

# A CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

LITTLE FIVE-YEAR OLD GIRL NEAR PIERCE.

SHE WAS PLAYING WITH FIRE

Tiny Daughter of Fred Luebe, Who Lives Five Miles North of Pierce, Playing in Pig Pen, Caught Fire and Died Within Half an Hour.

Pierce, Neb., Nov. 24.—Special to The News: The little five-year-old daughter of Fred Luebe, who lives five miles north of town, was burned to death just before noon today.

The child was playing with fire in a pig pen. In some manner the wind caught the flame, blew it upon her and she was at once enveloped in flame.

Her burns were so severe that she succumbed within half an hour.

# YALE WINS FROM HARVARD, 6-0

Sons of Eli Claim Championship of Country—Chicago Beat Nebraska.

The football season for 1906 has practically come to an end, and it was a pretty season under the new rules. In Saturday's games Yale practically established a championship over the entire country by defeating Harvard 6 to 0. Yale had previously beaten every team played excepting Princeton, which was a tie score. The blue team won from Pennsylvania, which beat Michigan, and won from Carleton, which defeated Minnesota. Harvard put up a worthy contest against the sons of Eli but Yale's superior knowledge of the game, with superior team work and superior individual playing, won the championship.

Nebraska lost to Chicago 38 to 5, but felt that there was some glory in having scored a touchdown. Minnesota failed to hammer out a touchdown on the Chicago team, so that the cornhuskers found some consolation in that. It was the last game of Captain Eckersall of Chicago and he made the most of it by booting five goals from the field.

Minnesota only won from Indiana by a scratch, 8 to 6. The gophers were much surprised.

# JURY HUNG IN ARSON CASE

ELEVEN STOOD FOR CONVICTION AND ONE FOR ACQUITTAL.

WAGNER AND PAPIK ON TRIAL

Charles Papik Claimed That Wagner Had Gone With Him and Had Helped Burn the Saloon at Monowi May 23—Story of the Charge.

Butte, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: The jury in the case of Wagner and Papik, both of whom are charged with setting fire to a saloon at Monowi May 23, disagreed after being out twenty-four hours.

Eleven stood for conviction and one for acquittal.

Word was received in Norfolk Monday from Butte that the jury disagreed in the case of the state against Oscar Wagner, in which he was charged with being implicated in the burning of a saloon building at Monowi.

Eleven of the jury stood for conviction and one for acquittal.

Wagner was formerly a Norfolk man. He was at one time employed on a farm near here and once drove an ice wagon in this city. The saloon building which burned at Monowi was destroyed May 23. Charles Papik, a local man at Monowi, was also charged with implication. He claimed to have turned state's evidence and testified against Wagner.

Story of the Case. Wagner and a man named Kremerer operated a saloon at Monowi. The village board decided to raise the license from \$500 to \$750. The saloon men objected and declared they would close up. The building was closed during the discussion as to the license. While the saloon was closed, Wagner went to an inland town near Monowi. On the night of May 23 the saloon burned. It was insured. Charles Papik claimed that Kremerer and Wagner had paid him \$30 to burn the saloon and that Wagner had gone with him to do the job.

The following witnesses went from Norfolk to testify in the case: W. F. Sporn, George B. Christoph, Herman Winter, Hugo Paul, Julius Haase and William Wagner. The Norfolk witnesses had thought that Wagner would be cleared.

The Wagner defense claimed Papik's testimony was worthless and that it was persecution.

ROOT'S SPEECH AS THREAT.

London Times Sees International Politics in Secretary's Stinging Appeal.

London, Nov. 24.—The Times in an editorial article on Secretary Root's speech at Kansas City notes with pleasure that the secretary gave full credit to England in the establishment of the Monroe doctrine.

