

SOCIAL EVENTS OF WEEK

DINNERS, DANCES AND LUNCHEONS, PAST AND FUTURE.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING

A Number of Pleasant Social Affairs Have Been Given During the Week Just Past and Several are Calendar for the Coming Fortnight.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Things social centered chiefly about the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas in Norfolk during the week just past. On one afternoon of the week Mrs. Boas entertained at a luncheon and on Friday evening the home was given over to a large dinner party.

Pleasures of the Week.

Pretty nearly seventy guests enjoyed a charming dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas at their new home on Madison avenue Friday evening. The dinner was served in five courses at small tables which were distributed about the parlors.

Ben Loucks very pleasantly entertained a few friends Wednesday evening at the home of his brother E. L. Loucks. A very good musical program consisting of violin solos by Mr. Loucks and instrumental and vocal solos by some of the guests, was executed, after which a three course supper was served.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Boas was hostess at a luncheon for forty-seven friends. The luncheon was daintily served in four courses, after which the tables were cleared for euchre and flinch.

The J. N. club met with Miss Edna Loucks on Thursday night, after a vacation of several weeks. The evening was pleasantly passed with music and conversation, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. W. H. Butterfield entertained the Kaffe Klatsch Thursday afternoon, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

Personal.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson will leave Tuesday for Denver, Col., where Mr. Johnson has now gone from Colorado Springs. He has been in Colorado all winter for his health, which is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield will go to California next week, probably Wednesday, for the remainder of the winter. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Butterfield of Chicago.

Mrs. Chas. E. Deuel of Chicago, daughter of Rev. J. C. S. Wells of this place, is now in El Paso, Texas, for the winter. She is accompanied by her sister, Miss Louise Wells.

G. Barnes of Silverton, Col., is a guest at the home of N. A. Rainbolt. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Rainbolt were formerly partners at law in Iowa.

Coming Events.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeman have issued invitations to a dinner party Tuesday evening, January 22.

Mr. L. C. Mittelstadt will entertain the West Side Whist club next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson will give a dinner party Thursday evening.

The Elks' annual ball will be given Friday evening, January 25.

NELIGH SOCIETY.

Mrs. Chas. H. Kelsey Entertains—Cooking Demonstrations Next Week.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: One of the most pleasant evening parties held in Neligh for some time was given Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Kelsey. Progressive four-handed euchre was the order of the evening, and in response to invitations previously sent out, twenty of the young ladies of the city were in attendance.

Rice, Payne, VanKirk, Jenkins, Davis, Whitney, Skinner, Buckingham, H. L. Lytle, E. M. Hall, Chas. Melick, W. G. Rontig, Lawson, M. J. Romik, O. S. Hauser, Williams, H. Johnson: Misses Amy Melick, Nina Ryan and Bell King. It is through the energies of the ladies of the Rubaiyat club that Neligh has the treat of having Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy of Omaha to give a series of lectures and demonstrations of cooking. The series will start next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Gieseker's hall.

Raymer-Warner.

Atkinson, Neb., Jan. 21.—Special to The News: Married, at the pastor's home, Rev. Mr. Schmidt, Geo. R. Raymer and Miss Gertie Warner. Afterwards they went to the home of the bride's parents, some six miles in the country, where a bountiful supper was served to the bride and groom and friends. The Raymer family as well as the bride's people, being some of the oldest settlers in Holt county, have many friends to wish them well. Mr. Raymer has rented the Denny Hunt property, and will live in town.

ANTI-HORSETHIEF MEETING

NORTHERN NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION IN FIRST SESSION.

TO PETITION THE LEGISLATURE

State Lawmaking Body Will be Asked to Enact Law Providing For Payment of Not Over \$300 by County Commissioners to Pursue a Thief.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association, at its first annual meeting held in the city hall at Norfolk Saturday afternoon, passed a resolution petitioning the Nebraska state legislature to pass a law which will allow county commissioners in any county of the state to pay out not to exceed \$300 for the expense of an official in hunting down a horsethief or cattle-thief, and which also provides that the state of Nebraska may offer a suitable reward for the capture of a horse or cattle thief.

