

THEY ALL PULL TOGETHER

OKLAHOMA TOWNS WORK LIKE A GOOD TEAM OF HORSES.

GET THINGS THEY GO AFTER

M. Mihills Returns from Trip Through Oklahoma and While He is Not Impressed With the Country, He Likes the Way the Towns Work.

M. Mihills has returned from his trip to Oklahoma. Speaking of Oklahoma City, Mr. Mihills says:

"This city is certainly a world wonder for the age of it. Here is a city of something like 40,000 people, where eighteen years ago was nothing but wild prairie. They have everything that older cities of the east have. They have twenty or thirty miles of street railway, that I am told was a paying investment from the start. The business streets are all paved and some stretch far out into the residence parts of the city and are kept clean and neat. One who was never there can hardly believe that such a city could spring up and be in such fine shape in so short a time. I met several Norfolk people who reside in Oklahoma City and they are all satisfied and intend to stay right there.

"Farmers raise corn, cotton, wheat, oats, etc. Winter wheat looks fine. Peaches and apricots are all in bloom. Corn and oats are nearly all in. Alfalfa looks well where there is any.

"I saw but one day while I was there that an overcoat was not a very comfortable garment. And I was again reminded that 'it is not all gold that glitters.' There are drawbacks there as well as in other places. The water is not good and the wind blows just like it did in Nebraska in an early day, and that means nearly every day.

"Southwest of Oklahoma City I asked the man who was with me if the roads got very muddy when there was we, weather, and the reply was that you could not find bottom. One would not think so to ride over there now. I inquired how potatoes did there. They raise two crops and while they are growing they can have new potatoes, but as soon as they become ripe they rot. And after they are taken from the ground they will not keep. They have to have their seed shipped in every spring.

"As an agricultural country Nebraska stands in the front rank. Of course our seasons are shorter and we have more cold weather.

"There is one noticeable thing about the Oklahoma towns and that is that they all pull together like a team of horses and it makes things go, and that is why they get to the front. They don't fight everything that comes up for the improvement of the town, but go after things and get them."

TO EXPOSE MUCK RAKERS

PRESIDENT WILL ATTACK MAGAZINE MUD-SLINGERS.

THEIR TREASON TO REPUBLIC

Wanton Attacks on Public Men by Sensational Magazine Writers, and the Injury to the Country, Will be Dealt With by Roosevelt.

Washington, April 9.—As a reformer, President Roosevelt has been so completely outclassed by the magazine reformers and professional graft developers that he has been forced to turn upon these gentlemen and in a notable speech he will denounce their unbridled license and unfair denunciation of public men as something which falls little short of downright treason to the republic.

The president is as honest a man as ever entered public life. He has pursued his course under the influence of the highest ideals, and the unbounded popularity he enjoys throughout the country is born of the universal belief that he represents the best there is in American citizenship.

But Theodore Roosevelt has never thrown mud at men. He has never denounced his associates or those higher up, at a time when there were so many higher up, as thieves or black-legs. He has been ready to take most men at their own estimate and seldom has been willing to talk of graft, or of cowardice, or of demogogy, or of improper motives in public life.

Imposed on President. On the contrary, the president's ideals have led him to believe that the average American citizen is a good man and can be trusted when in public life, just as much as when he stands behind the counter of his store, or even, perchance, burns his midnight oil concocting a sensational article for a not too scrupulous magazine.

There has been an inroad of these professional graft developers in Washington during the last few months. They all made a beeline for the white house because they knew the president was honest and they believed every one else in Washington was of the contrary description. They swarmed about the president's office, inundated him with vague stories of dishonesty they were about to uncover, appealed to him to help, then disgusted him by their extraordinary vanity and their supernatural ignorance of the details of public affairs.

Magazinists came and went, they pulled down no pillars or temple, they

started not a single man toward the penitentiary, they saved not a dollar of the public funds, they failed to make a single definite charge which could be investigated by any reasonable person. It was a campaign of mud slinging. Gatling guns of filth were trained upon members of the administration, and particularly members of the house and senate, but out of it all there came not one tangible proof of actual dishonesty.

Old Stories Warmed Over. There was a revamping of old stories, a vast amount of personal impressions, a caldron of froth, a few readable stories which left a bad taste in the mouth—and then the bubble burst.

It is a curious thing that the one man in Washington who more than anyone else was disgusted by this wholesale vilification of public men, without a word or syllable of actual proof, was President Roosevelt, the patron saint of the graft-hunters themselves, and the man whose honesty has become a synonym of the best American citizenship throughout the world.