After remarking that Mr. Root sees some danger that other people may get the South American oyster while the United States is left with the shell, the Times says: "Possibly it is not altogether a coincidence that this stinging appeal to the American people is

made just when the American commissioners are visiting Berlin and meeting German commercial experts. Mr. Root may have desired to intimate that there are limits to the discussion, that encroachments upon economic lines may assume a character so subtly political that the Monroe doctrine would be held to apply."

HOURLY FEAR OF CALAMITY.

Calderwood Dreads a Disaster in Brooklyn Bridge Rapid Transit.

New York, Nov. 24.—Recommendations made by the state railroad commission designed to relieve somewhat the Brooklyn bridge crush, found a startling echo when Vice President Calderwood of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, declared that the bridge was being worked to its limit and that his company lived in expectation of a great calamity there.

# BUSTER BROWN'S IDEALS

DIMINUTIVE MAN WOULD WORK AND HUNT AND FISH.

HE TRAVELED WITH CIRCUSES

Queer Little Man Who Held a Reception at Store of Anthes & Smith, Tells of His Life, Past, Present and Future—Likes to Shoot a Gun.

"When I get out of this business, my plan now is to get together a congenial company, organize for presenting a theatrical production, and go on the road; to stop at towns where there is money and give a show; and to stop off at towns where there is good fishing and hunting, to enjoy the sport for a few days; thus paying our way as we go and having a good time all the time. That is my idea of enjoying life. I enjoy hunting and am a good shot."

This is the theory of the odd little man who fills the role of Buster Brown for the Brown shoe company and who held a reception at the store of Anthes & Smith in Norfolk all day Saturday.

He was a bit tired after his day's work but was cheerful with it all, and ran along in a lively conversation about his past, his present and his future.

Has High Life Insurance.

The queer little old man, forty-two inches in height and forty-six years of age, who travels about the country as Buster Brown and whose only companion is his big brown-black bulldog, "Tige," carries a life insurance protection which is much higher than that borne by most men three times his size. He is insured for \$15,000 and remarked, "So you see I am worth more dead than alive to my wife."

Then, with a twinkle in his eye, "But you couldn't make her believe that." Wife? Oh yes, Buster has a wife. How big? Well, she is just one inch shorter than he is and she lives down near St. Louis, where together they own a general merchandise store. Buster hasn't seen her since last June and is afraid that he won't be able to see her on Christmas although, as he declared with emphasis, "I am putting up an awfully strong fight for it."

Buster makes on an average of one town a day. He lost three days last week when he came to Norfolk for Monday to jump clear up here from southern Kansas and it cost him three days' time. He ran through a snow storm down in that country and expected to meet a blizzard in northern Nebraska but was happily disappointed when he found the prairies of this state untouched by the white flakes.

Was With a Circus.

Buster used to be with a circus. He traveled with many of them, always as the dwarf in the sideshows, and ended his professional career as a circus man with Sells Bros. & Forepaugh. Then he went to St. Louis and started a general store in a rural suburb. Here he bought stock from the Brown shoe company for some time and finally, when that company secured a copyright to the Buster Brown name, he was the little man whom they selected to carry out the plan. And so he hunted around the streets of St. Louis until he found a dog that just fits the part—and Tige is about as wise a dog as you ever saw.

Buster's brothers and sisters are all normally large men and women, as were his father and mother. So, also with the family from which comes his wife. There is no known reason, so far as he has ever been able to learn, for diminutive people and he says that medical science is thus far baffled over the phenomenon. He is perfectly well, eats well and feels all right all the time. In fact he was pronounced to be a much better physical specimen by insurance examiners than many full grown men.

When he was three weeks old he weighed six pounds. At the age of five years he weighed twelve pounds. His growth was gradual but steady up to the time he was twenty-one years of age, when he tipped the beams for thirty-three pounds. Now he has grown stouter, as other older people do, and he weighs fifty pounds.

His voice is that of a child although even and round. His words are those of a much traveled man, his English perfect and his accent suggesting the mild and manner of a polished platform lecturer.

He is a man among men and has taken thirty-two degrees in Masonry. His real name? "What is your real name, Buster?" was the query.