There were thirty-five delegates present at the first annual meeting of the association, and some of those present were men who had lost horses by theft during the past year. In fact some of those present helped to organize the anti-horsethief association after they had lost animals of their own.

There were delegates present from Norfolk, Winnetoon, Waverlyville, Madison, Creighton, Verdigré and Pilger.

The association at the present time has the following number of members in various auxiliary associations: Norfolk 88, Hoskins 40, Winnetoon 37, Waverlyville 17, Madison 17, Creighton 40, Verdigré 50.

At Pilger there is an independent association, which does not belong to the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association. There are seventy-six members there and it was thought that that organization would affiliate with the chief association which now covers the northern part of the state. Cal Matheson and J. R. Case were here from Pilger to attend the meeting and make arrangements for the Pilger association to join the chief organization.

Among the prominent men present from out of town were: Jo Meyers and Charles Schwartz of Winnetoon; August Beemer, L. E. Barnhart and L. E. Nellor of Hoskins; J. R. Case and Cal Matheson, Pilger; George W. Losey, Battle Creek; H. R. Rhodes and G. W. Weber, Creighton; Albert Hall and Nick Eberle, Verdigré.

Officers of the association during the past year, since the organization last summer, were: Herman Buetow, Norfolk, president; Frank Strahn, Wayne, vice president; D. E. Nellor, Hoskins, secretary; A. L. Carter, Norfolk, treasurer; George Losey, Battle Creek, chief captain.

It was decided to change the date of annual meeting from the first Saturday after the first Monday in January to some day each year between Christmas and New Year's, to be selected by the executive board, and it was the sense of many members that this day ought not to be either Saturday or Sunday. The holiday week was selected so that holiday rates on the railroads could be secured.

The meeting held last Saturday, at which John Krantz was elected president, was for the local branch of the association.

RAILROAD IS NEARLY THERE.

Gregory is Anxiously Waiting the Toot of the Engine.

Gregory, S. D., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: J. Q. Loyd has purchased lots in Gregory and begun the erection of a hotel 50 by 80, two stories. It will be heated by steam, have both cold and hot water pipes and will be first class in every respect.

H. F. Slaughter has purchased a large livery barn and will use it exclusively as a sale stable.

O. E. Finstead sold his hotel yesterday to J. S. Booth of Dallas.

The ice harvest has begun in earnest. The crop is abundant and of extra quality.

The railroad is expected to land in Gregory soon, as the big cut this side of Burke is nearly completed and then they will have nothing to hinder them and there will be but five miles of rails to lay.

GREAT WOODMEN RALLY

PREPARING FOR A BIG TIME HERE FEBRUARY 7.

MANY OTHER CAMPS TO ATTEND

The Festivities of the Day Will Include a Street Parade in the Afternoon, and Meetings Afternoon and Evening—Many Visitors Expected.

The class adoption and grand rally which is being planned by the Modern Woodmen of America to be held in Norfolk Thursday, February 7, will be one of the greatest fraternal events ever held in this city. Camps of Madison, Wayne, Wisner, Tilden, Pierce, Pilger, Stanton, Meadow Grove, Battle Creek, Foster Winside, Hoskins, Waverlyville and Emerick will participate, each bringing a large class of candidates for adoption. At 2 o'clock a street parade of uniformed teams, bands, visiting camps and candidates will take place. Immediately after the parade, Head Consul Hon. A. R. Talbot and Supreme Organizer R. E. Johnson of Lincoln will give addresses. In the evening the secret work of the order will be exemplified. It is hoped to hold these meetings in the Auditorium, and they will be if the building can be made ready for the public by that time. On the following night a Modern Woodman hall will be held in Marquardt hall.