Not one of the magazinists attacked the president, none of his pet policies was roughly handled, none of his personal friends was unkindly assaulted, but the president has taken it upon himself to rebuke the vilifiers and he intends to do it, as he does everything, publicly, frankly, and completely. Those who have seen Theodore Roosevelt hit out from the shoulder with a pair of light gloves, or who have heard the crack of his single stick beating down an opponent's guard, know that when he is in earnest he does his best.

The "Muck Rake." He is sick and tired of the magazinists and their filth campaign and as president of the United States, as well as an individual, he deems it his duty to expose the unfairness and the treasonableness of these wholesale insinuations against the integrity of the American government.

President Roosevelt's first public appearance outside of Washington this winter will be on Memorial day before the Army and Navy union at Norfolk, Va. He will be in his element there because he will be speaking originally to the enlisted men of the service, who make up that union, and it is to them he will preach his sermon.

The president has taken as his text Bunyan's story of "The Man With the Muck Rake," and he has begun to weave about that title a speech which will be read throughout the country and probably throughout the world in defense of the integrity, the capacity and the general average honesty of public men of the United States.

His speech will be a distinct departure in the way of public addresses. It will be in no sense a defense of his own administration, because no one has attacked that, and the president's personal activity in forcing rich and influential officials out of their places and into the penitentiary will give him the right to insist that the campaign of vilification of public men shall either cease at once or shall be immediately followed by a production of sufficient proof to secure the trial and conviction of accused persons.

Falling that, the president will ask the American public to join with him in his appreciation of the average honesty of the American citizen, whether he be in or out of public office.

The men who have been writing the kind of magazine articles which the president asserts have disgusted him, and which have caused the most criticism in Washington because of their profusion of attack and death of evidence are Upton Sinclair, David Graham Phillips, Alfred Henry Lewis, Henry Beach Needham, Lincoln Steffens, Ray Stannard Baker.

WEDDINGS AT MADISON.

Maurer-Scheer and Bauer-Cassel Nuptials Take Place.

Madison, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: Carl J. Maurer and Miss Bertha Scheer were married by Judge Bates here today. The groom is the son of Henry Maurer and the bride the daughter of John Scheer, both of the best and wealthiest German farmer families in this vicinity. Both young people were born and raised in Green Garden precinct west of here, where they will live.

Marriage license was also issued by Judge Bates to Fred H. Bauer of Norfolk and Otella Cassel of Battle Creek.

Mrs. Mervis.

West Point, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: Mrs. Mervis of this place, wife of a rural carrier, died in an Omaha hospital.

HOTEL AT BUTTE IS SOLD

ED ADKINS DISPOSES OF PROPERTY AND LEAVES.

FATHER HAS BOUGHT HIM OUT

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adkins Will Make Their Future Home in Twin Falls, Minn., Where Ed Has Bought a Hotel.

Butte, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: The Oxford hotel has changed hands here, Ed Adkins, the owner, having sold it to his father, J. F. Adkins, proprietor of the Star restaurant of Butte. J. F. Adkins expects to dispose of the restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adkins expect to make their future home in Twin Falls, Idaho, where Ed has already invested in a hotel.

FIVE ARE POISONED

A QUINTETTE NEAR DEATH AT LYNCH FROM EATING.

ONE TOOK A MEDICAL TABLET

AND FOUND IT WAS CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE INSTEAD.

FOUR BOYS EAT WILD PARSLEY

Playing Along the Edge of a Creek, Four Lads Got the Wrong Stuff to Eat—Two Fell Over in Convulsions. All Will Live.

Lynch, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: Five persons came near death by poison in Lynch Saturday night and Sunday and were only today declared out of danger.

The victims of the poisons were: Mr. Van Harden, took corrosive sublimate by mistake, intending to take a medicinal tablet.

Jay Pearsall, ate wild parsnips. Harry Thomas, ate wild parsnips. Johnnie Sedlacek, ate wild parsnips. Louis Sedlacek, ate wild parsnips.

The First One. The first case of poison victims occurred Saturday night when Mr. Van Harden took a dose of tablets which he was using for medicine, and by mistake got corrosive sublimate. Prompt action on the part of the physicians saved his life and he was on the street again today.

The Boys Were Playing. Sunday evening Jay Pearsall, Harry Thomas, Johnnie and Louis Sedlacek were playing along the creek and ate some wild parsnips.

In a short time Harry Thomas dropped in a convulsion and Louis Sedlacek soon followed.