"I never suffer my real name to go into print, he replied. "It would hurt my title of Buster Brown."

# SOCIETY TO EAT TURKEY

THANKSGIVING PREPARATIONS ARE IN THE AIR.

PAST WEEK ONE OF PLEASURE

A Large Number of Delightful Affairs Have Filled the Calendar—There Will be a Football Game and Two Theatrical Performances Thursday.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The odor of turkey in the oven almost permeates the air in Norfolk today and the people of this city and, for the matter of that, of the whole surrounding country, are preparing for the annual feast which will be the feature of next Thursday afternoon. There will be many family dinners, many will sit down and eat a hearty meal when the day rolls around.

During the past week things social have been gay in Norfolk, indeed, and there has scarcely been a breathing spell.

Though not largely attended, the performance of Mr. Evert in "We Are King," Monday night, should have been a society event of the week. The company desired to play a return date here Wednesday night but other events conflicted. The series of delightful parties during the week made it one of the pleasantest that has yet been down on the season's social calendar. And more good things are coming.

For amusement on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day, and in the evening, a variety of pleasures offer themselves to Norfolk. During the afternoon the high school football team will close its season in a clash with Winside on the local gridiron at the race track. The Auditorium management has arranged for a children's matinee of "Miss America," said to be a most delightful play, and many of the farmers from the surrounding territory, as well as people from other towns, are expected to arrive to take in this event. In the evening another performance will be given, which will be featured more by the attendance of a Norfolk audience.

Pleasures of the Week.

Mrs. W. S. Fox pleasantly entertained a small company of friends at dinner Sunday.

The West Side Whist club enjoyed a meeting Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Baum.

Miss Margaret Barnes delightfully entertained a company of young ladies at dinner on Thursday evening. Covers were laid for six.

The T. S. G.'s spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Ethel Doughty on Wednesday evening. The next meeting will be announced later.

One of the largest parties yet given in Norfolk was that at which Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greene and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport entertained more than eighty friends at dinner Friday evening in the home of Mrs. Mary Davenport. The dinner was prettily served in four courses, after which six-hand euche became the all absorbing feature of the event. In the game Mrs. John R. Hays won the ladies' high score prize, a pretty vase. Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein took the shouting prize, a beautiful deck of cards, and Mr. Boas won the gentlemen's high score souvenir. The party was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

One of the leading features of the social week was the series of two supper parties given by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The suppers were served in four delicious courses and after supper, on each occasion, the tables were cleared for six-hand euche. The parties were among the most delightful of the season.

On Wednesday night Mrs. A. J. Durland, on a cut, won the ladies' high score prize, a beautiful plate; Mrs. E. M. Huntington was awarded the shouting prize, a dainty water color; and Mr. Kendall the gentlemen's high score prize, a handsome deck of cards.

On Thursday evening Mrs. G. B. Salter won the ladies' high score prize, Dr. Mittelstadt the gentlemen's high score prize and Mrs. Holden the shouting prize.

Clubs.

Miss Carrie Barge gave a very interesting and instructive talk last night at the M. E. church on the missionary work being done by the Queen Esther circle in different parts of our country. She told of her visits to San Francisco, the southland and the mountain regions where ignorance and superstition predominate, and of the great need for workers in these places. A Queen Esther circle was organized with six members to start with. One meeting will be held every month, and the mission study taken up.

Coming Events.

The Norfolk band will give a dance in Marquardt hall on Thanksgiving night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Butterfield have issued invitations for a dancing party to be given at Marquardt hall on Friday evening.

Trinity Social guild will give a dancing party in Marquardt hall Monday night. This was postponed from Friday night.

Miss Letha Blakeman issued invitations to a number of friends for a dinner party Saturday evening, to be fol-

lowed with a theater party at "A Poor Relation."