Local members of the order propose to make this an event long to be remembered. Visitors to the city will be given the glad hand and a good time. In their efforts to entertain local Woodmen will be given cordial assistance by the business men of Norfolk. It has been proposed and the proposition is meeting with general favor that merchants make their special sales so that they will be on during the two days that outside Woodmen are here, giving an inducement for the visitors to bring their wives with them, thus allowing the ladies to trade in Norfolk while the men attend the lodge festivities. This plan will not only revert to the good of the visitors but to local merchants as well, and will prove mutually profitable.

A number of prizes will be given. The Commercial club of Norfolk offers a cash prize of \$30 to the camp bringing the largest delegation and a cash prize of \$20 to the camp bringing the largest class of candidates. Head Consul Talbot will present the camp making the largest per cent. gain to its membership with a handsome piece of paraphernalia.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Paul Partsch was over from Wayne yesterday.

S. D. Wells came over from Madison yesterday.

N. E. Lauman was over from Wayne yesterday.

H. A. Snyder of Anoka was in the city yesterday.

C. B. Scott of O'Neill was in the city Saturday.

H. L. Doughty returned from Lincoln last night. Albert Hall of Verdigré was in the city Saturday.

Geo. B. Christoph returned from Lincoln last night.

Ben Loucks has gone to his new home in Oregon.

F. Lambert came down from Foster Saturday morning.

Matt Miller of David City was in Norfolk yesterday.

E. B. Sherman of Columbus was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Sanford Parker of O'Neill was in the city Saturday.

S. O. Davies of Madison was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

James A. Weber of Creighton was a city visitor Saturday.

Rudolph Hobza of Schuyler was a city visitor yesterday.

Herbert Rhodes was in the city Saturday from Creighton.

A. H. Viele left this morning for Chicago on a business trip.

C. V. Carbaugh of Geddes, South Dakota, was in Norfolk on business Saturday.

Henry Schwartz of Winnetoon was a city visitor Saturday.

Joseph Meyer of Winnetoon came down Saturday morning.

Geo. Conamy came down from Bonesteel Saturday morning.

H. C. Gancho came down from Winnetoon Saturday morning.

Harry Folken of Schuyler was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Nick Oberle of Verdigré was in Norfolk on business Saturday.

C. H. Sibley and A. J. Dunlevy of Tilden came down last night.

Mrs. Ralph Boyd is seriously ill at her home on South Ninth street.

Adela Horn and son Maurice of Neligh were Norfolk visitors Saturday.

Miss Mable Tanner has gone to Wisner for a few days' visit with friends.

W. A. Stedman left at noon for Omaha where he will spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. R. E. Kitterman and little daughter of Stanton came up yesterday to visit with Mrs. A. Peters.

Burt Mapes went to Omaha Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nenow left at noon for their new home in Wisconsin.

George A. Brooks passed through the city at noon enroute to his home at Bazille Mills.

Mrs. Ferdinand Haase went to Hoskins at noon to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Huebner.

Roadmaster P. Stafford left at noon for a trip over the Northwestern road between here and Fremont.

Mr. McDole of Lincoln arrived in Norfolk at noon with C. E. Greene to spend Sunday at the Greene home.

Mr. McDole is the father of Mrs. Greene.

The name of L. Semons was unintentionally omitted from the list of new directors for the Citizens National bank.

General Superintendent C. C. Hughes of the Northwestern went to Omaha at noon to spend Sunday. Mr. Hughes just recently returned from a trip to Cuba.

A. B. Dillon passed through the city at noon enroute to his home at Oakdale, where he went to spend Sunday. He said that he would return Monday to begin a campaign in behalf of the A. O. U. W. lodge in Norfolk. Mr. Dillon is deputy grand master workman of that order.

Geo. H. Burton and family have moved into the house lately vacated by the Wallerstadt family on North Eleventh street.

Charles Viterna passed through the city at noon enroute to Lynch on business. He has just left Mercy hospital, Council Bluffs, where he was treated for strangulated inguinal hernia, caused by being struck with a runaway team at Monow recently. He has been appointed senate clerk in the Nebraska legislature, the appointment having been due to Senator Phillips.