Two Drank Milk, Milk, Milk. While other people were working over these boys, the other two feared that their afternoon treat was poison and, remembering that milk had been used to relieve a family dog when poisoned, they hunted the milk house and drank three quarts between them.

Then a thoughtful neighbor hunted them up and urged them to drink some milk. Mrs. Sedlacek then took them in hand and administered a liberal dose of milk and raw eggs.

To get away from more milk, the boys went to the Pearsall home, where Mr. Pearsall administered more milk, fresh from the cow, and followed that with mustard and warm water.

Limit to All Things. But human endurance reached the limit, the boys returned their mustard, milk, poisoned dinner and all. After a bad night for the first two, the boys are out of danger today and two of them never want to see milk again.

BANKS ARE PROSPEROUS

UNPARALLELED SUCCESS DURING PAST YEAR.

ANNUAL REPORT IS ISSUED

On November 9 There Were 546 Banks Doing Business in the State—Secretary Royce Makes Fourteenth Annual Report.

Lincoln, April 10.—Prosperity among the banks of Nebraska has been unparalleled, during the past year. This is shown by the fourteenth annual report of Secretary Royce of the state banking board.

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Diphtheria Siege.

Madison, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: The Boyesen family in Kalamazoo precinct, about fifteen miles southwest of here, have gone through a severe siege of diphtheria. Emma, a daughter aged fifteen, died Friday and was buried in Green Garden cemetery yesterday. Mrs. Getzoff, another daughter whose home is in this city, is there with her little baby afflicted with the disease. Mrs. E. I. Cole, also a daughter living near by, is also in a serious condition.

FACTORY MAN LOOKS AT CITY

Manufacturer of Farm Implements Will Visit Norfolk Soon.

A manufacturer of farm implements has his eye on Norfolk and is coming here within a few days to look over the field. A. J. Graves is the manufacturer and he is located at Tarkio, Mo. Mr. Graves has written to the Commercial club in Norfolk, asking questions concerning the city, its territory, its location, and the like. He states that he is most largely interested in the manufacture of corn planters. He wants a certain amount of stock to be taken in his factory by local people.

HANSEN HAS BAD ANKLE.

Commercial Traveler Was Injured on the Road Yesterday.

N. Hansen, a commercial traveler who makes his home at the Oxnard, was injured out on the road yesterday and is laid up in his hotel today with a bad ankle.

Russian Liberals Gain Big Victory. St. Petersburg, April 9.—The electoral colleges in twenty-eight out of the fifty-one provinces in European Russia elected 178 members to the national parliament—about one-third of its entire membership—and returns indicate that the wildest hopes of the liberals have been realized, the constitutional democrats and other progressivists practically everywhere having gained a tremendous victory over the conservative parties. As far as is ascertainable, not a single reactionary candidate pulled through, and nowhere did even the Octoberists score a triumph. From the Volga to the frontier of Poland and from the ice-bound coast of Archangel to the Black sea the story is substantially the same.

Benjamin F. Goar Dead. Kansas City, April 9.—Benjamin F. Goar, a retired merchant and banker, who came here from Van Meter, Ia., five years ago, is dead, aged sixty.

M'GUIRE OUT, MANSKE IN

BARBER WILL SUPPORT WIFE WHOM HE DESERTED.

BARTENDER GETS YEAR IN PEN

Quick Work of Norfolk Criminal Cases Was Made in District Court at Madison Last Night—Piper Gets a Year in the Penitentiary.

Madison, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: Quick work was made of J. J. McGuire, the Norfolk barber, Ernest Manske, the Norfolk bartender, and Marion Piper, the farmhand who was arrested at Norfolk after leaving Madison, in the district court which convened here yesterday. By 9 o'clock last night all had been disposed of.

McGuire Will Support Wife. McGuire pleaded guilty to the charge of wife desertion and gave a bond for the support of his wife, whereupon the sentence against him was suspended by Judge Boyd.

Manske Gets Year in Pen. Ernest Manske, a Norfolk young man charged with forging a check for \$15, was given one year in the penitentiary. Manske was a bartender for Henry Hasenpflug and cashed a check with Hasenpflug's name attached to it. The check was cashed at the Norfolk store and was stopped at the Nebraska National bank.

Marion Piper, the farm hand who was charged with selling a load of hogs and converting the funds to his own use, afterward being arrested at Norfolk, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Piper has but one ear, and leaves a wife. Philip Knapp was the farmer by whom he was employed.

Judge Boyd and Court Reporter Powers left here at 9 o'clock last night.

Naturalization Work.