Katie Shaw entertained a company of her "little friends" at a party Saturday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Anne Amundson of Hartington. Some of the little girls brought their dolls. Mabel Greene and Ellen Mullen won prizes in the games. All the little girls sat on the floor, and their supper, one course of which was little frosted cakes and stick candy, was served to them. The little tots, about twenty in number, greatly enjoyed the evening.

The Wednesday club has issued invitations to members of the Womens club for the afternoon of Tuesday, December 4, and to gentlemen members of Wednesday club families for the evening of December 4. Mrs. R. Dearborn of Minneapolis, who so delighted the Wednesday club with her parlor readings a year ago at the home of Mrs. D. Mathewson, will again be with the club at this time and during the afternoon will entertain the Wednesday club and their guests in the First Congregational church parlors. In the evening the club will entertain the gentlemen at a banquet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson, to be followed by an evening of reading by Mrs. Dearborn. Mrs. Dearborn is a friend of Mrs. Mathewson and has been secured in this way. Last year her reading was from Ibsen's "The Doll House." She is delightfully clever and her return will be warmly greeted.

Amusements.

The "A Poor Relation" company arrived to play at the Auditorium Saturday night.

"Miss America" will hold the boards afternoon and evening Thanksgiving. Reduced prices for the afternoon.

Adrian M. Newens will lecture at the Congregational church in the high school lecture course Wednesday evening.

The Norfolk and Winside football teams meet here on Thanksgiving afternoon.

"The Lost Prince" will be given in the Congregational church Tuesday night by pupils of the Grant school.

Walker Whiteside's picture appears on the front page of the Dramatic Mirror this week.

# TEACHERS HOLD A RALLY

MADISON COUNTY MEETING DREW CROWDS TO NORFOLK.

MANY FROM OTHER COUNTIES

Prof. Pile of Wayne and Prof. Clifford of Council Bluffs, Superintendent of City Schools in That Place, Attended the Meeting.

[From Saturday's Daily.] The teachers of Madison county held an educational rally in this city Saturday. W. M. Clifford, superintendent of the city schools in Council Bluffs, addressed the Norfolk teachers in the morning at 11 o'clock on the subject of "Geography." Following was the program for the afternoon meeting:

Piano solo—Miss Lois Gibson. Address—"The True Teacher"—Prof. J. M. Pile.

Vocal solo—Miss Nelle Dingman. Address—"Use of Concrete Material in Geography Teaching"—W. N. Clifford.

Vocal solo—Reese Solomon. The teachers of Pierce, Wayne and Stanton counties had been invited to attend this meeting, and a large number of teachers arrived in the city during the morning.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

Delegates Here From All Parts of Northeast Nebraska.

Baptist delegates from all parts of northeast Nebraska arrived in Norfolk during the day to attend the rally of the Northeastern Association of the Baptist Young Peoples' union, which has begun and will continue until Sunday night.

The following program was announced:

Saturday Evening. Address of welcome, F. J. Hamilton, Norfolk.

Response, Mr. Keen, Wayne. Sunday Morning.

Bible exposition, Rev. Parker Smith, Wayne. Sermon, Rev. A. O. Broyles, Plainview.

Sunday Afternoon. Address by Edward Peterson, Norfolk.

Address by J. W. DeMerritt, Hartington. Paper, Miss Lydia Squires, Norfolk. Sunday Evening.

Sermon, Rev. Parker Smith, Wayne. Court Adjourns at Butte.

Butte, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: District court was adjourned late Saturday night until January 7, 1907.

Lawyers in the case of J. D. Hallett were: On the defense—Jennett Taylor, Lynch, A. H. Tingle, Butte, H. F. Barnhart, Norfolk. Mr. Barnhart did not arrive till after the pleas had been made. For the prosecution—County Attorney Burch, J. A. Davies, Butte, S. A. Sanders, Lynch. Hallett was cleared. He shot Collins in a fence quarrel.

Breaks Arm in Mill. Pierce, Neb., Nov. 24.—Ed Hoeffe, working in the mill here today, caught in a shafting and broke his right arm.