Mrs. C. A. Brown is quite sick.

S. L. Miller, who has been quite sick with rheumatism, is able to be up and around now, but Mrs. Miller is now sick in bed.

Nathaniel Smothers of Pierce is clerking in Mrs. Craft's store now. He will run one of the delivery wagons after Monday.

The company's ice house is now half full of ice and George Stolcop has a contract to fill the balance of the house, which will be about five or six hundred tons, and he expects to commence the work Monday.

The machinists in the shops here have just finished a hot water plant, which has been shipped to West Point to heat the company's pumping house at that place.

Mrs. James Malsi is visiting in West Point for a few days.

Engineer Barney Caldwell reported for work this morning after a few weeks' lay-off. A birthday party was given in honor of Harry Adams' eighth birthday last night and all had a fine time.

The workmen who are employed on the sewer ditch are again using dynamite to break the frozen ground.

Elmer Cummings is on the sick list.

Frank Clark is in Hadar relieving the depot agent there, who is away visiting.

The E. V. P. boys royally entertained their friends with a party in the Railroad hall Friday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present, in the course of which the boys served refreshments.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Oxman Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It will be a mother's meeting. A full attendance is desired.

Ralph Suttler, who has been cashier for E. A. Bullock, will leave Norfolk and go into business at Hawarden, Ia., with his father, who has purchased a store there.

The funeral of Neil Bailey was held Saturday afternoon at a late hour and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by a resident minister.

A light fall of mist that was almost a drizzle of rain, covered sidewalks and streets with a thin coating of moisture which, freezing, became a thin coating of ice. It was all that humanity could do to keep its feet.

C. B. Haviland has arrived from Chillicothe, Mo., to take the position of manager in the Norfolk telegraph office. Mr. Metcalfe, the former manager, left for his new position as manager in Grand Island.

Norfolk Democrat: S. S. Welpton of Omaha, state agent of the Connecticut Insurance company, was in Norfolk Wednesday and adjusted the loss of Mrs. H. F. Barnhart, which occurred by fire three weeks ago, paying loss in full.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Ballantyne yesterday afternoon. They elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Salmen, president; Mrs. Weitz, first vice president; Mrs. Fricke, second vice president; Mrs. Ballantyne, secretary; Mrs. Morgan, treasurer. Light refreshments were served and a very pleasant time enjoyed.

Attorney Barnhardt, editor of the Norfolk Democrat, says: "District court adjourned Tuesday evening and this will no doubt be the last term of court held by Judge Boyd in this county and is about his last judicial act in the district. It is expected that he will soon resign and in March will assume his duties at Washington as congressman from the Third, to which office he was elected at the last fall election. Judge Boyd is now serving his second term as district judge of the Ninth judicial district of Nebraska and of him, as judge, we have to say that no man has held that position and came nearer giving universal satisfaction than Judge Boyd. He has endeared himself to the common people and at each term of court seemed to become more popular than at the last. He has the happy faculty of drawing litigants and jurors to himself and he is very popular with officers of the court. His rulings during the trial of cases were prompt and decisive and were made in such manner as to counsel that he meant it. His decisions in equity cases were broad and based upon equity justice and common sense and have most generally been affirmed by the supreme court. Sometimes the lawyers felt aggrieved at adverse rulings. I did, and sometimes thought and said unpleasant things. I did that, too; but Frank Boyd was judge just the same and we knew it."

MAY NOT PROSECUTE HIM

STANTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS MURDER.

STORY OF THE OLD CRIME

Trouble Arose Between Charles Wells and David Schurter in Stanton County in 1873 and Wells Killed Schurter. Now Confesses to Murder.

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: The startling information that Charles W. Wells had been arrested at Suffolk, Virginia, and had confessed that he had killed David Schurter in Stanton county in 1873; was to the people of this vicinity of more than casual interest.

