

### "TAME," SAYS DEADWOOD DICK

#### Famous Indian Fighter Now Handles Baggage Instead of Six Shooters.

The original Deadwood Dick, scout, Indian fighter, stage driver and inspiration of scores of dime novels, is in the employ of the Northwestern railroad at Lead station. For eighteen years he has been handling freight and baggage instead of sixshooters, but he has never become entirely reconciled to civilization. His buckskin clothes and long braids of hair have given place to more conventional garb, but in his heart he is still an Indian fighter. He is a tall, spare man, with reddish-brown hair and beard, and small, brown eyes that have the keen, alert look of the man accustomed to watch the horizon for Indians. He looks like a frontiersman, but this is not always patent to the tenderfoot.

A few years ago a young man from the east got off the Northwestern train at Deadwood and went into the station with the feeling that at last he had found the west. "If I could only see Deadwood Dick," he said to his friend, "I'd be satisfied."

From out of the piles of baggage being unloaded there rose a tall, spare man with curly hair and sandy beard.

"Well," he said, in a tone of disgust, "look at him then."

"You?" said the tenderfoot, "why, you're the baggage man."

"Well, I guess I can be the baggage man and Deadwood Dick, too. I am, anyhow."

Deadwood Dick, whose real name is Richard Clark, gave up driving stage and went to work for the Northwestern when the railroad reached Buffalo Gap, 100 miles south of Deadwood, in '85. He came up into the Hills with the road, working at Rapid, White-water, Deadwood, and now at Lead, as baggage man or warehouse man. True to the instincts of his old wild life, he has always been at the end of the road. He has always gone just as far toward the frontier as the railroad would carry him. Nobody knows how old he is, where he was born, or where he came from.

"Those are things we never ask each other," he says. "Your real westerner never asks a man where he came from or what his real name is. It's something a man doesn't always want to tell."

The first account he gives of himself is when he went to work as a scout on the Red River of the North, between Fort Abercrombie and Fort Pembina, in '71. Since then, he has been a scout in the regular army, a guide for trains coming into the hills in the days when the way was unsafe, stage driver, outrider and messenger. Now he works within sound of pounding stampmills, locomotives and trolley cars, and regrets the old wild life.

"It's pretty tame," he says, with a shake of his head. "There's nothing doing. If I was footloose I'd strike out tomorrow."

He is held to the quiet life by a wife and three children, the oldest a girl of 15 and the youngest a boy of 3.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB GROWS.

#### New Members are Coming in—None Are Solicited—What it Means.

The directors of the Commercial club state that quite a number of new members have recently been received, which fact naturally gives fresh courage to the present membership. Some of these new members have intimated that they expected to be solicited to join.

It is not the policy of the Commercial club to urge the enrollment of new members, but rather to stand upon the proposition that the only object of the club is the material advancement of Norfolk, in other words the greatest good to the greatest number of its people. On this basis an application for membership is simply an indication as to the honesty of the efforts being made. Single membership dues are 50 cents per month. Additional memberships may be taken if desired. The highest number at present taken by one person is ten. A line to Secretary D. Mathewson will enroll you.

# WHAT FRESH AIR WILL DO

A REFLECTION ON FAST MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.

## DEBT TO INVENTOR OF WALKING

Visit to the Camp of Madison County's Giant—Fish Frozen in the Bayou's Ice, Preserved for Use in the Winter A Story of Ozone.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Last Sunday Harry Hartford and the writer of these reminiscences walked down to Fred Boche's camp on the Elkhorn. What a debt of gratitude we owe to the genius who, away back in the indebased and undegenerate days of the race, invented walking. What execration should be heaped upon the memory of the fellow who first caught a wild horse and taught men to ride, for that was the precursor of the limited express, the steam launch and the flying machine, appliances inhibitory to the ancient and healthful method of locomotion, and because we have forgotten how to walk we have become a nation addicted to autos, trains and steamers and are afflicted with gall stones, appendicitis, Bright's disease and consumption, and the anomaly is presented of these same appliances of speedy transportation hastening people to the uttermost parts of the earth to regain the health they have robbed them of. Over-eating and lack of physical exercise and pure air clogs the organs and hence it is that every other person is suffering from imperfect elimination and must go to the operating table, to Europe or to heaven. Blessings then on the man who invented walking. How the blood pulsates as the lungs expand in the crisp air. Every organ is stimulated and a warm glow comes to the skin and health radiates through the body. How fortunate are the poor who cannot afford autos or to dine on paté de frol gras and who have to walk.

At the camp we found the giant trapper enjoying his usual good health. If health was contagious what an ideal environment the camp would be in which to contract it. Some day the American people will pause in their mad pursuit of money to consider greater questions, health and contentment. Failing to find these at the watering places of Europe or the mountain tops they will discover Mr. Boche's elixir of life, namely, to take long walks and to live in the open air. How we enjoyed that supper of fish! They had been cutting ice on the bayou and, imbedded in the cakes of ice, were a number of sunfish frozen and in a fine state of preservation.

J. H. Mackay.

## HORSEMEN AT MADISON.

### Charles Moore, Owner of Moore, Has Located at County Seat.

Madison Star-Mail: Chas. Moore, the well known horseman of Omaha, is now located in Madison and is operating what is known as the Public Training stables for speed horses on the fair grounds. Mr. Moore is a horseman of wide experience and is considered one of the foremost race horsemen in the west. Mr. Moore has handled speed horses all his life and has a thorough understanding of the business as is evidenced by his career on the race course.

Among the horses in the public stables is the famous Moore horse which attracted such great attention throughout the west last season. This horse established a world's record by winning twenty races out of twenty-one starts, doing the same in the remarkable short time of three weeks, which surpasses any record in the world. Another horse in the public stables which is attracting considerable attention is one owned by Lewis Betts of Omaha and is said to be the most handsome animal in the west. Among the other horses now in the care of Mr. Moore are those of Mayor C. S. Smith, Al Smith, John Wahl and Billy Onward owned by J. W. Davis. The public is cordially invited to visit the training grounds to investigate Mr. Moore's method of training. The location of the public stables in our city should be the means of developing several good races and it is hoped that these stables will receive the deserved support.

### Use Bridge in Wyoming.

The expectations of a majority of the business men of Long Pine took a big slump when word reached them that the Northwestern Railway company had withdrawn their offer to sell the old railroad bridge, formerly used by the company but abandoned since the completion of the new mammoth steel bridge there, to Long Pine for \$1,000. The leading business men had hoped to purchase this old bridge and move it up the canyon for the convenience of farmers and cattlemen living west and north of town, who, when coming here with loads, are necessitated making heavy, hard pulls in crossing a steep canyon just on the western edge of town. It looked for awhile like the railroad company would dispose of this bridge to Long Pine, and they did finally offer it for sale for \$1,000. A few days later, however, they withdrew their offer, having decided to utilize the material in it on the road's extension out in Wyoming.

Farmers bring in your repair work for spring. I will save you 20%, as I have the time and am prepared to do the work. Paul Nordwig.

Superior engraved cards. The News.