# CHICKEN THIEVES ACTIVE

FARMER WALKER LOST HIS ENTIRE BUNCH OF FOWLS.

OTHERS ARE ALSO VICTIMIZED

Just How the Thieves Get the Birds Without Any Cackling is a Mystery. One Man in City Limits Lost 125 Birds in One Night.

The strange death of thirteen chickens in the barn of Walter Melcher, eight miles east of Norfolk, brings to light the fact that chicken thieves have been unusually active in this section of the country and right in the city limits of Norfolk during the past several months. In no case have the thieves been apprehended, and the stealing goes boldly on.

Mr. Walker, who lives at the farm southwest of town known as the George Williams place, was the victim of thieves who stole every last chicken on the farm. He heard no cackling and no noise, and only missed the fowls next day when he went to the barnyard. He has spent the entire summer in raising a good bunch of the birds and was somewhat discouraged to lose them all in a night.

Others have been victimized in the same way. The stealing is general. None seems to be able to even suggest the guilty parties.

It is a mystery how the chickens are stolen without any noise but it is suggested that sulphur is probably used to deaden their senses. It is thought not improbable that at the Melcher farm the dead birds may have been killed by the poison administered in order to deaden their senses and keep them quiet.

Tom Hight recently lost more than 100 chickens in the night.

# ORGANIZING AT WINNETOON

Farmers of That Section Take Steps to Cope With Horse thieves.

Joseph Meyer, a prominent citizen of Winnetoon, together with others of that neighborhood, are planning for the organization of an anti-horse thief association similar to that which has been organized in Norfolk, and to work with this and others throughout northern Nebraska in running down the gang who are raiding this territory.

The movement of organization in this line is rapidly growing and it seems probable that within a year the entire northern half of the state will be completely covered by members of this association. With such an organization it will be a hard job for the horse thief to make a raid and get away. Without organization, as the farmers and other stock owners of the territory realize, it is almost impossible to make even an effort to capture the guilty parties. One man alone can not trail the thieves to any advantage because of the enormous cost of the work, and unless there is an association the horse thieves will keep right on plundering stables of the section.

Even down in New York, where western people had been led to believe the horse thieves had become a back number, there are associations of this sort doing business effectively. Ed Mapes, who is in Norfolk on a visit to C. B. Durland, tells of an association in the empire state which gets the thieves. A number of riders are appointed each year by the association. These riders are paid for their time. The instant it becomes known that an animal has been stolen, these riders get out and hunt down the whole country in search of the fugitives.

The Norfolk association will be glad to learn of the efforts at Winnetoon in this direction and will be glad to cooperate in any possible way to make the organization a success.

Associations are needed in every county of this part of the state—Madison, Pierce, Knox, Antelope, Stanton, Wayne, Boyd, Holt, Rock, and Gregory county, S. D.

# HORSE SALE WELL ATTENDED

Big Crowd Bought Many Fine Animals at Newport, of Smith Bros.

The attendance was large at Smith Bros. horse sale held at Newport, Neb., Nov. 21. Their offerings were of the good young heavy draft kind ranging from yearlings to six-year-olds, weights averaging from 750 to 900 for yearlings, 100 to 1200 for two and three-year-olds, and up to 1400 for matured horses. Buyers were present from eastern and western Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. They had the class of horses that the horsemen were not afraid to take hold of as was shown by the brisk bidding. Chase & Wells of Stanton, Neb., F. E. Gillett of Alnsworth and Grant Boyd of Johnston, Neb., were among the heaviest purchasers and a number of the people of the surrounding country took advantage of the chance to procure some of the good young horses and purchased freely. They sold in all about 500 head. Below is a partial list of the sales. Prices given are by the head:

1 car yearlings	\$ 36 00
1 car 2-year-olds	67 00
1 car 2-year-olds	78 00
1 car mares	55 00
1 car geldings and mares, light range	33 00
2 geldings	102 00
1 gelding	97 50