It was in 1871 that David Schurter, a native of Switzerland, came to the state of Nebraska with his wife, homesteaded 120 acres of land, and erected his sod house on an elevation overlooking the junction of the Butterfly valley with the broader valley of the Elkhorn. Just across the road to the southwest and just across the main travelled road to Stanton was the homestead of Charles W. Wells. The latter in the parlance of the day had a good start and was comparatively speaking "well fixed." The former was a hard working man who knew something of several trades but possessed little of this world's goods.

Trouble Over Cow.

In the year 1872 Schurter purchased a cow from Wells. One-half of the purchase price was to be paid in cash and the balance was to be worked out in days' work by Schurter. The cash had been paid, and only \$11 of the work remained unperformed. There had been some feeling created by demands made by Wells upon Schurter for work at times when his services were employed by others. Finally Joe Sibley, now a resident of Madison county, and another person from the state of Ohio came to Nebraska and commenced working for Wells on his farm. It is said that on some occasions Wells made demands on Schurter to perform work when he was actually engaged in working for other persons. In threshing and under circumstances which rendered compliance with his demands impossible on the part of Schurter, and on Schurter's failure to comply with his request asserted the right to claim the money value for the work that was performed. He also claimed the right to retake the cow from Schurter's possession on which there remained unpaid the sum of \$11 which was to be paid in work. Considerable feeling existed between the parties.

On the 21st day of February 1872 Schurter, while out with a neighbor hunting rabbits, stated that Wells had threatened to kill him if the \$11 was not paid in cash. This neighbor at the time laughed at his fears.

Advised to Shoot.

On the 22nd day of February 1872 Wells came to town and consulted his lawyer, Mr. Clark, in reference to the matter, and was advised by Mr. Clark in presence of S. S. Canfield, the then sheriff, to go to Schurter's presence and retake the cow; that he had just as much right to do it as an officer. Tradition has it that Clark also advised him to shoot Schurter if it was necessary to get the cow.

On his return home he stopped at the home of his brother, Eric Wells, also a resident of Madison county, and borrowed an old musket, took it home, cleaned and loaded it with buckshot and then leaving the gun at his home went up to Schurter's house to get the cow. It is evident that Schurter refused to deliver the possession of the cow. Wells says that Schurter got his rifle, a long barreled gun of the squirrel hunter type and ran Wells off his place. At any rate, Wells returned to his house, grabbed up his gun and, notwithstanding the pleadings of Mrs. Wells, went up to Schurter's place again.

Schurter Found Dead.

As to what followed no one save the wife of Charles Wells, his daughter, and himself knew. Schurter was found lying dead within ten feet of his own door. He had been shot through the neck with a charge of buckshot. The wound was about the size of a dollar and extended almost through the neck; the backbone in the neck was shattered and the shot could be plainly felt on the rear of the neck. The beard and throat were blackened and burned with powder.

Wells at the time claimed that when he went up the first time Schurter met him with the rifle in his hands and was going to shoot him; that he, Wells, then returned to his house and got his musket and went up and renewed the altercation. That Schurter stood with his rifle muzzle down and had commenced to raise it to shoot when he, quicker than the murdered man, raised his musket like a flash and fired it full in the face of his opponent. Wells thereupon went home, got on his horse and rode north three miles and a half to Stanton and gave himself up to the sheriff, announcing that he had killed Schurter.

A coroner's jury was empaneled and their investigations developed facts in variance with Wells' story. It was found that Schurter had kept his rifle within his sod house. To keep it in proper condition he had inserted a roll of paper which protruded some two inches from the bore. The gun lay beside the dead body still containing this roll of paper. It had never been removed from the muzzle. And it did not seem probable that a man who had gotten out his weapon when, according to Wells, he first came up

without a gun, and had run Wells off his place, and then waited until Wells returned to his own home some forty or fifty rods distant and have remained in plain sight while Wells returned carrying a gun in his own hand, showing by every act that he was coming for business and would have failed to remove a plug from the muzzle of his own gun. Tightly clenched in the right hand of the murdered man was a fir cap. Schurter shot right handed; he could not have handled his rifle with his cap clenched in his right hand. The nature of the wound in the neck precluded the idea of his grasping the cap after Wells had fired the fatal shot.