The fees of the district court clerk's office were swelled not a little by a large number of naturalization papers which were issued by the judge. There are still some foreign-born residents who have not become citizens and the pending bill to put the naturalization business into the federal courts is bringing them to camp.

A Waterspout.

A scientist says of a waterspout that passed over a certain district in France: "Its passage was accompanied with a sound which is described as resembling that of a battery of artillery drawn on the gallop over a paved street. At the base of an extended nimbus hung the reversed cone characteristic of phenomena of this kind. A strong wind was then blowing from the south-southwest. The waterspout was preceded by a storm and followed by a shower."

Two Archbishops.

The archbishop of Canterbury is primate of all England and therefore takes precedence of the archbishop of York, who is only "primate of England." This very nice distinction was made several centuries ago on account of a very bitter dispute arising between the two functionaries as to which should precede the other. The matter was settled by conferring precedence upon the archbishop of Canterbury, the two titles being also bestowed at the same time.

The Australian Native.

For hundreds of years, perhaps thousands, the Australian black has accepted the doctrine of a Trinity in heaven and the theory of evolution. In some respects he is far superior to his civilized contemporary, but he curls himself around like a dog and sinks to sleep on the bare ground at sunset. In the dark he is a veritable coward.

TEACHERS LIKE NORFOLK.

All Say They Want to Come Back Next Year—Good Treatment.

Butte, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: All of the teachers who have returned from Norfolk, say that they are delighted with their visit there and want to go back again next year. They were treated royally.

Farewell Reception.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 10.—The W. R. C. gave a farewell reception to Mrs. Joy Cheney, who leaves for Utah. She had been organizer of the corps since its organization. She was presented with a handsome spoon.

A county teachers' institute was held here.

SHOSHONI IS ON THE BOOM

O. B. WALKER TELLS OF HUMMING CONDITIONS.

NOW IS TIME TO GET INTO IT

Country is Full of People All of the Time—Where They are From No One Knows—Oil Well is Struck Near Powder River.

In a letter to Dr. Mackay of this city O. B. Walker writing from Casper, Wyoming, says: "Everything up here is lively and the country full of people coming and going. I can't tell where they come from, but they come and go continually. This country is going to be a hummer for several years and now is the time to get into it.

"We put down a well at Powder river 1,300 feet and water flows out of the top. There were strong indications of oil and had it not been that the company wanted water we would have gone down another 100 feet and struck oil. I am thinking of filing an oil claim on it. The road will be completed to Shoshoni before June 1."

The land of profitable opportunity still lies open to the homesteader. The western frontier is rapidly disappearing, but the homesteader and settler still finds an occasional opportunity to pick up a quarter section of government land. One of the last chances of this kind will be given by Uncle Sam when the Wind River or Shoshone Indian reservation lands are thrown open to the homesteaders some time this summer.

This tract of something over a million acres is situated in central Wyoming, just east of the Jackson Hole country and the Yellowstone park forest reserve.

In the mountains, elk, bear, deer and other wild game have been most abundant. It has been without railroad facilities in the past, but the Wyoming & Northwestern railway is now rapidly laying rails across Wyoming from Casper, the present terminus of the Northwestern line, to Shoshoni, the new town which has sprung up since the reservation opening has been announced and to Lander in the Lander valley, one of the richest spots in Wyoming, where numerous small irrigated farms produce forty to forty-five bushels of wheat, two hundred bushels of potatoes, and sixty bushels oats to the acre.

This new line of railway opens up millions of acres of sheep and cattle range, where the rich buffalo grass and grama grass make the best pasturage on earth, curing like grain, so that stock will fatten on it in the fall.

The new line passes through Wolton, one of the biggest original wool shipping points in the world, and will be completed to Shoshoni within the next sixty days or less.

Shoshoni is two and one-half miles from the reservation border, and here and at Lander the government will probably establish land offices for registration when the Indian lands are thrown open.

The reservation has been inhabited by a docile, law-abiding people, who are engaged in farming in a small way. The most of them have taken up land by allotment, preparatory to abandoning the reservation, and the government is encouraging the leasing of these Indian farms, which are very choice lands, to white farmers.

The state of Wyoming controls the waters of Wind river and Little Wind river, and the state engineers are making surveys and preparing for irrigation projects under state supervision, by which a large proportion of the reservation will be placed under water and thereby made very valuable. Agriculture here without irrigation is practically out of the question, and such lands as do not come under the proposed ditch will be used for grazing lands, for which purpose they are without a superior.

If the state builds the irrigation canals now proposed, it will give an op-

portunity for newcomers and settlers to secure work.