2 mares	77 50
2 mares	75 00
1 gelding	132 50
1 gelding	112 50
2 geldings 2 and 3 years old	77 50
2 mares	100 00
2 geldings 2 years old	86 25
1 mare	110 00
1 gelding	95 00
1 gelding 3 years old	125 00
1 mare	70 00
2 mares	100 00
1 gelding	102 50
1 gelding	85 00
1 saddle horse	70 00

# FOOTBALL PLAYER MAY RECOVER

Neligh Boy's Condition Threatened Amputation of His Arm.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: Ray Thornton, who was injured sometime ago while playing in a practice game of football, is seemingly improving. For a time amputation was feared might be necessary, but now it is hoped that he will entirely recover, even if his knee remains stiff for a time. This is cheering news for Ray's many friends.

NELIGH AND WAYNE TO PLAY.

Thanksgiving Football Game at Neligh—Albion Withdrawn.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: The Wayne high school football team has been secured to take the place of Albion on Thanksgiving day at Riverside park. This no doubt will be the last game of the season and a large crowd is expected to witness the contest between Neligh and the Wayne boys.

# MRS. BICE GETS DIVORCE

Decree and \$3,650 Alimony Granted to Her by Court at Butte.

Butte, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: The divorce case of Clara Bice vs. Robert Bice was concluded late Saturday evening and resulted in a decree being granted to the plaintiff. She was also granted the custody of the two younger children and \$3,650 alimony. The oldest boy was given to the father temporarily, or until the court may see fit to make further orders. The case was very hotly contested.

The lawyers were Wells and Harrington of Butte and Pritchard of Onawa, Iowa, for the plaintiff, and Tingle and Davies for the defense.

# DEATH RESULT OF STORM

JOSEPH K. SCHMIDT OF VERDIGRE PASSES AWAY.

HE WAS PROMINENT CITIZEN

As the Result of a Cold Contracted During the Severe Hail Storm in Knox County Last Summer, Mr. Schmidt Succumbs Suddenly.

Verdigre, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: This community was inexpressibly shocked when the news flashed through town that Jos. K. Schmidt had died at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Schmidt's health had not been robust since last June, when this vicinity was visited by the frightful hail storm and awful downpour of rain. At that time the rain threatened to flood Mr. Schmidt's implement house and in his efforts to turn the stream away from his buildings he was compelled to go into the water, from the effects of which he never recovered. His condition was not considered serious, however, until last Thursday when he had three fainting spells in quick succession. From that time until the end he gradually grew worse but was conscious until the last moment, and died peacefully and painlessly, surrounded by his wife and children, with the exception of Mrs. Chas. Holtman of Norfolk, who was unable to be present on account of the illness of her baby.

Mr. Schmidt was born on the 30th of November, 1851, and would have been fifty-five years old had he lived until the 30th of this month. Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Anna Haman, at Dow City, Iowa, in 1876, and four children were born to them. Mrs. Schmidt died in the latter part of November, 1896, and Mr. Schmidt was married again in 1898 to Mrs. Libuse Laushman, by whom and his four children, J. J. W. R. R. R. Chas. Holtman and Mrs. Fred Sandoz, he is survived.

Mr. Schmidt was a member in good standing of three fraternal societies, namely: Z. C. B. J., Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, in all of which he was insured. He was a prosperous business man, public spirited and had the good of the town at heart—in fact, was always a leader in anything tending to promote the welfare of Verdigre, Knox county, or the state of Nebraska. The funeral, which will be held Tuesday morning, will be conducted by the lodge Bifa Hora, and the interment will be made in the Z. C. B. J. cemetery.

# NEW CORONER IN ANTELOPE

Dr. W. F. Conwell of Neligh is Appointed to Succeed Fletcher.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 26.—Special to The News: Dr. W. F. Conwell of Neligh was appointed county coroner to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. W. G. Fletcher of Orchard, who was elected representative of the Twenty-first district at the recent election.