Could Have Had No Gun.

The inference of the jury which examined into the affair was that Schurter had no gun in his hands at the time the fatal shot was fired and that he had been murdered in cold blood. And many of those present were of the belief that Schurter had no rifle whatever in his possession at the time the fatal shot was fired but that Wells after shooting him went into the sod house and brought out the rifle and laid it beside the dead body, omitting in his excitement to remove the wadding from the muzzle of the barrel.

Prisoner Escapes.

Following the coroner's inquest came a preliminary examination before County Judge Fred Heberick, now dead. It lasted several days. Wells was by order of this court committed to the Fremont jail. Habeas corpus proceedings followed. S. S. Canfield was then sheriff. Subpoenas for witnesses to appear before the court and testify were placed in his charge for service. A deputy sheriff was sworn in to assist him and to this deputy he turned over the custody of Wells. The officer went to a dance and got drunk and on his return Sheriff Canfield found his prisoner missing.

At the next term of the district court held in this county by Hon. Samuel Maxwell, a grand jury duly empaneled and of which C. M. Denmore, now of Eugene, Oregon, was foreman, returned an indictment for murder in the first degree. Strange to say, however, the indictment and all files and records of the preliminary examination can not be found. The only list of persons who were witnesses is to be found in the proceedings of the county commissioners, allowing bills for witness fees.

After the shooting, strange to say, the people of the community were quickly aligned in two factions. The one strong sympathizers of Wells, the other strenuous advocates of a rigid prosecution. But notwithstanding a reward of \$200 was offered for his arrest, return and conviction, Wells was never apprehended. His wife and little child remained on his farm for some years after the shooting and then disappeared. The farm was thereafter sold and a deed which purported to be duly executed by Wells and his wife was placed on record. Later Judge Crawford, then presiding judge of the district, entered an order directing the case to be prosecuted without delay and that if possible Wells be apprehended.

Told Wife of Murder.

In 1878 Mrs. Schurter, the widow of the murdered man, sold her farm, the scene of the crime, to Stanton county for a poor farm and returned to England where later she died in an almshouse. At the time of the murder she was in the city of Stanton and received her first information of the crime from the mouth of Charles Wells as he met her on the road, she returning to her home, and he on his way to town to give himself up. Mrs. Schurter was, prior to her marriage to Schurter, an English woman, and at one time was a domestic servant in the household of Queen Victoria, of England.

Thirty-four years have passed since the crime was committed. Many of those who were active in behalf of Wells and also in behalf of the prosecution have passed away. It is said that Mrs. Wells is dead. The sentiment as to what ought to be done is still divided. The board of county commissioners in session here today took occasion to pass the following resolution:

"Whereas, it is reported through the columns of the public press that one Charles Wells has been arrested and is now in custody in the state of Virginia, and the subject of his extradition is now under consideration by the officers of this county, on the charge of having murdered David Schurter in February, 1873;

"Therefore be it resolved, That it is the sense of this board, in view of the lapse of time and the altered circumstances that the extradition and trial of Charles Wells would at the present time be inexpedient and we therefore request that no proceedings in the matter be instituted."

M. B. A. INSTALLATION.

Officers Take Places and a Fine Banquet Served.

The following officers were installed Friday night at a meeting of the M. B. A. lodge, held in the Odd Fellows hall:

Fred Krantz, president; Mrs. Minnie Ellenwood, vice president; Geo. H. Burton, secretary and treasurer; F. A. Bryant, physician; Mrs. Gertrude Bain, conductor; Gus Werner, watchman; G. Maas, sentry; Mrs. J. A. Keleher, chaplain.

After the installation a banquet was served and a general good time enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance. Some guests from out of town were expected but failed to get here.

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