A large movement of people west is predicted when the rates for the Shoshone opening are placed in effect.

The fortunate settler who secures one of these quarter sections will get his and at a cost of about \$1.50 per acre, payable in easy installments, covering a period of several years. This, of course, does not include cost of water rights on such lands as are to be irrigated.

RURAL CARRIER SUICIDES

ALFRED GEIST OF WEST POINT HANGS HIMSELF.

HE LEAVES NINE CHILDREN

Man From Whom His Wife Had Secured a Divorce Six Months Ago, Hangs Himself to the Rafters in His Barn—Just Ready to Carry Mail.

West Point, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: Alfred Geist, one of the rural free delivery carriers here, was found hanging by a strap in a barn on his premises yesterday.

He went to the barn to get ready to go on his route and later he was found suspended to a rafter.

His wife had been divorced from Geist six months ago. He leaves nine children.

MADISON WILL TRY BONDS AGAIN

Enthusiasts for City Hall Have Not Given up Their Project.

Madison, Neb., April 10.—Special to The News: The smoke of battle of the city hall bond issue has about cleared away and though the bonds were lost by one vote the supporters of them are far from being discouraged or inactive. Preparations are making for another petition and another election as soon as the statutory limit has expired. It has been decided upon that in the arranging of the next election plans and specifications for the building project will be made and circulated among the voters. Also an exact estimate of the cost of the building will be made as well as the exact location and price thereof. The fact that the proposition received such a large vote is proof that the people of Madison realize that no city would have a better municipal building. It is needed for the keeping of the records as well as for the fire fighting apparatus.

Quit "waiting"—advertise for that new tenant or boarder now!

POPULAR BRAKEMAN WEDS.

Fred Bauer Went to Battle Creek to be Married.

Fred Bauer, a popular railway brakeman who has been on the run with Conductor Fairbanks for some time and belongs to the chain gang of the Northwestern here, went to Battle Creek at noon to be married at 5 o'clock to Miss Otella Cassel of Battle Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer will return to Norfolk on the noon train Wednesday and will at once go to housekeeping in the home recently vacated by Engineer and Mrs. Ross. Frank Taylor went to Battle Creek to act as best man for the groom.

WANTED—CATTLE.

For pasture for the season of 1906, in our 1920 acre pasture located eight miles west of Creighton. Running water and timber for shade. Finest pasture in this country. Cattle taken from and returned to Osmond, Neb. We keep resident superintendent to look after and salt cattle at all times. Terms, \$2.50 per head. Write to Kissinger & Smith, Osmond, Neb.

FARM WANTED

I am in the market for a good well improved, medium size farm, capable of growing good crops. I want to deal with owner direct and will pay cash if place suits and price is right. Will take possession any time to suit convenience of owner. Send description and price. Address Lock Box 983, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SPECIAL EXCURSION RATES:

HOMESEEKERS' RATES—Home-seekers' excursion rates first and third Tuesday of each month during the summer.

TO CALIFORNIA—Very low and popular round-trip rates. From Omaha \$50, direct routes; \$12.50 additional via Shasta route and Puget Sound. Tickets on sale April 25 to May 5.

TO CALIFORNIA, PORTLAND AND PUGET SOUND—Daily low-rate Summer Tours—Very attractive excursion rates commencing June 1 over variable routes, embracing the wonderful scenery between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific slope. The greatest railroad journey in the world within your reach. Round trip from Omaha \$60; via Shasta route and Puget Sound \$73.50. TO SAN FRANCISCO, for N. E. A.—Low rate excursion tickets June 26 to July 7. One fare plus \$2 for the round trip. From Omaha \$52, direct routes; \$64.50 via Puget Sound and Shasta route.

TO COLORADO—Daily low tourist rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Commencing June 1. From Omaha, \$17.50 for the round trip.

TO DENVER, COLORADO SPRINGS AND PUEBLO—Still lower rates for the big Elks gathering at Denver. From Omaha, \$15 round trip; tickets sold early in July.

TO WESTERN RESORTS GENERALLY—Summer tourist tickets to many Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Black Hills and Montana destinations, with every facility for including all the attractions of the wonderland west.

YELLOWSTONE PARK—Send for handsome park folders descriptive of this recreation and wonder land, the most delightful outing country in America. Very cheap side-trip tickets through the park to holders of through tickets. Also very low-rate tours from the Missouri river through the park and return, either via Cody and Sylvan Pass scenic route, or via Gardiner.

Describe your proposed trip and let me advise you the best way to make it at the least cost and send you handsome printed matter free.

I. W. WAKELEY, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

